

Las Positas Expansion Underway

By Peter Zimmer

LIVERMORE—Las Positas College President Dr. Dyrrell Foster recently spoke at the Livermore Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance meeting, where he outlined progress on the campus's new buildings set to open in time for the coming academic year.

During the June 7 meeting, Foster updated the group about the Viticulture & Winery Technology Facility, the Horticulture Facility, the Public Safety, Advanced Manufacturing & Transportation Facilities building and the Academic Support & Office Building.

"Last spring, we broke ground on our Viticulture & Winery Technology Facility, which will have a tasting room," said Foster, who added that the projects were made possible in part through the commitment of the community and Measure A dollars. "Many of you may know we produce and sell wine through our Campus Hill Winery here on campus

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Dublin Shares Its Plans for Righetti Land

By David Jen

DUBLIN — The coming extension to Dublin Boulevard continues to stimulate growth in eastern Dublin. An application to develop the 50-acre Righetti property is now being reviewed.

Located within the larger Fallon Village Project, north of I-580 and immediately east of the Brough property, the application submitted in April 2021 proposes to subdivide the Righetti property into four parcels — a 10-acre residential parcel for 96 housing units, a 21-acre industrial parcel for about 372,000 square feet of floor space, an 18-acre general-commercial/campus-office parcel with about 321,000 square feet of floor space, and a one-acre parcel between the residential and industrial parcels intended to naturally control flooding and filter runoff.

Although the owner and applicant Righetti Partners has applied for a planned

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These young fair enthusiasts enjoyed the high-flying carnival rides last weekend at the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton. The popular annual event brings a traditional lineup of summertime fun, rides and live music. See additional photos and information on page 7. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Cannabis Dispensary Robbed

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — Detectives are working to identify up to nine burglars — three carrying assault rifles — who recently broke into the Garden of Eden at the Highlands marijuana dispensary in the Livermore region's wine country, authorities said.

The overnight crime on May 22 resulted in a net loss of about \$7,600 in marijuana products and prompted the dispensary's management to elevate security during both overnight hours when the business is closed and

daylight hours when the shop is open.

Zoe Schreiber, director of compliance for Garden of Eden, which is operated by Darci Kent Vineyards, said security would involve increased staffing, video surveillance monitoring and hardening access to the premises.

"Due to the sensitivity of the investigation and our cooperation with law enforcement for increased safety, we are unable to disclose details regarding the incident or in-depth se-

curity updates," Schreiber said. "But customers and the general public can be rest assured that our employees' and the public's safety is of the highest priority."

Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) Lt. Tya Modeste said the break-in at 7000 Tesla Road occurred at 3:30 a.m. She declined to say how the burglars entered the closed building but said they were all wearing dark clothing and masks and carried burglary tools.

The burglars took rosin,

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Land Parcels Swapped in Housing Plan

By Larry Altman

PLEASANTON — The Pleasanton City Council has designated nearly 9.5 acres of land at 3400 and 3500 Boulder Street for potential housing after the Kaiser Permanente corporation withdrew its earlier proposal to develop housing on its Stoneridge Mall property.

The move adds the Boulder Street industrial parcels to the city's state-mandated Housing Element plan and eliminates the Kaiser Permanente parcel at 5600

Stoneridge Mall as a residential development. The Housing Element plan identifies locations that could some day be rezoned for residential development. The State of California is trying to alleviate its housing crisis by requiring communities to increase the parcels that are zoned for housing.

Last year, the California Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) identified the need for 441,176 hous-

ing units during the next eight years. Pleasanton's share was deemed 5,965 units, with percentages for making housing available for family income levels ranging from very-low and low-income to above moderate. In 2012, the eight-year plan called for 2,067. The new eight-year plan calls for 5,965.

As the city worked to pinpoint locations for housing, Boulder Street was considered but not origi-

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Council Postpones Municipal Airport Policy Decision

New Information to be Evaluated

By David Jen

LIVERMORE — Last-minute revisions to a draft airport development policy and concerns expressed by residents at the council meeting caused the mayor and the three council members present to table a decision on the policy until their next meeting, July 10.

In the public comment period, citizens from Pleasanton as well as Livermore expressed their frustration with airport noise, lead pollution and development transparency.

City staff sent out a revised policy with substantial changes to its goals, objectives and development priorities around 4:41 p.m. on June 26, less than two and a half hours before the start of a city council meeting where a vote on the policy was expected.

"If you really want to be transparent and get public input and ... (tell) the public what's going on, you need to give more than two hours and 20 minutes before the meeting starts," said resident

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Teen Prodigy Readies For Career at SpaceX

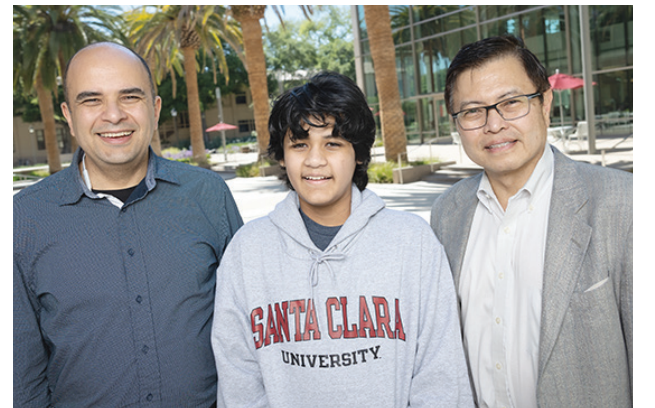
By Dawnmarie Fehr

PLEASANTON — Kairan Quazi is preparing for his new job as a SpaceX software engineer following his graduation from Santa Clara University (SCU) earlier this month. But what's most interesting about Kairan

isn't his career choice or alma mater. It's his age — the Pleasanton native is only 14 years old.

A gifted young man, Kairan took the California High School Exit Exam in third grade at the age of 9

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Seen at center, Kairan Quazi, 14, has been hired as a software engineer for SpaceX. He is seen here with his SCU academic advisors, Dr. Ahmed Amer, left, and Dr. Nam Ling, right. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Nam Ling)

Realtors, Residents Ask for Changes to Public Sign Ban

Council Denies Request 2-2

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — Tri-Valley Realtors pleaded with the Livermore City Council on Monday to reconsider its total ban on temporary signs on public streets, saying "open house" advertising boards are vital to entice home buyers into the city's neighborhoods.

However, the request made

by about 20 real estate agents and others advocating for a revision of the ban at the city council meeting Monday night failed. They did not receive enough support from council members to place the issue on a future council agenda.

The ban takes effect July 1.

"We were hoping that at

(See SIGN, page 10)



San Ramon's Bollinger Canyon Little League Intermediate Division All-Star team, above, won the California District 57 final championship game against Danville on Friday, June 23 at Max Baer Field in Livermore. San Ramon will now be the host team for the Granada Little League Intermediate World Series to be held in July. See additional photos on Page 10. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

District Prepares for Possible Budget Cuts

By Dawnmarie Fehr

LIVERMORE — The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) approved its 2023-24 budget during its regular meeting last week, including a "worst case scenario" plan should Gov. Gavin Newsom pull \$6.3 million in one-time grant funding.

The approved budget includes information provided by Newsom in his May budget revision, as well as the district's revenue projections. The state budget is not yet set and won't be until later this year, meaning the funding is up in the air. However, local districts must approve their budgets

this month.

LVJUSD spokesperson Michelle Dawson said it is challenging to complete the budget planning prior to the final approval of the governor's budget. The district's budget must be approved by the board of trustees by June 30.

"Therefore, our recently approved budget will be replaced by a 45-day revision once the governor has signed the state budget and our funding transitions from projections to the actual dollars we will receive from the state," she explained.

Local community members raised concerns about

the budget following resident Alan Heckman's NextDoor social media post, in which he called out the district for making massive cuts to programs and staff.

Heckman said he made the post because he is a longtime Livermore resident and a member of the Alameda County Taxpayers Association.

"We educate the public and hold local governments accountable," Heckman said. "We like to keep taxes as low as possible and are a watchdog for local government actions and expenditures of our tax dollars."

Dawson explained the

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PET OF THE WEEK



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Grand Jury Says Former O'Malley DA's Office Violated County Policies

More than two dozen staff members under former Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley improperly used county resources, and violated other departmental policies, to campaign for their boss's reelection in 2018, according to an Alameda County grand jury report issued last week.

The list of violations includes requests from DA office staff for donations to support O'Malley's campaign, attendance at campaign events, distribution of campaign flyers, and participation in photographs that staff believed were taken to support O'Malley's candidacy, according to the report.

O'Malley served as district attorney from 2010 to 2022. In May 2021, she announced that she would not seek a fourth term in 2023.

The current district attorney, Pamela Price, who O'Malley defeated in 2018, and the entire DA office staff

were recused from the grand jury investigation.

After interviews with more than 30 witnesses and a review of hundreds of pages of documents, the grand jury concluded that about 25 DA staff members used county-owned computers and the county email system to solicit funds for O'Malley.

According to the report, some of those emails went to police unions in other cities and counties requesting attendance at campaign events and discussing campaign strategy.

Law enforcement largely supported O'Malley in 2018, when her challenger, Price, ran on a platform that included holding police more accountable and eliminating racial disparities in prosecutions and incarcerations.

Testimony revealed that policies regarding election-related behavior and county policies, including

the Appropriate Computer Use Policy and the Appropriate Use of Telecommunication and Information Technology Systems Policy, were either not well known or were ignored by DA staff. The grand jury also found that O'Malley, despite knowing that some of her employees acted in violation of county policies, did not hold anyone accountable.

"The grand jury uncovered behavior that is unacceptable and especially inexcusable for lawyers," Price said. "Our new administration will not make those same mistakes or violate the laws and policies ignored by the previous administration."

We will not sacrifice our integrity or the public trust for political gain," Price added. "While I was not part of the grand jury's investigation, I agree [that] the residents of Alameda County deserve better."



On Wednesday, June 21, Livermore Police along with CHP Dublin participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run, moving the Flame of Hope torch through Livermore as it makes its way to the Northern California Special Olympic Summer Games opening ceremonies. Special Olympic Athlete Ryan Butterly from Livermore was also in attendance. To learn more about the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, please visit www.lettr.org. (Photo courtesy of Livermore Police Department)

Pleasanton's July 4 Celebration to Include Salute to High Schools

Pleasanton will host a free Independence Day celebration at Lions Wayside Park on Tuesday, July 4, with the Pleasanton Community Concert Band performing musical hits from 1923, 1948, and 1973, along with patriotic favorites.

"This will be the 23rd time that volunteers have put together 'Celebrating Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution' for our community," said W. Ron Sutton, a Pleasanton businessman and civic leader.

"On Independence Day, we celebrate our shared heritage with an old-fashioned Fourth," Sutton said, "Even if we disagree July 5 on current politics 'we will do so with ... respect, responsibility, compassion, honesty, and integrity. We celebrate living in a Community of Character.'"

This year's celebration will also recognize the centennial of Amador Valley High School, which opened in 1923, and the 50th anniversary of Foothill High School, which opened in 1978. Also new this year will be a children's parade during the finale, a performance of John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Donna Kamp McMillion, a fourth-generation Pleasanton resident herself, will discuss her book, "Cruising Down Memory Lane," which includes interviews with several long-time Pleasanton families. Proceeds from the sale of her book benefit the journalism program at Amador Valley.

The celebration will also recognize Ken Mano and Todd Utikal, who were named Ed Kinney Community Patriots for 2023 earlier this year.

The award honors the memory of the late Pleasanton mayor who also served as master of ceremonies for the local city's all-volunteer Fourth of July celebration from 1978 to 2005.

The Pleasanton Lions Club will provide handheld American flags to the first 300 adults in attendance, at with hot dogs, chips, and water available for \$3.

Les Duman, a local business owner and board member for the Pleasanton Community Concert Band and Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, will be master of ceremony for this year's "Celebrating Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution," with Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown giving opening remarks.

The color guard will be provided by American Legion Post 237 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298, both based in Pleasanton. The concert at Lions Wayside Park, 4401 First St., Pleasanton, will run from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Those attending are urged to wear red, white, and blue and bring their own chairs or blankets to sit on.

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Grape Culture Winery Receives High Marks From Consumer Publication

By Laura Ness

In a first for a Livermore winery, Grape Culture, the Napa-based outgrowth of Nottingham Cellars, has received 90 points and above for every wine recently submitted to Robert Parker Wine Advocate, a bimonthly wine publication featuring the consumer advice of wine critic Robert M. Parker, Jr. The report by Joe Czerwinski is published in the summer 2023 issue.

