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Unions Prepare One-week Strike Affecting 24,000 Bay Area Kaiser Jobs

By Ron McNicoll

Kaiser unions are preparing to conduct a possible seven-day strike at the private, nonprofit's medical facilities beginning Oct. 14.

The three affected unions, united as the Service Employees International Union – United Healthcare Workers West (SEIU-UHW), have the power to call 80,000 workers off the job in California and six other states. Nine other unions have already signed contracts with Kaiser.

A SEIU news release says that more than 550 Kaiser workers would be affected in Livermore and Pleasanton, and more than 24,000 employees in the Bay Area. Affected positions include surgical, pharmacy and x-ray technicians, medical assistants, housekeepers, licensed vocational nurses, and optometrists. Kaiser doctors have their own organization and would not be affected.

Kaiser officials said they have plans in place to ensure patient care

isn't disrupted.

Members of the three affected unions voted at various facilities over several weeks overwhelmingly in favor of a strike, with 37,000 in favor, 98% of the votes cast. SEIU's list of demands includes restoring a "true worker-management partnership and middle-class jobs with wages and benefits that can support families."

It also wants executives' salaries reduced and a more transparent set of books, so patients and

workers can see where money can be found to invest back into patient care, especially for lower-income people.

Fiscal transparency for the for-profit hospitals and doctors' offices is stricter. However, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed SB 343 on Sept. 5, which will help provide more transparency of Kaiser's books by imposing some of the same regulations that for-profits have had to meet.

SEIU must give 10 days' notice
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Dublin Continues To Develop Its Vision for Downtown

By Bruce Gach

California's fastest growing city has no city center.

What do people want? "A vibrant downtown Main Street experience" that attracts people and rivals other downtowns in the area, according to the city council's citizen survey, held earlier this year. The survey also asked, "Where is the social center of Dublin?" Over 58% replied that no (urban) social center exists.

About 50 people attended the second Dublin Downtown Plan meeting on Sept. 16 to give further input into the plan that 61% of the 245 responding to the survey chose, which would bring a one-acre town square to an extended Golden Gate Drive.

Assistant City Manager Linda Smith said the vision for downtown is "not developer driven; this is city driven."

The plan as presented would be
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On Sept. 22, the Niles Canyon Stroll and Roll allowed pedestrians and cyclists to travel on Hwy 84/ Niles Canyon Rd. without cars, enjoying the rustic beauty of the canyon at a leisurely pace. See more photos on page 2. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Smith to Succeed Foss as Dublin City Manager

Assistant City Manager Linda Smith will become Dublin's new city manager, succeeding Chris Foss, who held the job for the past five years.

Foss worked for Dublin for 20 years. Hired in 1999 as economic development director, he then served as assistant city manager from 2008 until 2014, before being selected as city manager. His official retirement date is Dec. 31. He has spent 40 years in local government.

Foss led the city to completion of various major projects. They include construction of two neighborhood parks, as well as Fallon Sports Park, and the \$43 million Emerald Glen Recreation and Aquatic Complex, also known as The Wave.

Major commercial complexes built during his tenure include the Kaiser Medical Offices and Urgent Care Center, and Carl Zeiss Meditec. He also helped encourage

(See CITY MANAGER, page 2)

Stockmen's Given Right to Approve Design of Uses Surrounding It

By Bruce Gach

The Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association on Monday was guaranteed approval of design, monuments, buildings and memorials surrounding Stockmen's Park.

An amendment to the Stockmen's Association agreement with the city was approved unanimously by the city council. It gives the Stockmen's Association the authority to approve the design of the cultural and commercial uses surrounding Stockmen's Park. The

(See BALLOT INITIATIVE, page 2)

Pleasanton Considers Energy Options

By Lloyd Alaban

Ratepayers in Pleasanton might soon get a reprieve from the energy giant PG&E.

The City Council plans to decide on Oct. 1 whether to approve a partnership with East Bay Community Energy. Its program provides ratepayers options to power their homes with renewable sources, such as solar, wind and hydroelectric energy. The nonprofit purchases power from various sources. PG&E then delivers it, maintains the grid and manages billing.

East Bay Community Energy already buys electricity for customers in 11 Alameda County cities, including Dublin and Livermore. Pleasanton decided not to join the partnership in 2016 when it was

first available.

The nonprofit offers three plans, each with different levels of renewable and carbon-free energy at different rates.

People are free to stick with their PG&E plan, or pay less for greener energy, pay the same or pay more.

The program includes "Bright Choice," which offers 38% renewable energy and 47% carbon free. Customers can expect to pay about 1.5% less for it than PG&E's average rate for it, according to East Bay Community Energy.

The "Brilliant 100" plan provides about 40% renewable power and is 60% carbon free. It's priced on a par with PG&E.

The "Renewable 100" option offers completely renewable and

carbon-free energy for about \$4 more a month on average.

The city expects its electricity customers to save about \$716,000 during the program's first year, according to Pleasanton Public Information Officer Cindy Chin.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said the agreement with East Bay Community Energy will help Pleasanton meet the deadline to receive service by 2021 to ensure community choice programs can provide enough energy to meet demand for the coming year.

He also expects it to move the city forward with its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

California lawmakers in 2002 approved Assembly Bill 117,

(See PLEASANTON ENERGY, page 9)

City Releases Initiative Rebuttals

The city has released the rebuttals to the pro and con statements that will appear on Livermore's Nov. 3, 2020 ballot for the initiative that would change the city's plan for downtown Livermore.

The measure is titled, "Citizens Initiative Changing Development Regulations in Downtown Livermore, and Amending Regulations to Allow Housing at the Civic Center."

Supporters of the city plan refer to theirs as the "Approved Downtown Plan;" supporters of the initiative's alternative plan call theirs the "Central Park Plan."

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Las Positas College Seeks New Leader

By Carol Graham

Las Positas College's interim president won't be applying for the permanent position as the institution's leader.

Roanna Bennie said she'd stay on until the new president takes the reins, but she chose not to apply for "carefully-considered personal and professional reasons." She broke the news during a Sept. 4 campus meeting after the applications for the position had closed. Five finalists have since been selected.

Bennie began her career at Las Positas College in Livermore when she was selected for vice president of academic services in 2015. Two years later, when college President Barry A. Russell retired, she took over as interim president. Her contract has since been extended three times.

"Ms. Bennie had a good relationship with the faculty and when she became interim president, all of the campus staff recognized that she was the right choice to lead the college," said Diane Brady, vice president of administrative services. "People especially appreciate her frequent and open communications with the campus; she fosters an inclusive environment where everyone's voice can be heard."

Bennie headed the college during a period of major changes to California's community college system with new mandates from the state.

"The most disruptive of these was the imposition of a new method to determine funding for the colleges, which has disadvantaged colleges in the Bay Area particularly,"

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The Fall Festival at the Alviso Adobe Community Park in Pleasanton took place on Sept. 21, with dozens of visitors enjoying the first day of autumn. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

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Public Hearing On Dublin Health Goal Report To Be Held

State regulations require that utilities with more than 10,000 service connections prepare a Public Health Goal Report on water quality results every three years on contaminants that exceed certain Maximum Contaminant Level Goals and hold a public hearing.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 1, at 6 p.m., at the Shannon Community Center, 11600 Shannon Avenue, Dublin.

The report is available on the Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) website and upon request at (925) 875-2203. Background information will be included in the Board agenda packet of October 1, posted 72 hours before the meeting.

BALLOT INITIATIVE

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intent is to ensure that these uses are developed in an acceptable manner and do not overshadow the park. The cultural uses include the proposed black box theater and science center.

The Stockmen's Association asked for the change because they are concerned that an initiative on next year's ballot would change Stockmen's Park "as it was intended to be built with the agreement we had with the city," said Dave Finster, a Stockmen's Association director.

Supporters of the proposed Central Park Plan initiative said if voters approve the proposal it would not affect the Stockmen's Association's review rights. "The initiative does not change those rights in any way, shape or form," said Jean King, one of the leaders of the Central Park Plan, reading a statement from

Citizens For A Livermore Central Park on behalf of Tamara Reus, secretary.

Granting the Stockmen's Association veto power over downtown development may have the effect of invalidating their rights under the original agreement, King said. "A local government may not contract away its power to make decisions involving land use to a third party," she noted.

City Attorney Jason Alcalá was asked about the legal implications of giving the Stockmen's Association veto power. "I was actually startled by this statement," Alcalá said. "The clauses are legal. They will be defensible and we will prevail" if the matter needs to be decided in court, he stated.

Mayor John Marchand commented that the city's downtown plan was developed with cooperation and

input from residents, the city, and the Stockmen's Association. "The community came together to create this plan," he said, and the 1962 agreement with the Stockmen's Association "is our heritage, and we value that."

Livermore is locked in a contentious battle between two visions for developing the downtown area surrounding Stockmen's Park: The city's "Approved Downtown Plan" and the citizen group's "Central Park Plan." The plans are similar in their essentials; both include park land, parking, a hotel, retail, residential and cultural facilities. They differ in location, size and nature of the development projects.

A ballot initiative proposing the city adopt the Central Park Plan is set for the Nov. 3, 2020 ballot.

CITY MANAGER

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Chris Foss

construction of Valor Crossing housing for veterans and their families.

"Foss's leadership and professional guidance helped to make Dublin a great place to live, work and raise a family," Mayor David Haubert said. "The City Council has the utmost confidence in

Linda's ability to carry on the values of professional leadership, coupled with her enduring passion for this community. She is the right person to lead Dublin into the future."

Smith takes over as city manager on Jan. 1, 2020. She spent 17 years working in local government, and joined Dublin in 2009 as assistant to the city manager. She moved up to become the city's economic development director and public information officer, and was chosen assistant city manager in 2014.

Smith is a graduate of San Jose State University, and won two professional association awards. She is also vice-president of the board of Dublin Partners in Education and is a member of Dublin Rotary.



During the Niles Canyon Stroll and Roll, participants received a commemorative water bottle at roughly the halfway point between Sunol and Fremont. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)

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Dublin Student Finalist in Science Video Contest

By Bruce Gach

When Rhea Mitr told her grandfather that investigating new cancer cures was her subject for a science



Rhea Mitr

contest, he told her "there is no answer to cancer." Mitr refused to believe him. She began researching new cancer therapy medications called immune checkpoint inhibitors, which affect immune regulation used for rare cancers that resist usual chemotherapy and other treatments.

She's now one of the contest's finalists.

"Our generation should

strive to tackle problems once thought of as impossible. That is why I wanted to challenge the conception and discover an answer to cancer," she said. Rhea, a senior at Quarry Lane High School, was encouraged by the head of her math department, Art Squillante, to tackle this difficult topic. She was especially motivated after the 2018 Nobel prize in medicine was awarded to two scientists' discoveries in immune regulation cancer therapies.

Students from around the world submitted three-minute videos discussing their research projects. Mitr is one of 15 finalists from over 11,000 entries and 199 countries. The Breakthrough Junior Challenge winner, to

be announced Nov. 3, will receive a \$250,000 college scholarship. The teacher who inspired the student will receive \$50,000 and the winner's school will obtain a \$100,000 state of the art science lab.

Mitr has also launched a "giving lives initiative" dedicated to increasing organ and tissue donations suggesting to state legislators ways to increase organ tissue donors. This would require a change in the driver license wording to require an opt-out box to be checked, a reversal of the current opt-in language.

"Inspiration is everywhere you go," she said. "You just have to draw upon your experiences and look hard enough."

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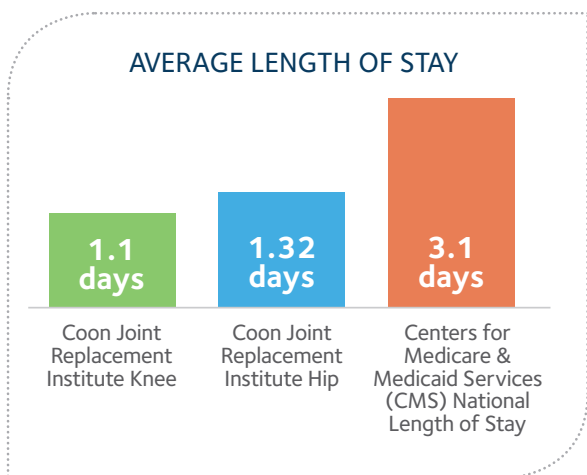
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EDITORIAL

Livermore High School has joined an international program to train students to recognize and respond to the early stages of mental illness and addiction. We applaud the effort. The program, called teen Mental Health First Aid, started in Australia two decades ago. It has since spread around the world. At Livermore High, more than 460 LHS sophomores will be

A Farsighted Mental Health Program at Livermore High School

trained “to recognize and respond when their friends are experiencing the early stages of a mental health or addiction problem,” according to Principal Helen Gladden.

The seriousness of the problem is hard to overstate. Mental illness strikes one in six American youths aged 6-17, with long-lasting ripple effects like increased

unemployment and substance abuse and high suicide rates. It can even affect cardiovascular health.

Gladden described herself as “thrilled” to introduce the program to the community. We are thrilled alongside her. There is no simple solution to mental illness, but Livermore High is on the right track with a program that can help now and in the future.

MAILBOX

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The Homeless Games, Part XXI – Dream Requiem Greg Scott, Livermore

You, dear reader, have, in all likelihood, very little or no knowledge and/or understanding of homelessness. You discount me on this? All right, how about a one-week ‘vacation’ in Livermore with no roof, no private bathroom and no what we would normally call a “bed”? For a fuller experience you could forgo your car and money for the ‘vacation’-week also.

By this you will have crossed a chasm of economic segregation. Growing homelessness is largely a result of an accelerating class war in our community and across our country. In the United States the top 1% of wealth gained \$21 trillion from 1989 through 2016 while the bottom 50% of wealth lost \$900 billion in the same time period. Our capitalistic system and markets have gotten crueler, more vampiric and more parasitic. If you are on the beneficial side of acquisition and/or speculation and/or manipulation and/or exploitation, then materially all may seem well. It is not and has not been well for the vulnerable, which in increasing numbers have become homeless.

While out there on your ‘vacation’ you may seek “Crisis Intervention Services,” for which The Tri-Valley has received \$494,000 from State monies from H.E.A.P. (Homeless Emergency Act Program) to be spent by March 31, 2021. What would be the result of this encounter? You are unlikely to get any emergency shelter because of your “psychological scoring.” Feel free to call 2-1-1 and see the actions thereof from City of Livermore General Fund contribution. Welcome to “The Homeless Games”!

A crisis intervention service provider employee told me the government was slow. “Dithering” would be a better descriptor. In dithering there is an opportunity cost of time passage where an alternative may come about out of necessity.

We speak of innovation as one of the three main initiatives of the City of Livermore. Why not an innovative homeless shelter such as a pod that locks from the inside? It would be a safe refuge, a carapace. What would power do in response? Crane the pods away to some location and thus create a needed ‘commons’ by default? Gas the occupant or occupants out?

Spring-origami technology could provide a portable ‘pod.’ Origami is the folding of paper or other materials into shapes and was originated in Japanese culture.

The problem architecturally and from an engineering standpoint is that the folds or creases in origami are not sufficiently load-bearing for a structure. This can be corrected by springs, as has been learned by studying insect wings where proteins act as springs (e.g. Insect order Dermaptera. “Derma” is for “skin” and “ptera” is for “wing.” Think earwigs!).

