

Tesla to Pay \$1.5 Million Settlement

Dublin Location Included in Lawsuit

By Larry Altman

DUBLIN — Alameda County joined 24 other California counties last week in a lawsuit against Tesla Inc., charging billionaire Elon Musk’s electric car company with mishandling toxic waste at its servicing centers and other facilities, including one in Dublin.

Tesla settled the case in two days, agreeing to pay \$1.5 million.

The civil lawsuit filed Jan. 30 in San Joaquin County Superior Court contended Tesla violated California law by illegally disposing of hazardous waste generated during the servicing and manufacturing of its electric vehicles.

The lawsuit identifies 101 businesses through-

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Pleasanton District High School Boundaries Redrawn

Declining Enrollment Impetus for Change

By Ruth Roberts

PLEASANTON — The Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) board has unanimously approved the new high school boundary map for 2024-25.

Patrick Gannon, PUSD director of communications, said a decline in registrations was the impetus behind creating the new boundaries, which will balance the student population between the district’s two high schools.

Since the 2019/20 school year, PUSD enrollment has dropped by nearly 1,200 students and future forecasts predict a continued drop in registrations, according to district data.

“The most common reason we’ve seen for declining enrollment has been families moving to other areas of the state,” said Gannon. “We’re continuing to monitor enrollment and (the) reasons for students leaving and entering the district.”

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Honoring Black History Month, painter TheArthur Wright (shown above) is curating the Art of the African Diaspora exhibit this month at the Livermore Civic Center Library Art Gallery. (See story on page 2.) (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

EPA Advocates for River Flows to The Sacramento River Delta

By David Jen

REGIONAL — The Bay Delta Plan should focus more on the amount of water flowing through rivers and less on habitat restorations to restore its ecosystems, according to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) comments submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board.

The Water Board, which is in the process of revising its draft Bay Delta Plan for public review, will decide what river-flow requirements and water-quality controls will govern uses within the Sacramento Riv-

er watershed. The EPA’s comments came as part of the plan’s public comment period, which closed on Jan. 19.

The largest in the state, the watershed provides water for some two million people, including those in the Tri-Valley.

In their own written comments, environmental groups, such as Friends of the River and Restore the Delta, have pushed for increased flows in the rivers. Such flows would reverse the decline of river and delta ecosystems, which depend on the water at certain times of the year to support the

different stages of fish life cycles, according to these groups.

Freshwater flows also influence algal blooms and salinity levels in the delta, which affect the communities dependent on its water, such as those in the Tri-Valley. As freshwater flows decrease, salinity rises, creating clean-water supply issues.

A Bay Delta Plan proposal from Water Board staff calls for an increase in required river flows from 40% to 55% of unimpaired flows — the river volumes that would run without human diversions.

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Pleasanton

Police Dept. Facing Staff Shortage

By Larry Altman

PLEASANTON — Faced with a dozen job vacancies and another 12 officers on medical leave, the Pleasanton Police Department last month was forced to cut back on some of its special units so that it could assign officers in the units to fill other empty positions.

The move to assign officers from specialties like crime prevention and mental health units to answering routine calls follows similar actions last spring, but officials believe increased recruiting efforts will bring the 83-officer force back to full strength by 2025.

“We’ve gone through this before,” Pleasanton police Lt. Erik Silacci said. “It seems like everything’s kind of shifted against us right now. But I think that will come into a little bit better equilibrium here in the next couple of years. We need good officers to serve our community and we can’t do the job and provide the services that our community expects without those additional folks.”

The issue, the department said, is a result of a nationwide shortage of men and women choosing law enforcement as a career. All departments are battling for the same small pool of prospective officers at a time when police work

is closely scrutinized, often in negative stories that hit the news.

Calling it a crisis for law enforcement, the International Association of Chiefs of Police reported that several factors are involved, including the public’s perception of law enforcement following high-profile use-of-force cases; fear of line-of-duty deaths; and generational differences that show millennials young people want more of a work-life balance, and that Gen Z individuals — those from high-school age to their 30s — also want more of a work-life balance without holiday work and mandatory overtime.

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Hydrogen-Electric Projects Line Up at Livermore Airport

By David Jen

LIVERMORE — A group of companies have placed their bets on clean aviation at Livermore Municipal Airport. They are working to form the nucleus of an electric-aircraft industry hub.

In the past month, electric-powered airplane developer ZeroAvia, Inc., hydrogen producer Apricus Energy Partners Inc., and hydrogen-storage startup Verne, Inc. have all announced plans to begin work at the airport toward hydrogen-electric fuels and electric aircraft.

The viability of the projects depend on the approval of a development proposal submitted last summer to the City of Livermore, which encompasses the three companies’ plans. Apricus Vice President Pete Sandhu said he was providing details to the city to move the proposal along.

Sandhu also owns Five Rivers Aviation, the sole service provider at the airport.

Hydrogen-electric systems, sometimes called fuel cells, combine hydrogen fuel with oxygen from the air to generate the electricity that would power airplane electric motors. The process emits only water. While hydrogen is more weight-efficient than batteries, and can be refueled at about the same speed as fossil fuels, the fuel takes a lot of energy to produce and requires special storage and transport.

Currently, aircraft release about 8% of transportation emissions nationwide, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Reducing aircraft carbon emissions

would help to address climate change.

In a Jan. 22 announcement, Hollister-based ZeroAvia said it will begin its Livermore work at the airport building liquid-hydrogen refueling trucks, which will provide the speed and capacity needed to compete with conventional jet-fuel refills.

“Given the gravity of the climate emergency, the rapid acceleration of clean engine technology (for airplanes) using fuel cells must be met with optimized refueling technologies and infrastructure to ensure speedy adoption,” said ZeroAvia Founder and CEO Val Miftakhov in a statement.

In time, the company will also work on research and development for their aircraft, engines and fuel trucks at Livermore, said Sandhu.

“They’re planning a pretty heavy presence and a lot of jobs here in Livermore,”

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Seven students from the Las Positas Fencing Center, coached by Sophie Rheinheimer, will compete at the Junior Olympics in North Carolina next month. (See story on page 2.) (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

One LLNL Employee Affected

Radioactive Iodine Exposure Under Review

DOE Says Below Levels of Concern

By David Jen

LIVERMORE — The Department of Energy (DOE) has recently announced that it is investigating an incident in which an employee of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) was accidentally exposed to

radioactive iodine last spring.

As part of a team of members from the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) and four other national labs, the employee traveled last March on an “international site visit,” where they were “exposed to small amounts of iodine-125

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(From left to right) LARPD General Manager Mat Fuzie, LARPD Director Phil Pierpont, Valley Humane Society President Melanie Sadek, LARPD Director James Boswell, LARPD Director Jan Palajac, LARPD Board Chair David Furst and ambassadog owner Kelly Bowers stand behind LARPD’s first ambassadog, Boomer Bowers. (Photo – Penelope Tamm)

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District

Labrador Retriever Headlines Park Ambassadog Fundraiser

By Dawnmarie Fehr

LIVERMORE — Boomer Bowers, an 8-year-old cream colored Labrador retriever, has been named Livermore’s first “ambassadog.”

Boomer received the designation as part of a collaboration between the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) and Valley Humane Society (VHS).

“Boomer is definitely a worthy inaugural ‘ambassadog’ and it will be fun to have him out at events like baseball games and farmers markets, and support a good cause,”

said LARPD spokesperson David Weisgerber.

As the 2024 Livermore Ambassadog, Boomer received a proclamation certificate and an official Livermore Ambassadog leash. As part of his new role, he will carry in a baseball from the pitcher’s mound to home plate at a Livermore Little League game, visit with residents at community events, and help foster a dog-friendly community.

Boomer received this honor because his owner, Kelly Bowers, bid on the “ambassadog” auction item at the VHS annual fundraising gala

last fall. As longtime VHS supporters, the Bowers family felt Boomer would fill his role admirably.

“He’s already a fixture in the community,” noted Bowers, who served as superintendent of the Livermore school district for 12 years. “He was at all of our vaccination clinics; he’s been to wellness centers and schools, and everyone loves him, and he just loves all the attention. He’s a big teddy bear.”

VHS President Melanie Sadek brought the program to Livermore after seeing its success in Pleasanton, where

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PETS OF THE WEEK



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Tri-Valley Celebrates Black History

By Hannah Ferguson

February is Black History Month, which is dedicated to remembering and celebrating African Americans, their heritage, achievements, sacrifices, hardships and more. There are many different ways to celebrate and appreciate Black culture in the Tri-Valley this month.

“We are so much more than just the color of our skin and detrimental past. That’s why Black History Month is so important to me because it is a time of reflection,” said Sara Ghile, the Dublin High School Black Student Union president.

Here are 10 ways to celebrate Black History Month in the Tri-Valley:

Springtown Library (998 Bluebell Dr., Livermore)

During the month of February, the Springtown Library is providing painting kits to create portraits, while learning about the artists who created former President Barack Obama’s and former first lady Michelle

Obama’s official portraits.

Civic Center Library (1188 S Livermore Ave., Livermore)

The Civic Center Library is having a month-long art exhibit titled “Art of the African Diaspora,” in which the art pieces were provided by artists of African descent in the Bay Area. On Feb. 10 at noon, there will be an event where viewers can meet and speak with the artists over refreshments in community rooms A and B.

On Feb. 8 at 7 p.m., musician Ashley Jemison will perform a saxophone concert incorporating jazz with R&B and pop music. This event will be in the story-time room.

On Feb. 17 at 11 a.m., a library concert will take place featuring the Granada High School Jazz band. They will perform pieces composed by African-American jazz musicians to convey an essence of hope and commemoration.

Rincon Library (725 Rincon Ave., Livermore)

On Feb. 10 at 2:30 p.m., the Rincon Library will have a movie screening of “Soul” by Disney Pixar.

Pleasanton Library (400 Old Bernal, Pleasanton)

On Feb. 24 at 1 p.m., the Pleasanton library will host a BHM celebration including live performances by James Henry from Samba Kids and Pleasanton Unified School District’s STEP team. There will be other activities, such as arts, crafts and refreshments.

Firehouse Arts Center (4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton)

On Feb. 9 at 8 p.m., the Firehouse Arts Center will host a New Orleans band called MJ’s Brass Boppers Brass Band. Tickets are available through the Firehouse Arts Center’s website.

Blacksmith Square (21 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore)

On Feb. 24 at 7 p.m., Tri-Valley for Black Lives will be hosting an event named Swirl on the Square.

There will be an open microphone for musicians, singers, poets, and comedians.

The Vine Cinema (1722 First St., Livermore)

On Feb. 29 at 7 p.m., Tri-Valley for Black Lives will partner with the Vine Cinema to show a movie called “The Wiz.” Tickets are on sale through the Vine Cinema’s website.

Las Positas College Black Cultural Resource Center (Building 1700, Rm. 1726, Las Positas College, Livermore)

After hosting speaker Angelo Williams on Feb. 7, the Black Student Union will host a Umoja Arts & Film Day from 1-4 p.m. on Feb. 21.

Dublin High School (8151 Village Parkway., Dublin)

On Feb. 29 at 10 a.m., Dublin High School will perform a Black History Month production which will also be broadcasted live. The show will feature dancers, singers, Black Student Union members, and more.

Local Teens to Fence in Junior Olympics

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Students from the Las Positas Fencing Center (LPFC) will represent their club at the Junior Olympics in North Carolina next month.

The seven teens who qualified for the four-day tournament all take fencing lessons at Las Positas College (LPC) through the growing community educa-

Now, LPFC is an official club member of the United States Fencing Association (USFA) and Rheinheimer works to create fencing champions. She has travelled to the Junior Olympics with her students for the last five years and takes them to regional qualifying events, where they can earn enough points to attend national-level events.

Rylan Kuo, 17, began

Biwon Ng, 16, will also compete at the Junior Olympics. The Dublin High School junior joined LPFC from another club three years ago and said his improved results since then speak of the high caliber of coaching he receives from Rheinheimer.

