

DA to Reopen Investigation Of a Deadly Police Standoff

By Larry Altman
REGIONAL – Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price announced Jan. 31 that she will reopen an investigation that found two Pleasanton police officers were justified when they shot and killed a knife-wielding man last year.
The probe into the Feb. 17 shooting of 33-year-old Cody Chavez will determine whether Price believes her predecessor, Nancy O’Malley, was correct when she cleared the officers of criminal wrongdoing and whether she deems charges are warranted.

The Chavez investigation addresses one of six officer-involved shootings and two in-custody deaths related to six Alameda County police agencies that Price’s newly formed Public Accountability Unit (PAU) will re-examine, her office said in a statement. In each case, O’Malley concluded the officers should not face criminal charges.
Price cited the high-profile December death of Tyre Nichols at the hands of Memphis police in the announcement of her PAU.
“We have seen many thoughts and prayers being bandied about the police murder of Tyre Nichols in Memphis, Tennessee,” Price said. “The people of Tennessee want accountability – and so do the people of Alameda County. I promised accountability. This unit and its work are the start of the reckoning Alameda County has asked for holding people accountable for their misconduct.”
Price, a civil rights attorney, was critical of the Pleasanton shooting during (See SHOOTING, page 7)

Nonprofit Aims To Improve Air Quality for Low Income Homes

By David Jen
REGIONAL – Low-income residents suffering from respiratory issues may breathe a little easier knowing that the Tri-Valley Air Quality Climate Alliance (TVAQCA) will expand its low-income box fan air cleaner program this year.
Begun in May 2022, the program distributes free TVAQCA-built filtration units – box fans fitted with MERV 13 filters – as affordable alternatives to off-the-shelf air purifiers for patients referred by alliance partners Axis Community Health, Senior Support and CityServe.
“What motivated (the box-fan program) was just feeling that we need to prepare for the next big wildfire,” said TVAQCA Director of Operations Terry Chang. “When we experienced the ones in 2018, 2019, 2020, it seemed horrendous. And on top of that, we were just coming out of COVID, so indoor air quality was on everybody’s mind.”
Funding from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), (See AIR, page 7)



Sunol Glen School students move a refrigerator during the Sunol Glen Flood Damage Cleanup Day on Feb. 4. The refrigerator was part of the debris that made its way onto the playground during the New Year’s Eve storm. Hundreds of Tri-Valley and Fremont residents came out to help cleanup the flood damage, along with local officials. The event was hosted by the office of Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Dublin Report Indicates City on Path to Recovery

By David Jen
DUBLIN — The city shared Dublin’s economic recovery efforts and new business programs at its quarterly “Live! with Dublin City Council” community meeting on Feb. 6.
Economic Development Director Hazel Wetherford showcased a city well on its way to recovery, but still feeling the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.
“We, as people, want to be done and over with COVID, but businesses are still behind on back-due rent,” said Wetherford. “They’re still having labor challenges, and a lot of people don’t know that.”
Early during the pandemic, the city launched a grant program to provide financial assistance to businesses looking to move operations outdoors.
“We were trying to help said Wetherford.
The grant funds went largely to seating, umbrellas, heaters and other outdoor infrastructure.
“Not many cities did what we did,” said Mayor Melissa Hernandez. “It was really important for me to highlight the fact that we really turned around and pivoted, and moved forward, and tried to help our businesses as much as we can, especially during the difficult times.”
The city also organized a business recovery playbook, a business recovery e-newsletter, and industry-focused (See RECOVERY, page 5)

Flying Taxis May Soon Land at Livermore Airport

By David Jen
LIVERMORE – New partnerships at Livermore Municipal Airport hope to bring to the area a new era of aviation, known as advanced air mobility (AAM), which could circumvent Bay Area traffic and quiet the skies over the Tri-Valley.
AAM refers to the group of aircraft commonly known as air taxis; small aircraft that typically use electric motors and sport vertical takeoff and landing capabilities to fly passengers short distances.
Livermore fixed-based operator Five Rivers Aviation has entered into agreements with several electric-aircraft companies to establish AAM operations at the airport.
“One company wants to do R&D (research and development); another company wants to have it as a shuttle spot – like a park-and-ride kind of spot – and another company wants to do flight training on their next generation aircraft,” said Pete Sandhu, owner of Five Rivers Aviation.
Sandhu declined to share just yet which aircraft companies are involved.
The plans also include construction of solar-powered charging stations for both battery-electric and fuel-cell-electric aircraft at the airport, though these are early in the process as well.
“At this time, the City of Livermore has not received an application from Five Rivers Aviation to provide fuel for electric and fuel-cell aircraft,” stated an email to The Independent from Livermore’s city manager’s office.
The airport’s proximity (See AIRPORT, page 8)



Performers from the Christian Youth Theater (CYT) rehearse for an upcoming production of “Five Children and It.” CYT troupe members are also preparing for the premiere of “The Battle of Boat.” Shows will debut at the end of February and early March. See the full story on page 2. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Newsom Awards Funds to Valley Rail for Upgrades

By Larry Altman
REGIONAL – Gov. Gavin Newsom last week allocated nearly \$142 million in funding to the Valley Rail Program to complete projects that include platform extensions at the Pleasanton, Livermore and Vasco Road stations to accommodate 10-car Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) trains.
According to the governor’s office, funding for the line that runs from Santa Clara County through the Tri-Valley to San Joaquin County was part of \$2.5 billion awarded to 16 public projects statewide to expand transit and passenger rail service and reduce planet-warming pollution. While similar in purpose and name, the Valley Rail Program is a different project from the Valley Link rail project, which also plans to run commuter trains through the Altamont Pass.
“The projects funded represent critical transportation and will provide alternatives to driving with access to a modernized, public transit system,” Newsom said in a statement.
Stacey Mortensen, executive director of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRR) and the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJPPA), which operates the ACE service, said the funding will “help fill funding gaps created by the nationwide supply chain and cost escalation environment.”
“We would like to thank (See RAIL, page 5)

Miley, Haubert Push for Speedy Zoning Changes for Ag Economy

By Larry Altman
REGIONAL – Two Alameda County supervisors on Monday discussed a potential timetable for implementing “Measure D 2022,” a recently approved ballot measure that South Livermore Valley winegrowers hope will help invigorate their industry and turn the region into a tourist destination.
During their Transportation and Planning committee meeting, Supervisors Nate Miley and David Haubert encouraged county staff to move quickly to write the zoning ordinance amendment that supervisors must approve to implement the East County Area Plan (ECAP) and the Castro Valley General Plan (CVGP) changes that were adopted with passage of Measure D 2022.
A public hearing was scheduled for Feb. 21 with plans to bring the zoning ordinance amendments to the Board of Supervisors for consideration at a first reading by April with full implementation of Measure D 2022 after a second reading in May.
“We’re going into the second phase since the (measure) was passed by the electorate,” Miley said. “I’m eager to help us advance this phase forward so we can begin to reap the benefits. This new ordinance is going to support the equine industry and the wine industry and other ag-related businesses.”
Spurred by support from organizations including the Friends of Livermore (FOL), Friends of Open Space and (See ECONOMY, page 4)

Home Developer Buys 30 Acres

LIVERMORE – Trumark Homes has recently purchased approximately 30 acres for roughly \$75 million to build more than 400 homes in Livermore a short distance from First Street and Interstate 580. The property is entitled for a mix of townhomes and single-family homes, according to real estate news outlet, The Real Deal. Look for more information online and in next week’s Independent.