There could also be spring-kirigami technology (you heard it here first!). Kirigami is “cut” (“kiri”) “paper” (“gami”). A group at Johns Hopkins University has put forth computer modeling technology where almost any shape can be modeled and thus constructed with kirigami computer graphic projections. Well, innovative Bay Area, why not spring-kirigami pods for the homeless? We know government is not going to much ameliorate the greater part of homelessness in the near future or the Long Now, so perhaps innovation outside of government is the key to betterment in a larger number of homeless situations other than the small percentage that is currently, or will be, served under present plans. My bet is that your ‘vacation’-week would be much safer and pleasant in a spring-kirigamihomelesspod!

Mayor Attacks Paper, Allows Stockmen to Harm Initiative Elizabeth Judge, Livermore

It was open season on The Independent again this week at the Livermore City Council meeting. The Mayor began by claiming The Independent was campaigning to make people angry, as though the actions of the Council in allowing the United Livermore to hijack the results of the Public Outreach Process were not enough. He persisted in saying that thousands were responsible for the Council Approved Plan when he, and those who took part in the actual public outreach, know that is not the case.

The Mayor claimed The Independent is attempting to rewrite the narrative of the downtown because a new guest author wrote a cover story a month ago that made a mistake thinking the circle near the Stockmen’s Park indicated a fountain instead of the bronze statue of a rancher/veteran. The staff of The Independent was dealing with the imminent death of its longtime editor, Janet Armantrout, at the time and had hired a guest author to do the lead story about the dueling plans for downtown. This did not stop the mayor from ridiculing the author and the paper at that time and again this week. His focus on the fountain mistake grew to such an extent that the Stockmen’s representative, appearing this week, thought it an impending reality and warned against substituting a fountain for the iconic statue.

The Mayor complained that The Independent’s new editor sent a request for his comment on a topic by email at 3 a.m., which he did not see until a day later. He complained that a recent ad said the council had refused to put last year’s referendum on the ballot.

(In a naive effort to inform the council that the public opposed its downtown plan, the community group tried a referendum against a re-

cent zoning change that had increased the height of the hotel to four stories. The council could have put the referendum to a vote, or simply rescind its zoning change. It chose to do the latter. “We did what you wanted,” CM Woerner claimed. The change back to three stories had the unintended consequences of having the hotelier eliminate some ADA parking, a factor that CM Woerner used this week to chide the group again. The group had naively thought that once the council had seen the public’s opposition to its plan, the council would reconsider it.)

All this was crafted to make people angry, claimed the Mayor, who added that councilmembers “want to work with the community,” but his notion of “community” does not go beyond the seven groups of the so-called United Livermore.

Unfortunately, Council sees the opposition to its downtown plan as coming from only a “small group.” The strategy is to discredit that small group along with The Independent, and discredit all those who signed the referendum and the Initiative as being uninformed, manipulated citizens who cannot think for themselves. In a city where the average IQ is above the norm, that is hardly an appropriate stance.

Then the agenda moved on to the Stockmen’s request for an amendment to its agreement with the city. The Central Park Plan Initiative leaves the \$3M Stockmen’s Park where the Council Approved Plan put it. The 8,600 signers for the initiative mean no ill will toward the Stockmen’s Rodeo Association or its park. But, after seeing the Initiative in June, the association sought an amendment for authority to dictate what entities will surround its park and negate the effects of the Initiative.

This is intended to prevent the Blackbox Theater from being located in another spot. The initiative moves the theater to other possible locations in order to put a Central Park from the Bankhead to L Street. Now the Stockmen “don’t want to see buildings moved around.”

Suddenly the Stockmen’s Park is supposed to include the land for both the Science Center and the Blackbox Theater, according to CM Woerner, and the Mayor came prepared to liken the park to Golden Gate Park in San Francisco which has several buildings within it. The Mayor said he had had an “epiphany” that people have the mistaken idea that a park includes only the grass.

Suddenly there is supposed to be synergy between the Science Center and the Blackbox Theater, an argument to keep them close to each other according to CM Munro, a former member of the board of Livermore Shakes, the entity behind the Blackbox Theater.

Missing from the show was the popular myth generated by the Mayor for months that the initiative was all about the owner of The Independent’s wish for a larger theater, a throwback to the regional theater even supported by the Mayor a decade ago. Missing also was the popular story the Mayor circulated about a paid signature gatherer who supposedly threatened to go home to get a gun to stop the Mayor’s neighbor from harassing him on his route from door to door. The original story implied the threat of a gun forced a signature. The Mayor belongs in theater; he has a fascination for fiction.

Time for COMMUNITY Tania Panarello, Livermore

First, I’d like to thank Phil and Kimberly Pierpont of Sunrise Mountain Sports, all other volunteers and support staff for leading the creek clean-up last Saturday, Sept.

21. Thank you for being so generous of your time, effort and energy to give back to your commUNITY.

Also, I’d like to thank Phil, Kimber and the rest of the Sunrise crew for being so involved and supportive of the Livermore commUNITY, encouraging people to get outside walking, running and participating in life together. The Pierponts have so much going on – especially being the busy parents of a really active little guy! – but they still make time to stay involved with LARP, Brazen Racing and various local community events. Thank you, Phil and Kimber!

My husband doesn’t like me reading letters in The Independent every week because I get so angry over the way Livermore residents have been treating each other over this whole downtown development battle. I’ve written letters myself in the past, addressing the downtown issues – oh, I’ve had some great ideas, too! – but I’d rather call people to positive action, not this vitriol spewed back and forth.

That’s why I wanted to give thanks and draw attention to those doing positive things in our commUNITY. And that’s no typo – so stuff your pride elsewhere and love your neighbor as yourself by being more giving and forgiving. There’s no “me” in commUNITY, but there is U and I in UNITY, and there is UNITY in commUNITY. Please be kind to one another and work together; thank you!

Core Values... Buyer Beware!

Dean Fabro, Livermore

I bought a Meritage Home in Livermore 13 years ago. Since day one there have been issues related to quality control, warranties and customer service. The have over 25 items requiring my family to move out once, and the microwave exploding! Service has been slow to no response! Recently trying to reach out to the California Division was useless; it was a “black hole.”

I then wrote to the CEO/President in Scottsdale, Arizona...and someone actually called me back. She immediately put me on the defensive with her arrogant and indifferent attitude toward company policies. Did she ever look at Meritage’s core values? All I was looking for was to have Meritage see why two roof tiles had come loose on a roof that is supposedly warranted for 20 or more. Apparently work quality was only good for one year, and tiles 10 years and less. I was out of warranty. I told her I was 74 years old and not capable of climbing a ladder or have resources for extensive inspections or repairs. Two tiles and Meritage, that has a billion dollars in projects in the Bay Area and Northern California, basically said “not our problem.”

Read your warranties closely before you close. Core Values...what do they mean? No customer service when it is not in their favor.

Words Matter

Rich Buckley, Livermore

When my local college community social activists take on what they coin as “Islamophobia,” the first truth of peacemaking is violated. Using the term Islamophobia infers and projects a disrespect, where instead love is intended.

Words matter. Back in 2005, I formed a non-profit corporation called Peace And Conflict Resolution, Org, Corp. (P&CR) The first truth: “Before you speak of peace, you must first have it in your heart.” —St. Francis of Assisi. Now the name of the little organization, P&CR, often serves as a reminder to me of how hard it is to live up to its name. Whatever was I thinking!

Nonviolence, said Gandhi, “is the active, unconditional love toward others, the persistent pursuit of truth, the radical forgiveness toward those who hurt us, the steadfast resistance to every form of evil, and even the loving willingness to accept suffering in the struggle for justice without the desire for retaliation.” Pondering this challenge goes beyond all we are spiritually prepared to engage...or does it?

The peace process is long term and complex. It’s much like contemplative prayer; the words you use coupled with the attitude of spirit within, help project the outcome. Soon enough the words used force one to look at oneself first.

In the peace process there are powerful words that lead to feelings and become staggering in their implementation. Once feelings start it’s easy to lose perspective, so choose your words most carefully – oh, I’ve had some great ideas, too! – but I’d rather call people to positive action, not this vitriol spewed back and forth.

Building the arena in which you ask curious bystanders to enter, seems to work better when the arena is filled with love-light. Using the term “Islamophobia” violates the first truth and projects an attitude towards onlookers who might otherwise dare to participate. Those your project is really trying to reach, may otherwise walk on past the arena entry. When built with love, on the other hand, unexpectedly, forces outside everyone’s control begin seeping through the cracks to bring in more loving light.

The true arena of peace building is one inside our self. It’s full of loving light, but locked up tightly and usually does not open graciously to others who seem to violate the first law.

Protecting Tesla Park Emily Joiner, Livermore

What a great accomplishment to get AB 1086 (Bauer-Kahan) Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area passed by the Legislature. It is a necessary step toward permanent protection of Tesla. The next step is to work to get the Governor to sign the bill into law.

The local cooperation to preserve the 3,100 acre Alameda Tesla Expansion Area is a welcome example of what can happen when a community works together. Kudos to our new Assembly Member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan and Senator Glazer for their work on AB 1086.

Alternative to the Electoral College

Gary Estee, Livermore

Granted, it takes mankind a long time to learn from its mistakes. Take for example how long the 30 years war lasted, or amount of time required to give women the right to vote. However, if we have learned anything from the 2016 Presidential Election, it is that the electoral college does not reflect the desires of the America population.

The Electoral College is a body of electors established by the United States Constitution, constituted every four years for the sole purpose of electing the president and vice president of the United States. The Electoral College consists of 538 electors, and an absolute majority of 270 electoral votes is required to win an election. Pursuant to Article II, Section 1, Clause 2, the legislature of each state determines how its electors are chosen. During the first election it was used (1824), no candidate secured the required number

of votes (131 total) from the Electoral College. Therefore, the election was decided by the House of Representatives under the provisions of the Twelfth Amendment to the United States Constitution and Adams became President.

There are three major flaws in the electoral college system. First, there is always the danger that the winner of the popular vote will not win the presidency. This has happened four times. The winner-take-all factor means that any votes won by the loser of the popular vote are not reflected in the electoral vote. The presidential elections of 1876, 1888, 2000, and 2016 produced an Electoral College winner who did not receive the most votes. Those elected candidates included John Quincy Adams, Rutherford B. Hayes, Benjamin Harrison, George W. Bush, and the final insult – Donald J. Trump.

The second flaw is that the Constitution does not require the electors to vote for the candidate who wins the popular vote. Electors do not usually refuse to vote for their party’s presidential nominee. It has happened only 11 times. However, in none of these contests did this action change the outcome of the election.

Third, if neither candidate wins a majority in the electoral college, then the election would have to be decided in the House of Representatives. This is a problem because each state would then have one vote. States with smaller populations would count as much as larger states. Plus, if a state could not decide on a candidate, it would lose its vote. Finally, if a strong third-party candidate were involved in an election, it is possible that the House could not make a decision by Inauguration Day.

The original intention of the founding fathers for the electoral college was to promote fairness from a regional perspective. Individual votes count, but only in that they are represented by their individual state’s electors. This, hopefully, would prevent 2-3 very large states from overwhelming the popular vote count so that a greater portion of the country can be represented by the government.

My recommendation is that we switch to an election based on the national popular vote. If the presidential election were decided by a national popular vote, campaigns and parties would have a strong incentive to work to increase turnout everywhere. In practice, the winner-take-all manner of allocating a state’s electors generally decreases the importance of minor parties.

Since January 3, 2019, joint resolutions proposing constitutional amendments that would replace the Electoral College with the popular election of the president and vice president have been submitted to Congress. Please write your congressman (or woman) to support these measures today!

Proud of Preserving Tesla Marilyn Russell, Livermore

Many years ago, I would help neighbors gather cattle on what is now the Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area or “Tesla Park.” I also trained my long-distance endurance horses over most of that beautiful, isolated and rugged landscape every week. That firsthand experience of silence and wonder taught me the unique value of this precious natural area and why we must do everything we can to preserve Tesla’s special native landscape.

The Scientist Consensus Statement on the Ecological Value of Tesla signed by over 40 professors and scientists, including from my Alma Mater at UC Berkeley, states that “sacrificing such

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CORRECTIONS:

LAS POSITAS

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A story about Tri-Valley efforts to dispel Islamophobia that appeared on the front page of the Sept. 19 Independent mischaracterized the context in which Mohammed Rizwan Dad Khan Mandozai notices people in the community glancing and whispering about his traditional clothing. The Independent did not intend to suggest he noticed this from his fellow Las Positas College students.

A front page story on Sept. 12 about Cemex meeting with the Zone 7 Water Agency incorrectly reported how the lakes at the mine are to be filled. Lake C will get water via a channel from Lake A, which is not expected to be mined. Lake B will be used to store water for Arroyo Del Valle.

An article on page one of the Sept. 19 Independent about Valley Link and Faster Bay Area plans to improve traffic and transportation mistakenly reported the percentage of voters needed to approve a related sales tax measure. It would need a 66.7% supermajority to pass.

Clarification: The article in the Sept. 19 edition of The Independent about the risks of concussion correctly pointed out that a young athlete suspected of sustaining a concussion should be removed from the playing field and not allowed to return until a concussion is ruled out or has completely healed.

This caution is important for people of all ages, said Shelby McGinnis, a Stanford ValleyCare physical therapist who spoke about concussions at Livermore's Bankhead Theater. A second concussion on top of an unhealed first concussion is extremely dangerous for anyone, she said.



Roanna Bennie

Brady said. "With each new challenge, Ms. Bennie has responded with a positive attitude, tackling each project head on. Las Positas College has become more successful in its goal of helping students succeed due to her leadership."

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District (CLPCCD) hopes to have a permanent president approved by the board before the end of the year so the new leader can start in January.

"Because the date of my departure is not defined yet, I do not have a clear professional path mapped out, and I am considering my options," Bennie said. "On a personal note, there will certainly be more visits to my six grandchildren, and I may take up golf again, along with more gardening."

Bennie pointed out her highlights as interim president, including having helped "build that sense of community and unity of purpose that LPC has been known for since its inception. During this time of unexpected leadership transition, we have pulled together as a campus community to increase enrollment, develop a facilities master plan, advance our practice of shared governance, respond admirably to state initiatives for

student success, build new and long-lasting community partners, and plan toward the future with a new state funding model."

After having contributed to the college's success, Bennie will step down taking with her the gifts she gained through her work.

"The opportunity to serve the entire LPC campus community in our heartfelt efforts to serve students has been my deepest privilege," she said. "It has stretched and strengthened my leadership skills and allowed me to build some enduring relationships."

The five finalists for Las Positas College president are:

Dyrell Foster, Ed.D., is the vice president of student services at Moreno Valley College in Moreno Valley, Calif. Previously, Foster served as an administrator at Rio Hondo College, Mt. San Antonio College, Evergreen Valley College and San Jose State University. He earned a doctorate in education from the University of Southern California; a master of science in counseling from California State University, Long Beach and a bachelor of science in applied behavioral science from University of California, Davis.

Marsha Gable, Ed.D., is the vice president of student services at Grossmont College in El Cajon, Calif. Previously, she was dean of counseling services at Cuyamaca College in El Cajon. Gable earned a doctorate in educational leadership with an emphasis in community college leadership from San Diego State University, and her master's and bachelor's degrees in social sciences and

sociological practice from California State University, San Marcos.

Don Miller, Ph.D., is vice president of instruction at the College of Alameda and serves as vice president of the California Community Colleges Chief Instructional Officers organization. In the past he was the interim vice president of academic services, a dean of academic services for the division of arts and humanities and dean of learning communities at Las Positas College. Miller earned his doctorate in philosophy from the University of Virginia and a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Katrina VanderWoude, Ed.D., is the president of Contra Costa College in San Pablo, Calif. Previously, she served as vice president of academic affairs at Grossmont College in El Cajon. VanderWoude earned her doctorate in educational leadership with an emphasis in higher education, organizational systems and development, and student affairs from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Mich.