“At Las Positas, there are a lot of fencers my age and older,” he said. “They served as great mentors, as did coach Sophie. It’s helped me get my groove at tournaments and do better overall.”

This will be Biwon’s second trip to the Junior Olympics. He said he looks forward to fencing at a high level and seeing excellent athletes he wouldn’t be able to watch normally.

The students traveling to next month’s tournament are all nationally ranked with USFA and have trekked a rigorous path to get to the Junior Olympics, Rheinheimer said.

Despite its small size, LPFC is ranked by Fencing Tracker as 107th in the national list of clubs under “epee,” one of the weapons used in fencing. Paul Logue, an adult fencer in the program, said this is an exceptional achievement for a community-based program, and all due to the guidance and leadership of Rheinheimer.

“(She) takes a distinctly unique and holistic approach to the sport with the seamless incorporation of yoga, strength training, mental preparation combined with a strong foundation of core fencing principles,” said Logue.

Rheinheimer first discovered an affinity for fencing while attending UC

Berkeley. She studied the sport and fenced competitively for years, with her career culminating in a spot on the United States’ fencing team for veterans. She competed in the World Veterans Games in 1999 and 2000 before retiring from the sport. Now, she enjoys passing on her knowledge and “quietly creating champions.”

“The fencing kids come back from college and stop by to say hello, because they remember what a good feeling they had when they were with us,” she said. “Many are fencing in college and doing really well so I couldn’t be prouder of what we have developed here in the community education program.”



One of the first activities offered on campus at Las Positas College, coach Sophie Rheinheimer’s fencing class, has produced Junior Olympic competitors for the last five years. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

tion program run by coach Sophie Rheinheimer.

“It’s just so gratifying,” Rheinheimer said of the long running program. “I have the support of the community and the support of the families that stay with me.”

Rheinheimer said her fencing classes were one of the first activities offered on the LPC campus. She noted the classes were limited through the early 2000s, until she founded LPFC in 2005 and convinced the program to “fully embrace” a comprehensive fencing curriculum with multiple skill levels.

fencing with Rheinheimer eight years ago. The California High School junior is one of the seven students headed to North Carolina next month. He said he’s been working hard to prepare.

“This is one of the biggest tournaments I’ve ever been to,” he explained. “There are 450 people fencing and some of the fencers are Division One athletes, so I’m nervous, but also excited to experience this.”

Rylan said Rheinheimer’s kindness and patience has helped him overcome his weak spots and improve his strategy.



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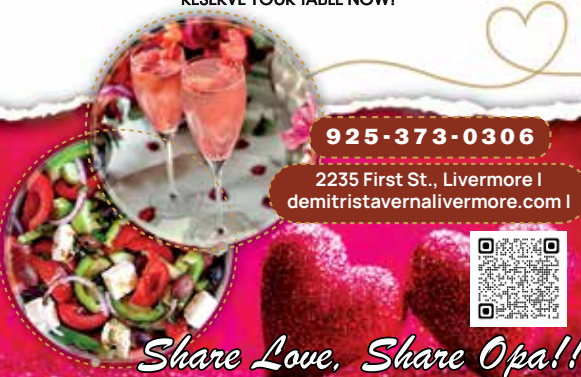
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Livermore Valley Arts Director Narrowly Survives Crash

By Ruth Roberts

A Tri-Valley woman involved in a hit-and-run collision on Mines Road in Livermore last month is home and recovering from multiple, serious injuries.

Ruth Eggherman, director of marketing for Livermore Valley Arts, was sitting in the front seat of her Kia Sorrento when her boyfriend Ed Donaldson spotted a Toyota RAV 4 coming towards them around noon on Jan. 21. The couple was headed out to Del Valle to enjoy a day at the park.

"I was looking out the window just past Murrieta's Wells, when Ed (who was driving) said 'oh s --' and I looked up and saw a black SUV coming towards us," said Eggherman. "It looked like it was far enough away

that we would avoid it, but (because of its speed) we were hit almost immediately. I just remember saying 'what was that?' It took a minute to catch my breath."

The impact left her with a broken pelvis, several fractured ribs and a punctured lung. Donaldson suffered minor cuts and bruises.

Both vehicles were totaled, and empty alcohol

bottles were found near the suspects' car.

Following the crash, the driver and three passengers in the SUV immediately jumped out and ran into the vineyards. CHP Officer Tyler Hahn, who was off duty that day, happened upon the scene while out riding his bike on Mines Road.

"CHP and Livermore police were already there, and

the suspects had already fled," said Hahn. "With assistance from Livermore police and their drone, the suspects were caught ... Thankfully, the driver of the victim vehicle was driving with a high visual horizon and did everything he could to make this crash not as bad as it could have been."

Of the four suspects, two were arrested and booked into Santa Rita Jail. The driver was charged on suspicion of DUI and driving a stolen vehicle. Hahn said the two men taken into custody are believed to live in a homeless encampment near Walmart in Livermore.

Eggherman credits Donaldson's quick thinking and attentive driving with saving their lives.

"I feel incredibly fortunate my partner Ed was aware of what was happen-

ing well before they got that close to us and just reacted the best he could to avoid a head on collision," she said. "He saved our lives."

Donaldson said he is grateful for the positive outcome.

"I saw (the suspect) cross the double yellow line and he closed in quick," said Donaldson. "The impact moved us almost 30 feet

down the road ... We were very lucky that day."

Following four days in the hospital, Eggherman returned home where she has been convalescing.

"I am doing ok physically," said Eggherman. "I am still fairly immobile and using a walker, but happy to be home ... It could have been a billion times worse. We are lucky to be alive."



Ruth Eggherman of Livermore Valley Arts and Ed Donaldson were hit by an oncoming car while driving on Mines Road. Both Donaldson and Eggherman survived with some injuries. (Photo courtesy: Livermore Police Department)

Livermore Residents Join Lab Foundation Board

Two Livermore residents, Lori Souza, who spent almost 40 years at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), and June Yu, interim vice president at the University of California National Laboratories (UCNL), have been appointed to the Livermore Lab Foundation (LLF).

Created in 2016, the foundation works to generate philanthropic backing for research, technological development, and educational outreach at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and functions as LLNL's nonprofit partner for public and private investments, grants and gifts.

Souza is a former associate deputy director of operations at LLNL, where she headed development of several leadership programs and managed the lab's award-winning post-doctoral program. She was also board chair for the Tri-Valley Conservancy and the Las

Positas College Foundation, and is currently on Alameda County's East County Zoning Adjustments Board.



June Yu

Souza has a bachelor's degree in human relations and organizational behavior from the University of San Francisco and a master's degree in business administration and management from Golden Gate University.

"I'm extremely passionate about science and technology, especially as the issues and opportunities for our nation become increasingly more complex,"

Souza said. "Joining the board is a bit like coming home for me, providing me with an opportunity to pay it



Lori Souza

forward and to champion the foundation's commitment."

As interim vice president for UCNL, Yu is responsible for governance and contract administration for the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL). She also represents the University of California (UC) with Lawrence Livermore National Security and Triad National Security, the limited liability companies that

operate LLNL and Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Prior to joining UC in 2014, Yu worked at LLNL, where she headed several applied research initiatives addressing national security issues. She has a Ph.D. in optical sciences from the University of Arizona.

"I look forward to championing the foundation's initiatives as LLNL continues its mission and propels ahead to make the 'impossible' possible," Yu said.

She added that the foundation "plays a key role in this new age of science philanthropy, one that we need."

"By supporting LLNL's exceptional people, science, research and technology initiatives, the foundation plays a distinctive role with impact in areas including health, climate, energy, STEM workforce, and education," Yu said.

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EDITORIAL

Window of Opportunity Open at Livermore Airport

Livermore has a chance to lead the world in clean-aviation technology, but the moment will not last long.

A group of clean-aviation startups have recently announced plans to develop and build hydrogen-electric fuels and aircraft at Livermore Municipal Airport. Their skills are varied, ranging from fuel production, to the manufacture of trucks that refuel airplanes, to the development of actual passenger aircraft. The diversity hints at what’s possible on the undeveloped Livermore airport lands — a critical mass of electric-aviation expertise that will attract the talent necessary for this industry’s revolution.

Their plans, however, hinge on the city’s approval of an airport development proposal that, along with the above hydrogen ventures, includes Alameda County Sheriff and East Bay Regional Parks District Police aircraft, and

a community-college partnership.

We urge the city to expedite the review process to secure Livermore’s leadership position in this fast-paced sector. These startups are supported by investment funding and must show timely progress to stay in business. Industry talent can always look elsewhere.

Aviation gas emissions account for about 2% of all carbon-dioxide releases worldwide, and they are growing faster than rail, road or shipping emissions, according to the International Energy Agency.

The size of the problem has gained real attention. For example, some \$1.2 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding was announced last October for the California Hydrogen Hub program, one of seven programs nationwide tasked with accelerating the market for low-cost, clean hydrogen. Livermore Airport’s hydrogen ventures would

be eligible for these funds. The hub will create hundreds of thousands of jobs, according to Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Livermore is no stranger to the creation of hydrogen fuel. East of Livermore, a hydrogen production station is being developed to support Valley Link toward its goal of running the first California rail system powered by green hydrogen. Clearly there’s a need.

In addition to the need, the airport project needs local support. A partnership with the nearby Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory to store hydrogen fuel is already underway with one of the three companies.

At Livermore, in addition to jobs, electric-aircraft operations would cut noise, eliminate carbon and lead emissions, and displace airport lands that might otherwise host operations more similar to KaiserAir’s 2022 proposal to operate noisy Boeing 737s out of the

Livermore airport. KaiserAir’s project was not well received by the community.

With their relatively low weight and short refueling times, hydrogen fuels serve as a flight-friendly option to concentrate and carry energy harnessed from the sun or wind. The fuels emit only water when used.

But all these benefits have development work ahead of them before they can come to fruition.

It is an honor for Livermore to have been chosen to be the epicenter of these technology breakthroughs. In addition to the collaboration offered by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories, the community will find many ways to support a transformative industry that will highly benefit the city.

What are the downsides for Livermore? The three applicants are taking on the risks. Let’s give these innovators a chance.

MAILBOX

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Girl Power David Farley, Livermore

You may know about General MacArthur of WWII, but did you know he later became Commandant of the U.S. Military Academy (“West Point”)? He instituted the requirement that all cadets must play a sport while attending West Point, based on his experience that soldiers who played a sport made bed better soldiers, and survived more often. There were no female cadets until 1976.

Women are still not treated fairly, not getting equal pay for equal work, and even girls’ sports teams are viewed as lesser than boys’. Livermore Phantoms Lacrosse was started in 2005, but until 2020 only had boys’ teams. My daughter joined the first Phantom girls’ team, and I somehow got “volunteered” to help coach. We had just one team, a kluge of 10–12-year-old girls who had never held a stick before.

As I told every girl who arrived at Phantoms, never let anyone tell you that girls’ lacrosse is lesser than boys’. Yes, the boys’ rules

allow for more aggressive use of their sticks, but the boys all wear helmets, shoulder pads and other body armor – the girls only have eye protection. The boys have a deep pocket on their stick, making catching rather easy – the girls have a very shallow pocket making catching difficult, and the girls must constantly swing their sticks to hold the ball in the mesh. In my opinion, girls’ lacrosse is more difficult than boys’.

As Phantoms and high school girls’ lacrosse teams start this month, I recommend you watch a game. You will see girls run at full speed with the ball in their stick, with their teammates and the other team in full pursuit. You will see a girl Defender run forward to confront the opponent’s Attacker, pushing the Attacker away from the goal. You will see girls thrive in their sheer athleticism, and you will see them fall and get right back up. Whenever any of my girls got hurt, I’d pull them out and ask if they’d rather sit out the game – never, not once; the only response was “put me back in, coach.”

Phantoms now have multiple girls’ teams, spanning all age groups. Through sports like lacrosse, girls gain confidence and grit, preparing them to compete as women. My daughter comes back from every tournament with bruises, a love for the game, and physical toughness. West Point is on her college list. Girl Power.

