



Set out to pasture near walking trails in the East Bay Regional Park District's Dublin Hills Park, this cow takes a break from chewing to smile for the camera. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

California New Restaurant Guidance

Tri-Valley Leaders Await More Answers Before Enforcing Compliance

By Heather Brewer

Although health officials issued a press release July 11 indicating Alameda County will prohibit outdoor dining, local leaders in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin announced they will wait for further details to arrive before adjusting enforcement.

On July 10, Alameda County officials learned the state issued updated guidance on July 9, prohibiting outdoor dining in non-variance counties, including Alameda County. According to a press release from the Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD), the county's health officer order allowed for outdoor dining, but under this stricter state guidance, all restaurants,

wineries and bars in Alameda County may only be open for drive-through or pickup and delivery options.

"Our decision to permit outdoor dining was based on the health officer's assessment that outdoor activities, with appropriate protective measures, carry less risk than indoor activities," said Neetu Balram, public information manager, in the release. "At that time, the state did not differentiate dining guidance by indoor (and) outdoor as it now does. With the new guidance dated yesterday and enforcement actions observed last week in Santa Clara County, the state is demonstrating a new approach."

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Military Expert Sees Rise of Pandemics and Climate Change

By Jeff Garberson

In an online talk scheduled for next Wednesday evening, nationally known defense expert John Arquilla will discuss the rise of pandemics and climate change among issues that now must be considered in a rapidly evolving U.S. national security picture.

Arquilla, a distinguished professor of defense analysis at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, will give his talk against a backdrop of increasing military

challenges to the U.S. from China and Russia. The event was originally scheduled to take place before a live audience in March as part of the Rae Dorrough Speaker Series at Livermore's Bankhead Theater.

For years, he argued that the American military should move away from large, expensive defense platforms, like aircraft carriers, to focus on smaller, more nimble forces.

That is one of the themes he will pursue in his talk next week, he said in an interview

last week. He also believes "we have to take a broader view of national security" given the current impact of

diseases moved from the animal world to human beings," he said.

As examples, he cited

"Securing the country against pandemic spread needs to be taken far more seriously."

the coronavirus pandemic and long-term changes generated by a warming climate.

Today's pandemic is only one of several to occur in recent decades as "major

AIDS and two other coronavirus epidemics, MERS (middle eastern respiratory syndrome) and SARS (severe acquired respiratory syndrome.)

"Securing the country against pandemic spread needs to be taken far more seriously," he said.

As for climate change, he indicated the warming of the earth is having a significant impact on international rivalries. Above the Arctic Circle, for example, oceans whose ice cover has melted are now navigable, "creating a new competition for sovereignty and resources. That has strategic implications as well."

At the same time, his talk

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Arrest Made in Little League Embezzlement Investigation



Denise Arante

By Tony Kukulich

A months-long investigation by the Livermore Police Department (LPD) led to the arrest of 48-year-old Livermore resident Denise Arante on felony charges of embezzlement, forgery and grand theft for crimes committed while Arante was president of the Livermore Little League (LL) board of directors.

According to the LPD, Arante is suspected of having stolen more than \$22,000 from the league over a two-year period. She resigned from her position in October

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Livermore Police Chief Harris Retires

The City of Livermore announced last week the upcoming retirement of its police chief.

Livermore Police Department (LPD) Chief Michael Harris will officially step into retirement effective Aug. 14. The milestone will mark the end of more than 30 years in law enforcement — seven of which were spent serving the LPD.

"As excited as I am about the next chapter in my life, this was not an easy decision to make," Harris said. "Over the past seven years, I have come to love this place. I am proud of what the Livermore Police Department has accomplished in partnership with the community and know that the LPD will continue to do great things."

During his time in Livermore, Harris led the LPD in developing the "six pillars." These pillars included Public Safety and Crime Prevention; Accountability and Public Trust; Community Engagement; Quality Service; Innovation and Best Practices; and Employee Development, Wellness and Succession Planning. The pillars further set out to define "a foundation of values and priorities for the organization."

Harris also developed and implemented the Area Command model to strengthen LPD's relationships with the community and expanded community engagement programs, such as the Citizen's Police Academy, Coffee with a Cop, and Stuff-A-Cruiser. He made it a priority to hire community-oriented officers, including the 39 LPD staff who were hired under his leadership.

"While I'm proud of (pro-

grams), what I'm most proud of are the things that outlast me — the people I've hired and promoted during my time," he said. "This culture

Long Beach. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, as well as the International Association of Chiefs of Police "Leader-



Livermore Police Chief Michael Harris is seen here reading to a class at Marylin Avenue Elementary School. After more than 30 years in law enforcement, Harris will retire next month. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

has been what I've really worked on with service at the heart of the mission, and that's part of what the pillars are about."

Harris holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from California State University, Stanislaus, and a master's degree in emergency services administration from California State University,

ship in Police Organizations" program.

He began his law enforcement career in 1990 with the Oakdale Police Department and soon transferred to the Modesto Police Department, where he rose through the ranks from police officer to captain.

"I've come a long way.

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Melissa Hernandez to Run For Open Dublin Mayor Seat

By Ron McNicoll

Dublin Councilwoman Melissa Hernandez is running for Dublin mayor in the Nov. 3 election.

Hernandez, who was the city's vice mayor for two years of her four-year term on the council, said that she has represented the city on many boards and commissions, and feels well-qualified to serve as mayor.

Hernandez named as her political mentor, the late Don Biddle — a councilmember who died in office in February 2018 after serving nine years on the council and 12 years on the school board. She inherited many of Biddle's committee assignments, including such regionally oriented boards as a county waste management

board, the Valley Link board, and LAVTA, which operates the Wheels bus service in the Valley.

Hernandez finished third in the March primary, in a four-way race for the District 1 county supervisor seat, barely edged out by current Dublin Mayor David Haubert, who is a finalist for November. Fremont City Councilmember Vinnie Bacon finished first. Also, a chair member on the Dublin Human Services Commission, Hernandez focused on her interest and experience in human services in her run for supervisor.

"Dublin has been partnering well with Livermore and Pleasanton to get services together," said

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Equity and Inclusion Plan To Move Ahead In Livermore

By David Chircop

The Livermore City Council's anti-racism initiative is beginning to take shape; a new subcommittee will soon begin accepting applications from residents interested in participating in a diversity and inclusion working group.

The council's Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee presented its first report Monday. It introduced a draft framework for next steps in a public process that will include a review of the police department's use of force policies, as well as broader inspection of equity and inclusion issues across the community.

"This is an opportunity for us to step back and think deeply about our values," said Vice Mayor Bob Woerner, who serves on the two-member Equity and Inclusion

panel with Councilmember Trish Munro.

The framework is based on hours of conversations and input from a number of people in the community and intends to serve as a work in progress, the council members said. Woerner stated that he envisioned a working group composed of 12 to 18 members with an initial term of 12 to 18 months. He added the timeframe could be extended later.

Spurred by the killing of George Floyd and the Black Lives Matter movement, Councilmember Robert Carling in early June proposed a process for the city council and members of the community to review the police department's use of force policies. Together, they

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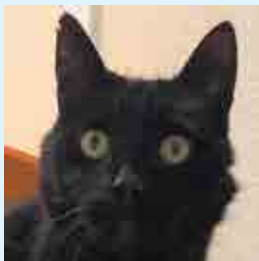
Dublin City Council Names Josey and Kumagai to New Subcommittee

In a special meeting held last week, July 9, the Dublin City Council took a deep dive into its police policies and initiated a subcommittee comprised of two councilmembers.

Recognizing a need for citizen involvement on the issue of potential police reform, the council named councilmembers Jean Josey and Shawn Kumagai to the subcommittee. The subcommittee will be responsible for setting the goals for any given task force, which would work to provide recommendations to the council. As Josey pointed out in the meeting that designated more than two hours of discussion on policing, it would be important to set a clear vision for task force participants.

"The last thing I want to do is to empanel a task force that is very invested in this topic and is very gung ho and then comes back to us with a bunch of recommendations that either we don't have the

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Protesters took to the streets of Livermore July 11 after the killing of U.S. Army Specialist Vanessa Guillen at Fort Hood, Texas. The demonstrators gathered at Livermore City Hall, then marched to First Street. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Valley Link One Step Closer to Fruition

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Valley Link – a planned transportation system between the San Joaquin Valley and the Dublin-Pleasanton BART station – moved one step closer to reality at the Tri-Valley–San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (RRA) board meeting on Wednesday, July 8.

The RRA board unanimously voted to support placing Valley Link in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) master plan of short- and long-term transportation projects scheduled to be constructed and operated.

"It's where Valley Link needs to be to keep moving forward," said RRA Executive Director Michael Tree. "They update the plan every four years and typically give each update a name. We are currently in the update process Regional Transportation Plan, and the name of this update is Plan Bay Area 2050."

Tree stated that the hurdle to the MTC plan is Valley Link's placement in the second of two periods. The first period is for projects to be constructed and open before 2035. And the second period is for projects to be constructed and open after 2035. The MTC board's conservative financial planning placed Valley Link to be built after 2035. The RRA Board agreed to discuss with MTC moving the train to period one.

The RRA board is comprised of stakeholders from both Alameda and San Joaquin counties, including Assemblymember Scott Haggerty, Livermore Mayor John Marchand, Dublin Councilmember Melissa Hernandez, as well as councilmembers from Tracy, Lathrop and Stockton. Board Chair Haggerty discussed ways to keep the project moving forward financially in the towns where commuters need it most.

"I think as elected leaders in the San Joaquin area, you could get on Zoom and let them know, next time you do a tax measure, this is something you are going to look at," Haggerty said during the meeting. "Let them know, as a leader in San Joaquin Valley, you are committed to helping find your portion of the funds to get this thing going . . . a lot of these big businesses, their people are commuting from your area to the jobs, and they need this."

The RRA was established in January of 2018 by Assembly Bill 758 with the purpose of creating a cost-effective solution to the rush hour issues plaguing many workers as they travel the often-clogged Altamont Pass. Its solution is Valley Link, another commuter option between the San Joaquin Valley and the Tri-Valley, with connections to BART and the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE).