LLNL Scientists Honored During State of the Union

By Larry Altman
REGIONAL – Fresh from the scientific milestone of achieving fusion ignition, two Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) scientists said they were honored Tuesday to represent Livermore at President Joseph Biden’s State of the Union address in Washington.
LLNL Director Kim Budil spent the evening as the invited guest of Tri-Valley Rep. Eric Swalwell, whose 14th congressional district houses the laboratory. Tammy Ma, a plasma physicist at LLNL’s National Ignition Facility (NIF), was invited by San Jose Rep. Zoe Lofgren, the ranking Democrat on the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee.
“We’re really proud to represent Livermore,” said Ma, the lead for the LLNL Inertial Fusion Energy Initiative. “It’s been decades of effort. Basically, a couple of days after the laser was invented, the idea for using them to achieve fusion ignition came about. And since then, it’s been thousands of people at Livermore but also our collaborators at the other national labs – Los Alamos, Sandia, General Atomics – and around the world to make this all come together.”
Budil shared that her invitation to the Capitol was a “really wonderful recognition of the power of science to really captivate the public imagination and to bring people together around important problems.”
“It’s just such an incredible honor to get asked to be the Congressman’s guest for this really important night for our nation,” Budil continued. “The town should feel very proud, much like when we had Livermorium named for our town. This is another great marker for Science Town USA.”
Swalwell hailed NIF for achieving fusion ignition, “potentially providing for a new clean and sustainable energy source.”
“The facility’s shot was the first controlled fusion experiment in history to exceed the long-sought scientific milestone of ‘energy breakeven’ – something no other country has been able to accomplish,” Swalwell added.
Lofgren called the accomplishment a “a remarkable advancement that moves the world closer to a future of limitless, clean energy.”
The lawmakers described Budil and Ma as “shining examples of how there is room for women to be leaders in science, and that when women lead, our country (See SCIENTISTS, page 8)

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Christian Youth Theater Set to Premiere Two New Productions This Month

By Dawnmarie Fehr

CYT (Christian Youth Theater) Tri-Valley is preparing to open two productions this month to wrap up their winter class session.

Members will stage the world premiere of “Five Children and It,” a musical written by Livermore resident Rita Cheung Baird based on the children’s book of the same title by E. Nesbit, and the west coast premiere of “The Battle of Boat,” a story of children wanting to do their part in World War I.

“Two shows are a lot of work, but we are doing it because we have grown significantly,” said Artistic Director Kristin “KW” Werder. “After our spring show of ‘Shrek’ and our fall show of ‘Beauty and the Beast,’ we noticed a big jump in our cast sizes. We are an educational nonprofit, and our goal is to give our students the opportunity to practice what they are learning, so we are growing big enough to do two shows in one session, and we are so excited

for both.”

Werder noted “Five Children and It” has a cast of 34, while “The Battle of Boat” has 20 actors, in addition to backstage crews, costume and makeup teams, and a production team. All actors are local children between the ages of 8 and 18 who have taken classes this winter with CYT.

Founded in 2014, CYT Tri-Valley is part of a national organization committed to providing family-friendly theater content. The organization offers three 10-week class sessions each year in the spring, fall and winter, and each session culminates in students staging a show using the knowledge they gained during their classes. This is the first time the nonprofit has been large enough to stage two shows after one session.

According to Baird, her adaptation of “Five Children and It” was a labor of love – born from a partiality for the story she enjoyed with her own children, and a desire to create something

special for CYT. The story is a humorous recounting of children learning to be careful what they wish for.

“When you really dig and look for things for youth theater, there’s not a lot out there, so it was really a leap of faith,” Baird said of her decision to write the musical. “I had written stories and I had written songs and some choral works, but it was a daunting task.”

Lily Yendrey is one of the actors in Baird’s musical. The 13-year-old eighth grader said she joined CYT five years ago and has enjoyed making friends and learning about the theater. She plays one of the five narrators in “Five Children and It.”

“My favorite thing about this production is I love how we have a lot of freedom with this show, and there are no expectations,” Lily said. “I love that we are making one of our director’s visions come to life because she wrote it.”

During her time with CYT, Lily said she has al-

ways participated as an actor in productions, but plans to move backstage for future shows so she can learn about other aspects of the theater.

“I really love how every show I can grow in different ways because of the characters I’m put in,” said Lily. “People should definitely see these productions because they give you something different from most children’s programs. We have a great community and it’s different from other children’s productions and any other kind of theater.”

As the group moves closer to their opening nights, Werder said she hopes the Tri-Valley will come out to support community theater and see something new on a local stage.

“The Battle of Boat” has only been performed in the United States once, in the mid-west,” she said. “It’s a charming story of youth in World War I who want to become part of the war effort and so they build a boat and try to get themselves to

France. It’s a musical that is almost entirely sung, almost like Le Mis. It is serious but has a lot of comedy in it and will grip at the heartstrings. Rita’s show is a fantasy and whimsical and meant for the whole family and light and bright and fun. There really is something for everyone

here.”

“Five Children and It” will run Feb. 23-26 and “The Battle of Boat” will run March 2-5 at The Village Theatre, 233 Front St. in Danville. For tickets, show times or more information, visit www.cytrivalley.org.

Dublin Police, Schools Warn About Assassin Game

Dublin Police Services and the Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) have issued a warning about students playing the game “Assassin,” with teams of seniors assigned targets to “assassinate” using toy Nerf-type guns that fire foam darts.

“This game is not sanctioned, supported, or approved by the district or Dublin High School (DHS),” the police and DUSD said in a joint statement. “Dublin Police Services, DUSD, and DHS administration are very concerned about the safety of students and thus, collectively, are informing parents and students about the risk associated with these activities.”

According to the state-

ment, students pay to join the game “and after several rounds and several weeks of play, the winner is the last person standing.”

The “Assassins” game has been an annual second-semester activity at some Tri-Valley schools.

“This activity is of significant concern because students have, in the past, engaged in risky behaviors for the sake of the game,” according to the statement. “Quite often, the thrill of the game can override a teen’s common sense.”

Examples of behavior in previous years considered dangerous by the police include painting or disguising weapons to make them look more realistic; reaching for concealed weapons in public places; lying in

wait behind bushes, trash cans, vehicles, or fences; trespassing or hiding on someone else’s property, often late at night; waiting for a “target” while dressed in black or camouflaged clothing; reckless driving to avoid being targeted; teens “stalking” or “hunting” their targets, jumping out of moving vehicles to attack or flee from other players; and drive-by “shootings” in a parking lot or public street.

Police said the game can “look and have all the elements of an actual threatening or violent event unfolding” to bystanders, who often call police.

“Not only does this consume significant time and resources of emergency personnel, it also jeopardizes the safety of the

community when actual threats cannot be responded to in a timely manner,” according to the statement. “Furthermore, in the eyes of a startled homeowner protecting his or her family or property, a violent response to a player is quite possible.”

“If a police officer or another person is injured during the response to that incident, the people involved, including the parents of the minor taking part, could be held liable,” according to the statement.

In addition, students may face disciplinary action if any weapons, even imitation guns, are brought onto school campuses or if the game is being played at school.

Pleasanton’s Animal Surgery Center Nears Completion

The Valley Humane Society (VHS) in Pleasanton, which is nearing completion of its veterinary surgical center on Spring Street, is asking for donations to cover the final \$150,000 of the nearly \$2 million cost.

The Phil Scholz Veterinary Surgery Center is expected to provide spay and neutering services for pet owners and rescued dogs and cats up for adoption at VHS and other animal shelters. In addition, it will

perform and subsidize other, potentially life-saving animal surgeries through a veterinary referral system when the cost is prohibitive for pet owners, reducing the number of pets given up for adoption or abandoned.

With a focus on spaying and neutering, VHS said it expects to handle up to 140 surgeries per week, significantly impacting adoption and pet overpopulation efforts in the Tri-Valley.

“The serious shortage of surgery appointments affecting our industry limits how many animals rescue groups can help,” said Jill Tucker, CEO of the California Animal Welfare Association. “California requires animal shelters and rescues to spay or neuter all animals before adopting them, but if we can’t get them fixed, we can’t send them home.”

The center will not be a full-service animal hospital or offer emergency services, according to VHS.

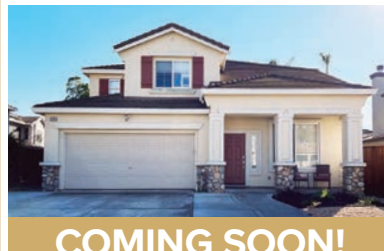
“We anticipate our clients will maintain relationships with their existing veterinarians for routine pet wellness care and diagnostic services,” said surgery center manager Tracie Cota.

The center will be named for Phil Scholz, a Pleasanton resident and pet lover who died in January 2014 while rescuing a man from the railway tracks in Santa Clara during his commute home. His wife, Emily, was a VHS volunteer and his colleagues at Nvidia raised more than a third of the total funding for the surgery center.

The surgery center is expected to be fully operational by May. To donate, visit valleyhumane.org.