More Help for the Mentally Ill Paula Lester, Livermore

As a lifelong Democrat, I am really disappointed in the response to my many letters and queries regarding help for the severely mentally ill. My eldest daughter was diagnosed with schizo-affective disorder when she was 17 years old. She turned 54 yesterday. She has been hospitalized most of her adult life in horrible conditions, drugged to the gills with medications that make her ridiculously hungry and therefore overweight along with many other side effects, and has received very little treatment by psychiatrists that really understand her illness. I have written letters to Governor Newsom, Nancy Pelosi and my own Congressperson, Swalwell. President Biden was the only one to reply. Swalwell has a staff that never lets you actually talk

to him as he is too busy going on MSNBC and pursuing higher office, I suspect. I think we should do to him what he did to Pete Stark and put up another viable Democrat to run against him!

Livermore has a brand-new facility for the mentally challenged, but no such luck for the mentally ill. What I am asking for is better, more humane treatment facilities, better medications, and better psychiatrists. Legislation could be written to incentivize doctors to go into this field like they did in the past, where they got some of their student loans paid if they served in underserved rural areas for a period of about five years. Legislation could be written to fund more research into the genetic component of mental illness and to develop better drugs with fewer side effects. The State could build better facilities for the mentally ill. Human beings, no matter the circumstances, should not have to live like the mentally ill. I once heard the statistic that one-third of homeless people are mentally ill. That is a tough life. But I understand them not wanting to be in these facilities.

37 years ago, when my daughter was first having psychotic episodes, my husband and I were lost. We did not understand that her life would be such hell. She has begged me to help her die so many times, and I cannot, but every time I visit her, I sob all the way home. I am 77 and worried what will happen to her when I am gone. Her father died during covid.

I thought politicians were supposed to help their constituents, but maybe not.

Livermore UGB Jean King, Livermore

Livermore does not need to break its Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) at Greenville Road. It has enough room in its present area to satisfy its RHNA housing obligations and jobs through 2045.

The Livermore General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) will make its recommendation at its February 14 meeting. Urge it to retain areas within the city for commercial and industrial growth. Keep the area east of Greenville Road for agriculture and open space protected by Measure D. **Do not break Livermore’s UGB.**

Tri Valley Bus Pass Program Coordinator Jacky Poulsen, Livermore

I would like to say a big thank you to our very generous community for all your donations to the Tri Valley Bus Pass program! Your donations enable us to buy 24-hour Wheels bus passes for our unsheltered neighbors and others who are struggling and cannot afford the high price of public transportation. The bus passes are distributed to about a dozen social service organizations, who in turn distribute them to their clients in greatest need. These passes enable these individuals to get to medical appointments and other services that are otherwise out of their reach, such as food banks, hot meals, housing assistance and much more.

If you missed the earlier announcements, it’s not too late to donate! For more information about the program and how to make a donation, please visit <https://asburylive.org/buspassprogram>, or send a check, for any amount, made out to Asbury United Methodist Church at 4743 East Ave., Livermore, 94550. Please write ‘Bus Passes’ on the memo line. You will receive a personal thank you letter along with a receipt.

Gaza’s Blood and the 2024 U.S. Presidential Election Greg Scott, Livermore

Today, on publishing and posting this letter – February 8, 2024 – Israeli Defense Forces will have slaughtered more than 100 Gazan children. More than 10 Gazan children will have one or both eyes ruptured by shrapnel and have essentially no chance of their surgical removal. More than 10 Gazan children will need one or both legs amputated, with no anesthesia. Caregivers will look on injured children for enough skin surface that isn’t lacerated and bloodied, so that they can mark the acronym WCNSF – Wounded Child No Surviving Family.

It is the Holocaust of our times in the blatant “light” of live-streaming, and most of us in the world could care less. We have learned little from the mid-20th century Holocaust carried out by the Nazis in the “dark” until exposed in summer of 1942. The Gazan children are paying for the retribution of the Hamas attacks

last October 7th. Israel has created “martyrs” for generations that will seethe with hatred for Israel’s destruction.

President Biden and most of his administration condone the Gazan genocide and ethnic cleansing by Israel. It is some fitting justice that, in part, because of this, a Democratic Party-nominated President Biden will not win re-election.

No self-respecting Muslim in the Democratic strongholds of Wayne (i.e., Detroit, Dearborn) County and Oakland County in Michigan will vote for Biden, or any presidential candidate at all. This, along with the socioeconomic disaffection of considerable numbers of African-Americans, plus union members who remember how President “Union Joe” Biden handled the railroad strike, means that President Biden will lose in Michigan, notwithstanding the disarray of the Michigan State Republican Party apparatus. Recall that Biden won Michigan by just under 155,000 votes in 2020.

President Biden will lose Georgia and Arizona. Michigan, Georgia, and Arizona have 16, 16, and 11 electoral college votes, respectively. This is the margin sufficient for the Republican nominee to win the presidency.

At this point, Trump supporters may take glee in the above. They shouldn’t. If there are any shreds of principle in the U.S. Supreme Court, Trump will lose the case Donald Trump v. Anderson, et al. It can be successfully argued that as president, Donald Trump violated his Oath of Office, disregarding Section 3 of the 14th Amendment of the Constitution.

The pay-to-play war hawk Nikki Haley will then become a rock star – and probably the next President of the United States.

Request a Lawn Sign John Stein, Livermore

There is an election coming up on March 6th of this year. The City of Livermore no longer allows temporary signs in the public right-of-way, but, these signs can still be posted on private property. If you wish to back a candidate or issue, please call their campaign and request a lawn sign to show your support. This is a cost-effective way for a candidate or issue that does not have wealthy do-

nors or a Political Action Committees to gain public recognition. Thank you.

Vote for Kathy Narum Jamie Renton, Pleasanton

Please vote for Kathy Narum for Zone 7 Water District. Kathy offers a fantastic and unique perspective as a Zone 7 board member with her 9+ years as a Pleasanton City Council Member (with water-related sub-committees) that allowed her to deeply understand the retail side of what Zone 7 does. She has also been on the Zone 7 board for a year, so she understands that side.

Kathy listens to her constituents, she is fair, her integrity is her foundation, and she understands the financial side of the water industry. She most definitely has my vote.

I hope you will consider getting one of Kathy’s yard signs (www.kathyforzone7.com) and also voting for Kathy in the upcoming election. Please vote for Kathy Narum for Zone 7 Water District.

Joe Biden Needs to Go! Mike Grant, Dublin

The damage Biden has done to this country will not be able to be fixed very quickly.

1. His first move he made was pulling us out of Afghanistan and leaving Billions of weapons behind. He in all his wisdom left 250,000 Automatic rifles with millions of rounds. Then add in the 95 drones and more than a million mortar rounds and you have equipped our enemies with more than what the Russians left behind when they left Afghanistan in 1989. You would think if we had left Bagram Air base under our control with at least 2500 troops that we could have moved the guns and supplies to a place like Ukraine that he let happen also. Then he comes to the US taxpayers for more \$\$ to send to Ukraine. Joe we had enough in Afghanistan to at least help them. No, that would have been common sense and Joe has no understanding about that.

2. He then canceled all of Trump’s orders to stay in Mexico and build the wall and deport all the illegals out of the country. This is the worst flood of illegals we have ever seen before, all under Joe’s watch. Even his former boss Obama said that this is not good for the

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PUSD

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The two boundary map options before the board were developed following months of community outreach and staff research. PUSD staff worked to combine the community’s desires of balancing attendance and staffing, while minimizing the impacts to students and families.

Option 1 evenly splits students living in the south Pleasanton area between Foothill and Amador Valley high schools by feeding elementary school students to high schools in their current boundary zones. In comparison, the second option would have sent most students in the south to Foothill High School only.

“I think it is important that the elementary schools all stay together,” said PUSD Trustee

Laurie Walker. “Option one is a no brainer.”

Both options eliminated the ‘choice’ areas – where families living in the Walnut Grove and Fairlands Park neighborhoods have previously been allowed to decide which of the two high schools their children will attend.

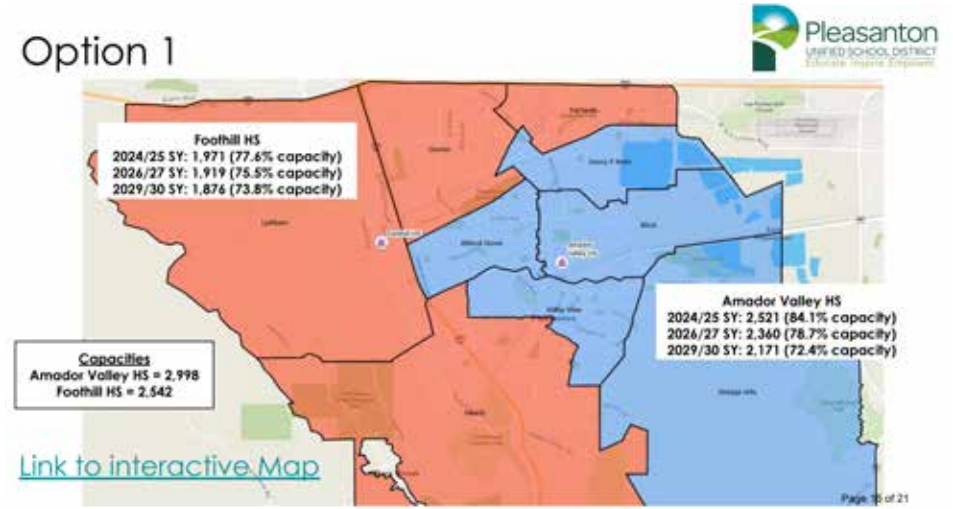
The updated boundaries will affect all new students enrolling in the district. However, as part of the district’s transition plan, current middle school students can attend the high school in their existing map area or move to the high school in their new boundary. The transition plan also permits younger siblings to attend the same high school as their older siblings, even if they are impacted by the boundary change.

Thao Benioff was one of several residents who spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting. All speakers at the meeting supported Option 1.

“Having our kids be able to go to the same high school with kids who live literally across the street gives us peace of mind for the future,” she said. “Please vote for Option 1.”

Mary Heckl also asked the board to consider Option 1.

“Collectively my family has 37 years of PUSD attendance,” she said. “I live in Kottinger Ranch, one of the neighborhoods that will be greatly affected by this decision ... please vote for Option 1 and give all Pleasanton children the community they deserve.”



AMBASSADOG

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the city council began recognizing an “ambassador” in 2017. She said Livermore residents wanted a chance to showcase their own pups, so she approached LARPD.

“This is a great fundraiser for our organization,” said Sadek. “We serve the Tri-Valley area, but a majority of our resources are in Pleasanton and

Livermore, and it’s important to us that people recognized the importance of animals in our lives, especially dogs.”

As part of its outreach, VHS donated more than 200,000 pet meals last year, so families struggling with financial hardship or food insecurity wouldn’t have to give up their pets.

The group also opened a new pet surgery center in Pleasanton, where veterinarians provide low-cost spay-and-neuter services and organize volunteers to bring dogs to visit retirement homes, veterans’ centers and schools.

“We are deeply invested in the Livermore community,” said Sadek.

MAILBOX

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country with this open borders. Yet 10.2 million have crossed the border under Joe Biden per the homeland security committee. This could cost the American taxpayers \$451 billion dollars. The Homeland security secretary Mayorkas tells all of us the border is closed and secured. That’s a total lie! I have been at the border in the Yuma sector and seen the lines of illegals and hotels overrun by them. One Hospital has spent over \$26M and not received reimbursement for this. Joe Biden has let our country be invaded and he could care less about any of the border states and their citizens.

3. Last, how do you like the gas prices and food costs that hit you every day? Food has gone up 20% and gas went up to \$7 dollars a gallon under Joe Biden in California. All he said is it’s all Russia’s fault. Again, more lies from an old man who can’t find his way off a stage after he is done talking.

Joe Needs to go before he gets us into another war!