The two-phase project, formally adopted by the RRA in October of last year, is currently undergoing design and environmental review. The first phase allows for rail service from the existing Dublin-Pleasanton BART station to northern Lathrop. The second phase will extend the rail from Lathrop to the existing ACE station in Stockton.

Valley Link differs from BART in location, cost and carbon footprint. While BART primarily serves the Bay Area, Valley Link will extend to the Central Valley. Its trains and rail both cost far less to build and operate than traditional custom pieces used by BART. In addition, Tree noted Valley Link is 'greener' than BART.

"It will either operate hybrid battery/diesel or will operate zero emissions with an electric/battery combination," he said. "Catenary lines will be in the Altamont corridor where trains will touch wires and get power from electricity to both power trains and recharge batteries. In the Tri-Valley and the San Joaquin Valley, the train would operate on the batteries. Valley Link Board will decide which of the two technologies it will use during the environmental process for the project."

For more information on the RRA or Valley Link Project, visit <https://www.valleylinkrail.com/>.

New Regulations Help Victims of Human Trafficking with Compensation

The California Victim Compensation Board has made it easier for victims of human trafficking to qualify for up to \$20,000 in lost income.

Assembly Bill 629, making victims of human trafficking eligible for up to \$10,000 of lost income per year, for up to two years, went into effect on Jan. 1. But the Office of Administrative Law only recently approved the regulations adopted by CalVCB in May that allow the board to rely on evidence other than official employment records.

"It's clear the trauma of

human trafficking extends far beyond the time having been trafficked," said Assemblywoman Christy Smith (D-38), a cosponsor of the bill. She said the law removes "a loophole in the victim compensation system" that required survivors to obtain "a note from their employer," who may have been their trafficker.

Prior to the passage of AB 629, victims could only prove income loss with formal employment records or voluntary cooperation from their traffickers, meaning most could not qualify. However, even before the new regulations

were approved, the CalVCB had approved five human trafficking income-loss claims this year, paying survivors more than \$70,000.

"By providing financial support, along with options for medical and mental health treatment and other compensation, CalVCB is able to play a small part in victims' recovery," said CalVCB Executive Officer Lynda Gledhill.

The Office of Administrative Law had until July 1 to approve the regulations.

More information is available at <https://victims.ca.gov/>.

Local DAR Members Attend First Virtual Convention

Members of the local Jose Maria Amador Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently participated in the organization's first-ever virtual convention.

"I'm loving 21st century technology," said Cindi Newbold, regent with the local DAR chapter in Pleasanton. "Last week, I [normally] would have taken my annual trip to Washington, D.C., but COVID-19 restrictions forced an online event that left me amazed."

"The emotional and social impact of seven days of virtual participation as we conducted business, presented awards, enjoyed celebrations and luncheons, renewed friendships and made new ones [has] prompted me to consider adjusting my thinking, behavior, and execution of business," she added. "Another bonus was the narrowing of the accessibility gap to those not able to travel due to age, health or economy."

The annual week-long DAR Continental Congress typically draws more than 4,000 members to the organization's headquarters in Washington. But this year, online "attendees" were greeted during opening ceremonies with a prerecorded keynote address by Lonnie Bunch, secretary of the

Smithsonian Institution, who also received the DAR History Award Medal.

Membership in the DAR is limited to direct lineal descendants of soldiers or oth-

ers of the Revolutionary War period who aided in the cause of independence. The organization currently has more than a million members.

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A drone photo of Wente Vineyards, between Sycamore Grove Park and Wetmore Road, reveals manicured grapevines, oak trees and the golden hills that surround the Livermore Valley. (Photo - Barry Zupan)

SUBCOMMITTEE

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budget for, or we don't have the ability to deliver," Josey said.

The decision came after Dublin Police Chief Garrett Holmes opened the meeting with a presentation on policing within the city. Contracted through the Alameda County Sheriff's Office since 1982, Dublin currently spends about \$20.7 million on police services — up from \$16 million in fiscal year 2015-2016. Holmes explained the cost hike has largely been due to increases in salary, as well as workers compensation and retirement.

"The majority of our police services expense is spent on salary," he said.

Holmes went on to outline

Dublin's policies on the use of force. Per policy, every incident of use of force requires documentation in a police report, and a supervisor has to be notified at the time of the incident. Each use of force is reviewed up the chain of command and a determination is made whether or not the use of force was within the Dublin Police Station (DPS) policy and lawful.

For 2019, Holmes reported over 38,500 calls for service, 1,700 arrests and 51 incidents of use of force. He noted the majority of the force used was a firm grip to apply handcuffs. Around 20% of the use of force incidents involved people under the influence of drugs or alcohol; another 20%

were experiencing a mental health crisis.

For that year, he also shared the demographics when it came to arrests and use of force. For arrests, 42% were white, 25% African American, 25% Hispanic and 8% other. For use of force, 40% were white, 20% African American, 20% Hispanic and 20% other.

In comparing those figures to the demographic makeup of Dublin, residents are 42% white, 37% Asian, 8% African American, 7% two or more races and 5% other.

Holmes stated that when he receives the breakdown each month on arrests, about 75% of those people arrested are not Dublin residents — many are recently released

from the nearby Santa Rita Jail or they have traveled into the city.

"There is a lot of fear mongering of outsiders and (those who ride) BART (into the city)," said public speaker Hannah Keel, who also asked for the presentation to be posted online for public review.

Another public speaker, Shirley Lilondowski, spoke to commend Holmes and his staff for their participation in policing discussions in the Tri-Valley. She expressed hope that he would consider re-appropriating some of the city's police services funds to crisis teams of plainclothes officers that would work to address drug abuse and mental health crises.

MADD to Host Virtual Painting Fundraiser

Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Art Buzz Pleasanton will host an online painting class at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 12.

The cost of "Paint it Forward — A Virtual Learn to Paint Event" is \$55 per person, which includes all painting supplies. According to the sponsors, almost 40% of the proceeds will go to fund the North California chapter of MADD and its programs to end impaired driving.

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HERNANDEZ

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Hernandez, citing efforts to help the homeless and hungry.

On the education front, Hernandez feels the city has good relations with the school district. She served on Dublin High School's Parent Faculty Student Organization, raising money for activities that helped fund a wide variety of actions — including scholarships for 10 graduating seniors, money for the student newspaper, and funding the Every 15 Minutes Program, which helps promote safe and sober driving.

"We raised the most money, and it went back to students and teachers," she said.

Hernandez and Councilmember Jean Josey represent the council on the city-school liaison committee alongside Dublin Unified School District board trustees Amy Miller and Gabi Blackman.

Looking at municipal issues, Hernandez said the city

will continue to budget conservatively and make certain to shore up future years for capital projects and for handling future pension costs of city employees.

"I am answering the call to take my leadership on reducing traffic, maintaining Dublin's parks and open spaces, maintaining Dublin's 9-1-1 medical response capacity and supporting our excellent schools to the next level," she said. "In these challenging times, I'll ensure Dublin is ready for any emergency, while maintaining the quality of life the people of Dublin expect and deserve."

Hernandez has received

endorsements from both Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne and Livermore Mayor John Marchand, who served with her on the Valley Link board.

"Our cities work closely as part of the Tri-Valley, and she understands the importance of our cities working together to solve the complex issues including traffic and quality of life in our region," said Marchand.

Thorne also worked on the League of California Cities board with Hernandez for more than three years.

"I am well aware of her leadership role within the Tri-Valley," Thorne said. "It

is important to me that the Tri-Valley continues to elect leaders that understand the complex needs of our region. As a resident of Dublin for over 20 years, as well as a vice mayor and councilmember, Melissa's experience with traffic reduction, smart growth and public safety speaks for itself."

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Santa Rita jail is unacceptably dangerous for both staff and inmates. A chronic and severe staffing shortage is implicated in allegations of inhumane treatment of inmates struggling with mental illness, in-custody suicides and other preventable deaths.

Understaffing is hardly the only problem at the embattled Dublin jail. But it is a critical issue, brought to the forefront by Babu v. Ahern — a December 2018 civil rights class action lawsuit against the correctional facility.

Alameda County Supervisors made the right decision on June 26, voting 3-2 to authorize 450 new positions at the jail. Four expert reports stemming from the federal lawsuit recommend significant remedial changes. Chief among them is a call to staff up. At an estimated \$318 million over the next three years, the expansive plan will entail 107 new hires outside the Sheriff’s direct chain of command, including 14 physicians, 50 behavioral health clinicians, and 14 mental health specialists.

Enhanced Staffing and Oversight Would Drive Jail Improvement

As a society, we have a responsibility to ensure public servants who work at the jail and those we place in their care are not exposed to an unnecessary risk of harm. The staffing boost should result in improved mental health care delivery and screening, more programs and out-of-cell time, closer observation of inmates at risk of suicide, and closer supervision of deputies by additional sergeants and lieutenants.

It should also put an end to mandatory overtime for jail staff, which has been the temporary solution to understaffing.

But the lack of trust in Sheriff Gregory Ahern punctuates a deeper problem. Many critics of Ahern are outraged by the hiring plan, and have renewed calls for him to be audited.

The large allocation to the Sheriff warrants our close scrutiny.

The Sheriff’s budget has ballooned over the last five years, going from around \$640 million in

2015 to roughly \$820 million today. In the same timeframe, Santa Rita’s inmate population has dropped from 3,300 to a pre-pandemic population of around 2,200; it continues to fluctuate, but currently sits at around 2,000.

To improve transparency and accountability of the Sheriff’s Office, the Board of Supervisors should consider establishing a Civilian Oversight Commission and include appointments based on recommendations by community groups, such as the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, a civil rights group that has hounded Ahern for years over alleged abuses at the jails.

Alameda County’s jail system needs extensive reforms and civilian oversight. Providing adequate staffing is an encouraging first step that will make the jail a more humane and safe environment. Moving forward, the Sheriff’s Office has an opportunity to transform Santa Rita into a model for others to follow.

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Who Would Benefit Most from Valley Link?

