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

Police Found Parlors Fronting For Prostitution And Trafficking

By Larry Altman

Police have arrested the owner of two Livermore massage parlors, where they allege Chinese immigrants believing they had come to the United States to live the American dream were forced to work as prostitutes to pay off debt.

The owner, Anna Lingling Huang, 51, and her boyfriend, Brian Scott Jones, 50, were arrested Dec. 4 at their Livermore home, police said.

Police allege Huang’s businesses – Elite Foot and Back, 122 S. Vasco Road, and Paradise City Foot and Back, 51 Wright Brothers Ave. – served as fronts for prostitution, pimping, pandering, human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

About 25 women rescued during the year-long case were provided with social services and other assistance, Livermore police Officer Taylor Burruss said. The women were not arrested for individual illegal sex acts.

“The goal of our investigation was to hit the top,” Burruss said. “We believe that predominantly women were being brought over from China and they were promised the American dream, and to be able to get citizenship. Once they come into the country, they

(See PROSTITUTION, page 12)

The Flu and You — Why Get The Shots Now?

By Bruce Gach

You tell your friends, relatives, doctors, pharmacists, “I never get the flu and have never gotten the shots. Why should I start now? The flu shots don’t protect me at a high enough percentage level to get the shot.” The answer can be found in statistics cited from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

In the last three U.S. flu seasons, the CDC reported 440 pediatric deaths and 186,000 adult deaths with over 1 million hospitalizations related to influenza complications. In California over the last five years there have been 3,386 flu-related deaths, with 1,690 occurring in the 2017-2018 flu season. In almost all the cases, the children and adults had not been vaccinated against influenza.

For the 2019-2020 season, which started in October and ends in May, the CDC has already counted 784 flu related hospitalizations in the U.S. There have been more than 300 adult deaths and six pediatric deaths, two of which were in California. Last year in Alameda County, more than 40 deaths were linked to flu, with almost 400 flu-related hospitalizations.

Alameda County Health officer Dr. Nicholas J. Moss encouraged

(See FLU SHOTS, page 2)

Dublin Extends Sheriff’s Police Service Contract for an Additional Ten Years

By Larry Altman

The Alameda County Sheriff’s Office will continue to patrol the streets of Dublin for another 10 years, following the approval of a new contract with the city.

The Dublin City Council unanimously approved a decade-long deal with the law enforcement agency at its Nov. 19 meeting, continuing policing services that began in 1982.

“Alameda County Sheriff’s Department is the finest trained law enforcement agency in the country,” Mayor David Haubert

said. “I feel safe. I know the residents feel safe...We love seeing our police around town.”

The new deal, to begin July 1, 2020, marks the 11th time the city has approved or extended its contract with the county for law enforcement services, a city report said. Although the cost varies year-to-year, depending on labor and other expenses, the price for law enforcement in 2019-2020 is estimated to be \$20.9 million.

Under the current plan, the city’s population of about 63,000 people is served by 59 sworn

deputies and four civilian staff members.

No residents spoke during the meeting about the sheriff’s department deal, but Councilwoman Melissa Hernandez and Councilman Shawn Kumagai each said they were pleased to continue using the county for law enforcement. Nearby cities Livermore and Pleasanton have their own municipal departments.

“I wanted to thank you for the last 38 years that we’ve contracted with you,” Hernandez told department officials, including Dublin

Chief Garrett Holmes. “I feel that our police department has always been out there 100 percent for our community at all times...You guys are constantly thriving to do a great job each year.”

Kumagai said he appreciated the department’s work and “sound policing strategies.”

“I see you guys out and about at our events all the time,” Kumagai said. “I see that as essential for public trust.”

Under the plan, the county will provide policing services,

(See POLICE SERVICES, page 10)



Despite the rainy night, crowds emerged through downtown streets on Dec. 7 to enjoy the Livermore Holiday Parade and begin the holiday season. Livermore Downtown, Inc., the organizer of the parade, chose as Grand Marshals the Patel family and Presidio Company, the proposed developer of the east side hotel in the city’s downtown plan. The parade came to a close with a special guest, Santa, who led the community to the official tree lighting. Shown is the Livermore High School Dance Team. See more photos on page 6 and online. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Aging Population Brings More Deaths from Heart Disease; Situation Expected to Worsen

By Jeff Garberson

As the U.S. population ages, a “silver tsunami” of deaths from heart disease is now afflicting the U.S., according to a report from Kaiser Permanente’s Northern California Division of Research.

A “dangerous wave” of heart disease that began eight years ago reversed a half-century decline in the rate of heart disease deaths in the general population. The situation is expected to get worse, Kaiser researchers said.

Americans experienced 657,457 deaths from heart dis-

ease in 2017, nearly 61,000 more than the 56-year low of 596,577 in 2011, according to the researchers.

“Unfortunately, this overall picture is forecast to worsen” because the population most prone to heart disease, those 65 and older, is projected to grow from about 51 million today to about 73 million in 2030, the researchers wrote in a report for the National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention.

The 65-and-older group, sometimes called the Medicare population, experiences about 80% of

heart disease deaths and an even higher proportion – more than 90% — of deaths from the fastest increasing type of heart disease: heart failure.

Heart failure is a specific diagnosis related to the inability of the heart to pump efficiently. The American Heart Association describes it as a condition in which the heart “cannot keep up with its workload.”

If considered on its own rather than as a subcategory of heart disease, heart failure today would

(See HEART DISEASE, page 12)

Dublin to Study Impact of Senior Care Facility Plan

The Dublin City Council authorized a study of a proposal from Valley Christian Center (VCC) to construct a three-story residential care home on Inspiration Drive and Dublin Boulevard in the hilly western portion of the city.

The vote was unanimous at the council’s Dec. 3 meeting.

The motion involved a study only, and does not imply eventual

approval.

The church is proposing zoning that would create 5 acres of open space and 2 acres of developable public institutional zoning, for a net gain of 3 acres of open space. This would be accomplished just by switching the designations of two adjoining parcels.

A few community members testified in favor of the proposal,

stating that they now have to drive 45 minutes or more to visit their relatives in care homes outside the city.

Council members responded that there is no doubt about a need for the facility. They had continued the item from the Nov. 19 meeting in order to get information about how the facility could impact the

(See SENIOR CARE, page 8)

Trevarno Rd. Help On the Way

By David Chircop

There’s a lot to like about the Trevarno Estates neighborhood in North Livermore.

A dozen craftsman-style bungalows with different architectural features are set apart at varying distances to maximize privacy. Each of the homes sits on a large lot with a long driveway connecting to a detached garage in the back. Lush lawns and mature trees line a wide private road with a grassy median. It’s a place of high historic and aesthetic value.

Below ground, however, the picture is less attractive than on the surface. The century-old water and sewer systems are crumbling,

resulting in what some residents have described as cesspools in their backyards. Chronic water delivery issues, including frequent unplanned shut-downs for spot repairs, are also a problem.

“I have ongoing issues with the system,” said Dan Donovan, a neighborhood resident. “The system is more than 100 years old and it is failing.”

After an obstruction caused sewage to back up onto his property, he began routinely flushing the lines as preventative maintenance. He accesses them through a disintegrating brick manhole in his backyard.

Help may be on the way. On

(See TREVARNO ROAD, page 10)



An old fire hydrant is part of the aging infrastructure on Trevarno Road. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Eric Swalwell Faces Crowded Field for Seat In Congress

Democratic incumbent House member Eric Swalwell will face seven opponents in the March 3 primary election, including three others from his own party.

The top two vote-getters, regardless of party, will face off in November.

Swalwell initially announced he would not seek re-election for the seat in the 15th Congressional District, which he has held since 2013. He initially decided to forgo seeking a fourth term in order to run for president, but changed his mind after dropping out of that campaign.

Seeking the seat are Democrats Samantha Campbell, Austin Intal, and Tuan Phan; and Republicans Alison Hayden, Peter Yuan Liu, and Nisha Sharma. Don Grundmann is listed as having no party preference.

In races for the Legislature, first-term Democrat Rebecca Bauer-Kahan will face Republican Jospeh Rubay. Bauer-Kahan won a close race for the seat in 2018 against the incumbent, Republican Catherine Baker.

In the 7th Senate District, incumbent Democrat Steve Glazer will take on Republican Julie Mobley.

On the Alameda County ballot,

(See SWALWELL, page 10)

E-Cig Giant Juul was Poised For Big Fight

A week after the Livermore became the second city in the nation to approve a ban on the sale of vaping products at retail stores, Juul Labs Inc. formed a committee to defeat the law.

Juul, a giant San Francisco startup, gave on the same day the Coalition for Reasonable Vaping Regulation in Livermore \$100,000 to get the job done, according to the most recent campaign finance

(See JUUL, page 8)

PET OF THE WEEK



CHEPE

Chepe is an all-around terrific dog. This ten-month-old male small breed mix is always eager for a game of fetch. After he tires out, make room in your lap for a cuddle! Meet Chepe at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am – 4pm. Visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656 for more information. Photo credit: Valley Humane Society / D. Alberts

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Livermore Participates in International Climate Rally

By Bruce Gach

Livermore students and residents gathered at Las Positas College, and later in front of City Hall, as part of the Dec. 6 “Fridays For Future” campaign, urging leaders of all countries to recognize and do something about climate change.

At rallies around the

world, over one million students and adults joined together to address the increasing problems which warming of the earth has already experienced.

The rally participants echoed U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres statements that “the world’s efforts to stop climate change have been utterly

inadequate so far. What is lacking is political will to put a price on carbon and subsidies on fossil fuels.”

“Climate change is not only a world issue, it is a local issue,” Livermore resident Kathryn Hayes said. “I was really impressed with the number of students from the Livermore schools who talked about their con-

cerns about global warming at a recent City Council meeting.”

Group members said they worried that Livermore had not updated its climate plan in the past seven years, while Pleasanton and Dublin both have recently restructured theirs.

Livermore Mayor John Marchand, contacted later, said Livermore will soon be updating the city’s climate action plan. He pointed to steps the city has already taken to lower its carbon footprint, such as installing the solar array behind the main library, which now provides about 90 percent of City Hall’s power needs.

“It is important for students to be driving this. They need to be more engaged now, since this will be their future world, which currently is experiencing rising temperatures,” said scientist and author Dan Linehan to the local gathering. Zel Helstrom, teacher and emergency medical responder at Las Positas agreed. “Getting students involved and helping them become aware that voting for those who support climate action is important and could one day save their lives,” Helstrom noted.



Citizens gather in front of City Hall to urge leaders to take action on climate change. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Palmer Loses ACWA Election, But Gains a Friend

Zone 7 Director Sarah Palmer lost her bid to become the next statewide vice-president of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), but said it was a good learning experience.

Palmer was asked by the organization’s nominating committee to run for the statewide vice-presidency. Another ACWA member, Pam Tobin of Granite Bay, a Sacramento suburb, was her lone opponent.

Palmer said that Tobin had been campaigning for the office for a year,

and won on a 69 to 50 vote at the statewide convention, held Dec. 4 in San Diego.

But there are no hard feelings, Palmer said. The two got together later and reaffirmed their interest in pursuing the goals of ACWA.

ACWA is a communications, educational and research tool for its water agency members who are organized into 10 California regions.

Palmer has been serving as vice-president of ACWA’s Region 5, which includes counties from Solano through the Bay

Area and south along the coast into Santa Barbara. Palmer’s committee positions are a good example of the specialties studied by ACWA. She serves on panels for agricultural water, water management and water quality.

Of special concern for her, as a former cancer researcher with a Ph.D. in biochemistry, are water contaminants, an emerging issue in the water industry. They include PFAs, known as per- and polyfluoralkyl substances, which have been linked to cancer. These are found in Tef-

lon, fire-fighting foams, waterproof clothing and textiles, and They don’t go away, Palmer said.

“Our exposure to them from water is about 20% and the rest are found in air and soil. We have found it in a couple of wells at Zone 7, but we have been able to blend it with better water. It is well below contamination levels,” she said.

Zone 7 notified people via email, the Next Door neighbor posting page, and in its newsletter.

CORRECTIONS

The Dec. 5 story about EBCE should have stated: The Brilliant 100 plan is an EBCE product. Pleasanton power customers will be eligible for enrollment in EBCE in 2021, but the month has not been determined yet. The date needs to be coordinated with PG&E. The date also will depend on approval from the California Public Utilities Commission, which is expected to approve it on some date in 2020.

A Dec. 5 story about placing a bond on the ballot incorrectly referred to “East Side High School” in Dublin. The reference was to a high school that will be built in East Dublin, but has no name yet.

FLU SHOTS

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those who have put off getting the vaccination to go ahead with it now. “It’s not too late,” he said. “Flu activity is already on the rise in California. One of the best ways to prevent the flu is to get the vaccine.”