Once open, the Phil Scholz Veterinary Surgery Center in Pleasanton will provide spay-and-neutering services for rescued dogs and cats up for adoption at the Valley Humane Society and other animal shelters. (Photo courtesy of the Valley Humane Society)



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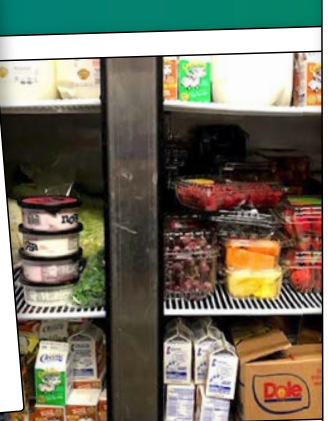
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Mayor Karla Brown installed the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for 2023 at the recent State of the Pleasanton Chamber Luncheon at The Club at Ruby Hill. (Photo courtesy of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce)

Wine Nonprofit Names New Director

Brandi Lombardi has been named executive director of the Livermore Valley Wine Community (LVWC), a nonprofit trade organization that promotes local vintners. Lombardi has worked for LVWC, previously known as the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, for 15 years and had served as interim director since January 2022. The trade association also swore in board members for 2023 to 2024 at its annual meeting. Gina Molinaro-Cardera, Garre Vineyard and Winery, will serve as president. Other officers include Karl Wenthe, Wenthe Vineyards, vice president; Kathy Liske, del Sol Winery, treasurer; and Darcie Kent, Darcie Kent Vineyards, secretary. Debbie Cristiano, Page Mill Winery, Harrison Wood, Wood Family Vineyards, Heather McGrail, McGrail

Vineyards and Winery, Heidi Rasmussen, Concannon Vineyard, Ken Wong, HLW Vineyard, and Jeff Cranor, Nottingham Cellars, were also elected to the board. Niki Wenthe, Murrieta's Well, was elected grower director, and Rhiannon Eddy, Purple Orchid Wine Country Resort and Spa, and Ian O'Leary, Spirited Packaging, were elected as affiliate directors. The LVWC also named Heather McGrail, McGrail Vineyards and Winery, as its member of the year. "It was an easy decision to award Heather as our member of the year," Lombardi said. "She has been integral in cultivating our marketing strategies while truly going above and beyond in her dedication and creativity to help us achieve our goals. We are so thankful for her partnership and commitment to LVWC."

Pleasanton to Host Teen Job Fair

Pleasanton will partner with San Ramon, Dublin, Danville, and the Dublin San Ramon Women's Club to host the annual Teen Job and Career Fair at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., on Saturday, March 4. Youths age 14 to 19 will have an opportunity to meet with local employers and apply for jobs or pick up applications from noon to 3 p.m. They are urged to dress professionally and bring copies of their resumes. The job fair will also include mock interviews and career workshops. The event is free, and lunch will be provided. For more information, call 925-931-3474 or email jmireles@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

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Local Wineries Medal at San Francisco Chronicle 2023 Competition

By Laura Ness

Once again, Livermore wineries trotted out their best specimens and were rewarded nicely at the recent SF Chronicle 2023 Competition: the largest wine event in North America with over



Darin Winton of Cellar 13 holding his gold medal wines was one of the top winners in the recent SF Chronicle Wine Competition. (Photo courtesy of Gail Henderson)

5500 entries this year. Here's a compilation of the Best of Class, Double Gold, Gold and Silver medal winners. Congratulations to all the Livermore wine-makers! Almost Famous Wine Company took two Best of Classes, one for their 2019 Monterey Sparkling, and the other for their 2022 San Francisco Bay Wine Without Borders Albarino. They scored Double Golds for the 2022 Wine Without Borders Rosé and 2021 Wine Without Borders Zin-based blend. Taking Gold medals were the 2022 Pistachio Lane Sauvignon Blanc, 2021 Wine Without Borders Primitivo, 2020 Livermore Valley Strong Silent Type Cabernet Franc, 2019 Firepit, and 2019 Livermore Valley Choreography. Scoring Silvers were the 2021 Livermore Valley Dog Day Chardonnay, 2021 Wine Without

Borders Gruner Veltliner, 2021 Firepit Pinot Noir, 2020 Firepit Cabernet Sauvignon, 2020 Bings Barn Cabernet Sauvignon. 2020 Livermore Valley Loyal To The Soil Cabernet Sauvignon and 2021 Wine Without Borders GPS. Arroyo Cellars scored Gold for their 2020 Livermore Valley Merlot: seems like 2020 was a pretty good year for that grape here. Silvers went to the Arroyo Cellars 2021 Livermore Valley White Blend, 2020 Livermore Valley Petite Sirah, 2019 Livermore Valley Cabernet Sauvignon and NV Livermore Valley Arroyo Rojo Dos, a Zinfandel-leading blend. It's nice to see Livermore Malbec get some recognition, and Boa Ventura did just that with a Gold for their 2019 Livermore Valley Malbec. They also scored

Silver for their 2018 Livermore Valley Maroon Label Cabernet Sauvignon. Darin Winton of Cellar 13 Winery brought home a well-deserved Double Gold for the 2019 Cienega Valley Cabernet Franc, from Al DeRose's vineyard. This is a special wine with significant richness, loaded with Franc spice. Winton also scored Gold for his 2019 Livermore Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, and Silvers for the 2021 Livermore Valley Albarino, 2018 Livermore Valley Cabernet Sauvignon and the 2018 Livermore Valley Tsogadu Merlot-leading blend. Charles R Vineyards brought home two Golds: one for the 2021 Livermore Valley Reserve Chardonnay and the other for the 2019 Wild Boar Red Wine from the Tracy Hills. The Charles R 2018 Livermore Valley Cabernet Sauvignon scored

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Race to the Flagpole Winners Announced

The Livermore-Granada Boosters recently announced the winners of the 14th annual Race to the Flagpole, which was held on Saturday, Jan. 28.

Eshaan Singh of Livermore won the 10K men's division with a time of 34.04, while Meagan Syal of Livermore won the 10K women's division with a time of 41.38. Hastin Chen of Livermore was the winner in the men's 5K with a time of 16.42, while Jana Barron of Livermore won the women's 5K division with a time of 18.26.

Elementary school winners were Cate Lillie, from Arroyo Seco School in Livermore, with a time of 24.48 in the girls division, while Eli Hernandez, from Sunset Elementary in Livermore, won the boys division with a time of 18.06. Middle school winners were Jordon Mattern, from Mendenhall Middle School in Livermore, in the girls division with a time of 21.41 and Dillon Walker, of Our Savior Lutheran, in the boys division with a time of 18.34. In the elementary school one-mile fun run Cate Lillie was the girls winner with a time of 8.49, while John Breneman was the boys winner with a time of 8.35.

More than 400 runners competed in the Race to the Flagpole. Proceeds from the race go to the Livermore Granada Boosters scholarship program for student-athletes at Livermore and Granada high schools in Livermore.

RECOVERY

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business roundtables to engage and educate local businesses.

“There were so many businesses that were not aware of what were their next steps,” said Hernandez. “This was something that they had never been through ... so they were having to re-navigate their business plans.”

With 33,000 residents currently employed in the city, Dublin’s unemployment rate has returned back to its pre-COVID rate of 2.4%, compared to the 4.8% peak seen during the pandemic.

And on top of funding assistance, the city launched incentive programs, such as the Taste the World in the Dublin Passport Campaign, holiday gift guide, and business spotlight series.

A new, city-wide loyalty rewards program will also seek to encourage spending. Managed through the soon-to-be-launched Dublin Marketplace app, the program will allow participants to collect reward dollars when shopping in the city. These

reward dollars, in turn, may then be spent at other businesses throughout the city.

The rewards, explained Wetherford, will come at no cost to the businesses, as the city will use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars to subsidize the incentives.

ARPA, signed into law in 2021, provided federal funds to stimulate the economy during the COVID-19 pandemic. According to a US Treasury allocation document, Dublin received \$7.1 million in funds through the relief effort.

Wetherford highlighted upcoming new businesses in the city, including the H Mart grocery store, the Serendipity Labs coworking space, and the VinFast electric car manufacturer.

Hernandez also reiterated the council’s goal to establish a Dublin downtown area with concentrated shops and restaurants.

“We will get our downtown Dublin accomplished,” she said.

The city plans to hold its next “Live! with Dublin City Council” on April 3.

