

City Council Approves 360 Stoneridge Apartments

By David Jen

PLEASANTON — A plan to build 360 rental apartments at the Stoneridge Shopping Center received city council approval on March 21 after staff allayed concerns about how the project would fit into the former mall’s wider housing plans.

The project, brought forth by the Simon Property Group, proposed a 5.5-story building in place of the 800-space parking lot currently between Macy’s and the former Sears building.

“We need to remember that this was chartered to be a 486-unit project, and now we’re down to 360 ... you wanted to fit within Pleasanton,” said Mayor Karla Brown, referring to the iteration of the project which began in 2019.

“I have seen this project a few times in my past, and to me, it’s a much more attractive design than what we had seen in prior renditions.”

– Vice Mayor Jack Balch

The council voted unanimously to find a previous supplemental environmental impact report adequate for the project, to find the project consistent with the city’s general plan and zoning, to find requested standards and design exceptions legal and to approve an affordable-housing agreement associated with the project.

Vice Mayor Jack Balch, who served on the planning commission before he was elected to the council, said, “I have seen this project a few times in my past, and to me, it’s a much more attractive design than what we had seen in prior renditions.” He specifically called out the larger setbacks, deeper affordability and improved parking of the current version.

The new building —
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Members of the Care First Community Coalition, along with families of those impacted by illness and incarceration, gathered on Saturday, April 1, at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin. The protesters called on elected officials to put an immediate end to the criminalization of substance use and mental illness within correctional facilities. Since 2014, 66 individuals have died while in custody at the jail. Seen above, some hold a large sign that reads “People Can’t Get Well in a Cell!” [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Rodeo Drops Wild Cow Milking Event

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — Livermore Rodeo officials recently dropped “wild cow milking” from this year’s events in June, ending a controversial competition that some animal rights activists considered barbaric, inhumane and sexist.

The decision follows an Alameda County Board of Supervisors vote in September to ban the activity at rodeos in unincorporated areas, including the Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo in Castro Valley.

Although the Livermore

Rodeo was not required to end the contest because it is under the jurisdiction of the City of Livermore, which does not have such a ban, rodeo officials said they would no longer host the event.

“This decision was made internally by the Livermore Rodeo Board of Directors without pressure or conversation with the City of Livermore,” said Colby Staysa, the Livermore Stockmen’s Rodeo Association secretary. “The Livermore Rodeo has a strong relationship with the city government and the community.”

Staysa said the decision was “made to build upon those relationships and support western heritage, local business owners and professional sports in Livermore.”

“As part of our 105 year history, and the fact we are one of the largest annual attractions in Livermore, we will continue to adapt and change to best represent the hard-working members of the local agriculture community,” Staysa added.

The choice to forego “wild cow milking” was welcomed by Eric Mills, an

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East Ranch Project Moves to the Council

By David Jen

DUBLIN — The East Ranch housing project, previously the target of a repeal by referendum, is moving forward.

Led by developer Tru-mark Homes, the project plans show 573 homes on 165 acres east of the Jordan Ranch development and south of the Positano development in eastern Dublin. The six new neighborhoods will include 17 low-income units and 26 moderate-income units dispersed throughout the development, while an in-lieu fee representing 29 units will be paid to the city to satisfy the

remainder of the project’s inclusionary zoning ordinance requirements.

The project will also include two neighborhood parks totaling 11.5 acres and one 2-acre semi-public site. According to the March 14 planning commission staff report, the parks will be developed under a separate application; no additional details were available.

The commission voted unanimously to approve a site development review permit for the project.

“I’m really pleased with how the project evolved through the years,” said Commission Chair Renata

Tyler, who added that the design team succeeded in delivering on details.

In December 2021, residents submitted a referendum of 4,635 qualified signatures against the project’s stage-two development plan, claiming the city had used outdated environmental analyses for the approval and failed to consider the project’s impact on water, fire and school resources.

Although the city council accepted the referendum and repealed the stage-two development plan in March 2022, the petition left other project approvals in place,

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Sara Upathay of Dublin selects some books from the Alameda County Mobile Library that was parked outside of the Dublin Library on Saturday, April 1. The library was celebrating its 20th anniversary with a day of public events including opening remarks from Mayor Melissa Hernandez and Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

LLNL Director Discusses Fusion Energy at Commonwealth Club

By Jeff Garberson

REGIONAL — In a talk last week to the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco, the director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) described the promise and the challenge of trying to harness nuclear fusion as an energy source.

The director, Kim Budil, is the Laboratory’s thirteenth director and the first woman to hold the position.

Her Commonwealth Club talk took the form of a question-and-answer session with science writer Katie Hafner, who runs a podcast called

“Lost Women of Science” about outstanding female scientists who never became well known.

Obscurity is unlikely to be Budil’s fate, Hafner noted, calling her “an undisputed rock star in the world of science.”

Budil was already well known in defense science circles when, in December, she came suddenly to the attention of the world’s news media by participating in a Washington, D.C. press conference that generated international headlines.

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Following Resignations

BART Increases Inspector General Funding By \$1.7 M

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — Just two weeks after BART’s Inspector General (IG) abruptly resigned, the transit agency last week announced a proposal to add \$1.7 million to the office’s budget — the same amount the IG asked for a year ago but was rebuffed.

BART and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission’s (MTC) announcement of a deal between the agencies would increase the IG’s \$1 million budget to \$2.7 million. The IG is tasked with investigating and rooting out fiscal mismanagement, waste and conflicts of interest.

Harriet Richardson, who said she resigned because BART administrators and

workers’ unions obstructed her efforts to conduct oversight, told The Independent she believed transit officials were now spending money on the IG’s office to try to influence California lawmakers hesitant to provide state funding to the financially troubled agency.

After noting that BART rejected her request for \$1.7 million, Richardson told The Independent, “I think the reason it didn’t happen before is because they weren’t desperate for money. I think what they’re doing right now is trying to show that they’re going to support the function, because they want money from the state.”

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Elisa Marquez to Fill Supervisor Valle’s Seat

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — Hayward City Council member Elisa Marquez was sworn in Tuesday as the new Alameda County Supervisor for District 2, which includes a portion of Sunol.

Marquez, who had served in Hayward since 2014, was appointed by her new colleagues last week following two lengthy public hearings to fill the District 2 seat that opened recently with the death of Supervisor Richard Valle.

After taking the oath, Marquez said she was pleased to join the board, while also acknowledging the recent deaths of Valle and Supervisor Wilma



Supervisor Elisa Marquez

Chan, along with the county’s emergence from the COVID-19 pandemic.

“It’s not under the best circumstances,” Marquez said. “So (I) just want to really carry on the work of Supervisor Valle, his legacy and represent all of

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Mayor Karla Brown Gives State of the City Address

By Ruth Roberts

PLEASANTON — For the first time since the pandemic, Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown gave the annual State of the City address in person at the Palm Event Center in the Vineyard on March 29.

“Pleasanton is an award-winning place to live, work and raise a family,” said Brown. “Last year we leaned in and defined a new normal; we embraced positive changes ... we supported businesses as they bounced back, and we got back to full programs at the city for activities and community events ... we came back well prepared for what’s ahead.”

Speaking before a sold-out crowd of community members, local officials and residents, Brown thanked

organizations such as City-Serve, Sunflower Hill, Open Heart Kitchen and Meals on Wheels, for their service to the community, while touching on the city’s accomplishments and goals.

Citing Pleasanton’s award-winning schools, diverse programs and cultures, and a hearty mix of small businesses, Brown highlighted the city’s flourishing and stable economy.

“The thriving new commercial corridor development on Johnson Drive will take advantage of its location, and it will generate a very nice tax revenue for our city,” said Brown referring to the planned-for Costco facility and accompanying hotels and roadways. Brown added that the unprecedented winter

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Hate Speech on Campus Condemned at Board Meeting

By Lizzie Rager

LIVERMORE — Public speakers at a well-attended school district meeting recently raised concerns about hate speech on campus and called for the board to take action.

During the March 7 Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) meeting, three students, one alumni and one substitute teacher condemned the spread of hate speech, derogatory behavior and

racist graffiti at Granada High School. The speakers also said they felt their concerns had been dismissed. In separate interviews with The Independent after the meeting, district officials provided plans for addressing the issues.

Alex Pepper, a Jewish student from Granada High School, spoke for himself and other students when he shared that “derogatory and discriminatory behavior” at the school has increased significantly over the past

few years. He said he had seen hateful language and symbols written on desks, walls and textbooks.

“I recall the end of last year when I arrived at school early and saw that following a so-called senior prank, a swastika had been scrawled on one of the building’s doors,” Pepper continued. “As someone who has experienced online threats to kill me, my family and others like me because of my religion, I cannot regard such symbols as merely a joke.”

Pepper believed there was no action plan to address this issue and that fellow students who’ve confided in him do not feel safe on campus.

Other students who spoke of hate speech at the meeting felt their school was not doing enough to address the problem. Julia Cozen reported the use of homophobic statements on campus and asked the school board to take initiative to “make the campus safe and open.”

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Performers from Pleasanton’s Ballet Roots Dance Company prepare for the season three opening performances on March 31 at the Livermore High School Theater. The professional ballet company held two performances on April 1. For additional information, visit www.balletroots.org. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

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Pleasanton artist Linda Biggs displays her latest work, “Gentle Beauty and Joy.” The painting was featured during the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council’s March 31 unveiling of several new public art pieces outside the Cultural Arts Building on Black Avenue. The event was sponsored in part by the City of Pleasanton. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Swalwell Bill Would Put Violent Passengers on “No Fly” List

By Larry Altman

Tri-Valley Congressman Eric Swalwell announced bipartisan legislation March 29 that would place airline passengers convicted or fined in air rage incidents on a “No Fly” list, preventing them from ever boarding an aircraft again.

Flanked by flight attendants who related their personal stories of being attacked or trying to calm violent passengers as they worked, Swalwell, Sen. Jack Reed, D-Rhode Island, and U.S. Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick, R-Pennsylvania, said at a Washington D.C. news conference that they expect to receive so much support from their colleagues, the measure will pass easily.

“This is simply to make sure that when it comes to flying, we protect the people who protect us,” Swalwell said. “The pilots, the flight attendants, the flight crew — they’ve worked hard over the past few years. They’ve been through hell and back from this pandemic, to just a very tense, hot political environment in America.”

The Protection from Abusive Passengers Act follows reports from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that its investigators handled 831 unruly-passenger incidents in 2022. In 2020, during the pandemic and mask mandates, the FAA handled 183 reports, but that number rose to 1,099 in 2021. In 2017, there were just 91 such incidents.

Swalwell said pilots and flight attendants should not have to tolerate such behavior.

“These people have taken care of us in flight,” Swalwell said. “Their top job is to ensure our safety and the number one thing that I hear from pilots and flight attendants — ‘This isn’t what we signed up for. We’re willing to be away from our families. We’re willing to get you to your wedding, to your business trip, to your funeral, your kid’s graduation, the long

awaited vacation. We’re willing to do all of that and get you there safely. But we didn’t sign up to break up a fistfight at 30,000 feet.’”

Under the proposed legislation, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) would create and manage a program that bars passengers who are fined or convicted of physical assault, intimidation, and abuse from flying on commercial aircrafts. The “No Fly” list, patterned after lists that ban suspected terrorists from flying, would include provisions that give passengers a chance to appeal to remove their names from the list.

Reed said the legislation is straightforward: Passengers must follow the rules and behave, or they will not be permitted on flights again.

“Mask mandates have nothing to do with the recent incidents of people trying to open aircraft doors mid-flight or stab crew members with food utensils,” Reed said. “These actions would be shocking and unacceptable in any setting. But on an airplane, such behavior can also represent a real threat to all those on board.”

Several airline workers unions endorsed the bill, including the Air Line Pilots Association; Association of Flight Attendants, CWA; Association of Professional Flight Attendants; and Transport Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO; American Airlines, Delta Air Lines and Southwest Airlines also support the measure.

Speaking to reporters, Cher Taylor, an Orlando-based flight attendant with Frontier Airlines, described how she tried to stop a fight between two passengers on the ground in Miami. One white male passenger punched a Black male passenger while shouting obscenities and racial slurs until other passengers pulled them apart. The dispute, she said, erupted because the Black passenger

did not remove his carry-on bag fast enough.

“I was crying. I was traumatized,” Taylor said. “I’ve had months of therapy and struggled initially to go back to work. I’m still haunted.”

Flight attendant Jennifer Vitalo said a passenger shouted obscenities and punched her in the head as she worked a Southwest flight. She spent 10 days in the hospital.

“They could come back,” Vitalo said. “That’s part of some of this sustained trauma that we feel. Somebody can assault us or our crew members and they can travel on another airline with you or your families. We’re there to do a job and we want to keep our passengers safe, as well as each other, and we deserve to go to work and to come home in the same shape that we were in when we got there.”

Under the bill, an “abusive passenger” would be defined as someone convicted of physically or sexually assaulting a commercial aircraft crewmember, or threatening to do so; engaging in an action that poses an imminent threat to the safety of the aircraft and others on board; assaulting a federal airport or air carrier employee working security in an airport; or any other federal assaults, threats, or intimidation offenses against an aircraft crewmember while in flight.

The bill would assess fines for tampering or interfering with any security system during flight. Fitzpatrick said he was optimistic the bill would succeed and that it would receive broad bipartisan and bicameral support.

“There’s got to be a strong deterrent, strong punishments that follow and make sure that those people can never come anywhere near any airport in this country ever again,” Fitzpatrick said. “It’s the least we can do for the people that keep us safe every day.”

New Process Reallocates \$8.2 M For Capital Improvement Plans

By David Jen

The Pleasanton City Council tried out last month a new prioritization process for capital improvement program (CIP) projects, freeing up some \$8.2 million for 16 higher priority projects identified by city staff.

A unanimous decision to reallocate funds from projects such as parking-lot resurfacing; heating, ventilation and air conditioning replacements; and improvements to Division Street now allow for more pressing projects to move forward, such as library lighting, electric-vehicle charging upgrades, and park-sidewalk resurfacing.