Grape Culture, a riff on California wine pioneer, Agoston Haraszthy's book, "Grape Culture: Wines and

dipped their toe in the Riesling and Pinot Noir waters with Typicité, a side project begun before the Napa-centric venture was birthed.

While the initial Grape Culture wines were made at the Nottingham Cellars facility in Livermore, the Grape Culture operation, along with Cranor, Ploof and their respective families, relocated to Napa in 2021. Gape Culture is in an industrial park in south Napa, near the airport.

The first Grape Culture wines were well received, encouraging the pair to expand their efforts to source

2021 Grape Culture Cabernet Sauvignon Nosotros (Mount Veeder) Rating: (94 - 96)

2021 Grape Culture Cabernet Sauvignon Oakview Vineyard (Oakville) Rating: (91 - 93)

2019 Grape Culture Cabernet Sauvignon The Grand Reserve Rating: (95)
Comprised of 50% Rutherford fruit, with equal portions from Atlas Peak and St. Helena. Only 25 cases produced.



Collin Cranor, left, and Craig Ploof, right, winemakers for Grape Culture and Nottingham Cellars, recently received several high scores on their wines from Robert Parker Wine Advocate. (Photo by Jeremy Troupe Masi)

Winemaking," began in 2019, as an expansion by the Cranor family into a heavily touristed wine region with a sterling reputation. A large crop in 2018 resulted in the availability of some excellent Napa fruit, and winemakers Collin Cranor and Craig Ploof of Nottingham Cellars, decided to take advantage.

Nottingham Cellars began in Livermore in 2007, when Cranor, who had been building high rises in San Francisco, was just 23. A self-taught winemaker with a diligent work ethic, he and his entire family were involved in the effort, meeting with much success. Recognizing that superior fruit is key to superior wines, helped drive their growth.

In 2018, he was joined by Ploof, who spent 14 years at Steven Kent Winery, learning from Claude Bobba (Wente) and Tom Stutz (La Rochelle, Steven Kent). Cranor and Ploof

Cabernet Sauvignon from prized Napa vineyards. From the outset, both Cranor and Ploof have been ecstatic about the relationships they've established with Napa growers, feeling they are among kindred spirits who strive for excellence at every turn.

Here is a summary of the Wine Advocate scores for both the released wines and the 2021 barrel samples. Full descriptions can be found on the Grape Culture website: www.gcnapa.com.

2021 Grape Culture Cabernet Sauvignon The Grand Reserve Rating: (95 - 97)
Note: barrel sample blend from Oakville, Rutherford and St. Helena sources.

2021 Grape Culture Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer GIII (Rutherford) Rating: (95 - 97)
From Beckstoffer's Georges III Vineyard.

2019 Grape Culture Cabernet Sauvignon "High Tide" Rating: (90)
Blended from several different Napa AVAs.

2019 Grape Culture Cabernet Sauvignon GIII Rating: (93)
From Beckstoffer's Georges III Vineyard (100 cases)

2019 Grape Culture Cabernet Sauvignon "Next Episode" Rating: (92)
Sourced from Wolf Family Vineyard in St. Helena, Clone 7.

2019 Grape Culture Cabernet Sauvignon "Lifted" Rating: (91+)
Clone 7 from the Hendrickson Family Vineyard at 1,500 feet on Atlas Peak.

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Livermore resident Michael Fredrich recently took home top photographic honors at the Alameda County Fair Photography Competition. Above, Fredrich won a silver for “Jorgensen House,” and Best of Show and Best of Class for “Kitchen Table,” below. The local photographer also won Judges Favorite for “Bridge Over Serena Creek” and Best of Class for “Manitowoc Breakwater Lighthouse.” (Photo courtesy of Jean King)

City of Dublin Urges Fireworks Safety

Local non-profit organizations are selling “Safe and Sane” fireworks in Dublin. Sales will take place through Tuesday, July 4. The City of Dublin and its public safety departments urge extreme caution in their use while celebrating the Independence Day holiday. Those who purchase fireworks from local organizations should keep the following precautions in mind:

- * Always read and follow the safety instructions.
- * Never take fireworks apart to build your own fireworks.
- * Never allow children to use fireworks without adult supervision.
- * Only light one device at a time and move to a safe distance after lighting the device.
- * Never try to re-light or handle “dud” fireworks (faulty and unexploded fireworks).
- * Fireworks should always be used in safe, open areas and away from buildings, combustibles, dry vegetation, and, especially, people and animals.
- * A connected garden hose should be nearby, and a pail of water kept handy

for disposal of spent fireworks and “duds.”

* Pet owners should keep pets indoors on July 4, as many animals become extremely agitated by the sights and sounds of fireworks. Some of these pets will even run into the streets or run away to avoid distressing situations.

While Dublin homeowners may use their “Safe and Sane” fireworks at any time during the sales period, no fireworks of any type (including “Safe and Sane”) are permitted at Dublin multi-housing units or at any undesignated Dublin park, other City facility, public school, or business parking lot. Residents should also check with their homeowners association (HOA), if applicable, for rules regarding the use of “Safe and Sane” fireworks. However, the City has four parks where the use of “Safe and Sane” fireworks are permitted in the parking lot on the 4th of July, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.:

- Alamo Creek Park (Dougherty Road and Willow Creek Drive)
- Dublin Sports Grounds (Dublin Boulevard and

Civic Plaza)
Emerald Glen Park (Central Parkway behind The Wave)

Shannon Park (Shannon Avenue and San Ramon Road)

Illegal fireworks, which explode in the air or move along the ground, always pose a higher threat, as sparks from illegal fireworks may ignite a fire on dry vegetation or rooftops. Dublin will be increasing enforcement efforts, and there will be dedicated law enforcement and firefighters overseeing the parks, as well as other officers patrolling elsewhere throughout the city. Penalties for those caught selling or using these types of fireworks can include heavy fines and jail time.

To report the use of illegal fireworks, please call Dublin Police at 925-462-1212. You can report illegal activity anonymously.

The City of Dublin allows the sale of “Safe and Sane” fireworks to benefit local non-profit organizations. For more information, and to find the list of organizations and their booth locations, visit www.dublin.ca.gov/fireworks.

Tri-Valley Haven Announces Date for Annual Fundraiser

Tri-Valley Haven will host its annual Pace for Peace fundraiser run and walk through the Livermore Wine Country on Saturday, Oct. 7.

Tri-Valley Haven is a Livermore-based nonprofit that provides support services for victims of sexual and domestic abuse and shelter for the homeless. It also operates a food pantry and food-assistance programs.

To register for the 5K or 10K events, go to trivalleyhaven.org. Participants will receive commemorative T-shirts, with medals for the top finishers. For more information, call 925-449-5845 or email development@trivalleyhaven.org.

College District Joins National Apprenticeship

Chabot-Las Positas Community College District is now part of the Department of Labor’s Apprenticeship Ambassador Initiative, designed to promote and support registered apprenticeship opportunities nationwide. “Our inclusion in the [program] demonstrates our commitment to building an economy that benefits everyone,” said Chancellor Ronald Gerhard. “The program will bring the district visibility as a leader in this field, as well as new connections to national organizations with a desire to partner with Chabot-Las Positas Community College.” The initiative was launched in 2021, initially enlisting 200 “ambassadors” and has since expanded to more than 300 participating organizations.

Chabot-Las Positas already has the second-largest apprenticeship program in the Bay Area, with nearly 1,300 registered apprentices completing more than 166,000 hours of instruction.

New apprenticeship programs include dispensing opticians, precision manufacturing, information security analyst, and truck driving. The district is also expanding its apprenticeship program in the construction and automotive trades.

In addition to job training, apprentices receive college credit toward an associate degree in their field.

The Chabot-Las Positas district operates Chabot College in Hayward and Las Positas College in Livermore.

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EDITORIAL

Las Positas College Continues to Surpass Educational Expectations

Exciting things are happening at Las Positas College.

Recently ranked as the number one community college in the state and sixth in the nation by the independent research group Intelligent.com, the Livermore campus consistently sets the standard for student success, community engagement and quality education.

Now there are even more reasons to applaud the college's vision. Under the direction of President Dr. Dyrell Foster, four new facilities are either open or will be open in time for fall classes.

The Viticulture & Winery Technology Facility, the Horticulture Facility, the Public Safety, Advanced Manufacturing & Transportation Facilities, and the Academic Support & Office Building will each offer unique courses of study for students in a variety of fields.

The Viticulture & Winery Technology Facility will boast a tasting room and sell wine through the student-led Campus Hill Winery. According to Foster, the new facility complements the recently completed Horticulture Facility, which offers curriculum for trained personnel in the areas of landscape installation and management and nursery operations.

The Public Safety, Advanced Manufacturing & Transportation

Facilities building is designed to support the Fire Science & Technology and the Welding programs. Eventually, it will also house the new aircraft program on campus. The enhanced Academic Support & Office Building will serve as a hub for student success, offering comprehensive resources and support services. It will include a tutorial center, the Reading and Writing Center (RAW), classrooms, computer labs and collaborative study areas.

Supported with Measure A funds, the \$950 million Chabot-Las Positas Community College District-issued bond, is designed, among other items, to provide for classroom upgrades and technology/science labs.

Since COVID-19, college officials say enrollment is back up and as a result, the college is exploring the feasibility of building student housing for Las Positas College students. While still in the development stages, a proposal for a 195-bed facility is expected to come before the trustees soon.

How fortunate the Tri-Valley is to have the ongoing support and commitment from its top-ranked college. We look forward to Las Positas's continued growth and development as it maintains its conscientious attention to serving all its students in all avenues of study.

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Spread Awareness on AB1354

Jasmine Padilla, Livermore

I am writing to you to request that you spread awareness on legislation to require Asian American Studies and Pacific Islander history to be taught in New York public schools. Four other states—Illinois, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Rhode Island—have already mandated Asian American Studies for K-12 schools. Assembly Bill 1354 would urge all California schools to include American history in their school curriculum.

Without the inclusion of Asian American studies in school curriculums, California students grow up unknowing of the many contributions that Asian Americans have had on our country, including their involvement with the advancement of Civil Rights. Students also fail to learn about many important historical events, such as the internment of Japanese Americans, the massacre of Chinese immigrants in Los Angeles, and the Chinese Exclusion Act.

It is vital that our students grow up knowing the impact Asian Americans have had on our history, and I urge you to spread awareness on Assembly Bill 1354.

Protecting Livermore Lori Sanborn, Livermore

I have lived in Livermore for 39 years. My husband and I raised our children here; I volunteered and worked in and for Livermore. When we bought our house 39 years ago, the Livermore Airport was a charming airport, where small personal light aircraft flew in and out. There was even a much-anticipated annual flying airshow that neighbors sat on their roofs to watch. The airshow included wing walkers, air races, hot air balloon rides, helicopter rides, sky divers, trick maneuvers and military flyovers. The airport was a benefit to the community. In the past 20 years things have changed. There are more jets that fly in and out of the airport, and noise has become a major issue for the Livermore and Pleasanton neighboring communities. Just as Livermore wants to protect agriculture and open space with its urban growth boundary, it should protect Livermore citizens from pollution, decline in air quality and negative environmental impacts from airport expansion. The city has proposed a Livermore Airport Development Plan, in which the voice of its citizens are not heard nor considered. Noisy jets that wake you from sleep after 11:00 pm and fly too low over residential neighborhoods make it impossible to enjoy a conversation in your backyard. How can the city hear us? Not only does Livermore want to keep a "small town" feel with a thriving downtown and an active yet relaxing wine growing region, but it's a difficult balancing act to keep things energetic and profitable and at the same time pleasant and restful. Allowing a new Airport Development Policy that does not address noise and pollution impacts along with ignoring what future expansion to Livermore will portend is irresponsible—not something I ever thought the city council would be guilty of. I always thought the council would put the needs of the town and the citizens above financial gain.

God Should Be Non-binary

Elizabeth M. Judge, Livermore

Who says God is male anyway? In ancient times people worshipped goddesses and gods alike. (In the beginning it was thought that women produced offspring all by themselves and so they were revered. Then

man discovered his role in the process and things changed.) Over time anyone who worshipped a goddess became known as pagan.

A male god became the accepted norm as promulgated by men themselves. They really created a god in their own image and likeness, not the other way around. All the religious heroes are male.