RAIL

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the administration for its continued support of passenger rail,” Mortensen added. “It is our mission to deliver on these projects to bring increased sustainable transportation to the San Joaquin Valley and our neighboring regions.”

The \$1.6 billion Valley Rail project aims to improve passenger rail service between the Central Valley, Bay Area and Sacramento regions. ACE currently runs four morning westbound trains and four evening eastbound trains from Stockton on the east through the Tri-Valley and Fremont to San Jose.

“The projects funded represent critical transportation and will provide alternatives to driving with access to a modernized, public transit system.”

– Gov. Gavin Newsom

Trains have one or two locomotives and up to eight coaches. About 8,900 passengers use the line each weekday; additional train cars will allow for increased ridership.

Funding will also be used to build a longer platform at the Lathrop/Manteca station, and to complete new stations in Natomas, Elk Grove, North Natomas, Manteca, Modesto, Ceres and Madera.

In addition, money will go toward Valley Rail’s Stockton Diamond Grade Separation project, where two busy rail lines south of Stockton will be separated by an overpass that elevates one track.

The money comes from the Transit and Intercity Passenger Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) to fund passenger rail throughout the state. So far, Valley Rail has received more than \$1 bil-

lion in funding from TIRCP and other state legislation.

“SJPPA and SJRRC are receiving supplemental funding to bring the most critical project components of the Valley Rail Project to fully funded status, maintaining significant federal discretionary funding committed to the project and providing the opportunity to leverage additional federal funds,” the governor’s office said.

The governor also awarded \$250 million to the Transbay Corridor Core Capacity Program (TCCCP), BART’s plan to operate 10-car trains

million metric tons over 50 years.”

Other projects receiving funding last week included \$375 million for the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority’s BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension project to bring BART service to downtown San Jose and Santa Clara; and \$367 million for the Peninsula Corridor Electrification project to electrify Caltrain rail service and to acquire new trains to improve service between San Francisco and San Jose.

Funding also was awarded to projects in Los Angeles, Sacramento, Santa Barbara, San Diego, San Bernardino and Sonoma counties.

“These historic investments in transit and intercity rail projects will help get these transformative

projects over the finish line and into operation so the people of California can enjoy more of the mobility, safety, environmental and equity benefits that come with riding transit,” California Transportation Secretary Toks Omishakin said.

More funding is expected to be allocated for projects in April.

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Kersting Elected Vice Chair of ACS Division Of Nuclear Chemistry and Technology

The American Chemical Society (ACS) recently elected Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory’s (LLNL) Annie Kersting to serve as vice chair of the Division of Nuclear Chemistry and Technology for a three-year term.

The term is delineated by three assignments, where Kersting will serve her first year as vice chair, her second year as chair, and her third year as program chair. Some of her responsibilities will include supporting the chair, attending executive committee meetings, ar-

-ranging symposia and making financial arrangements for the upcoming national meetings. The position started the first of January.

“I’m excited to serve in this capacity and hope to increase awareness for students and faculty about careers and research opportunities at the national laboratories,” Kersting said.

Kersting originally joined LLNL as a postdoctoral fellow in 1992 and has gained more than 25 years of research experience at the intersection of chemistry, geology, environmental and nuclear science. She currently serves as program manager of the tri-lab-Israeli program in subsurface science in LLNL’s Non-proliferation Research and Development Program and is the technical co-manager of the BioGeoChemistry at Interfaces Scientific Focus Area in the Biological and Environmental Research Program in the Office of

Science. Additionally, Kersting mentors early-career staff scientists, postdoctoral fellows and graduate students conducting research in environmental radiochemistry.

Her current research focuses on the geochemical mechanisms that control actinide transport in the soil and groundwater with a focus on understanding how nanoparticles facilitate transport of contaminants in both saturated and unsaturated environments. She earned her bachelor’s degree in geology from the University of California, Berkeley, and her master’s degree and Ph.D. in geochemistry from the University of Michigan.

One of the world’s largest scientific societies, the ACS was founded in 1876 and counts more than 155,000 members at all degree levels and in all fields of chemistry, chemical engineering and related fields.



Annie Kersting

State Parks Promotes Free Passes Program

California State Parks is promoting three innovative ways for residents to enjoy state parks.

Californians can now check out California State Parks Library Passes at their local libraries, providing free day-use entry to 200 state parks. In addition, families enrolled in the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility for Kids (CalWORKs) program, individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and income-eligible California seniors 62 and over can apply for a Golden Bear Pass, also valid for 200 parks.

Fourth graders are also eligible to receive a free, one-year California State Park Adventure Pass to 19 participating state parks.

“Spending time outside can be tremendously beneficial to a person’s mood, stress levels, and overall well-being,” said Jennifer Siebel Newsom, the wife of Gov. Gavin Newsom. “The Adventure Pass, Library Parks Pass, and Golden Bear Pass give Californians increased access to our beautiful state parks and all of the benefits that come with time spent in nature.”

The California State Park Library Pass program was launched in April 2022 with 5,000 passes distributed

to 1,184 public libraries across the state. As part of a three-year pilot program, each library received at least four special day-use hangtags for cardholders to check out for the number of days set by the local library. An additional 28,000 library passes are being distributed this year, according to California State Parks and the California State Library, bringing the average number of passes available at each branch library to 24. The program is also being expanded to include tribal libraries throughout the state.

Each pass is valid for entry of one passenger vehicle, with up to nine people, or one highway-licensed motorcycle, at participating state parks. The program also includes funding for libraries to host programs and conduct outreach in their communities to promote the passes, state parks, and the benefits of the outdoors. This is also the second year of a three-year State Park Adventure Pass pilot program for fourth graders and their families. Thus far, more than 26,000 families have made use of the one-year passes, according to the California Natural Resources Agency.

Adventure Passes are available online at Re-

serveCalifornia.com, by calling 800-444-7275, or at any State Parks Pass Sales Office. The pass for this school year’s fourth graders is valid through Aug. 31.

The Golden Bear program was created in 1977, but was relaunched last spring when State Parks and the California Department of Social Services made it easier for CalWORKs families to receive the free, annual passes. The agency notified 300,000 families enrolled in CalWORKs about the parks program and the health benefit of spending time outdoors.

“Outreach efforts to reach eligible recipients have proven successful, as more than one in 10 families receiving CalWORKs benefits have already received their Golden Bear Pass,” said Department of Social Services Director Kim Johnson.

Since the relaunch, the state has issued more than 35,000 Golden Bear passes. Individuals receiving SSI payments and low-income adults 62 and over can also apply for year-round Golden Bear Passes, and all state residents 62 and over are eligible for a limited, off-season Golden Bear Pass.

For more information on all three state park pass programs, visit bit.ly/3fzOt7j.

Food Bank Receives Semi-Trailer of Supplies

One Nation Dream Makers, a nonprofit food bank in Livermore, recently received a 40,000-pound, semi-trailer delivery of food and other provisions from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

The delivery, which arrived on Monday, Jan. 31, included 24 pallets of cream of chicken soup, chili, flour, powdered milk, macaroni, pasta sauce, corn, green beans, peanut butter, and laundry soap.

One Nation Dream Makers, based in an old Livermore fire station, “rescues”

and distributes surplus or outdated food from local retailers. It also shares resources with other food pantries, including Tri-Valley Haven in Livermore and St. Raymond Catholic Church and Hively in Dublin.

The Utah-based Latter-Day Saints operates farms, canneries, dairies, and processing plants for its own food program. It shares any surplus with food pantries or to help disaster victims.

“We thank God for providing a timely delivery of

incredible food to increase our ability to do more for more of our community troops that are in big time need,” said One Nation Dream Makers founder Ronnie Forbes.

Forbes, whose nonprofit also operates a warming center in Livermore for the homeless during cold and rainy weather, recently received the MLK Legacy Award for his community service at the Martin Luther King Jr. Fellowship Breakfast sponsored by the Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative.

Regional Park District to Host Virtual Job Fair

The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) will host an online job fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11, for youths from 15 to 24 who may be interested in part-time seasonal or year-round employment.

“The district is proud to employ students in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, staffing approximately 300 seasonal positions every year,” said Janelle Rodrigues, head of

EBRPD workforce development. “There are some really phenomenal opportunities for young people to gain professional experience and pathways to careers in the district.”