The Kids Are All Right
Patricia Munro, Livermore

In 1987, in honor of the 200th anniversary of the Constitution, the Center for Civic Education began the nationwide We the People program to promote “civic competence and responsibility among the nation’s upper elementary and secondary students.”

Divided into six units, the program takes students from the historical, philosophical, and theological background underlying the Constitution, through the debates around its content, up to the challenges of the present. Simply assimilating the content would be a feat for anyone. However, students are not simply given an exam. Rather, the program culminates in simulated congressional hearings, in which students work in small groups to present to a set of judges. The presentations begin with a prepared state-

ment, showing basic mastery of the subject. It is in the follow-up questions that students show their ability to think through the implications of their answers, to respond to challenges, and apply raw knowledge to current problems.

This past weekend, I had the privilege of observing the State Hearings. I saw hundreds of students from across the state talking, discussing, and practicing their work. The teams of three to five students presented their knowledge collaboratively and with relative confidence.

They worked hard to apply that knowledge to understand societal problems, both historical and current. Here are a few questions these students addressed:

1. What were the Protestant Reformation’s key theological and philosophical concepts, and how did they challenge traditional notions of individual agency and religious freedom?

2. How did the 14th Amendment alter the meaning of the three-fifths clause, and, in your estimation, did it provide full citizenship for African Americans?

3. How would you account for the origins of political parties, and how have they impacted the checks and balances embedded in the U.S. Constitution?

4. Has the Constitution’s “take care” clause that the laws be faithfully executed placed a duty on the president and expanded presidential power? Why or why not?

5. Who should determine whether certain books should be banned or access to them should be restricted, and what criteria should they use?

6. What opportunities does globalization provide for grassroots movements, civil society organizations, or individuals to influence global agendas and shape international norms?

Every generation worries about the next. These kids should allay some of those fears and give us all hope for the future.

(More information on We the People here: www.civiced.org/we-the-people.)

I Prefer Peer-reviewed
Science Journals
Frank Doljack, Pleasanton

The recent letter regarding “atmospheric CO2” is filled with nonsense. One quote: “Common sense says the gas that makes plants thrive isn’t dangerous.” Well, the oxygen in the air is really a welcome thing, except when your house is on fire. How about water? Water is really a good thing too, except when you are in the middle of the ocean and your boat has sunk. How about the nitrogen in air being harmless? That prisoner put to death in Alabama would not agree if he were still here. The author’s logic misses the point that too much can be and is a bad thing. The letter is filled with questionable assertions. One struck me as odd, that is, in the past we were told of a coming ice age. During my many decades on earth, that one somehow escaped my attention. However, a little research revealed that for a brief time in the 70s the prediction of an ice age was mostly media-driven based upon a very small minority of scientific papers. See, for example, <https://skepticalscience.com/ice-age-predictions-in-1970s.htm>. The majority at that time were instead predicting warming. The author, though, gets credit for citing some of his sources. Friends of Science is a Canadian non-profit that denies humans cause climate change and is funded principally by the fossil fuel industry. The New York Post is a tabloid owned by Rupert Murdoch, and the Epoch Times is a far-right international media organization responsible for many conspiracy theories as well as being affiliated with the Falun Gong religious movement. For me, on the subject of climate change, I prefer peer-reviewed science journals.

TESLA

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out California, including a Tesla service center at 6701 Amador Plaza Road in Dublin; three service centers in Berkeley and Fremont; its factory in Fremont; and a battery production center in Hayward.

“While electric vehicles may benefit the environment, the manufacturing and servicing of these vehicles still generates many harmful waste streams,” San Francisco District Attorney Brooke Jenkins said in a statement. “(The) settlement against Tesla, Inc. serves to provide a cleaner environment for citizens throughout the state by preventing the contamination of our precious natural resources when hazardous waste is mismanaged and unlawfully disposed. We are proud to work with our district attorney partners to enforce California’s environmental laws to ensure these hazardous wastes are handled properly.”

Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price joined in the lawsuit, along with Bay Area prosecutors in Contra Costa, Marin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano and Sonoma counties. District Attorneys in Butte, Fresno, Kern, Los Angeles, Monterey, Orange, Placer, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Stanislaus, Tulare and Ventura also signed on.

The environmental case stemmed from an investigation initiated in San Francisco in 2018. San Francisco DA investigators conducted undercover inspections of trash containers at Tesla’s car service centers. The inspections found the illegal disposal of numerous used hazardous fluids and components, including lubricating oils,

brake cleaners, lead acid, batteries, aerosols, anti-freeze, waste solvents and other cleaners, electronic waste, paint, and contaminated debris, prosecutors said.

According to a San Francisco District Attorney’s office statement, investigators notified other counties throughout the state, which conducted similar inspections. This included Alameda County, where detectives checked Tesla’s manufacturing plant in Fremont and found unlawful disposal of hazardous waste, including metal car panel welding spatter waste, which can contain copper; waste paint mix cups produced during paint repair; and wipes and debris contaminated with primer.

Once notified of the probe and findings, Tesla “took steps to improve its compliance with the environmental protection laws brought to its attention by the prosecutors,” and began “quarantining and screening trash containers for hazardous waste at all of its service centers before trash was brought to the landfill,” prosecutors said.

Under this month’s \$1.5 million settlement, Tesla was ordered to pay \$1.3 million in civil penalties and \$200,000 to reimburse prosecutors for the costs of the investigation. Tesla must also train employees and hire a third party to conduct yearly waste audits of its trash containers at 10% of its facilities. The audits will occur annually for five years, prosecutors said.

Tesla owns and operates 57 car service centers and

18 solar energy facilities in California, along with its vehicle manufacturing plant at 4500 Fremont Blvd. in Fremont.

Tesla did not appear to issue any statements on the lawsuit. An email to the press office went unanswered.

Published reports indicated Tesla was aware of the investigation and made note of it in financial documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. In 2019, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) agreed to an earlier settlement with Tesla over federal hazardous waste violations at the Fremont factory.

Tesla agreed to properly manage hazardous waste, pay a \$31,000 fine and buy \$55,000 in emergency response equipment for the Fremont Fire Department. Tesla paid another \$275,000 fine in 2022 to settle an EPA case for violating the federal Clean Air Act at the factory.

The latest settlement brings the company’s contamination payments above \$1.8 million.

Last month, Tesla reported its fourth quarter revenue for 2023 at \$25.17 billion.

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POLICE

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Applicants also must pass exams, background checks and psychological exams that restrict the number of people qualified to serve.

In a report to the City Council in December, Chief David Swing said the department lost 15 employees in 2023 to industrial and service retirements, resignations and other reasons.

Hiring replacements can take three to five months, because of the time needed to pass background checks, and psychological and medical tests. Officers must then go through the six-month training academy.

The number of lateral officers — those who choose to leave one department for another — is also down, officials said.

During 2023, Pleasanton PD had seven vacancies in March; five in June; 10 in September; and 12 in December. In addition, eight officers took medical leave for various injuries in March; 11 in June; 11 in September; and 12 in December.

The shortfall required

pulling officers from specialized posts like traffic operations; crime prevention programs; undercover investigative units; and school posts; school posts and mental health responses; and assigning them to the patrol and the detective bureau.

According to Swing's report, most departments aim to have about 80% of their officers available for deployment. Pleasanton dropped from 83% in March to 71% in December, the report said.

Silacci noted that some specialized traffic enforcement operations might be sidelined, but officers with expertise can be pulled from patrol to handle major traffic accidents or assist where needed. The department hopes to have one officer assigned to each of the Pleasanton Unified School District's high schools, but currently they have one that must handle both.

Patrick Gannon, a PUSD spokesman, said the district is "very grateful" for the school resource officer program and continues to benefit from it.

"The Pleasanton Police Department has been great partners in working to keep our school communities safe," Gannon said. "Having one school resource officer does pose challenges, as one of the goals of the program is to develop positive relationships between students and conduct in-class presentations."

Calling it a "promising outlook," however, Swing's report said five newly hired officers will begin a 16-week Field Training Program this month. One recruit is set to graduate from the police academy in May, and four recruits will start the academy soon. The report did not indicate how many officers intend to retire at the same time.

Silacci said the department has increased its recruitment efforts, advertising the city as a great place to work. Department recruiters attend job fairs and community events throughout the Bay Area, treating potential applicants as a college might court a star athlete.

Some requirements that

once quickly eliminated candidates from law enforcement jobs — notably previous marijuana use — no longer exist. The department also holds its own entrance exam meetings, instead of relying on other agencies, and sometimes attracts 30 to 50 people, he said.

Silacci called it a "very, very competitive market" with not as many people interested as in the past.

"I think a lot of folks just think that the profession doesn't pay well, or doesn't care about their life-work balance," Silacci said. "We've really made some significant strides. We have on-duty workout time now. We grant people time off, when we generally would not in the past. We try to limit our overtime so we're not burning folks out. We really made some strides. We just need to get a better message out that this is a very viable profession for young folks."

Pleasanton also must compete with larger agencies that can offer a greater variety of assignments than smaller agencies with lower crime rates.

"The one thing that we still kind of hang our hat on is we still have a lot of community support," he said. "So even a few years ago, when we were going through a lot of reforms, our community still came out and supported us. We had an impasse with our officers in their union negotiations, and we had a lot of community support at council meetings. I think that's one of the benefits of a town like Pleasanton."

Last year, the Pleasanton Police Officers Association cited recruitment and retention problems as they sought raises from the city to compete with other agencies for officers. Several months of negotiations with the city ended with 16% raises for officers over three years.

In comparison, the Livermore Police Department has 10 openings in a force of 96.



Livermore Police support dogs Tater and Murphy turned one this month. Since they joined the Livermore Police Department in April, the sweet Australian Labradoodles have provided support, comfort and love to police department employees and community members. From their "Books with Badges" library appearances to visiting schoolchildren and seniors, to assisting young children who've witnessed violent crimes, these support K9s are an instrumental part of the Livermore Police Department. (Photo courtesy: Livermore Police Department)

AVIATION

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said Sandhu, who added that ZeroAvia began work in Livermore late last year.

ZeroAvia aims to sell a 19-seat, hydrogen-electric airliner with a range of 300 miles by the end of next year, and one with up to 80 seats and a 700-mile range by 2027. One of its engines made history by powering the test flight of a 19-seat airliner last year, the largest aircraft flown using hydrogen-electric propulsion at the time.

Meanwhile, Livermore-based Apricus envisions building some 140 acres of solar panels on Livermore airport land. The small power plant would use reclaimed water to produce zero-carbon hydrogen without adding demand to the area's potable water.

Apricus CEO Sean Boyd estimates production to begin by the middle of 2026.

"Our proposal to the city aligns with their sustainability and carbon-reduction goals," said Boyd. "It aligns with California's clean energy goals. We are committed to helping sustainability in these areas. We want these areas to grow and develop using clean hydrogen. Rather than it be built in other states or in other jurisdictions, you can build it right in your backyard and use it in your backyard."

Berkeley-based Verne, in partnership with the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, demonstrated a hydrogen-storage system large enough for heavy-duty use, such as refueling semi-trucks, late last year. It will work with ZeroAvia at compressing cold hydrogen to extend aircraft ranges.

Sandhu also expects further hydrogen demand from the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, which has included hydrogen fuel-cell buses in its plans for zero-emission bus purchases by 2029.

But electric aviation remains in its early stages. Federal certifications must be acquired before the new

electric technologies can fly passengers. Large, all-electric commercial aircraft might not become viable for decades, according to one National Academies of Sciences study.

"They can develop fuels all day long," said one anonymous pilot based at Livermore. "At the end of the day, nobody will build a fuel pump for a fuel that doesn't exist into airplanes that don't exist."

While solar hydrogen

sidesteps many problems facing battery-electric aircraft — slow charge times, too much demand on the power grid, and overheated batteries — Sandhu recognized the overall chicken-and-egg problem with electric aircraft and the infrastructure needed to support them.

Unphased, he said, "We want to just get ahead of it, because we are confident that the demand's going to be there."