Tina Vasconcellos, Ph.D., is the vice president of student services and accreditation liaison officer at the College of Alameda in Alameda. She previously served as dean of academic and student affairs at Laney College and Merritt College in Oakland. Vasconcellos earned her doctorate in philosophy with a focus on community college leadership from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo. She also has a master's degree in counseling psychology with an emphasis

in multicultural and holistic counseling from John F. Kennedy University in Pleasant Hill, Calif.

The five hopefuls took part in a public forum on Sept. 25 that gave each a chance to introduce them-

selves, followed by a question and answer session. People in the audience filled out feedback forms for the interim chancellor to review.

A video recording of the forum is expected to be available on Sept. 26.

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10,203 voters signed the Protect the Central Park Vote Referendum to protect the right of voters to adopt a better plan for the community. *The signatures have been submitted to the County for verification; with so many signatures, the referendum will surely qualify for the ballot.*

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SPORTS NOTES



Fusion's 2005 (U15) Boys Maroon are CUFA Fall Classic Champions.



Fusion SC's 2010 (U10) Girls Maroon are champions of the CUFA Fall Classic.



Fusion SC's 2002 (U18) Girls Gold shut out Mustang Revolution 2-0 on Sept. 21 at Robertson Park. Fusion's Marisa M. and Gretchen K. scored, with Alana C. setting up Gretchen's goal with a corner kick.



Livermore Fusion SC's 2008 (U12) Girls Maroon won the CUFA Fall Classic.



Makena Ross helped her West Coast Wildkat team move past the Mavericks in their first state cup match.



West Coast Wave 04 Girls Team earned the first win in the NorCal debut.



Foothill Water Polo goalie Moises Ambriz blocked a shot with defense from Eugene Kruger and Ian Jones.



West Coast 2009 Magnitude Boys Team swept weekend games.



The Dublin Gaels hosted the Foothill Falcons on Sept. 19. Falcon Grayce Olson spikes the ball, helping Foothill win the match, 3 to 1. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Livermore Fusion Soccer Club

Fusion's 2005 (U15) Boys Maroon faced a steep uphill climb -- literally and figuratively -- to compete in the Come Up For Air (CUFA) Fall Classic during the September 14 weekend.

First, the boys had to adjust to South Lake Tahoe's thin air at 6,000 feet. Second, the team entered the tournament without having had a chance to shake off the rust from the summer layoff, as they had played only one fall match prior. Third, they dropped their opening CUFA match to El Dorado Hills.

Fusion's Tanner B. scored the only goal of the first half to give Fusion a 1-0 lead. After El Dorado equalized early in the second half, Marcos V. headed in a free kick to put Fusion ahead 2-1. El Dorado scored the last two goals, with the game winner coming in the final seconds, to secure a 2-3 victory. Led by Coach Daniel Vazquez, the team responded to adversity by continuing to climb. Fusion rebounded from the loss with a convincing 4-0 win over AYSO United East Bay Sapphire to close out Saturday play. The team opened Sunday with a semi-final match against AYSO United East Bay Diamond. Playing what Coach Daniel called "our best game of the tournament," Fusion won 2-0, setting up a final rematch against El Dorado Hills. The final match was extremely physical, with multiple fouls and yellow cards. Marcos V. scored just before halftime to give Fusion a 1-0 lead. Coach Daniel described the second half as "an all-out battle." Fusion's defense repeatedly repelled the El Dorado attack, and the maroon & gold held on for a 1-0 win and a tournament championship.

"I'm extremely proud of our group," said Coach Daniel. "After conceding 3 goals in the first match, we kept a clean sheet for the remainder of the tournament, thanks to GK Colton C. and the defensive line." Coach Daniel also acknowledged the following players: "Captain Dominic G is big time for us. He is a leader and the confidence he displays inspires his teammates. Marcos V. is a driving force in our attack and competes nonstop. And Tanner B. is the key to our possession-based style of play."

Fusion SC's 2010 (U10) Girls

After guiding Livermore Fusion SC's 2010 (U10) Girls Maroon through the CUFA Fall Classic, Coach Marc Beard would surely have a hard time deciding which pleased him more: the team's offense or defense. The girls played superbly on both ends of the pitch, sweeping 4 games by a combined score of 22-0 to win the tournament. Fusion defeated Mustang SC, South Tahoe FC, and Folsom Lake Earthquakes by scores of 6-0, 8-0 and 7-0 to clinch bracket A, then beat bracket B champion Impact 1-0 to win the tournament. For the season, the team has conceded only 4 goals through 11 games. "We worked on finishing the previous week, so to see us score so many goals is really satisfying," said Coach Marc. "It was a fun tournament in a beautiful setting and the girls fully deserved to take home the trophy."

West Coast Soccer Club

Over the past two weekends, the West Coast Earthquakes SC U10 Rumble have navigated with the guidance of coach Rob Hansen through some tough losses as well as hard-fought wins in both league games, and a round of State Cup Qualifying. Goals by Chase Wilson and Tyler Plunkett were not enough as the Earthquakes Rumble fell to Ballistic Premier 5-2. A hat trick by Connor Shenave and a goal from Isaiah Rodriguez helped the Quakes come close in a 6-4 loss to Diablo FC. West Coast Rumble got back on the win column by beating Heritage SC 4-3 with four different players scoring: Zayden Ishak, Isaiah Rodriguez, Connor Shenave and Nathan Bone. Defensively, the Rumble played strong and the midfield passing was on point with a collective effort to get the win. West Coast Earthquakes followed up with an 8-0 State Cup Qualifier win over Fusion Gold. Seven different Rumble players scored: Tyler Plunkett slotted the first goal to start off, followed closely by Chase Wilson and Rafael Zamora both with an assist from Tyler Plunkett. Isaiah Rodriguez was up next followed by two from Dinolen Shang that were assisted from AJ Staples and Nathan Bone. Finally AJ Staples with an assist from Nathan Bone and then one more for the team from Nathan Bone to end the game 8-0. The West Coast Earthquakes Rumble continue to play smart while growing their communication skills. Cruz Legorreta, Daen Hansen, Connor Shenave and Zayden Ishak all played a critical part in the team's success with their passing, ball control and shot attempts on goal along with great hustle. AJ Staples had several amazing saves in the game action.

West Coast 2010 Klash Girls

West Coast 2010 Klash had another amazing weekend of soccer, keeping the girls' undefeated record alive. This weekend saw every single girl on the roster scoring at least one goal. On Saturday they played a league game against Walnut Creek Surf I0G Black. Klash girls struck first with an unassisted goal from Kaylee Gilbert. Not long after Olivia Strehle took the field for the first time this season, after breaking her wrist and with bubble wrap on her cast, she scored a goal within the first minute of coming on the field. This kept the excitement going and the girls continued to score from there with an unassisted goal from Maya Boosahda and then a goal from Alivia Narducci-Chiunti with an assist from Maya. As always the strong defense from Isabella Humphrey and Tatum Conover and Kaylee Gilbert kept Walnut Creek to only one goal. Final score was 4-1. Sunday Klash played a State Cup game against Piedmont SC Highlanders in an unprecedented situation for Coach Sara Giroto where every single girl on the 9 team roster scored at least one goal. Klash dominated the entire game with a shutout, 13-0 win over Piedmont. Maya Boosahda led with 3 goals, Claudia Daniels and Viviana Martinez with 2 goals each, and then goals from Alivia Narducci-Chiunti, Ana Brewster-Portillo, Isabella Hum-

phrey, Kaylee Gilbert, Oliva Strehle, and Tatum Conover. This was truly a team effort as every single girl had a hand in assisting and scoring, defending the ball and keeping the ball out of the goal.

West Coast Wave U16 Girls

The newly-formed West Coast Wave U16 girls team did not disappoint in their first game against San Pablo United Youth Lionesses. It took less than three minutes to score the first goal in their Norcal Premier League debut game held at the Legacy fields in Tracy. Lamise was the first to score as the Wave team continued their dominance with beautiful ball movement, creating a quick second goal that came two minutes later off the head by Susan Contraus from a corner kick by Lamise Basma. The Wave defense was very strong and did not let the opponent past the halfway line. The defense consisted of Ashlyn Estabrook, Alondra Torres, Alyssa LaVelle and Susan 16 with the Wave Goal keeper Riley Murray who had little to do except one crucial save to help maintain the clean sheet. West Coast midfield worked together very efficiently to distribute the ball from left to right creating many more scoring opportunities. The midfield was made up of Kaya Brown, Cassidy Hoff, Bella Iniguez, Lamise Basma, Macy Kreighbaum Natalie Ruiz. The third goal was scored by Mia Mirante in the 17th minute, and in the 24th minute Mia Howard centered the ball that just needed a tap in by Natalia to get goal number 4. The Wave kept up the pressure as the final goal was scored by Thania Valencia in the 32nd minute with a low shot to the bottom right of the goal. West Coast Wave earned a 5-0 result in their first win of the 2019 season.

West Coast Soccer's Wildkatz 05 Girls

West Coast Soccer's Wildkatz 05 Girls began 2019-2020 NorCal State Cup play with a match against Mavericks 05 in Berkeley. Wildkatz dominated play from the first whistle and had several shots on goal before Kamiryn Grimes found the back of the net putting WildKatz on the board early. A foul by Mavericks allowed Madison Reid to take the free kick. Reid sent the ball over the Mavericks' defenders and skipped past the keeper into the goal. Wildkatz weren't done scoring in the first half, yet Zusette Zamora made some swift moves bursting past the mavericks outside back and smashed a booming shot up and over the GK ending the first half with Wildkatz leading 3-0. Miette Sessoms used her power and speed to get the second half started with a dribble down the sideline and a beautiful shot into the back of the net. Wildkatz continued to keep Mavericks from getting any shots on goal and Savannah Cordero widened Wildkatz lead to five with a shot past the keeper. Jayden King got the next goal with a laser shot on an assist by Miette Sessoms. With just minutes left in play, Zamora sealed the 7-0 win for Wildkatz with a header into the net from a corner kick.

"Today's state cup game was a great team effort. Each player did their job perfectly" said West Coast Head Coach Troy Dayak. Next up, Wildkatz play an NPL Champions League match against cross-town rival Pleasanton Rage 05 ENCL on Sunday, October 6.

The West Coast Magnitude 09 Boys

The West Coast Magnitude 09 boys faced off against the Dublin United Elite. Earthquakes traveled to Fallon Sports Complex to face Dublin Elite at their home field. The Earthquakes came out strong and dominated the game. On offense, Cruz Smith made the first goal with Zachary Dimas next to score. Brian Oliveira put up two goals. Thanks to the first half defense of goalie Gianni Brewster and Carter West, Dublin was denied any opportunity to score. Matthew Kilkenny served as goalie for the 2nd half. Thomas Roetto scored with an assist from Carter West. Thomas totaled two goals for the game as did Carter West. Gianni Brewster added to the final score of 9-0. Sunday, Dublin traveled to Christensen to face team Magnitude for their state cup game. Once again team Magnitude was victorious dominating the game. Thomas Roetto, Chase Wilson, Cruz Legorreta, Cruz Smith and AJ Staples all scored. Only two goals were allowed by the defense, making the final score 7-2 and giving team Magnitude its first State Cup win.

West Coast Soccer 01 Girls

On a Sept. 22, at Legacy fields in Tracy, West Coast 01 played their first State Cup match of the season against a very physical Cal Magic 01 team from Orinda. During the first half West Coast 01 scored five goals which included a hat trick from Ashleigh Ward plus a West Coast pressured own goal by Cal Magic and a final goal from Caitlyn Garrison. Jaden Hall, Heather Tarabini, Mia Mendoza and Caitlin Garrison steered the offense with great speed and beautiful crosses, setting up Ashleigh to find the back of the net all 3 times. Defenders Fayth Hinojosa, Ari Moore, Jordan Brown and Leyla Gantz played phenomenal defense while making numerous runs to keep Cal Magic scoreless throughout the first half. West Coast midfielders Precious Martinez, Meredith Hagler, Isabel Mello and Kaitlin Carlton worked hard to keep the ball in play while distributing the ball well and taking shots on goal. Second half Cal Magic came out very strong but the speed from West Coast 01 defenders Holly Mrichtiche, Julianne Munoz, Lindsay Plant, Leyla Gantz, Fayth Hinojosa and Ari Moore held Magic to only a few shots on goal. Both West Coast goalies Lia Bedford and Tori Morfin had a shut out in each half.

"This was a beautiful team performance from all 18 players," said West Coast Coach Troy Dayak. The total team effort resulted in a 5-0 shutout victory in State Cup Group play. Next up for West Coast 01 they will be competing in the Surf Cup Champions Cup in Manteca next weekend.

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MAILBOX

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a resource for OHV play is ill-conceived in the extreme and would be a particularly conspicuous failure of public land stewardship." So true.

I am proud of our community, including the public agencies, organizations and public officials that together are fighting to preserve Tesla's extraordinary mix of biological, cultural and scenic treasures. I thank our Assembly Member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan and Senator Steve Glazer for working to ensure that this year AB 1086 is signed into law by the Governor. And I thank The Independent for ongoing support in this effort.

House Bill is Superior
Brendan Phillips, Dublin

The House and Senate each passed its version of the National Defense Authorization Act, with stark differences between the two bills.

The Senate version provides full funding for the new nuclear warheads including the so-called low yield W76-2, the novel W87-1 that would require a new-design plutonium core, and the B83 megaton-class bomb that had been scheduled for retirement. It also approves the NNSA's request for the production of 80 new plutonium pits per year, and increases the President's budget request for a new missile, called the Ground-Based Strategic Deterrent, by adding \$22 million to the more than half a billion requested.

The House version of the NDAA, by contrast, stops funds for the deployment of W76-2 warhead, reduces funds for W87-1 by \$59 million, and cuts the B83 by more than \$29 million. It also authorizes pit production at a more modest rate of 30 cores per year (up from the 20 per year currently authorized).

In addition to this, the House version requires cost studies for modernization efforts, and expresses support for extending "New START," the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty that, as the name implies, caps the number of

long-range nuclear weapons the United States and Russia can deploy.

While not perfect, the House bill is clearly superior to the Senate bill, and should be supported.

Anyone who wants to get involved can call the Armed Services committee chairs. The Capitol Switchboard is (202) 224-3121.

Things to Think About
Jan Brovont, Livermore

Did you know? 47% of the homeless in the USA live in California. 19% of homeless in the USA live in Los Angeles.

San Francisco spent \$300,000,000 on about 10,000 homeless last year. Yet there is still a growing problem.

Interestingly, Livermore, Pleasanton and Danville all have mayors and some city councilmembers who are saying the same thing: Build, build, build. Why is it a housing shortage, instead of too many people moving into the same area too fast, before the infrastructure is in place: parking, sewage, water, etc. – yet not being able to maintain our quality of life?

Did you ever wonder who all those 8,000 ADA/handicapped curbed sidewalks around town were built for? Especially since the developers are building little to no single-story homes or flat style apartments. Seems like those would be a huge help to anyone who needs the ADA curbed sidewalks, to say nothing about more ADA parking spaces around town, especially near the Bankhead and the Cinema.

In years past, Livermore had a fair amount of vehicles which had bumper stickers reading this: "When guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns." Hmmm something to think about.

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Let's Enjoy What We Get
Marjorie Haggin, Livermore

What would you think if you saw lawn chairs and blankets spread across a city park lawn? Well, if you live in Pleasanton, I guess you would think there was going to be a band concert that night.