The Zoom-based Virtual Youth Job Fair will include an overview for several positions, including interpretive student aides, public safety student aides, recreation leaders, lifeguards, gate attendants, and student

laborers. There will also be presentations on such topics as the application and interview process; job skills; park locations, facilities, and offices; and career pathways.

Registration is required. Participants are being encouraged to have their cameras on and to dress as if they were attending a job fair in person.

For more information or to register, visit bit.ly/40BINBx.

First 2023 West Nile-Positive Mosquito Found

A mosquito collected from western Union City has tested positive for West Nile virus, according to the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District.

This is the county’s first indication of West Nile virus this year, according to the abatement district. The mosquito was tested at the district laboratory in Hayward on Jan. 31.

“This is an unusually early start to the West Nile virus season in Alameda County,” said General Manager Ryan Clausnitzer. “Given the large amount of rain we had at the end of 2022 and the beginning of this year, there are more opportunities for mosquitoes to lay their eggs and reproduce rapidly.”

The district said it is increasing monitoring and larval control efforts throughout the area where the virus-positive mosquito was discovered. That includes identifying areas of standing water where mosquitoes may breed, such as catch basins, storm drain systems, and swimming pools.

“We need the public to help by reducing mosquito breeding sites,” Clausnitzer added. “Dump and drain or tightly cover containers that have standing water to reduce mosquitoes around your house and workplace.”

The district asked that residents in Alameda County report any swimming pools that are not being properly maintained so they can be treated. Neglected swimming pools continue to be a mosquito breeding issue in Alameda County.

The district also offered the following guidelines to reduce the risk of people contracting mosquito-borne diseases:

Dump or drain standing water since mosquitoes need water to develop.

Limit outdoor activities at dawn and dusk when mosquito activity is at its peak.

Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts to protect against mosquito bites and apply insect repellent containing EPA-registered active ingredients such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

Repair tears or holes in door and window screens.

West Nile virus can be transmitted to people and animals through the bite

of an infected mosquito, and one in five people who are infected will develop symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, or rash, according to the district, although less than one percent will develop a serious neurological illness such as encephalitis or meningitis.

There is no known cure for West Nile virus and anyone who develops symptoms should seek medical care, according to the district, especially those over 50 and people with compromised immune systems, who are at increased risk of serious complications.

Horses are also susceptible to West Nile virus, according to the district, although vaccines are available. Horse owners should contact their veterinarians regarding vaccinations.

County residents can also request mosquitofish for their ponds, horse troughs, or neglected swimming pools at the district office, 23187 Connecticut St., in Hayward.

For more information or to request abatement district services, visit mosquitoes.org or call 510-783-7744. For West Nile virus symptoms, prevention, or testing, call 510-267-8001.



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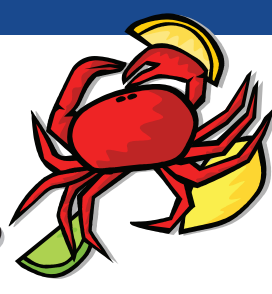
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SHOOTING

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her successful campaign to replace O’Malley, who retired. Following the shooting, she called for California Attorney General Rob Bonta to conduct an independent investigation, but he declined.

O’Malley’s office released its final report in December, shortly before Price took over. At the time, O’Malley’s office said she had signed the report, but that a new District Attorney had the power to revisit the case.

In her announcement, Price said the dispositions of the Pleasanton shooting and two others were released at the “11th hour,” just weeks before she took office.

“As the top prosecutor, I want to give each case a thorough review to ensure justice has not been forgotten,” Price said. “I’ve made sure that my office has attempted to reach out to each of the families of the deceased. The healing process cannot begin until we do our due diligence.”

Chavez’s death concluded a nearly four-hour standoff with police officers trying to coax him out of an apartment at Willow Road and Owens Drive. Chavez holed up in his girlfriend’s residence after assaulting her and threatening her during the night.

The lengthy District Attorney’s report, which included officers’ statements and witness accounts, said the girlfriend called police shortly after Chavez allowed her to leave in the morning. Officers and the department’s special weapons team surrounded the unit, but Chavez refused their efforts to get him to leave.

Officers eventually used a battering ram to open the door and sent a robot with a video camera inside. Police said Chavez could be seen with a knife.

Recorded on police body-worn cameras, as well as television news cameras, four police officers broke a side window about four

hours into the standoff to allow a drone into the unit. Pleasanton officers Brian Jewell and Mario Guillermo covered them from the front, while another officer, Anthony Repetto, stood nearby with a shotgun that fired bean bag rounds.

Chavez, carrying the knife, exited the front door. Officers ordered him to drop the weapon, but he ignored them, walked a few feet from the front porch and turned toward the officers near the window.

Repetto fired two bean bag rounds at Chavez, but they had no effect when they hit him. Chavez took a quick step toward the officers at the window and came to within eight feet of them.

As another officer fired less lethal projectile rounds at Chavez, Jewell and Guillermo opened fire with their rifles. Wounded, Chavez collapsed and died.

The DA’s report said that each officer testified that he fired because he believed that Chavez was going to reach his colleagues with his knife.

District Attorney’s Office officials concluded Jewell and Guillermo’s use of deadly force was necessary and “clearly reasonable” because they feared for the safety of their fellow officers.

Besides reopening the Pleasanton case, Price’s PAU will take a fresh look at two Hayward police shootings involving Caleb Smith in 2021 and Augustin Gonzalez in 2019; the shooting death of Joshua Gloria involving Fremont police officers in 2021; and the Oakland police shootings of Mack Jody Woodfox in 2008 and Andrew Moppin-Buckskin in 2007.

The inquiries also will look at the deaths of Mario Gonzalez, who died following a physical altercation with Alameda police officers in 2021; and Vinetta Martin, a mentally unstable woman who hanged herself with a bedsheet while held at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin in

2021. According to reports, Martin was kept in isolation and not checked on for nearly five hours. Deputies found her alive, but she died later at a hospital.

Price, who ran on a campaign of police accountability, asked each department involved to return evidence in their cases to the District Attorney’s Office.

The DA’s Office said Price’s PAU is “tasked with holding law enforcement and public officials accountable for misconduct.” The unit will be housed under a Civil Rights Bureau that also will look into whether prosecutors failed to provide exculpatory evidence to defendants and defense attorneys in criminal cases; and whether any cases against defendants resulted in convictions or sentences based on racial bias.

“Madam DA has heard the voices of the community when she was elected to this office and has put her vision for police accountability into action,” Senior Assistant District Attorney Kwixuan Maloof, who heads the PAU said in a statement. “A reopening of these cases does not guarantee charges will be filed, but will give this office and my team time for a thoughtful review and to leave no stone left unturned.”

The Pleasanton Police Department did not respond to a request for an interview regarding the DA’s action. The department previously announced it had conducted an administrative review of what occurred during the standoff and determined officers complied with department policies.

The Pleasanton Police Officers Association also did not respond.

Mayor Karla Brown said she had no comment.

Price did not include the 2018 death of 38-year-old Jacob Bauer on her list of cases for review. Bauer, who was mentally ill, died following a struggle with Pleasanton police officers,

who restrained him and shot him with Taser guns. He repeatedly said he could not breathe. O’Malley cleared the officers, calling their actions reasonable.

The city settled a lawsuit filed by his parents for \$5.9 million, the largest payout in the department’s history.

The DA’s Office said it will announce further reviews if they happen.

“As the District Attorney, DA Price has the authority to review officer-involved shootings and/or in-custody deaths,” spokesperson Angela Ruggiero said. “The Office is continuing to review cases to decide whether or not to recall evidence. Our

goal is to notify the victim’s families and our law enforcement partners before issuing any type of public statements.”

The move to reinvestigate the cases occurred during a busy month for the new DA. According to published reports, Price placed several veteran prosecutors on leave with an intention to fire them, fired two inspectors, and dropped the special circumstances against a suspected serial killer David Misch, a convicted murderer tied to the killings of two women in Fremont in 1986 and 9-year-old Michaela Garecht in Hayward in 1988.

In addition to filing

murder charges, O’Malley charged Misch with special circumstances allegations in the slayings, including committing multiple murders, which could have resulted in a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole or the death penalty – not being carried out under Gov. Gavin Newsom.