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February: Matters of the Heart

By Christina Cavallaro

Thank you to those who wrote in with such warmth and support for the new Heart of the Valley column. It got me thinking how nice a kind and genuine word from a stranger can feel. As I reacquaint myself with the hometown I’ve recently returned to, I went into Rosetta Roasting the other day.

To the barista with the sparkling hazel eyes and forearm tattoo that reads “blessed,” who noticed my tiger eye bracelet for its grounding properties and said to me, “You have very pretty energy today;” I offer a sincere thank you.

It can be a beautifully courageous act to make another person’s day. And especially during this month of so much Cupid and romantic love everywhere, it’s a great time to be brave of heart, generous of spirit and dole out those sweet observations as if they were Valentines. Unless someone’s wearing it on their sleeve, a heart isn’t always easy to read.

Now let this month’s celebrations of the heart begin. Here’s some top of mind this Valentine.

WINE TIME

Big-time love to our Livermore Valley Wine Community who swept at this year’s San Francisco Wine competition, winning 201 awards and making headlines for pulling focus beyond the viticulture powerhouses of the Napa and Sonoma Valley. But this shouldn’t be any surprise, according to Charles Crohare of the Olivina estate, established in 1881 back when the property grew grapes instead of olives. Crohare’s given to asking people if they’ve seen the 2008 movie “Bottle Shock” based on a 1976 wine competition and how fame was brought to the North Bay wine region when a snooty Paris-based wine expert chooses its wine over French wine in a blind taste test. “In the movie, they get these gold medals, and they think California, U.S., wines have arrived,” said Crohare. “Well, Livermore was winning awards at that competition in Paris back in the 1880s and 1890s.” Sometimes nice guys win it first.

FLOWERY ART

For a unique way to enjoy the gift of flowers, check out the floral-themed exhibit on display at the Firehouse Arts Center’s Harrington Gallery in Pleasan-

ton through March 9. “Flora in Focus,” showcases 80 works from local artists in various mediums.

If your Valentine prefers something a little more tangible, consider popping by the Livermore Art Association Gallery Sale on Saturday, Feb 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There, you’ll find cards, jewelry, original artwork and pottery.

OYSTER-OBSSESSED

I never thought I would say these words, “Livermore is getting its own raw seafood bar.” I’m obsessed. And from all my stalking, Cured: Fish Bar seems slated to open literally any second in the nook sandwiched between The Cheese Parlor and Story Coffee on Maple Street. This is all I want for Valentine’s Day. Really.

POETIC PIZZA

Poetry of thine own pizza? ‘Tis true. The Shakespeare-themed artisanal pizza place, Much Ado About Pizza, was recently rated no. 51 by Yelpers of the top 100 quirky places to eat in Pleasanton. Their pizzas are made with the Bard’s signature sourdough and without any sugar or preservatives. Share a Taming of the Chew pie and call it a night. Much Ado also sells plenty of Shakespeare swag.

LOVE... OF COMMUNITY

I probably say out loud at least once a week to anyone who will listen, “I love my library.” As if it is somehow mine alone. But what I truly love is that the library belongs to everyone.

It’s the epitome of community where all good things flow. The renovations that took place while I was living outside of Livermore blew me away.

There’s even a cafe now, and when I’m there working, I sometimes think about the Hemingway short story “A Clean, Well-Lighted Place.” That’s my library.

Throughout February, the library is observing Black History Month at all three locations with art, music, dance, film and interactive crafts.

I love my library. Do you have tidbits about the Tri-Valley or know of interesting people, places, events or good news that should be featured in the Heart of the Valley monthly column? If so, we want to hear from you. Please email me at christina@independentnews.com

LLNL Offers Science on Saturday Lectures at Las Positas College

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) will present three more lectures this month at Las Positas College as part of its free Science on Saturday program designed for middle and high school students.

With the theme “Magic of Materials,” the lectures will cover blowing bubbles and micro-encapsulation on Feb. 10, cleaner air and water with nanomaterials on Feb. 17, and fusion energy on Feb. 24.

Each lecture will be led by LLNL researchers, joined by a high school science teacher. They will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Mertes Theater, Building 4000, on the Las Positas campus, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore.

The college will also offer optional tours of the

campus at 11:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

“From bubble blowing to planet saving: Emulsion, micro-encapsulation and applications,” will be presented by LLNL scientists Congwang Ye, Brandon Wells, Steven Hoang-Phou, and Mariam Mohagheghi, joined by Capuchino High School teacher Thi Ngo at teacher.

“Separating the good from the bad: Cleaner air and water using nanomaterials,” will be presented by LLNL scientist Sei Jin Park and Tracy High School teacher Erin McKay.

“Materials at the extremes: Limits, lasers and load,” which will cover LLNL’s breakthrough in fusion ignition and the potential for limitless fusion energy, will be presented by LLNL scien-

tists Widi Moestopo, Patrick Poole, and Brandon Zimmerman, joined by Granada High School teacher Tom Shefler.

The Science of Saturday lectures are sponsored by LLNL’s Science Education Program. To register, or for more information, go to tinyurl.com/32n5hsa7.

The lectures will also be available at a future date on the LLNL YouTube channel and the University of California Television Network, including the first in this year’s series, “3D printing: Changing the way we design the world around us.” The 3D printing lecture on Feb. 3 was led by LLNL scientists Johanna J. Schwartz and Michell Marufu, joined by San Ramon Valley Unified School District teacher Stan Hitomi.

Dispatcher Completes Training Program

Renea Dawes, a dispatch supervisor for the Livermore Police Department, has graduated from the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership

Institute, an eight-month program offered by the California Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training.

The eight-month pro-

gram is designed to stimulate personal growth, leadership, and ethical decision-making in front-line law enforcement supervisors.

School Resource Officer Mentors Navy Hopeful



Livermore Police School Resource Officer Rich Hill recently attended the Discovery Challenge Academy Graduation of his mentee, a Livermore High School alum named River. Officer Hill was by River’s side as River was officially sworn into the

U.S. Navy. Officer Hill said watching him succeed has been one of the best and most memorable times of his 27-year career at Livermore Police.

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Gallery Showcases Glass Artwork

The Livermore Art Association is featuring works by glass artists Jim and Peggy Kerwin this month at the LAA Art Gallery in the Carnegie Building, 2155 Third St., Livermore.

Jim Kerwin is known for his fused art creations and stained-glass projects and has written 15 books on glass art. Peggy Kerwin focuses on lampworking projects, creating glass fish, birds, flying pigs, and whimsical creatures.

Both are members of the International Society

of Glass Beadmakers. The LAA Gallery is open 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

DELTA

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In his written comment, EPA Water Division Director Tomás Torres said he supported using river flows as a primary objective of the plan.

“Numeric criteria serve as consistent and transparent targets to drive implementation and EPA strongly recommends that the State Water Board include numeric flow objectives in its amendments to the Bay-Delta Plan,” according to Torres.

But the California Natural Resources Agency states on its website that the so-called voluntary agreements – alternatives to the staff proposal – have advanced a more flexible approach to the watershed’s management.

Voluntary-agreement proponents, including the

East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) and the organization of State Water Contractors, of which the Tri-Valley’s Zone 7 is a member, argue that habitat restoration projects — such as spawning gravel beds, fish passages and floodplain reactivation — in conjunction with less flows, would maximize ecosystem benefits.

“This more flexible, adaptive management is critical as climate change increases uncertainty and drives extreme conditions,” according to the Natural Resources Agency.

However, EPA’s Torres questioned the basis of the voluntary agreements.

The voluntary agreements do “not provide sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the proposed VA

assets will protect beneficial uses in the Sacramento River and Delta watersheds,” according to Torres. He went on to stress river flows as the primary requirement for a healthy watershed, while voluntary agreements have focused on non-flow measures.

River flows also affect water quality in the Delta needed to supply freshwater to the Tri-Valley.

Beyond ecosystem benefits, EBMUD has also raised concerns that leaving more water in the rivers and out of reservoirs would hurt water supplies and thereby raise water rates.

But reservoirs, with their dual mandates of water supply and flood control, are forced to spill water during wet years anyway, said Pe-

ter Drekmeier of the Tulumne River Trust (TRT). The same water released during those urgent, high-flow dumps could have been put to better use if the water had instead been spread out over several years — what the Water Board staff have proposed. In such a scenario, reservoirs would still retain enough supply while benefiting ecosystems.

“The State Water Board must lead this effort on the Bay Delta and rivers that feed it,” according to the TRT’s own comment letter. “We cannot allow our legacy to be that of the generation that allowed the ecological collapse to occur, squandering the miraculous natural resources we inherited and leaving little behind for our children.”

RADIOACTIVE

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(I-125),” according to an NNSA spokesperson.

Technical experts raised exposure concerns when the team returned and, upon testing, “results for some of them showed a detectable uptake of I-125,” the spokesperson said. Levels, however, were well below regulatory and administrative limits, and well below levels of any clinical concern.

The DOE also found the material in the LLNL worker’s home the following month.

Iodine-125 is used largely in nuclear medicine, which uses radioactivity to treat different types of cancers, according to McMaster University in Hamilton, Canada, one of the world’s largest producers of the substance. Radioac-

tive seeds of Iodine-125 can be implanted within tumors to kill cancer cells with minimal damage to healthy tissues.

But accidental exposure, such as through inhalation or ingestion, can present serious health risks, especially to the thyroid gland, as it tends to concentrate iodine.

While much of LLNL’s work in nuclear-stockpile stewardship is classified, the delay in the exposure announcement and the lack of details about the incident has raised concerns with a local watchdog group, Tri-Valley CAREs.

“Maybe the international location should be classified, but an international location does suggest there was an

airplane flight, so was that a commercial flight?” asked Tri-Valley CAREs Executive Director Scott Yundt, who suggested that the trail of interactions between the travelers and the public deserved to be disclosed.

LLNL did not comment on the risk of public exposure.

Anthony Pierpoint, DOE Director of the Office of Enforcement, notified the lab on Jan. 24 of the investigation, which will include onsite visits and interviews with personnel.

Tri-Valley CAREs will follow the investigation as details emerge, said Yundt, adding that the group also plans to make information requests of their own to garner details about the incident.

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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth French Livingston Rose
Nov. 1, 1928 – Dec. 29, 2023

Elizabeth (Liz) French Livingston Rose brightened any room she walked into with her warm smile and vivacious personality. She died in Sacramento on Dec. 29, 2023, after a long battle to recover from a stroke. She was 94.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17 at GraceWay Church, 1183 Quarry Lane, Pleasanton. She was an active church member for decades, seen most Sundays sitting with her good friend, Helen Gaeckle, in the second row.

Born in New York City, Liz and her brother David were adopted by the Rev. Lawrence H. French (Dutch Reformed), and his wife Jenny. Unfortunately, both died before Elizabeth was 12, so custody was awarded to cousins Jay and Prudy Higgins who ran a dairy farm in rural New Jersey. Elizabeth and David lived on and helped on the farm where they spent the remainder of their childhood.

Elizabeth attended Nursing School at Orange Memorial Hospital, where she graduated and worked as a registered nurse. She met her future husband, Paul L. Livingston, MD, there. They married in 1953 and left for California. He established a private medical practice, and they had three children, Laura, Jonathan Jay and Sarah. They moved to Pleasanton in 1966 and later divorced when their youngest child was 13.

Elizabeth married fellow Castlewood Country Club member Jack Rose and later began a career in Occupational Nursing



at Owens Illinois, Inc., a glass manufacturing plant in Alameda. Liz loved golf and was also a member of the 18-hole group of golfers at Castlewood. She was a club member for more than 50 years.

During this time, she tried to find out more about her biological mother and contacted the adoption agency. They told her that someone had been looking for her as well, and to get a copy of “A Severe Mercy.” She got the book, and on the back cover there was a photo of the author, Sheldon Vanauken, and his wife Jean Davis (Davy), who looked exactly like Elizabeth at the same age.

This discovery forever changed her life, because even though her mother had died, she had a family history for the first time. Elizabeth went to Virginia to meet her stepfather, Mr. Vanauken, an English Literature professor at Lynchburg College. He was overjoyed to meet her, as it was his wife Davy’s last wish to find the child she named “Marion,” and he’d been trying to find her for 30 years.