Doug Mann, Livermore

In 2014 Alameda County voters approved the Measure BB sales-tax increase to extend BART to Livermore. Now the Alameda County Transportation Commission, with support from County Supervisor Scott Haggerty and Tri-Valley Mayors John Marchand, Jerry Thorne, and David Haubert, is poised to divert \$400 million of Measure BB funds to build the proposed “Valley Link” railroad to San Joaquin County. The Bay Area Transportation Working Group, of which I am a member, opposes this action.

1. The \$400 million allocated to Livermore for BART to Isabel Avenue – the largest single cost item in Measure BB – was intended to improve Tri-Valley access to and from BART. Measure BB promised voters, “Under no circumstances may the proceeds of this transportation sales tax be applied to any purpose other than for transportation improvements benefiting Alameda County.” Valley Link would violate Measure BB by forcing Alameda County taxpayers to build an expensive new railroad through Altamont Pass and subsidize Central Valley commuters who don’t pay the tax.

2. Greenville Road and Grant Line Road stations could induce sprawl and contravene the county’s urban growth boundary (2000 Measure D).

3. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission ridiculously has diverted \$60 million of “toll bridge seismic retrofit” dollars to Valley Link.

4. Senate Bill 916 (2003), implemented through voter-approved 2004 Regional Measure 2, says that MTC/Bay Area Toll Authority “shall ... fund ... rail or High-Occupancy Vehicle lane direct connector to BART and other improvements on I-580 in Alameda County for use by express buses.” But the sponsors of the Valley Link proposal are disregarding this “express buses” mandate.

5. Bus systems are more flexible and have much lower

capital and operating costs. The cheapest, fastest and best way of connecting Livermore with BART would be via an express bus network, patterned after the popular and well-used high-tech buses. The Valley Link “alternatives analysis” was extremely inadequate in this regard. It studied a single bus line over the hills to San Joaquin County duplicating the proposed railroad, which offers little benefit to Tri-Valley residents. The potential of an efficient network of buses to improve travel in the Tri-Valley and augment access to the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station was ignored.

Please contact the Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin city councils and tell them to vote “no” on diverting any of Livermore’s sales-tax funds to Valley Link until an objective and comprehensive analysis of alternatives is completed and exposed to public review.

We Must Expand Vote-by-Mail Now

Andrew Turnbull, Sunol

The impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on all of our lives is clear. Even as some states begin to recover or reopen, many of us remain properly concerned for the health and wellbeing of our families, friends, and colleagues.

This crisis will impact our elections. It has impacted elections this year already in places like Wisconsin and Georgia, and this pandemic will jeopardize Americans’ ability to vote in-person in the 2020 general election.

While some states are taking steps to help people vote safely, President Trump and his administration are going to great lengths to make mail-in voting seem like a voter-fraud scheme, even though Trump himself votes by mail.

Congress needs to intervene and focus on what’s right for the American people in every state: expanding vote-by-mail and other voting options.

To keep voters safe, we need our representatives in the House and Senate to provide states with emergency funding to ensure that all eligible Americans can safely cast their ballots through the mail, that they can register to vote online, and that any in-person polling places are safe for voters and poll workers.

For this election, we must protect every eligible voter’s right to have a say in who is in office. The leaders we elect in 2020 can take actions that improve the health and wellbeing of all Americans, or put us at further risk.

I have complete confidence that all three members of Congress that represent us here in the 15th District already support vote-by-mail (thank you Rep. Eric Swalwell, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, and Sen. Kamala Harris), but we need to encourage fellow citizens represented by other members of Congress to ask for support of vote-by-mail as well.

Nothing less than our democracy is at stake.

Reaching Across the Aisle

Daniella Karo, Pleasanton

In a recent interview with

Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA) published in this newspaper, he mentioned his willingness to reach across the aisle in the future to address the issues at stake once Joe Biden, the Democratic nominee, is elected. I am wondering why Swalwell is willing to do that only under a Democratic president, but not under the current Republican one. He seems to ignore that he was elected to represent and work for the benefit of all the people, regardless of their party allegiance. Perhaps it is time to elect someone who is ready, able and willing to reach across the aisle regardless of what party is in power.

No Support for Swalwell

Philip R. La Scola, Livermore

I read about the online interview Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA) did with the Commonwealth Club.

Swalwell is not a congressman I would ever support. I consider him to be among the most prolific liars ever elected to Congress. Rather than go into all of his lies, I will just mention his biggest, where he said he had indisputable evidence that the Russians had helped President Trump win the 2016 election. If he had such evidence, why didn’t he give it to Special Counsel Robert Mueller?

Swalwell has accused Trump of being a liar many times. How about the big lie by a president he supported, President Obama? You know, you can keep your health insurance, keep your doctor and save \$2,500 a year. That lie affected more people than any misstatement ever made by Trump.

Swalwell supports all vote-by-mail for California. When was the last time voter rolls were updated for people who have died or who have moved within California and have duplicate ballots mailed to them? Why doesn’t Swalwell explain to his constituents how voter rolls in California are maintained and updated?

In the interview, Swalwell says the president can’t defend his performance and cites job losses. He never mentions that prior to the pandemic, Black, Asian and Latino unemployment were at historic lows; more women were employed and more had started their own businesses. In addition, wage increases for middle-class workers were exceeding inflation, something that never happened under Obama.

Swalwell says he is willing to cross the aisle to help move the country forward. He implies he will work with Republicans, yet I doubt he could name, other than the stimulus checks, any legislation he supported that was proposed by Republicans.

He is so tied to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and fearful of her wrath, fearful that he will not get funding for his re-election, that he always votes the party line. He doesn’t have the guts to cross the aisle. He supports leftist extremists, the roving mobs who are tearing down statues, calling for defunding of police and for open borders. Has he ever made a statement about any of these issues? His silence says it all.

The election this fall is not about Trump or Biden; it’s about the kind of country we want to live in – one that Swalwell supports or one that respects law and order and our proud heritage

Congress Should Fund Vote-by-Mail

Freyja Pettersen, Pleasanton

Do you know who’s vot-

ing by mail this election? President Donald Trump. And do you know who’s making it harder for everyone else in the country to vote by mail in the middle of a global pandemic? That’s right: Donald Trump.

He and other White House officials have gone on record with false claims about mail-in voting, even though it’s one of the safest options for us to cast our ballots as the country recovers from this pandemic.

In the face of Trump’s hypocrisy, I expect Congress to do the right thing and provide both economic relief and expanded funding for no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, and other options to make voting safer this November. These are all commonsense reforms that a vast majority of Americans support, and changes that would help increase voter participation during and after this crisis.

Even though Congress allocated some funds to help states implement these voting reforms, without an additional \$3.6 billion in election-assistance funding, some voters may not be able to make their voices heard during one of the most important elections of our lifetime.

We must prevent a situation where voters are forced to choose between protecting their health and casting a ballot, no matter what Trump says.

Congress has the ability to act right now, and we need to make sure our representatives know that anything less than immediate action is unacceptable.

Stop New Nuclear Warheads

Patricia Moore, Livermore

President Trump’s administration plans to spend \$1.4 billion in 2021 to jump start production of new plutonium cores, or pits, for nuclear weapons. Trump’s plan would cost taxpayers more than \$43 billion over three decades and involve nine locations, including Livermore.

Presently, 20 plutonium pits are authorized for manufacture annually at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. The government plans to increase that number to more than 30 pits. It also plans to repurpose a failed nuclear fuel facility at the Savannah River Site in South Carolina for the production of more than 50 pits per year. This is a fourfold increase overall.

This would violate the law because the government refuses to prepare a full programmatic environmental review before moving forward. Instead, only a standalone impact statement for the Savannah River Site is being done, leaving out significant risks from nuclear transportation, disposal, multi-site operations, and more.

Moreover, better alternatives are not being studied. Stop the nuclear insanity! Contact trivalleycares.org.

If I Were King

Paul Stone, Dublin

If I were crowned king of California, my first decree would be to substitute California’s fulltime legislature with a part-time legislature along the lines of Texas or Idaho.

Our legislators have every day, all day, all year long to create volumes of laws and regulations, mostly ill-advised, that raise the cost of living, restrict our liberty, and diminish the quality of life in this state.

According to Ballotpedia, California state legislators receive \$201 per diem for every day in session. This is in addition to their base salaries, which are not unsubstantial.

Not a bad gig. Add to this layers and layers of paid staffers and sundry legislative officers and assistants.

Think of the money that could be saved with a part-time legislature. Why, we would be able to complete the former governor’s Fresno to Madera Express! Whoopee!

And if I were king of California, I would not require my subjects to bow down and kiss my ring as our Sacred Sacramentan who fancies himself royalty does.

Legitimate

Discourse Needed

Van Rainey, Livermore

I posted a notice on the social-media website Nextdoor that caused quite a stir before it was pulled. Many supported the premise of petitioning to recall Gov. Newsom based on his efforts to contain the spread of the COVID 19 virus. In response some also sought to lecture me on free speech. Some also thanked me for making them aware so they could go sign the petition.

My problem is that in this time of polarization and identity encampments, some have aligned with fraudulent political interests, like the group seeking signatures on the petitions. They appear organized by conservative interests like gun shop owners and Central Valley farming interests and they declare that our governor is a dictator for following sound epidemiological advice. My post, though quite pointed, was to mirror what the kids from Stoneman Douglas showed us and call BS on these false premises.

However, after cooling down a bit, I realized that what I really want is legitimate discourse about the extent of the problems facing our entire society. I feel that we need to find our moral center that seeks to value everyone in our nation and revise the control of our institutions in a way that truly serves everyone and remove the privileges enjoyed by the most powerful.

I hope that a more egalitarian liberalism that is better understood by our children will encourage them to participate more fully in our civil discourse and in turn our democracy. My hope is that the mobilization that we have witnessed over the last months will continue to express itself and reveal to everyone that change is due and must proceed in a moral manner. I believe it is no longer an era of competing self-interests and is time to recognize the duty that we owe each other. That freedom needs to be defined not simply as individual privilege, but as a real opportunity for all to enjoy without obstacles based on differences in race, color, creed or heritage.

The Pursuit

William Ormond, Livermore

Back around 1969, a Black man calling himself the “Voice of Watts,” and supposedly sponsored by the John Birch Society, gave a talk at East Ave Middle School in which he expressed pretty much the same concerns as Owen Brovant in his June 25 letter to the editor.