“(Prioritization) has traditionally been a ‘pay-go’ process, (where) there has to be funds identified for a project to be budgeted and entered into the two-year budgeting process,” said Director of Engineering Steve Kirkpatrick. “Then, after a project has been funded and it’s in the next two-year cycle, it doesn’t get considered again unless additional funding is needed to complete that project.”

The new process asks the city council to revisit all incomplete projects and possibly reallocate their funding when considered against the current priority queue.

Staff recommended that the city reallocate funding for 15 of the city’s 65 general-fund CIP projects. However, Councilmember Julie Testa asked that the Bernal Community Farm, with a balance of \$350,000, retain its funding and be carried forward instead.

Vice Mayor Jack Balch added that ongoing talks with public agency Stop-Waste and the City of Livermore furthered the argument to use the Bernal Community Farm located along Laguna Creek Lane south of I-680 as a mulch target, and keep the park project funded.

“The idea of being able to comply with SB (Senate Bill) 1383 — mulch procurement and usage — this has other benefits to us outside of just the community farm that might come to mind,” said Balch.

The first phase of the community farm project, which will include area access, essential utilities and a demonstration garden, will cost about \$1.2 million, according to City Manager Gerry Beaudin. The remaining five phases will expand the city’s Garden Patch program, construct a learning center, develop a row-crop area, and develop an orchard and vineyard area.

Although the council reached a consensus with the community farm, the new prioritization process may also create more council deliberation, as it opens up past decisions for reconsideration.

Balch motioned to release the \$3 million currently earmarked for the Ken Mercer Skatepark to other projects, citing that funding for other projects was more important. “While it’s an amenity

in our community, I’ll just say that I believe we need to be taking care of the things we have before we bring on additional amenities,” said Balch.

Councilmember Valerie Arkin, however, preferred to defer that discussion.

“There are other things like that on this list,” said Arkin. “I don’t think the skatepark’s the only one.”

Balch’s motion failed to pass 4-1.

City staff will take the city council’s reallocation feedback to create an op-

erating budget and capital project budget, which the council will consider at an April 18 budget workshop.

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In the March 23 story “Esteemed Research Scientist Joe Gray Discusses History, Dangers of Radioactivity for ‘Livermore Reads Together,’” Joe Gray is incorrectly identified as a member of the National Academies of Sciences. He is a member of the National Academy of Medicine, one of three institutions that together constitute the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine.

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Adult Woman Alleges Teacher Sexually Assaulted Her 23 Years Ago

By Larry Altman

A 35-year-old woman alleges in a lawsuit against the Pleasanton Unified School District that her math teacher sexually assaulted her when she was in sixth grade.

Katherine Roberts contends in her Alameda County Superior Court lawsuit that the teacher, Stephen Briggs, “began sexually grooming and molesting” her when she was an 11-year-old student at Harvest Park Middle School.

Roberts filed the lawsuit on Dec. 30 after learning two years ago that Briggs was convicted in 2004 of sexually assaulting a different female student. Roberts never came forward at the time, but a California law signed by Gov. Jerry Brown in 2019 extended the statute of limitations for child sexual assault crimes. The law included a provision that allows victims to file civil lawsuits within three years of the date they discover their psychological injuries were caused by sexual abuse.

“Plaintiff suffers from Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome, which has led to physical symptoms, such as night terrors and psychogenic nonepileptic seizures,” the lawsuit alleges. “As a result of Briggs’s rape of her when she was a child, Plaintiff sustained physical injuries to her pelvic floor and continues to suffer from incontinence. The effects from this abuse have also manifested themselves in an inability to focus, to have meaningful romantic relationships, and has had a negative impact on Plaintiff’s ability to work and remain employed.”

Roberts’ attorney, Jessica Dayton, said that Roberts decided to go public with the case and filed the case with her name, not as a “Jane Doe.”

Briggs, who could not be reached for comment, moved away from his home

in San Ramon with his wife and children, following his conviction in 2004 on two counts of unlawful sexual intercourse involving the other young student.

Pleasanton police opened an investigation in 2003 when the first girl’s allegations came to light. District officials placed Briggs on administrative leave and fired him soon after when prosecutors filed 11 counts of sexual assault charges against him.

In June 2004, Briggs agreed to plead no contest to two counts of unlawful sexual intercourse. In a deal with prosecutors, Briggs was sentenced to just one day in jail and placed on five years’ probation, court records show. Prosecutors dismissed the nine other sexual assault counts as part of the deal, which also gave him the opportunity to later reduce the felonies to misdemeanors.

Court records did not show any indication that he was ordered to register as a sex offender.

According to news reports at the time, Briggs was ordered to surrender his California teaching credential.

Because that investigation and plea agreement occurred nearly 20 years ago, no one currently at the Pleasanton Police Department or District Attorney’s Office was able to explain the disposition.

Briggs’ attorney at the time, Elizabeth Grossman, did not respond to a phone message and email.

Roberts alleges in her lawsuit that she didn’t know about that case until 2021.

“It was Katherine’s sister who found the information on Briggs,” Dayton said. “Katherine confided in her sister and told her about the rape. Her sister saw how it affected her mental health and was there when she first began experiencing psychogenic seizures. When her sister saw that Briggs

had assaulted another child, she encouraged Katherine to come forward.”

According to the lawsuit, Briggs was a popular and charming teacher who kept his classroom open during lunch and break periods for students to seek his mentorship. Roberts often went to his classroom to escape communal areas where classmates teased and bullied her.

“Briggs’ open classroom time became a respite for her, a place where she thought she was safe and protected from the risk factors outside of his classroom,” the lawsuit said.

Briggs slowly gained her trust, doted on her, complimented her, probed details of her life and showered her with attention, the lawsuit said. The attention made Roberts feel unique.

As time passed, Briggs’ attention turned physical, the document alleges. Briggs often found ways to touch her, accidentally brushing against her, touching her body and her hair. The majority of “these behaviors,” the lawsuit said, occurred on school grounds in front of staff and administrators.

Sometime before March 2000, Roberts began feeling uncomfortable and reported the conduct to then Principal Jim Hansen. Hansen, the lawsuit said, failed to take her concerns seriously, telling her she had misinterpreted Briggs’ gestures and that he was likely expressing to her that she had done a good job.

Roberts charges that in March 2000, during a school-sponsored trip to Disneyland, Briggs – who was serving as a chaperone – entered her hotel room while she was alone, raped her and told her that if she reported it, no one would believe her.

“After she was sexually assaulted, she continued going to school,” Dayton said. “She did not report

the abuse to anyone because she believed Briggs when he said that nobody would believe her.”

At the end of the school year, Roberts’ mother transferred her to a private school. Dayton said Roberts’ mother already had the transfer planned and did not know about the alleged sexual assault.

“Prior to the abuse, Katherine had resisted changing schools,” Dayton said. “But after she was raped, she agreed to switch schools so she wouldn’t have to see Briggs again and so she could get out of that environment.”

Roberts’ lawsuit accuses the district of negligence; negligent hiring, retention and supervision; child sexual abuse; sexual harassment; violating her civil rights; and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

District officials did not respond to requests for com-

ment. The office was closed for spring break. School dis-

tricts typically do not comment on pending litigation.

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EDITORIAL

Livermore Rodeo Makes the Humane Choice

Officials at the Livermore Rodeo have decided to drop the controversial and cruel Wild Cow Milking event from their program lineup this season.

The event involves a team of three cowboys attempting to catch and milk a wild cow in a small arena. The cow is typically a beef cow, which is not used to being handled by people and understandably becomes scared and agitated. The cowboys are usually in a team. One individual called the “mugger,” is tasked with holding the animal’s head. Another, the “milker,” attempts to milk the cow.

Some teams have an “anchor man,” whose primary duty is to hold onto the rope that restrains the cow. The rough handling and restraint can cause significant stress and injury to the animal. Furthermore, the act of milking a wild cow is inherently cruel, as these animals are not domesticated and have not been trained to tolerate human handling.

Last October, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to ban the event from Castro Valley’s Rowell Ranch Rodeo, calling it an “inhumane event that is not even sanctioned by

the National Rodeo Association.”

The Livermore Rodeo should be commended for eliminating the barbaric practice and setting an example for other rodeos to emulate. There is nothing entertaining about the torture of an animal; it has no place in a society that values the welfare of animals. There are plenty of traditional rodeo events, such as barrel racing, that do not put the animal at risk. The Livermore Rodeo’s banning this season of the archaic practice was the humane and moral thing to do. Let’s hope they take it one step further and abolish it for all time.

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Keep Flags at Half-Mast

Keith Couls, Livermore

I’m a resident here in Livermore of 35 years. Two grandchildren under the age of three and headed to preschool. Both grown children are professionals in their respected fields of public service. I would embellish the conversation about gun control now that we have yet another tragedy in Nashville. John Marchand should propose that every California town keep flags at half-mast under governing township as a cornerstone that enough is enough. As the fifth largest economy on the planet, we have a voice. Let local city and town politician Send this message as a heated warning that we cannot risk our children in this standoff.

about gun control. John Marchand should propose this to every California governing town as a cornerstone that enough is enough. As the fifth largest economy in the world California needs to stand and send a message to WASHINGTON. If John can’t navigate the CA headwinds, then just keep Livermore flags at half mass and see how the narrative unfolds. Pls publish this. It’s worthy.

Tiny Homes

J.J. Olsen, Livermore

In recent letters to the editor, church members have expressed disappointment with those that are opposing the proposed Tiny Homes at Asbury UMC. As a vocal member of the opposition, I would like to clarify my position. I believe there needs to be a plan to address the issues with Homelessness. But the reality is, it will be the neighbors that will be paying the price of the church’s desire to help. As Tiny Homes are not normally found in the middle of a residential area, it is an experiment at our expense. THIS IS THE WRONG LOCATION.

There was a plea to let the church fulfill its mission, but as a church member you will have no personal repercussions from this decision. You will go home each night with your home environment unaffected. It will be the people living in the surrounding areas dealing with the outcomes of the behaviors of the residents (and their visitors). Homeless statistics support that many of the residents will be mentally ill, drug or alcohol addicted, and there is no exclusion or screening for these challenges. And you are literally building 16 homes for struggling individuals 30 feet from my back door. THIS IS A BIG DEAL.

The church would argue that you become drug or alcohol addicted because you are Homeless. I would argue that one becomes homeless because you are a drug or alcohol addict. Likely both statements are true.

My concern is with the behaviors associated with being drug or alcohol addicted or mentally ill, no matter what the reason that led you to this outcome. This is not something that just goes away because you have a roof over your head. I have seen firsthand, it is a lifelong journey, likely filled with many relapses in between, that is if you choose to make this journey. The housing first model has no requirements for treatment. But the behaviors and actions through these journeys can lead to a variety of problematic outcomes for the neighbors.

The price tag of each tiny home costing approx. \$200,000 per unit is not a fiscally responsible decision.

The church speaks of kindness as a mantra – but practicing kindness for 16 individuals should not come at the risk to hundreds of neighbors and surrounding schools and daycares.

As neighbors, we are fighting for the physical, emotional, and financial security of our families.

Lack of Transparency at the Airport

Kathy Pedrini, Livermore

Airport commissioner Darin Bishop indicates that if he, Adam Bertsch or Alex Shezifi had known about KaiserAir, 737s and TSA, they would have given immediate feedback. Well, they all knew about it when they reviewed the Kaiser plans, and even afterwards.... did they go to the City Council and say new “uncovered” information had them concerned and that there were serious issues with it? No, they did not, and nothing was shared with the public. Instead, in countless airport commission meetings, they indicated there was “no noise issue”. Come clean, guys. You are trying to revise your image....you approved the Kaiser plan and did nothing afterwards but support it publicly. Do you really think the public is this stupid? Your lack of transparency leads to even more public distrust in that the Livermore Airport Commission is not acting in the best interests of the citizens in Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin.

The Good News of The Gospel

Glenn White, Dublin

My response to Charles Bellavia’s and Joanne Berven’s Letters (3/30/23) follows.

The double murder for pregnancy law in California was deceptively sold to voters to somehow execute Scott Petersen twice and almost no association was made with abortion at that time. Petersen still breathes. My purpose (Letters 3/23/23) was to explain why MAGA must deceptively lie.

Jeremiah 1:5 says God knows the Prophet even before he was formed, before conception, to demonstrate God’s infinite knowledge, not that the Prophet is alive in the womb. John the Baptist was born a leaping child of God when the Holy Spirit entered Elizabeth in Luke 1:41-44.

The Bible says that the terminated unborn are neither alive nor dead but non-existent: never been, carried from womb to grave (Ecclesiastes 4:1-3, Job 10:19) which is why Jesus said it would be good for Judas to never be born; aborted (Mark 14:21). Therefore, abortion isn’t murder (John 10:10).

“The dead do not know anything, nor have they any longer a reward, for their memory is forgotten” (Ecclesiastes 9:5). There is no eternal torment for unbelievers never born again of God or Satan and abortion isn’t murder. Children of Satan the Devil, the Accuser of Sins, make up sins and punishment because they hate their enemy: Jesus, the Forgiver of Sins. (2 Corinthians 4:4)

The Seed of the Serpent, Satan’s Children, has eternal enmity against Jesus,

the Seed of the [virgin] Woman by The Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35), and not of Adam’s sinful seed (Romans 5:12-21), as prophesied from the beginning (Genesis 3:15). Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus when baptized by John, who was born with Holy Spirit for that purpose. Hypocritically lying and blaspheming (Mark 3:28-29) in Jesus’ Name indicates Satan’s Children don’t believe in their hearts Jesus was raised from the dead, disqualifying them from salvation (Romans 10:9-10) and condemning them to eternal torment in the presence of their eternal enemy: Jesus (Revelation 14:9-11) and separated from their Satanic gods who are eternally tormented alive in the Lake of Fire where the dead are prophetically cremated, returned to dust, and not tormented because they’re dead (Revelation 19:20-20:15, Ecclesiastes 9:5).

