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Family Is Demanding Answers in Jail Death

By Larry Altman

DUBLIN — An Oakland man has been charged with killing his mentally ill cell mate at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin last week, authorities said.Bryson Wayne Levy, 33, a convicted sex offender, faces a murder charge in connection to the killing of Yuri Graham Brand, a 39-year-old El Cerrito man who was jailed after his arrest for breaking into a house in Piedmont and squatting there for two days.

"How do you have these two people in the same cell?" said Adante Pointer, an attorney representing Brand's mother, Erica Edgerly. "It just seems like, if they had done the proper type of intake, then those two guys should have never been placed together. The tragedy seems very preventable."

Deputies conducting a routine check found Brand unresponsive in his cell about 12:20 p.m. last Wednesday. Deputies, medical staff, and paramedics tried to revive him, but Brand did not regain consciousness and was

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County Health Departments Keeping an Eye On COVID Cases

By Christina Cavallaro

LIVERMORE — Contra Costa County health officials issued orders this week requiring health care workers to wear masks in patient care settings due to an increased risk of respiratory illnesses including COVID-19 and the flu. According to the Alameda County Public Health Department, a similar requirement for health care workers and other staff will be implemented beginning Nov. 1.

Ann Roth, Contra Costa Health Services chief executive officer told the County Boad of Supervisors on Sept. 19, that COVID-19 hospitalizations are up since July, from 8.1 to 12.1 per day.

"So, it's going up," Roth said to the board. "It's not huge. We are able to handle the increased demand for

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Protestors gathered in front of the Sunol Glen Unified School District offices on Sept. 12, where the board voted 2-1 to ban the flying of banners on campus other than the U.S. and California state flag. Opponents said the vote was a direct effort to exclude the Pride flag and support of the LBGQT+ community. [*See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia*] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Native Americans Want Park Fully Protected

Officials Will Collect Public Feedback To Decide the Uses of Tesla Park

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — Two years after Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a bill to preserve Tesla Park in eastern Alameda County, the California Department of Parks and Recreation is just beginning the public process to decide what to do with the 3,100 acres that environmentalists and others sought to protect for decades.

A recently established website — alamedateslaplan.com — said it could take up to five years before the park is completed and opened to the public. Currently, the park remains closed.

Open space advocate Dick Schneider, who keeps close tabs on Tesla Park progress, told the Altamont Landfill and Resource Recovery Facility Open Space Advisory Committee on Friday that the parks department has hired the urban planning consultant PlaceWorks to conduct research to see what the public wants for the Tesla site

"I want to see young folks coming to see the place, how it is, get educated on the type of endangered species that are there, the plants, the cultural resources, the history of our ancestors."

– Katherine Perez,
Native American consultant

The research will be done in two phases, first determining whether the park should be designated as a natural and/or cultural reserve or an area suitable for recreation.

The outcome will determine if roads, restrooms, trails, or monuments and buildings are built on the land, and where the public will be allowed to roam.

Once that is done, PlaceWorks, which is also work-

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Sunol School District

Opponents of Flag Ban Are Exploring Their Next Steps

By Ruth Roberts

SUNOL — Members of the grassroots organization Sunol Glen 4 All said they are considering their options in the wake of the Sunol Glen Unified School District Board's 2-1 vote to prohibit the flying of all flags on campus except for the U.S. and California state flags.

Diana Rohini LaVigne, chair of Sunol Glen 4 All, said the group was disheartened by the trustee's Sept. 12 decision. She said the move targets the flag of the LGBTQ+ community, which in previous years has flown on the Sunol campus in recognition of Pride month.

"We are disappointed in the decision, but we are not surprised," said Rohini LaVigne. "In terms of next steps, we are still seeking support for our community during this dark hour. We are going to focus on healing at this moment and look towards inclusion strategies in the coming weeks and months."

Dozens of residents on both sides of the issue packed the Sunol Glen board room for the board meeting, which was shut down after the vote due to growing tensions.

Alameda County Sheriff's deputies were called to disperse the crowd. Some parents kept their children home from school the following day in protest, while others spoke of a possible school board recall petition.

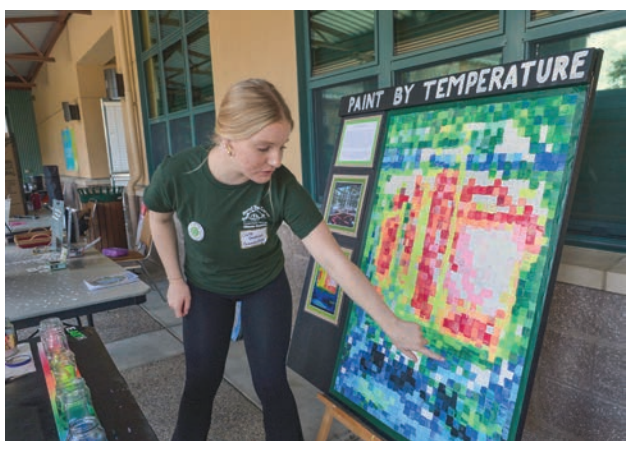
Molleen Barnes, Sunol Glen superintendent and

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Local Youth Fight Climate Change on National Level

By David Jen

LIVERMORE — A small group of Tri-Valley high-school students is tackling climate change with hands-on projects that are having national impacts.



A student explains changes on a climate radar graph during Livermore's recent Youth Climate Summit. The event was designed to showcase the growing effects of climate change in the U.S. and around the world. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Earlier this month, at Livermore's first Youth Climate Summit, they shared the results of a project that used infrared-light cameras to reduce the energy loads of high-profile buildings in Washington D.C.

The summit also showcased other climate projects, such as food-waste audits at schools and heat maps of the city.

For the infrared-light camera project, students tracked down inefficient light bulbs in buildings, such as the White House, the U.S. Capitol and several Smithsonian museums. The students, with help from Quest Science Center and Mobile Climate Science Labs, then used the data in conversations with building managers to spur the switch to more efficient lighting.

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Senior Center Celebrates 30 Years

By Hannah Ferguson

PLEASANTON — Since opening in 1993, the Pleasanton Senior Center has provided the community with an abundance of resources for seniors.

Over the past 30 years, the quality and variety of classes and activities have improved a lot, claimed Susan, a decade-long volunteer.

The center provides greeting card classes, wood carving, American mahjong, knitting, bingo, card games, reading, and more. One of the most popular program offerings is the diverse set of exercise classes. They offer popular fitness classes, including high-intensity Zumba, as well as

low-intensity options, such as yoga and tai chi, remarked Zack Silva, the recreation supervisor.

The senior center provides an extensive variety of activities and trips through their VIP Club -- a monthly sightseeing jaunt, a bimonthly casino visit and many other outings, both day trips and long excursions. "The buses are always going out full," noted Ian Murphy, the president of the VIP club.

The center has many new technological advancements to help the senior community. Silva reported that "[They] have free Wi-Fi available for guests and offer tech tutoring as well. [They] also have the Pleasanton Technology Users Group, which is a weekly volunteer-led discussion on technology trends and cyber security."

There are many other educational opportunities for seniors at the Pleasanton Center. Senior Services recently came to the center and provided presentations on medicines. They taught the seniors how to correctly ingest them, to keep an inventory of them, and instructed them what to do once they expire.



Alumni from Amador Valley High School gathered to celebrate the school's centennial with a parade on Friday, Sept. 15 through downtown Pleasanton. Other participants in the event included the Amador High School Marching Band and various clubs and athletic teams. [*See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia*] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Man to Play 100 Holes of Golf and Run Full Marathon for Charity

By David Scholz

PLEASANTON — A Bay Area man is currently training to play 100 holes of golf while simultaneously running a 26. 2-mile marathon on the golf course during a Pleasanton charity event next month.

Scott Wall of Oakland will attempt the feat during the 2023 Hope 100 Golf Marathon on Oct. 23 at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton. The event raises money for Hope Hospice.

The idea for the extreme feat was hatched over Memorial Day weekend when Wall struck up a conversation with his friend Jim Berriatua at a backyard barbecue. Berriatua, who is the Hope Hospice golf event's founder, said he thought Wall's idea was crazy, but he was in full support of him giving it a shot.

"Scott is a great young man. I think that what he is doing is fantastic and quite a challenge," said Berriatua. "Combining the golf of 100 holes and the run which equals a marathon will be difficult."

Wall agrees.

"The combination of the two – running that long of a distance and swinging that many times in a day – is kind of unheard of," said Wall, 37, who was an All-American distance runner at the University of Oregon.

But pondering what such a combined undertaking would entail from both a running aspect and a golf perspective, Wall decided to take on the challenge. He said he has some experience playing a lot of golf in one day as he once played 45

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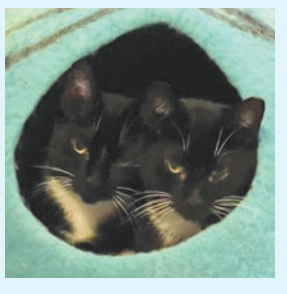
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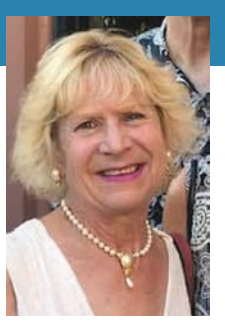
ABBOTT & COSTELLO

Who's on first, Abbott or Costello? Whoever it is, this dynamic duo is a package deal, ready to reign as the cat kings of comedy in their new home. They may be a bit shy at first, but once they get warmed up, be prepared to laugh at a performance like no other! Visit valleyhumane.org to learn more or email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption application process.

(Photo - Valley Humane Society)

Her Vineness

Happy 140th Birthday to the Livermore Wine Country



Laura Ness

By Laura Ness

Hello, wine lovers!! We're among the luckiest people on the planet. Why? We live smack dab in the middle of one of California's oldest and most important wine regions. And, perhaps more importantly, we know that a whole host of problems can be solved over a good glass of wine and good intentions.

Thankfully, those good intentions included preserving the natural agricultural beauty of Livermore, while other formerly ag-centric portions of the Bay Area were being paved over with offices and shopping malls: think Silicon Valley. As a result of this forward thinking, which birthed the South Livermore Plan that preserves a minimum of 20 acres of ag land with each home built, Livermore's vibrant vineyards are right in our backyard, and in some cases, our front.

Whether you are a first-time reader, or you've been riding on this exciting Livermore wine roller coaster with me for the past couple of decades, I hope you'll enjoy this intimate look at the business and pleasure of wine.

This year marks the 140th birthday of Livermore wine country. Back in 1883, two gentlemen helped put Livermore on the grape-growing map. Karl Wente came from Germany and James Concannon from Ireland. Both shared a love of French wines, and both imported French grapevines to get them started in their new home. While Concannon was one of the first to craft Bordeaux-style wines in California, Wente grew and popularized Chardonnay.

Concannon imported rootstock from Château Margaux and Château d'Yquem. Those vines would eventually spawn the Cabernet plant material that is responsible for more than 80% of the Cabernet vines planted throughout California to this day. Similarly, Wente's original Chardonnay vines were the progenitors of the most widely planted Chardonnay clones in the U.S. Clones refer to variations of a particular variety.

While establishing their individual grape empires, these two families became good friends.



Their kids grew up together, waited for the bus together, picked grapes together, as did their kid's kids, and so on. And the school year didn't start until harvest was over, because agriculture ruled back then.

Today, the 5th generation of the Wente family farms 2,000 acres in Livermore, while Concannon is owned by The Wine Group and farms 562 acres. Until recent health issues, 4th generation vintner, John Concannon, was the face of the brand. But the point is, these brands are practically household names to anyone who shops in a supermarket across the country or around the world.