Let's face it, religion is of men for men and by men. For centuries men have used it to control women in one way or the other. Check out Afghanistan and the use of religion to control women there.

Here religion is used to control reproduction, making the fertilized egg a sacred thing from the moment of conception. Reverence for any sperm that manages to successfully permeate the cell wall of an egg takes precedence. Regardless of the carelessness of the act, no matter what, the successful sperm is worshipped by men standing outside Planned Parenthood praying as they denigrate women to nothing more than vessels of the successful sperm.

Consider for a moment the notion of pregnant men. There is no way that a pregnant man in Texas would allow some governor to tell him what he can and cannot do about it! Do not kid yourself. Pregnant men would have lots of choices!

As men become more insecure with the fear of female equality, (despite the pathetically slow process for it), they create even more limitations on reproduction. Is it any wonder then that the equal rights amendment still is not the law of the land?

Consider that religion, as we know it, causes patriarchy to continue through the ages. While religion in some cases is a comfort to many, it is the male dominance in religion, from God himself on down, that regenerates the patriarchal idea. Little boys get the idea as children that they are preferred because they have the same equipment as God does after all, and girls do not.

Women will not have equality until God becomes non-binary, neither male nor female. Women who pine for equality and the equal rights amendment need to think about that as they give credibility to their patriarchal religion by continuing to worship a male God.

My Proposal for a Fair "Sign" Ordinance

Ben Barrientos, District 2 Livermore City Council Member

First a little history. In the 1820s, John Quincy Adams wanted to get an edge on his opponent in his presidential campaign, so he asked his supporters to put up signs everywhere.

In Livermore a complaint was raised that campaign signs litter our city. That prompted the previous city council to develop an ordinance that will go into effect on July 1, 2023, but only if no changes are proposed by the new city council. This means a total ban, with no exceptions, on any signs

placed on public property. Imagine this: no garage sale signs, no Christmas event signs, no realtor signs, no fundraising signs, no girl scout cookies signs, no rodeo signs, no campaign signs, no signs of any kind.

A neighbor can't put up a "garage sale" sign at the end of the block, so who will know except his nearby neighbors. Realtors won't do much business without an "open house" sign down the block. Will the rodeo have a good turn out without those gigantic signs? Nonprofits won't do much fundraising without signs. New candidates running for public office won't get much recognition without campaign signs, which gives the incumbents an advantage.

At the last city council meeting, one council member claimed that signs are against our climate policy. The city planning commission proposed taking signs down at night and putting them back up the next day. It also proposed placing all signs on street corners only.

Unfortunately, I think this ordinance will be challenged in court and that means more taxpayer money will be wasted.

I propose a compromise. Let's not ban all signs. Let's limit the number of signs; make signs biodegradable; limit the number of days signs may be up; and limit the locations for signs.

I will try to bring forth these solutions at a future city council meeting. But I will need your help. You can bring change by contacting your city council members and the mayor. Call City Hall at (925) 960-4200 for the phone numbers/email addresses of the mayor and city council members. It is up to us to change this ban.

Dear Livermore City Council

Sunil Hariani, Livermore

We are at a dangerous moment as a nation, with those who believe in institutions and procedures on one side and those who believe anything is acceptable if it gets them what they want on the other. While the Airport Commission's decision to forward a proposed Leasing and Development Policy to the Livermore City Council without engaging with the public makes clear which side they are on, I trust that you will fulfill your duties as elected officials by rejecting the policy or re-opening comment on it.

I would also strongly ask you to make clear to the Airport Commission that the Council:

1. believes in transparent democratic procedures and expects the Airport Commission to improve their processes going forward, including by

a. giving proper notice of changes to their policies to all affected residents before closing the comment period and voting on such changes.

b. making public comments available as required by law.

c. directly addressing such comments, rather than simply acknowledging their

existence.

d. including community representatives on the Commission (1 from each of Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore).

2. Rejects efforts to change procedures for Airport expansion via a long document which purports to follow the 2010 resolution, but in fact is contrary to such resolution.

3. Expects the Commission to place a significant emphasis on environmental concerns going forward (consistent with Livermore's pledge to address Climate Change), including with respect to:

a. Eliminating the use of lead fuel. (Studies by Kaiser Permanente and Santa Clara County demonstrate elevated lead levels in children living close to an airport.)

b. Addressing noise level complaints proactively, including by actively monitoring pilots who fly outside voluntary guidelines and by creating a system of carrots/sticks that incentivize pilots to follow these guidelines.

c. Ensuring there are no PFAS issues raised by Airport procedures.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Marijuana in Livermore?

Owen Brovont, Livermore

Well, there is no surprise here. An article in the June 21st edition of the Pleasanton Weekly, described a burglary, occurring around 3:30 a.m. on May 22nd, of the Darcie Kent marijuana shop on Tesla Road – curiously and somewhat inappropriately named the Garden of Eden – and referred to as the Livermore "marijuana dispensary" in the article. The choice of terms to describe the store was likely intended to soften any potentially negative reaction from those adults who oppose the legalization of marijuana, and other recreational drugs, that has clearly demonstrated over the past thirty or forty years another step supporting the conspicuous and ongoing deterioration of American culture. To reinforce that approach in the story, the store was referred to as the "dispensary" throughout the remainder of the article. By the way, the use of dispensary was appropriated by the cannabis world because it originally referred to a location where medicine or medical support was available. To refer to marijuana as medicine is a far cry from the original meaning of the word!

To throw off the issue of having a marijuana shop here in the unincorporated section of Livermore, much attention was aimed at making sure that you know there were assault weapons present in the possession of "about three" of the "approximately nine" burglary suspects. The current national effort by the Left is to highlight the presence and use of "assault weapons" in the commission of crimes of violence. The assault weapon specifically referred to is the AR15, a semi-automatic rifle. While use of a firearm in the commission of a

crime is a horrendous event, statistically the actual use of AR15s is far less than pistols and blunt trauma inducing weapons. The ongoing listing of the use or presence of "assault weapons" in news stories is in service of those who would disarm private citizens and leave them completely helpless in the face of government repression.

The products stolen from the "Garden of Eden" included "rosin, cannabutter, powder and more" – whatever that included – although it is unlikely that the burglars were interested in lighters, pipes and other paraphernalia typically associated with the drug culture. Apparently, to avoid drawing too much attention to the marijuana aspect of the story, it was written by making more general statements about "products stolen" to avoid focusing too conspicuously on the products as items related to facilitate drug use.

Flags and the Fourth of July

Trish Munro, Livermore

On the Fourth of July, American flags are all over town. And with good reason. The flag is an iconic symbol that encapsulates everything about these United States: our history, our values, our aspirations, and all of us who live here.

The flag reminds us of our shared and complicated history. It speaks of those times when we, as a people, have been our best selves, but also those times we've been our worst selves. And it speaks to both what we can aspire to and what we must reckon with to be a whole, mature people.

The flag reminds us of the values we aspire to enact. It speaks to that highest American value: becoming a place of welcome for all, from the Indigenous peoples here before the Europeans to our most recent refugees and immigrants. It speaks to the goal of being a country where we truly have liberty and justice for all.

The flag's colors and design—red, white, and blue; stars and stripes together—remind us that we must be one people, united in our diversity. The United States can and should include everyone; the flag can and should remind of that unity and diversity.

That unity and diversity becomes real at the local level, with how we treat each other as neighbors. In Livermore, that value begins with the city's name itself: Robert Livermore, for whom the city was named, was famously a man who welcomed the stranger passing by. More recently, Livermore's inclusion proclamation mirrors our country's aspirations, celebrating diverse cultures and histories; races and ethnicities, and religions, as well as affirming different gender identities and sexual orientations, different physical, mental, and emotional abilities, and different ages, educations, and economic statuses. Liv-

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From left: Pleasanton Vice Mayor Jack Balch, Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez and Livermore Mayor John Marchand display home baked deserts which were auctioned during the recent Goodness Village anniversary celebration.

(Photo courtesy of Goodness Village)

Livermore's Goodness Village Celebrates Second Anniversary

On Saturday evening, June 24, more than 175 people attended a dinner celebrating the second anniversary of Goodness Village in Livermore. Opened in June 2021, Goodness Village provides homes and support for 28 Tri-Valley residents who were formally unhoused for at least a year. The community is located on the property of Crosswinds Church in Livermore and adjacent to Los Positas Golf Course and Livermore Airport.

The dinner raised more than \$165,000 in support of continuing operations. Local elected officials added to the entertainment and fund raising. Dublin Mayor Hernandez, Livermore Mayor Marchand and Pleasanton Vice Mayor Balch contributed home baked deserts which were auctioned off and raised \$9600.

Planning is underway for

an expansion of facilities. The first phase will consist of a new community center. Once completed, additional tiny home residences will be added to the Goodness Village campus. Funding has been secured for both projects.

Goodness Village is a locally organized and locally funded program. Some of the contributors include Workday Foundation, John Muir Healthcare, Stanford Healthcare, Kaiser Permanente, The Vinay Kruttiventi Foundation, Wentz Vineyards, the cities of Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin, the Pleasanton American Legion, the Pleasanton Veterans of Foreign Wars, Congressman Eric Swalwell, Senator Steve Glazer, Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert, Robert and Marilyn Weiss and Joan Seppala.

MAILBOX

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ermore's strength—as with the country—derives from our diversity and from valuing inclusion, from respect for each other, and from collaborating with and learning from each other.

This Fourth of July, as flags fly and fireworks soar above Robertson Park, let us all remember the meanings of the flag and aspire to live up to the values it represents.

Clearing the Air Katherine Campbell, Pleasanton

Your June 21 article about the Livermore Airport continues to perpetuate several errors and misconceptions.

KaiserAir was invited in 2019 by the Livermore Airport Manager to explore establishing a maintenance facility at the Livermore Airport.

KaiserAir was not required/asked to submit information beyond the initial 2019 application and good faith deposit. KaiserAir re-evaluated its business needs during Covid and, in 2020, decided not to pursue leasing space at the Livermore Airport.

KaiserAir's base of flight operations continues to be at the Oakland Airport North Field, where it has been located for 75 years.

No one from the Livermore Airport, City of Livermore, or the press have ever contacted KaiserAir regarding the application process or to fact check. I have written previous Letters to the Editor of both the Independent and the Pleasanton Weekly and they have never been published.

Editor's Note: The Independent has contacted KaiserAir for comment on multiple occasions and has never received a response. So far, this letter from a KaiserAir email address is the only correspondence

we have received.

Comments on Livermore Airport Commission Anurag Jain, Livermore

I am writing to express my concerns about the Livermore Airport Commission's decision-making process. I believe that the Commission has not been transparent or inclusive in its recent decisions, and I urge you to take steps to ensure that the public has a greater role in the process.

Specifically, I am concerned about the following: The Commission did not give proper notice of the recent changes to its policies, and it did not allow for adequate public comment.

The Commission did not directly address the concerns that were raised by the public.

The Commission did not include any community representatives on the Commission.

I believe that these actions are contrary to the principles of good governance. The public has a right to be involved in decisions that affect their community, and the Commission should be more transparent and inclusive in its decision-making process.

I urge you to take the following steps to address these concerns:

Ensure that the public is given adequate notice of all changes to the Airport Commission's policies.

Allow for a meaningful public comment period on all changes to the policies.

Directly address the concerns that are raised by the public.

Include community representatives on the Airport Commission.

I also urge you to ensure that the Commission places a significant emphasis on environmental concerns in its decision-making process.

This includes eliminating the use of lead fuel, addressing noise level complaints, and ensuring that there are no PFAS issues raised by Airport procedures.

I believe that these steps are essential to ensuring that the Airport Commission is accountable to the public and that it makes decisions that are in the best interests of the community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

A Matter of Style Glenn White, Dublin

Along with my letter explaining why MAGA lacks the integrity to accept accountability for their obvious behavior was Tania Panarello's letter accepting accountability for her behavior (6/15/2023), demonstrating the character, honor, integrity, humility and courage that I've asked to see from the MAGA/Tea Party and, also, the so-called "Progressive Liberal Elitists". I've literally made hundreds of attempts to extract accountability from them and received zero compliance on other platforms after telling them they would rather publicly humiliate themselves than openly accept accountability. Thankfully, Jesus forgives me for confessing my arrogant ego, overfed, from batting a 1,000. After proclaiming that all MAGA/TP and Elitists aren't capable of ever accepting accountability for anything at any time, Tania can finally prove me wrong, as I've asked the MAGA/TP and Elitists to do. Unlike Jesus, who forgives my ego, Tania can burst it if she's MAGA/TP or Elitist, and not just Democrat or Republican. Only Tania knows. I always accept accountability because I have to for obvious reasons, but Tania volunteered it. Tania's exceptional

character is clearly stronger than mine.