The 2018-2019 season lasted for over five months. The 2017-2018 season was the longest lasting U.S. influenza season in the past decade with reports of illness spread over almost seven months. How the 2019-2020 season develops remains to be seen.

“The severity of this year’s viruses is difficult to predict so early in the season,” said Dr. Flor M. Munoz, of the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Infectious

Disease.

The CDC states that the vaccine does not offer 100% protection, but it does reduce the possibility of getting the flu and, if you do become ill, the symptoms may be less severe. Year to year protection has ranged from the high 30% to almost 60% protection against the flu viruses circulating that year.

This year’s vaccines will protect against the four strains of the influenza virus expected to cause flu in the U.S. this season. Children, those older than 65, pregnant women, anyone with a compromised immune system or certain chronic illnesses are especially vulnerable to the flu virus.

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Stay tuned for our new name!

on March 3rd vote **YES** on the Bankhead Hotel

Right Size, Right Place, Right NOW!

The **Wine Country Hotel at the Bankhead** is an upscale, three-story hotel intended to fill a niche long missing from downtown Livermore. It will provide a comfortable and inviting place to stay for out-of-town guests visiting our wineries, restaurants, shops and theaters.

The Wine Country Hotel at the Bankhead will bring to life a vision shared by a broad cross-section of Livermore residents for more than 20 years. It also is consistent with the Stockmen’s Park Plan adopted by the City Council that was **overwhelmingly supported** by voters in the last election.

The hotel is the **right size** and in the **right place**, adjacent to the Bankhead Theater, a short walk from nearby restaurants and shops, and just across the street from Stockmen’s Park. It will be an attractive complement to what already exists downtown.

The hotel will feature 130-135 comfortably appointed rooms and a **scenic rooftop lounge** that is sure to become a fun gathering spot after a show or before or after dinner.

What the hotel will **NOT include** is acres of meeting rooms for traffic-congesting conferences or a stuffy restaurant to compete with our family-owned eateries already in the downtown area. A massive, sprawling conference center hotel is not what residents want, nor what visitors need downtown.

WINE COUNTRY
HOTEL AT THE
BANKHEAD

The Bankhead Hotel – in conjunction with local wineries and restaurants – also will allow our city to become a Wine Country destination, a prestigious designation on par with other wine regions.



“Neighbors supporting neighbors. That’s what the Wine Country Hotel at the Bankhead is all about. The continued success of our local, family-owned restaurants, theatre companies, wineries and businesses depend on having suitable accommodations for overnight guests. The Bankhead Hotel makes our great downtown even better.”

Brook Witherspoon
Owner, First Street Alehouse



Let’s Keep a Great Hotel Plan Moving Forward Without Further Delay

- Our City Council has already signed a development agreement with the respected Presidio Hotel Group, which operates beautiful properties in six states in partnership with some of the nation’s leading hotel companies.
- Unfortunately, a handful of opponents have been spreading misinformation about the Wine Country Hotel in an effort to bully the Council into building a wasteful parking garage next to the Bankhead at taxpayer expense.
- Don’t be fooled by lies and half-truths. Not a single developer has stepped forward to build a hotel at any other downtown location since the request went out in 2015. A “no” vote means the four year process starts over, the divisive debate rages on and local family businesses suffer.

On March 3, vote “yes” and keep the Wine Country Hotel at the Bankhead project moving forward. Make sure the vision for our great downtown becomes a reality.

EDITORIAL

New LVPAC Executive Director

Chris Carter has been selected as the new executive director of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, starting in February. He is a fine choice -- eminently well qualified, having worked for the past five years as LVPAC's director of development and communications. During that time, Chris oversaw a 60 percent increase in annual donations, a doubling of membership and the recent gala, Brilliance at the Bankhead, which raised \$500,000. Chris will be replacing the creative Scott Kenison, whose initiatives raised LVPAC programs to today's high level of success. Scott's efforts are reflected not only in the impressive attendance figures at the Bankhead Theater -- nearly 70,000 per year now -- but also in the dance, theater and arts programs that he helped establish for children. The arts have been called a bridge between communities and cultures. The bridges Scott Kenison has built will serve this community long after he departs.

Help Where It Is Needed

Kudos to Jacky Poulsen, a thoughtful private citizen, who over the past three years has created a community-wide campaign to provide bus tickets to those in need. Organized through Ashbury United Methodist Church in Livermore, the campaign is worth supporting. Last year, it raised enough to buy 8,400 tickets, which help the low income and in turn benefit the larger community. The tickets enable students get to school, patients get to medical appointments, workers get to work. This is grass roots charity at its best.

MAILBOX

(Opinions voiced in letters published in Mailbox are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Independent. The Independent will not publish anonymous letters. All letters are required to have the names of the persons submitting them and city of residence. Abusive letters may be rejected or edited. Frequent letter writers may have publication of their letters delayed. Letters should be limited to 600 words or less and should be sent by email to editmail@compuserve.com.)

Livermore Needs a Wine Country Hotel Josh Kallman, Livermore

The Livermore downtown has much to offer: excellent restaurants and bars, the Bankhead Theater, as well as retail and other amenities. One thing we are sorely lacking is a boutique hotel to cement our status as a Wine Country destination.

I have seen many letters to the editor claiming that the people need to decide the fate of the hotel, all seemingly ignoring the fact that the democratic process has already worked as intended. The last city council election was largely a referendum on the downtown plan: despite over half a million dollars spent by various special interest groups, the candidates supporting the approved plan won resoundingly. This latest referendum is an attempt by a vocal minority to upend the democratic process rather than enhance it.

What we all can do is vote YES in March to allow the hotel development to proceed. If not, we will be left with nothing more than a few aspirational renderings: there is no magical development agreement for a west side hotel waiting in the wings, and what developer will want to work with us if we prove so fickle? We are risking the prospect of our city's prosperity by squabbling over the placement (not quantity) of some parking spots by a few blocks. The approved plan is ready to move us forward toward Livermore's future once the votes are in.

So please vote YES in March to finally give Livermore the downtown it deserves.

In Search of Justice Gary Estee, Livermore

"Every decent man is ashamed of the government he lives under." -- H.L. Mencken

Another miscarriage (if not complete abandonment of the government review process) perpetrated by the current group of federal villains has been the selection and placement of nearly 200 federal judges into office. This batch of ill-

informed, unqualified and biased ne'er-do-wells have been chosen on the basis of either self-interest or whimsy. There are almost no formal qualifications for federal judges. Article I magistrate and bankruptcy judges are required by statute to be lawyers, but there is no such requirement for district judges, circuit judges, or Supreme Court justices.

Do you know how many federal judges exist?

Under Article III of the Constitution, there are nine justices on the Supreme Court of the United States, 179 judges in the United States courts of appeals, 677 judges in the United States district courts, and nine judges in the United States Courts of International Trade. Under Article I, there are 350 judges in the United States bankruptcy courts. There are also 579 Federal magistrate judges. These number add up to the grand total of 1803.

Article III also states that all federal judges are appointed for life, during "good behavior". They are appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in accordance with the United States Constitution.

Clearly, our Founding Fathers could not ever predict the complexity of the evolving legal system and had no idea that the position of federal judge would become so vital to the US government. The requirements to be nominated and be confirmed in these nearly two thousand such positions should be augmented and better defined than just "good behavior". It is my recommendation that Article III of the Constitution be revised to include such vital characteristics as a law degree, 5-10 years of trial experience, no convictions or citations, previous governmental service, and anything else that would ensure a better quality of candidate. (At least, better than the 180 individuals the present administration has slipped into the vacancies.)

Here is another request for everyone to send to their senators and congressmen(women).

The Right to Weigh In Is Finally Here Doug Mann, Livermore

At long last, the people of Livermore will finally be voting on where the downtown hotel will be built, and what kind of hotel it will be. Thanks to the tireless efforts of local activists, our residents will soon have the right to weigh in on this monumental decision. The March 3rd election will determine the outcome.

I will be voting NO on the developer agreement, which unfortunately mandates the east side location for the hotel. If it passes, it will rob the Bankhead

Theater (and the downtown in general) of desperately needed parking spaces and further exacerbate downtown traffic congestion. Most importantly, it tries to cram a hotel on a parcel of land that is simply too small. We need more rooms and a better hotel for our Livermore guests.

Please join me in opposing this unfortunate developer agreement so that we can get moving all the more quickly with a superior proposal.

The Run of the Litter Craig Shapiro, PETA Foundation, Norfolk, VA

Lil Bub may have been the runt of the litter, but the remarkable special needs cat with the trademark tongue made a larger-than-life difference for animals by encouraging her millions of fans to rescue and adopt homeless cats.

Born homeless in a tool shed, Lil Bub's luck changed when she was adopted by her devoted "dude," Mike Bridavsky. She was soon the toast of the internet, a platform she used to raise more than \$700,000 for animals in need and to serve as a PETA spokescat to promote adoption and spaying and neutering.

Not all cats are as fortunate as Lil Bub was to have a loving family. More than six million animals enter shelters in the U.S. every year. Roughly half are euthanized because there are not enough good homes for them all. Millions of cats are also abandoned outdoors to fend for themselves, as Lil Bub's mother was, a huge problem that is only getting worse as more and more shelters implement "limited-admission" policies and begin to turn animals away.

We hope others will be inspired to celebrate Lil Bub's life by visiting an open-admission shelter and opening their hearts to a homeless animal. For more ways to help animals, visit www.PETA.org.

Reasons I Support the "Central Park" Concept Ben Barrientos, Livermore

I am one of the many backers of the "Central Park" concept. Here are some reasons why I support this concept:

The larger park identified in the Central Park will bring more community cohesion. Residents will have access to tree recreation. They will have the opportunity to meet people, "know your neighbor." It brings the benefit of social capital, which helps ward off antisocial problems that would otherwise cost the city more in police and fire protection.

Once you know your neighbor and others of the community you tend to care more for them and the city itself. I know a mayor that takes time to pick up trash off our city streets and parks as I do. It makes a difference.

For those who are capitalists, the value of homes in close proximity will go up in value, and in turn, bring in more taxes to the city.

For the environmentalists, the park will reduce water pollution. The retention of rainfall by the trees,

bushes and soil will reduce run off and in turn reduce the treating of stormwater. The trees and bushes absorb a variety of pollutants.

The "Central Park" will benefit the people and the children of the great little City of Livermore.

Weight Adaptive Class Needs More Students Dennis Gassaway, Union City

I am a student at Las Positas College in Livermore, CA. I take a Weight Adaptive class. This class is for the disabled which I am. I have not been able to take this class for almost two years due to lack of enrollment. The college could do a better job at promoting this class to attract more people as the community needs it. I need this class.

Wooden Electric Power Lines Jorge Barrantes, Livermore

The other day one of the technicians from PG&E was working on the power lines in my street. The power poles seem to be as tall as trees. But then I realized that the power lines run on wooden poles from previous trees.

So now into the history about when the poles were first used or installed on our streets throughout the city. Really? Wooden poles that their life expectancy is not for ever unless they are Sequoia giant trees, but can someone give me the history of the safety codes or selection of this particular material.

Our safety is running on the life expectancy of these wooden poles.

Is this the best way to carry so much power throughout the city?

Have we noticed any harm that has happened when lightning hits one of this organic material and converts it into fire?

Livermore City Raises Russ Greenlaw, Livermore, Citizen, Voter, Taxpayer

Reading in the Nov. 28th Independent, I see that the Livermore city manager has received a raise so as to be making more than 1/4 million dollars per year. You wrote, "The (city) council agreed that the city manager (has) done a remarkable job."

Remarkable, yes, but remarkably good, or otherwise?

Now that the city manager will be receiving more than 1/4 million dollar per year, plus increased pension contributions, and certainly increases in other benefits, perhaps our 1/4-million-dollar city manager can see to it that his employees get their jobs done in a more diligent manner.

For a number of years, there have been several defective streetlights at intersections with pedestrian crossings. I and at least one other person repeatedly reported some of the defective lights to city employees, but year after year, no effort was made by our 1/4-million-dollar city manager to have them fixed. I personally reported the long-time inoperative light at Concannon and Vega to two city employees who were replacing perfectly good street name signs in that area (street name signs being far more important than streetlights), and later

to a third city employee, but our 1/4 million dollar city manager took no note of these reports of the defective light, which left the crosswalk completely dark, and failed to direct his employees to fix the light for at least two years. The other person whom I know to also report a defective streetlight told me he reported the bad light near College and L through the city web site, repeatedly over several years, but our 1/4-million-dollar city manager chose to not fix that light either. I do know of a person who was hit and injured by a car at that location, while the defective light was waiting for our 1/4-million-dollar city manager to take action.

These two lights got fixed only after I personally stopped a city employee who was installing reflectors on some lights, and told him, personally, about the lights which had been nonfunctional for years. This city employee said that the 1/4-million-dollar city manager had not passed down to him any reports of defective lights. This lower-level city worker did an actually remarkable job and within 24 hours both lights were fixed, both without intervention by our 1/4-million-dollar city manager or his equally high paid assistants and department heads.