For any family to still be in business together after 140 years is a remarkable feat. The wine royalty of Europe has been doing it far longer, but hey, that's why they call us the "new world." We are just getting started.

So, get out the confetti and crack open a bottle of Morning Fog Chardonnay or maybe a Concannon Mother Vine Cabernet Sauvignon and toast the Wente Family and the Concannons for being stewards of this Valley since 1883. We must thank them for keeping this region alive and vibrant, through Prohibition and two World Wars, and for setting the stage for so many other small brands to take root here, creating their own stories and becoming part of the wine landscape.

Bankhead Theater to Host The Righteous Brothers

The Righteous Brothers, with Bill Medley now joined by Bucky Heard, will perform at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore on Wednesday, Oct. 11, and Thursday, Oct. 12.

Medley and the late Bobby Hatfield formed the original Righteous Brothers duo in 1963 and recorded such hits as "Lovin' Feelin'," "Soul & Inspiration," "Unchained Melody," and "Rock and Roll Heaven."

They performed off and on as a duo into the mid-1970s, reuniting for a 21st anniversary celebration in 1983. In 1990, they also recorded a new version of "Unchained Melody." The original version had recently been re-released and for several weeks, The Righteous Brothers were the first act to have two versions of the same song in the Top 20 at the same time.

They continued to tour occasionally during the 1990s and into the early 2000s, until Hatfield died in 2003.

In 2016, Medley teamed up with singer/songwriter and Alabama native Bucky Heard. They have been touring as The Righteous Brothers the past eight years, primarily performing hits recorded by the original duo.

Tickets to the 7:30 p.m. performances begin at $95, with discounted tickets for students and active military personnel, and are available online at Livermorearts.org.

Emmy Award-winning composer and pianist John Tesh will also bring his "Big Band Live" sound to the Bankhead Theater on Sunday, Oct. 22, joined by his daughter Prima and son Gib.

Tesh is a former award-winning television reporter and sportscaster and is currently host of the syndicated "John Tesh Radio Show" and the spinoff "Intelligence for Your Life" programming. He began his musical career in 1987 as a pianist with Yanni. He has since released more than 40 studio albums.

Tickets for the 3 p.m. John Tesh performance begin at $55, with discounts for students and active military personnel.

On Friday, Oct. 27, the Bankhead Theater will also host the Four Phantoms – four Broadway stars who have performed the iconic role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phanton of the Opera," which recently ended a 35-year-run on Broadway.

Brent Barrett, John Cudia, Franc D'Ambrosio, and Ciarán Sheehan have more than 6,000 performances as the Phantom between them. In addition to songs from "The Phantom of the Opera," they will perform songs from Les Misérables, Miss Saigon, Evita, West Side Story, and other Broadway shows.

Tickets for 8 p.m. performance of The Four Phantoms begin at $90, with discounts for students and active military personnel.



Members of the Livermore Police Department (LPD) along with City Manager Marianna Marysheva attended the Women Leaders in Law Enforcement (WLLE) Training Symposium in San Diego Sept. 6-8. The annual conference brings law enforcement professionals throughout the state together to share their knowledge and experiences as well as offer support and advice. (Photo courtesy of LPD)

Climate Modeling Team Up for Gordon Bell Award

A team of scientists from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) and seven other Department of Energy facilities is a finalist for the first Gordon Bell Prize for Climate Modeling, to be awarded by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM).

Using the Frontier supercomputer at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, the researchers modeled complex cloud formations, which could lead to more accurate long-range weather forecasting and climate-change predictions.

The Simple Cloud Resolving E3SM Atmosphere Model (SCREAM) incorporates the latest in fluid dynamics, microphysics, moist turbulence, and radiation in an atmospheric general-circulation model developed for fine-resolution simulations, according to team member Mark Taylor, from Sandia National Laboratories.

In a report on the model's performance, Taylor noted that "traditional Earth system models struggle to represent clouds accurately ... because they cannot simulate the small overturning circulation in the atmosphere responsible for cloud formation and instead rely on complex approximations of these processes."

He added that the SCREAM program "has the potential to substantially reduce major systematic errors in precipitation found in current models because of its more realistic and explicit treatment of convective storms and the atmospheric motions responsible for cloud formation."

In addition to scientists from LLNL and Sandia, the team includes researchers and computational scientists from the Argonne, Brookhaven, Los Alamos, Lawrence Berkeley, Pacific Northwest, and Oak Ridge national laboratories. It is led by Peter Caldwell, who heads LLNL's Climate Modeling group.

ACM established the Gordon Bell Prize, named for an engineer who designed early computing systems for the Digital Equipment Corporation and often referred to as the Nobel Prize of supercomputing, in 1987.

This will be the first year that a separate prize will be awarded for climate modeling.

"The Gordon Bell Prize is the highest honor in high performance computing," said Caldwell noted, adding that the research team "is very proud and excited to be finalists for the inaugural year of the Gordon Bell Climate Award.

"We worked extremely hard for five years to develop a model which makes efficient use of exascale computers, providing more trustworthy and higher-fidelity predictions of future climate than were previously possible. The aim of this new prize matches our goals exactly, so we're hopeful about our chances."

Other LLNL staff members named in the Gordon Bell entry include scientists Aaron Donahue, Chris Terai and Renata McCoy.

There are two other finalists for first Gordon Bell Prize Climate Modeling, including a Chinese team that used a supercomputer at China's National Supercomputing Center to simulate the effects of the underwater volcanic eruption off Tonga in late 2021 and early 2022, including shock waves, earthquakes, tsunamis, and water and ash dispersal, and a team from Japan who used a supercomputer at the Riken Research Institute to produce more than 75,000 detailed weather forecasts during the 2021 Tokyo Olympics, one every 30 minutes over a 30-day period.











A veteran receives a haircut during the Sept. 16 Stand Down event at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Hosted by Alameda County District 1, the occasion provided food, clothing, health screenings and mental health counseling services to homeless and at-risk veterans. Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez, Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown and County Supervisor David Haubert participated in the event, which was the first one offered since the pandemic. "I truly feel it was a successful event," said Hernandez. "We are just getting started again to be able to meet the needs of veterans who haven't had these services in several years." [*See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia*] (Photo courtesy of Melissa Hernandez)

District to Host Screening of Mental Health Film

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District will sponsor a free screening of the documentary, "Look at Me Now: Stories of Hope," at the Bankhead Theater at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 27.

The hour-long documentary tells the story of four teens who struggled with mental health issues.

During the film, they tell their stories, talk candidly about their challenges, and share their journeys to finding hope.

The film was produced by the ZCares Initiative, established in 2019 to honor the memory of Zachary Nimmo, a Pleasanton teenager who suffered from depression and committed suicide in 2018.

The documentary is being presented as part of the school district's Livermore Learns parent engagement program, in conjunction with ZCares Films, the Bankhead Theater, and the Pedrozzi Foundation.

"Hearing the stories of other young people overcoming mental health challenges can help to break the stigma around mental health and increase awareness of how common mental health challenges are," the school district's wellness coordinator, Liisa Hanninen-Danner.

Prior to the screening, there will be a wellness fair in the Bankhead lobby. There will also be a panel discussion following the documentary with the filmmakers, members of the cast, and mental health professionals.

The film is recommended for teens and their parents. Free tickets are available through the Bankhead Theater online ticketing service.

County Residents Honored for Arts and Community Contributions

Two District One residents are the recent recipients of the Alameda County Arts Commission's Arts and Leadership Award. Recognized for their achievements and contributions to the arts community and residents of Alameda County, they will be officially commended at the County Board of Supervisor's Oct. 3 meeting in recognition of National Arts and Humanities Month.

Pleasanton resident Chris Carter is one of the two award recipients for District One. He is the executive director of Livermore Valley Arts, which includes the Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Arts Center. Appointed six weeks prior to the pandemic, Carter led the organization through 14 months of closure and found ways to deliver the arts to the community through free online art classes, camps, concerts, and an online interview series. Carter is also a member of the East Bay Arts and Cultural Alliance, serves on several nonprofit boards including Visit Tri-Valley, Livermore Jazz Society, Three Valleys Community Foundation Advisory Board, Las Positas College Commercial Music Advisory Board, Saint Mary's College School of Science Advisory Board, and is a founding board member of the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance.

"I definitely feel honored to be recognized along with the other recipients, and I'm grateful for all the support for the arts in our community," said Carter. "We can't do anything without that support. My dad always told me to feel successful in life you need to do what you love, do your best, and make a difference. I am extraordinarily fortunate to be in a role where I can do all those things."

Alvin Minard of Fremont is the second District One recipient. Minard is a long-time board member of the Fremont Cultural Arts Council (FCAC). The FCAS's mission is to further and support the practice and enjoyment of the cultural

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EDITORIAL

Affordable Housing is Needed in Dublin

The Dublin City Council should keep affordable housing among its priorities as it adjusts the balance between developer interest and community improvements.

On top of the immeasurable benefits to lower-income residents, affordable housing diversifies the workforce for local businesses, strengthening the economy. It reduces the loads on our healthcare system. It reduces the commutes handled by our freeways.

Looking back on the 2015-2023 housing cycle, however, we see that Dublin issued building permits for only 3.3% of the very-low-income units required by the state Regional Housing Needs Allocation, while the city issued over 900% of the required permits in the above-moderate-income category.

State quotas for the number of Dublin affordable-housing units have only increased in the new cycle , drawing concern around the 74-unit affordable-housing component that the city council recently removed at its September 5 meeting from the Dublin Fallon 580 project. Although the city reassigned the units to another opportunity site, and additional parkland is a worthy goal, Dublin's past RHNA performance begs the question of when these units will come to fruition.

Upcoming discussions to possibly lower the percentage of affordable units required for developments in general also risks moving the city in the wrong direction.

Dublin should show a real commitment to affordable housing — actual doors and beds — not just conversation. It should weigh these units more heavily in negotiations. And it should not lower its affordability requirement below 12.5% as the council discussed at its August meeting.

While negotiations between the city and developers involve many factors, a commitment to affordable housing should arise as a theme through all of them.

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Splatter Fest a Great Success

Laurie Herbert, Pleasanton

The Dublin Splatter Festival on Sept. 9 was an amazing event, full of happy families, talented dancers with beautiful costumes, great music, yummy food and all wrapped up with a fantastic drone light show.

I was proud to be part of a team of 16 women from the Livermore Valley Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America who staffed a busy booth at this huge venue. Children enjoyed our fun spinning wheel and prizes while we talked to parents about the importance of locking up all firearms in the home. Two years ago, firearms became the number one cause of death of American children. This is unacceptable, preventable and we will work tirelessly until our children are safe! Watch for us at the farmers market tables in Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore!

Sunol Flag Decision

Cheryl Cook-Kallio, Sunol
Ret. Teacher
ACOE Vice President Trustee Area 7

My phone blew up this weekend over the proposed resolution by the Sunol Glen School Board. In order to answer the many questions and to respond to the concerns, I did some research.

I wondered, is there a plethora of flags being displayed at the school? Is this a real problem? Or is it a way to silence a community? Furthermore, it strips the Superintendent from using her judgement in the matter.

As a Teacher I wonder:

Does this preclude teaching research projects on countries around the world or even within our own country when this land was occupied by other nations? This is a very common assignment within the context of a lesson plan. One which many of the community experienced in their own K-8 education. Who didn't draw, color and display flags as part of an assignment? Teachers are professionals and as such must be able to create lesson plans that teach the content and help students understand the world around them.

As a trustee/community member:

Is this inclusive? Is it divisive? Does it follow CA state law regarding curriculum and inclusiveness?