In contrast, was the Elitist sounding, mean-spirited, arrogant, condescending mockery against Asbury. Elitists, many educated beyond their intelligence, treat their opposition as stupidly as Forrest Gump, failing to grasp that movie's theme. Mocking Newsom, they subtly and deceitfully suggested electing a MAGA governor, the most likely alternative to Newsom. Many pro-choice NIMBYs voted against Newsom based on NIMBY reasons, knowing it was a vote for Elder in the Recall, by dismissing the fact that Elder blamed homelessness on NIMBYs, because Republicans are more anti-environment and pro-development than Democrats. They stubbornly voted both anti-choice and anti-NIMBY. Weakly attempting to make "NIMBY" an N-word, the mockery demonstrated whiney martyrdom and divisive victimization with feigned outrage. Mocking Jesus, as usual, it abandoned the NIMBY argument for a religious argument to get out the Republican vote, as I explained in my 4/13/2023 letter referencing Elitist Bill Maher's Jesus mocking. It also exposed Elitist religious bigotry. "Progressive Liberal Elitists" exemplify Lenin's "useful idiots" and negate Lennon's imagined peace and harmony, while validating MAGA claims against them. Elitists are suckers played by Republicans.

"AI" intelligence acknowledges error to correct course without ego, in order to achieve the desired results. Not doing so is insanity, according to Einstein. Arrogantly refusing self-reflection isn't smart; it's insane, as well as stupid. Stupidity isn't about intellect; it's about stubbornness. Stupid is. Stubborn does.

EXPANSION

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that is made by our students. We will have a tasting room for that facility."

Foster said the new Viticulture & Winery Technology Facility will become a preparation center, which will not only bring together the students making the wine, but also get people from the community to purchase it.

"The Viticulture & Winery Technology Facility is a significant addition to our campus, complementing the recently opened Horticulture Center," Foster added. "This facility will serve as a hub for students interested in the art and science of winemaking, providing labs, hands-on training and preparing them for exciting careers in the wine industry. It also includes a space where community members can taste and purchase wines from our Campus Hill Winery made from grapes grown on our beautiful campus vineyard."

The Public Safety, Advanced Manufacturing & Transportation Facilities building is another complex set to open in the fall. It will not only serve as a place for the Fire Science & Technology program and the Welding program, but eventually house the new aircraft program on campus. According to Foster, the new building will be a place for burgeoning technological advancements.

"Our new state-of-the-art Public Safety, Advanced Manufacturing & Transportation Facilities building will provide students with hands-on training in the vital fields of fire technology, public safety, advanced manufacturing, automotive tech, aircraft maintenance and welding, and will help equip them with the skills needed for successful careers in these high-demand industries."

In addition, the Academic Support and Office Building will feature a new tutorial center, writing center and classrooms.

According to Foster, the new Academic Support & Office Building will become a center for students to succeed in meeting their academic goals; they will receive help from an exceptional faculty and the employees who assist them.

"The new Academic Support & Office Building, centrally located and connected to the library, will serve as a hub for student success, offering comprehensive resources and support services to enhance the learning experience. It will include a tutorial center, the Reading and Writing Center (RAW), classrooms, computer labs and collaborative study areas. This new facility underscores our commitment to empowering students and providing the

resources to achieve their academic goals."

With the steady increase in enrollment, Foster said he believed there will be more gains toward this upcoming academic year.

"I am excited about the growth on our campus," Foster said. "We experienced a drop in enrollment during COVID-19, as did many colleges and universities ... across the country. But we have seen an uptick in enrollment since spring. We have seen an 8% increase in the summer and a significant increase for the fall. It appears we are making significant gains in increased enrollment as we move closer to the new academic year."

Faculty members are hopeful the additions will offer an enhanced experience for students and boost the future labor force.

"These new facilities will create new dynamic learning environments for our growing student population, where students can engage in hands-on experiences and develop practical skills that are directly applicable to the workforce," said Sarah Thompson, Academic Senate president and sociology instructor.

Mathematics instructor Ashley Young said the new buildings will be conducive to learning and will showcase the breathtaking views of the campus.

"We are so excited about this (development) and how it will help our students by centralizing support areas, like learning centers for math, English, and computer science," Young said. "There is a wonderful new tutorial center, as well as new state-of-the-art classrooms. The folks who planned this building did an amazing job of getting input from everyone and melding all those ideas to create a beautiful space conducive to collaboration."

She went on to note that the planners included details, such as student study spaces, alcoves to sit and chat, much-needed conference rooms, and smaller rooms for collaboration; there are also storage lockers in the part-time instructor offices; and the building's many windows showcase wonderful views of the campus.

Eyeing the Potential for Student Housing

In other developments, the college has recently engaged in a new feasibility study for student housing at LPC. According to Foster, California legislators approved \$2 billion for

planning and constructing student housing for California post-secondary schools (through SB 69). However, there are still some hurdles to jump over due to eligibility requirements that could preclude LPC from obtaining the funds. Still, Foster is pleased to hear about the possibility of student housing as it would include a building filled with 195 beds.

"We will bring a proposal to the trustees later this month with the hope of applying for a construction grant by July," Foster explained. "The way we have assessed our housing needs is that there is a high demand for housing on campus and for students, as you can tell by the high cost of living."

If approved for the grant to provide student housing, the average cost per bed on campus would be just over \$700 a month for students, Foster added.

"This would be Phase 1 of a multiphase approach, if we are able to land this grant," he added. "We are excited about the possibility of providing (housing) to our students on campus."

Las Positas College is a community college located across from Highway 580 near Airway Boulevard. According to the mission statement posted on their website, the college is "an inclusive, learning focused, equity-focused environment that offers educational opportunities and support for completion of students' transfer, degree and career technical goals while promoting lifelong learning." In January this year, LPC was named number one in the state and sixth in the nation for Best Community College by Intelligent.com, a resource for program rankings and higher education planning.

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and began attending Las Positas Junior College in Livermore. After earning an associate's degree in math, he transferred to Santa Clara where he majored in computer science and engineering. While attending classes, he lived in an apartment in San Jose with his mom during the week. The pair returned to their home in Pleasanton each weekend, where Kairan's dad stayed to be close to work. Kairan, an only child, said his time at SCU was "the best three years" of his life.

"My experience at Santa Clara was very normal, I think," Kairan said. "After the novelty of being there wore off, I made some really good friends. I would say my best friends are from there, and the only downside to my age was I tried rushing the engineering fraternities, but even the professional ones had an age requirement of 18."

Kairan said age biases are something he has come up against many times. He hopes his story will cause leaders of all organizations to reevaluate age-based prejudices and hiring processes, opening the door for more neurodiverse people like himself.

Kairan's senior advisor was Dr. Nam Ling, chair of the computer science and engineering department as

SCU. Ling said he enjoyed working with Kairan and learned new things himself.

"He asked a lot of questions in my class, more than any other student, making the class and discussions lively and stimulating," said Ling. "I also learned that our program with small size classes and flexibility, balancing projects and lectures, actually suits Kairan very well, giving him space to interact well with professors and fellow students, and letting him excel in his own way, rather than restricting him within a certain framework or rules, such as by exams and grades."

Ling said Kairan did not fit the quiet or antisocial cliché so many associate with exceptionally bright students. He said Kairan got along well with his fellow students, made friends and was helpful to others. Ling also attributed Kairan's supportive parents to his social and educational success.

Once he had achieved his degree, Kairan wanted to go directly into a career. He applied to many companies, but ended up with SpaceX, after 10 rounds of interviews conducted both virtually and in person over seven weeks.

He said his age was once again a hurdle in his path when it came to applying for a job.

"I think there is a lot of

institutional bias about my age and my situation," he said. "A lot of employers use my age as a proxy for immaturity, but Intel Labs, Blackbird.AI and SpaceX, they all have one thing in common, and that's that there's no difference between their leadership values and their hiring processes."

For now, Kairan said he is focused on getting hands-on experience in a team where he can make a tangible impact.

"I think a lot of people have asked me if I wanted to go to grad school or a career, but right now I have a very intense desire for impact, and I'm not exactly sure where it will take me. Right now, I think it's very important that I seek oppor-

tunities where I have ownership over projects and can contribute in a meaningful way and can surround myself with people of a similar drive for my motivation. So, where I am right now in my career, I think I just need hands on experience."

Ling said he thought it was great that Kairan would get a chance to work in a professional setting.

"Kairan loves challenges, software coding and space," said Ling. "Hence SpaceX is a great fit for him. Most people may think that genius students normally go on to do a PhD immediately, but industry should also be a great place for them. Kairan's interest now is to make an impact in the industry, and benefit people."

RIGHETTI

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development rezoning, a vesting tentative tract map and development agreement from the city, it has not yet submitted an application for a site development review permit.

"Site development review covers essentially all of the flatwork – the landscape, the infrastructure, as well as all of the vertical things that you would see – the buildings, everything like that," said Principal Planner Amy Million at a June 22 community meeting on Righetti. She also went on to say that she expected multiple site development review permits for the project.

The project shares many similarities with the neighboring Branaugh Property project, including development standards, the water-quality buffer – a vegetated area, including trees, shrubs, and herbaceous vegetation, that is directly adjacent to a water resource – and multi-use subdivision.

"The only real difference here is that the Branaugh property was just residential and industrial," said Million. "The Righetti Property has a third land use of general commercial campus office."

Current project images show four buildings on the residential parcel and three buildings on the industrial park. Residential architecture will present a mix of farmhouse, Spanish revival,

contemporary, Tuscan and prairie styles, while the non-residential parcels will focus on pedestrian-scale, sustainable designs, according to a project presentation by Million.

Meanwhile, the 40-acre Branaugh project, led by BEX Development, received city council approval in March with comments from Mayor Melissa Hernandez praising the addition of industrial space to the city.

According to the city's Land Use Element, the eastern Dublin area "has a development potential of up to 11.481 million square feet of commercial uses and over 29,714 jobs."

Branaugh specifically will provide between 78 and 97 residential units and about 528,000 square feet of industrial space when complete.

The Dublin Boulevard Extension project, estimated to cost \$166.1 million, will connect Dublin Boulevard with North Canyons Parkway in Livermore with about 1.5 miles of new travel lanes, bike lanes and sidewalks.

Both the Branaugh and Righetti properties contain right-of-ways to the new boulevard.

Following application review, the Righetti project will undergo public planning commission review before a decision by the city council.

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Library Seeks Literacy Volunteers

The Livermore Public Library is recruiting literacy volunteers to help adults become more confident and better able to navigate everyday situations.

After successfully completing training, volunteers will typically meet with their assigned adult learner once or twice weekly for one to two hours each meeting. No previous experience is necessary.

The next three-part tutor training will take place from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., on Monday, July 24, Wednesday, July 26 and Monday, July 31.

For more information or to sign-up to become a volunteer tutor, visit the Literacy Office inside the Livermore Public Library Civic Center Branch, or call 925-373-5507 or email literacy@livermoreca.gov.

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The Alameda County Fair continued its run last weekend with roving entertainers and high-flying carnival rides. The fun continues through July 9 with daily events including demonstrations from the Amador Valley Quilters, pony rides, a petting zoo, live music and plenty of fair cuisine. For a schedule of events or to purchase tickets, visit, www.annualalamedacountyfair.com. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)

AIRPORT

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Jean King.

Councilmember Robert Carling echoed King's comment.

"I will admit that I didn't get (the latest revisions) either until 4:41, and I had a meeting at 5:00," said Carling. "So I, frankly, haven't even read it."

The city council voted 4-0, with Vice Mayor Brittni Kiick absent, to continue the discussion of changes to the Airport Leasing and Development Policy and its possible approval at a subsequent meeting.

The draft policy, which first became publicly available in February, spells out procedures for the city to review, approve or deny applications to develop projects at Livermore Municipal Airport.

"There was some public comment that the 2010 resolution was not being specifically adhered to in the specific portions of the policy," said Airport Manager Michael Musca. "Therefore, we took each of those restrictions and each of those parts of the resolution and placed them into the specific sections of the policy."

The policy's environmental goal, for example, now explicitly includes the minimization of noise, air and water pollution.