I am a worthless sinner (Romans 3:23, 7:14-8:1, Luke 18:9-14) thankful for Amazing Grace (Romans 6:23, 10:9-15, Ephesians 2:8-9) seeking God’s approval through study (2 Timothy 2:15).

Please celebrate Jesus’ Sacrifice and Resurrection this Easter week by worshipping God in Spirit and Truth (John 4:24).

A Horror Story of Young Lives

Greg Scott, Livermore

It was the early 1970s and I was in my junior year in high school. I so hated high school, I decided I needed to graduate that year or quit. As if that was not enough of a challenge, I got involved in a medical volunteer NGO (non-governmental organization) that did missions to Central and South America. We trained for a year in medical applications, Spanish language, and Latino/Latina culture.

After graduating, I went to north-central Honduras. Then, Honduras was the third poorest country in the Western Hemisphere; today it is second. Haiti is still the most impoverished.

To say my arrival there was a shock for me, an upper-middle class kid of seventeen from Southern California, would be an understatement. Half of the children in Honduras at the time died by the age of five.

My partner and I set up a clinic in an old clapboard schoolhouse in the village of our lodging, because we could not obtain mules to get to the outskirts. The cockroaches outside in the back crawled with human feces from the outhouse.

The people, mostly walking, came to us in droves. One petite, very pregnant woman managed to stagger there. It was a crowded, single room, with no privacy, packed with people. I watched the birth movies in training and prayed, as a young man, that I would not have to participate in a live birth. I put my hand on the woman’s belly. It was like grabbing an energized electric wire. How the baby was so grotesquely

positioned in this woman, I could not imagine. I had to maintain my composure; however, I knew instantly that the baby and the mother were probably going to die.

There was little provision for the children. Their stomachs protruded from malnutrition, and the heads of very young children were like rotting fruit from fungal infections.

If abortion is “murder” then what would a woman who “spent 25 years as a labor and delivery RN” label the plight of the children I saw in Honduras? (Joanne Berven, RN, BSN, MS, “In Response,” Mailbox, 3/30). Murderous torture?

Speak to me, Christians, of why this is happening. I watched short-stature individuals carry one-hundred-pound stalks of bananas out of the plantations in the heat and the humidity for one dollar a day.

If you think bringing children into such a world is humane, then I do not understand.

Taxpayer Funds for the Chamber Must Cease

Anne Fox, Pleasanton

Despite Pleasanton Laserfiche records indicating the city council authorized a \$6000 payment to the Chamber of Commerce for co-sponsorship of Leadership Pleasanton (Resolution 97-74) in 1997 in conjunction with that year’s operating budget, Pleasanton has been funneling ever-increasing funds to this organization without subsequent annual resolution re-authorizations for over two decades.

Sadly, rather than the city spending funds on the still unbuilt Youth/Teen Center, our tax dollars have been hijacked. Starting in 2000, the city also began sending \$10,000 checks to the Chamber for Mixers, including for “Tech Showcases/Fairs/Expos” (Res. 00-71A, 03-81).

Insiders know this, but not the general public. Why? Because unlike San Ramon, Dublin and PUSD—who post routine detailed register reports of monthly cash outlays on their agenda for all to see—Pleasanton does not. Detailed Payment Issuance/Register of Demands/Warrants information is nowhere to be found on Pleasanton’s website. Our Pleasanton elected officials’ agenda packets say “detailed registers available on request.”

On March 7, 2023, rather than discuss substantive topics like Pleasanton’s hidden disbursements, Jack Balch instead chose to interrogate Julie Testa on the details of a staff report/meeting that happened over two years ago. In a scene reminiscent of the recent Harry and Meghan South Park parody, amazingly Balch had the audacity to deliver a sharp rebuke to Ms. Testa for not deferentially addressing him by his title of “Vice Mayor.”

In 2004, after the Chamber published city employees’ names, such as the Pleasanton police chief (Tim Neal) and Liver-

more-Pleasanton fire chief (Stewart Gary), on a “Vision Pleasanton” political brochure concerning their Political Action Committee (BACPAC), I thought the city payments to the Chamber had stopped. Apparently not.

I am appalled by not only the lack of municipal transparency and internal controls, but also by wasting taxpayer money and Pleasanton/Livermore staff resources on Chamber programs and mixers. The city of Pleasanton redeploying Fire staff jointly managed by the City of Livermore JPA Fire agreement on Chamber activities, “Vision Pleasanton” BACPAC ‘issue expert’ job designations, and corporate mixers is simply unacceptable. The LPFD’s job is fire protection, with specific roles delineated in JPA agreements and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

It’s time for the Pleasanton City Council to stop the secret disbursements, restore the wasted funds to both city’s coffers, disclose who exactly Pleasanton is paying via a consent calendar Payments Issuance Report, and cease using public safety staff (Police, LPFD-Fire) for non-public safety purposes.

Pamela Price Must Go

Richard Andrews, Livermore

Many a San Franciscan has said that they had the worst DA with Chason Boudin. And perhaps they were close to that appraisal. However, if they’d looked across the Bay Bridge, they would have seen Pamela Price of Alameda County. Or, as she prefers: “Madam District Attorney”. If there was ever a DA less competent in the effort to support justice, I have not seen one yet. She is abysmal in every aspect of the position that I have seen. We need to recall her ASAP! I am a proud Liberal, as those who know me are well aware. But her actions offend even my left leaning sensibilities to the point of saying, “Enough!” There needs to be a petition started to remove her now. If there is one, I’d like to see it, so I can sign it.

Learning from Our Forefathers

Jan Brovont, Livermore

The following quotation from over 200 years ago is presented because of its relevance still today. Also, the quotes the first week of each month this year were posted for the same reason.

This month’s quote. “A popular government without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy, or perhaps both.” By James Madison who became the 4th president of the United States.

In 1776, James Madison was just 25 years old, and a member of the Virginia state legislature. When Madison became a delegate to the Continental Congress 4 years later, he was the youngest delegate, just 29 years old. His longevity--surviving the 2nd

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Rose Show Returns to Pleasanton

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Returning to Pleasanton after a three-year hiatus, the Pleasanton Rose Show is preparing to blossom once again.

Now its 83rd year, organizers anticipate a large turnout for the May 13 event, as amateur rosarians prepare to participate in the first show since the pandemic.

“This is the people’s rose show,” said Don Faught, managing broker for Rose Show cosponsor Compass. “Participants are not professionals bringing in their roses to compete, this is locals showing off the roses they’ve grown on their own ... this is a longstanding community event and whatever we can do to support the community and the tradition is worth it.”

The roots of the Rose Show began in the 1940s, when banker Harry Harding gave free roses to his customers. When those customers began returning with blooms to show their appreciation, he was inspired to start the Pleasanton Rose Show. It is now a free, community event residents look forward to each Mother’s Day weekend.

Mark Mintz serves as the show’s chairmen of judges and has been part of the event since 1984. As a member of the Mt. Diablo Rose Society, he must show his roses in category 13, reserved for “professional

rosarians,” but hopes to see at least 400 casual growers enter this year.

“We skipped three years because of COVID and now we are back, and we have overhauled the show,” Mintz said. “We had a great year of rain and it’s going to be a wonderful explosion of roses this year ... we have revamped it to make it more modernized.”

Modernizing the show meant grouping roses alphabetically by name, rather than color. Categories have also been updated to reflect what people in the area are growing in their gardens and what’s available at local nurseries.

“This show is tradition-bound and carried on the color scheme longer than others,” said Mintz, noting professional shows switched to alphabetical categories in the 1980s. “We don’t want it to be exactly like the professional shows, because of its unique connection with the public. This is a simplified version of the American Rose Society’s official shows. We have aligned it while trying to keep it a pleasant and easy experience for the local community who enjoy growing roses and want to know how to grow them better and show them better.”

Presented by the City of Pleasanton and Compass, the show raises money for a local charity each year. This year’s recipient is Sunflower

Hill, a nonprofit dedicated to developing housing and programs for people with disabilities. The 2019 show donated \$3,000 to Feed Tri-Valley and organizers have high hopes for a large donation again this year.

“We are thrilled to have been chosen as the beneficiary of the Pleasanton Rose Show this year,” said Jen Lenard-Benson, Sunflower Hill executive director. “Sunflower Hill depends upon community contributions to continue to provide affordable housing and enrichment programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As we celebrate our 10th anniversary this year, we are truly thankful for the ongoing and continued support from all over the Tri-Valley and beyond.”

The City of Pleasanton became involved in the Rose Show in 2012, when it provided space in the library to hold the event. After that, Pleasanton continued to cosponsor the show, often providing award ribbons and some printing.

“The city is pleased to be a part of this beautiful event that is free for the community to enter and attend,” said Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown. “We’re excited to see the variety of homegrown bouquets that members of our community have carefully labored over during the spring and hope everyone takes this oppor-

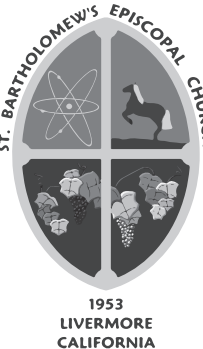


The popular Pleasanton Rose Show will return to the Pleasanton Senior Center on May 13 after three years of being on hold due to the pandemic. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

tunity to stop by and smell the roses.”

The Pleasanton Rose Show will take place Saturday, May 13, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Exhibitor registration is open from 8 to 10 a.m. Public viewing hours are 2 to 5 p.m. Donation and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, email information@pleasantonroseshow.com or visit www.pleasantonroseshow.com.

Sunflower Hill’s office is located at 3278 Constitution Drive in Livermore. For more information or to donate or volunteer, call 925-800-1042, email info@sunflowerhill.org or visit www.sunflowerhill.org.



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City of Dublin Will Host Annual Volunteer Day on April 22

Dublin will kick off its annual Dublin Pride Week to promote volunteerism and environmental awareness with Volunteer Day on Saturday, April 22.

Volunteers are encouraged to meet at the Emerald Glen Park amphitheater at 8 a.m. for breakfast and to receive clean-up and beautification assignments at city parks, trails, and schools.

Volunteers will return to Emerald Glen Park, at Tassajara Road and Central Parkway, at noon for a community barbecue provided by the Dublin Lions Club. Volunteers will also receive a complimentary day pass to The Wave Waterpark.

To register for Volunteer Day, go to dublinprideweek.com. All ages are welcome,

but volunteers under 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

Other Dublin Pride Week events on Saturday include a Volunteer Resource Fair and a compost giveaway from 8 a.m. to noon at Emerald Glen Park and a drug-takeback event, hosted by Dublin Police Services, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza.

The police will accept unwanted or expired prescription pills, tablets, and capsules for disposal. They will not accept intravenous solutions, injectables, or syringes. Document shredding and e-waste collection services will also be available.

Compost will be available in the Emerald Glen Park parking lot off Gleason Drive. Dublin has again part-

nered with Amador Valley Industries to offer free compost to the first 500 residents.

Throughout the week, the city will be sponsoring a Children’s Emergency Food Bank Food Drive.

Donations will be accepted at most city facilities, including the Dublin Library, Civic Center, Shannon Community Center, and The Wave.

The Children’s Emergency Food Bank is operated by John Knox Presbyterian Church in Dublin and donations during the Pride Week drive will benefit the local community.

Dublin is also hosting its third annual Plogging Challenge during Pride Week, April 22-29, which encourages residents to exercise

while also helping clean up the city. The challenge entails jogging or walking while making stops along the way to pick up trash.

Registered participants will receive a Plog-n-Go kit.

The Dublin Pride Week Committee and the Dublin/San Ramon Chapter of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs are also sponsoring the annual Dublin Pride Week Poster Contest for Dublin students in kindergarten through high school. The contest theme mirrors the overall theme for Dublin Pride Week: “Dublin: Stronger Together!”

For more information about Dublin Pride Week events go to dublinprideweek.com or call Lauren Marriott at 925-556-4500.

Assistance League to Hold Mad Hatter Tea Party Fundraiser

The Assistance League of Amador Valley will host its 25th annual Mad Hatter’s Tea Party, a fundraiser for the nonprofit organization’s philanthropic programs, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., at noon on Saturday, April 29.

The local Assistance

League chapter sponsors several community programs, including vision screening for preschoolers, books and educational activities for children in foster care, clothing for needy elementary school students through Operation School Bell, and scholarships for

graduating high school seniors.

San Francisco film critic and Emmy award-winning producer Jan Wahl will emcee the fundraiser, which will include tea service with sandwiches, scones, and desserts; raffle and silent auction; and the Assistance

League’s popular Mad Hatter’s Hat Contest.

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$75 and are available for purchase online through Saturday, April 15, at tinyurl.com/mwap36pz. For more information, go to assistanceleague.org/amador-valley.

Las Positas College Sponsors Spring Student Concert Series

The Las Positas College Music Department is sponsoring a spring series of student concerts at the Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts on the LPC campus in Livermore.

“We are thrilled to showcase the hard work and dedication of our talented

students in this year’s spring concert series,” said Dan Marschak, LPC coordinator and director of jazz combos. “It’s a wonderful opportunity for the community to experience the joy and passion our students bring to the stage, and we can’t wait to share it with everyone.”

The series will include a Vocal Concert on Thursday, April 20; Jazz Ensembles featuring the Kyle Athayde Trio on Thursday, April 27; Instrumental Chamber Ensemble on Thursday, May 18; and Brass Over Bridges, premiering student compositions, on Monday, May 22.

The LCP Summer Jazz Camp concert, with guest artists from the California Jazz Conservatory faculty, is set for Thursday, June 29.

The concerts begin at 7 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to showtix4u.com/events/LPCMUSIC.

Data Shows 4% Livermore, 5% Pleasanton Struggle with Poverty

Four percent of Livermore residents, and 5% of those living in Pleasanton, struggle with poverty, according to data shared at the “Race, Power and Poverty” conference hosted last month by the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance Anti-Poverty Collaborative.