As a constitutionalist:

What constitutional questions does the resolution pose? The ACLU brief cites a distinction between what is government speech and what is protected First Amendment Speech on school property. One can infer that the school may decide what is to be flown from the flagpole; restricting it on campus and within classrooms is protected speech.

Restricting classrooms and individuals from displaying symbols like flags is unconstitutional unless it is demonstrated that it has substantial disruption. Being uncomfortable with the symbol is not enough to prohibit the symbol itself.

(ACLU Brief: https://www.aclu.org/documents/prohibitions-lgbtq-rainbow-flags-and-other-pride-displays)

Finally, what is the underlying focus here? Is it a resolution in search of a problem? If this is a way to try and avoid litigation, it falls short. In fact, what it does is open this wonderful small school district to litigation that will divert money from serving the students to costly legal fees.

This is an ill-conceived resolution that creates a real potential for legal action because of the all-encompassing language, removing discretion from the Superintendent, infringing on the teachers' ability to follow state framework and CA state law, in addition to the potential violation of free speech as exercised by the teachers and the students at the school.

Five Ways to Volunteer in Livermore

Trish Munro, Livermore

Every community—and Livermore is no exception—becomes better when community members work together to make the community better. Even when we disagree about almost everything, working toward a common goal—cleaning up graffiti say—builds bridges and spirit. With that in mind here are five ways to volunteer in Livermore. Pick one, two, or more and make a difference in our community.

1. Graffiti Fighters: Get a Graffiti Fighter Kit from the City of Livermore's Public Works Department and wipe out graffiti from public spaces. Graffiti fighter volunteers find and remove graffiti from public areas of Livermore. The City's provides volunteers with kits to help get the job done. There's more information on becoming a Graffiti Fighter here: https://www.livermoreca.gov/departments/public-works/maintenance/graffiti-fighter

2. Living Arroyos Volunteers: Creeks and Arroyos are, by definition, regional, passing from one city to another until they empty into the Bay. Living Arroyos brings together the cities of Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin, as well as the Alameda County Resource Conservation District (ACRCD) to maintain and improve the arroyo habitats of the Livermore-Amador valley, protect drinking water supplies, and prevent flooding. Community volunteers help create beautiful, safe, natural areas that serve the needs of people and other living things. Here's the link for more: http://www.livingarroyos.org/

3. Become a member of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department trains and supports members of the community to know how to help effectively in case of disaster. Here's more: https://www.lpfire.org/about-us/disaster-preparedness/cert

4. Friends of the Library supports Library programs and welcomes volunteers to staff the Friends Bookstore. For more information call (925) 373-5520.

5. Literacy Tutor: the Livermore Public Library's Literacy Program pairs volunteer tutors with adults who are working on improving English reading and writing skills. The one-on-one tutoring sessions, which take place once or twice a week, are individually tailored to each learner's goals and needs. The results for both tutors and learners are striking. Here's the link: https://library.livermoreca.gov/events-services/services/literacy-program.

Each of these opportunities offers a different way to improve the city and community and, by engaging, build relationships and goodwill for all of us.

Child Transgenderism

Owen Brovont, Livermore

Physicians who physically alter children's sex by surgery have more in common with Joseph Mengele, a German Nazi doctor who experimented on prisoners, including children, held at Auschwitz concentration camp during the second world war, than they do with the ethics of modern medicine – especially since they are in conspicuous violation of their medical pledge to "do no harm." Transgenderism is not a physical or medical issue, it is an emotional and psychological issue and should be referred to a licensed psychiatrist for analysis and treatment, not to board certified surgical and other medical practitioners for resolution.

Doctors who recommend sexual transition via surgery, and who prescribe hormonal medication in preparation for ultimately performing transition surgery on children below the age of consent, which varies from 16 to 18 depending upon the state, should have their medical licenses revoked; and those who have actually performed such surgery should be prosecuted.

Children through the end of adolescence are considered a minor and not legally emancipated; that is, as not having reached the age of majority and able to enter into legally binding contracts. There are still some limitations on the freedom of action at 18 depending upon the state, and include such things as purchasing alcohol and obtaining an unlimited automobile driver's license. Despite the obvious and recognized justification for imposing limitations on the freedom of decision and action of children, the current presumption that children who express gender dysphoria, that is uncertainty or discomfort regarding their sex, whether they are male or female, are capable of making the profound decision to undergo permanent surgical alteration of their genitalia.

In many states, schools are prohibited from informing parents if their child has expressed doubts and discomfort with their biologically determined sex. The Chino Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) recently enacted a policy to inform parents if their children have expressed gender confusion or discomfort while at school. California's Attorney General has announced his intention to sue the CVUSD on the basis that the policy violates the California state constitution. In other words, he asserts that the school should not, and legally cannot, inform parents of their child's situation because it violates the child's right of privacy. The current Attorney General is a Democrat, and California's legislature is completely dominated by members of the Democratic party. It is past time that the people of California gave this situation some serious critical thought.

Housing Programs in Industrial Parks

Rich Buckley, Livermore

It is unlikely that any new housing can be delivered in Sunset's beautiful Danville area for under $1,000 per square foot without all sorts of complex offsets in partnership with stakeholders. If anyone can do it, Sunset will, as they now focus on producing residential units in their industrial park.

WHO DO THE BANKS ACTUAL HELP

The overarching impact of our current Federal Reserve Bank is at an upward inflationary inflection point caught in the global dynamics of its own making over the past several decades. One little glitch anywhere will start unraveling our banking system ... and there is a glitch ... 20.8824° N, 156.6816° W. Intuitively, this is the awakening event happening right now enabling millions of souls globally to realize government is broken by design in Lahaina, Maui. Green is costly in ways we really do not see initially.

FEWER RENTALS - MORE OCCUPANT OWNERSHIP

Within the context of housing costs, there are complex housing schemes developers use under the hypnotic narrative "Affordable Housing."

"Affordable Housing" along El Camino Real for example hit $8,000 per month rents. Over time, this trend leads to occupants not being property owners. Real ownership yields stability, discourages gentrification, and builds community. Christine Epperly, a licensed California civil engineer with over 3 decades experience explains the agenda of "15-Minute Cities" and their disruptive social impacts: https://tinyurl.com/m3n6twmf

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The SideTrack Bar + Grill in Pleasanton, above during last year's event, is once again inviting the public to celebrate Oktoberfest on Friday, Oct. 13 and Saturday, Oct. 13 at the restaurant in downtown Pleasanton. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

SideTrack Bar Celebrating Oktoberfest

The SideTrack Bar + Grill in Pleasanton will host an outdoor biergarten with German food and drink menus highlighting local breweries from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13, and from noon to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14.

The restaurant's menu will include Oktoberfest-inspired food all weekend, including sausages, German potato salad, red cabbage and sauerkraut, and pretzels. The children's menu will feature hot dogs and mac and cheese with "tater todds."

Tents will be set for diners in the restaurant's parking lot, 30 W. Angela St.

The restaurant will serve beer from Epidemic Ales and Dust Bowl Brewing, along with traditional German beers including Hofbräu München and Paulaner Oktoberfest Märzen. Wine and other drinks will also be available.

Big Lou the Accordion Princess will provide live entertainment, including a mix of polka and German folk music. to the tent.

No one under 21 will be allowed in the biergarten either day after 7 p.m.

Reserved seating is available in advance for Friday and Saturday nights at Eventbrite. Food and drink tickets will also be available at the door and range from $5 - $28.

For more information, go to sidetrackeats.com.



The Livermore-Amador Symphony will present POPS On the Green on the Shea stage, in front of the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept 30. Families are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs, and a picnic basket, for the free, outdoor concert. The orchestra will play selections from the Beetles, Broadway hits, and popular movies, including "Rocky" and "ET" The Extra Terrestrial." Children in the audience will be invited to conduct. The teen jazz band, Element 116, will also perform. Tickets are not required. (Photo courtesy of Livermore-Amador Symphony)

Livermore Library to Host Anti-Bully Program

The Livermore Public Library will host an anti-bullying education program on Monday, Oct. 2, at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

The 7 p.m. program is free and open to teens, parents, and other adults.

Comedian and motivational speaker Faith Alpher, who appeared at the Bankhead Theater in May, will lead off with a presentation on how teens, parents, and the community can stand up against bullying.

Scott Kerlin, a recently retired mental health counselor and director of Kerlin & Associates Research, will give a presentation on workplace bullying and the impact on employee performance, health, and personal matters. Kerlin has a doctorate in counseling and career development from the University of Oregon.

The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Livermore Public Library in support of National Bullying Prevention Month, a campaign started in 2006 by the PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center in Los Angeles. a@culinaryangels.org.

ArtWalk Livermore Set for Oct. 14

The nonprofit Livermore Valley Arts will host the annual ArtWalk Livermore, featuring original works by more than 200 artists, from 11 a.m. to 5p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14.

In addition to art displays throughout downtown Livermore, the festival will include live music, cultural demonstrations, and crafts for children. Admission is free.

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and fine arts throughout the Fremont community. Minard started FCAC's annual Arts & Crafts community event which brings artists, musicians, and dancers to Shinn Park and Estate in Fremont. He also founded the Flash Fiction Writing Contest which encourages community members to participate in a creative writing contest based on a different theme each year. Minard is also a Fremont historian and serves on the Alameda County Parks, Recreation and Historic Commission and is a board member of the Mission Peak Heritage Foundation, the Alameda County Historical Society, the Washington Township Historical Society, and the Patterson House Advisory Board. He has been a member of the Fremont Historical Architectural Review Board for 12 years. Through his volunteer work, Al connects the arts, music, dance, creative writing and local history.



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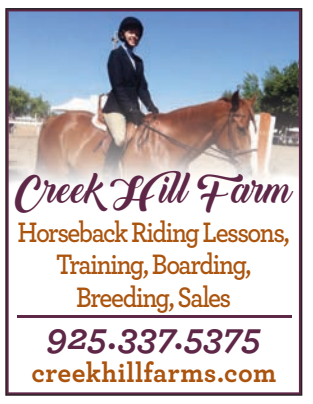
Dublin to Hold Annual Harvest Fair

Harvest Dublin will host its annual Harvest Fair at Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, 6600 Donlon Way, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7.

In addition to fall food favorites, activities will include a petting zoo, pumpkin ring toss, hay bale maze, pumpkin golf, face painting, apple crate toss, pumpkin decorating, gold panning, wagon rides, and calf roping. Entertainment will be provided by the singer/songwriter Tyler Gene and by the East Bay Brass.

A new public art piece, "The Junction," by Brian Keith, will be unveiled at the northeast corner of Heritage Park at 10 a.m. The 1910 Kolb House and the Murray Schoolhouse will also be open for viewing.

Admission to the event is free, with activity wristbands available for $10 per person at the event or $5 in advance at dublinrecguide.com. Wagon rides will be $2 for anyone without a wrist band.