A few weeks ago, I saw that sight. It took me by surprise and a few minutes to realize what I was seeing. It also gave reason to believe a large central park for Livermore is good Idea. Those chairs and blankets were already in place that morning because Pleasanton concert goers had already staked out their spot for the evening concert. A large park here could have space for anticipating concert goers and still room for other uses on such days. Wouldn't it be fun to have a place to hear music with friends and neighbors?

Parks come in all sizes. How we use them is what is important. The tiny area at the Flag Pole corner is a delight to pass when the fountains are on and the children are playing. It is a public place that brings people together and lots of smiles. A park can have a lot of features that do not cost much but that can add to its use – maybe a soapbox like I saw in London where you could step right up and say your piece or maybe a place to play chess. Livermore can have a wonderful park, small or large. We just have to realize we won't all get what we want.

Look at the ways we use our spaces now. Maybe there are better ways. Put some energy to those. We want our hotel and park to be perfect in our own eyes. If that doesn't happen, let's plan to enjoy what we get. Now it is time to sit back relax and be nice and limit letters to the editor. Thanks, but it was fun to have my turn.

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Dublin Promoting More Inclusion

Two different diversity and inclusion efforts in Dublin were on display at Dublin's Sept. 17 city council meeting.

Dublin residents Regis Harvey and Mike Karami introduced the Diversity Inclusion Association, which they founded a year ago with the goal of eliminating prejudice and racism. And the Dublin Sister City Association's Kim Halket explained that the organization would like to initiate a new relationship with a city in South America or Asia.

Both groups are helping Dublin expand its interest in promoting inclusion of all ethnicities, religious backgrounds, and other things that have kept people apart.

The council invited Harvey and Karami to the meeting to talk about their group. Mayor David Haubert attended several of their meetings, as have councilmen Shawn Kumagai and Arun Goel.

Harvey and Karami said their 100-member-strong group typically draws about 30 people to their meetings, held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month in a conference room at Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza.

Although it meets in Dublin, the discussions draw people from around the Tri-Valley, and also San Francisco, Hayward, and Oakland who participate

in discussions. Topics have included race and religion issues, women's rights, police brutality, gerrymandering, and the practice of excluding some neighborhoods from access to home loans, which is known as redlining, after the red line that banks have used to show the boundaries of such zones.

Participants hear data about the different topics from reliable sources such as federal and state reports, Harvey said. The other component is sharing of personal experiences and feelings about the topics.

The Oct. 14 meeting will discuss immigration, a topic more complicated than many people think, Harvey and Karami said. Immigration involves not just building a wall along the Mexican border, but also political asylum policies that affect refugees from many nations. There is also the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, better known as DACA. DACA is a proposal to qualify people who arrived in the United States for a renewable two-year period of protection from deportation, and couple it with the ability to get a work permit.

Some of the attendees have been high school students, Karami said. One enthusiastic girl has attended three consecutive meetings with her mother, and talked about how different ethnic groups sit in their own ar-

reas at lunchtime, and don't make an effort to mingle. So there is a growing interest by a few of them to start a separate group addressing issues affecting students in high school and middle school.

Sister City Group May Pick A New Continent

The Dublin Sister City Association is looking for a second sister city to add to its current partner, Bray, Ireland, and are considering looking to South America to add diversity to the Dublin's sister city relationship. Ideally, the partnership should be a true twinning with the same population and type of economy, said Halket, the group's president.

The DSCA was formed in 1987, and forged a relationship with Bray, Ireland. Since then, Bray was dissolved as a city, and became part of the County Wicklow government. Wicklow has invited Dublin's DSCA to visit in 2020.

Halket asked the council for a one-time gift of \$5,000, so DSCA can promote itself more in the city, and attract new members. The council was not ready to act on that yet. They directed City Manager Chris Foss to do more research into the details of what would work.


There was a formal vote, though, about finding money to send Haubert to Ireland for a planning meeting for a possible visit to County


Wicklow in July 2020. The city is invited, but has not visited Bray as often as Bray has visited Dublin, Haubert said. He said he thinks Dublin owes them a visit now.

Councilwoman Jean Josey moved to spend up to \$5,000 to send Hauber, and a staff member to assist in sizing up what the commitment for an official DSCA visit would cost. Josey's motion passed 4-1.

Goel voted no. He did not say why, but told The Independent later that modern electronics can eliminate the need to travel to do planning. Further, Haubert will be termed out a few months after the July 2020 visit. Furthermore, he said, the exchange visits now are more county-to-county than city-to-city, since Bray was dissolved as a city, and subsumed into County Wicklow. So most of the expenses and planning should be covered by Alameda County, he said.

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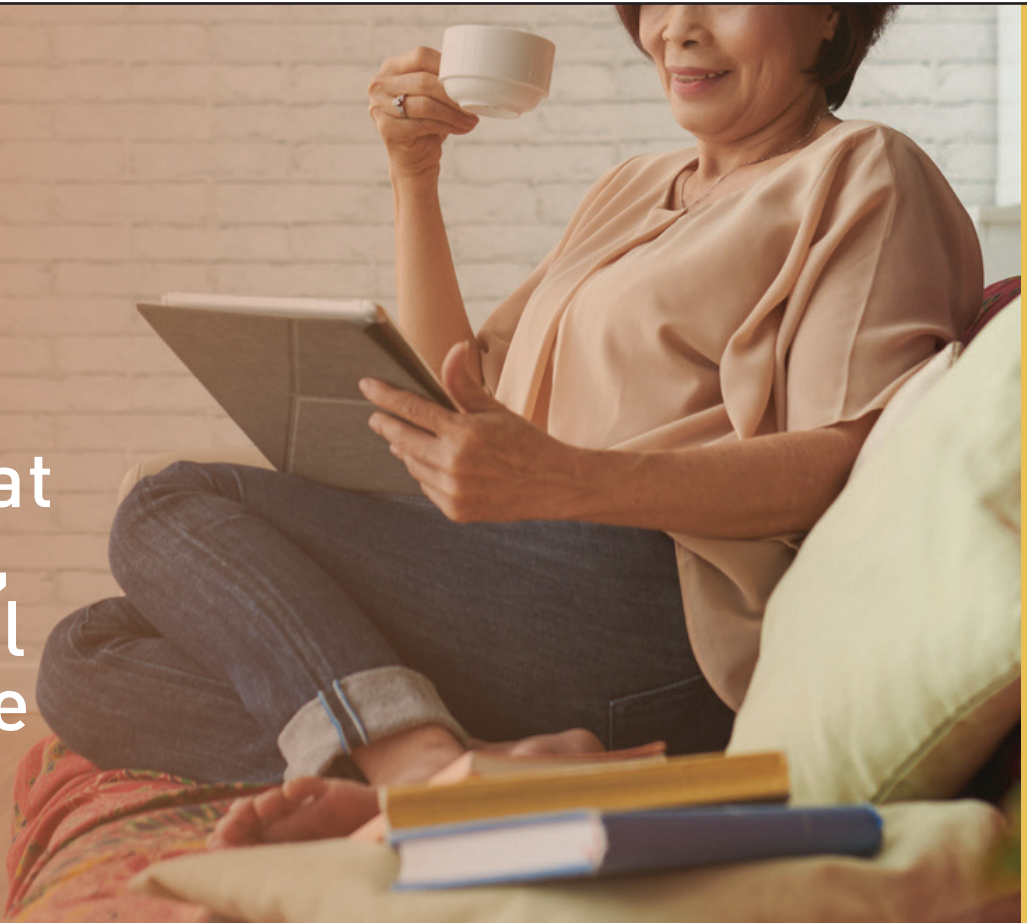
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Livermore Schools Recognized by the California Coalition STRIKE

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Four schools from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) have been recognized for their success in implementing Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) by the California PBIS Coalition (CPC). Altamont Creek Elementary, Croce Elementary, Junction Avenue K-8, and Rancho Las Positas Elementary were awarded bronze implementation awards for

the 2018-19 school year in the CPC's first statewide recognition. PBIS is a set of proactive strategies for defining, teaching and supporting constructive student behaviors that in turn create positive school environments. "Our approach to whole-child learning includes supporting the behavioral, social-emotional and academic needs of our students," said LVJUSD Superintendent Dr.

Kelly Bowers. "Research shows that using PBIS to improve the social and behavioral atmosphere in the classroom leads to enhanced academic success." All four recognized schools were part of the initial PBIS cohort organized by LVJUSD for the 2018-19 school year. For the 2019-20 school year, all district schools will be incorporating PBIS into their behavioral

framework. "Our focus is on preventing problems," said Tara Aderman, principal of Altamont Creek Elementary. "Rather than assuming students should know how to behave, we work hard to teach, model and reinforce what positive behavior looks like in all areas of the school from the classroom to the lunchroom and the playground."

to Kaiser before they can strike. They said the strike would be the nation's largest since a Teamsters strike against United Parcel Service in 1997, when 185,000 employees went out. It lasted for 16 days.

SEIU claims that one motivator for their strike involves a finding by the National Labor Relations Board that Kaiser management failed to bargain in good faith. But a Kaiser spokesman said the SEIU is incorrect, and that while the NLRB will investigate to see if there were evidence of unfair labor practices, it has not done the work on it yet, nor has it reached any conclusions.

Leaders at Kaiser stated that they are ready to take necessary steps to adapt to the threatened strike and to continue patient services. Kaiser CEO Bernard Tyson said in an online statement that "we will continue to engage with the coalition, led by SEIU-UHW's leadership, at the bargaining table, and I hope we will not have a strike on Oct. 14."

"However, please know that we are also preparing to deal with all scenarios to make sure our members and patients continue to receive the service and the care they deserve," Tyson said.

Tyson added that the strike announcement is a negotiating tactic. He said

that there was a coalition of 12 unions that represent Kaiser employees, but nine of them broke away, formed the Alliance of Health Care Unions (AHCU), and negotiated new contracts. The other three unions decided to follow new leadership, whom management said has adopted a more aggressive posture in the talks.

Tyson said the contracts signed with the AHCU "keep our Kaiser employees among the best paid in wages and benefits in the entire industry."

Kaiser is a private nonprofit, and enjoys tax breaks worth billions of dollars, the union claims. SEIU points out that Kaiser pays Tyson \$16 million a year, and at least 36 executives earn \$1 million dollars or more per year.

California politicians have endorsed the strike call. Among them were U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris, 16 U.S. representatives, 22 state senators, and 48 assembly members. The names of Valley elected officials, state Sen. Steve Glazer, Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, and U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell, all Democrats, do not appear on the supporters list sent out by the unions.

Kaiser has locations in Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Georgia, Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

Become a Census Ambassador

The application for Alameda County's Census Ambassador Program is now live.

The Census Ambassador Program is how organizations and individuals sign up to support outreach - by committing to do one of the following:

Host an event where people can complete the Census. Ideas include: census block party, census Sabbath potluck, family census night, or census forum.

Adopt-A-Block: ensure neighbors are counted and are trained to answer their questions.

Host a Questionnaire Assistance Center: ideal for nonprofits, schools, clinics, or other sites with regular foot traffic and the ability to host a space for a tablet or computer for Census taking. Sites may use their own technology or request devices from the County. Staffing the sites is not required but welcomed, or sites can request volunteers to provide users with assistance.

All Census Ambassadors are provided training and materials for their outreach.

To learn more, visit www.acgov.org/census2020.

St. Bart's Oktoberfest to be Held Oct. 5

Steins will be raised in salute to autumn at St. Bart's Oktoberfest, set for Saturday, Oct. 5, from 3 to 7 p.m., at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Livermore.

Gemütlichkeit will prevail as the Queen of Hearts Combo (Kate Snyder, vocals, and Dan Stewart, guitar) play covers from the '70s and '80s, while draft beer from local breweries is poured in the church's courtyard garden. Sausage sandwich plates and soft pretzel snacks will be available for purchase and local craftspeople will be offering their wares.

The Oktoberfest is inspired by St. Bart's Beer

Tasting & Sudsy Supper, which is traditionally presented in March and is now in its 6th year, according to Laning Thompson and Michael Mendenhall, Oktoberfest co-chairs. Among the brews to be offered are Shadow Puppet's Shadowweizen hefeweizen or Kentucky Uncommon amber ale, and Eight Bridges' darker brews such as O'Beardsley's Stout.

Admission is free; beer, snacks and dinner will be available for purchase.

Everyone is welcome! Proceeds from the event will benefit the work of the church, which is located at 678 Enos Way in Livermore.

School District Seeks Applicants for Parcel Tax Oversight Committee

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) is seeking applicants to fill five open seats on its parcel tax oversight committee.

Applicants for the two-year terms should be live or work in the community or have children in Livermore schools.

The committee usually meets in the evenings on agreed upon dates from January through May at the district office. Members prepare an annual report to present to the state Board of Education by the end of June.

Livermore voters approved Measure G in 2014.

It provided money to support critical educational programs in the district. The ballot language of the parcel tax measure called for an independent committee to provide oversight and perform annual reviews.

More information is available on the district's website at livermoreschools.org, or by contacting Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Susan Kinder at parceltax@lvjUSD.org or (925) 606-3255.

Applications must be emailed or turned in at the district office, 685 East Jack London Blvd, Livermore, by Oct. 11.

PLEASANTON ENERGY

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which permits local governments to offer alternative energy options by allowing them the ability to buy electricity from clean, renewable energy sources on behalf of ratepayers.

The council rejected a proposed partnership with East Bay Community Energy in 2016. Both Pleasanton and Newark declined to join

the program with neighboring cities and Alameda County.

The Pleasanton council instead asked city staff to evaluate the program's enrollment, cost, environmental benefits, financial viability, risks and uncertainties, and governance for 12 months to determine whether it would work for local

ratepayers. They finished looking into commercial accounts in July and expect to complete the evaluation of residential customers in November.

Now, city leaders are moving forward with plans to sign on with the program, despite concerns listed in a city report about costs, power reliability, possible

changes to monthly energy rates and the amount of renewable energy offered.

The council is set to vote on joining East Bay Community Energy during its Oct. 1 meeting. If approved, Pleasanton ratepayers will be able to choose from the new energy offerings starting in 2021.

OBITUARIES

Joshua Jonathan Gatkin Sr.

May 8, 1959 - Aug. 25, 2019

Joshua Jonathan Gatkin Sr. passed away on Sunday, Aug. 25, after a valiant and brave fight against cancer. He dedicated his life to helping others. He was loved and respected, and he touched every life that came across his path.



Josh was born and raised in New Jersey, and moved to California in 1981. He was a son, brother, husband, father, papa and uncle.

He studied paramedicine at Daniel Freeman and shortly afterwards started working as a paramedic in Southern California. Josh later relocated to the Bay Area and was hired on with Regional Ambulance Co., working as a Crew Chief/Paramedic before being hired by the Livermore Fire Department in 1988. He spent his time with the department as a firefighter/paramedic, was promoted to engineer, was on the Hazmat team, and retired in 2015 as a Captain for what is now the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department. He helped establish the EMT program at Las Positas College, teaching many students over the years the skills to become an EMT and the values it takes to do the job. Josh was also an instructor for the Chabot College Fire Academy for many years.

Josh played a huge role as a leader for Boy Scout Troop 924, where he was able to teach the scouts survival skills and was a living example of what a man of good character looks like. Many strived to be like him.

Josh participated in the Livermore Relay for Life for many years, raising awareness and money to support the fight against cancer. He loved working on his fire engine, camping, rafting and sailing in the bay, but most impor-

tantly spending time with his family, dogs and friends.