They visited often and had a warm relationship until he died in 1996. Elizabeth

retired at 70 but worked part-time for Sutter VNA giving flu shots every fall. This is when she met many people in Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley. She was known as the “Flu Shot lady.”

Liz was a tiny dynamo, always moving. She, in her Honda, would get groceries for friends, or take friends to appointments, attend grandson Spencer’s football games, and sing and dance at Castlewood when the piano player was there. And she always had a ham sandwich to spare.

Professionally, she participated in the famous, long-term Nurses’ Health Study of Harvard University since its inception. Elizabeth loved Pleasanton, her neighborhood, and caring and vigilant neighbors, friends and fellowship at her church. Thanks to them for staying in touch with her with their many cards, prayers and stuffed animals.

Liz naturally supported the First Tee for young golfers as well Guide Dogs for the Blind and Doctors without Borders.

She is survived by her daughters Laura Livingston (Ken Dye) and Sarah Petras (Adam Petras); her son Jonathan Livingston; grandson Spencer Petras; nephew David L. French (Nancy); niece June Corbett (Gary) and their families; and stepson Ken Rose (Mishell) and his family. She was preceded in death by her brother, David L. French, and her second husband, Jack Rose.

The family prefers contributions to the American Heart Association.

Chris was born in Stockton and spent most of his childhood in San Francisco and San Anselmo, California. He lived in the Bay Area for many years, Livermore for 25 years, until moving in 2018 to Pioneer, California. Chris was very happy in Pioneer; he enjoyed the beauty of the area and peaceful surroundings.

Chris met his wife Bridget in December 1992, after a 49ers game, and they were married in 1994. Chris was also a lifetime fan of the SF Giants dating back to their first game in San Francisco in 1958. He worked in the construction industry, primarily in the Bay Area, and spent many years as a Construction Su-

Christopher Dennis Moore
Sept. 7, 1948 – Dec. 12, 2023



perintendent in Rossmoor, Walnut Creek and Somerset, Brentwood. He enjoyed drawing building plans, and was very gifted in doing so, as he was building what he was drafting along the way and knew it would work.

In addition to Bridget, Chris leaves behind his two daughters, Alicia and Lyndsy (Jorge, fiancé) and granddaughter, Stella. Chris is survived by his brother Bob (Susie, sister-in-law), sister Sharon, cousins Dee and Terry (Jim, husband) and many nieces and nephews in addition to Bridget’s many family members on the East Coast and in Ireland.

A celebration of life Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024, at Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., in Livermore. Should friends desire, contributions may be sent to Saint Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Mary Louise Spragge
Aug. 7, 1925 – Jan. 19, 2024



Mary Louise Spragge passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Jan. 19, 2024, at the age of 98.

Mary was born in England, Arkansas on Aug. 7, 1925, to Homer and Lula Galloway (nee Terrell). Mary and her younger sister grew up in England where Mary excelled in school and developed her lifelong love of reading, sewing and cooking.

In 1942, Mary met and married Chelius Clifton Howard of Millington, Tennessee a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Air Corp, who was killed in combat in 1945, leaving Mary a widow and single mother of 2-year-old Theresa Howard.

In 1946, Mary met William James Spragge while on vacation at Bill’s family’s Silver Spur Guest Ranch in the Chiricahua National Monument, Arizona. They married in 1947 in Wilcox, Arizona, and moved to Cali-

fornia, eventually settling in Livermore where they raised Teri and their 5 children.

Mary was very active with St. Michael’s Catholic Church and parochial school that the children attended. Mary was a professional mother and homemaker and volunteered extensively at the church and school including membership in the Altar Society. Her work in the school library furthered her love of books.

Mary was devoted to her family and lovingly

participated in all aspects of their lives. Mary will be remembered for her generosity, loving heart, unending support, creativity, intrepid spirit and her wit and great sense of humor.

After living 70 years in Livermore, Mary moved to Southern California to be surrounded by more family.

Mary is survived by five of her children, Patrick, Maura, Marita, Michael and Amy, as well as 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Betty Jo of Chattanooga, Tennessee as well as by her daughter Teri and both husbands, Cheely and Bill.

Mary has chosen to be cremated and her family will hold a private memorial to celebrate her life. Mary had a lifelong love of southeastern Arizona, and her family will fulfill her wish to have her ashes scattered at the Chiricahua National Monument.

Erica Charisse Bianchini
April 25, 1969 – Sept. 9, 2023



Beloved daughter, girlfriend, and friend, Erica passed away at home in early Sept. 2023 while recovering from a recent surgery. She was 54 years old. Originally from Los Altos, California, she spent a few years each in Colorado and Nevada before settling in Livermore where she spent the past 11 years. She was a pet lover, an animal rescue advocate and champion, and an accomplished equestrian. She was proud of her career as a phlebotomist,

helping law enforcement keep intoxicated people off the roads. She was preceded in death two years earlier by her mother Lori and was succeeded in death by her father Vince a few days after her own. She is survived by her boyfriend Steve and her “fur babies” Ruby, Cody, Jackson, Lexi, Lucky and Beau. Donations in her memory to animal rescue organizations would be appreciated as she surely would say, “I would love that!”

John Kevin Crowley
Sept. 23, 2023



Kevin passed away on Sept. 23, 2023, from complications of cancer.

Kevin grew up in Livermore, son of Arthur and Emily Crowley, brother to Michael and Kathleen (Kit). He attended Chabot College in Hayward and graduated from UC Santa Cruz with a degree in Physics with an emphasis in Astronomy.

Kevin was always a fixer and a builder. At ten years old he and his brother Michael used reclaimed wood to build their own small two-bed log cabin in the Siskiyou County mountains, adjacent to the family’s existing cabin built by their grandparents in the 1940’s. During one summer break in his college years, Kevin designed and built a fully functioning observatory in the family’s backyard much to the amazement of the

family when they returned from a six-week vacation!

Kevin began his lifelong career in tech in 1974 when Silicon Valley was just starting to emerge. He and his wife, Patricia, moved to Cupertino and Kevin started his first tech job as supervisor at Advanced Micro Devices in Sunnyvale. He went on to work for several high-profile tech companies until his retirement in 2019. He was proud of the many large projects he was responsible for building, including a fabrication facility from the

ground up for Avantek in Newark (on time and on budget!) Another of his projects was the design and creation of a revolutionary new fab area model for enhanced production, which had never been seen before, at nLight in Vancouver, Washington.

In retirement, he enjoyed trips to the shooting range, along with designing, building and flying large model planes. Kevin never turned down an opportunity to help his friends and relatives with any project, far-fetched or not!

Kevin was a kind and loving man to his wife of fifty years Pat, his children Kyle (m. Brandi) and Kayleen (m. Gennero), his sister Kit (m. Larry), his nephew Scott (m. Michelle), two grandchildren and two grand-nephews.

Kevin...you are missed!

Ronald Emerson Martinell passed away peacefully at the age of 90 years old on Dec. 25, 2023. He was born in Yakima, Washington on July 13, 1933. At an early age, he earned the nickname of Jack because he was always jumping. Later, that name took on a new meaning: Jack of all trades. He could repair any item or learn a new skill after reading about it and apply the new knowledge until he accomplished what goal was set. “Never give up” was his motto.

Just 12 days after graduating from Washington State College in 1955 with an electrical engineering degree with honors, Jack married Darlene (Lake). Upon returning home from their honeymoon in Canada, they planned on living in an apartment that their mothers had prepared for them while they were away. But Jack’s future employer, Sandia Laboratories, had instructed them to report to his new job the next day. So, they immediately packed their car and headed east, to Spokane. A couple of years later, Jack was transferred down to Fairfield, California and then to Livermore, where he was employed for the remainder of his career. He thoroughly enjoyed his four decades of employment.

Throughout his high school years, he enjoyed

Ronald Emerson Martinell
July 13, 1933 – Dec. 25, 2023



playing the snare drum in a marching band. He eventually helped form a small German band while in high school---the Six Sauerkrauts. This love of music continued throughout his whole life; he was a choir director at his church early on, and he always had a top-notch sound system to play anything from vinyl records to cassette tapes to CDs. He and Darlene attended many Gospel quartet concerts over the 68 years of their marriage. Jack could even play a few songs on a ukulele that he had from his high school days.

From a young age, Jack had an interest in photography. During high school he had a part-time job at a local camera shop. This hobby continued throughout his life as he took many wedding pictures for friends and family. He even built himself a darkroom in order to develop his own black-and-

white film. Another lifelong hobby was building models. Many completed cars and planes were displayed within the home. He even had built a large wooden boat that was intended to go into the water.

Whether sewing clothes for the family, creating a stained-glass item, planning and adding an addition to their home or repairing anything that broke in their house, Jack loved working with his hands. Often you would find him sitting in his favorite chair reading a book or magazine. His Bible was always next to him on the table, and he read and studied it often.

Jack enjoyed traveling. Taking day trips around the Bay Area, driving to West Coast destinations or flying to other countries for business or pleasure, he often had a camera in his hand to snap a picture to add to their collection of memories.

He is survived by his wife Darlene Martinell, his children Curtis (Lisa) Martinell, and Karen (Paul) Muser, seven grandchildren, nine (soon to be ten) great-grandchildren and a brother Tom (Linda) Martinell.

A celebration of Jack’s life will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Celebration Church, 1135 Bluebell Dr., Livermore.

Foothill Boys Soccer Squad Defeats Amador Valley

By Phil Jensen

In a rivalry game with East Bay Athletic League playoff implications, the Foothill High School boy’s soccer team defeated host Amador Valley 5-2 on Feb. 1.

The two teams entered the game tied for sixth in the EBAL, and only six teams advanced to the league play-offs, which started this week. It was the final game of the regular season.

“Win and survive,” said Foothill coach Anthony Villegas. “We had that mentality going in. ... I’m very proud of the boys.”

Foothill improved to 8-10-1 overall and finished the EBAL regular season with a 4-5 record. Amador Valley fell to 12-9 and 3-6. Because of their winning overall record, the Dons are eligible to apply for an at-large bid for the North Coast Section playoffs seeding meeting on Feb. 11

and will do so, said coach Scott Berglin.

The Falcons traveled to play San Ramon Valley on Feb. 6 in the first round of the league playoffs after this article’s deadline. The winner will face Monte Vista in the semifinals on Feb. 8. The final is Feb. 10. Granada also had a first-round match on Feb. 6 against Dougherty Valley, with the winner facing De La Salle in the semifinals on Feb. 8.

In an extremely high-scoring first half on Feb. 1, five goals were tallied between Foothill and Amador Valley.

Foothill struck first just 2 minutes, 49 seconds into the match. Leo Boss, a junior forward, ended a fast break on a counterattack by putting the ball in the back of the net.

But Amador Valley responded with two straight goals. On the first, senior Riley Borges saw an opening as he controlled the ball in the box, and his shot on goal was true to tie the game

at the 9:07 mark of the 80-minute match. Later in the half, Henry Beatty stole the ball in the box, juked around a defender and sent a shot into the far side of the net at the 26:18 mark.

“Overall, I was very happy with them. The effort was there, execution on offense

was tremendous,” said Berglin about his team, which outshot Foothill 17-8 in the game. “But the transitions and the lack of attention when they quick restart, they kill us, and then they were very good at taking advantage of a little disorganization on our side. I



In a game last Thursday marked by a high-scoring first half, the Foothill Falcons defeated rival host Amador Valley 5-2. Above, Amador Valley’s Hamilton tries to steal the ball from Foothill’s Thorben Gross-Perez. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

think if we clean that up, it’s a very different night.”

After the Dons took the lead, Foothill tied the score less than five minutes later on a beautiful give-and-go. Adam Bernhard, a sophomore, ended up sending a pass to Boss, who tallied his second goal at the 31:39 mark.

Then Foothill took the lead for good when senior Matthew Tahir corralled a loose ball near the net and sent a strong shot in at the 32:30 mark.