During her run for office, Price told The Independent she believed every defendant deserved a chance at parole.

Other veteran prosecutors left the office following Price’s arrival, including her opponent, Terry Wiley, who was second in command under O’Malley. He retired.

AIR

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through the James Gary Smith Community Grant Program, made the air-cleaner program possible. The grant program aims to improve air quality in the Bay Area, especially in environmental justice communities.

Chang said the program has distributed 90 units so far and has parts for another 50 units for their college-intern team to build.

Founded in 2020, TVAQCA focuses on understanding air-quality issues in the Tri-Valley and engaging with the community to identify solutions for those problems.

This year, the nonprofit organizations also partnered with Partners for Change in the box-fan program. This Tri-Valley nonprofit focuses on equipping people to improve their own economic situations.

“We’re hoping to bring the parts to the community and build it with them, so this is not only an outreach effort, but really empowering people to respond to climate disruption,” said Chang.

While not as effective as a HEPA-level air cleaner, the California Air Resources Board does recommend running the do-it-yourself box-fan setup during wildfires if commercial air cleaners are unavailable.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, MERV 13 filters will remove up to 85% of particles between one and three microns in size. Particles of wildfire smoke tend to be 2.5 microns or smaller.

“There’s a lot of other indoor pollutants that this filter can help with as well,” said Chang. “Anyone who has asthma (or) respiratory issues can benefit from having it on, even if it’s not a wildfire event.”

Other TVAQCA engagement efforts this year will

center on federal funding made available through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Signed into law last August, the IRA promises some \$43 billion for consumer incentives, making household-level climate solutions – such as rooftop solar, home batteries, electric vehicles, heat pumps and induction stoves – more affordable.

That money, however, must trickle down through state and city governments before reaching consumers, said TVAQCA Treasurer Van Rainey.

“We haven’t seen what that result will be because,

basically, everybody’s trying to figure it out, but say by the middle of the second quarter, we should have a really good handle on what people can do to take advantage of the IRA,” he continued.

The TVAQCA team will work with cities to “sort through the myriads of incentives and rebates that are coming our way and hopefully, find a way to make it more readable or accessible to the regular citizen,” said Chang.

Residents can learn more about TVAQCA activities on their website at tvaqca.org.



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The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has authorized an earlier distribution of California Climate Credits to help offset higher energy bills for residential customers because of increases in natural gas prices this winter.

The credits, which provide ratepayers with their share of the benefits from the state's cap-and-trade program, are usually distributed twice a year, in April and October. However, the PUC directed energy companies to apply the first round of credits as soon as possible.

Pacific Gas & Electric

said last week that customers could see the credit on their bills as early as this month.

"This credit is great news for PG&E customers, who are likely noticing higher than average bills," said Vincent Davis, PG&E vice President of Customer Operations and Enablement.

PG&E the credit would amount to \$52.78 for natural gas customers and \$38.39 for electric customers. Residential customers who receive both services will see a total credit of \$91.17.

According to the utility, the automatic credit will appear under the Adjust-

ments Section on the Detailed Charges page of the customer's bill.

California requires power plants, natural gas providers, and other large industries that emit greenhouse gases to buy carbon pollution permits at auctions managed by the California Air Resources Board. Customers share in the proceeds from the state's program, which is designed to help fight climate change. Customers do not need to do anything to receive the credit.

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SCIENTISTS

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succeeds."

Budil reported that a number of women were involved in the technical team responsible for the ignition success. In the past, women were underrepresented in the field.

"It's really exciting to have so many incredible women in our scientific workforce working on these important problems," Budil said. "In Livermore, a fair fraction of our leadership team currently are women, which is a very unique experience for us ... I've spent my whole career in science. I'm a physicist, and in the national security community, and it's often

been my experience to be the only woman in the room. To arrive at this moment with this community of women, as part of this incredible achievement, is really wonderful and affirming."

Ma added that it was a huge honor to be the congress members guests, and "to look forward to see what we can do with fusion energy for the future, for the U.S. and the world, because it is a clean, essentially limitless energy source."

"We need to capitalize on what the U.S. has done so far, and use it to maintain that leadership and provide this energy source for the world," Ma said.

U.S. Rep. Mark DeSaulnier, who represents a primarily Contra Costa County district that includes a part of Dublin, invited Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) Interim Chancellor Mojdeh Mehdizadeh as his guest. DeSaulnier serves on the House Education and the Workforce Committee.

"Interim Chancellor Mehdizadeh has led 4CD in supporting students of all walks of life, valuing diversity, and preparing a new generation of leaders, and I am pleased to have her join me to hear the president lay out his vision for expanding access to education in this country," DeSaulnier noted.

AIRPORT

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to a planned Valley Link rail station and a water treatment facility makes it an ideal location as both a transportation hub and a hydrogen generation facility, said Sandhu.

He envisions a Jetsons-esque "Uber of the sky" service, where individuals will be able to order a car to drive them to the airport, take an air taxi to zip over traffic, and then meet another car at their destination airport to complete the journey.

"This is something that would be affordable enough for riders to take on a regular basis," continued Sandhu, pointing to the cost savings of solar-generated electricity over fossil fuels, and of lower-maintenance electric motors over their piston counterparts. He said that

While battery-electric air taxis with ranges around 150 miles could service smaller trips, larger, longer-range electric airplanes powered by hydrogen fuel cells could also operate out of Livermore and fulfill a complementary set of missions, explained Sandhu.

"Those have the potential of going further distances," he continued. "They're talking between five and 1,500 miles with between 20 and 50 passengers. ... That would be a perfect solution to Palm Springs, Truckee Vegas, Southern California, Seattle, even as far as Denver."

Although promising, electric vertical takeoff and landing aircraft remain in their infancy, with the FAA

"We're looking at saturating every nook and cranny of the airport with solar panels."

—Pete Sandhu, Owner of Five Rivers Aviation

while the prices haven't been published yet, the cost will be competitive with a regular Uber ride.

The AAM sector "has the potential to achieve the Biden-Harris Administration's vision of transportation that is more efficient, more sustainable, and more equitable, while creating thousands of great jobs," according to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) website.

Five Rivers also began discussions with the city to install solar panels at the airport with the intent to power the air taxis wholly on solar power. If implemented, electric aircraft operating out of Livermore Municipal would emit no greenhouse gasses.

"We're looking at saturating every nook and cranny of the airport with solar panels," said Sandhu.

Transportation in the United States out-polluted all other sectors in 2020, claiming responsibility for 27% of the country's greenhouse-gas emissions, more than electric power, industry, buildings or agriculture, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Electric aircraft would also produce less noise than their fossil-fuel counterparts.

still in the process of deciding what rules will govern commercial passenger operations in the space.

The administration, for example, released updated guidelines last September on vertiport design — designated takeoff and landing areas — aimed to accommodate this new generation of aircraft. The guidelines included critical updates to topics such as touchdown area shape and size, visual aids, and safety standards around charging infrastructure.

And last December, it published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that would bring AAM into its scope of authorized operations.

Sandhu, although unable to provide a firm timeline for the solar project, pointed to past Livermore permitting processes taking 12 to 18 months. He hoped, however, that excitement around the project might expedite those figures.

"Livermore has always been a center for innovation and alternative energy, with the fusion, and we look forward to leveraging that creative environment for making the next generation of aviation — pioneering the next level," said Sandhu.

TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Now to Thursday, Feb. 23

CACTUS CORNERS SQUARE DANCING LESSONS

Cactus Corners, a nonprofit, is offering free square-dancing lessons to new dancers. Anyone age 8 and up is invited to this great activity for the entire family. Meetings take place on Thursday, Jan. 12, 19, and 26, and Feb. 2, 9, 16, and 23, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at 2253 5th Street, in Livermore, between south J and south I streets. This is at 5th Street School (now Del Valle Continuation High School). For more information or to be placed on the class notification list, email Margaret at mmiller1435@gmail.com or call 925-447-6980.

Thursday, Feb. 9 to Sunday, Feb. 12

PLEASANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S SUPERBOOK WEEKEND: BOOK AND MEDIA SALE

Over the Superbowl weekend, the Pleasanton Public Library will host the Superbook Weekend: Book and Media Sale, at 400 Old Bernal Avenue. The event will feature books for all ages, DVDs, and CDs — all in nearly new condition; and a 10% discount on book sale purchases, except for Sunday's bag sale, at which bags of books will be only \$7. New memberships and renewals are encouraged. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own boxes and bags. Payment options include cash, credit, or debit card. The event runs Thursday, from 2 to 7 p.m.; Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit friendsofthepleasantonlibrary.org.