Further, many years ago, I would infrequently see a city truck, sporting a large device something like a big vacuum cleaner, sucking up dry leaves from the gutters during fall months, but apparently our 1/4 million dollar city manager considers this practice, although it prevents storm drains from being clogged by leaves, to be an unjustified extravagance, and now we see only a once-a-month street sweeper (fortunately dry leaves only drop once a month, and it only rains just after the street sweeper has come past).

I do also recall, during hearings about the increased city sewer tax, that the city staff proposing the tax increase spoke of leaks in one of the sewer plant tanks which could not be fixed without the tax increase. Letting the tank leak until the tax increase was affected is another example of remarkable job performance by our 1/4-million-dollar city manager.

In the future, when I see more defective streetlights (always the newer ones with the harsh spot of bluish light, not the older type with the more pleasant broad-spectrum light and lenses which spread the light to a larger patch of street), and I recall seeing one on Holmes flickering on-and-off, I shall personally report same to our 1/4-million-dollar city manager, since he does such a remarkable job.

Public Funds to Lobby the Public? Elizabeth Judge, Livermore

In an effort to keep the public from having a central park with no more than the minimum required affordable housing in the heart of downtown, the Livermore City Council will launch a major campaign to favor the development agreement (DA) appearing on the March ballot for a hotel on the eastside of Livermore

Avenue.

Council members remain in denial that the public just does not like the council's approved plan for downtown. Thousands of Livermore voters, who tried to get through to the council by participating in the Public Outreach (infamously ignored by the council) had to resort to referenda and an initiative to get council's attention. Despite harassment by council's followers and maneuvering by Downtown Inc. to keep businesses from allowing signature gatherers*, the public persevered.

Now the question is: will the council have the gall to spend public funds to lobby the public to favor the council's eastside hotel over the public's wishes? Has it done so already?

The Mayor in effect acknowledged that the public favors a park from the Bankhead over to L Street by emphasizing that the DA for the hotel has nothing to do with a park because the word, "park", does not appear in the DA. This disguises the fact that if the hotel goes on the eastside next to the Bankhead, it makes the Central Park Initiative (delayed by the council for a public vote in November 2020) moot. Such deceit by the Mayor disrespects the public.

*(*Downtown Inc. gleefully reported publicly to the council that it had succeeded in influencing Trader Joe's and Walmart to hamper signature gathering. Trader Joe's filed a cease and desist order prohibiting petitioners for the public's referenda and initiative. Ironically, the public subsidizes Downtown Inc. to the tune of \$90K per year, an expense that should be reconsidered next year.)*

Tri-Valley Conservancy Endorses the Wine Country Hotel at the Bankhead. Laura Mercier, Executive Director, Tri-Valley Conservancy

The Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC) Board of Directors endorses the Wine Country Hotel at the Bankhead, which goes before Livermore voters on the March 3, 2020 ballot. This action has been taken because the long-awaited provision of an upscale hotel in support of Agritourism is closely aligned with the mission of TVC to promote economically sustainable vineyards and orchards, and increase permanently protected, biologically diverse open spaces. The Wine Country Hotel at the Bankhead is progress toward the fulfillment of a promise made 25 years ago when the Tri-Valley Conservancy was originally formed to create a sustainable agricultural preserve to prevent urban sprawl. Local family wineries agreed to conserve their vineyard lands in order to form an urban growth boundary of open space around the city limits. In exchange, Livermore agreed to develop the infrastructure, such as hotels and restaurants, to make our region a vibrant wine country destination. TVC urges a YES vote on the Bankhead Hotel.

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Lots of celebrations took place last weekend, including a Dublin tree lighting ceremony on December 5 (top and bottom left) and a Livermore parade on December 7 (top and bottom right). The Plesanton Tree Lighting Cermeony has been postponed until December 13 at 5 p.m. (PhotoS - Doug Jorgensen)

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SPORTS NOTES



The U17 girls showed off their soccer skills in front of more than 50 college coaches at the Silverlakes Fall Showcase. The girls won all three of their matches and finished at the top of their 20 team field. Kaos' Forward, Anaya Shelton won the Gold Boot honors for the showcase with 6 goals. Pictured are the Kaos players – Top row: Alina Garcia, Mariya Hinojosa, Jessie Sotelo, Allisson Rickman, Madison Long, Jayden Sanders, Haylee Heffner, Katie Zeck, Alyssa Williams, and Anaya Shelton. Bottom row: Ycela Ochoa, Alivia Ganz, Madeline Mannina, Alondra Higareda, and Daisy Samuelson.

West Coast Soccer Club

The West Coast Kaos U17 girls capped their fall season with a strong showing at the Silverlakes Showcase in Norco, CA over the Thanksgiving weekend. The girls showed off their amazing soccer skills in front of more than 50 college coaches. They beat out two teams from Southern California and a visiting team from Omaha, Nebraska to finish at the top of their 20 team division. Kaos' Forward, Anaya Shelton scored six goals in the three games and was nominated for three Game Changer honors and received the tournament's Golden Boot award. In the first match of the showcased, Kaos outscored Legends of Riverside with a 3-1 victory. Anaya Shelton scored two, Yceloa Ochoa 1. Katie Zeck is credited with two assists.

On Saturday, the girls faced the Eagles ECNL team, also from Southern California. Alivia Ganz, Katie Zeck, and Anaya Shelton are credited with the four goals. In their final match of the showcase, Kaos faced a team from Omaha Nebraska. Omaha immediately went on the attack and landing a shot that was called back for a hand ball. But the momentum quickly shifted and Kaos took over the match with a dynamic offense and a rock solid defense. Kaos went on a scoring spree with goals from several offensive players including: Shelton, Ganz, Daisy Samuelson, and Allison Rickman. The mids of Katie Zeck, Ycela Ochoa, Haylee Heffner, and Samuelson are credited with setting up multiple scoring plays. The defense, anchored by Goal Keeper Maddie Mannina and reinforced by Mariya Hinojosa, Alyssa Williams, Maddie Long, Alondra Hig-

ared, Jayden Samuelson, and Jessie Sotelo are credited with keeping Omaha to a no goal match. Kaos closed out their successful showcase with a 7-0 victory. Kaos will spend the winter playing high school soccer and training for their next big showcase, the Players Showcase Las Vegas in March. Follow the Kaos and the other teams of West Coast Soccer Club on Facebook, Twitter, and online at www.westcoastsoccerclub.com



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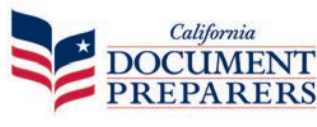
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Livermore Valley Craft Brew Foundation Donates Bicycles to LVJUSD Students

Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) students benefited from the pedal power of those who participated in the First Annual Livermore Valley Craft Brew Foundation (LVCBF) Bikes and Brews fundraiser in October. Proceeds raised from the event were used to purchase new bicycles, helmets and locks, and were distributed to 88 grateful students at 10 different school sites

on Friday, December 6, 2019.

The Arsondi Group (TAG) real estate team from Keller Williams Realty and Turning Wheels for Kids (TWFK) partnered with LVCBF to raise the funds through the sale of tickets to bicycle enthusiasts. TWFS is a program of the Valley Medical Center Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit organization that distributes bikes not only at the holiday but

also year round through a number of partnerships focused on preventing childhood obesity and supporting low-income families. LVCBF supports programs serving women and children in the San Francisco Bay Area through charitable donations of proceeds raised from promotions and events focused on craft beer, including, but not limited to, consumer education and appreciation of craft beer.

The bikers received lunch and tastings at five local breweries along a 13-mile loop in the city of Livermore. Local businesses and wineries also contributed to the event with donated gift baskets for the silent auction. Proceeds were then used to provide bicycles for District students just in time for the holidays.

Students at East Avenue Middle School had a great start to their school day

when they were presented with 24 bicycles at the end of first period. "It was great to have the Livermore community show up in such an awesome way to show their support for our students. Throughout the day, I heard repeated expressions of gratitude from the students," stated East Avenue Vice Principal Holly Ellison. Livermore High School Principal Helen Gladden was especially touched by

the heartwarming reaction of one of her students who was "grinning from ear to ear and extremely grateful."

Superintendent Kelly Bowers stated, "Our district is continually amazed by the generosity of our community. This was the first time we have partnered with these groups, and we are so grateful for their gift to our students. They have truly captured the spirit of giving."

SENIOR CARE

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neighborhood scenery and traffic.

Arun Goel, who previously opposed the proposal, said he changed his mind. Some of the VCC land was graded previously, and is not pristine open space. "We talk about carbon footprint, but we say if you (want to) take care of your senior (family member), you have to drive 100 miles," Goel said.

Councilwoman Jean Josey said no one disagrees about the need, but she has concerns about putting a three-story building on the site. She said a study would provide more information. "Valley Christian's willingness (to swap open space designations) is great, but it moves me to study, not approval," she said, adding that

she wanted to see what the building footprint and height would look like.

Councilman Shawn Kumagai said that he would like a "robust community benefit," and a "robust public outreach to neighbors, so that the church understands their concerns."

Councilwoman Melissa Hernandez also supports a study, and wants to see a proposal for a community benefit.

In other action, Goel was selected as the new vice mayor. It was a 3-2 vote, with Hernandez and Kumagai voting no. Mayor David Haubert made the motion, which was seconded by Josey.

A vice-mayor's duties were discussed, ranging from running the council meeting

when the mayor is absent, to attending ribbon cuttings and other ceremonies during the day.

Although all agreed that Hernandez had done a good job as vice-mayor, renewing her term would have been her a third year in the job. Haubert previously appointed two previous vice-mayors to two-year terms — Don Biddle and Abe Gupta. Haubert told a reporter that he was continuing a practice of two-year terms begun by former Mayor Tim Sbranti.

Goel is entering the last year of his four-year term, and would have no opportunity to be vice-mayor unless it would be in the coming year, Haubert said.

Kumagai nominated Hernandez for an extension,

saying that "she is doing a nice job and is fairly local" in terms of availability. However, his motion received no second.

On another item, the council entered an Intergovernmental Support Agreement (IGSA) with the Army for the provision of services at Camp Parks. It is the first IGSA arrangement in the Bay Area.

The Army will contract certain services from local businesses to provide janitorial, pest control and solid waste services to Camp Parks, for what the city says is a lower cost and a better standard of performance than the Army could do on its own.

The cost is \$775,000, which includes the city's

expenses for oversight and management of the vendors. The firms are Tri-Valley Janitorial, Advanced Integrated Pest Management, and Amador Valley Industries.

The council also heard Ed Duarte, an official from the Valley Children's Museum, talk about the future prospects of expanding the museum, which operates once a month from a trailer.

Museum supporters hope to settle into a permanent building. The council earlier entertained VCM's idea for a 2,500 square foot building to be located in a park, but the goal of raising \$1.5 million to accomplish that by the end of this year is clearly a failure, Duarte said.

Large cities, such as San Francisco with its Explor-

atorium, have the financial donor base to accomplish a permanent home, but that kind of base hasn't emerged in the Tri-Valley, said Duarte.

However, VCM hopes to work something out in the plan for the future Dublin downtown, perhaps locating the museum in a retail business, with 5,000 to 7,000 square feet devoted to it, said Duarte.

Council members thanked Duarte for the update and for VCM's decision not to try to get an extension of the provision to accommodate a 2,500-square-foot building.

They were still supportive of the VCM concept, but urged Duarte to have the organization think through the vision, and come up with a business plan that can work.

JUUL

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records filed with the city.

Juul ultimately withdrew efforts to defeat Livermore's e-cigarette ban in October, amid growing concerns about the unknown health risks of vaping. The company's swift initial response came before intense public scrutiny and federal efforts to regulate the e-cigarette market gained traction.

"Since Juul immediately filed an initiative to fight San Francisco's ordinance, we knew there was a likelihood they would fight ours," said Kristie Wang, of Flavors Ad-

dict Kids-Livermore. "Fortunately, our City Council decided to proceed anyway because they knew it was the right thing to do for Livermore's children. We decided we would fight if we had to, even against the formidable resources of Big Tobacco."

San Francisco's ban on vaping product sales was adopted by the Board of Supervisors less than a month before the Livermore City Council passed its ban. The company spent more than \$15 million on its campaign to defeat the San Francisco

law before ending financial support for its campaign in September.

According to the campaign disclosure forms in Livermore, more than \$90,000 of Juul's \$100,000 contribution was paid to Goco Consulting of Reno, Nev. for circulating petitions; another \$2,000 for petition gathering went to The Monaco Group of Santa Ana, Calif.; and around \$3,000 was paid to The Sutton Law Firm in San Francisco for legal and accounting services.