Josh is survived by his mother Judith Gatkin, loving his wife Michelle Gatkin, son and daughter-in-law Jonathan and Nicole Gatkin, brother and sister-in-law Steve and Carolyn Gatkin, nephew and niece Evan and Jordan Gatkin, daughter and son-in-law Amanda and Mike Pelley, grandchildren Mariah and Joshua Pelley, mother and father-in-law, Joyce and Jim Breckinridge, brother-in-law Ken Bradshaw, brother and sister-in-law Jeff and Marne Bradshaw, nephew and niece Garrett Lindsey Bradshaw, Cash, Riley and Lovebug, as well as many loving friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation. Checks payable to: LPPF 4847 Hopyard Road, Suite 4, PMB 303, Pleasanton, CA 94588.

Family and friends are invited to attend Josh's celebration of life on Friday, Oct. 4, 2019 at 11 a.m., with a reception to follow at Cornerstone Fellowship, 348 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore, Calif.

Patricia Case Stillman

Pat Stillman loved Sunol. As a cofounder of Save Our Sunol, she fought to keep the town and Kilkare Canyon rural. Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park owes its existence to Pat's efforts. She spearheaded the movement that protected the hills from a 2,640-home development and kept them open space. Her work with Save Our Sunol prevented the destruction of the historic Willis Polk Water Temple. It was restored and opened to the public in 2001.



She was born in Syracuse, N.Y., at the start of the Great Depression. She attended Syracuse University and received

her bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley. She remained a lifelong fan of both the Orangemen and the Cal Bears. She married Barton Stillman and they had four sons.

Pat was very politically active, supporting both local and national candidates. She was proud to call herself a liberal and believed in peace, justice and equality. She was president of the Santa Maria chapter of the NAACP. She was selected to be a delegate for the Democratic State Convention. Her efforts in conservation were recognized by the Green Belt Alliance. In 2002, she was awarded the Community Hero Award. In 2004, she was named Woman of the Year by the Legislature of the State of California, presented by state senator Liz Figueroa. Also in 2004, she was presented with a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for outstanding and invaluable service to the community. On her 90th birthday, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors commended her for her environmental and community work, along with the distinction of being the "grandmother" to Bosco, Sunol's late canine mayor.

She passed away suddenly but peacefully. She is survived by sons Peter, Thomas and William, and daughter-in-law Patricia. Her husband Barton and her son David preceded her in death, along with her brother Frank Jr. and her sister Jane.

Her memorial will be held on Oct. 12, 2019, from 3 to 5 p.m., at the Sunol Community Park.

Margaret Jean Moomau

Aug. 12, 1939 - Sep. 10, 2019

Margaret passed away peacefully on Sept. 10, 2019, surrounded by her loving family. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Margaret was born in San Francisco, the daughter of Bernard Rath and Florence Elliott. She lived in San Bruno until age 7 when the family moved to Livermore where she resided until her death.

Margaret attended Fifth Street School and graduated from Livermore High School. She attended Carol Jean Dance Studio where she was a talented performer and

acrobat. She has remained lifelong friends with her fellow dancers and school mates.



Margaret was a homemaker and worked part time at Granada Pharmacy for over 20 years. She gave birth to twin daughters in 1960, Dana and Lana, who she cherished. Then came grandchildren Nicholas Lee Johnson in 1993, and Jana Marie Johnson in 1995, whom she adored. She also loved her son-in-law Dave Cicone, who provided many wonderful meals and BBQ throughout the years. They shared many laughs together.

Margaret and her husband Nick joined a card club with six couples, more than 30 years ago. They were lifelong friends and shared many fun memories together, planning trips, traveling, laughing and sharing their lives.

She met the love of her life, Gilbert (Nick) Moomau, while babysitting when she was 16. They were married in 1958 at the Presbyterian church, and had twin daughters in 1960.

Margaret's family was the most important thing to her, and she was the center of their world. She was a loyal friend, full of love and laughter, and had a kind spirit. She never had a harsh word to say about anyone. She and Nick knew each other for 67 years and were married just shy of 61 years. They were never apart and were a true example of love and devotion.

She was preceded in death by her mom Florence Elliott, father Bernard Rath, brother Lawrence Hartman, sister-in-law Carolyn Hartman, and nephew Stephen Hartman.

Margaret is survived by her loving husband Gilbert (Nick) Moomau, daughters Dana Moomau (Cicone) and Lana Moomau (Johnson), sons-in-law (Dave Cicone)

and (Patrick Johnson), grandchildren Nicholas Johnson, Jana Johnson and Jessica Cicone, and numerous nieces and nephews.

We wish to thank Creek View, Brookdale Hospice and Callaghan's Mortuary for their tender service.

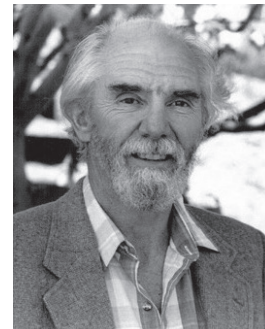
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A celebration of life will be held in Margaret's honor on Oct. 5, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Veteran's Memorial Hall in Livermore.

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

Robert (Bob) Freis

Robert (Bob) Freis passed away peacefully on Sept. 3, 2019, at age 87.



Robert shared 58 years with his beloved wife, Ruth, who passed away in 2014. He was a wonderful father to daughters Susan Gustavson and Julia Freis, father-in-law to Andy Gustavson, and grandfather to Claire and Max

Bob was born in San Francisco to Charlie and Clara Freis. He enlisted in the Navy during the Korean War, learning sonar and working on a destroyer. He went on to study at UCLA and Berkeley and become a Nuclear Physicist at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where he worked for close to 40 years.

He also wrote a weekly political cartoon strip that was published in the local newspaper, played basketball on a Lab team, acted in local theater productions, wrote a play, picketed for the United Farm workers, supported many progressive causes, rode his bike to work daily, and swam laps in the Lab pool. Later in life he took up jazz piano and then saxophone.

Bob and Ruth retired to Santa Rosa in 1999, where Bob became a regular at the Rincon Valley dog park, started a book group and performed with Indigo Jazz Band, the New Horizons Band and the Santa Rosa Junior College Jazz Workshops. Throughout his life he was a prolific artist leaving behind many beautiful sketches and paintings.

Bob will be remembered for his generosity, humor and kindness. There will be a memorial from 2 to 4 p.m. on Oct. 19, 2019, at Newman Hall on the Santa Rosa Junior College campus.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to the Santa Rosa Junior College Music Department, care of Elaine Guidry, 1501 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95401.

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Before Pleasanton starts renovation on the big slide at Mission Hills Park, 600 Junipero St., residents are invited to take a last ride on the iconic slide on Friday, Sept. 27, 5 to 7 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring picnic dinners and refillable water bottles. The City will provide cookies and information about the new slide design.

INITIATIVE

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Although the same elements are shown in both plans – park, parking, hotel, retail, residential and cultural – their location, size and nature are different.

Rebuttal in Favor Of Measure:

Don't be fooled by the city's misleading claims. Here are the facts:

FACT: City plan is not based on community input. Council spent \$500,000 on outreach but ignored 75% of respondents who wanted the hotel on the west side of Livermore Avenue.

FACT: City plan has more housing downtown. It builds 130 apartments, half four stories high, in the middle of the site. Central Park Plan has 84 homes, all three-stories high, on the edge.

FACT: City plan has fake open space. It counts walkways between buildings and the Blackbox Theater site as "open space."

FACT: City plan has no central park. Both have Stockmen's Park but only the Central Park Plan creates a beautiful showcase Central Park. It has more park acreage and real open space.

FACT: City plan has less parking where we need it. Both plans have 577 public parking spaces, but the City plan has 316 fewer parking spaces near Livermore Avenue, where the demand is.

FACT: City plan generates less tax revenue. Independent fiscal analysis by Willdan Financial Services shows that the Central Park Plan's upscale Westside Hotel and new retail will generate \$15.04 million more tax revenues over the next 30 years than the City plan.

FACT: City plan cannot move faster. Both hotels can be completed in the same timeframe. "Years of delay" would only be caused by the City Council itself!

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Their argument deliberately ignores the new L Street parking garage in the City Plan and falsely claims that their drawing has 316 more parking spaces. In truth, the City Approved Plan has 70 more available parking spaces than theirs. Another of their misrepresentations includes the Bankhead Plaza as part of their "three-acre" Central

Booze and Flying Axes Aim to Liven Pleasanton's Entertainment Scene

By Lloyd Alaban

Hurling axes and alcohol might not sound like a safe mix, but Pleasanton plans to give it a shot.

The City Council on Sept. 17 decided to allow a lounge that will feature seven lanes for ax throwing, along with a bar that serves beer and wine to help throwers take the edge off.

Michael Hill plans to open Limitless Axes & Ales in the 4,300-square-foot space that now houses Monument Car Parts in the Valley Plaza shopping center.

Two throwers would be allowed to toss axes end-over-end at wooden targets in each lane. They'd be separated with heavy mesh to prevent flying axes from landing in other lanes or elsewhere. Up to 10 people would be allowed to watch from the area behind each lane.

Children can get in on the ax-throwing action too, with permission from a parent or guardian, of course.

Everyone who wishes to fire away at the wooden

bullseye targets will first be required to watch a safety video. They'll then be coached by employees who are experienced throwers.

Canadian loggers have long competed in ax-throwing contests. Now the sport is a cutting-edge trend that's spreading across the U.S.

Limitless Axes & Ales won't be the first to offer ax-hurling action in the Bay Area. Berkeley already has Axe Ventures and Daly City is home to Bad Axe Throwing. But the Pleasanton lounge will be the first in the area to add alcohol to the mix.

The Pleasanton Planning Commission approved the permit for Limitless Axes & Ales with a 4 to 1 vote on Aug. 14. The decision would have been final, but

Vice Mayor Karla Brown on Aug. 20 called for a council review of the application after hearing concerns from residents and business owners. After debating safety and operations at the site, the five-member council unanimously approved the lounge with a few added conditions.

Ax throwers will be limited to two drinks while taking aim at their targets. A coach will be required to watch each lane. Throwers must be at least 13 years old, unless they are part of an organized youth group, in which case the minimum age is 10.

Hill, who runs Limitless Escape Games in Livermore and Stockton, hopes to open the Pleasanton lounge by the end of the year.

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accomplished in steps over the next 25 years. When finally completed, the area would not just be a place to go shopping. It would be a place to gather with green spaces for activities, a farmer's market, restaurants, signature architecture, including a hotel and some one-bedroom housing.

That idea drew approval from Dublin resident Richard Guarienti. "We have to look to the future. Let's get started," he said.

There were differing opinions on key aspects of the proposal. Some people favored including one-bedroom housing since it would be ideal for older people who

were downsizing and want to walk to all the nearby amenities. Others opposed putting any housing or a hotel in the area.

Noelita Conlogue, a longtime Dublin resident summed up the meeting. "Be grateful to have an opportunity to have a voice. Keep an open mind. The plans

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 562442

The following person(s) doing business as: Peterson Automotive and Tire, 5777 Southfront Road, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered to the following owner(s): Peterson Automotive and Tire, 5777 Southfront Road, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: October 28, 2014. Signature of Registrant/s: Courtney Peterson, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 19, 2019. Expires August 19, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4624 Published September 5, 12, 19, 26 2019.

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FILE NO. 562441

The following person(s) doing business as: Beets Hospitality Group, 316 Stealth Court, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered to the following owner(s): Beets Catering Inc., 316 Stealth Court, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: October 20, 2008. Signature of Registrant/s: Read Phillips, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 19, 2019. Expires August 19, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4625 Published September 5, 12, 19, 26 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 562435

The following person(s) doing business as: Casa Real, 410 Vineyard Ave, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered to

the following owner(s): Beets Catering Inc., 316 Stealth Court, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: February 8, 2007. Signature of Registrant/s: Read Phillips, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 19, 2019. Expires August 19, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4626 Published September 5, 12, 19, 26 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 562476

The following person(s) doing business as: Blue Water Builders, 1686 2nd Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Steve A. Kauffman, 317 Brandy CT. Valley Springs, CA 95252. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which

the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1981. Signature of Registrant/s: Steve Kauffman, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 19, 2019. Expires August 19, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4627 Published September 5, 12, 19, 26 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 562821

The following person(s) doing business as: Subway 69104, 3022 W. Jack Loding Blvd, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): R & V Foods Inc., 3852 Antonini Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Varinder K Dhillon, President.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 27, 2019. Expires August 27, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4628 September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 562977

The following person(s) doing business as: Palm event Center, 1184 Vineyard Ave, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Beets Catering Inc., 316 Stealth Ct, Livermore, CA, 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: October 20, 2008. Signature of Registrant/s: George Phillips, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 30, 2019. Expires August 30, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4629 September

12, 19, 26, October 3, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 562809

The following person(s) doing business as: Salon Saavy, 437 Division St, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Salon Saavy, 437 Division St, Pleasanton, CA 94566. 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: October 1996. Signature of Registrant/s: Mariano Saavedra Jr., President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 27, 2019. Expires August 27, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4630 September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 563093

The following person(s) do-

ing business as: Golden City Construction, 43082 Christy St, Fremont, CA 94538, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Yunshen Guo, 1359 Saratoga Ave #1, San Jose, CA 95129. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Yunshen Guo, Officer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 5, 2019. Expires September 5, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4631 September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 563148-563150

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Shree Gifts N Novelties, 2. Mon Amour Gift Shop, 3. www.monamourgiftshop.com, 2152 Carbondale Cir. Dublin, CA 94568, is

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 563327

The following person(s) doing business as: QCR, 11501 Dublin Blvd #200, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Robert Guzman, 11501 Dublin Blvd #200, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Robert Guzman, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 11, 2019. Expires September 11, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4636 September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 563273

The following person(s) doing business as: DB Consulting, 2716 Cellars Ct, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Greg Beck, 2716 Cellars Ct, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: September 3, 2014. Signature of Registrant/s: Jeannette Froeschner, Executive Director. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 22, 2019. Expires August 22, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4633 September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 562663

The following person(s) doing business as: Martin, Froeschner & Associates, 14300 Mines Road, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jeannette Froeschner, 14300 Mines Road, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: September 3, 2014. Signature of Registrant/s: Jeannette Froeschner, Executive Director. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 22, 2019. Expires August 22, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4633 September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 563053

The following person(s) doing business as: Lanzo Designs, 947 Via Del Paz, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Joan Schafte. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: September 4, 2019. Signature of Registrant/s: Joan E. Schafte, Sole Proprietor, Designer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 4, 2019. Expires September 4, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4634 September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 563317

The following person(s) doing business as: D Transporter LLC, 51 Murdell Lane #66, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): D Transporter LLC, 51 Murdell Lane #66, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Erika Quiroz, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 11, 2019. Expires September 11, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4638 September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 562552

The following person(s) doing business as: My Office Services, 730 Murdell Lane, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Katherine A. Keller, 730 Murdell Lane, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature

The following person(s) doing business as: Pawstive Affect, 4237 Tamur CT, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kevin Metz, 4237 Tamur CT, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Kevin Metz, Founder. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 20, 2019. Expires August 20, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4639 September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 563130

The following person(s) doing business as: Sew Femme, 220 Wood Street Unit 602, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Madeline Burdard, 220 Wood Street Unit 602, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Madeline Burdard, Founder. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 5, 2019. Expires September 5, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4640 September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 563126

The following person(s) doing business as: BizWorks Partners, 461 S. I Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Linda Viegas, 461 S. I Street, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: June 1, 2019. Signature of Registrant/s: Linda Viegas, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 5, 2019. Expires September 5, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4641 September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2019.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: SCOTT BRYAN GILL
Case No. RP19035338

To all heirs, beneficiaries creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: SCOTT BRYAN GILL. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: JAY ROADARME, ATTORNEY AT LAW in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests

that: BEN GILL be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. SCOTT BRYAN GILL. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: October 23, 2019 TIME: 9:31 AM Dept 202. at: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 563019

The following person(s) doing business as: Black Cat

Bootique, 5845 Rainflower Dr, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nicole Y. Cavallero, 5845 Rainflower Dr, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Nicole Y. Cavallero, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 5, 2019. Expires September 5, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4643 September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2019.