"Actions to reduce impact of noise pollution should be employed, such as aggressively fostering the reduction of aircraft noise through the voluntary noise reduction efforts, especially during night hours," read the latest policy. "Action to reduce air pollution should be taken by supporting the transition from leaded to unleaded fuel as it becomes feasible."

The revision also included changes to the policy's social, functional and economic objectives.

But many speakers at the meeting also felt the policy should include provisions for enforcing noise, air-pollution and water-pollution standards.

"You can halt sales of leaded aviation fuel now to stop lead emission in the air that poisons the bloodstreams of children living close by," said Dublin resident Shirley Lewandowski. "You can make sure that chemicals used at the airport that may potentially have pollutants like PFAS don't get into the groundwater that will endanger the well-being of humans."

And Pleasanton resident David Fiala added, "The proposed development policy does not provide clear measurement tools or protocols to address these concerns."

Resident Sandra Philippe also pushed for more transparency in the development review process.

"Things are always pushed under the carpet," said Philippe. "We, as citizens, don't seem to get enough warning, enough help, to try to counteract

some of these things that are being pushed through."

Councilmember Ben Barrientos, with the number of Pleasanton aircraft noise complaints in mind, also suggested adding a Pleasanton and Dublin representative to the Airport Advisory Commission.

"I think we should have someone on that commission that has a voice (and) can say something," said Barrientos.

Councilmember Evan Branning also added further revisions from the dais, requiring the development policy to "discourage development inconsistent with the airport's development priorities as stated herein and in the 2010 resolution."

Clean Aviation on Hold

Many speakers at the meeting lauded a project proposed by Pete Sandhu, owner of Livermore's fixed-base operator, Five Rivers Aviation, LLC.

Sandhu hopes to install solar panels at the airport and use them to power electric and hydrogen fuel-cell aircraft, whose electric motors create far less noise than their gasoline counterparts, about the same as a normal conversation heard from across a football field.

"Electric aircraft combine practically noiseless motors with propellers that trade a few percent of aerodynamic efficiency for a literal order of magnitude in noise reduction," said Taris Keiper, a Las Positas College graduate. "Electric aircraft operating from Livermore airport will simply not be heard by neighbors."

Sandhu's project would also help fuel emission-free trucks and buses, process wastewater, and construct an educational hangar in partnership with Las Positas College to educate students about aviation maintenance.

But an airport development moratorium, in place since last September, has blocked the project from proceeding as the city waits for an airport development policy.

Lead Pollution at the Airport

Other comments on the policy, both written and at this week's meeting, have called for more aggressive efforts to phase out the use of leaded aviation fuel at Livermore.

Current aircraft engine and fuel technology, however, will not support a simple swap from leaded to unleaded aviation gasoline, according to Robyne Teslich, Vice President of Livermore's local Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 663, who spoke at the meeting.

"It's a process we're going through," said Teslich. "We have to get our airplanes certified to use the fuel; we have to get the fuel on-site, and then we can move in that direction of eliminating it completely."

In contrast to the phase out of leaded gasoline for

automobile engines that began in the 1970s, many aircraft engines require higher octane levels than those of cars, with aviation gasoline at Livermore currently providing an octane rating of 100.

While industry testing has identified octane boosters other than tetraethyl lead — the form of lead found in aviation fuel — their effects on engine durability and endurance, as well as on other aircraft components, require further testing, according to the Federal Aviation Administration. Some of these alternatives also cause health problems themselves.

"Because of formidable technical challenges, (unleaded-fuel) success has remained elusive and is by no means certain," wrote a 2021 report on aviation lead-emission reductions by the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine.

Furthermore, piecemeal bans of leaded fuel may actually generate more lead emissions, continued Teslich.

"Banning lead fuel from Livermore for sale will not eliminate the pilots flying over your houses with lead in their gas tanks because they will go someplace else and buy it, because they have to," said Teslich. "Right now, it's probably increasing because the pilots from Reid Hillview come to Livermore to buy (leaded) gas because they can't get it where they need it at home."

Early in 2022, Santa Clara County banned the sale of leaded gasoline at Reid-Hillview Airport, located in south San Jose, citing a county-commissioned study that linked elevated lead blood levels in children with proximity to the airport.

"Children exposed to lead suffer substantial, long lasting, and possibly irreversible negative health, behavioral, and cognitive outcomes," wrote the study, which also pointed to leaded aviation gasoline as responsible for one-half to two-thirds of lead emissions in the United States.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that four million people live, and 600 K-12 schools are located, within 500 meters of airports that service leaded-fuel burning aircraft.

Children within a half mile of Reid Hillview displayed blood lead level increases equivalent to about 50% of the surge seen at the height of the Flint Water Crisis, according to the study.

A national ban, however, has appeared on the horizon, although it remains some seven years away. The Federal Aviation Administration announced in 2022 its Eliminate Aviation Gasoline Lead Emissions (EAGLE) initiative that aims to eliminate the use of leaded aviation fuel nationwide by the end of 2030.

BUDGET

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cuts Heckman decried would only be implemented if the governor effected a pullback of funds related to the one-time Art and Music Discretionary Block Grant, as well as the one-time Learning Recovery Block Grant, which covers small group learning supports and other learning recovery programs. The total loss to district funding would be just over \$6.3 million if the two grants were lost.

"What bothered us the most is that our district was entitled to spend these funds as part of the governor's enacted State Budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023," Dawson said. "The money allocated to us had been budgeted and, in some cases, already spent. While indications are that those funding pullbacks will be significantly reduced in the governor's final budget, it is our fiduciary responsibility to provide a plan for a balanced budget even with the

worst-case scenario."

Dawson added the "doomsday scenario" was required by the Alameda County Board of Education.

Over the past year, LVJUSD identified the attraction and retention of staff as a key priority, resulting in board-approved compensation increases for all employees and the possibility of more competitive compensation for certificated and classified positions.

Should Newsom pull the funding, the district hopes to accomplish its tighter financial goals through attrition rather than layoffs. No changes can be made to the superintendent's salary — no matter what funding Newsom does or does not pull — without a negotiation. The same is true of all employee salaries. Dawson said they are negotiating agreements and changes in the state's contributions to the district budget would not alter approved employee agree-

ments. Any change would need to be negotiated.

"Even unexpected or unforeseen changes to our budget do not automatically trigger a reduction in any employee's salary, even the superintendent," she said.

LVJUSD Superintendent Chris Van Schaack said the district is continually assessing how best to allocate funding to most positively impact student achievement.

"We know that fully staffed schools are fundamental to providing students with high-quality instruction and the supports they need to succeed," said Van Schaack. "Making data-driven decisions around the impact and efficacy of our programs is also critical to our budgeting process, especially when we are compelled to prioritize expenditures."

For more information, or to view the budget, visit www.livermoreschools.org.

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Registration has opened for the 2023 Hope 100 Golf Marathon, above during last year's event, at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton on Monday, October 23, 2023. (Photo courtesy of Hope Hospice)

Hope Hospice Opens Golf Marathon Registration

Hope Hospice will host its annual Hope 100 Golf Marathon fundraiser at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton on Monday, Oct. 23, and is now accepting registration from golfers interested in playing and seeking sponsors.

The Hope 100 is capped at 36 golfers who set out to play 100 holes in a single day, although the challenge can be shared by more than one player.

Proceeds from the golf marathon support Hope Hospice's patient-care services, grief support center, and educational outreach programs for the public.

"Lots of people are slack jawed when they hear that our participants play 100 holes in a single day," said Marc Rovetti, the nonprofit's director of philanthropy. "But the men and women who come out for this event are some of the most golf-crazy folks I've met. They love this game, and they love [having] fun while raising money for an important local cause. It's

the best kind of win-win scenario."

Hope Hospice established the fundraiser in 2015 to honor the life of Piper Wagner, golf pro at the Castlewood course who died from lung cancer. The event also honors the late Steve Thompson, a Bay Area native and part owner of Jerry Thompson and Sons Painting in San Rafael, who played in the first 100 Golf Marathon.

To register for the fundraiser, go to [go to go to Hope100GolfMarathon.com](http://go.to/Hope100GolfMarathon.com) or call all Rovetti at 925-829-8770

The \$2,500 cost to register includes all-day green fees, cart rental, three meals, and course beverages.

FH Dailey Chevrolet in San Leandro will again sponsor a hole-in-one competition during the golf marathon, with a prize of \$75,000 towards the cost of a new vehicle from the dealership. For other sponsorship opportunities, go to Hope100GolfMarathon.com.

Dublin Free Movies Continue Friday, June 30, with 'Lightyear'

Dublin's free outdoor movie series, Picnic Flix, continues Friday, June 30, at Don Biddle Park with the 2022 Disney computer-animated, action-adventure film "Lightyear."



After spending years attempting to return home, marooned Space Ranger Buzz Lightyear, voiced by Chris Evans, encounters an army of ruthless robots who

are attempting to steal his fuel source.

The movie is rated PG and will begin at dusk, between 8:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Moviegoers are encouraged to bring low-back chairs or blankets to sit on and to dress warmly.

Vendors will be on hand to purchase meals and snacks beginning at 6:30 p.m., and the city will offer games and other activities before the movie. Pets are not allowed.

Don Biddle Park is at 6100 Horizon Parkway.

Future movies in the Picnic Flix series include "Minions: The Rise of Gru" at Dublin Heritage Park and Museums on July 7, "Encanto" at Emerald Glen Park on July 14, "Rumble" at Don Biddle Park on July 21, and "Turning Red" at Dublin Heritage Park on July 28. All movies are rated PG.

Livermore Valley Arts Resumes 'Beyond the Stage' Podcast

Livermore Valley Arts (LVA) has resumed its podcast, "Beyond the Stage," beginning with staff discussing their top picks and favorites for the recently announced 2023-2024 Bankhead Presents season.

The nonprofit, which operates the Bankhead Theater

and Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore, said podcast guests this year would include Japanese keyboarder and composer Keiko Matsui, vintage pop singer/songwriter Kat Edmonson, current members of The Four Freshmen quartet, and comedian Mike Delamont, whose cur-

rent one-man show is titled "God is a Scottish Drag Queen."

LVA created the podcast to keep the community informed about local performing arts during the pandemic. After a sporadic start in 2021, LVA resumed the podcast last year.

Hosted by LVA Executive Director Chris Carter and Marketing Director Ruth Eggherman, the podcast is available in video and audio formats on Spotify, Apple Music, and Amazon Music.

New podcasts are planned for the second Thursday of each month.

Playwright Lauren Gunderson to Discuss 'Silent Sky'

Bay Area playwright Lauren Gunderson, whose play "Silent Sky" is now being performed by the Shakespeare & Performing Arts Regional Company (SPARC) at the Darcie Kent Vineyards in Livermore, will give a preshow talk for donors on Sunday, July 2.

SPARC apprentices will also give a talk for members of the public prior to the show, which begins at 7:30 p.m.

"Silent Sky" pays homage to astronomer Henrietta Leavitt and other women at the turn of the 20th century

whose tedious, often unrecognized efforts at the Harvard University Observatory led to significant advances in stellar classification and spectroscopy.

On Thursday, June 29, SPARC will also host post-show discussions with local scientists of scientific and social issues that the play raises, and on Sunday, July 25, SPARC will celebrate Women in Science with a complimentary glass of wine and a social hour at the Darcie Kent winery, 7000 Tesla Road, Livermore, for female scientists.

"Silent Sky" runs week-ends through Sunday, July 9.

For more information, go to sparctheater.org.



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TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Now to Aug. 22 TUESDAY TUNES

The Livermore Cultural Arts Council will host concerts on the Shea Homes Stage in Livermore Plaza by the Bankhead Theater, from 6:45 pm to 8:15 p.m., on Tuesdays from June 13 to Aug. 22, with no 4th of July concert. The family-friendly series continues June 20 with "Dirty Cello," and "Frankie Bones Project" on June 27. Restarting July 11, the lineup is "LunaFish," "John and Lynn Take 2," "Chris Bradley Band," "The Hurricane Band," folk singer songwriter "Michael McNevin," "Sacred Fire," and "Jeff Bordes & Friends w/ Matt Axton." For more information, visit lcac.org.