The signature gathering campaign was successful and resulted in enough signatures to qualify for a referendum. The challenge to Livermore's ordinance was scheduled for the March 2020 ballot, but was pulled after Juul abandoned its efforts and the original Livermore resident named on the petition requested that the city withdraw the measure.

Wang and two other Livermore moms with teenage children founded the grassroots organization Flavors Addict Kids-Livermore

out of concern about the youth vaping problem, the harm it was doing to young children, and the distractions it was causing in schools for students and administrators, Wang said.

They researched and consulted with legal and policy experts, and forged relationships with national tobacco control groups. At the same time, the group began meeting with city leaders to advocate for the strongest ordinance possible aimed at curbing youth access to vaping products.

Livermore Mayor John Marchand said he listened to their concerns and concluded vaping, especially by young people, had become a significant problem. The City Council agreed and unanimously passed the vaping ordinance. It is scheduled to take effect Jan. 1.

"Companies like Juul were engaged in really reprehensible behavior by creating a whole new generation of addicts," said Marchand. "We realized that we needed to take the lead."

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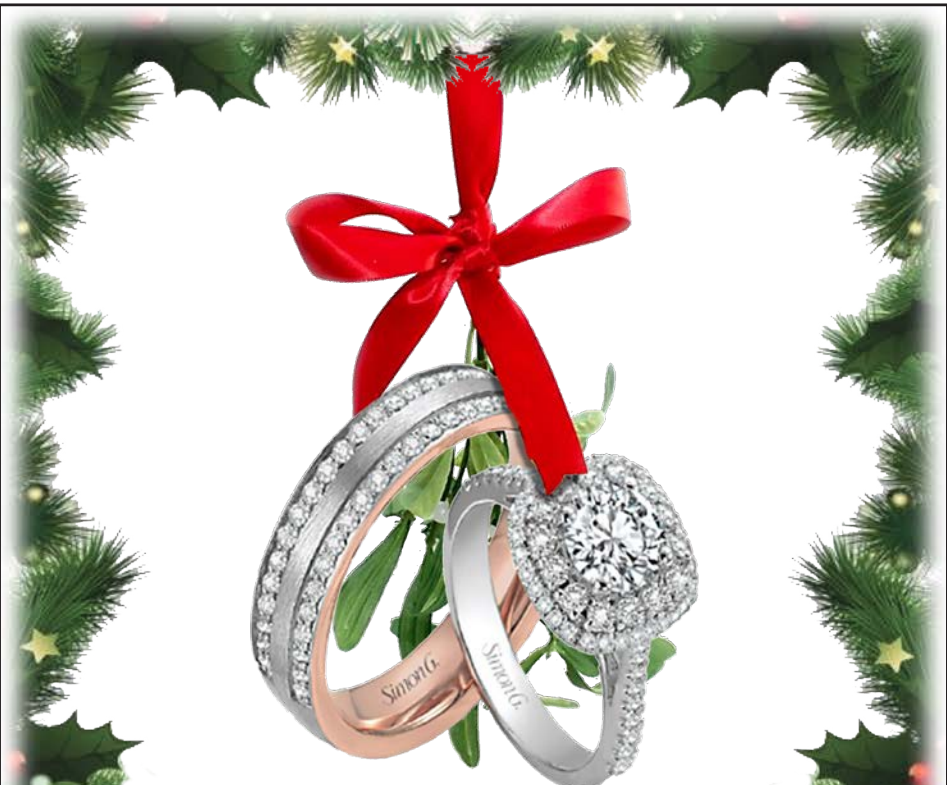
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OBITUARIES

Anthony (Tony) Loc Rosa
February 16, 1970 – November 27, 2019
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Tony, 49, passed away very suddenly on Nov. 27, 2019 with no visible signs of illness. He believed he had the flu. We were deeply saddened and in shock by his unexpected death.

Tony was born in Viet Nam, the older of two children of Arthur Rosa and Binh Nguyen. He was later raised by his aunt and uncle, Julie and Phil Rosa in Milpitas. He finished his high school classes earlier than usual and attended San Jose City College where the Pittsburgh Pirates recruited him for their baseball team. Tony refused, a decision he later regretted.

He was athletic and a sports aficionado. He was a Warriors fan and enjoyed watching sporting events on TV. Tony was also a talented cartoonist, though he was bashful about acknowledging his work.

Tony worked various jobs throughout the valley and out of state as a construction worker, warehouseman and courier. He was also a supervisor of the cleaning staff in the hospitality industry.

Tony will mostly be remembered for being such an attentive, loving, single parent Dad to his sweet daughter, Jules, the love of his life, whose mother passed away on Dec. 14, 2018. He and Jules would cycle, play in various parks, laugh aloud in board games, listen to music together, go to the movies and the beach, basically enjoying all the fun things any loving parent would do with his child.

His passing leaves a deep hole in his family. He was

preceded in death by his father, Arthur; and aunt and uncle, Julie and Phil Rosa. He is survived by his son, Anthony & family, Los Banos, and sister, Becky and family (Palo Alto).

The family would appreciate contributions to the Jules Rosa Scholarship Fund. Checks may be made out to Jules Rosa Scholarship Fund and mailed to Wells Fargo Bank, 295 So K St., Livermore, CA 94550. Contributions are anonymous; unfortunately, we will be unable to individually thank everyone. Thank you!

Services will be held at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave, Livermore, Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019, at 1:00pm. A Celebration of Life & 'Christmas' reception will follow immediately.

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

Thomas Miller



Born in Stockton, CA on Nov 3, 1935, Tom was the son of the late Gertrude and Ben Miller. He was the youngest of three children with an older sister and brother. He grew up in Stockton, CA, and after high school, Tom entered the Air Force where he spent four years mostly in the south - Texas and Louisiana. After coming out of the Air Force, he moved to Sacramento and started working at Aerojet. He met his wife, Marilyn, in Sacramento. They lived in Sacramento for the next seven years while he worked at Aerojet, and had two daughters, Barbara and Susan. They then moved to Livermore so he could start work at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as a measurements specialist in the Mechanical Engineering department. While work-

ing at the Lab, Tom started playing table tennis during the lunch hour and eventually progressed to play in outside tournaments and became nationally ranked. He started traveling around to play in tournaments all over the US, eventually becoming a global umpire where he officiated in two Olympics (Seoul - 1988 and Sydney - 2000) and was the only table tennis umpire from the US at both events.

He was inducted into the Table Tennis Hall of Fame in 2001. He enjoyed traveling all over the world as a table tennis umpire. Table tennis was truly his passion, only retiring in his late 70's.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn; daughter Barbara and husband Vince Farfan of Manteca; daughter Sue and husband Mike Sylvia of El Dorado Hills; grandsons Alexander and David; and granddaughter Lauren. He was preceded in death by his brother Dennis and sister Marilyn.

Tom was a dedicated son, husband, father and grandfather, and will be deeply missed.

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

Yvonne Grace (Fanucchi) Steuben
August 16, 1916 – November 16, 2019

Yvonne is now reunited with her beloved husband of 73 years, Jackson Zane Steuben (1911-2010). She passed quietly at the age of 103 in hospice care at Quail Garden, Livermore, CA. She leaves behind a loving daughter, Leslie, and brother-in-law, Hugh Grivette, as well as numerous nieces and nephews, their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

She was born in Crockett, CA to Eugenio and Annita (Micheletti) Fanucchi and raised in San Francisco, attending Sacred Heart Grammar School and Commerce High School. She was sister to the late Eugene and Ann Fanucchi, Theresa and Leo Bartolomei, and Anita Grivette; and sister-in-law to Richard and Evelyn Steuben.

Yvonne was an active member of the Mothers' Guilds of the School of the Epiphany and St. John's Ursuline High School, while working in the luggage department of the San Francisco downtown Emporium department store.

An avid seamstress, Yvonne was taught to sew at age 12 by an Aleut lady who never used a pattern. As a member of the Daughters of the Nile, she served as their Sewing Chairman for the children of the Northern California Shriners Hospital for many years and was awarded the title of Emeritus upon retirement.

*To Those I Love:
When I am gone, just release me, let me go – so I can move into my afterglow.
You mustn't tie me down with your tears; let's be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess how much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown, but now it's time I traveled on alone.
So, grieve for me awhile, if grieve you must, then let your grief be comforted with trust.
It's only for a while that we must part so bless the memories within your heart.
And then, when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home."*

The family wishes to thank the staffs of Sunrise-Danville, Home Care Assistance Bay Area, Hope Hospice, and Quail Garden for their loving care of Yvonne in her final days and for comfort to her daughter.

At Yvonne's request, no services will be held. Neptune Society is handling arrangements. Her final resting place will be Cypress Lawn Cemetery, Colma, CA. Donations may be made to your favorite charity.

memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 3:00pm at Unitarian Church, 1893 N Vasco Rd, Livermore, CA 94551.

Terry Munoz Zalvala



Terry Munoz Zavala passed away Friday, November 1st, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease and multiple medical issues. He touched many lives with his gentle spirit and his religious devotion.

Terry was born in Asherton, Texas, and graduated from Asherton High School. He

was drafted in the U.S. Navy in 1955. Towards the end of his tour, he met his wife, Charlotte Gallardo, while stationed at Point Mugu, in Southern California.

Terry was a natural-born salesman. He started working for J.C. Penney's in Texas, prior to being drafted. After being honorably discharged from the Navy, he returned to J.C. Penney's in Southern California. He became a store manager for Beno's Inc. and moved about opening different stores for the company. He worked sales his entire life, from Value Giant, PayLess, Ross Stores, Sears, Macy's just to name a few. He worked up until his 70s with Macy's, selling shoes to suits.

He truly loved interacting with people. He often left jobs for companies he worked for when he felt their policies were not fair to the employees, even if it had no direct effect on him.

He loved barbecuing, riding his bike, watching or listening to boxing, baseball and football, and especially dancing. He loved the Oakland Athletics and the San Francisco 49ers. You could often hear him yelling at the TV screen as if they could hear him. He was a regular member of Trinity Church in Livermore.

Terry is survived by his loving wife, Charlotte; devoted children, David Zavala of Livermore, Robert and Ann Zavala of Castro Valley; grand-

children Megan Zavala of Ventura, Justin and Kiew Elrod of San Ramon, Jesse Kot of Manteca, Charity Hanky of Snohomish Washington, and Amber Gonzalez of Patterson, Ryan Zavala of Castro Valley, and Nick Zavala of Santa Rosa; and great grandchildren Lola and Lucy Rain, Zachary Neely and Dannica Searcy. He is also survived by his brothers Daniel Zavala of Crystal City, Texas and David Zavala of Eagle Pass, Texas, and sister Maria Luisa (Mary Lu) Zavala of Crystal City, Texas. He is preceded in death by his son, Daniel Zavala of Ventura, California, his brother Isaias (Chay) Zavala of Crystal City, Texas, and sister Elodia Zavala.

Cathleen Cordova
November 25, 1946 – October 31, 2019



Cathleen Cordova, age 72, passed from this world on Thursday October 31, 2019 while visiting her sister Emily in Bella Vista, Arkansas. Cathleen was born on November 25, 1946 in Magdalena, New Mexico to Remy and Petra (Salas) Cordova. She graduated from high school in Portola, California and went on to receive her baccalaureate degree from the University of California at Davis. She later went on to receive a master's degree from the school of International Training in Vermont to work in student exchange programs in Europe and New York. Cathleen served in the Army Civilian Special Services in Vietnam 1968-69 as a Service Club director and was awarded the Vietnam Civilian Service Medal, and later served two more years in Korea 1969-70. She worked in New York City and Italy as a student travel planner agent and also a banquet manager at the Windows on the World Restaurant in the World Trade Center. She began her police officer career in Alabama where she completed the Police Academy and served in the Huntsville Alabama Police Department.

She later joined the Pleasanton California Police Department. She was active in the speakers bureau while a community services officer and retired as an evidence technician in 2008. Cathleen was an editor and publisher of the Official Army Special Services Newsletter. She was recognized for her contributions to the book and HBO special called 'Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam'. She was associate editor of the Vietnam Veterans of America state publication. She was the Northern California coordinator for the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project, a non-profit group spearheading the drive to raise \$4 million for the Vietnam Women's Memorial monument sculpture in Washington DC. She was instrumental in forming the "Circle of Sisters-Circle of Friends" organization, a coalition of civilian women veterans in Vietnam. She was a member of the Women's Overseas Service League (WOSL) and served as Vice President from 1998-2000, National President from 2000-2002 and Past President from 2002-2004. She had a passion for raising recognition of civilian women's many contributions serving in military war and conflicts, as well as causes that support veterans. Cathleen was a world traveler. Some of the many areas were Vietnam, Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, New Zealand, Australia, Malta, Spain, Italy, Thailand, Turkey, and more. She enjoyed reading, writing, cooking, flying in helicopters, and riding on the Orient Express. Cathleen was preceded in death by her father Remy and mother Petra Cordova and is survived by her sister Emily Robertson, son Mitchell McCarthy and grandson Cameron McCarthy.