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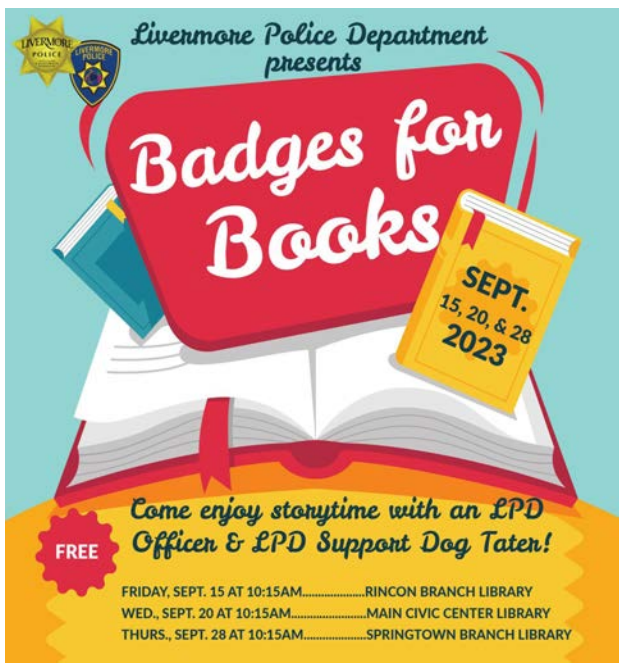
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On Sept. 15, Livermore Police Department (LPD) partnered with the Livermore Public Library and held free story time with an officer and the department's new support dog Tater. A similar event will be held on Sept. 28 at Springtown Branch Library. (Photo courtesy of LPD)

Pace for Peace Run/Walk Fundraiser to be Held Oct. 7

Tri-Valley Haven, a Livermore-based nonprofit, will sponsor its annual Pace for Peace 5k/10k on Saturday, Oct. 7, to raise awareness of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Proceeds from the run/walk fundraiser support programs that support child and adult survivors of abuse, including emergency housing, counseling, and legal services.

The run/walk will begin at 8 a.m. at 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore, with parking available at the Livermore Town Center. Strollers and pets on leashes are welcome.

The cost is $50 for adults for either the 5K or 10K timed runs, plus $4.75 registration fee, and $40 for students, 18 and under, plus a $4.15 registration fee.

To register, go to trivalleyhaven.org. Registrations will also be accepted starting at 7 a.m., the day of the race.

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holes in a day when he was 16,

"Needing to push through it and keep going and maintaining momentum throughout," said Wall, "is the biggest obstacle I will need to overcome as the day wears on."

But preparation for the day is also key and he is keeping a close eye on his nutrition leading up to the event

When Wall kicks off the event at 7 a.m., 30 minutes before the rest of the field, he will be aided by Bryan Colteaux, who will drive the cart and hand off the club needed for each shot throughout the day.

This, said Wall, will enable him to concentrate on the running and being on his feet for that long.

For further support with the running aspect, Wall's friend Vince D'Onofrio will be running some portions with him, as will Wall's fiancé, Hannah O'Brien.

To prepare for the marathon, Wall has been running four or five times a week with plans to increase his milage in the coming weeks.

"I won't do a full marathon," he said. "But I will do longer runs on the weekends to get up to that distance."

Whether he ever attempts to do this again remains to be seen.

"But if the event goes well and I am not terribly beat up at the end," said Wall, who added maybe there might be a marriage between golf or speed golf and running in the future for him.

As the golf fundraiser approaches, Berriatua noted Wall's unique contribution to the cause has helped generate interest and financial support from donors. Overall support has already exceeded $100,000.

The Hope 100 Golf Marathon is a fundraiser for Hope Hospice, supporting patient-care services and grief support center, as well as a range of free educational programs for the local public, including grief support services, dementia-care education, and family caregiver resources. For more information, visit www.Hope100GolfMarathon.com. Questions about the event may be directed to Marc Rovetti, Director of Philanthropy, at marcr@hopehospice.com, or 1-925-829-8770.

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Culinary Angels to Hold 'Glitz and Gratitude' Gala Fundraiser

Culinary Angels will host its annual fundraising event, Glitz and Gratitude, at Garré Winery and Vineyards in Livermore on Saturday, Oct. 21.

Culinary Angels is a nonprofit organization that provides nutritious meals to cancer patients and their caregivers in Livermore, Pleasanton, Danville, San Ramon, and Dublin.

Founded in 2016, Culinary Angels has provided over 13,000 meals, often prepared with organic and locally cultivated fruits and vegetables donated by nonprofits such as Fertile GroundWorks, Sunflower Hill, and Clare's Fare Gardens.

The fundraising gala, from 6 p.m. to 10 a.m., will include dinner, Garré wines, no-host bar, silent and live auctions with celebrity auctioneer Big Frank, and entertainment provided by Bay Area musician Jack Quigley. KPIX-5 reporter and on-air personality Juliette Goodrich will emcee the program.

Individual tickets are $175. Full tables and sponsorship packages are also available at culinaryangels.org.

Garré Winery and Vineyards is at 7986 Tesla Road.

For more information, email gala@culinaryangels.org.

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A visitor pours through a bin of books during the Friends of the Dublin Library book sale event on Sept. 16-17. Proceeds from the event go toward purchasing library materials and supporting its community programs. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

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principal, said in a statement following the meeting, "What happened last night was very disturbing … When you have 90% of your staff messaging the board, 'We don't want this resolution,' and yet the resolution passes, that affects 100% of the staff."

Trustee Linda Hurley issued a statement defending the board's decision, referring to a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that found the City of Boston violated the First Amendment because it allowed some groups to display their flag over city hall, but refused to fly a Christian group's flag.

"My vote to fly only the American and state flags was not meant to disparage the (LGBTQ) community, but to legally protect our small school from legal action for breaking the Supreme Court decision, Shurtleff vs. the City of Boston, October 2021," said Hurley. "As a board member, and I am speaking for myself and not for the full Sunol Glen School Board, I feel a custodial responsibility to the furtherance of our school and therefore cannot be just emotional in my decisions."

But in an open letter to the community, School Board Member Ted Romo, who voted against the resolution, criticized his fellow board members for "this gross attempt at censorship."

While the Sunol resolution does not specifically target the Pride flag, opponents say they believe the decision is the result of a previous school board meeting where several people asked the board to adopt a policy prohibiting the flying of 'special interest' flags on campus – including the gay pride flag.

Sunol is not the only California school district to take on the issue. This month, the Temecula Valley Unified School District board also passed a resolution prohibiting all banners except the U.S. and California flags.

In the Tri-Valley, Dublin Unified School District officials say they have been displaying the Pride flag for years.

"We do have a flag policy that allows for the flying of the Pride flag," said district spokesman Chip Dehnert. "I know we have been flying the Pride flag each June since 2019."

Michelle Dawson, coordinator of community engagement for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, said "We have no precedent for flying flags other than our state or national flags."

Patrick Gannon, director of communications for the Pleasanton Unified School District, said the district's policies don't specify either way the displaying of flags aside from the U.S. and California banners.

"We do not have any policies outright restricting the flying of other flags," Gannon said. "This issue has never come up for us, although we have passed Pride flag resolutions for the last several years."

Rohini LaVigne said the Sunol Glen 4 All group is buoyed by the community's encouragement.

"We are grateful for the tremendous support we received from local Sunolians, especially those who don't have a child in the school," she said. "The outpouring of support has warmed my heart."

Library to Host Lecture on Local History Markers

Joseph Alvarado, an amateur historian and contributor to The Historical Marker Database, will give a presentation on "Historical Markers of Alameda County" at the Civic Center Library in Livermore at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

The Historical Marker Database, hmdb.org, is a searchable online catalog of historical information on roadside markers, monuments, and plaques across the U.S.

Alvarado, who recently retired to Livermore, has spent a little over a year traveling around Alameda County cataloging many of its historical markers.

The presentation is part of the free local history lecture series, "Then & Now: Livermore Stories," sponsored by the Livermore Public Library and the Livermore Heritage Guild. No registration is required.

COVID

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some hospital beds, but it is going up."

According to the California Covid 19 Government tracker website, Alameda County saw 140 new hospital admissions for a 7-day period ending last Friday. That was 17 fewer from the prior weekly total, for a 10.8% decrease.

Contra Costa had 85 new admissions, 16 fewer from the week prior, for a 15.8% decrease.

Test positivity rates for a 7-day period were 11.8% for Alameda County, a 0.4% decrease over the week prior, and 11.1% for Contra Costa, a 1.2% decrease. There were no COVID-related deaths reported in either county.

Although both counties are currently in the "low" level for community spread, Tri-Valley healthcare providers are urging people to get the new vaccines from Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and Novavax that are now available to all California residents.

The vaccines have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and are available and recommended for anyone age five and older. Younger children down to six months can get at least one dose of either Moderna or Pfizer, depending on what they have previously received.

Vaccines are especially important for older adults and people with underlying medical conditions.

The new vaccines will target the omicron subvariant and provide protection against the new "Eris" variant.

Dr. Jake Scott, an infectious disease specialist at Stanford Valley Care in Pleasanton, said that although hospitalizations are up in some areas, there is no need for people to panic.

"Yes, there has been a rise in cases and hospitalizations. But the magnitude is far lower than it was even a year ago, but especially far lower than it was two or three years ago," Scott said.

"I personally don't think this should be considered a surge or a wave."

Dr. Cliff Quan, chief of infectious diseases for the Diablo service area of Kaiser Permanente, said that despite new and ever evolving vaccines, the world is still faced with the disease.

"Ultimately, we are facing a virus that is not going away and is continuously causing infections. Cases will rise and fall based on the variants that are present," Quan said.

But the situation is much better than it was a few years ago, thanks to vaccines and hybrid immunity found in people who've been both vaccinated and infected---a scenario which provides the best protection.

"I definitely give credit to vaccines and hybrid immunity in terms of why we're in a better place now. But also, the virus changed," Scott said.

In early 2022, when Omicron presented itself over other variants, according to Scott, "It was naturally less inclined to cause severe disease because it stayed mostly in the upper respiratory tract."

And while the new vaccine focuses on the XBB.1.5 variant, newer variants of the XBB have since emerged, but experts say so far, they remain closely related and so the updated vaccine will still provide protection.

As a result of antibodies at play, even when vaccine and variant are not a perfect match, "protection against severe disease is for the most part already in place," Scott explained.

"Through vaccines and infection, protection against severe disease remains well intact and is expected to last a long time, thanks to cell immunity."

It seems we're moving closer toward a once-a-year booster, as with seasonal flu. Quan says of vaccinated otherwise healthy individuals, "If we do get the disease, we won't get terribly sick."

However, public health organizations still recommend for added protection masking in indoor public settings, especially for those over 65 years of age and/or persons with certain health conditions.

"We're past the point where we need to worry on a large population level about severe disease and hospitals becoming overwhelmed and death rates going up," Scott concluded.

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CLIMATE

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"Our students have essentially become energy consultants for the Smithsonian Museum, specifically with regard to lighting," said James Callahan, Director of Mobile Climate Science Labs, a group of science-outreach volunteers with locations in California, Washington, D.C. and Maryland.

Efficient LED light bulbs use at least 75% less energy than incandescent ones and can eliminate the need for 92 1,000-megawatt power plants in the country, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

While the nationwide team of about 30 students — with about a third from the Tri-Valley — has focused on single buildings, they have also started an energy survey of the entire City of Livermore, which will continue through the end of the year.

Livermore High School junior Shrish Premkrishna, who contributed to the project, also helped launch the Youth Climate Summit.

"Livermore is definitely the breeding ground for things like this," said Premkrishna. "We have such a bright youth population; we have a lot of adults who really want to do some stuff as well, so it's all waiting to be unleashed."

Lawrence Livermore National Lab Research Scientist Kimberley Mayfield described how she experienced climate frustration as a high-school student, when she felt responsible for less of the causes but more of the consequences than the preceding generation, as she searched for ways to effect change.

"But I also didn't have a climate summit to go to," she said. "Nobody was there to teach me about it."

Mayfield went on to detail how planting one tree could remove the same amount of atmospheric carbon as a car driving 100 miles emits. Similarly, planting one acre of native grasses would offset 1,000 car-miles per year, and one meatless-menu day at LHS would effectively remove 15,000 car miles worth of carbon emissions.