The Voice claimed that everything done, and everyone working to help Blacks in this country, were communist. He even alleged that Presidents Truman and Eisenhower were communist. At that time Russia was the enemy.

I would like to believe that history is heading toward a better tomorrow for all people. But it disheartens me that every time Blacks try to take a step forward, to attain equal footing in pursuit of the American dream, and to take our place in the American

history books, this type of argument surfaces.

Brovant’s history fails to tell how Columbus, guided by experienced Black navigators, the Nino brothers, discovered America. Juan Nino was the owner of the Nina, and Pedro Alonso Nino was navigator aboard the Santa Maria. These brothers were sailors with prestige and experience in Atlantic travels before participating in Columbus’s first and subsequent voyages to the New World.

Brovant’s history also fails to recognize where the name California comes from and that many of the streets in San Francisco, Los Angeles and other cities are named after Black cowboys who led wagon trains westward. Around 179,000 Blacks fought on the side of the Union during the Civil War with 40,000 deaths, and Blacks have fought in every war since then to defend this country. Yet, articles like Brovant’s make us suspect.

We would be naive to not recognize that in any movement there will be elements that attempt to infiltrate and redirect the effort. The government plays a role in this regard also. And maybe the Voice and Brovant were right and the new strong leader, President Trump, has stepped forward to offer a new solution. He has achieved control of the country and seems to fit the established criteria. So, are he and his team the agent provocateurs of which Brovant speaks and is warning us about? Stay tuned.

Privilege by Color

John Lawrence, Livermore

In one of his recent letters, a writer described “white privilege” as a term used by people attempting to describe a specific part of American culture “for reasons apparently not clear to a sizable number of American citizens.” I’m not sure how sizable that unclear group is, but that writer is obviously one of them.

According to the writer, obtaining education, putting forth the effort, and having a competitive spirit is all that is needed to achieve one’s goals. Amazingly, he is totally oblivious to what happens if, because of the color of your skin, you can’t obtain the education, and you aren’t allowed to put forth the effort or to compete. This type of discrimination is occurring in American culture, but not if the color of your skin happens to be white. Being born with white skin has been and continues to be an unfair advantage, and this, Mr. Brovant, is called “white privilege.”

Schrader Perfect in College Role

Elva Cooper, Pleasanton

I thoroughly enjoyed the article about my friend and colleague Barry Schrader. I wanted to amplify it a bit.

He and I were to be elected to the board of what was then Chabot Valley Campus in November of 1986. The faculty members supported us because they were tired of all the decisions being made by Chabot College in Hayward. They could not even choose their own textbooks or courses of study. After being elected, we spent many days in Sacramento lobbying different politicians and were ultimately successful. Chabot Valley Campus became Las Positas College, and fully accredited. It is now one of the finest of the California community colleges.

Barry was perfect for the job because he was very articulate and wrote great letters. I am grateful for the opportunity to know him.

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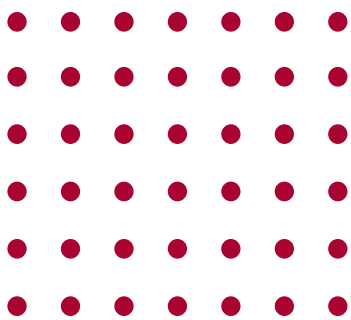
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EMBEZZLEMENT

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2019 when an internal investigation into suspected improprieties was launched.

“I think the biggest impact to the league is the loss of trust in its operation,” said Eddie Vaca, current president of the LLL board of directors. “It could be the end of the league. People could be like, ‘We don’t want to associate with that,’ so they go to a different league in town, and Livermore Little League ceases to exist.”

Arante was arrested July

3, and according to the LPD, she admitted culpability for the crimes. No longer in custody, Arante is scheduled to appear in court for an arraignment Sept. 3. She is expected to enter a plea at that time.

“It’s saddening for everybody involved,” said Officer Taylor Burruss, LPD public information officer. “When somebody in a position of importance does something deceiving like this, it’s sad. Then you add the element of this being a youth baseball

association and the steps that they’re going to incur to recover from this; it’s saddening.”

Suspicious were raised when an investigation into a missing payment revealed a check had been given to Arante, but not deposited into the league’s account. Further internal investigations led league officials to present their suspicions to the LPD, at which point the Criminal Investigations Unit assumed responsibility for the case.

With the conclusion of the LPD investigation, the case was referred to the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office. A warrant was issued, which resulted in Arante’s arrest earlier this month.

“These things happen because there are not enough resources to put protections in,” Vaca said.

Vaca, who took over as board president following Arante’s resignation, indicated his first priority was to see that charges were brought

against Arante. He and the rest of the LLL board then set about shoring up controls over the league’s finances.

An external accounting firm was hired to handle the league’s bookkeeping, accounting and financial audits. Vaca believes the move will provide an added layer of protection for the league. Additionally, the league is transitioning its finances to an electronic-based system. This move will eliminate the need for paper checks and nearly

all cash transactions with the limited exception of sales at the league’s snack shack.

The \$22,000 that was stolen, while a significant amount, represents only about 10% of LLL’s annual budget. Vaca doesn’t feel the loss will present an insurmountable obstacle for the league. Efforts are underway to recover at least a portion of the stolen amount.

“We’re working with our insurance company to see if (See EMBEZZLEMENT, page 12)

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COMPLIANCE

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As the county seeks further clarification, the City of Livermore is keeping business in line with current standards, at least for now.

“While the press release has new information, neither the county nor the State of California has issued new legal orders,” the city posted in a message on social media on July 11. “Therefore, (the) City of Livermore will not be adjusting enforcement this weekend (July 11-12), and First Street will remain closed throughout the weekend. Downtown businesses will be notified should the situation change. On Monday, the city will reach out to both the county and state for further clarification.”

On the same day, Livermore Downtown Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to the economic health and vitality of downtown Livermore, posted an additional message from City Manager Marc Roberts regarding Alameda County Health Press Release.

“While the press release is confusing and unhelpful, it is not a new order, nor has the State of California issued a new order this evening” read the post attributed to Roberts. “In addition, the guidance referred to at the state level is not an order. So, at this point there is not a legal state or

county order to shut down outdoor dining, and I am not going to independently issue a local order. The state has chosen to issue orders to shut down facilities in other counties and may choose to do so for Alameda County in the future. However, at this point the city will not be making any changes to our operations over the weekend.”

The Pleasanton Downtown Association posted on July 11 that outdoor dining is still on in the downtown area, sharing a statement from the City of Pleasanton.

“First thing next week, the city will work with the county and state to clarify if either is going to issue a new or revised health order as it relates to outdoor dining, at which time the city will work to make necessary modifications,” read the statement.

Dublin followed the same wait-and-see course over the weekend. In a statement issued to Dublin businesses July 11, the city also noted it would not conduct any local enforcement until it gains more clarity.

The statement further noted, “The state has developed strike teams that may or may not conduct enforcement this weekend in the county, so restaurants should understand this information if they hold California Department of Al-

coholic Beverage Control (ABC) licenses.”

As of press time, July 14, the cities were still in a holding pattern.

Livermore had addressed the concern in a regularly scheduled city council meeting, held Monday, July 13, during which time, City Manager Marc Roberts noted the number of cases and positive tests within the city.

“It is county staff’s belief that currently, based on the fact that Alameda County has not been approved as a variance county ... that outdoor dining is not currently permitted,” Roberts said. “However, the county did not issue a new order and neither did the state ... We continue to work with both the county and the state to get greater clarity on what the actual requirements are.”

Pleasanton Councilmember Julie Testa confirmed that her city was also waiting on county and state response on a variance.

“I prioritize the health and safety of our residents,” Testa said. “I ask all residents to wear masks in public.”

Currently, county officials are moving toward obtaining a variance from the state – an application to the state to move ahead with reopening. A letter of support for the variance is on the agenda for next Tues-

day’s board of supervisors’ meeting. Alameda County hit pause on reopening on June 29, due to rising case rates and hospitalizations, and delayed plans to apply for a variance.

“While the data have not become more favorable, applying for a variance is a procedural action that would provide us with the flexibility to ensure that we can continue to allow the activities that the health officer determines are lower risk for our community,” said Balram. Although individual cities in the county may not be enforcing any new state guidance this weekend, businesses and patrons should keep in mind that ‘strike teams’ of state inspectors contacted thousands of California businesses over the recent Independence Day weekend as an effort to enforce coronavirus restrictions in the wake of surging case numbers.

Members from 10 agencies make up the strike teams, and officials say they sent letters to every employer, or about 350,000 businesses, warning that they could face fines or potential criminal prosecution if they failed to implement a new statewide requirement to wear face coverings.

For updated state guidance for restaurants providing takeout, drive-through, and delivery, visit www.acphd.org.

MAILBOX

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Homeless Games, Part XXXVI - Little Progress

Greg Scott, Livermore

She was riding her bike by a high-end car dealership in Livermore with a full wraparound helmet when she crashed, befallen by another frequent epileptic seizure.

Over five years, she has been homeless here; Project Roomkey has yet to find her or do much of anything for her. Following the emergency vehicle sirens, her companion located her. He has been homeless over a decade, the local family ranch long since lost.

A man on the nearby bike path asked for some “Clear,” which is crystal methamphetamine. There are more hypodermic needles on the ground north of the Walmart than before the March “lockdown” for

the pandemic, most probably used for heroin injections. One homeless heroin user recently died in the arroyo, not much more than a stone’s throw away from where Livermore’s namesake – Robert Livermore – built his kit house that came around Tierra del Fuego.

Cars are driven past barricades on the bike path, some stolen. One pickup truck was lit on fire and burned next to the freeway. How exactly is this situation improving?

A hundred homeless in Alameda County with COVID-19 as of this writing. With no shelter and little sanitation. How is this virus not going to greatly spread amongst and beyond the homeless? Does COVID-19 obey some boundary between the unsheltered and the comfortably housed? Ah, the lepers’ colony with

wanderers.