“Oftentimes, the Tri-Valley is viewed as a suburbia and as a result, poverty is not discussed or addressed,” said Yanira Guzman, Livermore

Valley Joint Unified School Board member who attended the conference. “However, this is not the case. There is poverty in our neighborhoods, it’s just hidden. The message I heard was that we can all experience poverty because it’s a circumstance, not a lifestyle.”

According to the data, a household needs to earn more than \$43 per hour to afford two-bedroom housing in Alameda County, or

almost three times the minimum wage.

The conference at the Rosewood Commons Conference Center in Pleasanton brought together elected officials, nonprofits, and corporate and private foundations in a conversation about how poverty is affecting people living in the Tri-Valley.

Sheila Burks, manager of equity and inclusion for the Alameda County Communi-

ty Food Bank, also discussed the intersectionality of race and power, and how they contribute to poverty.

Tri-Valley Haven Sponsors “Safe Homes, Safe Families” Art Contest

Tri-Valley Haven, a Livermore-based nonprofit providing support for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and homelessness, is sponsoring an art contest this month focused on the theme “Safe Homes, Safe Families.”

Students in grades six through 12 are invited to submit original designs that incorporate messages about healthy relationships,

consent, empowerment, or keeping individuals safe from violence.

The winning design will be printed on commemorative t-shirts for the nonprofit’s annual Pace for Peace fundraising 5K/10K race in October, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

First place will receive a \$100 Amazon gift card, plus a commemorative t-shirt. Second and third

place winners will receive \$50 and \$25 gift cards, respectively.

Entries can be dropped off at the Tri-Valley Haven community building, 3663 Pacific Ave., and are due by Thursday, April 27. Entries must be no larger than 11 inches by 17 inches, and all artwork must be original.

For more information, call extension 2703 at 925-449-5845.



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Court Recruiting Civil Grand Jurors

The Superior Court of Alameda County is recruiting members for the 2023-2024 Civil Grand Jury. The role of the grand jury is to investigate local government and ensure that agencies are working in the best interest of the public. The Court is seeking six potential jurors from District One, which includes Dublin. Jurors are paid \$15 per day for each day served, plus mileage and parking at a reduced fee. For more information, or to apply online, go to tinyurl.com/mwayhsk4.

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and 3rd presidents, Adams and Jefferson, by a decade--combined with his role as Father of the United States Constitution and as 4th President of the United States, caused people to believe he had inside knowledge of the events surrounding the Declaration of Independence, even though he wasn't there. The best connection he could draw in response was that he was a close friend of Jefferson, and that he was a member of the Virginia legislature when they instructed their delegates to Congress to declare independence. As he wrote to Frederick A. Packard (author of Life of George Washington) in 1830, "But not being a member of the Congress of that date, I can have no personal knowledge of what passed on the occasion." Despite having no connection to July 4th, many wished that Madison, who was dying in June 1836, would last until the holiday so he could share the distinction of dying on the same national holiday as Adams and Jefferson. Instead, he died on June 28, 1836, on the 60th anniversary of the Committee of Five presenting their draft of the Declaration to Congress. Source; Harvard University, Declaration Resources Project.

Thank You from Tri-Valley CAREs

Raiza Marciscano, Livermore

Tri-Valley CAREs would like to thank everyone in the community who submitted comments on the Livermore Lab Draft Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS).

The SWEIS process is intended to provide the public with analysis of the potential environmental impacts of ongoing operations, as well as proposed new or expanded operations over the coming decade. Further, a SWEIS analysis is supposed to look at reasonable alternatives, particularly ones that may be safer. The goal of a SWEIS is to not only inform the public, but to incorporate their comments in the planning process.

Livermore Lab is one of two locations that design all US nuclear weapons. Much of Livermore's work occurs at the Lab's Main Site. The Lab also operates Site 300, a high explosives testing range located between Livermore and Tracy, which also supports the nuclear weapons development mission.

Work at both these sites has resulted in toxic and radioactive releases to our air, land and water. Documents show that workers have been sickened.

As a result of this contamination, the US EPA listed both locations as "Superfund" cleanup sites. Remediation of contaminated soil and groundwater is expected to take generations to complete.

Preventing future contamination -- and achieving cleanup of toxic and radioactive materials that have already leaked -- is important to ensuring community health. We believe this should be the priority of the SWEIS planning process.

Following on the heels of the government's announced end of the Draft SWEIS public comment period, three East Bay Members of Congress, Rep. Eric Swalwell, Rep. John Garamendi, and Rep. Mark DeSaulnier, submitted a letter to the head of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). They requested that NNSA make every effort to provide additional opportunity for comment on the SWEIS, since the initial comment period was scheduled during the holiday season.

Consequently, Tri-Valley CAREs sent the SWEIS Document Manager a follow-up communication supporting the letter from Congress. Our letter suggested that the public hearing period be reopened for 30 days.

We have not heard back from NNSA. The public can check the government's website for updates or check <https://trivalley-cares.org/> where we will publicize any reopening of the Draft SWEIS comment period.

Again, thank you to all who have participated so far in this important process.

Biased Reporting -- Again

Julie Rasnick, Pleasanton

What a shame the Pleasanton Weekly publisher wrote an insulting and derogatory article about our mayor and city council majority's decision to stop funding the Chamber directed "Leadership Pleasanton" program. Ms. Channell's piece is disappointing and lacks integrity because she published an article without presenting all of the facts.

For residents of a city to learn about their own government, both Dublin and Livermore have great programs. However, if you want to learn about Pleasanton's government, you must pay the Chamber of Commerce \$950. Any chamber driven program should focus on local businesses, not local government.

After Pleasanton's elected leaders removed \$10,000 to subsidize the chamber's program, Ms. Channell Wilcox criticized the city for a "paltry" \$6,200 in savings. Wrong! The city's cost is \$6,200 PLUS another \$24,000 in city employee time. None of these taxpayers' funds are "paltry".

Historically, Livermore's city offers its chamber a single day of government leadership time, unlike Pleasanton's four days of staff time. Also, neither Dublin nor Livermore cities funds its chamber program with \$10,000 like Pleasanton does.

The editor questions if the majority of Pleasanton residents agree with the council decisions. Does she know the majority of city council members easily won the most votes in their elections? It is clear to me the residents have spoken and we respect and support the decisions of our council majority.

And finally, if Ms. Channell wants to increase readership, she should support those that we elected for office, and stop her negative rants and insults.

Probable Dissolution of America

Owen Brovont, Livermore

What is happening in America today suggests that we are very likely on the doorstep of the destruction of the United States of America as we have known it -- as it was prior to the sixties. In those intoxicating days of the mid-sixties, youthful arrogance blossomed, the youth decided that American freedom and equality was a façade, and they decided that it was their mission to change it for the better -- in conformance to their images of course. That their images were born of a shallow ignorance of history did not occur to many. Well, we have behind us more than 60 years of their ministrations and if one cannot see and feel the disaster the past 60 years have wrought, he or she must be blind or a Democrat! The results await. As Ayn Rand warned, "We can evade reality, but we cannot evade

the consequences of evading reality."

The Democrats managed to get their presidential candidate into the White House in 2020, and he has assembled a truly remarkable administration, it will definitely be characterized in history in one way or another, depending of course, whether the country survives or is temporarily transformed into a socialist state on its way to an unvarnished communist one. Three kinds of people are basically responsible for our present condition: the subversive communist agents, the democrat hard-liners, and a significant proportion of those comfortable Americans who prefer ignorance to knowledge and will not disturb themselves to protect and perfect the country that had the greatest probability of creating a nation actually managed and controlled by the common man. D.H. Lawrence commented on the process of losing the freedom that our predecessors acquired for us. He said, "Men fight for liberty and win it with hard knocks. Their children, brought up easy, let it slip away again, poor fools. And their grandchildren are once more slaves." It seems a very relevant comment for our times. In short, we have nobody but ourselves to thank for the dissolution this once promising country is presently experiencing.

Piloting a Plane...

Pat Thorstad, Livermore

According to the American psychologist, Abraham Maslow, in his 1943 papers, "A Theory of Human Motivation," from my understanding, one doesn't pilot a plane until many levels of personal security are reached -- mainly, having the resources, lifestyle, feasibility, relationships (pilot friends), time, and reasonable expectations of a return on investment that doesn't include dying in a plane crash.

We know a guy who piloted his airplane, all over; used to, not anymore; sold it.

Like most people, I am damaged, and I like it.

I learned about Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs in community college. What a concept? Meaning, if I check off all the boxes like Jack White said in "Little Acorns," life can be manageable. Here I am NOT quoting George Washington, but quoting Jack White, from Detroit, a singer-songwriter for THESE TIMES.

[Spoken Word Intro: Mort Crim] "When problems overwhelm us and sadness smothers us, where do we find the will and the courage to continue? Well, the answer may come in the caring voice of a friend, a chance encounter with a book, or from a personal faith. For Janet, help came from her faith, but it also came from a squirrel. Shortly after her divorce, Janet lost her father, then she lost her job; she had mounting money problems. But Janet not only survived, she worked her way out of despondency and now she says, life is good again. How could this happen? She told me that late one autumn day when she was at her lowest, she watched a squirrel storing up nuts for the winter; one at a time, he would take them to the nest. And she thought, if that squirrel can take care of himself with a harsh winter coming on, so can I. Once I broke my problems into small pieces, I was able to carry them, just like those acorns, one at a time."

Daaahh, Daaahh, Daahh. Daaahh, Daaahh, Daahh....!



Several downtown Pleasanton locations will become tasting rooms from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, for the annual Summer Wine Stroll, shown above during a previous year's event. Main Street will be closed during the event, sponsored by the Downtown Pleasanton Association. Tickets are \$50 and are now on sale at pleasantondowntown.net. This year's theme is the Kentucky Derby. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

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such as its vesting tentative tract map and heritage tree removal permit.

Trumark has since continued to move the project forward under the Housing Accountability Act.

"The Housing Accountability Act effectively takes away the city's ability to regulate where objective standards do not exist," said Principal Planner Amy Million. "However, through the review process, staff worked collaboratively with the applicant to try to ensure compatibility with the other neighborhoods in situations where development standards do not exist."

Other than the applicant, no one spoke during public comment at the hearing.

But Commissioner Stephen Wright did warn of wild

pigs that have rampaged parts of western Dublin in the past.

"Being right up against open space like that, (the pigs) eventually can become quite costly for people, especially if the yards are big, and if the yards have grass and grubs," said Wright.

While Trumark's Director of Community Development Pamela Salas Neiting described a fence planned around the development's border, she admitted they had not considered wild pigs specifically.

Million also added, "We look at the project's impact on the environment and not the environment's impact on the project."

Alternate Commissioner Wahida Rashid asked for a maintenance plan for the development's trees, which

include some slower growing hardwoods, such as oak and maple.

"If the developer comes in and plants these trees, and then your contractors are let go, who's going to actually maintain these expensive, beautiful trees that we're planting and make sure they are maintained?" asked Rashid.

The homeowner's association for the development will maintain responsibility for the trees, responded Neiting. The association's document that governs covenants, conditions and restrictions will include detailed guidance on tree care.

When asked about timing, Neiting hoped that construction might begin this year, if Trumark receives necessary approvals in time.

BART

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BART, Richardson said, sent a delegation to Sacramento in January to ask state lawmakers for increased funding, but "the request wasn't welcomed with open arms."

"It was like you need to show us what you're going to do before we're going to fix it," Richardson said.

In March, BART officials announced they might need to make significant cuts in service to deal with an estimated \$48 million deficit next year. BART said that once federal pandemic aid runs out, the agency must either locate new funding sources or incur more than \$1.2 billion in debt by 2032.

The news prompted Tri-Valley Sen. Steve Glazer, D-Orinda, who was instrumental in creating the IG's office through a 2018 ballot measure, to quit his post on the Senate Select Committee on Bay Area Public Transit. Glazer, who was appointed to the position a week earlier, credited Richardson with finding "tens of millions of dollars in fraud, conflict of interest and wasteful financial practices" at the agency and criticized Bay Area leaders.

"Bay Area leaders have not stepped up to fix the fiscal oversight problems with BART, as well as the underfunding of the Inspector General's office," Glazer said. "When these problems are addressed, I will join with my colleagues and support greater transit funding."

Glazer issued a statement that remained critical of

BART.

"Taking the Inspector General off of its starvation diet is a positive step forward," Glazer said. "However, without BART's board backing expanded authority for the watchdog, the agency will continue to handcuff the Inspector General's work even with robust funding."

According to BART, the \$1.7 million includes \$600,000 from BART's operating budget and \$1.1 million from the Regional Measure 3 (RM3) toll bridge increase approved by Bay Area voters in 2018.

BART and MTC staff will recommend the funding increase for approval by both MTC's Bay Area Toll Authority affiliate later this spring, and by the BART Board of Directors in June.

RM3 established the IG's office with a \$1 million budget.

"This new funding, if approved, will help bolster BART's Office of the Inspector General at the same time we will be onboarding a new Inspector General," BART General Manager Bob Powers said in a statement. "BART is committed to ensuring a smooth transition and supporting the office with increased resources to help investigate waste, fraud, and abuse complaints."

Napa County Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza, who chairs the MTC and Bay Area Transit Authority, said in a statement that strengthening the IG's office "is a strong regional investment."

"As we work with the Legislature to help BART and other California transit agencies avert a looming fiscal cliff, it's imperative that we do everything possible to ensure that every transit dollar is spent wisely, efficiently and effectively," Pedroza said.

BART said it had interviewed candidates to replace Richardson and will soon submit three names to Gov. Gavin Newsom, who will make the appointment.

Richardson said that had she received the funding a year ago, she probably still would have resigned because of other issues.

Richardson said employee unions, notably SEIU, wanted to know ahead of time what the IG was investigating, including "who we were going to be talking to" and scheduling all interviews through them.

"That takes away employees' whistleblower protection rights, when they know someone else is going to know they're talking to us," she said.