There will be no funeral. Cathleen will be interred in Cordova family plot in Portola, CA.

Stanley Bieber

Resident of Pleasanton, California
November 25, 1924 – November 10, 2019



Stan, nicknamed "Beeb" to his family and friends, recently passed away peacefully at home 15 days prior to his 95th birthday.

He is survived by his three children, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Stan was predeceased by his wife, Lynn and his son, William.

Stan was raised in Southern California and eventually moved north to Oakland. After marrying his true love Lynn in 1951, they lived in San Leandro for eight years. The family then moved to a small farm in Livermore for 10 years and finally settled in Pleasanton.

Stan served in the U.S. Marine Corp in both WWII as a radio operator on a C-47 in the South Pacific and in the Korean War as a jeep radio

teacher in the SRVSD until he was 92. Stan loved his AV work. He was always busy videoing a wedding for a friend, a football game for a coach, or copying old VCR tapes into DVD's for anyone that asked.

Stan will be dearly missed. His courage, modesty and strength of character were second to none. Our entire family has the deepest respect for Beeb and a love that will endure forever.

A burial with full military honors will be held at 12:30pm on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at Memory Gardens Cemetery (3873 East Ave., Livermore). A Celebration of Life will follow at The Clubhouse at Las Positas at 2pm (915 Clubhouse Drive, Livermore).

Pat Mielke

March 23, 1934 – December 2, 2019



Pat Mielke, born March 23, 1934, died on December 2, 2019, after having an unexpected cardiac arrest three days earlier. She is survived by her two children - Lynne and Eric Mielke; five grandchildren - Maxwell, Erica, and Madalyn Mielke of Indianapolis; and Spencer and Connor Gowey of Pleasanton; her sister Karen Case of Denver; and four nieces and one nephew. Her loving husband Keith Mielke passed away almost exactly three years earlier.

Pat was born in the small town of Norton, Kansas, where she grew up the daughter of Alice and Marion Harper. She attended Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma, where she met her future husband Keith while playing piano for the dance band where he sang and played saxophone. They spent two years in Germany while Keith was in the army; then moved to Syracuse, New York; then to East Lansing, Michigan for his graduate school;

and then to Bloomington Indiana where the family lived for many years while her husband was a professor at Indiana University. They joined the Unitarian church while in Bloomington.

Pat's college degree was in Early Childhood Education. She taught nursery school and eventually bought and ran her own nursery school in Bloomington for several years. She always had a love for music and was an excellent pianist who could sight-read and play almost any piece of music beautifully.

Pat and Keith moved

to New York City in 1978 for around 20 years and both worked for Children's Television Workshop (the producers of Sesame Street) during that time. While in New York, she sang in the internationally acclaimed 1986 champions, Sweet Adeline's Ramapo Valley Chorus. They moved to Pleasanton in 1999 to be closer to their daughter. Pat was very active in the Unitarian church in Livermore where she was on many committees and played the piano for countless services. She was also active in AAUW, book clubs, and other groups. She was a constant source of support and love to her entire family and to all who knew her. She will be dearly missed.

Her urn will be placed alongside that of her husband at the California Central Coast Veteran's Cemetery in Seaside, Ca. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 3 p.m. at Unitarian Church, 1893 N Vasco Rd, Livermore, CA 94551.

(More Obituaries on page 10)

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Dalia Moreno

Dalila Moreno left her beloved family and friends to join the choir of angels in heaven on December 8, 2019. A resident of Livermore for 56 years, Dalila was born in Panama. She was a Mary Kay Consultant for 20 years, worked at Intel Corporation for two years, and was an au pair for several years.

She was a member of the San Francisco Panamanian Club for years. She loved music, dancing, going to casinos, playing Bingo, and entertaining



family and friends. The greatest gift she had was her unconditional love for family and friends and, frankly, anyone she

felt needed a warm smile and gentle hug. She is survived by her husband Manuel of 66 years, five children, 13 grandchildren, six great- and two great-great grandchildren. She will forever remain in our hearts and her loving spirit will always be with the ones she touched. Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Moreno family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

POLICE SERVICES

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including patrol, investigations, traffic enforcement, crime prevention and education.

Under current staffing, Dublin's force has a chief, a captain and two lieutenants. Twenty-eight officers and five sergeants are assigned to patrol. A sergeant and four officers are assigned to traffic enforcement; a sergeant and two officers are assigned to crime prevention; two officers work as school resource officers; and a lieutenant, sergeant and four detectives are assigned to the detective bu-

reau. A narcotics team has a sergeant, two detectives and two special duty officers.

Undersheriff Richard Lucia said the contract with Dublin is his department's best.

"We all consider this to be a premier contract for us and the length of time we've been in contract has been a great experience for the deputies who work for us, and I know for the citizens who live in your city," Lucia said.

According to a city review of the agency, in 2018:

- Dublin police officers

- drove 455,732 miles, and responded to 38,550 calls for service with an average response time of a tick over five minutes;
- The agency made 1,881 arrests;
- The city investigated 326 accidents, including one fatality;
- The narcotics team made more than \$3 million in seizures;
- Police provided foot beats in the commercial and residential park areas, and distributed crime prevention materials to businesses and

SWALWELL

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whose offices are nonpartisan, four are running to succeed 1st District Supervisor Scott Haggerty, who will retire in early January 2021, after 24 years in office.

The candidates are Dublin Mayor David Haubert, Dublin Vice-mayor Mellissa Hernandez, State Senator Bob Wieckowski, and Fremont Councilman Vinnie Bacon.

Filing for that office was extended until 5 p.m. Dec. 11. The law requires adding five calendar days for filing if the incumbent is not run-

ning again.

In the 4th Supervisorial District, incumbent Nate Miley, whose territory includes Pleasanton, Castro Valley and parts of unincorporated Hayward and Oakland, has Esther Goolsby as his lone opponent.

At Zone 7 Water Agency, five people are running for three open seats. They are incumbents Sandy Figuers, Elizabeth Ramirez Holmes, and Dick Quigley, and chal-

lengers Hugh Bussell and Laurene Green.

Zone 7 director Michelle Smith McDonald filed to keep the seat to which she was appointed after Bill Stevens resigned. Since no one else filed for the seat by the deadline, she is automatically elected; her name will not appear on the ballot. The seat will be placed on the ballot again in 2022 for a full four-year term.



Dublin Police Services held a "Stuff the Cruiser" event at Fallon Gateway Target to gather donations for needy children. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

TREVARNO ROAD

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Nov. 27, the Livermore City Council set aside \$150,000 to pay for a civil engineer to evaluate the sewer and water systems in detail and to develop preliminary improvement plans. Then residents would be asked to vote on whether to approve taxing themselves to help pay for the upgrades through formation of an infrastructure financing district.

Homeowners will be given an opportunity to vote and ballots will be tallied. City Council approval is also required, said Assistant City Engineer Bob Vinn.

The Trevarno Road area was developed between 1913 and 1915 as the location of the office and management housing for the Coast Manufacturing and Supply Company after it moved its massive fuse works factory to Livermore. The infrastructure of that block of the old company town has remained largely the same since then.

After a developer acquired the land in the 1970s, the road was supposed to be improved to residential standards and turned over to the city. That was part of an agreement to divide the land into 13 parcels. The developer also agreed to install new water lines and meters to each house; sewer lines were to be cleaned and reconstructed as necessary to pass an air test.

Soon after the subdivision was approved, the developer sued the city, challenging some of the conditions of approval. The city and developer later entered a settlement agreement that modified the conditions of approval. It kept the utilities in private hands but required the developer to build new sewer lines up to city standards. But the sewer lines were never approved; the agreement was never enforced.

The estimated cost to replace the sewer and water lines, and to finance the project, would be about \$1.6

million, according to city estimates. This does not include the estimated \$15,000 to \$20,000 out-of-pocket costs for homeowners to connect their homes to the new water and sewer lines.

For the past few decades, neighbors, to no avail, have periodically approached the city requesting help to rehabilitate the sewer and water system. The issue is complicated, because the neighbors have been unable to reach an agreement among themselves on how to fix the problem.

In August, Amara Morrison, an attorney with Wendel Rosen LLP in Oakland, wrote the city on behalf of the owners of one of the properties, requesting the formation of an infrastructure financing district to replace the existing private sewer and water systems. Because assessment districts can only be used to finance public infrastructure, the new water and sewer systems would be public, and easements for maintenance and repair would be granted to the city.

Included with the letter was a petition signed by 7 of the 12 property owners requesting the city initiate proceedings to create the assessment district. A simple majority of property owners is required to create an assessment district, which allows local governments to issue bonds to finance public improvements which are generally paid off through annual installments on each property owner's county property tax bill.

On Nov. 27, the Livermore City Council set aside \$150,000 to pay for a civil engineer to evaluate the sewer and water systems in detail and to develop preliminary improvement plans. The money will also pay financial consultants to flesh out details: how much the city would initially pay, how the financing would work, and

how property owners would repay the city over time. This would allow property owners to make an informed decision on whether they want assessments placed on their properties.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Parks Department owns two buildings at the south end of Trevarno Road that connect to the neighborhood's sewer system. The district operates preschool programs and other recreational activities out of the buildings, and has pledged to reimburse the city \$75,000 for the initial study. In addition, \$50,000 in development fees from Northbrook Homes, in connection with approval for the adjacent Sonia Road subdivision, have been set aside for construction of needed infrastructure improvements to benefit the Trevarno Estates area.



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 565357

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 565411

The following person(s) doing business as: Mane Tained, 3420 69th Ave, Oakland, CA 94605, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Cherice Lynn Hilton, 3420 69th Ave, Oakland, CA 94605. 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: Cherice Lynn Hilton, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 13, 2019. Expires November 13, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4662. Published November 21, 28, December 5, 12, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 565507-08

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. HG19043936
SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS:

Petitioner:
Han Suk Cho
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sj_72@yahoo.com
filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name:
Han Suk Cho
Proposed Name:
Stephen Jo
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
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Date: 01/24/2020
Time: 11:00 AM
Dept: 17
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/s/: Wynne S. Canvill, Judge of

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The Independent Legal No.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 565299

The following person(s) doing business as: Phil Doyle Photo, 1122 Batavia Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tri-Valley Studios, 1122 Batavia Ave, 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: 2006. Signature of Registrant/s: Phil Doyle, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 8, 2019. Expires November 8, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4665. Published December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
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FILE NO. 565787

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 565281
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 565551

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 566032

The following person(s) doing business as: Good Morning Maxwell, 2220 Second, Suite

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 566032

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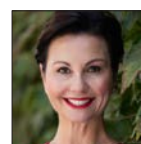
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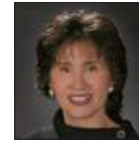
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"The Santas" visited Wente Estate Vineyards to sip and shop during the Holiday in the Vineyards event. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Partners for Change Tri-Valley Has Hired New Leader

Partners for Change Tri-Valley (PFCTV) has hired Annie Corbett, Ph.D., M.B.A., to lead the four-year-old Tri-Valley non-profit. Interested members of the community can meet Dr. Corbett and talk about PFCTV's mission and results at Asbury United Methodist Church, January 11, 2020 from 9am-11am.

Corbett took over the lead role at Partners for Change Tri-Valley at the end of August, 2019. Her background includes founding and leading of a non-profit therapeutic residential program for foster youth who are marginalized. She is passionate about working with indi-

viduals and helping provide skills and tools to improve participants' circumstances through motivation, education, and community.

Partners for Change Tri-Valley is a Livermore community-based effort to empower people to chart their course out of poverty and toward self-sufficiency by intentionally creating personal relationships that bridge financial class lines. PFCTV provides a weekly work-group called "Getting Ahead". While attending these work-group meetings, participants investigate the barriers that keep them in poverty. PFCTV encourages individuals in productive ways to improve

their own situations and, by extension, their communities. During the work-group sessions, participants learn about personal leadership, relationship building, communication and goal setting. They also explore their relationship with money, develop their personal spending plan and the self-discipline to make it work. The work transforms lives, builds a stronger and healthier economy, and cultivates a sense of pride and independence.

PFCTV works with motivated families and individuals who come from generational and situational poverty and who are willing to work hard to achieve

self-sufficiency. Participants find in PFCTV the support they need to improve their lives. Through self-directed learning, participants discover how to increase their social, emotional, educational and financial capital; and to develop a mental model for family prosperity. Community volunteer mentors also participate. After the four-month Getting Ahead program, mentors are partnered with the participants. Everyone sets goals for improvement, and these small groups meet weekly to create or update action plans and to discuss progress or obstacles.

PROSTITUTION

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are being told they have a debt to pay."

That debt, Burruss said, was to be paid through prostitution with the threat that their families in China could be harmed if they did not comply.

"These women don't know our laws. They don't know our criminal justice system," Burruss said.