July 30 and Aug. 27 TOUR HAGEMANN RANCH

Take a self-guided walking tour of historic Hagemann Ranch at your own pace, without the crowds, and view the renovated buildings dating from 1869. During the tour, attendees can speak with knowledgeable docents and learn the history of this unique historic site. The horses and goats will be available for visits from 2 to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, July 4 FREE CONCERT

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will celebrate Independence Day with a free concert at Noon in Wayside Park, First Street in Pleasanton. This latest look at America's freedom and evolution since the Revolution will feature a listen to top hits of the past 100 years. Bring a chair or blanket and settle down to enjoy. The Lions Club will offer a snack of hot dog, chips and drink for \$3.

Saturday, July 8 MEDICARE HEALTH FAIR

A free, comprehensive health fair for Medicare beneficiaries is happening from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Dublin Senior Center. Offered services will include Medicare Part D Assistance for money-saving prescription drug cost tips, a thorough review of medications, vaccines, blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, bone density, fall risk testing, and more. For more information, call CityServe Senior Services at 925-294-0558.

Saturday, July 8 MINNA FU 6TH ANNUAL PIANO RECITAL

AS part of Fundraiser for Music for Minors II, come and enjoy one hour of piano pieces from different musical periods by Bach, Beethoven, Liszt, Chopin, and Muczynski. A reception will follow. Admission is free. Pleasanton's Minna Fu began playing the piano at age 5 and is currently a 6th grader and choir pianist at Hart Middle School. As winner of the Livermore-Amador Symphony Orchestra Competition for Young Musicians, Minna performed as piano soloist with the Orchestra at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore in April 2023. In the same month, she also performed as soloist with the Diablo Symphony Orchestra at the Leshler Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek. For a video of prior performances, visit rb.gy/4zjta. For more information, call 925-846-6363, email szujanfu@gmail.com, or visit rb.gy/u4s77.

Monday, July 10 LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS CHRISTINE COHEN

Homestead application papers are good sources of genealogical information. Application papers often mention family members or neighbors, and previous residence as shown in dozens of papers which may include land application forms, citizenship applications, family Bible pages, marriage or death certificates, newspaper clippings, and affidavits. Christine Cohen is a long-time member of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS), and has served in many capacities, including president. The meeting takes place from 7 to 8 p.m. To register, visit rb.gy/4tgap.

Tuesday, July 11 NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Join Dublin Police Services for a Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Watch meeting from 6 to 7 p.m., at Shannon Community Center. Neighborhood Watch aims to bring together the community's interests in crime deterrence, volunteerism, and neighborhood preparedness. Neighborhood Watch is a "team" approach in which residents work with each other, with City staff, and with Police Services to reduce crime in Dublin. When neighbors organize and watch out for each other, crime is drastically reduced.

Saturday, July 15 2ND ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Mark the calendars for the 2nd Annual Car Show with cool cars, a bounce house, sensory-friendly activities, games, and more, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at Valley Community Church in Pleasanton. This is an adaptive and inclusive event for people of all ages with disabilities/special needs and their families.

Saturday, July 22 COMICCON LIVERMORE!

Join in on a day of adventure, creativity, and family fun at ComicCon Livermore! From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., this free event is an incredible day of fun and excitement featuring toy anime, face painting, a comic exhibition at the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery at The Bankhead Theater, vendors with items for sale, comic creators, science-fiction and fantasy displays, and hands-on projects to make-and-take. There's something for everyone at ComicCon Livermore! Livermore Valley Arts is located at 2400 1st St., in Livermore. For more information or tickets, visit rb.gy/o8eq0.

Sunday, July 23 HOUSE CONCERT

Saravá is a Brazilian Jazz Quartet that combines the Brazilian songbook with an American jazz sensibility. The group visits different corners of Brazilian music, including bossa nova and samba, as well as styles from the Brazilian Northeast. The event is in-person attendance and on livestream from 2 to 4 p.m. For a recent recording, visit facebook.com/SaravaGroove/videos. To request seating, email info@livermorejazzsociety.org or fill out the form at livermorejazzsociety.org/reserve-seats. If seating is available, attendees will receive a formal invitation, including the performance location. For more information, visit livermorejazzsociety.org. Suggested donation is \$20 per person, but donations of any amount are most welcome.

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

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OBITUARIES



Lawrence Huiskamp Burdick Sept. 13, 1963 – May 17, 2023

Memorial services for Lawrence Huiskamp Burdick (Sept. 13, 1963 - May 17, 2023) will be held on Friday, July 7 at 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church on Fourth and L streets in Livermore, with reception following in the Fellowship Hall.

Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. at Callaghan Mortuary on East Avenue in Livermore with burial at 2 p.m. at Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to the Glioblastoma Foundation, glioblastomafoundation.org.

Patricia Taylor Broadman



Patricia passed away on June 19, 2023, at 2 p.m. Patricia grew up on a ranch in North Livermore with her parents, Ida and Thornton Taylor, and her brother, Ted Taylor. After graduating from Livermore High School, Patricia worked at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory where she met her husband, Gene Broadman. She chose to be a stay-at-home mother to raise her children and to partner with her husband, both of which brought her great joy.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, Ida and Thornton, and her brother, Ted. She is survived by Gene, her husband of nearly 64 years, her son and daugh-

ter-in-law, Bart and Valerie Broadman, her daughter and son-in-law, Gena and Steve Zevanove, her six grandchildren – Jared, Craig, and Kiana Broadman, and Taylor,

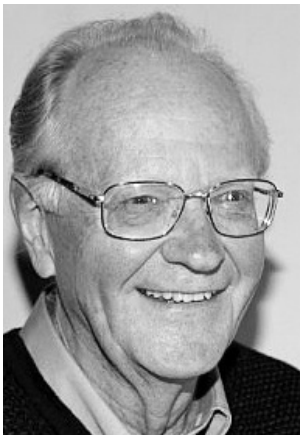
Nichola, and Sam Zevanove, along with her niece Tedi Anne Attanasio and nephew Glenn Taylor.

A memorial service will be held for family and friends on June 28 at Callaghan Mortuary on East Avenue in Livermore from 10 a.m. - noon (viewing followed by service). Patricia hoped that attendees would consider wearing bright colors.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to a favorite charity.

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

George Ingram Samstad



George Ingram Samstad passed away (peacefully, of cancer) on May 31, 2023 surrounded by those dearest to him. He was 90 years of age. Born in Loma Linda, California in 1932, he attended the University of Nevada in Reno, then went on to work for General Electric for 34 years. While on assignment in Syracuse, New York he met and married the love of his life, Grace. Shortly thereafter, he was transferred to Livermore, where he worked at Vallecitos and in San Jose in the nuclear power industry for the rest of his career.

In addition to Grace, a constant companion for 65 years, he dearly loved and felt loved by his two sons, Eric Alan Samstad, MD of Baltimore, Maryland and James Gregory Samstad, PhD. of San Diego and their caring wives Patricia and Antonieta.

During his retirement, George enjoyed many hours with his hobbies of listening to music, gardening and tinkering, but most of all being with his wife, traveling, eating out, and going to the theater.

Services with the immediate family will be private.

Bennie Dean Walker May 31, 1932 – June 19, 2023



Bennie Dean Walker, 91 of Grangeville passed away Monday, June 19, 2023, at Sringa General Hospital in Grangeville.

Bennie was born on May 31, 1932, in Williston, North Dakota to Euclaire Irwin George Walker and Myrtle Smith Walker.

He was a distinguished and talented photographer, a lover of animals and all things nature. He had a dry sense of humor with a twinkle in his eye. He was a long-time member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Grangeville.

Bennie is survived by his children; Melanie (Mark) Overby and Rob (Karen) Walker; his grandchildren, Sara May (Dan), David Bettencourt (Erienne), Kimberly Sims and Alison DiDiano

(Rob); his great-grandchildren, Jacob, Logan and Molly May, James and Nevaeh Sims.

He is also survived by his brother, Jimmy Walker (Patti) and many nieces, nephews and their families.

He was preceded in death by his love and companion in adventure, Shirley Boutwell Walker. Also preceded by brother Robert Walker and sister Darlene Luper, sisters-in-law Sandy Walker and Beverly Walker and brother-in-law Chuck Luper.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, June 24, 2023, at 10 a.m. at the Blackmer Funeral Home, Grangeville. Pastor Steven Naylor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will officiate. Burial will follow at Mount Idaho Cemetery, Grangeville. Send condolences to the family to Blackmerfuneralhome.com

Jeffrey Scott Potter Jr. July 7, 1989 – June 17, 2023



Jeffrey Scott Potter Jr., resident of Livermore, California, died on June 17, 2023, after succumbing to a long hard-fought battle with addiction. He was deeply cared for by many. His family and friends now join others in the pain and suffering of living after the painful loss of their beloved.

Jeffrey Scott was born July 7, 1989, in Livermore, California to his loving parents, Marlena and Jeff Potter. He was the oldest of four siblings; Hannah, Logan, and Zoe. He took pride in his role as an uncle to nephews Maverick, Maddox, McKade and niece Myla. Jeffrey is also survived by his grandpa Leo, grandma Potter and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Family was intensely important to Jeffrey, and even throughout challenging times his heart remained connected to those he loved.

Jeffrey began school in Tracy and graduated from Livermore High School with the class of 2007. Following in his father's footsteps, Jeffrey began an occupation

in the auto body industry and took great pride in his hard work. Jeffrey's many passions included fishing, the 49ers and spending time with family.

Although Jeffrey is no longer with us earth side, he will continue to live in the hearts of those who loved him. It brings comfort knowing that he joins his beloved Yia Yia with whom he shared a deep and meaningful connection. In addition, he is more recently proceeded in death by his paternal Uncle Roger,

who always held Jeffrey's well-being closely.

"Your children are not your children. They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself... You may give them your love but not your thoughts, for they have their own thoughts. You may house their bodies but not their souls, for their soul's dwell in the house of tomorrow..." – Kahil Gibrán

Services will be held on Friday, June 30 at 1p.m. at Callaghan Mortuary. An online guest book is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com. Burial to follow at Roselawn Cemetery. A celebration of life will take place at the Potter Home.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the miss-foundation.org, an organization providing services for those grieving the death of a child.

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

Michelle Thompson Oct. 20, 1953 – June 9, 2023



Michelle Marie (Barnes) Thompson passed away on June 9, 2023, surrounded by her immediate family, after battling pancreatic cancer for almost three years. Michelle was born in Yuba City, California, to Marie and Howard Barnes and grew up in Riverbank, California.

While a youth, Michelle made the squad team, was editor-in-chief of the school newspaper, and was crowned "Miss Riverbank"—all before graduating high school! Afterwards, she attended the Dental Assisting Program at Modesto Junior College and earned a BA from Cal State Hayward.

Michelle was married to Bill McLimans for eleven years beginning in 1973. They were blessed with two daughters, Amy and Beth. During the summers, Michelle worked graveyard shifts at Contadina Cannery to earn money while spending time with her children. Michelle was a proud Teamster.

Michelle married Greg Thompson in late-1987. The Thompsons welcomed their daughter Kit into the world a year later. The Thompsons built a home in Livermore, California. They traveled throughout the world and enjoyed exploring different countries.

Michelle loved learning and took additional classes to increase her understanding of the world, including numerous philosophy classes and

first-year law school classes. Michelle loved books; especially "The Little Prince," by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. She loved being part of a book club for many years.

Michelle had a big heart and tremendous empathy for her fellow man. She could have conversations with anyone, anywhere, at any time. She was a great listener and loved to engage in good-spirited debates. Michelle respected others and their different opinions.

Michelle loved her friends and family unconditionally. Her greatest honor in life was to be a mother and grandmother.

Michelle is survived by her husband, Greg Thompson; daughters Amy (John) Adams, Beth (Kurt) Cutler, Kit (Eamon) Mathews; stepdaughter Julie (Keith) Farnsworth; eight grandchildren; younger brothers Scott, David, and their families.

Her family will hold a celebration of life this fall.

Brian K. Hall Nov. 28, 1966 – May 16, 2023



Brian Hall passed Tuesday, May 16 after fighting for two years against gastro-esophageal cancer. He loved good wine and mountain biking and had traveled extensively. He leaves behind his parents, Jerry and Evelyn, siblings Paul and Linda, and children Jessica and Jake.

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cannabutter, powder and other marijuana products from the store's front area. The sheriff's report did not include any information about cash being taken, Modeste said.

Modeste said she could not provide any other information because the investigation remained active.

Schreiber said the Garden of Eden dispensary, which opened last year, was "the victim of extensive vandalism."