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Maria Muldaur to Appear at Almost Famous Wine Lounge

Singer Maria Muldaur, best known for the 1973 hit single “Midnight at the Oasis,” and her Red Hot Bluesiana Band will perform at the Almost Famous Wine Lounge in Livermore on Friday, April 7.



Maria Muldaur

Muldaur, then known as Maria D’Amato, began performing in the 1960s as a vocalist and fiddle player with the old-timey Jim Kweskin Jug Band during the era’s

folk and blues revival. She married fellow band member Geoff Muldaur.

After the band broke up, the couple recorded two albums, “Pottery Pie” in 1968 and “Sweet Potatoes” in 1972, that mixed folk, blues, jazz, and gospel influences. But the couple also divorced in 1972, and keeping her married name, Muldaur launched a solo career with a self-titled album in 1973 that included “Midnight at the Oasis.” She has released almost an album a year for the last five decades, with the latest, “Let’s Get Happy Together,” with Tuba Skinny in 2021.

Muldaur’s music has encompassed folk, blues, early jazz, gospel, country, and Rhythm & Blues.

Muldaur will appear at the Almost Famous Wine Lounge, 2271 S. Vasco Road, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets begin at \$25.

Seinfeld Actor to Headline LVA Fundraising Gala

Award-winning actor and comedian Jason Alexander will headline the Livermore Valley Arts fundraising gala, “Brilliance at the Bankhead,” in September.

Perhaps best known for his nine-year stint as George Costanza on the television series “Seinfeld,” Alexander is also an accomplished stage and movie actor.

He appeared in such films as “Pretty Woman,” “Jacob’s Ladder,” and “Shallow Hal” and has appeared in six Broadway shows, including “Jerome Robbins’ Broadway,” winning a Tony award as Best Leading Actor in a musical and a Grammy for Best Musical Theater Album.

Alexander is currently touring in a one-man show, “As Long as You’re Asking, a Conversation with Jason Alexander.”

He will be accompanied during his “whimsical salute to Broadway musicals” at the Bankhead Theater by the Livermore-Amador Symphony for the gala.

The gala, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 9, is the largest fundraiser of the year for Livermore Valley Arts, which operates the Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Arts Center.



Jason Alexander

Proceeds from the fundraiser also support the non-profit organization’s cultural and educational outreach programs.

The gala will include dinner, live music, and a raffle on the Bankhead Plaza prior to Alexander’s performance.

Tickets to the gala are \$500.

Author to Offer Tips on Submissions

Author and book critic A.M. Larks will share tips on submitting articles to blogs, journals, agents, and publishers during a meeting of the Tri-Valley Chapter of the California Writers Club on Saturday, May 20.



A.M. Larks

Larks is assistant managing editor at Kelp Journal, an online literary revue.

Her work has also ap-

peared in NiftyLit, Scoundrel Time, Assay: A Journal of Nonfiction Studies, Five on the Fifth, and Charge Magazine. She holds a doctorate in creative writing from the University of California, Riverside.

Larks’ presentation is titled, “Published! Tips and Tricks from an Indie Editor.”

The meeting will be held at 2 p.m. in room 2470 at Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., in Livermore.

There is a two-step process to register for the meeting. RSVP by email to treasurer@trivalleywriters.org by Thursday, May 18. Payment must be made at trivalleywriters.org/speaker-meeting-registration-and-payment.

The cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers, \$5 for student members, and \$8 for nonmember students.

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consisting of 29 studio, 173 one-bedroom, 131 two-bedroom and 27 three-bedroom units — will wrap around an internal five-level parking structure and provide common amenities, including a swimming pool, playgrounds and a rooftop deck. Of the 360 total units, the project will provide 58 affordable units, above the minimum 36 affordable units mandated by the city’s inclusionary zoning ordinance requirement.

A range of building materials, ranging from metal panel to stucco to brick, highlighted by glass-railing balconies at one corner, will help complete the contemporary design, said project Architect Jessica Musick of KTGy, the firm working with the Simon Property Group.

Because the city received the project’s application prior to the adoption of its latest objective design standards and the Stoneridge Framework, the city could not hold the project accountable to either set of standards. The disparity raised some concerns during planning commission review in February, when the commission asked staff to search

for areas where this project might conflict with other future mall housing projects, which will be subject to the new standards.

The Framework, a plan intended to orchestrate housing development among the mall’s multiple owners, was adopted by the City Council in January, along with an update to the city’s objective design standards.

But the Simon Group project needed only to conform to the city’s 2012 Housing Site Development Standards and Design Guidelines.

“The question that was asked (by the planning commission) was, ‘Does approving this project get in the way of accomplishing what we set out to do as part of the Framework effort?’” said Community Development Director Ellen Clark. “And the answer, in staff’s evaluation, was ‘no.’”

The project, continued Clark, still allows for the Framework’s overarching goals, such as a right-of-way for a multi-use path, a pedestrian scale and feel, and a connected neighborhood with gathering spaces.

Dublin Police Hosting Easter Egg Hunt through April 21

Dublin Police Services is hosting an Easter egg scavenger hunt now through Friday, April 21. To participate, take a picture of the Easter egg displays at 10 locations in Dublin and post them on Instagram, tagging the Dublin police (@dublincapolice). Drop off the checklist of locations and printed photos at Dublin Police Services, 6361 Clark Ave., by Monday, April 24. Participating locations include Dublin Police Services, Earl Anthony’s Dublin Bowl, Crumbl Cookies, Dublin Heritage Park, Dave’s Hot Chicken, Angus the Butcher Shop, The Wave, Dublin City Hall, Dublin Library, and Dublin Chevrolet. Police Services will hold a raffle for those who finish the hunt.

TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 8 SPRING EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Bring the kids out to Dublin Heritage Park and Museums for the City of Dublin’s annual Spring Eggstravaganza from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children will hunt for eggs, play games, meet Flopsy and Peter Rabbit, and enjoy arts and crafts. Choose from one of three available time slots. This is a rain or shine event. The event takes place at 6600 Donlon Way, in Dublin. Tickets are \$15 for residents and \$18 for nonresidents.

Sunday, April 9 “AMAZING RACE” EASTER AT GRACEWAY CHURCH

Families are invited to join GraceWay Church to celebrate Easter “Amazing Race” style, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This free event includes a race through different locations in the church to explore the story of Easter. There will be games, challenges, crafts and of course Easter eggs. Lunch will be served to the entire family. RSVP at gracelife.org/events or call 925-846-4436. The Amazing Race will follow GraceWay’s Easter celebration that will start at 10 a.m. on April 9. All are welcome. The church is located at 1183 Quarry Lane, in Pleasanton. For more information, visit gracewaylife.org.

Monday, April 10 LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS LINDA HARMS OKAZAKI

Researching family history is a labor of love that can sometimes feel like drowning under a pile of paper. There are as many ways to organize data as there are researchers. The only “right” way to organize genealogy is to do it consistently. From 7 to 8:30 p.m., Linda will share strategies to help start research, keep track of findings, and establish naming conventions for both digital and paper files. A charter member of the Nikkei Genealogical Society, she is also a featured columnist for the Nichi Bei Weekly; a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Genealogical Speaker’s Guild, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. The event is free. To register, visit bit.ly/3H3fON6.

Wednesday, April 12 RECIPES FOR HEALTHY EATING WITH DIABETES

From 10 to 11 a.m., CityServe of the Tri-Valley, Alameda County Public Health, the City of Pleasanton and others will host Recipes for Healthy Eating with Diabetes for Tri-Valley residents aged 60 or better who have been diagnosed with prediabetes or diabetes at Pleasanton Senior Center’s main classroom, 5353 Sunol Blvd., in Pleasanton. Event attendance is limited to the first 25 adults who register. To register, call 925-294-0558 or email seniors@cityservecares.org.

Wednesday, April 12 INTERFAITH INTERCONNECT RELIGION CHAT

From 5 to 6 p.m., all are welcome to attend Interfaith Interconnect’s Religion Chat at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1501 Hillcrest Ave., in Livermore. The topic will be “How does your religion adapt itself to reflect changing times?” Speakers will be Troy Witt, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Livermore; and Pastor Brad Biggerstaff, Asbury United Methodist Church, Livermore. Doors open at 4:30. Optional breakout discussion groups will take place from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Religion Chat is a free interfaith forum presented by Interfaith Interconnect on the second Wednesday of most months. The group’s mission statement is “To enrich, educate, and inform ourselves and others about the great diversity of faiths and cultures in our valley.” For more information, email interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com or visit facebook.com/InterfaithInterconnect.

Saturday, April 15 TRI-VALLEY WRITERS CHAPTER OF THE CALIFORNIA WRITERS CLUB

Connie Post will present “Finding your creativity in the Between Places” at the Tri-Valley Writers April meeting. She will explain how to find creativity by going beyond descriptions to find hidden meaning in unexpected places. Join in at 2 p.m. at Tri-Valley Writers’ new meeting location, Las Positas College, room 2470 at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, in Livermore. Check-in begins at 1:30 p.m. TO RSVP and pay, email treasurer@trivalleywriters.org by April 13, and register at bit.ly/3CpDOUC. Tickets for CWC adult members are \$10; nonmembers are \$12; CWC student members ages 14 to 22 are \$5; and student nonmembers are \$8.

Sunday, April 16 A SAXOPHONE SPECTACULAR

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will present “A Saxophone Spectacular,” featuring Mr. Ricardo R. Martinez. Martinez is the assistant professor of practice in saxophone at Conservatory of Music at University of the Pacific. He was selected as grand prize winner of the 9th Plowman Chamber Music Competition and first prize winner in the 2017 Chicago Woodwind Ensemble Competition, has played concerts internationally in France, Scotland, and Japan, and has performed at the International Saxophone Symposium, North American Saxophone Alliance, American Single Reed Summit, and World Saxophone Congress. The free concert will be held at 2 p.m., at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., in Pleasanton.

Sunday, April 16 THE TOM REYNOLDS CONSPIRACY

The Tom Reynolds Conspiracy will present a diverse musical program including multiple group configurations, vocals, instrumentals, originals and standards. A link to a recent performance can be found at bit.ly/3ZeNwq1. A link to a recent recording can be found at you.tu.be/wK5vOXqwa-c. For more information, visit livermorejazzsociety.org. To request a seat, email info@livermorejazzsociety.org or use the web form at livermorejazzsociety.org/reserve-seats. If seats are available, organizers will email a written invitation with the concert address. Seating capacity is limited, so advance notice is highly recommended. For Livestream information, refer to the ‘Events’ page. Suggested donations are \$20 per person, but donations of any amount are most welcome.

Saturday, April 22 HAPPY 150TH BIRTHDAY, RACHMANINOFF!

At 7:30 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., in Livermore, experience a special musical event when concert pianist Daniel Glover performs musical selections of Rachmaninoff in celebration of his 150th birthday, as well as waltzes, marches and more by equally well-known composers representing four periods of music: Baroque, Classical, Romantic and 20th Century. Tickets are \$30. Advance tickets may be purchased at valleyconcertchorale.org. Proceeds from the performance will benefit the Valley Concert Chorale. For more information about the Valley Concert Chorale performances, ticket purchases and auditions, visit valleyconcertchorale.org or call the general information line at 925-866-4003.

Sunday, April 23 TRINITY CONCERT SERIES THE VERVE TRIO: CLASSICS

Founded in 2019, the Verve Trio is comprised of pianist Chia-Lin Yang, violinist Elbert Tsai, and cellist Brady Anderson. The trio has engaged audiences throughout the San Francisco Bay Area with innovative programs featuring familiar masterpieces as well as lesser-known works highlighting the influence of tango and jazz. The concert takes place at 4 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road, in Pleasanton. Suggested contributions are \$20 for general admission; \$5 for students; and free for those age 12 and under. Proceeds support the artists and ongoing concert series.

Sunday, April 23 TRI-VALLEY GERMAN STAMMTISCH

This opportunity to speak German and socialize with other German speakers is open to people who can hold a conversation in German. The group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m., at various local restaurants in the area or occasionally on weekends. Special events might include a German food-oriented potluck. For more information or to be placed on the email list, email trivalleystammtisch@gmail.com.

Saturday, April 29 TWIN VALLEY BSA SCOUTS’ LIVERMORE LUAU FUNDRAISER

From 5 to 8 p.m., at El Sol Winery, located at 8626 Lupin Way in Livermore, the Twin Valley BSA Scouts’ present the Livermore Luau Fundraiser. The event will feature kalua pig, shoyu chicken, teriyaki beef, lomi-lomi salmon, rice mac salad, green salad, and haupia, as well as music, wine, auction, and raffle. Tickets are \$70. For more information, call 925-577-0724 or email tvdistrictchair@gmail.com.

Saturday, April 29 25TH ANNUAL MAD HATTER’S TEA PARTY FUNDRAISER

The Assistance League of Amador Valley presents the 25th Annual Mad Hatter’s Tea Party Fundraiser, starting at noon. Members uniquely set tables, each featuring a different theme, such as Spring Garden, Easter, Fourth of July, Halloween, Floral Abundance, and much more. Come out and have a blast trying to win great prizes while supporting the community during the famous hat contest, raffle drawing, and silent auction featuring special guest Jan Wahl, an Emmy-winning producer, entertainment reporter, and film critic. The event is a fundraiser for vital community programs benefiting the Tri-Valley. For more information, visit bit.ly/3LJ4DSW.

Monday, May 8 to Tuesday, June 27 UPCOMING SUPPORT GROUPS

When grieving the loss of a loved one, people may feel overwhelmed by the ebb and flow of emotions. 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. Hope’s grief support services are free of charge, but registration in advance by phone is required 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, and services for young children are temporarily paused until in-person group gatherings can continue. General Grief runs May 8 to June 26, on Mondays, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.; Spousal and Partner Loss runs May 9 to June 27, on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. or Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m.; and Loss of a Child runs from May 8 to June 26, on Mondays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For Teens Group, call for dates. Groups are offered once per quarter. Those who cannot make the next sessions should call the office to put your name on the interest list for the following quarter.