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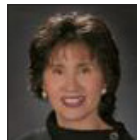
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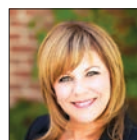
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Native American Day Celebration at Bankhead Theater Plaza Leads Off a Month of Free Community Cultural Events

Native American Day, on Saturday, Sept. 28, will kick off a month of free community cultural events at the Bankhead Theater Plaza in downtown Livermore. Sponsored by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC), the events showcase diverse cultural traditions through the sharing of music, dance,

art, crafts and food.

Native American Day features the American Indian Center Children's Pow Wow. Organized by Mary Putoff of the American Indian Center, the Children's Pow Wow will feature a dance contest for boys and girls up to age 18. The program begins at noon with the introduction and welcome of local digni-

taries. Visitors can explore a 20-foot Lakota tipi on the grass area, and visit a craft station for students. During the event, vendors will offer Native American crafts and food for sale. The winners of the dance contest will be announced at the close of the event at 5 p.m.

Cheza Nami's Taste of Africa takes place the fol-

lowing weekend, on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The 8th annual Taste of Africa offers a firsthand glimpse into and experience of African culture. The event showcases the vibrant music and movement that is central to the cultures of the African continent and diaspora with performances on the outdoor stage throughout

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FREE CULTURAL EVENTS 2019-2020 SEASON

Native American Day Celebration

Saturday, September 28, 2019 / noon – 5 p.m.

A Taste of Africa

Saturday, October 5, 2019 / 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Filipino Barrio Fiesta

Sunday, October 6, 2019 / 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Diwali Festival of Lights

Sunday, October 20, 2019 / 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

African-American Day

Saturday, January 11, 2020 / 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Lunar New Year

Saturday, January 25, 2020 / 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Hispanic Heritage Day

Saturday, May 9, 2020 / 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Photos from last year's celebrations. Top right: Native American day; above: Filipino Barrio Fiesta. See more photos on page 2. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)

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the day. African food and a variety of activities will be offered, including children's crafts, face painting, vendor booths, and displays of art and other African crafts.

On Sunday, Oct. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Filipino Barrio Fiesta will honor Filipino American History Month. Co-presented by Livermore Fil-Am, the 4th annual event will feature youth music and dance performances by Maddie B, Joseph Galang, Mini Mix'd and Freestyle Dance Collective. A "Heart of My People" award will be presented to young entrepreneur Simone Hufana,

creator of the first coloring book representing women of color, "Color Her Story." Artifacts and script will be exhibited by Bayani Art and Kristian Kabuay, along with an historical display by the Bulosan Center for Filipino Studies, and Filipino food, crafts and activities.

The 4th annual celebration of Diwali will be held on Sunday, Oct. 20, at 11 a.m. Honoring the traditions of the Festival of Lights, a holiday celebrated in India and throughout Southeast Asia, the event will feature lively and colorful Bollywood and Classical Indian dances, as well as a story-

teller who will capture the history and meaning of the holiday. World-renowned musician Ustad Lal Bhatti Ji will perform on Dhol. There will be a craft area for children, and booths offering Bollywood apparel, jewelry, diya decorations, and rangoli art.

Additional free family-oriented cultural events are scheduled in 2020: African-American Day on Jan. 11, Lunar New Year on Jan. 25, and Hispanic Heritage Day on May 9.

To learn more, visit lvpac.org.



Taste of Africa



Diwali (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)



SHORT NOTES

Sipping with the Symphony

Sipping with the Symphony returns on Thursday, Sept. 26, from 4 to 8 p.m., as part of Page Mill Winery's Twilight Tastings, benefitting valley nonprofits.

Page Mill Winery will donate the \$10 tasting fee and 10% of all sales to the Livermore Amador Symphony Guild. The evening music by the Symphony's own Judy Eckart, violin 1; Jacqueline McBride, violin 2; Ursula Goldstein, viola; and Sandra Baker, cello.

The Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild provides financial support for valley-wide symphony programs. Through estate sales and other fundraising events, the Guild has contributed to scholarships for young musicians and supported educational programs.

Page Mill Winery is located at 1960 S. Livermore Ave. To learn more about the LAS Guild, visit livermoreamadorsymphony.org.

Livermore Pride Celebration

The inaugural Livermore Pride Celebration will take place on Saturday, Oct. 19, from noon to 4 p.m., outdoors in the Bankhead Theater plaza.

Volunteers are needed; those interested may attend one of two training sessions: Oct. 12 or Oct. 16. Visit website for time and location.

On Monday, Oct. 14, a fundraising dinner and kick-off party will be held at Sidetrack Bar + Grill in Pleasanton. Livermore Pride 2019 meets at 6 p.m. every Tuesday at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore, in Room 9.

To learn more, visit www.livermorepride.org.

State of the District Luncheon

The Dublin Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 2019 State of the District Luncheon with Supervisor Scott Haggerty on Thursday, Oct. 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Shannon Community Center,

11600 Shannon Ave., Dublin.

All are invited to attend to hear about regional initiatives, including infrastructure, transportation, economic development and housing.

Tickets are \$45 for members, and \$55 for non-members.

To register, visit www.dublinchamberofcommerce.org.

Events at Las Positas Vineyards

On the weekend of Sept. 28-29, Las Positas Vineyards will feature their new Cheesecake Cupcake Truffle & Wine Pairing Flight, along with offering a Reserve Flight. Tasting Room hours are 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact curt@laspositasvineyards.com.

Las Positas Vineyards' Sunday Funday takes place on Sept. 29, featuring their new elevated Tasting & Tour Experience. The tour is guided by their wine ambassador, finishing in the Winemaker Cottage with a private sit-down food and wine pairing experience. The 90-minute experience is offered at noon and 2:30 p.m. For more information, email Andrew@laspositasvineyards.com.

Sunflower Hill Sip & Paint

The Sunflower Hill Sip & Paint event takes place on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 2 to 5 p.m., at Hagemann Ranch, 455 Olivina Rd., Livermore. Tickets, \$75, include a gourd, a glass of Livermore Valley wine, light appetizers, and painting supplies and design guidance.

Sunflower Hill is a nonprofit working to create a sustainable residential community for individuals with special needs. To learn more, visit sunflowerhill.org.

Pleasanton Club Accepting Grant Applications

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton's Foundation is accepting grant applications through Oct. 31. To learn more, visit www.pleasantonrotary.org.

The Livermore Art Association

The Livermore Art Association is showcasing the works of diverse artists at its exhibit titled "Show of Champions," in the Civic Center Branch of the Livermore Public Library, 1188 South Livermore Ave. The exhibit, located in the front hall of the library, will remain on display throughout the month of September.

More than 30 works are shown, and all of the participating artists have won awards for their artwork. The exhibit includes artwork using oils, acrylics, pastels, printmaking, drawings, and photography.

Participating artist are: Sarah Harrington, Kathleen Hill, Larry Lagin, Meghana Mitragotri, Maclyn Pons, Barbara Reynolds, Lisa Rigge, Ron Rigge, Diane Rodriguez, Stephen Rodriguez, Alyn Saroyan, Charlotte Severin, Lynne Shephard, Clark Streeter, Craig Varden, Dianne Varen, and Norma Webb.

Events at Charles R Vineyards

Wine-down for the weekend with a glass or bottle of Charles R wine on the garden patio at the Fourth Friday Free Concert with Spencer James on Sept. 27, from 6 to 9 p.m.

On Saturday, Sept. 28, from 1 to 4 p.m., visitors can enjoy Ukulele "Monster" Jam & Open Mic with Steve Kritzer.

On Saturday, Oct. 5, 6 to 9:30 p.m., Belt Buckles, Boots and Blue Jeans - Wine Club Dinner & Dancing Under the Stars takes place. Tickets are \$75 for members and guests.

Jewelry Donations Needed

The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop in Pleasanton is holding its semi-annual jewelry event on Oct. 11-13. Beforehand, the Discovery Shop is requesting donations of necklaces, bracelets, rings and watches. Vintage, designer, costume and precious jewelry items are welcomed.

The Discovery Shop is located in the Mission Plaza, 1989 Santa Rita Rd., Suite E., Pleasanton. For more information, contact Kelley Meno (925) 462-7374.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews Yom Kippur

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews is hosting a secular, humanistic observance of Yom Kippur with a Kol Nidre service on Tuesday, Oct. 8, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore.

The service includes a program of readings in English, with a discussion and music. The event is child-friendly, but not child-centered, and is free to members or \$20 for non-member adults. To RSVP or for more information, call (925) 485-1049.

Twilight Tasting

On Thursday, Oct. 3, from 4:30 to 8 p.m., the Friends of the Vineyards (FOV) are hosting the 5th annual Twilight Tasting at Page Mill Winery, 1960 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

Page Mill is donating all \$10 tasting fees and 10% of all purchases to FOV. Monies raised will support scholarships for students in the Viticulture and Winery Technology Program at Las Positas College.

In addition to sampling a flight of Page Mill wine, attendees will enjoy a variety of light snacks, and may participate in raffles for six-packs of Las Positas College Wines and a gift basket of Page Mill Wines.

Bishop to Officiate Mass and to Speak

The Most Reverend Oscar Cantú, Bishop of San Jose, will officiate 9 a.m. mass on Thursday, Oct. 3, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore, followed by a special 9:45 a.m. talk, "Ministry to the Less Fortunate - Iraq, Africa and the Middle East."

Bishop Cantú is a social justice leader, and a firm advocate for those without a voice. All are welcome. For more information, contact Janet Schott at (925) 373-9346.

From October through May, the WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) ministry will meet on Thursdays, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Borromeo Hall. The faith-enriching ministry hosts a variety of speakers and addresses topics with a spiritual or humanitarian message. To learn more, call Phyllis Clearwater (925) 337-4299, or visit www.stcharleslivermore.org/WINGS.asp.

Genealogy Help

In celebration of National Family History Month, the Livermore – Amador Genealogical Society (L-AGS) is holding two public outreach events at the Livermore Library to promote community interest in family heritage by helping people locate their ancestors in census and other records. The events take place on Wednesdays, Oct. 2 and 9, from 2 to 5 p.m.

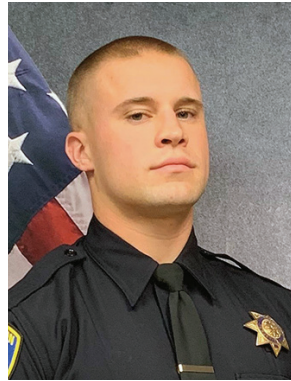
Attendees are asked to bring whatever information they have available regarding grandparents' names and communities where ancestors lived in the years 1940, 1930, and/or 1920.

Visit L-AGS.org.

Pleasanton Police Department Promotes Police Sergeant, Welcomes New Officers



Officer Charles Mayo



Officer Matthew Campisi



Officer David Cach



Officer Lee Godfrey

In a special badge-pinning ceremony this week, Pleasanton Police Department Chief Dave Spiller promoted Detective Anthony Pittl to Police Sergeant, and welcomed Officer David Cach, Officer Charles Mayo, Officer Matthew Campisi and Community Service Officer Lee Godfrey to the department.

Sergeant Anthony Pittl was born and raised in Pleasanton. After graduating from Amador Valley High School in 2000, he joined the United States Marine Corps and served

four years. In 2009, Pittl joined the Pleasanton Police Department as a police officer. In 2010, Pittl joined the East County Tactical Team and has held the roles of operator, force options instructor and is currently an assistant team leader. Pittl developed an active threat/shooter presentation and has put on a variety of trainings not only for the department, but also for businesses throughout Pleasanton. In 2016, Pittl was selected to join the Criminal Investigations Unit where he worked as a detective to solve a

variety of crimes. Pittl is currently pursuing a degree from the American Military University.

Officer David Cach was raised in Livermore. After graduating from Livermore High School, he went to Las Positas College where he earned an AA Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cach is joining the Pleasanton Police Department as a lateral police officer from the Oakland Housing Authority Police Department, where he has worked for the past eight years. Cach spent the majority of his career on patrol, but was also assigned to the Crime Prevention Unit.

Officer Charles Mayo was born and raised in Manteca, Calif. He graduated from East Union High School and soon after joined the United States Air Force. Serving in the Air Force, Mayo joined the prestigious Security Forces Unit where he traveled to over 60 countries with the President of the United States, Vice President and Secretary of State. Mayo was hired as a police officer after he successfully completed the San Joaquin Delta College Police Academy.

Officer Matthew Campisi was raised in Folsom, Calif. After graduating from Folsom High School, he

enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he completed a four-year overseas tour as a machine gunner. After returning home, Campisi enrolled in a Criminal Justice program at Sierra College in Rocklin, Calif. On March 11, 2019, he was hired as a Police Recruit and successfully completed his academy training at the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Regional Training Center earlier this week.

Community Service Officer Lee Godfrey was raised in San Lorenzo, Calif., and graduated from Moreau Catholic High School. He attended California State University, East Bay, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice with a Minor in Sociology. After college, Godfrey worked as a loss prevention officer in the Tri-Valley where he was recognized for his work in theft resolution and participation with community events.

Officer Cach, Officer Mayo, Officer Campisi and Community Service Officer Godfrey will undergo an approximate 16-week training period before patrolling Pleasanton on their own. Sergeant Pittl's promotion is effective immediately and he has been reassigned to the Operations Division.



Sergeant Anthony Pittl

New Hours at Livermore Library's Rincon Branch

The Livermore Public Library has expanded hours at the Rincon Branch Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays, which will now be open from 2 to 6 p.m.

The Rincon Branch Library is located next to Marylin Avenue Elementary School, allowing children to walk over after school to use the Library's Homework Center. The Library Board of Trustees made it a priority to extend the Homework Center hours since the Rincon Branch Library is located in the most socioeconomically diverse area of Livermore. The Homework Center supports students by offering one-on-one homework assistance during weekday afternoons. With the expanded hours, the Homework Center will now be open throughout the week.

"We are excited to be able to extend hours at the Rincon Branch Library in order to provide access to our Homework Center throughout the week," said Library Services Director Tamera LeBeau. "While the Homework Center was the motivating factor behind adding Tuesday and Thursday hours, regular library services will be available at the Rincon Branch during these hours as well."

The increase in hours at the Rincon Branch Library was possible due to a modest budget increase, several funding shifts, and some staff time being saved with the recent elimination of overdue fines.

The Rincon Branch Library is located at 725 Rincon Ave. For more information about library programs and services, visit www.livermorelibrary.net, or call (925) 373-5500.

IGNITE! Art + Innovation



Scene from last year's IGNITE! event

IGNITE! Art + Innovation takes place on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 5 to 9 p.m. in front of the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton.

The free, family-friendly event lights up the night with innovative arts and technologies, an illuminated attire parade, hands-on activities, entertainment, booths, and food trucks. Performances include: Quatrosound, North Wind – Sound Sculpting, Te Mana O Te Ra - Tahitian Dance, Rasatmika Arts Dance Ensemble, and High School Music Collaborative.

Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club: Creating Living Soil



Michael Wittman will speak to garden club about creating healthy soil.

On Thursday, Oct. 10, the Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club (LAVGC) will focus on "Creating Living Soil." All who love gardening and wish to improve their soil are invited to attend.

The evening's speaker will be Michael Wittman, founder of Blue Sky Biochar, a firm promoting sustainable soil health and the means to make it happen. During his talk, Wittman will provide information on biochar, with instructions on how to create and maintain living soil. He will cover key components such as biochar, custom compost, worm castings, complex rock dust blend and mycorrhizae.

Wittman's own edible garden is a laboratory for

what he teaches, including rainwater harvesting, composting, making biochar, and concocting soil-improving mixtures. He has influenced municipal planting practices in his home city of Thousand Oaks, Calif., resulting in not only better plant viability but reduced water and chemical input use. He offers a free online course which can be found on the Blue Sky Biochar Facebook page.

The LAVGC meets in the multi-purpose room of Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton, on the second Thursday of each month, September through May, at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

In addition to regular meetings, LAVGC hosts a variety of events for

its members, including a monthly luncheon meeting on the fourth Monday. Meeting separately are many special-interest groups, including floral design, garden tours, and edible gardening. Club members volunteer their time and energy to maintain a number of community service projects including: the Sensory Garden at the Senior Center

in Pleasanton; Hansen Park Rose Garden in Livermore; Eden Garden, which donates organic produce to the food bank; Camp Arroyo, which exposes children to the joys of gardening; and SeedShare, which offers free seed packets available in the libraries of both Pleasanton and Livermore.

To learn more, visit www.lavgc.org.

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Pace for Peace to Take Place On October 5th

Tri-Valley Haven's October Pace for Peace takes place on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 8 a.m. Walkers and runners participating in the 5K/10K run through Livermore wine country may register at 7 a.m. at 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore, or register online.

Faith Alpher will emcee the event, with proceeds going to local survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence and homelessness. Medals will also be given, and refreshments provided after the race.

To learn more, visit www.trivalleyhaven.org.



Pace for Peace 5K/10K Run

Convergent Exhibit at the Firehouse

The Harrington Gallery inside Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center will host "Convergences: Science, Technology, and Art," from Sept. 28 through Oct. 26.

The exhibit opens with an Artists' Reception on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. The public is welcome to explore the works, meet and chat with the artists, and enjoy light refreshments. A donation of \$5 is suggested.

Gallery curator Alena Sauzade described the theme: "Unique artistic visions of the planet, space, and human biology come together in Convergences; an innovative exhibit focused on artists who practice at the intersections of science, technology, and art." She noted that the works range from abstracted graphite drawings of the earth from above to sculpted biological macro structures, and that they all in some way examine fundamental questions about human life, the fragility of the earth, and the possibilities of life beyond our planet.

Using a wide variety of media — including painting, multimedia, photography and drawing — the artists are Kimberly D'Adamo Green, Scott Kildall, Ray Koh, Christy Kovacs, Hannah Perrine Mode, Sarah Ratchye and Christine Weir.

YOUNG @ ART: "Art+Science!" is a special class connected to the exhibit for young people ages 5-11. The class takes place on Thursday, Oct. 17, from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. Participants will have a guided exploration of the exhibit, then learn to use art techniques to explore the natural world. Register at www.pleasantonfun.com, code 16078. The fees are \$18 for Pleasanton residents, and \$21 for non-residents.

Valley Montessori Students Plan Low-Waste Festival

Students at Valley Montessori School plan to leave nothing behind when they host a Harvest Festival for the community on Friday, Oct. 4.

"We invite families and neighbors to come spend the afternoon building community, celebrating all-things-fall, and learning to be more mindful about waste reduction," said Molly Oto, the school's community relations coordinator. "This year, Valley Montessori School — a California Green Business — is increasing awareness about sustainability at our Harvest Festival."

The festival takes place on the school campus, 1273 N. Livermore Ave., from 3 to 6 p.m.

"At our annual Harvest Festival, families enjoy coming together on our beautiful campus, exploring the pumpkin patch, joining in games and crafts, and dancing to live music," Oto said. "Garden enthusiasts can bring their questions to the master gardener available in our Edible Schoolyard, which features fruit trees, garden boxes and egg-laying chickens. Fresh jams and pies will be available for purchase from a local farm. We encourage attendees to bring reusable water bottles to keep this event green."

Conservation consultant David Darlington has been working with the school to create a low-waste event.

"By working with vendors, staff, students and participants, the goal is to

have the smallest amount of event solid waste going to landfill," Darlington said. "As students understand what is going on with the wellbeing and health of the planet, they realize that they are the ones who will need to be the instruments of change, as their very lives are at stake."

"The 4Rs is one of the tenets for a sustainable world. Past and present generations have sacrificed the health of the planet in exchange for money, comfort and laziness," the Livermore resident continued. "If the kids of today aren't provided the education and the opportunity to slow down, stop and reverse the damage, we run the risk of catastrophic consequences for all life on the planet."

While festival organizers aim to create an event short on waste, they don't plan to skimp on fun. The festival will include face painting, a petting zoo, live music, a pumpkin patch, an obstacle course, crafts for all ages, and food trucks selling delicious crepes, traditional barbeque, ethnic food, and Italian ice. All are invited to attend.

"We hope students enjoy the deep sense of community at our school, and enjoy the fall season outdoors," Oto said. "Our students are fantastic educators and our Harvest Festival is an opportunity for them to share their knowledge and passions about recycling."

To learn more, visit valleymontessorischool.com.

Missing Man Ministry Helps Widowed Women



Missing Man Ministry Dinner Banquet to be held Oct. 5

At 15 years old, David Doyle lost his father. David's wife Anita also lost her father; she was just 11 when he died. David and Anita both had three siblings. And they both witnessed their widowed mothers' struggle to carry on.

Their story doesn't end there. Today, David and Anita Doyle work to relieve the anguish of families who have lost husbands and fathers.

"I tell people, 'It's personal to us,'" Doyle said. "Anita and I both saw what it was like for our mothers to suddenly be the sole provid-

ers for four kids."

Missing Man Ministry (M3) steps in to ease widows' burdens by offering services that include grief care, financial planning, car repairs and yardwork.

On Saturday, Oct. 5, M3 is hosting its 8th Annual Missing Man Ministry fall dinner banquet to benefit widows and fatherless children. The event is set for 5 to 8:30 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship, 348 Canyons Pkwy., Livermore.

"My true 'nirvana,' if you will, is seeing everybody in one place, gathered for a common cause — to support

these women," David Doyle said. "Some are in the audience, and of course more are in our future. One just never knows."

Despite the gravity of the M3 mission, the annual fundraising banquet is both moving and uplifting.

"It's festive, because everybody there, for the most part, knows about our nonprofit and our mission. They're there to hear what we've been doing since last year, and they really like to hear the stories about who we've helped," Doyle said. "It's a celebration, knowing that we're there to help."

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for registration, bidding on silent auction items, and shopping the live auction items. During dinner, catered by Cabana Dave's, speakers share their stories. Particularly touching are those shared by widows and by college students who have received scholarships.

Tickets are \$75, and are available either online in advance or at the door.

"One hundred percent of the money raised goes directly to our clients," Doyle said. "None of the board members accept pay for this mission."

Along with a handful of board members, more than 100 volunteers carry out the work of M3, with each individual case beginning with financial planning to assess the family's immediate and long-term needs.

"Even in 2019, when the catastrophic event of losing a spouse happens, many women don't know whether they're broke or in good shape financially," Doyle said.

Each year, around 170 people have attended the banquet. This year, Doyle is hoping for 200.

"After the sudden, heartbreaking loss of their husbands, many women have to fight through shock and sadness to pick up the pieces of their lives for their children. Losing a life partner can mean they don't have anyone to turn to, to help sort through the rubble and rebuild," he said. "I hope banquet attendees go home with memories of how they helped. In some cases, they'll go home with silent or live auction items. But going home with the memories of helping someone is priceless."

To learn more, visit www.missingmanministry.org.

Speakeasy Gala Benefits Education

The Dublin Partners in Education (DPIE) will celebrate their annual Speakeasy Gala on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 6 to 11 p.m., at the Shannon Community Center, 11600 Shannon Ave., Dublin. The evening will feature a hosted bar, seated dinner, silent and live auctions, and a DJ for dancing.

The Speakeasy Gala is DPIE's most significant and visible fundraiser of

the year. Proceeds benefit programs for all students in the Dublin Unified School District.

The DPIE is a non-profit education foundation that supports the district's 12 school sites. Its goal is to unite the community and local businesses to bridge the funding gap that exists in public education.

Tickets, \$85, are available at www.dpie.org.

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Witches Night Out takes place on Wednesday, Oct. 2, in downtown Livermore. Participants get a head start on shopping while enjoying a martini pub crawl. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Livermore Tree Sweaters



Now in its fifth year, the tree sweater forest returns to First St. in downtown Livermore. When the sweaters are taken down, they will be repurposed as animal comfort blankets for the Valley Humane Society. Christian Huffman (pictured) helps stitch a sweater onto a tree. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)

"Reimagining Your Best Elderhood" Author Aronson to Speak On October 8



Louise Aronson

Author, Harvard-trained geriatrician and professor at University of California, San Francisco, Dr. Louise Aronson will discuss "Reimagining Your Best Elderhood" on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 1 p.m., at Livermore's St. Borromeo Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave. All are invited to attend the free talk and book signing.

In her book, "Elderhood — Redefining Aging, Transforming Medicine, Reimagining Life," Aronson breaks down preconceived ideas about aging and old age, diving deep into the counterproductive ways medical systems and societal attitudes shape life from age 60 onward.

With modern increases in human lifespans, the period of elderhood—what Aronson calls the third and final stage of life, after childhood and adulthood—may now span 40 years. But in America, society has turned old age into a disease, a condition to be dreaded, disparaged, neglected and denied.

Sharing stories from her personal and professional life, and drawing from history, science, literature and popular culture, Aronson

offers a powerful roadmap for approaching old age. Using what experiences have taught her, she envisions a large-scale shift in society's—and medicine's—attitude toward aging, made up of crucial adjustments in how we see the changes in each other's and our own bodies, how we care for older people, how we set doctors' salaries and bill patients, and ultimately, how we conceive of the final third of life — not as an ending or decline, but as yet another stage of life with its hardships and challenges, opportunities and joys.

Associated with the longer life span and its different needs comes the need for those years to be as productive and comfortable as possible. This cannot be accomplished if growing older is regarded as a downward spiral rather than a time rich in satisfying experiences that may not have been possible when younger. Aronson notes that ensuring a good later life not only requires age-appropriate responses from medical providers, but also mandates proactivity to prevent or forestall complications of aging; for example, she cites programs, such as fall-prevention education, as being more effective than

dealing with the surgeries and rehabilitation required after a fall.

Aronson speaks with the authority of a scientist and the fervent care of a human being. Her discussion uses the vocabulary of the lay person, so all can grasp and apply message.

To learn more, visit st-charleslivermore.org, and louisearonson.com.

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ART & ENTERTAINMENT



ArtWalk, Oct. 12

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

ArtWalk, the Tri Valley's premiere one day art festival. Over 200 artists display their works surrounded by boutique shops, wine tasting rooms and restaurants in historic downtown Livermore. Live music and artists will be at all the parks downtown. The Bankhead Plaza will have cultural arts groups performing between 12 and 4 pm. An LVPAC free event. lvpac.org, 925-373-6800.

Livermore Art Association Exhibit at Civic Center Library
The Livermore Art Association is showcasing the works of diverse artists at its exhibit titled "Show of Champions," in the Civic Center Branch of the Livermore Public Library, 1188 South Livermore Ave. The exhibit, located in the front hall of the library, will remain on display throughout the month of September. More than 30 works are shown, and all of the participating artists have won awards for their artwork. The exhibit includes artwork using oils, acrylics, pastels, printmaking, drawings, and photography.

Livermore Art Association Gallery, located in the Carnegie Building, offers art classes, unusual gifts, art exhibits and information pertaining to the art field, 2155 Third Street, Livermore. The gallery has been

open since 1974 and is run as a co-op by local artists. Hours are Wed.-Sat. 11:30 to 4 pm and Sunday 10 to 2:30 pm. For information call 449-9927.

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

Art Reception: Where Art and Nature Meet, Exhibit Dates: Sept. 11 through Oct. 28. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.lvpac.org or 373-6800.

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 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 - microangelo@earthlink.net.

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

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Ukulele Circle, Meetings held the last Saturday of each month from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First Street, Livermore.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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.

Marc Broussard, 8 p.m. Sept. 28. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 925-931-4848.

COMEDY

Free Comedy Show every Thursday at Sanctuary from 7:30-9:00 pm in the Skylight Room at Sanctuary, 2369 First St. in Livermore.

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

ON THE STAGE

Open Mic Events at the Bankhead, Oct. 30, from 6 to 9 p.m. Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) has announced that StarsDay, the new free open-mic event, will be extended through October 2019. Designed to encourage local musicians, vocalists and spoken-word artists to share their talents with the community, StarsDay takes place the last Wednesday of each month in the outdoor courtyard of the Bankhead Theater. Any musician, artist or group can sign up to perform, and will be assigned a time slot based on space available. Two microphones will be available for use, but musicians are responsible for bringing their own instruments and any other equipment needed. The Bankhead House Band "Force of Magic" will also perform. Admission is free, and beverages and snacks will be available. Entry to the courtyard is through the gate to the right

of the Bankhead Theater box office, located at 2400 First St. in downtown Livermore.

MOVIES

"Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety" hosted by Axis Community Health on three Wednesday nights in coming months. The screenings will be followed by an audience discussion with input from a panel of professionals. "Angst" tell the stories of kids and teens who discuss their anxiety and its impact on their lives and relationships, as well as how they've found solutions and hope. The film includes a special interview with Olympian and mental health advocate Michael Phelps. Screenings: Livermore' October 23, at 6:30 p.m., at The Vine Cinema, 1722 First Street; Dublin, November 13, at 6:30 p.m., at the Center for Performing Arts and Education, 8151 Village Parkway. www.axishealth.org.

Dublin Picnic Flix, Free Summer Movie Series at Emerald Glen



A Taste of Africa Celebration, Oct. 5



The Altamont Cruisers Nostalgia Day Car Show, Sept. 29

Park. Movies will begin at dusk usually 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Food trucks and other snack food vendors will be on site starting at 7 pm. Attendees are encouraged to dress warmly and bring low-back chairs and blankets. Pets are not allowed. Lucille's Smokehouse BBQ in Dublin (7202 Amador Plaza Road) is offering 15% off take-out orders to enjoy while watching the movie (print and present flyer from website).

OPERA

Eugene Onegin, Livermore Valley Opera, Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m., Sept. 29, 2 p.m. Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 6, 2 p.m. Tchaikovsky's best-loved opera. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.lvpac.org or 925-373-6800.

MISCELLANEOUS

Native American Day. The 4th annual Native American Day takes place on Saturday, Sept. 28, from noon to 5 p.m., at the Bankhead Theater Shea Homes plaza. The family-friendly

event for all ages, offered in association with Livermore's American Indian Center, will include a tipi tour of a 20-foot Lakota tipi, dancing and singing, artifacts, free crafts provided by volunteers for all students, and Native American food selections.