"(Carbon neutrality) is absolutely possible, but it is also incredibly important that you take advantage, and do the things that can be done now, because the sooner they get done, the more warming they actually prevent in the long term," she said.

Quest Science interns have already begun planning for the next climate summit in 2024.

Quest, along with the Tri-Valley Air Quality Community Alliance, the Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District, the Livermore School District and the City of Livermore, helped sponsor the event.

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TESLA

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ing with Livermore on the city's General Plan, will come up with a design.

"In the past, the classification and the General Plan were done together but because this is an important area that has a lot of public interest to it, they decided to do the designation first and then come back and do the general plan afterwards," Schneider said.

The so-called "Alameda-Tesla Classification and General Plan Project" also will rename the park and conduct an environmental impact report once the classification is made. It lists four possible designations for the park: A State Recreation Area that allows for outdoor activities; a State Park that preserves "areas of outstanding natural, scenic, ecological, and cultural value" and allows the public to enter; a State Reserve that sets aside some unique ecological, geological, cultural and scenic areas while allowing the public to enjoy other areas; and a historical site that preserves "objects of historical, archaeological and scientific interest."

Although the new website does not currently have links for the public to provide input, it allows people interested to submit their email addresses to receive notifications for when that time comes.

Following decades of community efforts to stop the State Parks department from expanding the adjacent Carnegie Vehicular Recreation Area into it, Newsom in 2021 signed a budget bill that allowed State Parks to continue to oversee the land, but made the acreage independent of the off-highway vehicle site.

Newsom's bill pushed forward an effort to preserve the land by Tri-Valley Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan and increased the amount of money allocated for off-road enthusiasts to find a new location.

Moving forward with Tesla Park has moved slowly. Last year, Parks officials said they were assessing the land for its history and natural habitats, as well as potential for recreational activities.

Katherine Perez, Native American consultant for Notomne Cultural Preservation, which represents the Northern Valley Yokuts, Bay Miwok and Ohlone tribes, said that they want to preserve sacred locations, archaeology and natural plants and wildlife areas that are part of their heritage.

The organization has remained in contact with state officials over the last year. They hope to protect land that remains untouched by development, bikes and motorcycles. They also want to give the park a Native American name that is significant to local tribes.

"If you go up there, it's beautiful," Perez said. "I want to see it protected for future generations. I want to see young folks coming to see the place, how it is, get educated on the type of endangered species that are there, the plants, the cultural resources, the history of our ancestors."

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TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Now to Tuesday, Sept. 26
HOPE HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUPS
Hope Hospice's grief support services help adults and youth learn to process these feelings and find ways to move forward in a positive direction. The services are offered at no charge to the local community, even if your loved one was not on the hospice service. Hope's grief support services are free of charge, but registration in advance is suggested by phone at 925-829-8770 on weekdays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A brief assessment is required. Support groups are currently being conducted online by Zoom video conference. Services for young children are temporarily paused until in-person group gatherings can be resumed. General Grief runs from Aug. 7 to Sept. 25, on Mondays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Spousal and Partner Loss runs from Aug. 8 to Sept. 26, on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Single-Day Class takes place on Monday, July 10, from 2 to 3 p.m. Introduction to Grief and Loss is a short program open to both the bereaved and friends of a grieving person who want to learn about the grief process. Loss of a Child support group runs from Aug. 8 to Sept. 26, on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Teens Group attendees are asked to call for dates. These groups are offered once per quarter. For those who cannot make these dates, call 925) 829-8770 to be placed on the interest list for the following quarter.

Now to Oct. 6
JOYFUL CANVAS SHOW
Together with the John Muir Auxiliary and the Livermore Art Association present Joyful Canvas, a juried show open to all. Art will be on show at the gallery at John Muir Health Auxiliary, Aspen Gallery, Walnut Creek. For more information or to register, visit livermoreartassociation.org. Participants are asked to register by Aug. 1.

Thursday, Sept. 21 to Sunday, Sept. 24
FALL BOOK/MEDIA SALE
Pleasanton Public Library, located at 400 Old Bernal Ave.m is hosting a book and media sale. There, attendees will nearly new books, CDs, and DVDs at amazing prices. Stop by to pick up great bargains. This event is sponsored by Friends of the Pleasanton Library. Hours are Thursday from 2 to 7 p.m.; Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 23
PLEASANTON COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND CONCERT
The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will play a concert at 9:15, repeated at 10:45 until noon, at the Pleasanton Farmers Market on Angela Street in Pleasanton. For more information, call 925-846-5897.

Saturday, Sept. 23
EAGLES FLEA MARKET
The Eagles Flea Market will take place from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 527 N. Livermore Ave. Vendors are welcome. The cost is $20 for a 15x15 foot space and $5 for a table rental. For more information, contact Val Olson at 925-449-5807 or volson582003@yahoo.com or call the Eagles Hall at 925-449-6281.

Sunday Sept. 24
ALTAMONT CRUISERS NOSTALGIA DAY CARS SHOW
In downtown Livermore, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Altamont Cruisers Nostalgia Day Cars Show will feature 764 classic cars, an opening ceremony, a Parade of Champions and more than 100 raffle prizes. For more information, call 925-998-3168.

Sunday, Sept. 24
LITHIUM-ION BATTERY, DEVICE RECYCLING
All community members are invited to drop off their used lithium-ion batteries or their devices that contain lithium-ion batteries for free recycling. Rotary club members will be at Tri-Valley Car Care, 1937 First St., in Livermore, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., to accept items and have them safely recycled to help the environment. For more information or a list of recyclable items, visit livermorevalleyrotary.org or email livermorevalleyrotaryclub@gmail.com.

Thursday, Sept 28
SIPPING WITH THE SYMPHONY
The Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild will host a free fundraising event with musical entertainment, delicious nibbles, and unique auction items to support the symphony. Enjoy the fine wines for a $15 tasting fee. Join in from 5 to 7 p.m., at 1960 South Livermore Ave. For more information, visit livermoreamadorsymphony.org.

Thursday, Sept. 28
CACTUS CORNERS SQUARE-DANCING LESSONS
Cactus Corners is a local nonprofit offering free square-dancing lessons on Sept. 21 and 28 to new dancers. Then, they continue with learning new steps through the rest of the year. Anyone age 8 and up is invited to this great activity for the entire family, where they can have fun and make new friends. The meets take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at 2253 5th St., in Livermore. For more information or to be placed on the class notification list, email mmiller1435@gmail.com or call 925-447-6980.

Saturday, Sept. 30
LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY PRESENTS
POPS ON THE GREEN
From 3 to 4 p.m., Livermore-Amador Symphony presents a free, fun, family-friendly event with music for everyone. Bring family, friends and a picnic basket, blanket or lawn chairs to hear the Livermore-Amador Symphony and enjoy an hour of popular music across their 60-year history. Even the kids can conduct, and the event will feature Element 116, a teenage jazz band. POPS on the Green takes place at Bankhead Theater Plaza, 2400 First St., in Livermore. For more information, visit livermoreamadorsymphony.org/pops.

Saturday, Sept. 30
THE HARVEST BANQUET
A Tri-Valley, one-church night of worship, gospel, prayer, and free BBQ dinner is presented by Tri-Valley Seek and Save, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The event takes place at Carnegie Park, 2155 3rd St., in Livermore. For more information, call or text 925-895-1041 or email team@trivalleyseekandsave.org.

Saturday, Sept. 30
QUILTS OF VALOR FABRIC SALE
From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Livermore Veterans' Hall, 522 So. L St. at 5th St., the Amador Valley Quilters Quilts of Valor's fabric sale is being held to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts. All proceeds of the sale go to Amador Valley Quilters Quilts of Valor. All fabric is $3 per yard, plus notions and thread. Attendees are asked to enter at 5th Street using the ramp.

Sunday, Oct. 1 to Oct. 31
LIBRARY ART SHOW
Livermore Library, at 1188 S. Livermore Ave., will host an art show featuring original art and photography by members of the Livermore Art Association. The theme is "Nature's Gifts." Membership and show information is available at livermoreartassociation.org or dp.rodriguez@icloud.com.

Sunday, Oct. 1
FERTILE GROUNDWORKS ANNUAL
TASTE FOR GIVING GALA
Fertile Groundworks will host an evening of food, fun, and festivities at Retzlaff Vineyards from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Early-bird tickets are on sale until Aug. 31, for $80 per person, $320 per group of four, and $400 per table (up to six people). Tickets cover dinner by Tasteful Catering & Events; an assortment of wine and beverages by Retzlaff; music; door prize drawings; and participation in silent and live auctions featuring nearly 100 different items. Organizers are limited to 125 total tickets.

Saturday, October 7
3RD ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF AT CARNEGIE PARK
Everyone is invited to the 3rd annual Chili Cook Off at Carnegie Park from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is a community festival of food, activities, booth vendors, live music, and, of course, the best chili in town. Admission to the park is free. Chili tasting, beer, and wine tickets will be sold at the event. This event is the main fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley and supports grants and projects that improve our community. Visit livermorevalleyrotary.org for more information.

Saturday, Oct. 7 to Sunday, Oct. 15
LIVERMORE VALLEY OPERA PRESENTS
"OF MICE AND MEN"
Stage Director Marc Jacobs will bring the forceful tale of two depression-era farm workers whose dream of owning their own land one day ends in tragedy. Carlisle Floyd, arguably the greatest of America's 20th Century opera composers, adapts to the operatic stage a vivid representation of John Steinbeck's story that will grip audiences with its powerful music and timeless themes. In addition, LVO is thrilled to be partnering with the National Steinbeck Center located in Salinas, with the mutual goal of building community bridges and forging connections between arts and cultural organizations. Performances takes place on Oct. 7, at 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 8, at 2 p.m.; Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m.; and Oct. 15, at 2 p.m. An opening-night dinner will be held at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard at 4 p.m., with a separate ticket purchase required. Tickets are on sale now at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore, and ticket buyers who purchase both operas together will receive the best seats at a 10% discount. Both operas will be sung in English and expertly accompanied by the LVO orchestra, conducted by maestro Alexander Katsman.

Saturday, Oct. 7
SCIENCE@STOCKMEN'S PARK:
ENGINEERING ENCOUNTERS
From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., join Quest Science Center for Science@Stockmen's Park, a free monthly event for all ages. Attendees will design, build, and test everyone's creations. There will be something for everyone, including lots of hands-on activities for all ages. Engineering Encounters will take place at Stockmen's Park, 29 South Livermore Ave., in Livermore. For optional registration and to view more activity details, visit quest-science.org/science-at-stockmens.

Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023, 2-4 pm
LIVERMORE JAZZ SOCIETY HOSTS ERIK JEKABSON
From 2 to 4 p.m., Erik Jekabson will play melodic and bebop-influenced trumpet and flugelhorn with a warm sound. He writes his own music, crafts interesting arrangements of standards, and brings in a killer band of some of the most in-demand players in the Bay Area. This event will be offered with in-person attendance and a livestream. To request seating, email info@livermorejazzsociety.org or fill out an online form at livermorejazzsociety.org/reserve-seats. If seating is available, a reply will be sent with a formal invitation including the performance location. A donation of $20 is encouraged, but donations of any amount are most welcome. For more information, visit livermorejazzsociety.org.

Sunday, Oct. 15
ROAD RALLY OF HISTORICAL SITES IN LIVERMORE
Inner Wheel of Livermore presents a fun and interesting way to learn about Livermore History. Using a list of clues and from a car, you will track down Livermore Historical Sites, a great way to become familiar with the city's interesting and important history. Meet in the parking lot of Round Table Pizza, 1024 Stanley Blvd., at 1 p.m., and pay $25 to participate. All cars will be on the road by 2 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the first cars to return. For questions or to preregister, email ebell4830@sbcglobal.net.