“I’m very proud of the way they battled,” said Villegas about his squad. “Getting the early lead, then going down 2-1, then keeping that resilience and fight ... that’s really impressive.”

There was no scoring in the second half until a tremendous shot by Tyler Walsh gave the Falcons a 4-2 advantage at the 73:28 mark. The senior sent a booming shot approximately 30 yards that sailed into the

top of the goal. The final score of the game was an own goal with 1:41 to play. Foothill tied a season-high goal total in the match. The Falcons received five saves from senior goal-keeper Aidan Ahmad.

Girls Soccer

Amador Valley shut out Foothill 2-0 on Feb. 1 with a pair of second-half goals to win the EBAL regular season. The Dons finished 7-1-1 in EBAL play and have a first-round bye in the league playoffs. They will host a semifinal match on Feb. 8 against the winner of the California-San Ramon Valley first-round game on Feb. 6.

Foothill, which finished 3-4-2 in EBAL regular-season action for sixth place, traveled to face Carondelet on Feb. 6 in a first-round match. The winner plays Monte Vista on Feb. 8 in the semifinals.

The final is on Feb. 10.

Foothill Boys Basketball Take Win Despite Star Injury

By Phil Jensen

When Foothill High School boys’ basketball star Sid Swarup suffered a foot injury in the first quarter of the rivalry game against visiting Amador Valley on Feb. 2, it was a significant blow to the Falcons.

But Foothill banded together, as three players led the team in scoring in three different quarters of the 55-51 victory over the Dons.

“Our guys won it for him,” said Foothill coach Tommy Cech about Swarup. “He’s carried us in a lot of different moments this season. For our guys to step up in the biggest game of the year for him, it meant a lot. I just love my team.”

Foothill’s Vedant Mehta scored seven of his 14 points in the first quarter. Teammate Saahas Krishnamsetty produced eight of his 13 points in the third quarter, and Ayden Magaro tallied eight of his team-high 15 points in the fourth quarter.

The Falcons finished the regular season with a 16-10 overall record and a 3-6 East Bay Athletic League mark. They hosted Livermore in the first round of the EBAL playoffs on Feb. 5 after this article’s deadline. The semifinals will be hosted by Granada and De La Salle on Feb. 8, and the final is Feb. 10.

Cech said on Feb. 3 that x-rays of Swarup’s injured foot showed no fracture, but it’s a bad sprain that will keep him out of the EBAL playoffs at least.

Amador Valley, which finished the regular season 16-10 and 1-8 in league action, traveled to play California on Feb. 5 in a first-round EBAL playoff game.

In the game on Feb. 2, Amador Valley took an early 10-6 lead against Foothill with a layup by Cade Krueger with 3 minutes, 31 seconds left in the first quarter. But a three-pointer by Mehta started a 10-0 Falcons run to end the quarter, and their lead grew to

13 in the second quarter before a 9-2 run by the Dons ended the half with Foothill holding a 33-27 advantage.

Foothill held a 41-28 advantage in the third quarter on a basket by Krishnamsetty, but Amador Valley cut away at the lead. It trailed 46-36 at the end of the third quarter, then got to within one point at 51-50 with 2:56 to play in the game on an elbow jumper by freshman Jaylen Smith.

However, the Dons wouldn’t get any closer. A clutch three-pointer by Magaro with 1:40 remaining gave Foothill a 54-50 advantage. A free throw by Krueger narrowed the score to 54-51 with 21 seconds left, but Mehta was fouled on Foothill’s next possession and connected on a free throw with 18.1 seconds left for the final point of the game.

Foothill’s Erik Olsen, a senior, grabbed a game-high eight rebounds. Magaro added six rebounds. Mehta passed for

a game-high four assists.

Ori Khasin led Amador Valley with 17 points and also had a team-high three assists. Krueger added 12 points, and Nate Jetter paced the Dons in rebounds with seven.

Girls Basketball

Foothill defeated Amador Valley 60-44 on Feb. 2. Foothill, which finished the regular season with an 18-7 overall record and 4-5 EBAL mark, hosted a second-round game on Feb. 6 against the winner of the Granada-Livermore first-round game. The result was not available at press time.

Amador Valley, which ended the regular season with a 5-19 overall record and 1-7 EBAL mark, traveled to face Dougherty Valley in a first-round league playoff game on Feb. 5. The result was not available at press time. The semifinals are hosted by San Ramon Valley and Carondelet on Feb. 8, and the final is Feb. 10.



The Foothill Falcons hosted their crosstown rivals, the Amador Valley Dons, last Friday. Above, Amador Valley’s Nate Jetter and Foothill’s Vedant Mehta wrestle for a rebound. The Falcons won 55 to 51. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

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The following person(s) doing business as: Manacor Swim, 5455 Lawson CT, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Laura Tidwell, 5455 Lawson CT, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/01/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Laura Tidwell, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 4, 2024. Expires January 3, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5745. Published, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 602974

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Beeline CNC; 2. Cafe Cabinets, 19428 San Miguel Ave, Castro Valley, CA 94546-3425 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Evan Andersen, 19428 San Miguel Ave, Castro Valley, CA 94546. 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: 12/15/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Evan Andersen, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 21, 2023. Expires December 21, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5746. Published, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 602710

The following person(s) doing

business as: The Whiskey Sundays, 2925 College Ave # 223, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): The Whiskey Sundays, 2925 College Ave 223, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Christina Cavallaro, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 12, 2023. Expires December 11, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5747. Published, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603226

The following person(s) doing business as: Zebra Media, 2930 Domingo ave # 420, Berkeley, CA 94705 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Zebra Surf LLC, 2930 Domingo Ave Unit #420, Berkeley, CA 94705. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Douglas Leeds, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 8, 2024. Expires January 7, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5748. Published, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603193

The following person(s) doing business as: Color of Death, 1255 21st ST, RM 271, Oakland CA 94607 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): 1. Arno Hachaduryan, 24517 Margaret Dr, Hayward, CA 94542; 2. Zaid Johnson, 652 Haddon Rd, Oakland CA 94610; 3. Sayre Murielitta-Ackridge, 4029 Noriega ST, San Francisco, CA 94122. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Arno Hacharurayan, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 4, 2024. Expires January 3, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5749. Published, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603064

The following person(s) doing business as: Davideographer, 40640 High Street, Unit 614, Fremont, CA 94538 is hereby

registered by the following owner(s): David Nguyen, 40640 High Street, Unit 614, Fremont, CA 94538. 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: 12/27/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: David Nguyen, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 28, 2023. Expires December 27, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5750. Published, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603214

The following person(s) doing business as: PassinGrass, 2150 Portola Ave, D298, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): PG Organix, LLC, 2150 Portola Ave, D298, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 01/17/2019. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jeremy Laine, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 5, 2024. Expires January 4, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5751. Published, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603149

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Skylark Properties; 2. Skylark Investment Group, 2351 Bartlett Street, Oakland, CA 94601 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Skylark Property Investments LLC, 2351 Bartlett Street, Oakland, CA 94601. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Bryce Gubler, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 3, 2024. Expires January 2, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5752. Published, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2024.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 567815

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s). 1. Olivina Olive Oils; 2. Olivina Olives; 3. Olivina, 4533 Arroyo Road, Livermore, CA 94550. The

fictitious business name statement was filed on 01-24-20 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Charles Crohare, Managing Director. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 11, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 5753. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 567816

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s). Olivina Ranch, 4533 Arroyo Road, Livermore 94550. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 01-24-20 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Charles Crohare, Managing Director. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 11, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 5757. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603345

The following person(s) doing business as: Verivras, 1652 Spruce St., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Yo Oh, 1652 Spruce St., Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Yo Oh, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 12, 2024. Expires January 11, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5755. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603077

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Sonata Styles; DG Productions, 3159 Huntington CT, Castro Valley, CA 94546 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Declan Galli, 3159 Huntington CT, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Declan Galli, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 28, 2023. Expires December 27, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5756. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603239

The following person(s) doing business as: Innov Sales, 2425 French Oak Place, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Vincent A. Barletta, 2425 French Oak Place 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: 05-01-2012. Signature of Registrant/s/: Vincent A. Barletta, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 8, 2024. Expires January 7, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5757. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603313

The following person(s) doing business as: Moku Hawaiian BBQ, 2488 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94704 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Moku2488 Inc., 2488 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Liang Liang Jiang, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 11, 2024. Expires January 10, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5758. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 602824

The following person(s) doing business as: Uday Studios LLC, 3451 Mirasol Ave, Oakland, CA 94605 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Uday Studios LLC, 3451 Mirasol Ave, Oakland, CA 94605. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Takai Ginwright, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 14, 2023. Expires December 13, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5759. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603378

The following person(s) doing business as: Check Center, 302 E 18th Street, Oakland, CA 94606 is hereby registered by

the following owner(s): Bricon Investments Inc., 8783 Davona Drive, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Joan Evangelista, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 16, 2024. Expires January 15, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5760. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603362

The following person(s) doing business as: Inflated Bounce House Rentals, 2320 Chateau Way, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Elizabeth Montiel, 2320 Chateau Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Elizabeth Montiel, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 16, 2024. Expires January 15, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5761. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 602973

The following person(s) doing business as: T&K Machine, 257 Wright Brothers Ave, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Anthony Gallien, Inc., 257 Wright Brothers Ave, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/01/1996. Signature of Registrant/s/: Karen Ross, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 21, 2023. Expires December 20, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5762. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 602996

The following person(s) doing business as: Nourish and Grow, 2128 8th ST., Berkeley, CA 94710 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nourish and Grow, 2128 8th ST., Berkeley, CA 94710. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the

fictitious business name(s) listed above: 8/01/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Catherine Murtha, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 22, 2023. Expires December 21, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5763. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603386

The following person(s) doing business as: Aligned Life Independent Living, 18958 Standish Ave, Hayward, CA 94541 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Anita C. Paule, 1630 Jasmine CT, Tracy, CA 95376. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Anita C. Paule, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 16, 2024. Expires January 15, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5764. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603253

The following person(s) doing business as: Better Fed Pet, 5700 Greenville Rd., Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jason Ziganti, 5700 Greenville Rd., Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jason Ziganti, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 9, 2024. Expires January 8, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5765. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603474

The following person(s) doing business as: Handy Tool, 7920 Wentworth Pl., Newark, CA 94560 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Emma Lara, 7920 Wentworth Pl., Newark, CA 94560. 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: 01/01/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Emma Lara, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 19, 2024. Expires January 18, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5766. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

LEGAL NOTICE
Pursuant to section 21707 of chapter 10 to division of 8 of the business and professions code, notice is hereby given by the undersigned that a public lien sale of the following described personal property will be held at the hour of 9am on February 8, 2024. The sale will be conducted by John Cardoza, auctioneer, (209)667-5797, bond number 5860870, located at: UNITS East Bay 6011 Las Positas Rd, Livermore, CA. 94550
The items to be sold are generally described as follows: Household/Miscellaneous goods
R0149 Dawn Smallwood NB0712 Loretta Van Wegen R0027 Danielle Patterson B0564 Carol Van Wijnen
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603315

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Olivina; 2. Olivina Olives; 3. Olivina Olive Oil; Olivina Ranch 4555 Arroyo Road, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Olivina, Inc., 2150 Portola Ave, Suite D269, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 01/01/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Charles Crohare, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 11, 2024. Expires January 10, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5768. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603485

The following person(s) doing business as: Trend Ent Collections, 4577 Las Positas Rd., Ste. A, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Pleasanton Rentals, Inc., 4577 Last Positas Rd. Ste. A, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Sherri Creighton, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 19, 2024. Expires January 18, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5769. Published, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603376

The following person(s) doing business as: AireServ of Pleasanton, 7026 Koll Center Parkway, #211, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tri Valley HVAC, LLC, 7026 Koll Center Parkway, #211, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Najib Rahmatti, Managing Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 16, 2024. Expires January 17, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5770. Published, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603473