"Due to the response of the Alameda County's Sheriff's Department and our robust product storage and safety program, minimal product loss occurred, and no persons were on-site or injured," Schreiber said. "Interruptions to business operations were minimal with operations commencing in the afternoon on the same day after law enforcement's initial investigation was complete."

Darcie Kent Vineyards received approval from the East County Board of Zoning Adjustments (ECZBA)

in June 2022 to operate the Garden of Eden dispensary on the southern portion of its property. The Darcie Kent Estate Winery, including its barn tasting room and production facility, are located on the north end.

The dispensary's owners were listed as Kent's daughters, Kailyn Kent and Amanda Benjamin, with their mother serving as manager. Darcie Kent holds a Cannabis Retail Operators Permit (CROP).

The dispensary was approved to sell cannabis products, but marijuana is prohibited from being grown or consumed at the site.

During the two-year process to gain approval, the Kents revealed plans in their applications to make improvements for security, including video surveillance systems, motion detectors, burglar alarms, panic buttons, fire alarm systems and lighting.

During an inspection at the time, representatives from the ACSO offered security advice, including having

the business replace rollup doors with security-grade doors, seal off its inventory area from view, move some cameras for better views and add or replace some indoor doors.

Schreiber said that the business had implemented all of the ACSO's security upgrade suggestions – and added additional measures of their own – prior to final issuance of the conditional-use permit and well before opening.

"Eden additionally scheduled walk-throughs with patrol officers prior to opening to further ensure security buy-in for those who would respond to the site," she continued.

At the June 22, 2022 ECZBA meeting, Darcie Kent tried to allay fears the business might bring crime to the region, saying it was "important for us to preserve the quality of life for both our family and our neighbors."

"Due to all the added security and surveillance, statistics actually prove that crime drops in the vicinity

of a dispensary, and I don't think we will be any different," she said.

Darcie Kent could not be reached for comment for this article through an email sent to her husband, David. An email to Kailyn Kent was returned with an out-of-office message that said she was on her honeymoon and not available until July.

Schreiber, who works for them, said the dispensary's top priority was public safety and neighborhood protection.

"Sadly, this is a part of the growing trend of property crimes targeting grocery stores, retail locations, drug stores, and car dealerships," Schreiber said. "We call on interdepartmental county leadership to support the ACSO's investigation and bring forth any charges that may arise out of the investigation."

Schreiber said that "as a regulated cannabis operator, Garden of Eden stands in solidarity with all those regulated businesses which have been the target and

victims of robberies."

She said the business management "urges the Department of Cannabis Control and State leadership to continue and enhance their support of local jurisdictions in crime prevention and elevating these types of investigations."

"California must do more to protect its businesses and those residents who work and are served by them," Schreiber said.

At the time they approved the business permit, ECZBA members Lori Souza, Derek Eddy and Frank Imhof included a provision that would require the board to review the business after a year to make sure it was meeting all conditions for its conditional use permit, including meeting security requirements.

Souza said county planners set the agenda for the ECZBA board. Albert Lopez, the county's planning director, is on vacation and not available for comment. The board meets on the first and third Wednesdays of

each month, but the last three meetings since the burglary were not held.

Brandi Lombardi, executive director of the Livermore Valley Wine Community, said the burglary was not caused any concern among other winegrowers. Burglars targeted the sole marijuana dispensary in the area. She called it a "unique kind of isolated situation."

"Anytime there's a crime committed, people are interested and they are concerned that it's going to become a trend," Lombardi said. "On behalf of the Wine Growers Association, we do not believe this is indicative of a trend or a heightened concern that this will become a recurring incident. We do believe it's a standalone incident that is unfortunate."

Lombardi added that law enforcement "seem to be really on top of it."

"At this point, we were looking at it as an isolated incident, and continue to support those in our community that are keeping us safe," she said.



Top: A San Ramon player slides into base during the California District 57 final championship game on Friday, June 23 against Danville. Bottom: San Ramon's Bollinger Canyon All-Stars get some fist bumps and encouragement during the District 57 finals. San Ramon won against Danville's All Stars 3-1 and qualified for the Little League Intermediate World Series at Max Baer Park in Livermore from July 30 to Aug. 6. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Bollinger Canyon All-Stars Take District 57 Intermediate Title

By Phil Jensen

The Bollinger Canyon Little League Intermediate Division all-star team was able to score in one inning in the California District 57 final championship game Friday, June 23 at Max Baer Field in Livermore.

That turned out to be enough. Bollinger Canyon crossed the plate three times in the third inning, and that held up for a 3-1 victory over Danville in a pitcher's duel.

"Danville really gave us a hard time the entire tournament," said Bollinger Canyon manager Jason Crawford, whose squad ended up playing Danville in each of its last three games. Bollinger Canyon ultimately prevailed. "I was very proud of the boys and the job that they did."

Crawford also said that the team was "able to do all things well when it mattered."

Bollinger Canyon qualified for the Little League Intermediate World Series at Max Baer Park in Livermore with the championship victory. It will be the host team. The tournament is from July 30 to Aug. 6. Bollinger Canyon will open against the Southeast

Region champion on July 30 at noon.

Danville advances to the California Section 3 Tournament, which will be held at Diablo Vista Park in Danville. Its opener is June 29 at 7 p.m. against District 52.

Bollinger Canyon starting pitcher Brendan Weng was outstanding in Friday's game. In 6 2/3 innings, Weng allowed only three hits and one run, striking out 10 batters and walking two. He retired the last seven batters he faced, and his slider worked well all game. Teammate Bradley Liu needed only one pitch to set down the final batter of the game on a fly ball and earn the save.

For Danville, Colin Schmiegel also had an impressive performance on the mound. He pitched a complete-game five-hitter with five strikeouts and no walks.

The eventual game-winning rally started in the bottom of the third inning. Bollinger Canyon's Will Ngo led off with a single to right field. He stole second, advanced to third on a balk, and scored the first run of the game on another single to right field, this time by Liu.

With two outs and a runner on first, Weng produced the eventual game-winning run with an RBI triple to right field. On the next pitch, Braden Barry hit a liner down the right-field line to drive in Bollinger Canyon's final run of the game.

Danville answered in the top of the fourth. With one out, Colton Fitzgibbon lined a single to left field. He stole second, moved to third on a wild pitch, and scored on an RBI single to left by Kolten Croghan. That turned out to be the final run of the game, as pitching and defense took over.

It was the third game of the tournament that these two teams met. On June 20, Bollinger Canyon won 3-1 in the winner's bracket. Danville was victorious in its consolation-bracket championship game on June 21, and then edged Bollinger Canyon 6-5 in the overall championship game on June 22. However, the consolation bracket champion has to beat the winner's bracket champion twice to claim the championship, so a second championship game was played Friday.

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least three of the council members would recognize that this is an issue that needs more conversation," said David Stark, communications officer for the Bay East Association of Realtors. "We're concerned about unintended consequences, including potential litigation."

Realtors, agents and mortgage brokers filled the council chamber in an effort to alter the ban that will disallow any temporary sign advertising in the public right-of-way. Although primarily targeting campaign placards, the ban affects other temporary signage from open houses to lost dogs, garage sales, car washes, restaurants and holiday boutiques.

"This ordinance does not only affect the Realtors," noted Dorothy Broderick, sales manager at RE/MAX Accord in Livermore. "This was a friendly message to your residents. A lot of them don't realize that they're not going to be able to (post) their lost pet signs and that kind of thing. Please, please take another look at this because it affects the public."

Realtors initially spoke out on June 12, when no one on the council made a motion to vote on a recommendation from their staff to repeal the ban and alter the conditions for when and where signs can be placed.

Mayor John Marchand and Councilmembers Robert Carling and Evan Branning all said they were in favor of maintaining the ban. Councilmember Ben Barrientos suggested making revisions but did not make a motion to force a vote, although it did not appear he would have received a second to make that happen. Kiick, at the time, said the issue wasn't about campaign or real estate signs. She said it was about plastic and metal being placed in the public right-of-way in contrast to the city's efforts to battle climate change.

Signs, however, became an issue in November following a contentious election, in which some residents complained about political signs littering the streets.

At the time, Livermore allowed campaign signs to be placed in public rights-of-way 60 days before the early voting period for an election. Temporary

signs, both commercial and non-commercial signs, also were generally allowed in the public right-of-way in residential zones and downtown.

Livermore's staff proposed placing limitations on the days and times signs could be erected. But during the meeting, former Mayor Bob Woerner suggested it was better to ban signs altogether to avoid First Amendment issues allowing some signs over others.

The ordinance, which passed 3-2 with Carling and former Council member Gina Bonanno against, said the ban would not take effect until July 1 to allow the city's staff to seek alternatives for another vote.

The staff's new plan — which replaced the ban with restrictions on where signs could be placed and for how long, along with limitations on size and number of copies — reached the council on June 12, Carling and former Council member Gina Bonanno joined Kiick, Marchand and Branning in preferring the total ban.

On Monday, one after another, local real estate professionals begged the council to revisit the ban, which they said would affect both buyers and those trying to sell their homes.

Longtime Livermore real estate agent Mary Ann Rozsa said it was her fiduciary duty to do everything she could to bring as many people to a property as she could. She encouraged the council to "go back to the drawing boards and come up with something that will be more equitable for all of us in the real estate industry."

"I can't even imagine how many open houses that I have held. And the one of the first questions that I asked someone coming in my listing, 'How'd you find

me?'" said Rozsa, t. "Many times, it was like, 'I didn't know anything about this neighborhood. I followed your signs.'"

In addition to the real estate argument, resident Jeff Kaskey said the sign ban will affect democracy, because the campaigns of those challenging incumbents will become more expensive. They will have to use mailers. Incumbents, he said, will have an advantage.

"I know that democracy can be annoying. We don't have to be enemies, but we will disagree, and elections are where we air those differences. Please reconsider the sign ordinance and keep those elections from costing insane amounts of money and creating millions of pieces of waste," Kaskey said.

Following the public comment, Marchand asked if his colleagues wanted to discuss the ban at a future meeting. Branning and Carling said nothing. Barrientos said yes. Kiick was absent.

"So we're 2-2," Marchand said. "We need three, so we didn't get there."

Stark said the discussion likely won't end there. He said the Association of Realtors recognizes that residents were concerned about the proliferation of campaign signs during the 2020 and 2022 elections and that the council has to make policies that "balance the constitutional right of expression with community aestheticism."

Stark concluded that the ordinance, which was developed by the city over a six-month period and approved by the planning commission, achieved the right balance. The proposed ordinance limits the days and times signs are permitted in public locations.

Regional Parks Foundation Appoints New Director

Lauren Bernstein has been named the new executive director of the Regional Parks Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded to support the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD). She began her new role on June 14.

"I am honored to serve as the Executive Director of the Regional Parks Foundation," Bernstein said. "I look forward to raising much-needed philanthropic funding that will support critical Park District initiatives, as well as support our mission and work toward universal access, diversity and inclusion, and stewardship of our environment."

According to its website, the Regional Parks Foundation raises funds to support access to the EBRPD's programs for underserved children, youth and seniors. Funding also supports initiatives for land acquisition, resource protection and wildlife preservation. The EBRPD is the largest regional park district in the country, and comprises 122,278 acres in 73 parks, including over 1,250 miles of trails. It is broken into seven wards, with the

Tri-Valley mainly sitting in Ward 5 and a portion of Ward 3.

Bernstein brings a philanthropic background to the Foundation with experience in nonprofit management, strategy and fundraising. Over the past decade, she has raised millions of dollars across an array of public sector areas. As executive director, she will oversee and administer the operations of the Foundation, and lead, develop and implement program initiatives of the Foundation as well as oversee philanthropic opportunities.

Previously, Bernstein was principal of a nonprofit consulting firm and served as director of development at Glide Foundation in San Francisco, where she led a team and raised millions of dollars to support programs for unhoused individuals and families. She has also served in management and fundraising roles at Bay Area and Los Angeles nonprofit organizations.

She holds a master's degree in public administration from NYU, Wagner School of Public Service, and a Bachelor of Science

degree from the University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business.

Bernstein is an East Bay resident and frequent visitor to East Bay Regional Parks



Lauren Bernstein

and looks forward to engaging the community and supporters.

"We are pleased to welcome Ms. Bernstein in this pivotal role to lead the Regional Parks Foundation to further strengthen its mission and impact and grow its fundraising potential to benefit our parks and the generations of community members and park visitors to come," said Les Hausrath, board president of the Regional Parks Foundation.