Saturday, Oct. 21
TRIVALLEY WRITERS' SPEAKER
Chris Hennessy, an independent filmmaker, author, and speaker, will explain how to promote a book, social media marketing, and more at 2 p.m. at Tri-Valley Writers meeting at Las Positas College, Room 2470 at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, in Livermore. Check-in begins at 1:30 p.m. To RSVP, email treasurer@trivalleywriters.org by Oct. 19, and make payment, Tickets are $10 for CWC adult members; $12 for nonmembers; $5 for CWC student members ages 14 to 22; and $8 for student nonmembers.

Saturday, Oct. 21
TELEGRAPH QUARTET (STRINGS)
Del Valle Fine Arts presents Telegraph Quartet, quartet-in-residence at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. The group will perform the String Quartet No.4 by Gra yna Bacewicz, Britten's String Quartet No. 1 and Dvo ák's String Quartet No. 14., at 7:30 p.m., at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., in Livermore. Tickets are free for youth and are available at the Bankhead box office or livermorearts.org.

Sunday, Oct. 22
PLEASANTON COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND
FALL CONCERT
The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will play its annual Fall Concert in the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., in Pleasanton, at 2 p.m. This year, the band is saluting Animals as Portrayed in Music. The concert is free. For more information, call 925-846-5897.

Saturday, Oct. 28
SCIENCE@STOCKMEN'S PARK: HALLOWEEN HIJINKS
From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., join Quest Science Center for Science@Stockmen's Park, a free monthly event for all ages. Attendees will learn about the science behind Halloween tricks and treats. There will be something for everyone, and this is a great way to start the Halloween celebration. Stockmen's Park is located at 29 South Livermore Ave., in Livermore. For optional registration and to view more activity details, visit quest-science.org/science-at-stockmens.

Saturday, Nov. 18
TRIVALLEY WRITERS' SPEAKER
Nina Schuyler, an award-winning novelist and short story writer, who teaches creative writing at UCSF and Stanford Continuing Studies, will present "Making Metaphors and Other Stylish Moves" at the Tri-Valley Writers meeting 2 p.m. at Tri-Valley Writers meeting at Las Positas College, Room 2470 at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, in Livermore. Check-in begins at 1:30 p.m. To RSVP, email treasurer@trivalleywriters.org by Oct. 19, and make payment, Tickets are $10 for CWC adult members; $12 for nonmembers; $5 for CWC student members ages 14 to 22; and $8 for student nonmembers.

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TOPSCIENCE
TOPScience is a group that partners with elementary school science teachers to enhance learning for both students and teachers. It is an opportunity to pass on skills and knowledge while having fun and contributing to schools in Livermore. For more information or to volunteer, contact Art Krakowsky at artkr@sbcglobal. net or 925-455-0486.

ONGOING EVENTS

PLEASANTON FARMERS MARKET
Open Saturdays, from 10 to 1 p.m., at Main Street and West Angela Street. Seniors 60 and over are welcome for specialized shopping from 9 to 10 a.m.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
The Unitarian Universalist Church is welcoming to all. Join in on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for music, singing, and conversation. The church is located at 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore CA 94551. For more information, visit uucil.org.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (DAR)
CHAPTER MEETING.
The local Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter meets on the first Saturday of the month from September to May, with a short business meeting and a program. The DAR was founded in 1890 and is headquartered in Washington, DC. DAR is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children. Its members are descended from the Patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. For more information, visit jhl.californiadar.org or email jane.everett@sbcglobal.net.

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Asbury United Methodist Church invites the community to join for worship at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. There, discover a church that believes that all people are children of God and are of sacred worth. This community practices loving neighbors in daily life. The church has Sunday School and Nursery Care, and worship is followed by a fellowship time with bagels, beverages, and great conversation. The church is located at 4743 East Ave., in Livermore. For more information, visit asburylive.org.

WINGS-WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT
WINGS-Women in God's Spirit is a faith enhancement group of multi-generational Catholic women who meet October through May, on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m., at St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Ave., in Livermore. The organization now includes the Catholic women of both Livermore and Pleasanton at St. Charles Borromeo, St. Michael, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Augustine. Attendees can enjoy a variety of engaging speaker presentations and topics, small group sharing, fellowship and more. All are welcome. For more information, visit stcharleslivermore.org/wings.

Email non-profit events to calendar@independentnews.com for newspaper calendar and visit our website www.independentnews.com to promote all events online.

Former BART Spokesman to Discuss System History

Former Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) spokesman Michael C. Healy will discuss the history of the 50-year-old public transportation system in a free, Zoom-based presentation hosted by the Livermore Public Library at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 23.

Nicknamed "Mr. BART" by his colleagues, Healy headed media relations and marketing for the BART system from 1971 -- 10 months before the trains began running -- until he retired in 2004. In 2016, he wrote a history of the transit system, "BART: The Dramatic History of the Bay Area Rapid Transit System."

Healy will offer an insider's account of BART's inception, hard-won approval, construction, and operations.

To join the Zoom discussion, use the link: tinyurl.com/2jd4tw8j.

OBITUARIES

Arnold Gatti
Nov. 13, 1933 – Sept. 2, 2023

Arnold Gatti passed away on Sept. 2, surrounded by his family.

Arnold was born to Carlo and Clorinda Gatti in Huntington Park, California on Nov. 13, 1933. Arnold graduated high school at South Gate High School and soon thereafter was drafted into the Army at the end of the Korean War. He returned home and met the love of his life, Carol. Together they shared almost 65 years of marriage before she passed away in June 2022.

They began their married life in southern California where all 3 of their children were born. Later they moved to Fresno, then settled in Livermore in 1974. Arnold, with Carol's help completed many home projects in addition to a beautiful garden of roses, fruit trees, vegetables, and a Koi Pond.



Arnold's loving and generous nature will be greatly missed. He is survived by a large family; three children; Cathe Culbertson, Crista Gatti, Steven Gatti (Belinda); 10 grandchildren, Justin Culbertson (Sonja), Garrett Culbertson, Sarah Culbertson, Michelle Ross (Bill), Stephanie Staykow, Nick Staykow (Morgan), Alyssa Campisi (Marc), Jordan Gatti, Joshua Gatti (Stephanie), and Taylor Gatti (Woody); and five great-grandchildren; Connor, Liam, Calvin, Wesley and Jamie. Arnold is also survived by two sisters; Iole Catalano, Paula Moran and a brother John Gatti (Sylvia) and sister-in-law Mary Gatti. Arnold is predeceased by his loving wife Carol, his parents Carlo and Clorinda Gatti, and his brother Clelio Gatti.

Arnold will be remembered at a funeral Mass at St Charles Boromeo Catholic Church in Livermore on Sept. 27, at 11 a.m.

The family requests that remembrances be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, HealthFlex Hospice or a charity of your choice.

Teri Kneisley Benoit
1956 – 2023

Teri Kneisley Benoit of Livermore, California passed away in August 2023 at the age of 66. She was a 1974 graduate of Los Altos High School, and she attended Washington State University. She worked for Logitech for many years traveling the globe, later she worked in the funeral industry for twelve years then retired.

In retirement she loved being a grandma to seven grandchildren and enjoyed spending time in her garden. She made various crafts for her home, family and friends. She had a gift of party planning, always adding a Martha Stewart touch to everything she did. She was a diehard Golden State Warriors fan. She enjoyed traveling throughout her



life, she took trips to Hawaii, Monterey Bay, Lake Tahoe, Canada with her friend Sonya and to Washington State to visit family. She had fond memories of growing up and spending summers at her family beach house in the Pacific Northwest, swimming, waterskiing, crabbing and having fun with her siblings and friends.

Teri is survived by her husband Bert, daughter Rebecca Seibel (and her family), son Casey Miller, seven grandchildren, mother Abbie (and Chip), stepmother Chevy, siblings Frank, Phil, Laura, Jake, half-sister Suzanne (and their families), special friends Sonya Givliden and Karen Depallens, and numerous extended family members and friends.

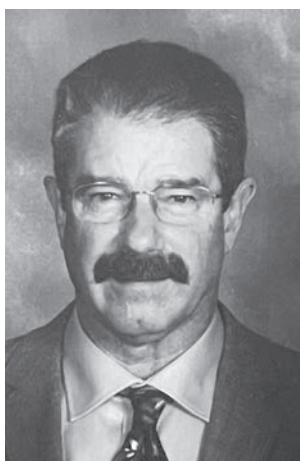
Teri was predeceased by her father Phil Kneisley Jr., whom she loved and adored. Teri was a beautiful person who loved her family and friends. We will miss her dearly and we are thankful to have been blessed with her in our lives and we rejoice that we will be reunited again when our heavenly Father calls us home.

Stephen Pinto
Dec. 7, 1952 – Sept. 14, 2023

Steve Pinto was born as the second of six children to his parents Larry and Ruth on Dec. 7, 1952. He grew up in Oakland and graduated from Skyline High School in 1971.

As the son of a 35-year veteran of the Oakland Fire Department, Steve joined the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LPFD) in 1974. His younger brothers Mark and Chris would end up working as firefighters as well (Alameda County and Berkeley) to cement a Pinto family legacy committed to fire protection in the East Bay.

On Feb. 26, 1978, Steve would marry the love of his life (Stella) and would remain happily married for 45 years. They moved to Livermore and had two daughters (Stephanie and Kristina) who attended Livermore schools and would follow their mom's lead by ultimately working as educators for LVJUSD.



As a man of faith, Steve was generous with his time assisting on projects both big and small at the Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church in Castro Valley. In his spare time, Steve loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter who also enjoyed fishing, water skiing and playing golf. Additionally, Steve was an accomplished bass guitarist who played in various bands and loved listening to music (often on full blast if he thought nobody was around).

After retiring from a distinguished career at LPFD in 2007, Steve continued to remain active. He maintained the same part-time job repairing violins that he started at the age of 12, but his favorite past-time was going on trips and spending quality time with his family and friends. He especially loved being around his grandchildren.

Steve was surrounded by family and friends at the moment of his untimely passing on Sept. 14, 2023. He was loved deeply by all who knew him and is remembered for his friendly and gracious nature, spirit of service and sense of humor.

Steve is survived by his wife Stella, daughters Stephanie (Tim) and Kristina (Nick), grandchildren Sophia (age 9) and Liam (age 2), along with three sisters, two brothers, and 16 nieces and nephews. May his memory be eternal.

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pronounced dead about 50 minutes later, said Lt. Tya Modeste, an Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) spokeswoman.

Modeste said Brand's cause of death is unknown. The Alameda County Coroner's Office did not respond to a request for information on his autopsy.

According to deputies, Brand was already in custody when Oakland police arrested Levy on suspicion of vandalism and a parole violation last Tuesday and booked him into jail.

Alameda County Superior Court records showed Levy was familiar with Santa Rita Jail, having served a 92-day sentence for a parole violation in 2021 and a 180-day sentence for failing to register as a sex offender.

Those terms followed Levy's 2017 sentence to state prison following a guilty plea to forced oral copulation. Records show he was ordered to spend six years at San Quentin State Prison. Other charges filed at the time including assault with a deadly weapon and a sex-related count were dismissed.

Pointer said Brand's family did not know where he was for a few days, but found his name listed as an inmate at the jail.

"He has severe mental health issues, and the family was having a hard time dealing with it," Pointer said. "They didn't have much support, so it's just been a tragedy all the way around."