Altamont Cruisers Car Show

The Altamont Cruisers will host their 30th Nostalgia Day Car Show in downtown Livermore on Sunday, Sept. 29. All are invited to enjoy the free, family-friendly show taking place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over three decades, the car show has grown to display more than 600 muscle cars, street rods, and custom and classic cars, and draws more than 10,000 spectators each year. With its motto "Cruisers Against Drugs," the car club has donated more than \$600,000 to local organizations that help keep kids off drugs and alcohol, and promote strong families. To learn more, visit www.altamontcruisers.org.

Witches Night Out. It's time to gather friends and get in a spooky mood for Witches Night Out on Wednesday, Oct. 2, from 6 to 9 p.m. The annual martini

pub crawl and shopping open house takes place in downtown Livermore. www.livermore-downtown.com.

Livermore Airport Open House.

All are invited to the Livermore Airport Open House and Airshow, held each year on the first Saturday in October. The event features parachute demonstration jumps, military/war-bird fly-bys, Kid Zone activities, representatives from local flight schools, Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department Safety House, classic cars, wine tasting and food trucks. This year, the 23rd annual event takes place on Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 680 Terminal Circle. Parking and admission are free. www.cityoflivermore.net.

Taste of Africa. The Cheza Nami Foundation presents its 8th annual Taste of Africa extravaganza on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., in downtown Livermore. The free outdoor festival is a celebration of culture and diversity offering food, music and a variety of activities, including children's crafts, face painting, vendor booths, and a travelling art

exhibit. www.chezanami.org
IGNITE! 2.0 Art + Innovation. As the sun goes down, Ignite lights up. The free event takes place under the stars outside the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., in Pleasanton. Held on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 5 to 9 p.m., the festival features hands-on activities for all ages, including light installations, innovative art displays, computer technology, music and robotics.

Filipino Barrio Fiesta will honor Filipino American History Month. Sunday, Oct. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Co-presented by Livermore Fil-Am, the 4th annual event will feature youth music and dance performances by Maddie B, Joseph Galang, Mini Mix'd and Freestyle Dance Collective. A "Heart of My People" award will be presented to young entrepreneur Simone Hufana, creator of the first coloring book representing women of color, "Color Her Story." Artifacts and script will be exhibited by Bayani Art and Kristian Kabuay, along with an historical display by the Bulosan Center for Filipino Studies, and Filipino food, crafts and activities.

Bent Creek Winery, October 16, Wine Wednesday as the last TGIT of the season. Featuring: Mojo Swingers. 5455 Greenville Rd., Livermore, 925-455-6320

Museum on Main Annual Ghost Walk, a two-hour guided tour of Pleasanton's most haunted sites along Main Street in the downtown area. A volunteer team of ghost hosts lead groups, while actors play the roles of the various ghosts around town. Advance ticket purchase is highly recommended. Tours depart the museum every 30 minutes between the hours of 6 - 8 p.m. on: Friday, October 18; Saturday, October 19; Friday, October 25; and Saturday, October 26. Costumes are highly encouraged! Tickets are \$20 for adults, and \$15 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased online at

www.museumonmain.org, by phone at 925-462-2766, or in person at Museum on Main, located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton. It is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Hagemann Ranch Open House.

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

A Writers Meetup for Adults

18 and older meets on the first Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue,

Livermore, CA. There is no charge and no sign-up needed to attend this informal gathering. Hosted by local writer and NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) participant Sydney Dent. To learn more about this program check the library's website at Livermorelibrary.net or call the library at 925-373-5500.

Political Issues Book Club

meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, and reads books about issues and trends that are driving current affairs, 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.



Filipino Barrio Fiesta, Oct. 6

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San Ramon Women's Club Holiday Fantasy, November 3, Crow Canyon Country Club, El Capitan Dr, San Ramon, noon - 4:30 p.m. \$65 donation includes great dinner, wonderful prizes, holiday trees and wreaths, and optional casino. Details and reservations at dsrwomensclub.

Grief Workshop will be held on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. through Oct. 24, at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. Pre-registration is required. Call Eleanor at (925) 846-8708 for more information. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

Tri-Valley Trailblazers are sponsoring a free presentation, "Pine Nut Wild Horse Advocates," on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 7 p.m., at the Livermore Library. TVT focuses on all matters that pertain to the use, enjoyment, care of or improvement of horses, safety and horsemanship, and the preservation of and enhancement of trails. www.facebook.com/TVTrailblazers, and www.facebook.com/Wildhorseadvocates.

How to Write a Book in Six Weeks is a fast-track class that teaches writing secrets and techniques to turn prose into page-turners. It covers all prose genres: fiction, memoir and nonfiction. Classes take place on six Thursdays, Sept. 12 to Oct. 17, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. The course is \$110, and includes professional editing by instructor Barbara Flores, an award-winning four-time author. To register, call (925) 373-5700 or visit www.larpd.org.

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

The Fifth Annual Hope 100 Golf Marathon accepting player registrations. Join Hope Hospice for a fun and challenging day where you will be among an exclusive group of passionate golfers completing 100 holes in one day, all for a great cause!

The event takes place September 30 at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton. Each golfer commits to raising \$2,500, with net proceeds benefiting Hope's patient care and grief support programs in the East Bay and Tri-Valley areas. You can pay your own \$2,500 entry fee directly, or encourage friends and family to collectively support you and cover the fee. Register at hope100golfmarathon.com. For registration questions or sponsorship inquiries, contact the Hope Hospice Development Department at (925) 829-8770.

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

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 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 Jones at jmardar.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 changed since you were discharged. We enjoy new faces and guarantee you will enjoy being around veterans. Visit our post at americanlegionpost237@comcast.net

Alcoholics Anonymous If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, we can help. Call AA) 925-829-0666

Native Daughters of the Golden West, (California born Women) is a fraternal and patriotic organization founded on the principles of : Love of Home; Devotion to the Flag; Veneration of the Pioneers; Faith in the Existence of God., Angelita Parlor No. 32, Livermore, meet first Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, I.O.O.F Hall, 2160 First St., Livermore (easy entrance from back of building) Rec. Sec.: Shelley Buchberger, 925-698-4345- website: NDGW.org

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

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

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

Livermore Veterans of Foreign

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

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

Docents for the Livermore 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 E-mail n.mulligan@comcast.net

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

Counter Point (Addiction Family Support Group), 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 Evenson at 925-209-1214 for more information.

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

Pleasanton Lions Club, meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m at Inklings Coffee Shop, 530

Main Street, Pleasanton. Check website for meeting updates pleasantonlionsclub.org. Pleasanton Lions Club is a non-profit organization that seeks to identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved visit pleasantonlionsclub.org. All are welcome.

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

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

Ethos, 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/ or Jill Duerig / 1-510-378-7243 / jillduerig@hotmail.com

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

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

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

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

college scholarships and other charities. For information, contact Judy Wellbeloved, president, 462-2487.

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

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

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

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

Sons in Retirement (SIR) is a social group of retired men who join together to better enjoy their leisure time. Activities include golf, bridge, photography, travel, fishing, biking, wine tasting, and technology. The Tri-Valley Branch serves men living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, and San Ramon. The group meets for lunch on the first Thursday of each month at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon. Please read more about the Tri-Valley SIR at www.trivalleysir.org/ and the Statewide SIR at www.sirinc.org/. For information or to attend a meeting, call Carl Churilo, 925-967-8177.

American Legion Post 47 in Livermore is looking for veterans in the Livermore area who are interested in performing community service for young people and promoting veterans affairs. Interested veterans will meet with other like-minded veterans for camaraderie and support of veterans' causes. The American Legion is the largest federally chartered veterans organization that is the veterans lobby and voice to congress. The Livermore

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

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

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

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

Pleasanton Newcomers Club, open to new and established residents of the Tri-Valley. Activities include a coffee the first Wednesday of the month, a luncheon on the second Wednesday of the month, Bunco, Mah Jongg, walking/hiking groups, family activities, and monthly adult socials. Information, call 925-215-8405 or visit www.PleasantonNewcomers.com

Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) offers services to help people with disabilities and supports them to live independently and participate in their community. CRIL has offices in Hayward, Fremont and Livermore, providing information and referrals, community education at senior centers, and affordable housing complexes to residents of Southern Alameda County. The Tri-Valley office is located at 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore 94550. Phone: (925) 371-1531, fax: (925) 373-5034, e-mail: abril.tamayoa@cril-online.org. All services are free.

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

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

a focus on charity and fellowship. Those interested in helping with "the cause," enjoying social activities, and forming long-lasting friendships, contact Edith Caponigro at 925-998-3500 or Jenny Whitehouse at 925-621-8946 for additional information.

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

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

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

RELIGION

First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore, 8:30 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program For more information www.fpcl.us or 925-447-2078.

Tri-Valley Bible Church, 2346 Walnut St., Livermore, holds Sunday worship at 10 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 9 a.m. Children's classes during adult worship service. AWANA children's program Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 449-4403 or www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com.

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

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

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (csjo.org). Information, Rabbi Judith Seid, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, 485-1049 or 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. For information, call (925) 447-2946.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Meditation groups following the John Main tradition, every Monday 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. For details, contact Claire La Scala at 447-9800.

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

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

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925)

447-3289. www.saintbartsLivermore.com. Sunday service with Rev. Andrew Lobban, pastor and priest, 10:00 am Eucharist with music, childcare and Godly Play children education.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Well Community Outreach Center ministry provides meats, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school supplies (only available prior to the start of the school year). Those with an immediate need or who would like to donate nonperishable food items, call the office at (925) 479-1414 to begin the process. Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Thursday 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Pick up by appointment only. The Outreach Center will be open every 4th Saturday to distribute bags from Fresh and Easy Market and Sprouts. This will be on a first come first serve basis between 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore.

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

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Livermore Stake: Sunday services -1501 Hillcrest Ave: Sycamore

Grove Ward 9:00 am; Windmill Springs Ward 10:30 am. 950 Mocho St., Valley View Ward 9:00 am; Vineyard Hills Ward 10:30 am; Del Valle Branch (Spanish) first meeting 11:40, Sacramento meeting 12:40; 8203 Village Parkway, Dublin: Tri-Valley Young Single Adult Ward 12:30.

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

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

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

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

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

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

GraceWay Church worships at 10 a.m. Sundays at 1183 Quarry Lane in Pleasanton. Services include band-led worship music, Bible-based messages and Sunday School for pre-schoolers and elementary through high school students. Infant care is provided. www.gracewaylife.org (925) 846-4436.

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

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

Asbury United Methodist Church 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. A Reconciling Church, where all are welcomed. Sunday Worship time is at 10:00 a.m. Children's and youth groups Sunday School during

worship services and Sunday evening Middle School and High School Youth Groups. Children are welcome at all services, and childcare in the nursery. Caregivers Support Group will meet the second Saturday of each month. This group is open to people in the community. For more information, contact the church office at 925-447-1950. For more information about other opportunities visit our website at 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 or call Larry Trummel at 449.1444.

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

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

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

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

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews - Jewish Culture School The school-wide curriculum for the 2019-2020 (Jewish year 5780) will be "Jewish Ideas." It will cover topics like Jewish views of Justice, Learning, Family, Being a Mensch, Israel or Diaspora and the Jewish Community. Contact culturaljews@gmail.com, or call 510-384-8756 with any questions.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews Rosh Hashanah, the start of the Jewish New Year, on Sunday, Sept. 29, from 4:30 to 8 p.m., at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore.

We will start with Tashlich (4:30 p.m.), a walk to the nearby creek to symbolically wash away our misdeeds of the past year. Then we will have a potluck dinner (5:30 p.m.) followed by a secular humanistic Rosh Hashanah observance (7 to 8 p.m.).

This is a child friendly, but not child-centered, event. It is free to members, and \$20 for non-member adults. For more information or to RSVP, call (925) 485-1049.

Del Valle Fine Arts Concert To Include World Premier

Award-winning cellist Jennifer Kloetzel opens the Del Valle Fine Arts' concert season at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore on Saturday, Oct. 12, at 7:30 p.m., with pianist Robert Koenig. Composer Elena Ruehr will be on hand for the premier of the cello sonata she wrote



Cellist Jennifer Kloetzel
(Photo - Gregory Goode)



Composer Elena Ruehr
(Photo - Christian Steiner)



Pianist Robert Koenig
(Photo - Jeremy Ryan)

for Kloetzel.

Lauded for her elegant playing and vibrant tone, Kloetzel was a founding member of the Cypress Quartet. Koenig is a sought-after collaborative pianist and chamber musician. Both are currently on the music faculty at U.C. Santa Barbara.

Saturday's program, said Kloetzel, will showcase the "wicked versatility" of the cello, using "four strings and a bow to create all sorts of orchestrated effects."

The first three works on the program were not originally intended for the cello. Haydn composed his Divertimento in D Major for a baryton (an early string instrument), viola and cello trio. Two centuries later, renowned cellist Gregor Piatagorsky adapted it for himself with piano accompaniment.

"We are making the sound of a trio with just two instruments," Kloetzel said.

In Beethoven's Sonata for Cello and Piano in F Major, originally written for a famous horn player, Beethoven lets the cello take over the role of the horn in conversation with the piano. In De Falla's "Siete canciones populares espanolas," piano and cello reconfigure the original voices of the soprano and accompaniment.

"And I am tasked with extra things – a lot of strumming and plucking," Kloetzel added.

Of course, composers do write specifically for the cello, and for specific musicians, too. Kloetzel and Koenig will perform Prokofiev's stately and lyrical Sonata in C Major for Cello and Piano. Under repressive conditions in the USSR, Prokofiev was inspired to write this work especially for Mstislav

Rostropovich under the epigraph "Mankind – that has a proud sound."

Ruehr, on the music faculty at MIT, is a prolific composer who often finds inspiration in nature, art, poetry, literature and even the news, as she did for "Lift" (2013) in the story of Malala Yousafzai. With the Boston Modern Orchestra Project, Kloetzel has recorded Ruehr's cello concerto "Cloud Atlas" (2011), which was inspired by David Mitchell's 2004 novel.

Ruehr stated that her new sonata is "a story about a young person who is reaching for something ephemeral, hoping for the future, finding difficulty, and eventually triumphing."

As parents, both Ruehr and Kloetzel relate to this story.

"A lot of contemporary music, not just mine, is quite a bit more audience-friendly than it used to be, and more directly emotional," Ruehr said.

Ruehr's structures remind Kloetzel of Beethoven, the melodies of Schubert. Of her own music, Ruehr noted, "The idea is that the surface be simple, the structure complex."

Sponsored by Del Valle Fine Arts, Kloetzel will tell Tri-Valley elementary school students about her "Travels with Gertrude (My Cello)."

"The stories are what music is about for me," said Kloetzel. "What is the composer communicating with his or her music?"

Free youth tickets and reduced college rush tickets are available for this concert. Regular ticket prices start at \$32. To purchase tickets, visit lvpac.org or the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First St., Livermore; or call (925)373-6800.



On Sept. 22, Livermore's tree-lined downtown was transformed into Talent to Table, a dinner venue showcasing the culinary talents eight local chefs. This first-ever event was hosted by Livermore Downtown, and included local musicians and flowers from Livermore's Fields Family Flower Farm. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

National Charity League Kick-Off Meeting

The National Charity League Livermore Chapter held its 5th annual Kick-Off Meeting at Crooked Vine Winery on Sept. 15. The league is a national organization for mother and

daughter members committed to community service, leadership development and cultural experience. The Livermore chapter has 210 members, and serves more than 30 philanthropic orga-

nizations.

The chapter's membership drive will begin Nov. 1. To learn more, visit livermore.nationalcharityleague.org.



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