The following person(s) doing business as: TA1ALWCareCo-ordination, 25706 Lewis Dr., Hayward, CA 94544 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Above and Beyond Senior Services LLC, 25706 Lewis Dr., Hayward, CA 94544. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/19/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Nicole Fauss, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 19, 2024. Expires January 18, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5771. Published, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603248

The following person(s) doing business as: Mad River Technology, 1280 Gusto Loop, #4, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Daniel Purdy, 1280 Gusto Loop, #4, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Daniel Purdy, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 08, 2024. Expires January 07, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5772. Published, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603536

The following person(s) doing business as: TeaOvation, 30971 San Benito ST., Hayward, CA 94544 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): IBEV LLC, 30971 San Benito St., Hayward, CA 94544. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Francis Ho, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 23, 2024. Expires January 22, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5773. Published, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603266

The following person(s) doing business as: Boba & More, 5286 Iron Horse Parkway, Suite B, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Boba & More Franchising LLC, 5256 Iron Horse Parkway, Suite B, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Farid Turangan, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 09, 2024. Expires January 08, 2029. The Independent, Legal

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603279

The following person(s) doing business as: The J.Land, 11853 Main Street, Sunol, CA 94586 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): JJ Land Haven LLC, 2955 Kilcare road, Sunol, CA 94586. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/8/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Tracy Mai, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 10, 2024. Expires January 09, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5775. Published, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603518

The following person(s) doing business as: Trend event Collections, Ace Medical Consultants, 4900 Hopyard Rd, Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Miguel Alvarellos, M.D., A Professional Corporation, 4900 Hopyard Rd., Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 09/13/2010. Signature of Registrant/s/: Miguel Alvarellos, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 22, 2024. Expires January 21, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5776. Published, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603175

The following person(s) doing business as: Eat Drink Voyage Travel, 2356 Palm Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Che Figo Ventures, LLC, 2356 Palm Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Meredith Sarboraria, Managing Director. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 04, 2024. Expires January 03, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5777. Published, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603608

The following person(s) doing business as: eSail Consulting Firm, 34437 Willow Lane, Union City, CA 94587 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sze Moey Voon Coen, 34437 Willow Lane, Union City, CA 94587. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Sze Moey Voon Coen, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 25, 2024. Expires January 24, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5778. Published, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603627

The following person(s) doing business as: ClutchBio, 23595 Cabot Blvd., Suite 110 Hayward, CA 94545 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Clutch Biotechnologies, Inc., 1971 22nd Ave, San Francisco, CA 94116. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Kathy Lam,

President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 26, 2024. Expires January 25, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5779. Published, February 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603440

The following person(s) doing business as: Minitropicalplants, 2093 Hill Ave, Hayward, CA 94541 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Thuypuong Grange, 2093 Hill Ave, Hayward, CA 94541. 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: 01/01/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Thuypuong Grange, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 18, 2024. Expires January 17, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5780. Published, February 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603667

The following person(s) doing business as: Xiangling C6, 2813 Shattuck Avenue, Apt6, Berkeley, CA 94705 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Aqshems Meten Nichols, 2813 Shattuck Avenue, Apt6, Berkeley, CA 94705. 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: 9/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Aqshems Meten Nichols, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 29, 2024. Expires January 28, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5781. Published, February 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603464

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Xpro Auto Glass; 2. Gateway Auto Glass, 5820 Stoneridge Mall Rd #106, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Everloop Capital, LLC, 2511 Brenford Drive, San Jose, CA 94511. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 12/12/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: David, Loo, Owner/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 19, 2024. Expires January 18, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5782. Published, February 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603673

The following person(s) doing business as: Koffee Time, 618 Main Street, Suite A, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Olguin & Hernandez LLC, 618 Main Street, Suite A, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/29/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ruth Olguin, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 29, 2024. Expires January 28, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5783. Published, February 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603424

The following person(s) doing business as: Apex Pools, 1183 Kottinger Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Eric Beau Hoff, 1807 Santa Rita Rd., Unit H276, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which

the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/5/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Eric Beau Hoff, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 17, 2024. Expires January 16, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5784. Published, February 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603697

The following person(s) doing business as: Sparkling Clean Mobile, 2275 Stoneridge Road, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Joel Huerta, 2275 Stoneridge Road, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Kathy Lam, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 29, 2024. Expires January 28, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5785. Published, February 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603657

The following person(s) doing business as: Butterfly Knoll, 7373 Lambert Hills Ct., Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Borui Shen, 7373 Lambert Hills Ct., Dublin, CA 94568. 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: 1/22/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Brui Shen, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 26, 2024. Expires January 25, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5786. Published, February 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603727

The following person(s) doing business as: United Smiles, 1523 N Vasco Rd., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Shah Doshi Dental Corporation, 1523 N Vasco, Rd., Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Hetal Shah, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 30, 2024. Expires January 29, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5787. Published, February 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603469

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Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area General Plan Update. State Clearing- house # 2022030810

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) has directed the preparation of an environmental impact report (EIR) consistent with requirements under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. State Parks is the lead agency under CEQA. PROJECT LOCATION: Carnegie SVRA is a 1,533-acre off-highway vehicle (OHV) park overseen by the OHMVR Division and operated by the Diablo Range District of State Parks. Carnegie SVRA is located within unincorporated Alameda and San Joaquin Counties, approximately 15 miles east of Livermore and 12 miles west of Tracy. PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR are being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 45 days, beginning January 16, 2024. Written comments germane to the environmental review will be considered and responded to in the Final EIR. Written comments should be submitted with a contact name and mailing address for the public record. Your views and comments on this project are welcomed. Written comments should be submitted no later than March 1, 2024, to: Postal:

California State Parks, Strategic Planning and Recreation Services Division
P.O. Box 942896,
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001
ATTN: Katie Metraux
Email: Planning@parks.ca.gov
(subject line CSVRA GP/DEIR Comments)
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Livermore Valley Brings Home the Gold in White Wine

By Christina Cavallaro

The votes are in for the 2024 San Francisco Chronicle Wine competition. Livermore Valley winemaker Brent Amos' 2023 Las Positas Estate Verdelho beat out 5,500 other wines in a tie for first place in the white wine category. He will share the honor with the 2022 Annadel Chardonnay from Sonoma County Gap's Grown. Amos, who began his career at Livermore's Fenestra before moving to Las Positas as a winemaker

and general manager, also won Double Gold for his Las Positas Albarino, Tempranillo Rosado, Cabernet Franc, Monastrell, Petit Verdot and Syrah. But Amos wasn't the only Livermore producer to stand out. The following wineries took home best of class: Almost Famous Wine Company's 2021 San Francisco Bay Cabernet Franc Darcie Kent Vineyards' 2022 Livermore Valley Chardonnay Darcie Kent Vineyards' 2021 Livermore Valley Petit Verdot

Wine Without Borders' 2022 Livermore Valley Primitivo Rubino Estates Winery's 2020 Livermore Valley Cab Sauvignon Brandi Lombardi, executive director of the region's winery and winegrowers trade association, the Livermore Valley Wine Community, said winemakers were honored by the recognition this year. "We hope that this only continues to draw wine lovers from the Bay Area and beyond to come visit and taste our award-winning wines," Lombardi said.

Concert Pianist to Perform At Livermore Church

Concert pianist Daniel Glover will perform a collection of "reimagined" works, including the premiere of his own arrangement of American composer Samuel Barber's "Canzone," in a benefit for Valley Concert Chorale (VCC) at the First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., Livermore, at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17. Glover, who has been accompanist for the nonprofit VCC since 1998, will also perform Chopin's "Andante Spianato et Grande Polonaise Brillante" and pieces by Ukrainian-born Sergei Borkiewicz and Russian-born Sergei Rachmaninoff.

Based in Pleasanton, the VCC is now in its 61st season. "Mr. Glover's piano concerts are always a popular event," said VCC Board President Bill Leach. "He is an internationally known concert pianist and has a great following around the world. We are so very fortunate to have him as the chorale's accompanist for so many years and we enjoy offering the community an opportunity to experience his great talent each year." Glover has performed with orchestras around the world, including the New York Philharmonic, Chicago Symphony, and San Francis-

co Symphony. He recently recorded composer Lee Actor's "Piano Concerto," with the Slovak National Symphony Orchestra in Slovakia. He has a master's degree from the Juilliard School in New York and has been on the music faculties at New York University, University of the Virgin Islands, University of San Francisco, and Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont, California. Tickets for "Reimagined" are \$30.00 and can be purchased online at valleyconcertchorale.org. The concert is free for children and high school and college students.

Young Musician Winners Wang and Roham to Perform at Bankhead



Cara Wang

The Livermore-Amador Symphony's "Vibrant Variations" concert at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore on Saturday, Feb.



Connor Roham

10, will feature solo performances by two winners of the orchestra's 51st annual Competition for Young Musicians.

Connor Roham, from San Ramon, will perform Chopin's Piano Concerto No.1, 3rd movement, while Cara Wang, from

Fremont, will perform Elgar's Cello Concerto, first and second movements. The winners, both students at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, competed for the honor of performing with the symphony last fall. They also received \$500 each from the nonprofit orchestra. The annual competition is open to instrumentalists and vocalists, 19 and younger, who live in Alameda or Contra Costa counties, or who live in either Tracy or Mountain House in San Joaquin County. The symphony will also perform José Moncayo's "Huapango," an orchestral arrangement of traditional

Mexican dance music with an emphasis on trumpet, trombone, and violins, and Benjamin Britten's "Young Persons Guide to the Orchestra," written in the aftermath of World War II. In celebration of the Chinese Lunar New Year, the orchestra will also perform An-Lun Huang's Saibei Dance, described by conductor Lara Webber as "energized, vigorous music, a wonderful blend of traditional Chinese melody and western symphonic style." Webber will host an "Inside the Music" talk in the Bankhead Theater lobby at 7 p.m., with the concert beginning at 7:30. The teen jazz band, Ele-

ment 116, directed by Matt Finders, will also perform in the Bankhead lobby during the intermission. Tickets start at \$28 and are available online at tinyurl.com/5fk78wcs; at the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First St., or by calling 925-373-6800. Students are admitted free.



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Armchair Travelers Explore the Greek Isles

By Christina Cavallaro

Pleasanton's Susan Gerber spent 10 days on a 39-foot sailboat visiting six Greek Islands in the far-flung Dodecanese archipelago. She's ready to tell you all about it. In October 2019, right before the world locked down amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Gerber, and three friends along with a Turkish captain, set sail for an adventure of a lifetime. On Thursday, Feb. 8, Gerber will share her stories and pictures on the Aegean Sea as part of the Armchair Travelers program at the Civic Center Library in Livermore. The talk begins at 1:30 p.m. "I'm very adventurous, I admit it," said Gerber, who said that people tend to glamorize a sailing trip around Greece. "They're like, 'Oh, wow, you went on this big sailing trip.' Yeah, no, I have to tell them," she said with a laugh. "But it was really fun." While the scenery was exquisite, people don't realize how cramped a 39-foot boat is, she said. This was not her first adventure, or her first presentation for the Armchair

Travelers series. She did a talk a year ago about a trip

chair Travelers through another group called the



Pleasanton adventure resident Susan Gerber (above) will share her stories from the Aegean Sea as part of Livermore's Armchair Travelers' program at the Civic Center Library. (Photo – Kay Hitch)

she took to Iceland. Gerber explained that the audience is usually made up of two primary groups, "Those who've been to the place she is discussing and want to compare notes, and those who're planning on going and want to know what's there." Gerber came to the Arm-

Livermore Valley Camera Club. Her passion for photography began after she suffered a stroke 14 years ago, two weeks before her 60th birthday. She'd always liked photography, but up until then had been an active horse person. The stroke all but ended her riding career, so she went back to school at Las Positas College and took photography courses. "I joined the Livermore Valley Camera Club just to keep pushing myself, and I've gone through intermediate photography to master photographer," she said. The slideshow, "Sailing the Dodecanese: Lesser-Known Greek Islands by Private Sailboat," will take place in the Storytime Room of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. The Armchair Travelers program is free and registration is not required.

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