Once his mother learned Brand was in custody for breaking into homes and eating food, she was hopeful jail medical staff would provide him with medication. When Brand didn't show up for a court hearing and no longer was listed on the online inmate list, the family called the jail to ask where he was, Pointer said.

"They were told, 'Oh, maybe he bailed out or something,'" Pointer said. "Like he bailed out. He doesn't have any type of money…And then about 15 to 20 minutes later, a sheriff's representative called and told the mother that her son was dead."

The victim's mother was not allowed to see her son's body at the morgue and is "racked in grief."

"Was her son choked to death? Beaten to death? What happened?" Pointer said. "How did this person get access to her son? Who is this person in terms of that person's background and how could this person even be in a position to do what they're claiming."

Pointer said the victim had a documented history of mental health problems. "When he was brought to Santa Rita, they should have looked at his medical history and put him into the mental health portion of the jail," he said.

Pointer said the mental health area would have provided more supervision, mental health care and medication, and would have kept Brand in a cell by himself.

Brand's death comes three months after the Alameda County Grand Jury chided the Alameda County Board of Supervisors for failing for years to build a Mental Health Program Service Unit at the jail, despite receiving $54 million from the state to do so in 2015. The cost of the building, once $61 million, is now estimated to have increased to $81 million.

Brand's death also comes at a time the ACSO is trying to comply with a federal court's Consent Decree to upgrade the jail's mental health care delivery as that need escalates. In August, the ACSO told The Independent it had increased staff to handle emergency and behavioral care for inmates, added suicide-resistant measures known as "cell softening" and was working to increase the time inmates spent out of their cells.

The Consent Decree settled a lawsuit filed in 2018 on behalf of inmates who said the jail's mental health services were vastly inadequate, leading to one of the highest suicide rates at jails across the United States.

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Amador Valley Football Team Explodes Offensively to Defeat Monte Vista

By Phil Jensen

Entering Friday night's game against Monte Vista, the Amador Valley High School football team scored a total of 27 points in its first three games.

The Dons produced 28 points in the second quarter alone against visiting Monte Vista.

Amador Valley improved to 3-1 overall this season with a very impressive 41-34 victory against the previously undefeated Mustangs.

"We know we can run the ball. We're physical, so we know we can kind of churn the clock a little bit," said an elated Amador Valley coach Danny Jones after the game. "There's not a panic. We've been kind of the underdog every week … we know we have a really good football team."

Monte Vista (3-1) took a 14-0 lead with 10 minutes, 56 seconds left in the second quarter. But the Dons outscored the Mustangs 28-7 for the rest of the quarter and 41-20 the rest of the game.

"We just clicked on all cylinders tonight, and it felt so amazing," said Amador Valley's Jake Goldsworthy, who rushed for a career-high 223 yards and three touchdowns. "We wanted this game so much. We were underdogs by every single source out there, and we just took that to heart. It was personal this week."

It was Goldsworthy who turned the momentum Amador Valley's way. Three plays after Monte Vista took a 14-0 lead, the senior running back/strong safety bolted down the right sideline for a 64-yard touchdown. The 6-foot-1 Goldsworthy also scored on runs of 20- and 75-yards in the game.

Goldsworthy said that the Amador Valley offensive line "is the best line I've played behind. I think it's the best line Amador's had in a long, long time. And then Sean Cervantes, my teammate, my blocker in front, he's such a dog, he just pancakes every play, he sets up the run for me every time."

The eventual winning touchdown, however, came on a pass. On a fourth-and-10 play on the Monte Vista 36-yard-line, Dons sophomore quarterback Aidan Foley threw a screen pass to Nate Jetter, who broke a tackle at approximately the 35 and proceeded to bolt into the end zone to give Amador Valley a 41-27 lead with 9:51 left in the fourth quarter.

The atmosphere at the game was joyous. Amador Valley High School celebrated its centennial over the week, and there was an overflow crowd on the Dons side of the field.

After Goldsworthy's first touchdown, Monte Vista reached the end zone again and led 21-7 with 8:29 left in the first half. But Amador Valley reached the end zone on its next three drives to take the lead.

First, an 80-yard drive ended with Goldsworthy's 20-yard touchdown run. Then after Gio Kovacs recovered a Monte Vista fumble on the Mustangs 33, Foley sent a great pass to the far-left corner of the end zone to Kurtis Thomsen for a 21-yard score.

The Dons defense again set up the offense with great field position, as Jetter grabbed an interception and returned it to the Monte Vista 25 with 1:02 left in the first half. Ben Stout then beat his defender to the end zone on



Amador's Anthony Harrington runs around Monte Vista defender Edwin Li on Friday, Sept. 15. Amador won 41-34. The game was a continuation of Amador High School's centennial celebration weekend. [*See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia*] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

a 14-yard pass from Foley with 34 seconds remaining, and a two-point conversion pass from Foley to Cervantes gave Amador Valley the lead to stay at 28-21.

On the first offensive play of the second half, Goldsworthy had another long touchdown run (75 yards) and Ethan Ling's point-after-touchdown kick gave the Dons a 35-21 lead. Gabe Gyamfi then grabbed an interception for the Dons in the Mustangs' territory and Monte Vista was playing catch-up the rest of the game, as it trailed 35-27 at the end of the third quarter.

A Monte Vista touchdown with 4:32 left in the fourth quarter was the final score of the game. Mustangs quarterback Braden Turner threw for 331 yards and three touchdowns in the game. Monte Vista's Jacob Shehata had 13 catches for 181 yards and two touchdowns, and teammate Julian McMahan rushed for a team-high 118 yards and two touchdowns.



Dublin High's Emma McQuoid jumps to spike the ball during a volleyball match between Dublin and Livermore High School on Thursday, Sept. 14. Dublin won 3 matches to 0. [*See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia*] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



Pleasanton Girls' Softball League (PGSL) Phantom 12U Division, took home championship rings on Sept. 17 following the annual Fall Ball tournament in Pleasanton. The team did not record a loss in the three-day tournament. (Photo courtesy of PGSL)

Dublin Teens Standing Out on Cricket World Stage

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Two Dublin High School students are representing the United States on the world cricket stage.

Seniors Anika Kolan and Amogh Arepally were both selected by USA Cricket to play in the U19 (under the age of 19) World Cricket Cups for men and women.

Anika took part in the women's inaugural U19 World Cup in January 2023 in South Africa and Amogh will compete in the next men's cup in January 2024 for the first time. The biennial events serve as an opportunity for young players to display their ability in a major arena.

Anika, 17, is already preparing for the next women's world cup in 2025 by competing in qualifiers in Los Angeles this month. An avid cricket player since the age of 7, she hopes to continue competing globally.

"I enjoy cricket because it mentally and physically challenges me, promotes a sense of global community, provides a second family within the squad and creates a unique and thrilling atmosphere on the field," said Anika. "The different relationships I've formed on both an international and local level during my cricket career have given me a sense of fulfillment and confidence in what I can bring to the game."

Anika was selected to play on the national squad in 2021. With one world cup under her belt – and hopes of a second – she has no plans to slow down. In addition to playing cricket, she plans to attend college next year and major in biotechnology or psychology.

Walking the hallways of Dublin High with Anika is Amogh. At 16, he is about to achieve one of his dreams by playing in the men's U19 World Cup next year in Sri Lanka. He made the U19 squad in July and played in the World Cup Americas Qualifiers in Toronto shortly after. Now, he is preparing for the big event next year.

"I'm a very hard-working guy and cricket is a big thing in my life," Amogh said. "It's something I have loved for the past seven years and the USA U19 team has always been a goal. Now that I've achieved it, I'm trying to represent the country in the U19 cup and do well and succeed."

Cricket dates back to 1751, when England still ruled the land. The game remained popular until baseball swept it away in the mid-1800s and the sport all but vanished. But it has enjoyed a resurgence in popularity over the past years, with cricket pitches – fields – popping up in cities and suburbs across the country, including the Tri-Valley.

One place cricket hasn't shown up however, is the local high schools, so players seek out clubs to get training and join squads. Amogh and his parents commuted to San Ramon, Milpitas and Santa Clara to get the coaching he needed to reach his high level of play.

"Amogh has been one of the most disciplined players I've worked with in regard to every aspect of the sport," said Clint Copeland, a coach affiliated with the San Ramon Cricket Association and Dublin Cricket League. "Willing to listen, learn, and go and put in the work at home with his dad, when everybody is resting or sleeping. He is one of the hardest workers I have worked with as a young man."

Sujesh Pulikkal, who coached Amogh in Santa Clara, said the teen was a coach's dream: polite, humble and persistent.

"He is one of the finest and technically correct top-order batsmen and wicketkeepers in the country who can reach heights if he continues with the same drive and passion and puts in the same hard yards he put in until he turned 16 years old," Pulikkal said.



Amogh Arepally



Anika Kolan

After competing in Sri Lanka, Amogh hopes to continue advancing in the world of cricket. He also plans to go to college, majoring in business. He said he is mostly applying to local schools so he can continue to play cricket with his Bay Area clubs.

"Cricket in America is growing, so there is a possibility it may become a full-time career for me," he said. "Colleges don't have cricket, so the USA team is all that I'm doing now. I did apply to a couple colleges in Texas, because cricket is big there, and to a couple in New Jersey, because it's big there, too."

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The following person(s) doing business as: Johnstone Supply Livermore, 7066 Las Positas Rd., Ste. D, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Orion Distributing, Inc., 5658 E. Clinton Ave, Fresno, CA 93727. 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: 5/21/2018. Signature of Registrant/s/: Michael Kalmbach, Owner/CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 25, 2023. Expires August 24, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5600. Published September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 600432

The following person(s) doing business as: Layna's Luxe Room, 15200 Hesperian Blvd Suite 201, San Leandro, CA 94578 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Alayna Milton, 821 Yosemite Dr., Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 8/29/23. Signature of Registrant/s/: Alyana Milton, Individual. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 29, 2023. Expires August 28, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5601. Published September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600263

The following person(s) doing business as: The Hangar SFO, 4581 Livermore Outlets Drive, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): DNH Hospitality Group Inc., 41 S Estados St., Mtn House, CA 95391. 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/: Vishal Nayyar, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 23, 2023. Expires August 22, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5602. Published September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600315

The following person(s) doing business as: Baughman's Western Outfitters, 2029 1st Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sanders Ranchwear, LLC, 2029 1st Street, 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: 4/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Amanda sanders, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 24, 2023. Expires August 23, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5603. Published September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600397

The following person(s) doing business as: Kimber Associates, 2779 Yountville Court, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Robert John Kimber, 2779 Yountivlle Court, 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: 12/6/2006. Signature of Registrant/s/: Robert Kimber, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 28, 2023. Expires August 27, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5604. Published September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600467

The following person(s) doing business as: WB4Golf, 1831 Barcelona ST. Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Wade Beucler IV, 1831 Barcelona St. 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/: Caifeng Wang, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 30, 2023. Expires August 29, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5605. Published September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600577

The following person(s) doing business as: CWS Research & Advisory, 2445 Romano Cir., Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Caifeng Wang, 2445 Romano Cir., Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Caifeng Wang, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 6, 2023. Expires September 5, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5606. Published September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 599653

The following person(s) doing business as: Nurse Next Door, 30699 Tidewater Dr., Union City, CA 94587 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Golden Care Enterprises, 30699 Tidewater Dr., Union City, CA 94587. 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/: Narinder Sandhu, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 28, 2023. Expires July 27, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5607. Published September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600532

The following person(s) doing business as: Even Space, 478 25th ST., Ste A, Oakland, CA 94612 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Colleen Paz & Associates Architectural Corporation, 2200 Adeline Street, Ste 305, Oakland, CA 94607 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/: Colleen Paz, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 1, 2023. Expires August 31, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5608. Published September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600090

The following person(s) doing business as: Megakoo Media, 3385 Dublin Blvd #310, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jeremy Irvin, 4847 Hopyard Rd. #4247, Pleasanton, CA 94588. 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: 8/13/23. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jeremy Irvin, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 14, 2023. Expires August 13, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5609. Published September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600183

The following person(s) doing business as: Vista Grande Landscape Management, 6735 Sierra Court, Suite A, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Gateway Landscape Construction, Inc., 6735 Sierra Court, Suite A, Dublin, CA 94568 This business is conducted by an Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 3/1/2004. Signature of Registrant/s/: Corey Pontrelli. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 18, 2023. Expires August 17, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5610. Published September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600640

The following person(s) doing business as: Broadway Telegraph Partners, 1933 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mohammad El Miari, 544 Third Ave, San Bruno, CA 94066; Mahmoud Elmiaari, 666 Teal Sreet, Foster City, CA 94404. This business is conducted by a Co-Partners. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/14/2005. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mahmoud Elmiaari, Partner/ Coowner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 8, 2023. Expires September 7, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5611. Published September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 2023.