Saturday, Feb. 11

LIVERMORE VALLEY OPERA PRESENTS THE ITALIAN AFFAIR

Be transported into an Italian dream for one night of glamour, fun, and drama at Livermore Valley Opera's The Italian Affair. The event will feature music and entertainment at Pleasanton's beautiful Club at Ruby Hill, located at 2400 Ruby Hill Drive, in Pleasanton. This magical evening begins with a sparkling wine reception, tasty hors d'oeuvres, games of chance and a musical concert featuring the three principal artists of Tosca. Purple and gold attire is encouraged for the glamorous night with black tie as optional. The event takes place from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are available at lvopera.com with a selection of reserved table seating options, such as Dine with a Diva or Divo. Deadline for purchasing tickets is Feb. 10.

Monday, Feb. 13

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS SARA COCHRAN

From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Sara Cochran will present "Shaky Leaf Syndrome: Using Website Generated Hints More Effectively." Learn how to use indexing, optical character recognition, and computer algorithms to make finding obscure records easier than ever. Cochran is a full-time professional genealogist with more than 28 years of research experience and holds a Boston University genealogical research certificate and a bachelor's degree in library science. The presentation is free. To register, visit bit.ly/3H3fON6. For more information, email program@L-AGS.org.

Thursday, Feb. 16

BRIGHT FUTURES FOR WOMEN CAREER SERIES

AAUW-Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin presents three Zoom sessions featuring a panel of professional women sharing their career experiences, from 7 to 8 p.m. The third of three sessions, it will feature Jessica Blois, a paleoecologist and associate professor at UC-Merced; Marylou Manzo, a mechanical technologist at LLNL; and Kyndra Cleveland, a developmental psychologist and lawyer. To register, visit bit.ly/BrightFutures3. The cost is \$5 per session. For more information or to request a fee waiver, email girlprograms@aauw-lpd.org.

Saturday, Feb. 18

RESPIRE AND PARENT RESOURCE SESSION

Join in from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Valley Community Church to hear from Joni & Friends about their incredible family retreats that are truly a vacation for everyone. The Parent Resource Session will run until 11:30 a.m. in the upstairs seminar room. Light refreshments will be served. Respite will be until 1 p.m. for people of all ages with disabilities. Respite is filled with adaptive activities, fun, and quiet space, and all are hosted by a trained team. Neurotypical siblings are welcome to join. A light lunch will be served. Valley Community Church is located at 4455 Del Valle Parkway, in Pleasanton. Attendees are not required to participate in both events to attend or volunteer. To register or for more information, visit bit.ly/3Jn23LN.

Saturday, Feb. 18

BINGO BASH

Bingo Bash is back at Pleasanton's St. Augustine's Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave. Doors open at 6 p.m., and games start at 6:30 p.m. The price is \$10 per card, and pizza, snacks and beverages will be available. Seating is first come, first served. Prizes and raffles will be awarded. For more information, call 925-519-0435.

Saturday, Feb. 18

DANIEL GLOVER PERFORMS TO BENEFIT VALLEY CONCERT CHORALE

Experience a special musical event when concert pianist Daniel Glover performs musical selections of Rachmaninoff in celebration of his 150th birthday. Then concert takes place at 7:30 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, located at 2020 Fifth St., in Livermore. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased in advance at valleyconcertchorale.org. Proceeds from the performance will benefit the Valley Concert Choral. For more information, visit valleyconcertchorale.org or call 925-866-4003.

Saturday, Feb. 18

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS PRESENTS BETSY GRAZIANI FASBINDE

Betsy Graziani Fasbinder will present "How to Be the Best Ambassador for Your Book: Pitfalls to Avoid, Practices that Pay Off" at the Tri-Valley Writers February meeting. Betsy is a communications trainer and licensed psychotherapist. The meeting will take place at 2 p.m., at Las Positas College, room 2470, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., in Livermore. Check-in begins at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for CWC adult members; \$12 for nonmembers; \$5 for CWC student members ages 14 to 22; and \$8 for student nonmembers. To RSVP and pay, email treasurer@trivalleywriters.org by Thursday, Feb. 16, and register at bit.ly/3CpDOUC.

Sunday, Feb. 19

CHRIS BRADLEY'S TRADITIONAL JAZZ BAND

Chris Bradley's Traditional Jazz Band is a New Orleans-style jazz band that also plays music from the 1920s and 1930s. The band features well-known musicians from the Bay Area and entertains fans from all ages with real, traditional jazz. The event will be available for in-person attendance and livestream. To request seating, email info@livermorejazzsociety.org or visit <https://bit.ly/3F7roFI>. If seating is available, a formal invitation including the performance location will be sent. The suggested donation \$20, but donations of any amount are most welcome. For more information, visit livermorejazzsociety.org.

Saturday, March 4

LIVERMORE LIONS ANNUAL CRAB FEED FUNDRAISER

Tickets for the Livermore Lions Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser are now available through March 1. The dinner will feature raffles, silent auctions, and an all-you-can-eat crab dinner with pasta, salad, bread, and dessert, at the Bothwell Arts Center, located at 2466 8th St., in Livermore. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the cost is \$65 per person or \$60 each for table of eight. For tickets, call 805-405-8742 or email lopez16@yahoo.com.

Friday, March 10

TRINITY CONCERT SERIES: PATRICK BALL — THE CELTIC HARP

Trinity Lutheran Church will host the Trinity Concert Series: Patrick Ball — The Celtic Harp, at 1225 Hopyard Road, in Pleasanton, at 7 p.m. The Celtic harp has a broken and troubled 1,000-year tradition, which Patrick Ball now revives in the 21st century, reviving the ancient art of minstrelsy and storytelling. Ball is considered one of the premier Celtic harpers and storytellers in the world today and has recorded nine instrumental and five spoken word albums. The TLC Concert Series is free, but contributions are welcome at a suggested \$20 for general admission, \$5 for students, and free for those 12 and under. Concerts are in the sanctuary, and no one will be turned away. The venue is also accessible via the Dublin / Pleasanton BART and bus connection. Parking is accessible off Golden Road via Hopyard Road, or from Del Valle Parkway. For more information, visit patrickball.com.

Saturday, April 1

LIVERMORE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 11TH ANNUAL CRAB FEED

The Livermore High School Alumni Association will host their 11th annual Crab Feed at 6 p.m., at Robert Livermore Community Center 4444 East Ave., in Livermore. The dinner will feature crab, pasta, salad, bread, and dessert, with chicken available upon request prior to event, and a no-host bar. For tickets, visit bit.ly/3XQ2tia. For more information, email lhalumniassoc@gmail.com or call 925-724-4251.

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TOPSCIENCE

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

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

PLEASANTON FARMERS MARKET

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

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OBITUARIES

Leonard Lawrence Gregory (Greg)
Sept. 2, 1925 – Jan. 29, 2023

Leonard Lawrence Gregory (Greg), long term Livermore resident and loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend passed away on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023, at the age of 97, surrounded by loved ones.

Greg was the fourth of four children born to Nellie Emily Jane Gregory and Lon Tyler Hipsher on September 2, 1925, in Eureka, Nevada. In 1943 he enlisted in the U.S Navy and served aboard the USS Corregidor where he was awarded four battle stars. Upon discharge from the Navy Greg met and married Josephine Rochin of Livermore, together they had three daughters, Penny, Lynette, and Marsha.

Greg was employed by Pacific Gas and Electric



company for over 40 years. A proud member of VFW post 7265, Greg was instrumental in the creation of the Livermore veterans memorial wall and was the recipient of multiple awards for his volunteer work with veterans. Greg loved music, dancing, fishing, and his dogs but mostly he loved his fam-

ily, friends, and community.