Dublin Grad Receives National Merit Scholarship

Dublin High School graduate Mahika Anjali Krishnamoorthi has received a National Merit Scholarship from Case Western Reserve University

in Cleveland, Ohio.

Case Western is a private institution that consistently ranks among the top 50 colleges and universities in the U.S.

Krishnamoorthi was one of about 15,000 high school graduates nationwide this year to be named finalists in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship program, and one of 3,000 to receive a scholarship from a college or university. Another 4,000 finalists received scholarships from corporate sponsors.

The scholarship program is administered by the privately funded, nonprofit National Merit Scholarship

Corporate.

Every fall, about 1.6 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, with the top 0.5%, or about 16,000, named National Merit semi-finalists.

Semi-finalists must then fulfill additional requirements during their senior year, including submitting a record of their academic achievements and extracurricular activities, along with a recommendation from their high schools, to be named a finalist and become eligible for a National Merit scholarship.



Mahika Anjali Krishnamoorthi

Sterling the Bubblesmith Coming to Pleasanton

The popular interactive performer Sterling the Bubblesmith arrives at the Pleasanton Library on Saturday, July 1 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. on the front lawn. The free event is part of the library's Summer Reading Program. The program will take place rain or shine and will move to the library's large meeting room if needed. Appropriate for all ages.

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The following person(s) doing business as: 1: PMC Appraisal Services; 2: PMC; 3: PMC Realtors; 4: Perry Management Company, 11460 Winding Trail LN., Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Donald S. Perry, 11460 Winding Trail Lane, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/1/1992. Signature of Registrant/s/: Donald, S. Perry, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 27, 2023. Expires April 26, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5502. Published June 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 598155

The following person(s) doing business as: Da Boccery, LLC, 175 Vineyard Ave., Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Da Boccery, LLC, 2300 First St., Suite 220, 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/: Michael Nader, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 24, 2023. Expires May 23, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5503. Published June 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 598419

The following person(s) doing business as: Mejia Cleaning Service, 1716 90th Ave, Oakland, CA 94603 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Salvador Mejia, 1716 90th Ave, Oakland, CA 94603. 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: 1/1/23. Signature of Registrant/s/: Salvador Mejia, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 5, 2023. Expires June 4, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5505. Published June 15, 22, 29, July 6, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 598434

The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Diablos Baseball 2024, 784 Lido Dr., Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Melissa Seita, 784 Lido Dr., Livermore, CA 94550; Todd Lindgren, 1123 Norfolk Rd., Livermore, CA 94551. 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: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Melissa Seita, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 6, 2023. Expires June 5, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5506. Published June 15, 22, 29, July 6, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 598022

The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Motor Sports, 3555 First Street, Suite B, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Livermore Motor Sport, Inc., 5464 Bianca 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/: Jose Luis Alvarez Anaya, President, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 18, 2023. Expires May 17, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5507. Published June 15, 22, 29, July 6, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 598557

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Robert J. Tisdale, DVM, Inc.; 2. Fremont

Veterinary Care; 3. Fremont Pet Hospital, 43391 Ellsworth St., Fremont, CA 94539-8165 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Fremont Vet, Inc., 43391 Ellsworth Street, Fremont, CA 94539 This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/8/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Sapri Kota, General Counsel. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 9, 2023. Expires June 8, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5508. Published June 15, 22, 29, July 6, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 598550

The following person(s) doing business as: Spatial Thoughtware, 980 Riesling Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566-7220 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Pierre Bierre, 980 Riesling Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566-7220. 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/: Pierre Bierre, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 9, 2023. Expires June 8, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5509. Published June 15, 22, 29, July 6, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 598504

The following person(s) doing business as: Sunlight Optometry, 2800 Dublin Blvd, Target Optical Dublin East #F702 Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Rachel Kaneta OD LLC, 2108 N St. Ste N, Sacramento, CA 95816. 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/: Rachel Kaneta, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 8, 2023. Expires June 7, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5510. Published June 15, 22, 29, July 6, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 598597

The following person(s) doing business as: Cerebrotonia, 8070 South Lake Drive, Apt. B, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Cerebrotonic Media LLC, 8070 South Lake Drive, Apt. B, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Leticia Villarreal, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 13, 2023. Expires June 12, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5511. Published June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 598355

The following person(s) doing business as: Embarcadero Cove Marina, 31 Embarcadero, Oakland, CA 90606 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Almar Management, Inc., 2459 W

208th St, Ste 204, Torrance, CA 90501 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/: Jim Hayes, COO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 1, 2023. Expires May 31, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5512. Published June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 598314

The following person(s) doing business as: Kluball Travel, 2999 Rodeo LN, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Teri Klubal, 2999 Rodeo LN, 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/: Teri Klubal, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 31, 2023. Expires May 30, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5513. Published June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 2023.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 23CV034938

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Diana Gyle James filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name: Diana Gyle James
Proposed Name: Diana Gail Currell

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 7/25/2023
Time: 9:30 AM
Dept: 14

The address of the court is: **Alameda County Administration Building 1221 Oak Street Oakland, CA 94612**

A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation printed in this county: The Independent Newspaper 2250 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550 Dated: 6/1/2023 /s/ Steven Ashby-Anderson, Deputy Clerk. The Independent, Legal No. 5514. Published June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 598651

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. La Pinata #2 Restaurant; 2. La Pinata #1 Restaurant 2699 Merced ST, San Leandro, CA 94577 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): The Guzman

Corporation, 2699 Merced ST, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/23/1994. Signature of Registrant/s/: Alfonso Guzman, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 14, 2023. Expires June 13, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5516. Published June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 597821

The following person(s) doing business as: Codesproutsclub, 283 Summertree Dr., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Redriverport LLC, 283 Summertree Dr., Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/10/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Sangeeta Das, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 12, 2023. Expires May 11, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5517. Published June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 598618

The following person(s) doing business as: A Cut Above Catering, 658 Curlew Rd., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): JWS World LLC, 658 Curlew, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Denise Irene Williams, Managing Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 13, 2023. Expires June 12, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5518. Published June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 598526

The following person(s) doing business as: Bennie's, 45128 Warm Springs Blvd Unit 225, Fremont, CA 94539 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Congyi Wang, 45128 Warm Springs Blvd Unit 225, Fremont, CA 94539. 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/: Congyi Wang, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 8, 2023. Expires June 7, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5519. Published June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 598512

The following person(s) doing business as: A&E Motors, 27901 Huntwood Ave Apt 109, Hayward, CA 94544 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ajmal Miazada, 27901 Huntwood Ave Apt 109, Hayward, CA 94544. 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/: Ajmal Miazada, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 8, 2023. Expires June 7, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5520. Published June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 598269

The following person(s) doing business as: Jump N Play, 31169 Mission Blvd, Hayward CA 94544 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kids Hub Inc., 26520 Hayward Blvd, Hayward, CA 94542. 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/: Harjit Kaur, CEO/Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 30, 2023. Expires May 29, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5521. Published June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 598841

The following person(s) doing business as: 1922 Shop, 4546 Pisano Terrace, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Priya K. Babbar, 4546 Pisano Terrace, 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/: Priya K. Babbar, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 21, 2023. Expires June 20, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5522. Published June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 598223

The following person(s) doing business as: #1 Cloud 10 Coffee #2 Purus Skin; #3 Celderma, 3143 Independence Dr., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Purus, Inc., 3143 Independence Dr., Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Richard Burroughs, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 25, 2023. Expires May 24, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5526. Published June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 598937

The following person(s) doing business as: Camila's House Cleaning, 1263 Ora Ave, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Yolanda Castaneda Bautista, 1263 Ora Ave, 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: 01/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jennifer Bundy, Secretary/Head of Finance. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 22, 2023. Expires June 21, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 552. Published June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 598897

The following person(s) doing business as: Informed K12, 555 12th St., Ste 1670, Oakland, CA 94607 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Emics, Inc., 555 12th St., Ste 1670, Oakland, CA 94607. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 01/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jennifer Bundy, Secretary/Head of Finance. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 22, 2023. Expires June 21, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 552. Published June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 598806

The following person(s) doing business as: Diablo Stone-works, 2275 Stonebridge Road, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Joel Huerta, 2275 Stonebridge Road, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Joel Huerta, Co-Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 20 2023. Expires June 19, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5525. Published June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2023.

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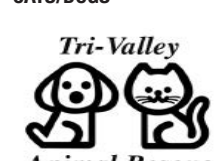
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Caltrans I-680 Road Closures Expected Through End of August

Caltrans will be closing the right-most lane of southbound Interstate 680 at various locations and times between Alcosta Boulevard in San Ramon and State Route 84 in Sunol for tree removal now through approximately late August 2023.

The closures will take place during the day between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; rain and other unforeseeable developments will cause the work to be rescheduled.

The closures are necessary in order to provide sufficient space for workers to safely remove trees and vegetation in advance of the construction of the southbound Interstate 680

express lane and pavement rehabilitation project.

That project involves building a new express lane on southbound I-680 that will stretch all the way from SR-84 to Alcosta Boulevard in San Ramon. The express lane will close the gap between existing and in-process express lanes to ease the commute for southbound I-680 commuters. It will also rehabilitate the pavement for a smoother ride.

The tree impacts will be addressed through a future landscape project currently in development. The landscape project will include scope to restore trees where

feasible and address the loss of other vegetation resulting from the project's impacts.

Caltrans is aware of the inconvenience and impacts the lane closures present to the traveling public and thanks the public for their patience as we work to improve travel on I-680. Every effort will be made to minimize impacts, however, please expect temporary inconvenience, noise and dust during construction.

Signage and California Highway Patrol officers will be on hand to guide motorists. Please drive safely and slow for the Cone Zone for the safety of Caltrans workers and other motorists.

HOUSING

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nally included in its plan submitted in January to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), where it is now being reviewed for certification. City staff revisited Boulder after June 6, when Kaiser Permanente officials notified the city that they no longer intended to dispose of its Stoneridge Mall Road property, Pleasanton's Associate Planner Megan Campbell told the council during its June 20 meeting.

The Kaiser land had been included in the city's previous Housing Element plan in 2012, because Kaiser had indicated it was interested in potentially developing housing there. A 3-acre portion of the site was rezoned to allow for a density of 30 to 40 units per acre, or up to 182 high-density units for lower income occupants, Campbell said.

Many cities, including Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore, are struggling

to meet state requirements for residents deemed lower income because of the price of housing in the Bay Area.

Although Kaiser changed its mind, dropping the 182 units in the Housing Element plan did not put Pleasanton out of compliance with RHNA's minimum percentage requirement for lower income housing availability. It did mean, however, that the city no longer had a 189-unit buffer in its plan over that level and was down to just seven units over the minimum, Campbell told the council.

Adding the Boulder Street site offered the possibility of at least 284 lower income units into the plan, building the buffer to 291 units.

RHNA requires that about 40% of new housing in the Bay Area is priced suitably for low to very low income residents. That designation applies to people earning 30% less than Alameda County's median

income, which is about \$112,000, according to the 2020 Census.

The two Boulder addresses are occupied by a construction equipment contractor and a concrete mix supplier and are considered underutilized properties, a city staff report said.

The city council voted 4-0, with Councilmember Jack Nibert absent, to approve the Housing Element swap. The change will be made along with some other minor revisions in the document before the state certifies it, Campbell said.

The council rejected an alternate plan to the Boulder site swap that instead would have added 20 parcels in the 3500 to the 3900 blocks of Old Santa Rita Road to the Housing Element. The location showed the potential for 250 units of lower income housing. It was considered underutilized, near transit and a freeway entrance, Campbell said.

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Wanda Aldrich, who owns property and a home in that area, spoke against the move, saying the elderly woman feared she might be evicted.

After city officials and council members assured the speakers that the Housing Element plan to rezone the area would not force her from her home or require her to sell her property, the council as a group dismissed including the area for potential housing anyway.

Vice Mayor Jack Balch said it concerned him that the Old Santa Rita Road site had multiple owners, and each could do something different with each parcel, creating a hodgepodge of incompatible developments.

"You could have your auto body right next to a brand-new 30-per acre housing project and then go a half a block and have a paint auto group or a tire store," Balch said.

Mayor Karla Brown said

she approved of the Boulder location, but Old Santa Rita Road had done well in studies for land that could be used for housing because of its proximity to transit and

freeways.

"I'd like to see (Santa Rita) come back, maybe some portion of it," Brown said. "I think Boulder is a good option."

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