As Paul Boden, homeless advocate and executive director of the Western Regional Advocacy Project based in San Francisco, said, “There is no way the system is set up to deal with this. You’re going to see hundreds of thousands more people in the streets. Maybe millions.”

Get ready.

“When the eviction moratoriums and increased unemployment benefits time out, with the economy everywhere in the toilet, it’s going to be s___ we’ve never seen before,” according to Boden.

Capital is a funny thing is it not? \$2.2 trillion for the CARES Act, the Federal Reserve Bank Corporation expanding its “balance” sheet since March by over \$2.5 trillion, and billionaires in-

creasing their wealth by over \$584 billion in the same time period. This juxtaposed with the existential of the arroyo.

Chris Hedges summed it up in his essay, “The Treason of the Ruling Class.” Then there are “protests” of little intellectual heft at all.

Perhaps the ruling class and the protesters can spend a night together in the arroyo. Otherwise it is little progress.

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At Dublin's Emerald Glen Park, families enjoyed warm weather and exercise while flying kites. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

High School Hosts Online Math Contest for Girls

By Heather Brewer

This August, Girls Math Association (GMA) at Dublin High School will host the 2020 GMA Math Contest, an online math competition for girls in grades 5 to 8.

The GMA believes participating in competitions at earlier ages will give girls a chance to step out of gender stereotypes and gain more confidence in their STEM skills. The group is dedicated to providing all girls who are interested in mathematics the opportunity to develop their skills through both competition resources and school support.

To improve the current gender ratio in high-tech industries, club members are encouraging more girls to expand their interests in math. By creating a dedicated math environment, they will collaborate, develop and improve together.

"I've been involved in computer science since I was young, and it is very obvious there is a gender gap in that field," said Grace Liu, a club

member who is helping craft problems for the competition. "It is really important to encourage girls to explore their interest in math and other STEM fields when they are young, so that they are ready to participate when they get to high school and college."

According to their website at girlsmathassociation.weebly.com, the GMA is a 100% student-run club that aims to provide support to girls interested in mathematics and STEM. The club strives to create an environment where girls can pursue their interests in mathematics through a variety of resources including competitions, tutoring, and interactive activities. Since mathematics is intricately connected to science and engineering, it is critical for those who plan to pursue a STEM career path to have a sufficient background.

"I saw the flier for this competition, and I was very excited to test my math skills and gain more knowledge," said contest participant Tanmayi Tarepalli, a fifth-grad-

er at Amador Elementary School in Dublin. "It's nice to have this for girls, because lots of girls my age don't really like math. This will be a good way for them to see that it's fun. I love math and coding."

The contest period begins on Aug. 1 and ends on Aug. 3, at 11:59 p.m. This will give the students the flexibility to choose when they will take the exam. The exam will be timed at 50 minutes and contains 30 multiple-choice, intensive math problems, covering algebra, geometry, number theory, counting and probability. Top scorers of the exam in the grades 5 to 6 category and the grades 7 to 8 category will be given monetary awards as prizes.

To register or for more information about the Girls Math Association or the 2020 GMA Math Contest, visit girlsmathassociation.weebly.com.

Students Develop Nonprofit to Help Unemployed

By Ruth Roberts

A group of Tri-Valley students committed to helping those most financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic has launched a nonprofit organization designed to get the unemployed back to work – and back on their feet.

Called the Genuine Global Foundation, the organization is the brainchild of Foothill High School freshman Yash Kaushik. It's comprised of students from Foothill, Amador and California high schools and other Bay Area high schools, who are working with LinkedIn to secure free premium packages for those in need. The packages, which are the equivalent of a three-month subscription, offer jobseekers more reach to potential employers among other tools to secure employment.

"We have joined hands to help people that are affected financially by COVID-19," said Yash. "As you already know, many businesses are being shut down, and lots of people are losing their jobs. I wanted to find a way to help out my local community and get people back to work."

The group is also spreading the word about their organization via Nextdoor, Reddit, local Patch sites, Instagram, GoFundMe and the development of their own app.

"We felt like LinkedIn was an easy site for people to access and use, and (LinkedIn) has also given us a few accounts to get us going, so we are very appreciative," said Yash. "Things are going very well."

The LinkedIn project is divided into teams that run

the program, which includes an interview process where individuals provide proof of their educational background, work history and current circumstances.

"We talk to them, determine their needs and walk them through the process," said Yash.

While anyone who is unemployed is welcome and encouraged to apply, foundation co-founder Abhyudaya Srivastava, a sophomore at California High School in San Ramon, said the immediate focus is on those most in need.

"We are targeting people who are not earning enough to provide for their families or put food on the table and a roof over their heads," said Abhyudaya. "A lot of people have the requirements and degrees and experience, but it is hard right now for them to go out and get jobs, so that is where we want to help."

Since officially launching the project two weeks ago, the group has raised over \$1,200 and garnered a waiting list of prospective clients.

Now the foundation is looking for help on the

backside of the project.

"We are recruiting for donors and volunteers to assist with the project," said Abhyudaya. "We are looking for a lot of additional help."

The LinkedIn project is the group's first foray into the nonprofit sector, but it certainly won't be their last. As the foundation grows, so will their scope. Plans are already in the works for a new project called Delivery Slot, a Chrome web extension and accompanying app that will allow customers to filter through all the local delivery apps and websites and choose an open slot that best fits their needs. Yash and Abhyudaya's team of programmers will work behind the scenes to ensure an easy, user-friendly experience.

"It feels great helping people, and it is amazing to see that a thought that we had has turned into a real thing," said Abhyudaya. "We're hoping to make a real difference to a lot of people." For more information or to donate to the Genuine Global Foundation, visit www.projectgenuine.com.

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Education News

Castro Receives Scholarship for Semester in Germany

Livermore High School student Brian Castro will spend a semester next year living with a host family in Germany as part of the ASSE International Student Exchange Program. Castro has been awarded a Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarship, sponsored by the U.S. and German governments, to cover the costs of the exchange program. He will be one of 50 American high school students traveling to Germany in January 2021.

Alabama Honors Tri-Valley Students

Melissa Madera, from Dublin, was named to the Presidents List at the University of Alabama, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for the spring semester with a 4.0 grade point average. Four other students from the Tri-Valley area were named to the Dean's List, with a GPA of 3.5 or higher, including Trevor Ibanez, from Pleasanton, and Deema Afana, Sean Haggerty, and Jarrett Powell, all from Livermore.

Weekly Podcasts Address Pandemic Impact on Students

A Dublin High School senior-to-be has created a podcast to address the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on students, especially their mental health, as they deal with the pressures of closed schools, distance learning, college applications, cancellation of standardized testing, limited volunteer opportunities and grades.

"At first, [schools being closed] was a dream come true," said TeenTalks podcast creator and host Yashvardhan Khaitan. "I didn't need to get up early to go to school. I could take my classes and do my school assignments in bed."

"But I realized that I was waking up late and missing my [online] classes over time," he added. "I was losing the grip on my daily tasks. I created this podcast to address my own situation dealing with the pandemic's fallout, later realizing it was bringing me closer to other people in the community who are going through this."

The weekly podcasts,

which debuted June 12 with another Dublin High School senior-to-be, Ibraheem Syed, as Khaitan's guest, are aimed at both students and their parents. They cover topics such how to cope with stress and maintain an active routine during the pandemic, how will colleges decide who to admit without SAT scores, why enroll at an out-of-state school if classes will be held online, and how the pandemic might affect a future career.

"This podcast is a great listen," said Pratham Dalal, another Dublin High School senior-to-be. "It offers a fresh perspective from students who were directly affected by COVID-19. Everyone needs to listen...to understand how young people are dealing with this monumental change. As a student, listening to this podcast makes me realize I am not the only one; other students face the same problem."

Episodes of TeenTalks are available on platforms such as Apple Podcasts and Spotify.

Five Alameda Youth Win Writing Awards

Five young Alameda County authors, including one from Pleasanton, received top awards this year in the Alameda County Fair creative writing competition.

Kelly Feng, from Pleasanton, took first in Best Creative Writing, Grades 6-8, for the story "Many Kind Hands."

Other first place winners were:

Rachel Hernandez, from San Leandro, Best Open Youth Creative Writing, Ages 9-12, for "Carla's New Job."

Jeshua Wickham, from Martinez, Best Open Youth Creative Writing, Ages 13-17, for "The American Revolution."

Alyssa Liu, from Fremont, Best Education Poem, Grades K-5, for "Corona Virus Poem."

Siya Singh, from Fremont, Best Education Short Story, Grades K-5, for "The Lemonade Escape."

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OBITUARIES

Stephen Andor Helgeson

May 29, 1950 – June 12, 2020

On June 12, 2020, Steve Helgeson, Mr. Moonstone, lost his two-year battle with cancer two weeks after his 70th birthday.

Steve was born in Richland, Washington, to Lew and Carolyn Helgeson. Lew was a nuclear physicist and Carolyn an artist and musician. They moved to Pleasanton, California, in 1956, where Steve spent his childhood running through and exploring the local fields and hills with his brother, Peter, and sister, Julie. He displayed an exceptional ability to design and construct at an early age, building a three-story treehouse and more than a few go-karts. Among his favorite childhood hobbies was making rockets with his brother and conducting various experiments, many of which resulted in an explosion of some sort.

In his teens, Steve was a falconer, raising sparrow hawks and his red-tailed hawk, Ike. Steve adored Ike. He would let Ike fly the neighborhood during the day and, with the help of liver treats, had trained him to return home in the evening.

Steve graduated from Amador High School in 1968, after which he worked for several years at the GM Plant in Fremont. He also traveled extensively with his family and was able to see much of the world. In 1970, he bought his first guitar in Japan, which he learned to play as he traveled throughout Europe. Upon his return from Europe, he moved to Humboldt County and attended College of the Redwoods, where, with a continued interest in falconry and birds of prey, he pursued a degree in wildlife management.



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It was while taking a wood-working class at College of the Redwoods that Steve decided to build an acoustic bass. His inspiration came from hanging out in a meadow in Yosemite with a bunch of guitar players. They were lacking an acoustic bass, so Steve built one, and the seed was planted. Through self-teaching and a considerable amount of trial and error, Steve would move on to build electric guitars, leading to the birth of Moonstone Guitars. Under the Moonstone moniker, Steve

enjoyed great success, building unbelievable guitars for numerous high-profile clients. He was a highly gifted artist and a master who was considered by many to be one of the greatest luthiers of his time.