Saturday, May 13 DUBLIN TO HOST YOUTH HACKATHON, START-UP PITCH EVENT

The City of Dublin’s Youth Advisory Committee will host a Youth Hackathon and Start-Up Pitch Event for youth in grades five through eight from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Dublin Senior Center. In teams of two to three, participants during this competition will create mobile applications, websites, and/or 3-D models. After brainstorming and building, each team will give a five-minute presentation and “pitch” their idea. No experience or advance preparation is required. Join with a friend, or staff will pair registrants up at the event. Mentors will be on site all day. Please bring a laptop. There is a maximum of 80 participants at this event. To registers, visit bit.ly/3McHucY.

Saturday, May 20 TRI-VALLEY WRITERS CHAPTER OF THE CALIFORNIA WRITERS CLUB HOSTS AM LARKS

AM Larks, editor, author, and book critic will present “Published! Tips and Tricks from an Indie Editor” on May 20, 2023. Larks will share advice on submitting to blogs, journals, agents, and publishers. Her lecture will include an overview of submission and publication processes. Join at 2 p.m., at Tri-Valley Writers’ new meeting location, Las Positas College, room 2470, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, in Livermore. Check-in begins at 1:30 p.m. To RSVP and pay, email your RSVP to treasurer@trivalleywriters.org by Thursday, May 18, then register at bit.ly/3CpDOUC. CWC adult members are \$10; nonmembers are \$12; CWC student members ages 14 to 22 are \$5; and student nonmembers are \$8.

Saturday, May 27 WAVE WATERPARK OPENS

The Wave waterpark opens for the summer season on Memorial Day weekend, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Daily operations begin June 3. Presale tickets for the season will be available online starting April 4. Presale reservations for cabanas and loungers for the season will also be available to reserve online starting April 4. Recreational swimming is ongoing through April 30, in the natatorium on Saturdays and Sundays, from 1 to 4 p.m. Fitness swimming and water walking are also available. For more information, visit dublinrecguide.com.

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 WEEKLY 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.

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

Las Positas Set to Host Student Film Festival

Las Positas College (LPC) in Livermore will host a free student film festival on campus at the Mertes Center for the Arts from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 13.

The second annual Las Po Film Fest will feature the work of student filmmakers enrolled in the college's Film Studies and Photography programs, as well as LPC alumni and students from other local community colleges and high schools.

"We're excited once again to bring the Las Po

Film Fest to our community and offer a platform for student filmmakers to showcase their talent and creativity," said festival co-director Elizabeth Wing Brooks. "This festival provides an opportunity for both aspiring filmmakers and film enthusiasts to come together and appreciate the art of filmmaking."

The festival will feature short films ranging from narratives and documentaries to experimental, animation and music videos. Prizes will be awarded in several

categories, including an Audience Choice Award based on live voting at the end of the screenings.

Following an opening reception and movie poster exhibit from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m., LCP will screen family-friendly films from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Films considered more appropriate for an adult audience will be screened from 9 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The festival is free and open to the public. For more information, go to filmfree-way.com/LasPoFilmFest.

Alameda Keeps Mask Mandate for Nursing Facilities

Staff at skilled nursing facilities in Alameda County must continue to wear facemasks, despite a California Department of Public Health decision to drop statewide masking requirements for hospitals and care facilities.

Alameda County Health Officer Nicholas Moss issued the local directive last week.

"Alameda County is moving cautiously with our skilled nursing facilities because they serve a

large and highly vulnerable population of generally older adults with complex medical conditions," Moss said. "Some of the most devastating impacts of the pandemic occurred among residents of skilled nursing facilities."

More than 25% of the 2,400 county residents who have died from COVID-19 since 2020 were patients at a skilled nursing facility, according to the county health department, while representing less than half

of 1 percent of the total population.

There are 66 licensed skilled nursing facilities in the county with a resident capacity of 5,400.

The state Department of Health recently announced that masking is no longer required in healthcare and other high-risk indoor settings, including correctional facilities and homeless shelters. In addition, health care workers are no longer required to get COVID-19 vaccinations.

VA Medical Van Coming to Livermore Library

The Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System mobile medical outreach van will be in the parking lot at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18. Medical providers will be onsite to provide examinations, consultations, and referrals for veterans enrolled in the VA Palo Alto Health Care System. Outreach personnel will also be available to answer questions about eligibility for medical or mental health services for veterans who are not yet enrolled. Veterans who are not enrolled should bring a copy of their DD-214 forms. For more information, go to library.livermoreca.gov or call 925-373-5500.

Pedestrian Safety Measures to be Installed on East Avenue

Volunteers working with the Livermore Community Development Department and Street Plans, an urban planning company with offices in San Francisco, will be installing temporary pedestrian safety measures at six intersections along East Avenue, between Maple Street and Hillcrest Avenue, from Monday, April 10, through Friday, April 14.

The pilot installations will include curb extensions, pedestrian refuge medians, and high visibility crosswalks and will be studied for the next six months as part of the city's East Avenue Corridor Study.

During the evaluation period, the city will monitor the project, collect data, and solicit feedback to de-

termine how the project is functioning.

The temporary measures will use traffic paint and tape, planters, and other removable barriers, a concept known as Tactical Urbanism, which allows cities to use low-cost, temporary materials to study the effectiveness of proposed changes. There will not be any excavation or pouring of concrete.

The city will hold a grand opening to unveil the safety measures at East Avenue Middle School from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on April 14.

The city's corridor study focused East Avenue between Livermore Avenue and Vasco Road, which is identified in the 2018 Livermore Active Transportation Plan as a priority for biking

and walking, as well as cars and transit buses.

Following the six-month study of the temporary safety measures, the city will develop a plan for more permanent improvements.

According to the city, there have been 68 collisions on East Avenue between Livermore and Vasco since 2019, including several bicyclists hit by cars while riding in the wrong way in the road. There was one pedestrian fatality. Studies also show that most motorists on that stretch of East Avenue exceed the 30-mph speed limit.

Residents interested in helping with the installation of the pilot safety measures can sign up to volunteer at bit.ly/buildtea.

OBITUARIES

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Albert Edge
Oct. 9, 1931 – March 17, 2023

Albert David Edge passed away peacefully at the age of 91 on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2023. He was at home with Theresa, his loving wife of 68 years.

Al was born in Swissvale, Pennsylvania in 1931 and served in the Air Force before heading west to California, to raise a family with his beloved wife.

For over 50 years, Al made Dublin his home. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and uncle. He is survived by his wife Theresa, his children David and Rosina, along with his son-in-law, Mark, and daughter-in-law, Helen. Al cherished his role as a grandfather to Jovanna, Angela, Nichole, Neil and Tony, as well as his eight great-grandchildren.

Al was a pillar of strength for his family, always there with a listening ear, sage advice and unconditional love.

Al was a kind and generous man, always willing to lend a helping hand. After retiring from Lawrence Livermore Lab, Al began serving his local community — including volunteering for the Boy Scouts, Little League and serving as president of the Dublin Senior Advisory Committee.

Al will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.

Rest in peace, Al Edge. Your legacy of love, kindness and dedication to family will never be forgotten.

Friends of Al, please join us to celebrate his life on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from noon-4 p.m. at the Dublin Senior Center. Donations to the Disabled American Veterans, in lieu of flowers.

Juanita Cabral Alamillo Portillo
Feb. 24, 1923 – March 4, 2023



Juanita Cabral Alamillo Portillo, long time resident of Pleasanton, California, passed away peacefully and surrounded by her loved ones on March 4, 2023, at the age of 100 years and eight days.

She was born Feb. 24, 1923.

The viewing was held at the Chapel of Chimes Hayward, California, on March 20, 2023. The service followed on March 21, 2023, with the welcome by Mark Salinas, mayor of Hayward, followed by first speaker Joe Alamillo, second, Everardo Alamillo, third, Fidel Alamillo and the Blessing by Father Jesus Norton of our Lady of the Rosary.

Juanita is survived by her three sons; Joe, Everardo, Fidel, and her husband Juan Portillo. She is also survived by her grandchildren Brett, Larry, Sarah, Leticia, Angelica, Laura, Anthony, Lisa, Jessica, and 19 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

worked at the Chiodos Candy Co. In Oakland, California to provide for her three sons and her mother, as she would send money to her mother and her two sons; the older was brought to Oakland by Uncle John and Aunt Carmen Rojas. She saved money to go back to Mexico to bring her two sons legally to Oakland and her mother after.

Her marriage ended after she arrived in Oakland to Eraclio, and she later remarried to Juan Portillo after her sons married their wives. Juanita continued to help all her family from Mexico to come legally to the United States since her first husband was a US citizen as was her brother Fidel Cabral.

Juanita was a strong believer in the Faith of Jesus Christ, and she made it mandatory for her three sons to receive their First Communion and their Confirmation. She was a great help to all her family, and she will always be in their heart.

Anthony ("Tony") D'Angelo
Jan. 26, 1957 – March 19, 2023

Anthony ("Tony") D'Angelo passed away on March 19, 2023, after a long illness. Tony was 66.

Tony was born in Italy. Tony and Tony's brother Vince were adopted by Tony and Rose D'Angelo, and moved to Steubenville Ohio,

then later moved to San Jose California, where Tony ran an HVAC company.

Tony was a long-time resident of Livermore California. Tony served four years in the Navy. Tony is survived by Rose D'Angelo, his wife Janet (Apgood) D'Angelo,

his brother Vince (Anna), daughter Janette (John) Leal, sons Michael (Tiffany) and Anthony and grandchildren Johnny and Sienna.

The family wishes to thank the Livermore VA hospital for the wonderful care they provided for Tony.

Kentucky Faith Hendricks
March 2, 1934 – Jan. 19, 2023
Resident of Tracy, California and Virginia Beach, Virginia



Kentucky Faith Hendricks passed away on a Thursday morning at the age of 88 while in Sentara Leigh Hospital surrounded by her family. She touched many lives with her humor, storytelling, quick wit, compassion and southern graciousness.

Kentucky was born in Conway, Arkansas to Henry John Sevier and Lillian Victoria Graham. She grew up as an only child surrounded by many first and second cousins and grandparents and great-grandparents. Her father Henry was an ex-marine, and his Sevier family was notable in Tennessee and related to General John Sevier. Her mother Lillian was a talented seamstress and worked in one of the first Levi Strauss jean factories in San Francisco. Kentucky was outgoing and feisty as a child and her independence and self-reliance blossomed from these characteristics which followed her throughout her life.

Her family moved west when she was 13, riding the train from Conway, Arizona to Sacramento, California where she attended high school. When her father began working as an electrician at Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo, California she and her mother moved there.

Kentucky married Victor Hendricks on Dec. 26, 1950, and were living in Vallejo, California when their first child Stephen was born. They moved to Livermore when Victor began working at the Lawrence Livermore National Lab in 1956 where they had two additional children, Timothy and Karen.

Kentucky's priority, being a young mother with three children, was her family as she made a warm and loving home in Livermore. She took classes and received her GED in 1966 and began working at the Livermore School

District in 1968. Initially, she worked part-time driving handicapped children to and from school, and then became the full-time transportation office coordinator for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. Her career with the Livermore schools transitioned to the district office where she worked in the payroll and accounting department. Her final position was as an inventory specialist, and she retired after working for the district for 25 years.

Kentucky's involvement with the Eastern Star fraternal organization began in 1981 after Victor became Master of the Mosaic Lodge 218 in Livermore, California in 1979. She and Victor became Worthy Matron and Patron in 1984. Throughout their time involved with Eastern Star and the Masonic Lodge, they participated in many charitable activities where they made long time friendships. She thoroughly enjoyed her time in, and participation with, the Eastern Star organization.

After retiring, Kentucky and Victor embarked on their empty nest opportunities with their 5th-wheel camper traveling across the country. They mapped out states, family and places they want-

ed to visit and spent time embracing their retirement lifestyle. Thanks to Victor's photography hobby, their travels are well documented.

They celebrated their 65th anniversary just months before Victor died in April 2016. All of their children and their families traveled to Tracy, California to participate in this anniversary celebration. After Victor died, Kentucky lived in Tracy until the following summer of 2017 when she moved to Virginia Beach to live with her daughter, Karen. Following several medical challenges, she bought a home in Virginia where she lived with her daughter and later to include her grandson and granddaughter following their graduations from college.

Kentucky is survived by two of her three children, Stephen Hendricks (Vicki Price) of Anchorage, Alaska, and Karen Trenton of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and was preceded in death by her son Timothy Hendricks (Barbara) of Hayward.

She also is survived by grandchildren, Zachary Hendricks of Anchorage, Alaska, Jessica Ernest (Freddy) of Manteca, California and Matthew and Lillian Trenton of Virginia Beach, Virginia. Her generous, loving spirit will be missed by her family and all who knew her.

A memorial service is being held for Kentucky at the First Presbyterian Church Chapel on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, Kentucky would be honored if you could make donations to one of the three Eastern Star 2023 Special Projects: <https://oescal.org/?q=special-project>

Purple Elephant supporting Alzheimer's Awareness

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

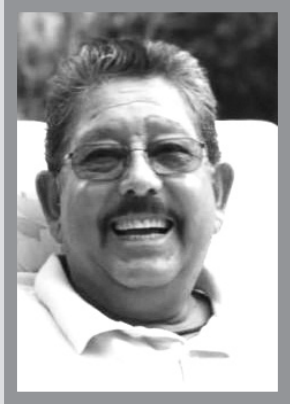
Igancio R. Sandoval
July 31, 1944 – March 15, 2023

Ignacio R. Sandoval (Tosh, Tacho), 78, passed away peacefully on March 15, 2023, in Pleasanton, California. He was born in Pearsall, Texas as the youngest of 10 children to Guillermo and Maria Sandoval. The family moved to Livermore, California in the late 1940's. Tosh served in the Army during the Vietnam war as a PFC from 1965 to 1967. He was a laborer with the Laborers Union Local 304, working for John Buranis Construction and Kaiser Sand & Gravel before retiring in 2002. Tosh will be remembered for his kindness and giving heart.