Livermore detectives opened an investigation in 2018 when they received complaints about possibly shady activity at the massage parlors. The complaints suggested possible prostitution activity because of heavy traffic coming and going from the locations, which had signs in the windows offering massages for \$35, Burruss said.

A detective looking into the complaints conducted several undercover operations, which resulted in

suspicious about "sexual exploitation." Detectives then conducted hundreds of hours of surveillance and more undercover operations.

The investigations, including the service of more than 25 search warrants, identified Huang and Jones as "key players in the massage businesses." Investigators suspect Huang was involved in commercial sexual exploitation and money laundering. Jones was said to be complicit in the crimes, in addition to tax evasion, police said.

Alameda County prosecutors charged Huang with 10 counts, including conspiracy, money laundering, pimping and pandering. An East County Hall of Justice judge set Huang's bail at \$1.5 million and postponed her arraignment to Dec. 19, jail records show.

Jones, held on \$440,000 bail, was charged with conspiracy, pimping, filing a false tax return and other offenses.

Huang also owns two massage parlors in Tracy and another in Brentwood.

Livermore police are still investigating, conducting interviews and following up on additional evidence.

Police reports will be forwarded to each of the city's business licensing departments for review. Reports will be sent to the California State Board of Massage, which could revoke the business licenses, Burruss said.

Also involved in the investigation were the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, and the Brentwood, Tracy, Pleasanton and Hayward police departments.

Police asked anyone with information about the

case to contact detectives at 925-371-4790.

HEART DISEASE

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be the eighth leading cause of death, behind diabetes, the researchers said.

Demographic and technological changes as well as lifestyle trends have produced conflicting currents in the cardiovascular health picture.

Improvements in medical diagnosis and care, and reductions in smoking have tended to reduce the number of deaths from heart disease, while the rise of obesity, a sedentary lifestyle and associated risk factors like high blood pressure tended to increase mortality.

The overall U.S. population is growing, but the heart-vulnerable Medicare group is growing faster. At the most general level, the number of heart deaths is increasing because of a ballooning elderly population, while the rate at which they occur is decreasing in the ever-larger general population.

The Kaiser study has shown that the dangers of aging are dominant.

A Kaiser study recently published in JAMA Cardiology found that the age-adjusted death rate from heart failure increased by 20 percent from 2011 to 2017. The death rate increase among people 65 and older was nearly double that at

38 percent, according to the study.

To Steve Sidney, a Kaiser physician, senior scientist and lead author of the JAMA Cardiology paper, the aging trend is "a really big deal. There are an estimated 6-plus million people living with heart failure today, a number that is estimated to go up, because of the population dynamic, to about 8 million by 2030."

Sidney said there are economic consequences to the problem as well. Heart failure is one of the more expensive conditions to treat because of the cost of repeat hospitalizations. Heart failure patients "tend to be in and out of hospitals a lot."

The heart failure study appeared shortly before a gloomy report issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicating that U.S. life expectancy in 2017 had declined compared to the year before.

It was the third consecutive year in which a drop in U.S. life expectancy was observed.

Sidney noted that while the Kaiser study focused particularly on older people, it also found a nearly 60% increase in heart failure deaths among people younger than age 65 during the study period, 2011 to

2017.

The numbers are much smaller for the healthier, younger group than in the over-65 age group - 2,727 heart failure deaths in 2011 rising to 4,327 in 2017. Nevertheless, he said, heart disease is the leading killer in America, and seeing such a sharp increase in younger adults is "scary."

Asked what he would advise people to do, armed with knowledge of the Kaiser findings about rising rates of death from heart failure, he said that "prevention should be taking place a lot earlier."

He said that high blood pressure is a key risk factor -- perhaps the key risk factor -- to be aware of and to treat starting at an early age. "We know how to treat it and to control it," he said.

High blood pressure is a problem because it forces the heart to work harder to pump blood, eventually risking damage to the heart muscle.

He also mentioned obesity, diabetes and lack of physical activity as risk factors. These often accompany one another and "are not trivial to (manage.) They are very difficult."

Nevertheless, they are important for health in later life.

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New Steinway Concert Grand Piano Installed at Bankhead Theater

A new Steinway concert grand piano has been installed at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore and officially made its debut on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at Livermore-Amador Symphony's Winter Dreams concert. The concert included the familiar "Carnival of the Animals" by Camille Saint-Saëns, which includes two pianos in the full orchestral score. The new Steinway was one of the two grand pianos used on Saturday.

Internationally-acclaimed pianist Jon Nakamatsu, who has performed at the Bankhead Theater multiple times, assisted in the selection of the new piano. He played several pieces on five possible pianos. Each was compared and judged on sound and performance quality. The selected Steinway Concert Grand Model D is well-suited to the needs of the Bankhead, which hosts dozens of performances each year requiring the use of a piano, from traditional classical, to rock, jazz, and other musical genres.

This new piano replaces an earlier Steinway model which had seen significant use since 2007 when it was purchased by Jean King as a donation to the newly-opened Bankhead Theater. Given the high level of use and replacement cost, rather than purchase the new piano outright, the lease agreement allows for replacement with a new instrument in seven years.

Initial funding for the

new Steinway came from generous donors, Linda Tinney and Ron and Jo Ann Koopman, allowing the piano to be delivered last week. A Bankhead Piano Fund has now been created to raise funds to cover the ongoing

costs of the piano lease, tuning and maintenance. For more information on the fund or to make a donation, contact Steve Glavan at 925-583-2304 or sglavan@lvpac.org.

Livermore Valley Per-

forming Arts Center is an independent 501(c)3 non-profit offering wide-ranging programs that provide access to the arts for the Tri-Valley community and beyond. The Bankhead Theater, together with the

Bothwell Arts Center, are home to eight resident performing arts companies and over 40 studio artists and cultural arts instructors. Numerous events are presented each year including performances, classes and

exhibits, as well as extensive educational outreach in the arts including support for both the East Bay Jazz High School All Stars Band and local high school theater group, Center Stage East Bay.



Jo Ann Koopman, Linda Tinney, Jon Nakamatsu, and Scott Kenison (seated) are shown with new Steinway piano.

Livermore-Amador Symphony Free Concert and Instrument Petting Zoo Delights Families



Livermore-Amador Symphony presented a free family concert at the Bankhead Theater on Dec. 7, featuring Hanukkah and Christmas music as well as the “Carnival of the Animals.” Michael Wayne Rice narrated, pianists Danial Mah and Hailing Wang accompanied the symphony, and the Valley Dance Theatre performed selected dances from their upcoming performance of “The Nutcracker” with the orchestra. Following the program, children participated in the Instrument Petting Zoo—a hands-on experience in which they were able to meet the performers and play some instruments. At left, Betsy Hausburg, tuba player for the Livermore-Amador Symphony and Artistic Director of Valley Dance Theatre shares her instrument after the performance. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)

Danú Brings Traditional Irish Holiday Music to the Bankhead



Traditional Irish ensemble Danú

Hailing from historic County Waterford, traditional Irish ensemble Danú brings an enchanting mix of music, song and dance to the Bankhead Theater Monday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in “An Emerald Isle Christmas”. The musical style and sound that has played an integral role in Irish holiday and community traditions for centuries comes together in a joyous performance. Danú’s concerts in their native Ireland are true events, featuring high-energy performances and a mix of ancient Irish music and new repertoire. Strings Magazine

has called them “impressive, immersive, and uniquely and unmistakably Irish.”

Now coming up to their 25th anniversary, Danú’s exceptional players on flute, tin whistle, fiddle, button accordion, bouzouki, and vocals (Irish and English), have performed around the globe and released nine critically-acclaimed albums. Winners of numerous awards from the BBC and Irish Music magazine, Danú has filled concert venues throughout Europe, the Middle East, and North America with stops at The Hollywood Bowl in

Los Angeles and Symphony Space in New York City. Their live performances have been broadcast on NPR, the CBC, and the BBC.

The authentic sounds of the Emerald Isle will take audiences on a musical holiday across the water in this moving and memorable concert experience. Danú will appear at the Bankhead for one performance only. Remaining tickets start at \$35. Discounted student and military tickets are available for \$20. For tickets, visit the box office, call 925-373-6800, or visit www.lvpac.org.

The Heart of Rock & Roll: A Tribute To Huey Lewis and the News



With a front man who bears an uncanny likeness as well as a sound and style that has fooled more than a few fans, The Heart of Rock & Roll is a nonstop ride through some of the biggest hits of the 80s in a colorful and exciting concert experience that teleports you 'Back in Time' to when Huey & the

boys dominated the world of music. The Heart of Rock & Roll has established itself as one of the most accurate and entertaining tribute acts around. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. January 10 - 11, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$25-\$35. www.firehousearts.com

Alameda County Arts Commission Announces Workshops for Arts Grants

The Alameda County Arts Commission announces the 2020 ARTSFUND Grants Program for Alameda County-based nonprofit organizations. Standard grant awards are \$1,000-\$2,500 each. The application deadline is March 5, 2020.

The ARTSFUND Grants Program supports all types of arts programming such as dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual arts, and multidisciplinary arts programs presented in Alameda County by Alameda County nonprofit organizations. Last year’s ARTSFUND program awarded grants to 43 nonprofit organizations throughout Alameda County. The Alameda County Arts Commission, a division of the County of Alameda, is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Alameda County by nurturing a thriving environment for the arts, promoting economic opportunities for its artists and arts organizations, and encouraging public participation in the arts. The arts are an essential component to Alameda County’s leadership in promoting communities that are vibrant, prosperous, safe, healthy and inclusive in support of Alameda County’s Vision 2026 goals. The Arts Commission staff will present three free grant application workshops. Workshops will be held on: Wednesday, January 15 from 3:00–4:30 p.m. at the Fremont Main Library in Fremont; Wednesday, January 22 from 3:00–4:30 p.m. at the Livermore Community Center in Livermore; and Wednesday, January 29 from 3:00–4:30 p.m. at the Alameda County Clerk Recorder’s Building in Oakland.

Workshops are free, open to the public, and reservations are not required. The workshop information is also presented in an online ARTSFUND Video. To view the video and for more program details, visit the Alameda County Arts Commission’s website at www.acgov.org/arts (click on “Programs”) or contact

the Arts Commission Office by email at artscommission@acgov.org or phone at (510) 208-9646. Funding for the ARTSFUND Grants Program is provided by the County of Alameda, individual contributions submitted with County property tax payments, and donations to the Foundation for the Arts in Alameda County.

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May Nissen Park Grand Re-Opening To Take Place with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony On Wednesday, Dec. 18

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District has scheduled a ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand re-opening of May Nissen Park, 685 Rincon Avenue, for Wednesday, December 18 at 2 p.m.

For the past several months, the 1.88-acre May Nissen Park, located at 685 Rincon Avenue, has gone through a tremendous renovation and will, once again, be open to the public. This large community park has been re-designed to incorpo-

rate a whimsical, storybook theme with a custom fairy tale playground; Jack-and-the-Beanstalk walking path with oversized leaf-shaped art, large overhead flower shade structures and flower lighting, nature-themed play equipment, low seat walls, outdoor reading spaces, and areas for creative and dramatic play; and a new accessible restrooms. May Nissen Park will be a place for children and adults alike to come and to create and imagine their own unique

play space as they recreate, socialize, explore, learn, and play.

Everyone is welcome to join the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors, staff, and community members as they enjoy hot cocoa and celebrate the grand re-opening of May Nissen Park.

For more information on the ribbon cutting ceremony or May Nissen Park, please contact Stacey Kenison at 925-373-5746.



May Nissen Park has been re-designed to incorporate a whimsical, storybook theme, with new accessible restrooms.

Watercolor Workshop with Michael Reardon to Be Hosted by the California Watercolor Association



Watercolors by Michael Reardon

Happening concurrently with the 50th anniversary of the California Watercolor Association's national exhibition, Michael Reardon will share information from his latest book, *Watercolor Techniques*, during this three-day workshop. He will share some of his insights into painting and how to enjoy it. Through demonstrations and hands-on painting,

Michael will show ways to simplify and create dynamic compositions, work quickly and decisively, and capture the essence of a scene convincingly. He will cover the use of a limited palette, dynamic color mixing, and the use of light and value to describe form.

To learn more about Michael Reardon and to learn more about the workshop and for a materials

list, visit California Watercolor Association at californiawatercolor.org.

The three-day workshop will take place January 31 to February 2, 2020 for advanced beginner to advanced level students.

To register go to <https://bit.ly/2DXU19v>. The registration fee for non-CWA members is \$485; CWA members fee is \$425.