When he wasn't building guitars, Steve immensely enjoyed flying remote planes and helicopters with his flying buddies. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle with his doggie-clad dog, cruising in his Corvette, and being the pace car driver in stock car races.

Steve is survived by his wife of 24 years, Sandy Helgeson; his two daughters, Heidi Olsen Hessler (Nya) of Fortuna, California, and Micah Helgeson-McDonald (Michael), of Blue Lake, California; his grandchildren, Liam, Kai, Paxton, Koa, Phoenix and Penelope; his brother, Peter Helgeson of Modesto, California; his sister, Julie Helgeson-Wilkins (Mark); and nephew, Matthew Wilkins, of Soulsbyville, California. He will be missed by the many great friends he made over the years and by the many workers who assisted and apprenticed with him. Steve made a huge impact on so many lives.

A celebration of life will be held on a future date, when attendees can gather in larger numbers.



Cynthia "Cindy" Ann Makepeace

March 5, 1954 – July 4, 2020

Cynthia Ann Makepeace passed away on July 4, 2020, at the age of 66.

Cindy was born on March 5, 1954, in Livermore. She attended St. Michael School and Livermore High School. Cindy loved her family, especially her grandchildren, and she loved going to the beach and collecting sea glass.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Helen Makepeace. She is survived by her father, Robert Makepeace of Livermore; her children, Audra Fragulia of Tracy, Jess Bouscal of Livermore and Sara Bouscal of Watsonville; her grandsons,

Joey Perez, Elijah Leonardo and Triston Richardson; her granddaughters, Carla Perez and Jovianne Bouscal; and great grandson Marcus Perez. She is also survived by her sisters, Linda Makepeace-Andrews and Monique Makepeace-Doyle, both of Livermore, Paula Makepeace-Martinez of Mesa, Arizona, and Elena Makepeace-Plute of Oakley; many nieces and nephews; and many friends.

She will be missed every day.

Daughter, Sister, Mom, Nana, Aunt and friend. Forever in our hearts.

Jessenda "Cinda" Helen Swiger

April 8, 1940 – June 28, 2020

Jessenda Helen "Cinda" Swiger, née Valente, passed away from natural causes on Sunday, June 28, 2020, at the age of 80 years old.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Roy Earl; and her parents, Camillo "Charles" and Madeline "Helen" Valente. She is survived by her six children; Mary Frances (m. Bryce Swartzwelder), Jeffrey Charles (m. Lynn LeGette), Roy Raymond (m. Wendy Spengler), Camillo Salvatore (m. Amanda Russell), Frank Leonard (m. Christy Muhleisen), and Alexander Christian; sister, Helen (m. Len Cavanaugh); two brothers, Charles "Chuck" Valente (m. Cathy Freitas) and Francis "Buzz" Valente (m. Linda Wagner), eleven grandchildren, Bryce, Jessenda, Camillo, Victoria, Michael, Andrew, Katherine, Alexandra, Roy Thomas, Sofia and Olivia; and her great-grandchild, Reagan.

Cinda was born on April 8, 1940, and raised in Frankfort, in upstate New York. There, she met her husband Roy, a classmate from kindergarten through high school. They married after graduation in a double ceremony with her sister, Helen. The family's four trailblazers honeymooned in the San Francisco Bay Area, where



they remained.

She and Roy made their home in Livermore. A devout Catholic, Cinda taught catechism for years at St. Charles and St. Michael Catholic churches, typically instructing the first communion class.

Benefitted by a 42-inch vertical leap, intellect, and curiosity, Cinda was interested in the sciences, politics, and economics. Always sharing knowledge, Cinda leaves behind a legacy of weather predictions, geopolitical assessments, and stock tips. Multi-talented, Cinda was a fantastic cook. Often, extended family and friends gathered at the family table.

She was a world-class mother who lived her life dedicated to the Holy Spirit, family, friends, and fraternity. She regularly posted weekly motivational sayings or short stories

on the refrigerator for all to see and learn. Once her children were out of the home, Cinda retired her position as Household CEO. She enjoyed years of retirement with Roy, splitting time between Livermore in the East Bay and Pismo Beach on the Central Coast. When her beloved husband passed away, Cinda moved to Christwood Retirement Community in Covington, Louisiana.

Cinda is cherished by all who knew her. Her positive disposition, generosity, and drive to improve set excellent examples for her children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and many others who knew her. She is now at peace, surrounded by the love of her husband, and the many family members and friends who have passed before her. She will be greatly missed.

Services and interment will be held at St. Michael Catholic Church and Memory Gardens in Livermore. The family requests any donations to be sent to the Christwood Foundation at christwoodrc.com/foundation or the Alzheimer's Foundation at alzfdn.org/support-us/donate. Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Swiger family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

Jack R. Merideth

Oct. 21, 1945 – June 28, 2020

Jack passed away with continuing medical conditions.

Jack was a Navy Veteran and retired from Sandia National Laboratories. He was born in Missouri and enjoyed fishing and camping with Cookie. Jack is preceded in death by his parents.

He was well loved and will be missed dearly by Cookie of 28 year; her daughter, Michelle; her granddaughters, Mariah and Marissa; and Cookie's son-in-law, Octavio - all who helped care for Jack. He is also



survived by his three sisters, Liz (California) and her three

daughters, Marie, Lisa and Kathy; Barb (Texas) and her two daughters, Katy and Donna; and Debbie (Mississippi); as well as four brothers, Gary (Missouri), Mike (Arkansas), Jimmy and Terry (Mississippi) and all of their families. Jack also had a good friend, Gary Flowers, who called and came by often to check on Jack, although he was not able to see him during COVID-19 times.

Jack will be laid to rest in Lott, Texas.

George Rasmus Jensen

May 24, 1935 – May 30, 2020



Longtime Livermore resident George R. Jensen passed away on Saturday morning, May 30, 2020, at his property in Tehachapi, Kern County, California.

He was 85 and passed of natural causes – arteriosclerosis cardiovascular disease. At the

time of his death, George was building a custom home on his ranch located in the Alpine Forest Estates in the mountains southwest of Tehachapi.

George was a business graduate of San Jose State University, class of 1956. His career as a custom homebuilder in the Amador Valley spanned 50 years, with creation of many notable residences built by the G. R. Jensen Construction Company. They include many homes located along Almond Circle and commercial properties in downtown Livermore. Perhaps George is best known for restoration of the landmark water tower located on the historic Livermore Sanitarium grounds. It served as his residence for many years.

His talent for quality construction came naturally as the

grandson of longtime Livermore builders Niels Jensen and nephew of Roy N. Jensen.

George is survived by his sister, Shirley M. Tinsley of Livermore; brother Alan J. Jensen of Wasco; sister Carol A. Jensen of Brentwood; three surviving children, Kimberley A. Fox of Washington State, Galen R. Jensen of Idaho, and Courtney Jensen of Stockton; and five granddaughters. He is predeceased by his parents, Rasmus L. Jensen and Dorothy M. Jensen, both longtime Amador Valley and Brentwood farmers.

The Jensen family appreciates your kind words and thoughtfulness. Funeral service by Peter's Funeral Home, in Wasco, California. Remembrances to the American Heart Association are appreciated.

Linda Floyd Spears passed away on Friday, July 3, at the age of 69.

A spirited, young-hearted woman, Linda will be remembered for her passion for family, animals, and the nursing profession.

Linda was born Feb. 3, 1951, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, to Pauline and Jesse Floyd. In 1957, the family moved to Livermore, where Linda graduated from high school, then nursing school shortly after. Later, she earned certifications in intensive care and coronary care nursing. She began her nursing career at the Valley Memorial Hospital in Livermore and finished as a critical care unit nurse at Auburn Faith. For 40 years, she advocated for patient rights and represented her colleagues across the nation in this effort.

From a very early age, Linda's heart for animals turned

Linda Floyd Spears

Feb. 3, 1951 – July 3, 2020



Linda was an active member of Peace Lutheran Church in Grass Valley. She served as an assisting minister for Sunday worship, and she was active in the women's group and a regular member of the Martha Circle Bible study group. Linda's love for God grew through the years, and she demonstrated unwavering faith through her service to the Lord and others.

Linda is survived by her husband of 37 years, Jesse Lee Spears; her son, Jesse Allan Judd, and his wife, Aidge; her granddaughter, Ariana; her mother, Pauline Floyd; and her three sisters, Pat Alexander, Ann Gomez and Janie Pyle; as well as extended family and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her father Jesse Floyd.

Information regarding her memorial service will be announced later.

Richard "Rich" Lee Statham

Dec. 31, 1943 – June 16, 2020

A longtime resident of Pleasanton, California, Richard Lee Statham died of lung cancer on June 16, 2020 in Alamo, California.

He was the son of Roy Eugene Statham, Sr. and Leatrice Virginia (Hopper) Statham. Richard was born in St. Louis, Missouri, where his father was in the U.S. Army Air Corps, stationed nearby at Jefferson Barracks. After his father's discharge from active duty in 1945, the family relocated to San Leandro, California.

San Leandro was a nice town to grow up in, and Richard and his brother Roy enjoyed hunting and fishing the area in their youth. On many early weekend mornings, they could be seen carrying their shotguns down Davis Street, heading for the bay. Knowing the boys were going duck hunting, the police would honk and wave when they recognized the young brothers. Rich saw many changes in this bayside city during the 1950s and '60s, as the nearby farms were replaced by the Nimitz Freeway, and his duck hunting and fishing spots gave way to golf courses, the Oakland Airport, and commercial development at the San Leandro Marina.

After graduating from San Leandro High School in 1961, Richard worked as a salesman at Grodins Men's Store in downtown Oakland, California. It was a perfect fit, as he was always impeccably dressed. He later was employed by United Glass Company in Oakland as an outside salesperson, and he



finished his career in the glass industry as a supervisor for International Window Company in Hayward, California.