Tosh had an endless amount of love for his family and cherished every moment with them. Whether that consisted of going to Lake San Antonio from 2003 to 2013, golfing with his brothers after retirement, or making his much-desired enchilada casserole to share with the family. He was a loyal die-hard Raider fan and he also found lots of enjoyment in rooting for the Warriors.

He is preceded in death by his mother and father as well as eight of his siblings. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Patricia / Tish, children Rene (Gary), Rena, David (Amanda), Kevin (Denise) and Kelly (Steve), his brother Sandy (Marie) as well as eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at Callaghan Mortuary on May 12 at 11 a.m., in Livermore. Burial will be at St. Michaels Cemetery with a celebration of life immediately following at the Robert E. Livermore Center.



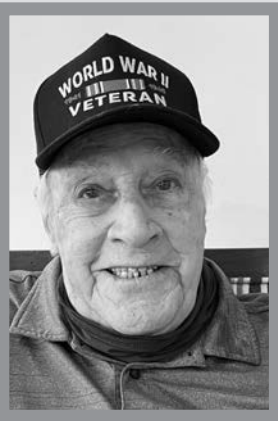
CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Leonard Lawrence Gregory (Greg)
Sept. 1, 1925 – Jan. 19, 2023

The family of Leonard Gregory (Greg) will be gathering to celebrate his life and they would be honored if you would join them on Saturday, April 15, 2023.

Mass - St. Michael's Church, Livermore, noon.
Burial - St. Michael's Cemetery, Livermore – 1 p.m.
Celebration of life - VFW Hall, So. L St. - 2 p.m.

As a longtime resident of Livermore, Greg touched many lives. His legacy is the difference he made.



Amador Valley Extends Its Four Game Winning Streak

By Nathan Canilao

The Amador Valley High School baseball team defeated College Park High School 3-2 on March 31. The Dons extended their winning streak to four with the win.

Amador junior Riley Borges batted 2 for 3 while recording Amador's only RBI. Dons' junior pitcher Matthew Foley pitched all seven innings for Amador, striking out eight batters while allowing just one earned run.

The game showcased both team's high level of defense through the first three innings. Neither team scored, which was fueled by each team's bullpen.

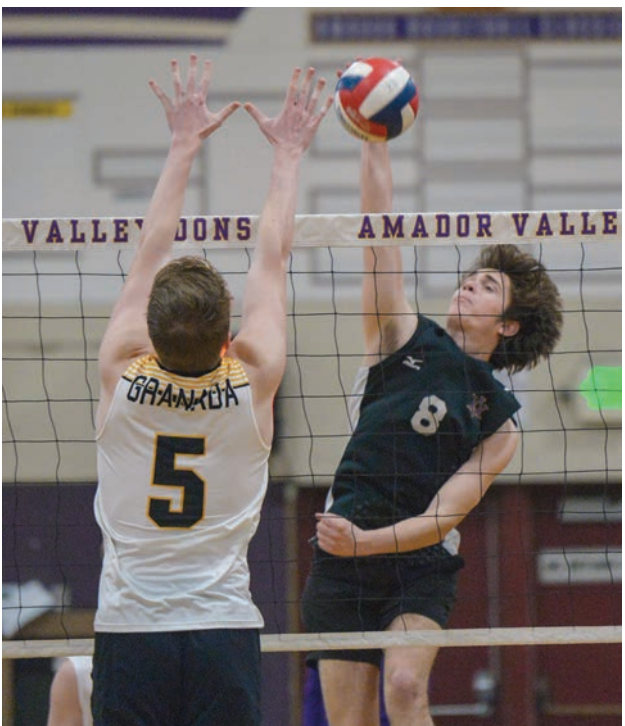
In the fourth inning, the Falcons put the game's first run on the board and took

a 1-0 lead. In the top of the fifth, College Park put up another run to give them a 2-0 edge over the Dons on Amador's home turf.

In the bottom of the fifth, the Dons got back in the game as they scored two runs to tie the game 2-2. Amador got the decisive run in the bottom of the sixth to take its first lead of the game 3-2.

The Dons shut out the Falcons in the top of the seventh inning and defended home turf as they got a comeback win over College Park.

The Dons improved to 7-1 on the season and currently sit fourth in the East Bay Athletic League standings. They will face Dublin High School on the road on April 12.



Amador's Luke Melvin spikes the ball during a match against Granada High School on Thursday, March 30. Amador won 3 matches to 0. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Granada Baseball Shuts Down Dublin High School

By Nathan Canilao

The Granada High School baseball team defeated the Dublin Gaels 2-0 on March 31. The Matadors improved to 9-2 with the win while the Gaels dropped to 7-2 with the loss.

Granada senior Joshua Morano pitched all seven innings while allowing just one hit and striking out 11 batters. Matadors' junior Riley Winchell batted 1 for 3 and recorded an RBI while stealing a base.

Gaels' senior pitcher Cole Gaynor pitched all seven innings and recorded three strikeouts and two earned runs. Dublin Senior Carston Pearson recorded the Gaels' lone hit on the day.

Both teams held their

own on the defensive side of the game as the first six innings were scoreless.

Morano controlled the mound for the Matadors as he struck out batters left and right. Gaynor and the Gaels' infield did the same as they kept Granada at bay.

In the top of the seventh, Granada scored two runs to take a 2-0 lead. Morano closed Dublin in the seventh inning and the Matadors escaped with a road win.

Granada bounced back after a loss in a game before to San Ramon Valley. They will face Foothill High School at home on April 12.

Dublin's six-game winning streak was snapped with the loss. The Gaels will face Amador Valley at home on April 12.

Everything Clicks for Foothill High in Win Over Livermore

By Phil Jensen

The Foothill High School baseball team had scored only two runs in its two

big hit," said Foothill coach Angelo Scavone.

That big hit came courtesy of Elijah Lammle. The

up the middle that also plated two runs. The Falcons then increased their lead to 7-1 the next inning.

Brendan Comerford led off with a single to left field, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Trevor Harmon and scored on a sharp single to left field by Austin Harris. He also beat out a bunt in the third inning to load the bases before Lammle's hit. In the fourth inning, Harris and Lammle scored on errors for the final runs of the game.

Livermore took a 1-0 lead in the first inning. With one out, AJ Arante reached base on a one-bounce double to the center-left field fence. Two batters later, CJ Johnston produced an RBI single to left field.

But Foothill pitcher Jackson Flora proceeded to retire the next nine batters in a row. In his five innings of work, the 6-foot-5 senior righthander allowed only three hits, striking out eight batters and walking none. Tyler Gebb entered in the sixth and threw two shutout innings, striking out two and walking one with four hits allowed.

Harris was 3 for 4 at the plate for Foothill, scoring two runs and driving in one. Nine Foothill players reached base in the game.

Livermore received doubles from Bobby Alvear, AJ Cook and Arante, who was 2 for 4 in the game with a run scored.

Foothill improved to 7-3 overall and 3-2 in the East

Bay Athletic League with the victory. Livermore fell to 7-6, 0-5. Foothill broke a two-game losing streak, as it fell to San Ramon Valley 3-1 on March 23 and De La Salle 12-1 on March 24.

Like other Bay Area teams, rain has wreaked havoc with the schedules of both Foothill and Livermore. Cowboys coach David Perotti said his team had not been able to practice on its field in more than two weeks.

But no rain is forecast for the upcoming week, which is great news for local squads.

Both Foothill and Livermore will host the Service Champions Classic on April 6-8. The first-round games on April 6 are Serra-San Mateo vs. Santa Rosa at Livermore at noon; Redwood at Foothill at noon, College Park at Livermore at 3 p.m., and San Marin vs. Berean Christian at Foothill at 3 p.m. The semifinals and consolation semifinals will be at both Livermore and Foothill on April 7, with semifinal games starting at 3 p.m. The final day (including the championship game at 3 p.m.) will be on April 8. Sites have not been determined for the final day.



Foothill Outfielder Diego Nibungco catches a fly ball during the Falcon's varsity game against Livermore High in Pleasanton on Thursday, March 30. Foothill won 7-1. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

previous games as it entered its matchup with visiting Livermore on April 1.

But the Falcons batters broke out in a big way against the Cowboys, as they scored four runs in the third inning and three in the fourth on their way to a 7-1 victory.

"We've had a lot of opportunities to hit with bases loaded and one out. We've just been waiting for that

junior third baseman, batting sixth in the lineup, hit a 1-2 pitch for a bases-loaded single to right field that drove in two runs and gave the Falcons a 2-1 lead in the third inning.

"Just get a hard ground ball to the right side and score some runs," said Lammle about what was going through his mind during that at-bat.

Charlie Stearns immediately followed with a single



On Saturday, March 25, Livermore police gave a tour to a group of 20 international students from around the world, including Ghana, France, China, Wales Korea, and Nigeria. The students learned about the new VirTra training simulator and police equipment and met K9 Max. The Livermore Rotary Club hosted the event. (Photo courtesy of the Livermore Police Department)

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FILE NO. 596150

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Angel's Love Senior Agency; 2. Inquisitive Scents, 7574 Honey Court, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Josephine Panlaque, 7574 Honey Court, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Josephine Panlaque, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 8, 2023. Expires March 7, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5411. Published March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596144

The following person(s) doing business as: Super Pretty Rocks, 1311 Park St. Pmb 606, Alameda, CA 94501, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Melissa Balick, 1668 11th St. B, Oakland, CA 94607. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/3/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Melissa Balick, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 8, 2023. Expires March 7, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5412. Published March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596164

The following person(s) doing business as: Angel's Workwear, 14317 E 14th ST, San Leandro, CA 94578, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Borders Apparel LLC, 14317 E 14th St, San Leandro, CA 94578. 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: 3/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Andres Angel, Partner/Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 9, 2023. Expires March 8, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5413. Published March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596095

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. The Moment Wine Bar; 2. Cabfrancapalooza, 256 McLeod Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): John Karas, 3700 Village Terrace Apt.179, Fremont, CA 94536, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Momentous Hospitality, Inc., 256 McLeod Street, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Steven Mirassou, Vice President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 7, 2023. Expires March 6, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5414. Published March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2023.

The following person(s) doing business as: Smile.Play.Learn Preschool, 557 Olivina Ave, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mazzei Group LLC, 3736 Fallon Road #123, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 11/14/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/:

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596051

The following person(s) doing business as: Brows by Neci, 922 Larkspur Dr., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Anecia Villarreal, 3025 W. Christoffersen Pkwy, Turlock, CA 95382. 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/:

The following person(s) doing business as: Go de Viage, 4995 Charlotte Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): RMN Consulting Inc., 4995 Charlotte Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/:

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FILE NO. 595748

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The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Griffin; 2. Griffin One; 3. Bay Area Murals, 3246 Magnolia St., Unit B, Oakland 94608, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Griffin One Design LLC, 3246 Magnolia St., #B, Oakland 94608. 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: 2/15/23. Signature of Registrant/s/: Sean Griffin, Owner/President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 15, 2023. Expires February 14, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5419. Published March

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 595814**

The following person(s) doing business as: Tri-Valley Out-reach, 4024 Cid Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Pamela Lung, 4024 Cid Way, 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: 10/10/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Pamela G. Lung, President, CEO, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 24, 2023. Expires February 23, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5420. Published March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
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FILE NO. 596228**

The following person(s) doing business as: Martins Communications, 361 Virginia Drive, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Joe Martins, 361 Virginia Drive, Livermore CA 94587. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Joe Martins, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 10, 2023. Expires March 9, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5421. Published March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
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FILE NO. 595634**

The following person(s) doing business as: Crew Studios, 6105 Honeysuckle Dr., Newark, CA 94560, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Crew Studio LLC, 6105 Honeysuckle Dr., Newark, CA 94560. 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/: Connor Schetzel, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 16, 2023. Expires February 15, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5422. Published March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 595577**

The following person(s) doing business as: RB&R Investments, 554 Boulevard Way, Piedmont, CA 94610, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Robert L. Sommers, 554 Boulevard Way, Piedmont, CA 94610. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Robert L. Sommers, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 15, 2023. Expires February 16, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5423. Published March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596159**

The following person(s) doing business as: Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham, 1700 N. Livermore Ave, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Livermore Hotel Corp., 1700 N. Livermore, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/16/2002. Signature of Registrant/s/: Prakash Babu, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 9, 2023. Expires March 8, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5425. Published March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596249**

The following person(s) doing business as: Twisted Sisterz Motorcycle Club, 1250 Aaron Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sharon Auria-Foster, 430 Silvertail Place, Tracy, CA 95376; Kaitlyn Haze, 2038 Parker Street, Apt# 110, Berkeley, CA 94704; Carina Anselmi-Harrigan, 1250 Aaron Street, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Unincorporated Association - other than a Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/19/2019. Signature of Registrant/s/: Carina Anselmi-Harrigan, Treasurer, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 13, 2023. Expires March 12, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5426. Published March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 595481**

The following person(s) doing business as: Kara Investments

Inc., 265 Mortimer Ave, Fremont, CA 94536, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kasa Investments Inc., 265 Mortimer Ave, Fremont, CA 94536. 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/: Xian Zhou, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 9, 2023. Expires February 8, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5427. Published March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596295**

The following person(s) doing business as: Blue Star Truck Wash, 4025 E 16th St, Oakland, CA 94601, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Karen Ramos, 482 Pomoma CT, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 3/14/23. Signature of Registrant/s/: Karen Ramos, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 14, 2023. Expires March 13, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5428. Published March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596359**

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. The Busy Bee Activity Center; 2. The Busy Bee, 2202-N South Shore Center, Alameda, CA 94501, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Busy Bee Educational Services LLC, 3006 Ferside Blvd., Alameda, CA 94501. 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/: Annahita Rad, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 15, 2023. Expires March 14, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5429. Published March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596338**