Carefield Pleasanton, which offers residents with Alzheimer's and other dementias an active lifestyle full of fun and engaging activities, held a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week. See carefieldliving.com for more information on their programs. (Photo courtesy of Moving Perceptions)

Dublin to Accept Human Services Grant Program Applications

Community-based, non-profit organizations are invited to apply for available funding through the City of Dublin Human Services Grant Program. To submit for funding, applicants are required to attend an upcoming Grant Application Workshop on either Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m., or Thursday, Dec. 19, at 9 a.m., at Dublin Civic Center (100 Civic Plaza). At the workshops, staff will discuss the application process and timelines. The deadline to submit an application is January 13, at 11:59 p.m.

Grant funds must be used for the direct provision of services to Dublin residents. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to, human service activities, legal activities, childcare activities, senior activities, counseling services, youth services, and housing services.

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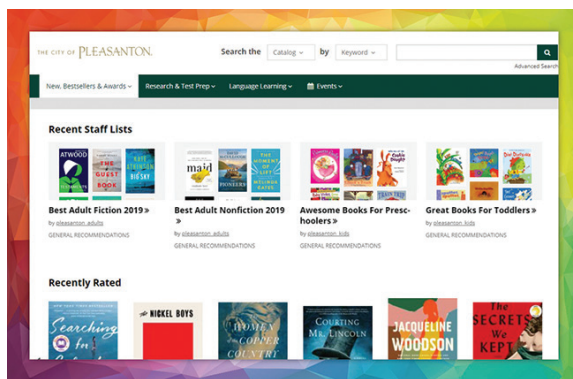
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SHORT NOTES

Holiday DancEscape

Kick off the holiday season with friends at the Dublin Senior Center's annual holiday dance social on Friday, December 13. Whirl your partner around an expansive dance floor while listening to music performed by the 18+ member CoolTones Big Band. Enjoy refreshments and drawings for door prizes. The event will run from 7 to 10:00 p.m. at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. in Dublin. The cost is \$10 for residents, and \$13 for non-residents, if purchased before December 12; \$15 at the door. Call 925-556-4511 for more information.

Pleasanton Library Launches New Web Catalog



The Pleasanton Public Library is now offering a new web-based catalog for patrons to search the library's collection and manage their library accounts. Known as BiblioCore, the new catalog is made possible by the company Bibliocommons. BiblioCore provides patrons a smarter, more assistive search experience level with prominent media companies. Natural language search is now supported; for instance, the search string "new kids' books" will return children's books acquired during the past six months. Auto-complete suggestions and a "Did you mean" feature complement assistive search. For recommendations on what to read, watch, or listen to next, patrons can view titles based upon desired attributes, and follow virtual staff accounts for curated, topical lists of titles. Alongside enhanced search functionality is BiblioCore's "My Library Dashboard" which gives library members an array of convenient controls to manage their library accounts. Once logged into the dashboard, members can rate, review, and save titles to their virtual "My Shelves" for future reference.

Pleasanton library's new website can be seen at cityofpleasantonca.gov/depts/lib.

Breakfast with Santa

Santa Claus is coming to Dublin on Saturday, Dec. 14. Families are invited to enjoy a hot pancake breakfast served with sausage, fruit, coffee, and juice, followed by the arrival of Santa Claus. Santa will pose for holiday photos after breakfast from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Seatings at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 a.m. at the Shannon Community Center, 11600 Shannon Avenue, in Dublin. The cost is for \$14 residents and \$17 for non-residents, per person, all ages.

Christmas Carols in Downtown Livermore

The whole family is invited to sing Christmas carols in downtown Livermore with St. Michael's Music Ministry. The event will take place in front of Strizzi's restaurant on Saturday, Dec. 14, starting at 10 a.m. Strizzi's is located at 2205 First Street, Livermore.

Chocolate Truffle and Wine Pairing at Las Positas Vineyards

Las Positas Vineyards will feature a new chocolate truffle and wine pairing, and will also be offering their Reserve Flight on the weekend of Dec. 13-15. Tasting room hours are open 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact curt@laspositasvineyards.com.

Giant Bay Area Book Sale Coming in 2020

Mark your calendars for one of the best book sales in the Bay Area: March 27, 28, and 29.

Friends of the Pleasanton Library's huge biannual book sale will be held at the Veterans Memorial Building, Main Hall, 301 Main Street in Pleasanton.

Extended hours mean lots of time to shop for mystery, home and garden, cookbooks, textbooks, classics, sports, non-fiction, self-help books, romance, science fiction, and children's books. The sale includes DVDs, CDs, maps, and other miscellaneous items. Buyers will find a large selection of popular recent novels in like-new condition and thousands of books for kids. Fill one of FofPL's bags for \$7.

Proceeds support the library and fund special projects requested by staff and patrons. The August 2019 Book and Media Sale generated almost \$14,000.

Annual membership in the Friends of the Pleasanton Library is necessary to attend the opening sale Friday, March 27 from 6-9 p.m. Individuals interested in being members may sign up at door. Please bring your own bags or boxes. To become a member, fill out the form found at <http://friendsofthepleasantonlibrary.org> and mail to: Membership Form, Friends of the Pleasanton Library, c/o Nancy Bering, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton.

The sale continues Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 29 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Support the Alameda County Fire Department Local 55 Toy Drive

Looking to spread a little holiday cheer this season? Help Alameda County Fire Department Local 55 bring smiles to the faces of underprivileged children in the area by participating in their Holiday Toy Drive. Bins can be found in the lobbies of Dublin Civic Center (100 Civic Plaza), Dublin Senior Center (7600 Amador Valley Blvd.), and Shannon Community Center (11600 Shannon Avenue). The deadline to drop off toys is Friday, December 20.

Las Positas Vineyards Presents Sunday Funday

December 15th at Las Positas Vineyards is Sunday Funday. A new elevated Tasting & Tour Experience has been launched, which includes a guided tour by a Wine Ambassador of the vineyards and winery, finishing in the Winemaker Cottage - with a private sit-down food and wine pairing experience. The experience is offered at 12 noon and 2:30 p.m., and is roughly 1.5 hours long. The event is limited to 8 people. For more information, email andrew@laspositasvineyards.com

Heritage and Cultural Arts Commission To Hold Public Discussion of Future Cultural Arts Center

The City of Dublin has plans to turn the lower level of the current Dublin Police Services wing at the Civic Center into a Cultural Arts Center. The proposed Center will feature additional dance, music, art, and theater spaces than those that are already offered by Dublin Parks and Community Services. The first of three meetings will be held Thursday, December 12, 2019. The City encourages residents to attend in order to provide feedback on the project. The meeting will include a presentation on design values and programmatic elements. Options could include performance space, gallery space, multi-use classrooms, etc. Feedback will be solicited from the Heritage and Cultural Arts Commission and the public. Other meetings will be offered on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Dublin Library; and on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020, 7 p.m., at the Heritage and Cultural Arts Commission meeting in the Dublin City Council Chamber (100 Civic Plaza).

City of Dublin to Host Reception Honoring Retiring City Manager Chris Foss

Please join the City of Dublin at a reception on Tuesday, December 17, 4:00 - 6:30 p.m., at Dublin Civic Center, to honor retiring City Manager Chris Foss for his dedication and commitment to the City of Dublin for the past 20 years, and to welcome incoming City Manager Linda Smith. Refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Valley Concert Chorale Presents “A British Christmas” December 14 & 15

The Valley Concert Chorale, Tri-Valley's premier chorus for over 50 years, will ring in the holidays with A British Christmas: Celebrate with Carols from The Choir of Kings College, Cambridge. The two Livermore concerts are Saturday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street; and Sunday, December 15

at 3 p.m. in Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue. Receptions follow each concert.

Celebrate with carols from The Choir of Kings College featuring the music of Stephen Cleobury, Arvo Part, David Willcocks (his 100th birthday), Carl Rutti, John Tavener, Vaughan Williams, and John Rutter. Songs include I Saw Three

Ships Come Sailing In, I Wonder as I Wander and Star Carol. As is traditional, the audience will join in on several carols.

Advance tickets are \$25 or \$30 at the door. Students' tickets are \$10 with valid ID. Children are free. More information and tickets are available at valleyconcertchorale.org, or by calling (925) 866-4003.



Valley Concert Chorale

So Wise So Young Program: Second Grade Students Study Shakespeare

The Livermore Valley Joint School District is thankful for the partnership with the Livermore Shakespeare Festival and for the So Wise So Young program that introduces William Shakespeare to each of our second-grade students. The talented and enthusiastic actor-educators who work with our students each week during this program truly

bring Shakespeare to life.

This in-school literacy program for K-12 students which enhances current English and Language Arts curriculum is made possible, in large part, through the financial support of the Livermore Valley Education Foundation and the Real Estate Alliance of Livermore. Both groups are generous partners of our district and

are committed to supporting our students. As students are introduced to Shakespeare and his history, they concurrently are increasing language skills, comprehending key details in a text, improving the expression of ideas through drama, writing and reading, developing imagination, and relating key themes in Shakespeare's work to their own lives.

Stoneridge Shopping Center Hosting Prom Dress Donation Drive

Stoneridge Shopping Center is hosting a prom dress donation drive, in partnership with local non-profit Prom Dress Pop Up. Through Jan. 31, shoppers are invited to donate gently used prom dresses, shoes and accessories at Simon Guest Services in the Nordstrom wing. Collected donations will be available for local teens in need at a pop up event in February 2020.

Stoneridge Shopping Center's partnership with Prom Dress Pop Up stems from the non-profit's founder, 18-year-old Carly Glasson. Carly was this year's recipient of the Simon Youth Foundation scholarship, awarded to deserving students within 50 miles of a Simon property. Her commitment to the community inspired Stoneridge Shopping Center to get involved. "Upon meeting Carly and presenting her with the scholarship, I was amazed



The non-profit's founder Carly Glasson collects donations for local teens in need.

to hear of this non-profit she had started," said Director of Marketing and Business Development at Stoneridge Shopping Center, Michele Osgood. "I immediately knew it was something our shopping center should be a part of. Our shoppers have embraced the idea. We already have more than 15 dresses and counting."

Prom Dress Pop Up is a family effort. Carly's

mother, Helga, has supported the non-profit since the beginning. With Carly off to college, her younger sister Bella and older sister Riley will take on larger roles to ensure donations keep coming in. "Carly will come home for the holidays and assist with the drive," said Helga Glasson. "She loves to see the look on someone's face when they find the perfect dress."



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ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

Livermore Art Association

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



A Charlie Brown Christmas, Bankhead Theater, Dec. 29

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

Dublin Blvd., Dublin. If interested in becoming a member of the Pleasanton Art League or for information regarding the Public Art Circuit, call John Trimmingham at 510.877.8154.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

The Young Artists' Studio has openings in its 2018-2019 school year art classes. Artist Peggy Frank offers small group, individualized instruc-

Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or e-mail Barbara Stanton for more info: 925.373.9638 or microangelo@earthlink.net.

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

Art Classes, For children, teens and adults. Beginner to advanced. Drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics taught by highly experienced artist and art instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst.

Weekday and weekend classes, Home school classes, Special classes during school breaks offered. 925.216.7231 or email thomasin_d@hotmail.com for further info.

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

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

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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



The Nutcracker, Valley Dance Theatre, Dec. 14-22

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

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

ON THE STAGE

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

The Nutcracker, presented by Valley Dance Theatre,



Spread Cheer with Beer, the Tri-Valley Beer Trail's annual charitable campaign, through Jan. 31

tion 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.

Sat., Dec. 14 to Sun. Dec. 22, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., in Livermore. For more information, visit www.valleydancetheatre.com.

As You Like It (abridged), presented by CenterStage East Bay, Sat., Dec. 14, 12:30 p.m. A romantic comedy, the play tells a tale of Rosalind and her cousin who escape into the forest and find Orlando, Rosalind's love. Disguised as a boy shepherd, Rosalind has Orlando woo her under the guise of "curing" him of his love for Rosalind. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. www.centerstageeastbay.com.

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

A Charlie Brown Christmas Live on Stage, Sun., Dec. 29, 1 p.m., 4 p.m., and 7 p.m., Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org or 925.373.6800.

COMEDY

Big Fat Year End Kiss Off! 2019, Stand-up, improvisation and loosely written sketches guaranteed to mock, scoff and taunt with taste. PG-13. Fri., Dec. 27, 8 p.m., Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 925.931-4848.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

The Pleasanton Tree Lighting Ceremony has been postponed until Friday, Dec. 13 beginning at 5 p.m. Illumination is set to occur around 5:45 p.m. Meet in front of the museum at 603 Main St., Pleasanton.

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

LumiNight Lantern Festival, Nov. 29, 2019 to Feb. 2, 2020. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday hours are 5 to 10 p.m.; Friday, Saturday and holiday hours are 5 to 11 p.m. LumiNight takes place at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 2100 Valley Ave., Gate 12, Pleasanton. Visit www.Lumi-NightLanterns.com.

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

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

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

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

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

Pleasanton Youth Theatre Company presents Disney's Frozen JR.