Name Change

I, Parth Amin, resident of 1311 Belfast Court, Livermore, CA 94550, hereby changed my name from Parth Jayprakash Amin to Parth Amin
For all Future purposes see Affidavit dated 14-Sept-2023 Sworn before notary Jaehyun Choi. The Independent, Legal No. 5612. Published September 21, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600630

The following person(s) doing business as: Iron Horse Real Estate, 550 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Erica Jones Starkey, 305 Borica Dr., Danville, CA 94526. 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: 9/5/23. Signature of Registrant/s/: Erica Jones Starkey, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 7, 2023. Expires September 6, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5613. Published September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600504

The following person(s) doing business as: Fremont Boat Club, 543 Scott St., Fremont, CA 94539 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Helix Data Sync LLC, 543 Scott St., Fremont, CA 94539. 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/: Venkat Jegannathen. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 31, 2023. Expires August 30, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5614. Published September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600359

The following person(s) doing business as: Poco Loco, 7000 Bancroft Ave, Oakland CA 94605 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Gazzalis Supermarket, 1659 Brookside Dr., San Leandro, CA 94577. 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: 8/25/23. Signature of Registrant/s/: Hamzzah Saleh, VP. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 25, 2023. Expires August 24, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5615. Published September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600749

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Impacttrak; 2. Impacttrack, 5627 Civic Terrace Avenue, Newark, CA 94560 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Travis Peng, 5627 Civic Terrace Avenue, 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: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Travis Peng. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 13, 2023. Expires September 12, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5616. Published September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600816

The following person(s) doing business as: Tri Valley Solar care, 1428 Roselli Dr., Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Chris Fragoso, 1428 Roselli Dr., Livermore, CA 94550; Jody Kendrick, 1428 Roselli Dr., 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/: Chris Fragoso, Jody Kendrick, Owner.s This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 15, 2023. Expires September 14, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5617. Published September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600725

The following person(s) doing business as: Little Genie Family Daycare, 26931 Lakewood Way, Hayward, CA 94544 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): S and K Education LLC, 26931 Lakewood Way, 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: 8/23/23. Signature of Registrant/s/: Meng Chieh Yu, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 13, 2023. Expires September 12, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5618. Published September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600292

The following person(s) doing business as: Market Your Wellness, 889 53rd St., Oakland, CA 94608 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): REprocess Inc., 889 53 St., Oakland, CA 94608. 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: 3/1/23. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jennifer Lindsay, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 23, 2023. Expires August 22, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5619. Published September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600632

The following person(s) doing business as: Blake at Berkeley, 2033 Blake Street, Berkeley, CA 94704 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Berkeley VQOF II SPE, LLC, 5973 Avenida Encinas, STE 300, Carlsbad, CA 92008. 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: 1/12/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Scott McWhorter, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 7, 23. Expires September 6, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5620. Published September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600375

The following person(s) doing business as: Vegas Gift Shop, 1143 International Blvd, Oakland, CA 94606 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): PRO Durrani LLC, 55 Derow CT, Sacrament, CA 95833. 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/: Mohammad Qais, Member/ Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 25, 2023. Expires August 24, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5621. Published September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600041

The following person(s) doing business as: CloudDish, 2693 Stoneridge Dr., Ste 101, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Snowflake USA Inc., 2693 Stoneridge Dr., Ste 101, 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: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Simin Wang, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 11, 2023. Expires August 10, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5622. Published September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 2023.

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Dublin Recycler to Pick Up Textiles

Dublin's trash and recycling service, Amador Valley Industries (AVI), will be collecting textiles, including clothing, shoes, stuffed animals, bedding, and towels, during the first week in October. To schedule a pickup, residents should call 925-479-9545 at least a week in advance. Textiles should be placed at the curb in a clear plastic bag by 6 a.m. on the day of the scheduled pickup. Bagged textiles will be picked up by a different driver than regular trash pickup. Wet or moldy textiles, or those that contain blood, human biowaste, or toxic chemicals, are not allowed. For more information, go to dublin.ca.gov/2343/Textile-Recycling

LVA to Host Free Cultural Events

Livermore Valley Arts (LVA) will host several free events this fall, beginning with a celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23.

The celebration will be held on the Bankhead Plaza, 2400 First St., Livermore, and include demonstrations of traditional Mexican and South American dance, musical performances, and native storytelling.

The Bankhead Plaza will also host the Taste of Africa Festival, sponsored by the Cheza Nami Foundation, from 10 a.m. to 6n p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7, and the Filipino Barrio Fiesta from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8.

The Taster of Africa Festival will include musical and dance performances by African and African diaspora artists, art exhibits, an African marketplace, community art project, and a "kid's zone" with a reading corner, crafts, and interactive instrument exploration.

Festivities will continue with the 22nd annual ArtWalk Livermore from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14, followed by LVA's first Pride Fest Livermore from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21, and the Diwali Festival of Lights on Sunday, Nov. 5, both at the Bankhead Plaza.

The free cultural events are being sponsored, in part, by Las Positas College and LVA's 2023-2024 community cultural media sponsor, The Independent.

LVA is a nonprofit organization that operates the Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore.

For more information, go to livermorearts.org.



The Diwali Festival of Lights will once again take the stage at Bankhead Plaza on Sunday, Nov. 5 as part of Livermore Valley Arts' cultural events celebration programs. (Photo courtesy of Ruth Egherman)

Musician to Discuss Beatles' 'Abby Road'

Dulais Rhys, a professional musician and faculty member with the Amabile School of Music in San Francisco, will lead a discussion about the Beatles' final album, "Abby Road," at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 10 at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

The presentation is free and open to the public.

"Abby Road" was the iconic rock band's 11th studio album. Released in 1969, it reached No. 1 on the pop charts in both England and the U.S.

Although the album was a commercial success, it initially received mixed reviews from the critics. Today, however, it is considered one of the Fab Four's best albums. In particular, two songs written by George Harrison, "Something" and "Here Comes the Sun," are considered among the best he ever wrote for the group.

The album cover, showing the group walking in step across the street outside Abby Road Studios in London, is one of the most recognizable and most often imitated covers in history.

Rhys will discuss the early criticism of the album, the crucial role that George Martin, often referred to as the fifth Beatle, had in its creation, and how song fragments on the flip side formed a musical gem.

The program is being presented by the Livermore Public Library as part of its Authors and Arts Series, with support from the Friends of the Livermore Public Library.

Saxophonist to Perform at Almost Famous Lounge

The Almost Famous Wine Lounge, 2271 S. Vasco Road, Livermore, will host award-winning blues and soul saxophonist Terry Hanck on Thursday, Sept. 28.

Born in Chicago in 1944, Hanck began playing saxophone when he was 21. He moved to California in 1967 and formed his first band, the Grayson Street Houserockers, two years later. He toured with Elvin Bishop from 1977 to 1989, when he left to again form his own group. He released a solo album, "I Keep On Holding On," in 2002.

His most recent album, "I Still Get Excited," was released in 2019.

Hank received Blues Music Award from the nonprofit Blues Foundation in 2016 and a Living Blues Award from Living Blues: The Magazine of the African American Blues Tradition in 2012. In 2015, he won the International Songwriting Competition for the soul ballad, "I Keep On Holding On."

Tickets for the Almost Famous Wine Lounge performance are $20 to $35 and are available at tinyurl.com/yv8jt9m8.



Terry Hanck, award-winning blues and saxophonist, is headlining at the Almost Famous Wine Lounge in Livermore on Thursday, Sept. 28. (Photo courtesy of Almost Famous Wine Lounge)

LLNL Receives Three R&D 100 Awards

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) has received three R&D 100 awards for 2023 from R&D World Magazine.

Often referred to as the "Oscars of Innovation," the annual awards recognize significant new commercial products, technologies, and materials that are available for sale or license. Since 1978, scientists and engineers at LLNL have received 179 R&D 100 awards.

This year, LLNL was recognized for a suite of software products used in cancer research; software that helps tracks the power, energy, and performance of supercomputers; and a number format that permits fast, accurate data compression for supercomputer applications.

"The R&D 100 awards highlight the most game-changing technologies each year," said LLNL Director Kim Budil. "Researchers at LLNL strive to address the most significant challenges facing the world today through innovative science and technology and these awards are an important recognition of the impact of this work."

The ECP-CANDLE Project, which stands for Exascale Computing Project—Cancer Distributed Learning Environment, brought together the resources of the Department of Energy and the National Cancer Institute to accelerate cancer-specific research by applying machine learning and deep learning techniques to large-scale cancer datasets.

The software, developed by a five-lab consortium, allows cancer researchers to study molecular interactions using dynamic simulations and predict responses to treatment as well as patient trajectories and outcomes.

Several key innovations were developed by an LLNL research team that included Brian Van Essen, Fred Streitz, Tom Benson, Adam Moody, Tal Ben-Nun, Nikoli Dryden, and Pier Fiedorowicz, as well as former LLNL employees David Hysom, Sam Ade Jacobs, Naoya Maruyama and Tim Moon.

Other members of the consortium included the Argonne, Oak Ridge, Lawrence and Los Alamos national laboratories and the Fredrick National Laboratory for Cancer Research.

Another team of LLNL computer scientists developed Variorum, a vendor-neutral software library for exposing and monitoring the power, energy, and performance of low-level hardware dials for supercomputers

The software was developed for the Department of Energy's Exascale Computing Project (ECP) and is a key component for node-level power management in high-performance computing. The Variorum team was led by LLNL computer scientist Tapasya Patki, with Aniruddha Marathe, Barry Rountree, Eric Green, Kathleen Shoga, and Stephanie Brink.

Supercomputers also require sophisticated coordination of application codes, diverse hardware components, and system software, which is where LLNL's new ZEP software plays a role.

ZFP is an open-source software that significantly compresses numerical data and allows reductions in data movement, something that is critical in high-performance computing (HPC) applications. Efficient systems can process more user requests, improve the pace of scientific discovery, and help better understand power and energy costs, allowing for better utilization in supercomputing practices.

ZFP allows computer users to store numerical data using less space, so that they can cram larger data sets into memory and reduce how much disk space is required.

ZFP also allows users to transfer data more quickly, between memory and disk, between different compute nodes, and across the internet.

The software was developed by an LLNL team led by computer scientist Peter Lindstrom, with Danielle Asher and Mark C. Miller. Three former employees who have since left NNLN, Stephen Herbein, Matthew Larsen, and Markus Salasoo, were also part of the team.