In his youth, he was a champion junior bowler, and he excelled at shooting pool. He played at the San Leandro Bowl and at The Boomerang, a small billiards venue primarily populated by local teenagers.

Rich had to give up bowling after being injured in an industrial accident, but continued playing pool, becoming a regular at tournaments throughout Northern California and Nevada. He once played Willie Mosconi, a United States National Pool Champion who

represented Brunswick Pool Tables. Richard lost that match with Mosconi, but – instead of being discouraged – he was inspired. He continued to love the game, training tirelessly to improve his skills and eventually tutoring other players.

He had always wanted to be the proprietor of an upscale pool room and, in 1995, realized that dream by purchasing Felts Billiard Club (now Crown Billiards) in San Ramon, California. Richard retired and sold the business in 2001, but he continued to play in tournaments. He represented various teams from the Livermore 'Big Win 8 Ball League' for the past 24 years.

In addition to his life-long passion for pool, fishing and hunting, Richard enjoyed gardening, and was a large collector of a variety of musical genres, particularly early blues and country music. In his spare time, he could be found fly-fishing on Fall River in Shasta County, or hunting for deer and antelope from Northern California to the Oregon border. He led a full life.

Richard is survived by his wife of 36 years, Florence; brother Roy Statham (Lauriel) of Pleasanton; sister Janis Dice (Michael) of Auburn, California; stepdaughters Debbie Phelps (Greg) and Renee Pletcher (Ron); and stepsons Keith Jeanninette (Mary), Kenny Jeanninette (Debbie) and Kevin Jeanninette.

A memorial service will be held after the coronavirus subsides.

Jacquelyn "Jacque" Marilyn Caudle Holder

Oct. 31, 1935 – June 16, 2020



person. No calls before 10 am.

Later in Carl's career as an airline pilot, he transferred his flying base to Berlin, where he and Jacque lived for five years. He captained jets for Pan Am, and they were there when the Berlin Wall came down in 1989. All three daughters visited them while they were based in Berlin.

Her daughters have favorite memories of the times spent at the family's mountain vacation home in Blue Lake Springs, near Arnold, that Carl built. Another favorite memory was the full family of 15 people traveling to Kenya for a safari.

A long-time resident of Pleasanton, Jacque Holder loved serving her Lord in church and in her community.

Jacque went home to be with her Savior on June 16, after battling dementia. She was 84.

She and her late husband of 58 years, Carl Holder, lived in Pleasanton from the early 1960s until her death, except for five years spent living abroad. They were active members of the Presbyterian church throughout their time in Pleasanton. Jacque led Challenge, the youth group at church, for several years. She also participated in Bible studies throughout her life.

She was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Odessa Myrl Beard Caudle and Leo Hardin Caudle. She graduated from Capitol Hill High School and married fellow Capitol graduate Carl Holder on April 26, 1958. They had three daughters that she raised in Pleasanton. She loved entertaining people in her home and was known for her homemade hot fudge sauce. Her friends and family knew very well that she was not a morning

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would work to address structural racism and its impact on people of color in Livermore.

“This is going to be part of a long conversation,” said Mayor John Marchand. “We hear people say, ‘We want something done.’ Now, on the other hand, we’ve heard this should be a very deep conversation ... I think the direction you’re going — to get those deep community conversations and experiences — I think that is going to help frame the direction that we go.”

During the public comment period, Andrew Barker indicated disappointment with the subcommittee’s broad objective and recommended a more specific focus with measurable goals focused on policing and civilian oversight.

While the sample size was admittedly small, Munro noted that the white people with whom she spoke tended to be more concerned with police use of force, whereas African Americans she reached were more concerned about inclusion and equity.

“This started with the idea that this was about public safety, and this is about mak-

ing sure that the relationships between the police department and the community are good,” Munro said. “But as we talked, it became clear that it was broader than that.”

Woerner agreed, calling the conversations “eye-openers” that revealed examples of discrimination that are different than the police use of force issues that have been a rallying point for police reform activists.

He shared an example of a black resident who was showing someone around his Homeowner Association common area. A person came out and accused him of trespassing, and told him to get out or he was going to call the police.

Woerner said it would be inappropriate to narrowly focus on policing issues without looking at the broader picture. For the example above, he said a solution in the short term could be for the city council to pass an anti-harassment ordinance that would make it a crime to call 9-1-1 to harass someone based on race.

Carling also addressed more than the policing issue. While the framework identi-

fies access to housing as a long-term objective, Carling said the City Council would continue to push forward on affordable housing development on other fronts in the interim.

COVID-19 Infection Rate Spike in Livermore

City Manager Marc Roberts, the city’s director of emergency services, gave an update on the city’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including a few areas of particular concern.

First, data published daily by the Alameda County Public Health Department indicate a tenfold increase in the rate of spread in Livermore. Roberts said the city is now seeing between 10 to 15 new cases per day. For the first three months of the pandemic, the average rate in or less. At press time, there have been 318 total positive cases reported in Livermore.

Secondly, Roberts said the prevalence of people following face covering requirements downtown are low, with about 50% compliance in areas downtown closed to traffic and fewer outside that area.

HARRIS

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I remember my very first day with the Oakdale Police Department; I was so green, they handed me my equipment and uniform, and I didn’t know how to put them on right,” he said with a laugh. “I almost didn’t make it at first — it was so new to me, but (Oakdale) was a great place to start.”

He was hired as the Livermore Chief of Police in 2013 and moved to the city with his family.

“In addition to the police department, the community, as a whole, has been wonderful and welcoming,” Harris said. “We love it here.”

Harris noted the challenges of his career to be addressing societal issues, such as crime and homelessness, alongside constantly changing legislation. But he also reported that policy evolution is a welcomed asset when it comes to improving law enforcement and making sure police departments foster a community-first culture — something he takes pride in at the LPD.

“With the George Floyd incident bringing so much attention and effort toward policing, this is a moment

in history where there can be some real change implemented,” he said. “Anything that promotes a feeling of safety and security among residents in our community is what we’re about.”

Livermore Mayor John Marchand named public safety as the city’s top priority, further adding it has been an honor to work with Harris.

“I have appreciated his leadership and professionalism as he has built and maintained an outstanding police department of which our community is rightfully proud,” Marchand said. “I wish him and his family all of the best for a long and healthy retirement.”

The City of Livermore launched the recruitment process for a new chief of police. It will begin accepting applications in the coming weeks.

As for Harris, he said his plans for retirement will include more time with family, possibly some travel and rest.

“It’s been an honor and privilege to serve the communities and work with the people I’ve worked with,” Harris concluded. “They’re so committed and dedicated;

just the best people I know. I’m proud of them and happy to have served alongside them.”

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will also consider “traditional issues” of national security.

“We are spending \$2 billion every day on American defense,” Arquilla said. “How do we know we are spending it well?”

He questions the value of investing \$1 trillion on development and operation of a new, piloted fighter plane at a time when it can be outperformed by robotic and remotely piloted aircraft.

Similarly, he has been critical of spending tens of billions of dollars on new aircraft carriers when “hypersonic missiles are holding aircraft carriers at tremendous risk.”

He notes Dwight Eisenhower’s 1961 caution about a “military-industrial complex,” an informal alliance between the military and its industrial suppliers that Eisenhower foresaw as a vested interest influencing public policy.

Arquilla worries that military spending today may be directed toward “a small number of defense contractors who are highly dependent on these old systems that they want to keep making ... fighter aircraft for pilots and aircraft carriers (and) main battle tanks at a time when these systems may be becoming obsolete.”

At the strategic level, he questions some of the U.S. decisions to intervene in other countries.

“That has proved over the past two decades to be exceptionally costly and largely ruinous for the countries in which we have intervened,” he continued.

He cites Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya and Yemen as examples.

In Yemen, he said, “We

supported Saudi intervention ... which has turned that very sad land into the world’s charnel house.”

He further stated that the U.S. needs to exercise “much greater prudence” in overseas commitments.

“We need to take a strategic appetite suppressant when it comes to interventions,” Arquilla said.

Arquilla is the author of several books including “From Troy to Entebbe: Special Operations in Ancient and Modern Times”; “Worst Enemy”; and “Insurgents, Raiders, and Bandits.” His latest book is “Why the Axis Lost; An Analysis of Strategic Errors.

He was a consultant to senior military commanders during Operation Desert Storm and the Kosovo War. In 2011, he served on a small team working directly for President Obama whose task was to find “new directions for American defense.”

He is the author of more than 100 articles dealing with a wide range of topics in military and security affairs, appearing in academic journals and in general publications like The New York Times, Foreign Policy Magazine and Atlantic Monthly.

His talk is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22. It is sponsored by Quest Science Center 2.0, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories, Towne Center Books and other local organizations.

The Rae Dorough Speaker Series is requesting a \$10 donation from participants. Sign up at <https://livermorearts.org/events/list/> or call the Bankhead Theater box office at 925-373-6800.

While a series of press releases issued by Alameda County have created uncertainty about whether Livermore restaurants will be allowed to continue outdoor dining, Roberts said the city will not take any independent enforcement action against businesses that were in compliance with the rules in place July 10.

Council Authorizes Negotiations for Mixed Use Project

In other news, the city council unanimously voted

to allow city staff to begin negotiating a development agreement with PGM Communities LLC, also known as SunCal, to develop a 45-acre mixed-use development on now-vacant land north of I-580 west of Isabel Avenue.

The developer seeks to build a project with residential, office, commercial and ground floor retail space. A neighborhood park is also planned.

The city council is expected to adopt the recently revived transit-oriented Isabel Neighborhood Specific

Plan this fall, along with an updated environmental impact review. At build-out, the neighborhood in northwest Livermore could accommodate more than 4,000 new townhomes, condos and apartments clustered around a future Valley Link station at Isabel Avenue in the I-580 median.

A negotiated proposed development agreement on the mixed-use development would come back for a vote of the council after adoption of the Isabel Neighborhood Plan.