The following person(s) doing business as: Annunziato And Associates, 525 Estudillo Ave, STE C, San Leandro, CA 94577, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Joseph Annunziato, 654 Paradise Valley CT S, Danville, CA 94526. 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: 5/5/1974. Signature of Registrant/s/: Joseph Annunziato, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 15, 2023. Expires March 14, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5430. Published March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 595791**

The following person(s) doing business as: Nicolas' Handy Services, 6864 Hyde Court, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nicolas Hoarau, 6864 Hyde Court, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/16/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Nicolas Hoarau, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 24, 2023. Expires February 23, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5431. Published March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596298**

The following person(s) doing business as: Event Vendor LLC, 240 Cherry Way, Hayward, CA 94541, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Event Vendor LLC, 240 Cherry LLC, Hayward, CA 94541. 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/: Thu Thao Nguyen, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 14, 2023. Expires March 13, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5432. Published March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596013**

The following person(s) doing business as: Bay Leaf Dry Creek Farm, 4179 Vargas Rd, Fremont, CA 94539, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ali Reza Paknahal, 3403 Cherry Ave, San Jose CA 95118. 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/: Ali Reza Paknahal, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596270**

The following person(s) doing business as: Precision Electric, 1512 Aria CT, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kilbane Electric Corporation, 1512 Aria CT, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/2/2007. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mark Kilbane, President Prakash Babu, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 13, 2023. Expires March 12, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5434. Published March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596519**

The following person(s) doing business as: J.E.A. Family Law, 365 N.Canyon Parkway Ste 209, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jillian E. Atuegbu, 6314 Forget Me Not, Livermore 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: 1/1/2019. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jillian E. Atuegbu, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 21, 2023. Expires March 20, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5435. Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 595825**

The following person(s) doing business as: Vinland Plumbing, 3819 East Ave Apt # 30, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jonathan Court, 3819 East Ave Apt # 30, 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/: Jonathan Court, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 24, 2023. Expires February 23, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5436. Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596540**

The following person(s) doing business as: YAY! Fat Birds, 22506 Princeton Pl, Castro Valley, CA 94552, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Krafty Karen Makes Things, LLC. 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: 3/14/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Karen Chaw, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 22, 2023. Expires March 21, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5437. Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596094**

The following person(s) doing business as: KuchiForce, 3574 Calandria Ave, Oakland, CA 94605, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mela Kuchi, 3574 Calandria Ave, Oakland, CA 94605. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2/3/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mena Kuchi, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 7, 2023. Expires March 6, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5438. Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596461**

The following person(s) doing business as: Younger Custom Transport, 9600 Tesla Rd, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): NOVARI Investments LLC, 9600 Tesla Rd, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Peter J. Younger, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 20, 2023. Expires March 19, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5439. Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596105**

The following person(s) doing business as: El Sur Spirit Co., 2821 Cherry ST, Berkeley, CA 94705, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Torre Forrest, 2821 Cherry ST, Berkeley, CA 94705. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which

the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 3/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Torre Forrest, Owner/Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 7, 2023. Expires March 6, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5440. Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596607**

The following person(s) doing business as: Top Dawg Modular Service, 3490 Union St Ste C, Fremont, CA 94538, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): LFTM Inc, 3490 Union St Ste C, Fremont CA 94538. 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: 9/6/1995. Signature of Registrant/s/: Joe Villareal, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 24, 2023. Expires March 23, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5441. Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596573**

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Nexus Action Studios; 2. Nexus of Guardian Art; 3. NXGA, 4360 Technology Dr, Fremont, CA 94538, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nexus Action Studios LLC, 4360 Technology Dr, Fremont CA 94538. 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: 3/5/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Andrew Nguyen, Owner/Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 23, 2023. Expires March 22, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5442. Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596518**

The following person(s) doing business as: Bookkeeping buddy, 905 Venus Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bookkeeping Buddy, LC, 905 Venus Way, 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: 12/17/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Chall Duong, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 23, 2023. Expires March 22, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5449. Published April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

**STATEMENT OF
ABANDONMENT OF USE OF
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
ORIGINAL FILE NO. 547263**

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s). Belle la Vie "The Nail Place," 889 Airway Blvd, Suite A, Livermore, CA 94551. Registered Owner(s): Jodie Vy Nguyen, 411 Highland Ct, Concord, CA 94520 The fictitious business name statement was filed on 7/17/2018 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by an Individual. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Jodie Nguyen, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 10, 2023. The Independent Legal No. 5444. Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596525**

The following person(s) doing business as: Dogtopia of Dublin, 8000 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Black Noses LLC, 3541 O'Conner Dr., Lafayette, CA 94549. 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: 9/18/2018. Signature of Registrant/s/: Joe Castorena, Owner/President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 20, 2023. Expires March 19, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5445. Published April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO.596690**

The following person(s) doing business as: TK Consulting, 253 Kyle Common, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tyler Kelly Consulting, LLC, 253 Kyle Common, 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: 3/29/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Julie A. Moreno, Managing Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 29, 2023. Expires March 28, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5446. Published April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596525**

The following person(s) doing business as: Dogtopia of Dublin, 8000 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Black Noses LLC, 3541 O'Conner Dr., Lafayette, CA 94549. 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: 9/18/2018. Signature of Registrant/s/: Joe Castorena, Owner/President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 20, 2023. Expires March 19, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5446. Published April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596681**

The following person(s) doing business as: Via Iris, 3798 Harrison St., Apt. 2, Oakland, CA 94611, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Iris Imports, LLC, 3798 Harrison St. Apt. 2, Oakland, CA 94611 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/: Iris Rowlee, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 28, 2023. Expires March 27, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5447. Published April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596525**

The following person(s) doing business as: S & J Landscaping, 866 Almaden Court, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sergio Morales, 866 Almaden Court, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Sergio Morales, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 22, 2023. Expires March 21, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5448. Published April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596580**

The following person(s) doing business as: Belle La Vie "The Nail Place," 2723 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Blv Nails, Inc, 2723 Hopyard Rd., 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: 12/17/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Chall Duong, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 23, 2023. Expires March 22, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5449. Published April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT****FILE NO. 596329**

The following person(s) doing business as: Fox & Associates, 397 Ray St., Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Foxes, Inc., 397 Ray St., Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Linda Fox, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 14, 2023. Expires March 13, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5450. Published April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 596637**

The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Cybersecurity, 5410 Carnegie Loop, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Dwayne Thaele, 5410 Carnegie Loop, 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: 3/13/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Dwayne Thaele, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 27, 2023. Expires March 26, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5451. Published April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 595792**

The following person(s) doing business as: Gabyanalia, 20549 Morva Dr., Hayward, CA 94541, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Gabyanalia, 20549 Morva Dr., Hayward, CA 94541. 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: 2/24/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Roberto G. Nunez, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda

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Hindu Center Announces Community Donations

The Hindu Community and Cultural Center (HCCC) in Livermore announced \$35,000 in grants to 29 community organizations at its annual Grant-in-Aid ceremony on March 4.

Recipients this year in-

cluded the Alameda County Community Food Bank, Good News Bears, American Legion Post 47, Partners for Change, Cancer Support Community, Open Heart Kitchen, and Tri-Valley Haven, according to the HCCC.

“Serving the community at large by making a difference in the lives of needy people is one of the important functions of the HCCC,” said Shyamala Venkateswaran, chair of the organization’s Human Services Committee. “Activities range from assisting needy people and supporting student education activities to providing relief for victims of natural disasters ... with the help of kind-hearted donors and dedicated volunteers, who are willing to donate their time and resources for such noble causes.”

Among those who attended the ceremony, held at the Shiva-Vishnu Temple on Arrowhead Avenue, were Livermore Mayor John Marchand, Livermore Police Lt. Paul Mayer, Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Chief Joe Testa, and Chris Van Schaack, superintendent of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District.

Students from the School of Indian Dance in San Jose provided entertainment.



On behalf of the Hindu Community and Cultural Center, Mayor John Marchand, right, awards a grant to Libby Eppinga, center, and Vani Kumari, left, of the Cancer Support Community. (Photo courtesy of Shyamala Venkateswaran)

Food Drive to be Held on Easter Sunday

The Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore (UUCIL) is holding a one-day food drive this Easter Sunday to benefit the Tri Valley Haven Food Pantry. Canned and dry goods such as soup, beans, rice, vegetables and fruit can be dropped off at UUCIL, 1893 N. Vasco Road on Sunday, April 9 between 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., or donations can be taken directly to the Food Pantry at 150 N. L St. Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MILKING

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Oakland resident who has fought for decades to stop the practice. In wild cow milking events, cowboys chase down and rope lactating beef cows. They bring them to the ground, and then milk them. The cowboy with the fastest time wins.

Lactating beef cows, Mills said, are not dairy cattle and not used for milking.

“It’s brainless. It’s stupid,” Mills said. “Cruelty to animals is just unpardonable, especially just for entertainment sake. I’m really pleased at this development.”

Wild cow milking was noticeably missing from the Livermore Rodeo’s website when officials listed its schedule for this year’s event, planned for June 10

and 11. Continued activities include roping, bronco riding and steer wrestling.

Staysa said there are no plans for wild cow milking to return to the Livermore Rodeo.

Mills said the long-sought victory to end wild cow milking in Alameda County rodeos was bitter-sweet because two supervisors who supported the ban over the years — Wilma Chan and Richard Valle — have died.

At last year’s supervisors meeting, where dozens of people spoke against wild cow milking, Valle and Supervisor Dave Brown, who was appointed to replace Chan after she died in 2021, agreed to drop a proposal for an additional ban on spurs

and bucking straps, so they could pass the prohibition of wild cow milking. Although activists wanted to see the spurs and straps eliminated because they contended they caused pain to calves and bulls, ranchers said they needed them for their work.

Brown and Valle, who died in February, voted for the ban, along with Supervisors Nate Mile and Keith Carson. Supervisor David Haubert abstained.

Mills, who would like to see the rodeo eliminated altogether, said he would continue to seek an official ordinance in Livermore banning the milking event.

“It’s their decision and I’m hoping they will make it a permanent policy,” Mills said.

FUSION

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The Laboratory had just achieved a scientific “first” with its huge laser, the National Ignition Facility (NIF), igniting fusion fuel with a laser pulse and generating 50% more energy than was carried by the laser pulse.

As Budil explained at the press conference and again last week to the Commonwealth Club, that achievement crossed a necessary threshold, demonstrating the possibility of “energy gain” from fusion fuel.

On the other hand, she pointed out, it was very far from proving that fusion energy is ready for generating electricity year around.

To start with, she said in answer to a question, LLNL has not yet duplicated the December results. After that well publicized success, laser targets have not been “of the quality that we need” to repeat the success.

Even microscopically small defects in the targets can influence the success

or failure of an experiment, she said.

Better targets are being made, and the Laboratory has “a series of experiments teed up” to try to duplicate or exceed December’s results.

‘Holy Grail’

As Commonwealth Club moderator Katie Hafner commented, nuclear fusion is sometimes thought of as the “holy grail” of energy generation.

Budil went on to explain that fusion power — if it ever becomes practical — would not generate the long-lasting radioactive byproducts that plague today’s fission power plants.

Fusion fuel consists of heavy forms of hydrogen. One of these, deuterium, is harmless and in basically limitless supply. It is found in all water.

The other, tritium, is radioactive and will be contained. It will be recycled both for economic reasons and for safety.

Fusion power would have intrinsic safety factors because its reactions are so difficult to achieve. “It’s really hard to push atoms together...and hold them together long enough to get them to fuse,” Budil said.

As a result, the fusion process would simply stop if anything went wrong. To show how challenging and uncertain experimental progress has been, Budil said that in the early days, in the 1960s, calculations suggested that laser energies around 1,000 joules might suffice to ignite a target and demonstrate fusion.

By contrast, last December’s experiment required more than 2,000,000 joules. “We were not close” in the 1960s, she said in an understatement.

The December experiment showed what was possible but did not demonstrate an industrial process. Obstacles to reliable energy generation are many and may take “decades” to overcome, Budil acknowledged.

‘Biggest Game in Town’

Challenges or no, LLNL’s NIF laser today is “the biggest game in town...the flagship for the whole community,” she said.

Lab Director Wanted to Be a Lawyer

Kim Budil, a physicist and the first female director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, always “wanted to be a lawyer,” she told a Commonwealth Club audience last week.

“I really did not intend to be a physicist.”

Budil grew up in the Chicago area and went to Bogan High School on the city’s south side. With a strong interest in public policy, she planned to study political science at the University of Illinois at Chicago as a prelude to law school.

Professional lawyers advised her to take a technical degree so she could work in patent law.

The advice was not unwelcome, since she had always been good at math and science, but she wasn’t sure which branch of science to focus on.

She disliked biology for requiring too much memorization and chemistry as too complicated. She recalled loving high school physics because “you can derive everything” from a few basic rules.

So physics became her major, and she discovered that she was “an experimentalist by training and by temperament...I loved building things and working with my hands.”

“I just thought it was awesome.”

After graduating, she dropped her plans for law school and moved to California, where she joined LLNL’s laser program in 1987.

Remarkably for the future director, it did not go well.

As a graduate student in the Livermore campus of the UC Davis Department of Applied Science, she had a first-time thesis advisor who did not know how to work with a young student.

“I was not confident,” she told the Commonwealth Club. “I was not well prepared to go in and advocate for myself. And so, I had an incredibly difficult time learning.”

Still, she had an innate toughness that served her well. Luckily, she met and learned from outstanding women role models like Sarah Allendorf, then a post-doctoral fellow, now a manager at the Livermore campus of Sandia National Laboratories.

Another role model, and a scientist who helped with the technical parts of her thesis project, was Anne L’Huillier of Lund University in Sweden.

A third was Donna Strickland, who spent a year in the LLNL laser program and would later win a Nobel Prize for her contributions to laser technology.

In time, Budil won her PhD and moved steadily through a succession of increasingly responsible positions, becoming LLNL director in 2021.

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