The enchanting modern classic from Disney is ready for your Broadway Junior stars! Frozen JR. is based on the 2018 Broadway musical, and brings Elsa, Anna, and the magical land of Arendelle to life, onstage. The show features all the memorable songs from the animated film, with music and lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, plus five new songs written for the Broadway production.

A story of true love and acceptance between sisters, Frozen JR. expands upon the emotional relationship and journey between Princesses Anna and Elsa. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and

the powerful bond of sisterhood. With a cast of beloved characters and loaded with magic, adventure, and plenty of humor, Frozen JR. is sure to thaw even the coldest heart!

Make sure to catch your friends and family in the right cast at the Amador Theater.

Friday, Dec. 13 through Sunday, Dec. 22

Fridays: 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays: 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Sundays: 2 p.m.

tickets: \$5-10



Disney's Frozen JR, presented by Pleasanton Youth Theater Company, Dec. 13 -22

BULLETIN BOARD

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Livermore Community Blood Drive, Fri., Dec. 20, 12-6 p.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue. The Red Cross critically needs donors of all blood types to give now to keep the blood supply stable during the holidays. Blood donations traditionally decline from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day. Register at www.redcrossblood.org and use ASBURY925 as the Sponsor Code, or call Tony Gnecco at 925-895-7794 for help registering. Do you know someone who has never donated before? Please encourage them to make an appointment with you. Donors will receive a free long-sleeve t-shirt, while supplies last.

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

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

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Political Issues Book Club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, and reads books about issues and trends that are driving current affairs, both national and international Topics that have been covered include politics, governance, economics, military affairs, history, sociology, science, the climate, and religion. Contact Rich at 925.872.7923.

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

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

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

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

Livermore Valley Coin Club, Meetings held 3rd Tuesday of each month. If you enjoy collecting coins or other 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.

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 Janes at jmadar.regent@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Scottish Country Dancing in Livermore. Enjoy the lively reels and jigs and graceful strathspeys that are the traditional social dance of Scotland. Make new friends and have fun while you exercise. Join us Mondays 8:00 to 10:00 pm at the Livermore Veteran's Hall, 522 South L Street, Livermore. No prior dance experi-

ence or partner required. We welcome new dancers at any time. Call Margaret Ward at 925.449.5932 or Sheena MacQueen at 925.784.3662 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Community Center. Small fee.

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

Tri-Valley Geeks, group of adults who get together for events like board games, movies and fan conventions. Meetings every Tuesday at 5:30 for dinner and board games A schedule of upcoming events can be found on Facebook at: [Facebook.com/groups/TriValleyGeeks](https://www.facebook.com/groups/TriValleyGeeks). Text Melody Even-son at 925.209.1214 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

Meals on Wheels Volunteers are needed to deliver fresh meals to 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 at 510.378.7243 or jillduerig@hotmail.com.

Del Valle Folk Dancers: beginning and experienced dancers are welcome. Balkan, Israeli and other world dances,

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

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

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

Italian Catholic Federation, meets 3rd Friday of the month, 6 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Anyone who loves all things Italian is invited to meet to celebrate the Italian heritage with monthly dinner meetings and holding charitable events. The group supports Children's Hospital research, college scholarships and other charities. For information, contact Judy Wellbeloved, president, 925.462.2487.

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

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

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

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

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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.sirin.org. For information or to attend a meeting, call Carl Churilo, 925.967.8177.

American Legion Post 47 in Livermore is looking for veterans in the Livermore area who are interested in performing community service for young people and promoting veterans affairs. Interested veterans will meet with other like-minded veterans for camaraderie and support of veterans' causes. The Livermore American Legion Post 47 meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Enter the building from the ramp on the 5th Street side. For more information go to <http://www.calegion.org/> or contact Bill Bergmann at calegion.post47@gmail.com or 925.443.2330 or Roy Warner at 925.449.6048.

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

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

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

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

Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) offers services to help people with disabilities and supports them to live independently and participate in their community. CRIL has offices

in Hayward, Fremont and Livermore, providing information and referrals, community education at senior centers, and affordable housing complexes to residents of Southern Alameda County. The Tri-Valley office is located at 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore 94550. Phone: 925.371.1531, fax: 925.373.5034, e-mail: abril.tamayo@cril-online.org. All services are free.

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

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

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

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

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

RELIGION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Trinity Church, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. New Sunday Worship Services & Children's Ministry times now at 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Small Groups also meet on Sundays, and during the week at various times/locations. Trinity Student Ministries (7-12th Grade) meet on Sundays at 9 a.m. and on Weds. eve. from 7-9 p.m. Awana meets Sundays from 3:30-5:30PM trinitylivermore.org or 925.447.1848.

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

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

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

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. www.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 Killcare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org or 925.862.2580.

Pathway Community Church, 1055 Serpentine Lane, Pleasanton. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday, 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcome. www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org 925.322.1222.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 486 S. J Street, Livermore. Sunday worship at 9:00 am, followed by Bible Study/ Sunday School at 10:20 am. For more information, visit www.goodshepherd-livermore.org or call 950.371.6200.

Bethel Family Christian Center, 501 North P Street, Livermore, Pastors are Don & Debra Qualls. Weekly ministries: Sunday 10 a.m. - Teaching Sessions; Sunday 10:25 a.m. - Holy Grounds Fellowship; Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m. - Elementary aged children go to Kid's Church following worship, nursery available; Wednesday 7 p.m. - Back to the Point Bible Study; all ages; Friday 7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery; in the dining hall; 925.449.4848.

Valley Bible Church, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. 925.227.1301. www.thecrossing.org.

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

Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. www.cedargrove.org or call 925.447.2351.

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

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

food items, call the office at 925.479.1414 to begin the process. Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Thursday 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Pick up by appointment only. The Outreach Center will be open every 4th Saturday to distribute bags from Fresh and Easy Market and Sprouts on a first come first serve basis between 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Infant care is provided. www.gracewaylife.org or 925.846.4436.

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

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

Asbury United Methodist Church 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. Join us for the 23rd annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 8 at 7pm. All of Asbury vocal groups will perform, along with the Asbury Band, Asbury Ringers and several instrumentalists. This event is free event to the public. A free will offering can be made at the door that will support Tri-Valley Haven. For more information about other Christmas events visit our website at www.asburylive.org or call 925-447-1950. Asbury UMC can also be found on Facebook at "Asbury UMC Livermore," where you can find our most updated information and worship sermons. All are welcome!

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 925.449.1444.

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

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

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: Nov. 17); Time: 3:30 p.m. St. Michael Catholic Parish, 458 Maple St.; Potluck reception to follow in the parish hall. Check <https://stmichaellivermore.com/Filipino> for details.

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

20th Anniversary Tour for International Guitar Night at the Bankhead



Mike Dawes



Olli Soikkeli



Cenk Erdoğan



Jim "Kimo" West

Each year, International Guitar Night's (IGN) founder Brian Gore invites a new cast of guitar luminaries from around the world for North American tours that highlights the diversity of the acoustic guitar.

IGN celebrates its 20th year of US tours with guest host Mike Dawes (England) and his incredible two-hand contemporary style on Friday, February 21 at 8pm in the Bankhead Theater. Tickets start at \$20. He is

joined by Turkey's fretless guitarist Cenk Erdoğan; Finland's electrifying jazz virtuoso Olli Soikkeli and Hawaiian Slack Key master Jim 'Kimo' West.

Brian Gore notes, "We have built a loyal and growing audience for IGN. Each tour offers an enthralling view of the burgeoning acoustic guitar renaissance. Sell outs and encore requests are the norm for IGN. Each tour is its own unique musical experience. The mélange

of mind bending British finger style, Turkish fretless improvisation, virtuosic gypsy jazz, and laid back Hawaiian slack key is sure to be a winner."

Mike Dawes, an English guitar player, is known for composing, arranging and performing multiple parts simultaneously on one instrument using unique extended and micro techniques. He is hailed as one of the world's finest and most creative modern fingerstyle performers. Dawes is lead guitar player for Justin Hayward of the Moody Blues, featured on many DVDs and PBS releases, notably "Spirits... Live", debuting at #2 on the US Billboard chart. Dawes has amassed 80 million music video views online. He was voted 'Best Acoustic Guitarist in the World' by MusicRadar & Total Guitar Magazine in a 2017 readers' poll.

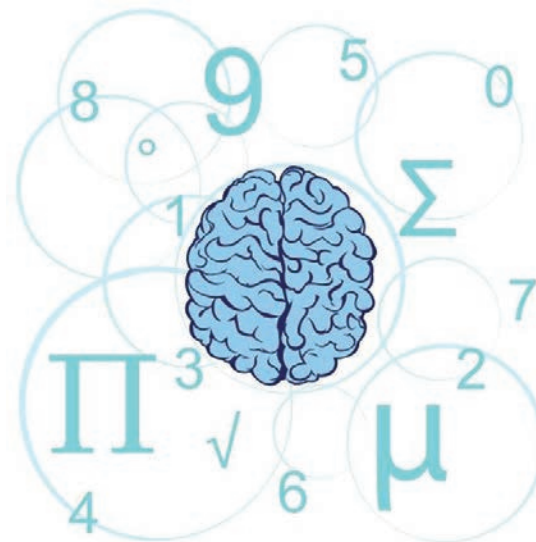
Cenk Erdoğan, born in Istanbul in 1979, won a four-year scholarship at Istanbul Bilgi University for Music Composition, graduating with first class honors. Cenk, a leading Turkish-fretless guitar educator, performs globally. In 2008, Cenk recorded his first album ILE, produced by Baykus Music. He moved into film composition, writing music for the Turkish romantic Issiz Adam. The score won Cenk a Yecilcam Award. In 2016, he arranged and conducted orchestral music for Sezen Aksu, queen of Turkish pop. Cenk released his album, Lahza, a guitar & drum project with original music and live improvisations, with Swedish drummer Mehmet Ikiz. He performs regularly with his

solo, duo, and trio projects and composes in a wide range of musical styles.

Olli Soikkeli, born in Finland in 1991, started playing guitar at age 12. Olli was introduced to the music of the great Django Reinhardt. Gypsy Jazz became Olli's main focus, playing Finland's jazz clubs and festivals. After touring Europe with musicians such as Paulus Schäfer and Arnoud Van Den Berg, Olli moved to New York City in 2014. Olli has played in Birdland Jazz Club, Blue Note and the Lincoln Center; with stars Bucky Pizzarelli, Stochelo Rosenberg, Tommy Emmanuel, Andreas Öberg, Cyrille Aimee, Anat Cohen, Antti Sarpila and Marian Petrescu.

Jim "Kimo" West came to Hana, Maui in 1985. Best known as guitarist for the musical comedy artist, "Weird Al" Yankovic, Kimo is one of the world's foremost "ki ho'alu" or Hawaiian "slack key" artists, garnering millions of streams on Spotify and Pandora. This warm and engaging fingerpicking guitar style has its roots in 1840's Hawaii, when Mexican vaqueros brought guitars to the Big Island. The Oscar-winning film, "The Descendants" features this great acoustic guitar tradition. Kimo is a 2008 winner of the Hawaii Music Awards, three-time Na Hoku Hanohano (the Hawaiian 'Grammy') nominee, and a two-time winner of the LA Treasures Award for his efforts in keeping this important tradition alive. For work with "Weird Al", he earned four Grammys and a Billboard #1 CD debut for 2015's "Mandatory Fun"

Math Mindset: Why is Math Different?



The instruction of mathematics has evolved and for some has created confusion, questions about the need for change, and/or a feeling of helplessness when trying to assist with homework. Math is about more than solving for the correct answer; it is about understanding mathematical concepts and applying them in situations we encounter in our everyday lives.

In support of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's (LVJUSD) mission, each student will graduate with the skills needed to contribute and thrive in a changing world. LVJUSD has developed an elementary mathematics curriculum designed to: support students to make sense of mathematics and learn that they can be mathematical thinkers; focus on computational fluency with whole numbers as a major goal of the elementary grades; provide substantive work in important areas of mathematics—rational numbers, geometry, measurement, data, and early algebra— and the connections among them; and emphasize reasoning about mathematical ideas.

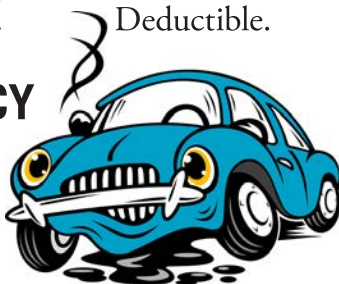
A guiding principle of the curriculum is for students to come to school with ideas about numbers, shapes, measurements, patterns, and data. Students build on ideas they already have and learn about new mathematical concepts they have never encountered. They learn mathematical content and develop fluency and skill that is well-grounded in meaning. Through this curriculum, students develop mathematical confidence and realize they are capable of having mathematical ideas, applying what they know to new situations, and thinking and reasoning about unfamiliar problems.

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