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TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, July 16, 5 p.m.
StarsDay Open Mic Returns to Livermore Valley Performing Arts

Second annual Dreamcatcher competition by performing online from your home or studio. Any local musician, vocalist or spoken word artist can enter for \$10, (must register by July 13). Or tune in to watch a wealth of talent in our community. For more information or to sign up, visit www.livermorearts.org

Friday, Saturday, Sunday through July 26, 2-4:45 p.m.
Watch Live Horse Racing at Trackside Terrace Outdoor Patio Dining

Fantastic view of the track. Watch live racing while you dine. Each guest must purchase a meal to enter the Alameda County Fairgrounds and Trackside Terrace. For more information, visit www.alamedacountyfair.com.

Saturday, July 18, Thursday, July 23, Friday, July 24, 8 p.m. Alameda County Fairgrounds Drive-In Movies
“Pop-Up-Drive-In-Movie!”

Watch a new classic movie at the Fairgrounds from your car. “Mean Girls” will play Saturday, July 18; “The Breakfast Club” is set for Thursday, July 23; and “Dirty Dancing” will air Friday, July 24. Pay to park, watch a classic movie and receive one general admission to the 2021 fair next summer. Corner of Valley Avenue, Pleasanton. For more information, visit <https://alamedacountyfair.com/>.

Sunday, July 19, 2 p.m. Cool Off In The Creek at Sycamore Grove Park

What will we find lurking in the shallows of the creek? Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet and join Ranger Amy to explore! Our walk to the creek will be less than a quarter mile, so adults may want to bring a camping chair to sit comfortably on the shore while the little ones play in the creek. All ages welcome. Please RSVP by calling 925-960-2400 or emailing awolitzer@larpd.org.

Tuesday, July 21, 7 p.m. CounterPoint – Faith-Based Support Group

For families or individuals who are impacted by their loved ones’ addiction or alcoholism. Meetings during COVID-19 are through Zoom. Call Rachael at 510-501-1411, leave your email address and you will be invited to the meeting.

Thursday, July 23, to Sunday, July 26 Livermore Valley Wine Foundation Auction

Benefiting Livermore Schools Lunch Program, the auction will run concurrently with virtual events in place of traditional Taste of Terror. For more information, visit www.lvwf.org.

Saturday, July 25, 8-4:45 p.m. Blake Shelton, Gwen Stefani & Trace Adkins Encore Drive-In Nights

The all new, one-night-only concert feature was filmed exclusively for drive-in theaters across North America. From the safety of your vehicle, you get a night out to enjoy a cinematic concert experience under the summer sky at Alameda County Firegrounds. For tickets, visit <https://www.ticketmaster.com/encore-blakeshelton>.

Wednesday, July 28, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. How to Eliminate Fossil Fuels from your Home, Webinar

The next frontier in energy and home performance is electrification. Appliances that run on all electric technologies have been popular in other parts of the world for decades and are now becoming widely available in California and there are huge incentives available for early adopters. Join this webinar hosted by Stop Waste and the Bay Area Regional Energy Network to learn about what sets these products apart, whether or not they are right for your home and how to take advantage of various rebate and incentive programs. Webinar link provided upon registration. For more information, visit <https://dublin.ca.gov/Calendar>.

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

Dublin Farmers Market Open for the Season

Open Thursdays, noon to 4 p.m., at Emerald Glen Community Park, 4201 Central Parkway.

Livermore Downtown Farmers Market Open for the Season

Open Sundays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Carnegie Park, 2152 Second St. Open Thursdays, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Carnegie Park in Downtown Livermore.

Pleasanton Farmers Market Open for the Season

Open Saturdays, at Main Street and West Angela Street. Hours are 9 to 10 a.m. for seniors 60 and over, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the general public.

Family Storytime

Family storytime is designed for toddlers, preschoolers and their parents/caregivers, but all are welcome to join in singing catchy songs, reading fun picture books and fostering a love for learning. Join Pleasanton Library and Recreation Department each Friday during the month of July, 11 to 11:15 a.m. on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PleasantonLibraryandRecreation/>.

Livermore Valley Opera Airs Friday Episodes

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DARELL RANDY GOTT Case No. RP20061091

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **DARELL RANDY GOTT**. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **KERRY NORMAN GOTT**, in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. **THE COURT REQUIRES ALL PARTIES WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE HEARING ON THE BELOW DATE AND TIME, INCLUDING THOSE WHO WISH TO STATE OBJECTIONS, TO APPEAR BY AUDIO OR VIDEO TECHNOLOGY. THE PARTIES SHOULD CONSULT THE COURT'S WEBSITE FOR THE SPECIFIC TELEPHONIC AND VIDEO APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE. THE PARTIES MAY ALSO CONTACT THE PROBATE CLERK AT probateclerk2@alameda.courts.ca.gov. PARTIES MUST BE PRESENT AT LEAST FIVE (5) MINUTES BEFORE THE SCHEDULED HEARING TIME.** A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: **Date: August 3, 2020, TIME: 2:00 p.m. at: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, Dept. 201 County of Alameda 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way Berkeley, CA 94704 Berkeley BHC.** If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and

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(X) Petitioner: **KERRY NORMAN GOTT, PRO PER 6023 Hellman Ave ALTA LOMA, CA 91737 (909)-268-5645.** The Independent, Legal No. 4742. Published July 9, 16, 23, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 570976

The following person(s) doing business as: Seeds of Music Academy, 1620 Arroyo Road, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Christopher Ansuini, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 24, 2020. Expires June 24, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4743. Published 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARIA FATIMA SILVA Case No. RP20065143

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **MARIA FATIMA SILVA**. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **JOE GUALBERTO SILVA**, in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. **THE COURT REQUIRES ALL PARTIES WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE HEARING ON THE BELOW DATE AND TIME, INCLUDING THOSE WHO WISH TO STATE OBJECTIONS, TO APPEAR BY AUDIO OR VIDEO TECHNOLOGY. THE PARTIES SHOULD CONSULT THE COURT'S WEBSITE FOR THE SPECIFIC TELEPHONIC AND VIDEO APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE. THE PARTIES MAY ALSO CONTACT THE PROBATE CLERK AT probateclerk2@alameda.courts.ca.gov. PARTIES MUST BE PRESENT AT LEAST FIVE (5) MINUTES BEFORE THE SCHEDULED HEARING TIME.** A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: **Date August 3, 2020, TIME: 2:00 p.m. at: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, Dept. 201 County of Alameda 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way Berkeley, CA 94704 Berkeley BHC.** If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor

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(X) Petitioner: **JOE GUALBERTO SILVA Michelle S. Domingo, Attorney for Petitioner 1501 N. Broadway, Suite 260 Walnut Creek, CA 94596 925-891-5006.** The Independent, Legal No. 4744. Published July 9, 16, 23, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 571030

The following person(s) doing business as: Tri Valley Taxi, 4900 Hovard Rd #100, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ali Naqi Akbari, 367 Earhart Way, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: October 1, 2013. Signature of Registrant/s: Ali Akbari, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 29, 2020. Expires June

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 571141

The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Lovely, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kristin Hackbarth, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: June 20, 2020. Signature of Registrant/s: Kristin Hackbarth, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 2, 2020. Expires July 2, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4746. Published 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2020.

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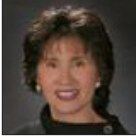
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Ruby Hill Takes Top Honors at Livermore Uncorked

The 2016 Ruby Hill Petite Sirah, Reserve Collection was judged Best in Show by the Tri-Valley Conservancy during its 11th annual Livermore Uncorked competition.

Livermore Valley wineries submitted more than 123 entries, covering a dozen categories, in this year’s competition. About half

made it to the final round, where they were judged by Jim Gordon of Wine Enthusiast, Laura Ness of Spirited and Wine Industry Advisor, and Fred Swan of NorCal Wine.

The Ruby Hill Petite Sirah was judged Best Red, and won in a taste-off for Best in Show against the Best White, a 2018 Darcie

Kent Vineyards Pistachio Lane Chardonnay, and the Best Rosé, a 2019 Occasio Winery Rosé of Grenache.

Petite Sirah is a varietal long associated with the Livermore winegrowing region, and was first bottled by third-generation vintner Jim Concannon in 1963.

Livermore Uncorked is sponsored by Tri-Valley Con-

servancy, a nonprofit organization that works to promote agriculture and protect open spaces. The competition is open only to wines made from grapes grown in the Livermore Valley American Viticulture Area.

For a complete list of winning wines, go to trivalleyconservancy.org/events/livermore-valley-uncorked.

Vice Mayor Woerner Elected Chair of Transit Agency Board

Vice Mayor Bob Woerner will serve as chairman of the board for the Livermore-Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) for the next 12 months.

Woerner, who has been on

the LAVTA board since 2018, was vice chairman the past year. He was elected chairman by the seven-member board, which includes two members each from Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton and one from the Alameda

County Board of Supervisors. Pleasanton Councilmember Jerry Pentin was elected vice chairman for the upcoming year.

Woerner is also the transit agency’s representative on the Tri-Valley – San

Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority Board. He served on the LAVTA board of directors from 2012-2014.

Created in 1985, the LAVTA provides bus and paratransit services for nearly 2 million riders per years.

EMBEZZLEMENT

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we can recoup some of those funds from the embezzlement,” said Vaca. “I don’t know if we get to recoup all of it, but it does look like we’ll recoup some of it. There’s protection that the league has for this, just like any other business. I guess this is pretty rampant according to Little League International, and therefore, they require you to have insurance, sadly.”

Reaction in the commu-

nity to the news of Arante’s arrest was swift. A post on the LPD Facebook page drew more than 250 comments, while a similar post on the Livermore Rants and Raves page garnered nearly 200 comments.

“When we put that information out to the public (on social media), it blew up,” Burruss said. “A lot of people were making comments. As a youth organization, there’s an element to it that makes

it much more harmful or hurtful. Our community definitely was interested in it.”

With the cancellation of the spring baseball season, and the fall season still in jeopardy, LLL will work to rebuild trust and get kids back on the field when it’s safe to do so.

“Our plan for our league right now is to continue to focus on the community, to continue to build and improve the fields and create an

all-around experience for the kids,” Vaca said. “When they get older they’ll remember, ‘Oh, I played for Livermore Little League,’ and then in turn volunteer at their local little leagues; put their kids through little league. That’s how the wheel gets turned. If we continue to do that, I think we’re on the right path.”



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