Greg was preceded in death by his wife of 73 years Josephine Rochin, his daughter Lynette Gregory, and his grandson Greg Lewis. He is survived by his daughter Penny Lewis (Vance) of Olympia Washington, his daughter Marsha Aragon (Wayne) of Valencia, California his grandchildren, Karen Lewis, Lynette Aragon-Norman, and Wayne Aragon Jr. six, great- grandsons; Austin, Anthony, Aaron, Alex, Patrick, and Max as well as multiple nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to VFW Post 7265 in Livermore, California, or the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue. A memorial service and celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

Wayne Dayton Peoples
Feb. 28, 1928 – Jan.13, 2023

Husband, Father, and Friend to Many

Wayne was known as many things – nature lover, Mr. Positive, most organized man on earth and much more.

He was born in Wilmington, Delaware on Feb. 28, 1928 (a leap year) to Irma and Dayton Peoples. He would often joke that had he been born one day later, on Feb. 29, he would be much younger!

He had a very strong work ethic and earned money as an animal trapper selling furs in his teens and the assistant pro at the Dupont Country Club in his twenties. He was president of his high school senior class and a natural born leader. He served in the Army and went on to earn a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Delaware. After graduation, he designed water heaters. He then realized that it would be more fun to sell than design, so he switched careers and went into selling commercial water heaters and air conditioners to distributors. He



raised his family and lived in Fresno for over 30 years. In 1978 he started his own business, Wescon Sales, Inc. which sold water heaters in Canada and Hawaii. Over the years many of his customers became friends for life.

Wayne was a devoted husband. He was married to his wife Jayne Gilhams for 40 years and, after her death, to Sue Burke for 10 years until her death in 2007. Wayne and Jayne are survived by their three children, Craig and his wife Mary of

Denver, Colorado, Wendy of San Rafael, California and Scott and his wife Caroline of Livermore, California as well as their granddaughters, Rachel, Heather and Jennifer and great-grandson, Dante.

Wayne will be remembered for his love of family and friends as well as his reputation for integrity, organization and humor. He enjoyed the outdoors and nature, and his family has fond memories of backpacking in the Sierras and fishing with him at his Huntington Lake cabin. He moved from Fresno to Los Osos in 1997 where he enjoyed the beautiful views, wonderful restaurants and opportunities for birdwatching. He spent the last year and a half in Livermore, California near Wendy and Scott. He was a wonderful man and will be missed.

A celebration of his life will be held in Morro Bay at a later date. Donations in his memory can be made to Friends of the Elephant Seal. www.elephantseal.org

Duane “Sonny” Mayer
March 20, 1939 – Feb. 2, 2023

Duane "Sonny" Mayer passed away peacefully on Feb. 2, 2023. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Sonny was a graduate of Livermore High School and was an athletic sports star in both football and basketball. Later in life he also became an excellent golfer. Sonny retired from PG& E after 35 years of employment. He was loved by many in the Livermore Valley.

Sonny is survived by his

beautiful wife of 28 years, Pressy Mayer. He is also survived by his four children: Libby Casey, Timothy Hubbs, Chris Mayer, Stephanie Mayer and his stepson Neil Quines and his wife Janet Quines. He is also survived by five grandchildren: Alexa Hubbs, Shaylee Hubbs, Greyson Hubbs, LJ Quines, and MJ Quines. He will be laid to rest at St. Michaels Cemetary in Livermore. Service times and date: TBD.



Patricia Lankford Baer
Oct. 31, 1940 – Jan. 25, 2023



Earth lost an angel and Heaven gained one with the death of Patti Baer on Jan 25, 2023.

Patti was born in Washington D.C. to Arthur and Marjorie Lankford. They initially lived in Virginia, but later moved to Salt Lake City (SLC), Utah. As a grade-schooler at the Wasatch Presbyterian Church, she met Alvin Baer, her future husband. During that time, she contracted polio, but a doctor with progressive methods helped her recover.

Patti's father's job took them to Idaho Falls, Idaho, where Patti was an active member in Job's Daughters. She also joined P.E.O., eventually being honored with her 60-year pin. The family moved back to SLC where Patti and Alvin started dating; they married in 1962. He was in the Air Force, so they started married life in Chandler, Arizona. While continuing her education at Arizona State, Patti enjoyed being an extra in the Jerry Lewis movie "The Nutty Professor." She loved to tell that story.

After Alvin graduated pilot school, Patti and Alvin were transferred to Dover, Delaware where two of her greatest blessings, Carol-Ann

and Kristin, were born. In 1968, she and Alvin decided to leave the Air Force and moved the family to California.

She was "Mrs. Mom" through the girls' childhoods and then started a 25-year career with the Pleasanton Unified School District. She was proud to see her daughters graduate from college and marry. For the past 25 years, Patti has taken great delight in being a devoted grandmother (Gummy) to Morgan and Brent Werder. In typical Patti fashion, she wore a framed, 5x7 baby picture around her neck for weeks after each was born.

Patti was a lifelong, devoted follower of Jesus, serving through the years as a Sunday school teacher, youth leader, deacon, elder, choir

member, and Bible study leader. She was a church member wherever she lived, most recently at GraceWay Church in Pleasanton.

She was predeceased by her parents, brother Charles, and stepbrother Tom. She is survived by her husband Alvin, daughters Carol-Ann (Michael) and Kristin (Kurt), grandchildren (Morgan, Brent), stepbrothers Glenn (Leila) Hewitt and Paul (Leora) Hewitt, and sister-in-law Bonnie Hewitt.

A memorial service will be held at GraceWay Church, 1183 Quarry Lane, Pleasanton, on Feb. 11, 2023, at 1p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Patti's honor to:

**PEO: Ruth G. White P.E.O Scholarship Fund for California women studying medicine. Checks made out to PEO Chapter XN, "In honor of Patti Baer" may be sent to Carol Martin, 5147 Mt. Tam Circle, Pleasanton, California, 94588-3676

**GraceWay Church; 1183 Quarry Lane, Pleasanton, California, 94566 or gracewaylife.org

Personal remembrances are welcome in Patti's online memory book: pattibaer.forevermissed.com

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Dale Mason Turner
April 10, 1937 – Jan. 15,2023

The Turner family is saddened to announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, Dale Mason Turner. Dale passed peacefully on Jan. 15, 2023, in his home surrounded by family. Dale was 85 years old. Dale was always willing to extend his hand in friendship to all he met. He went out of his way to make connections with everyone that he encountered and when you left a conversation with Dale, you knew you had a friend for life.

Dale was born in New York and lived there until his family moved to California when he was in high school. After graduating from high school, Dale served in the Air Force in the late 1950s. He was primarily stationed in Guam. Once he left the military, he returned to California and eventually settled in Livermore.

Dale loved Livermore with all his heart. His passion was evident in his many leadership roles in the city; most notably, he was the first directly elected mayor of Livermore, serving from 1982-1989. He also served many years as a

member of the city council, a board member of LARPD, and president of the Rotary Club (from 1988-89).

As much as Dale loved Livermore, he loved his family more. Dale was preceded in death by his father Donald Turner, his mother Loretta Turner, and his sister, Janet Wikkerink. Dale is survived by his wife Sabina Turner, daughters Heather Bateson (Will) and Kerri Jung (Chris), and his son Christian Turner (Laureen), as well his eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Dale enjoyed sharing stories of growing up in upstate New York. In a memory book, his mom wrote of those years, "What I most remember about Dale's teenage years was our being together as a family. Fishing, swimming, hunting with his dad. Playing games and cards with his family. Dale spent part of his summers on his Grandma Nettie's farm, riding horses and doing farm chores with his cousins. How we missed our freckle-faced boy."

Please join us in Dale's celebration of life service at

Cedar Grove Church in Livermore on Feb. 23, at 1 p.m. Light refreshments to follow. For our friends and family who are unable to attend in person, the service will be available via live stream at <https://bit.ly/DaleTurnerService>. His committal service will be a private event for his family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Dale Mason Turner Memorial Fund (<https://bit.ly/DaleTurnerMemorial>)

Grandma, you have your freckle-faced boy back for eternity.



‘The Radium Girls’ Chosen for Library’s Livermore Reads Together Program

“The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America’s Shining Women” was chosen for the Livermore Public Library’s 17th annual Livermore Reads Together program.

The best-selling nonfiction book by Kate Moore tells the story of women factory workers in the 1920s who suffered radiation poisoning from treating watch dials with self-luminous paint made with powdered radium and their struggle to sue their employers and strengthen worker’s rights.

The women were told the newly discovered element was harmless and were even encouraged to “point” their paint brushes with their lips to give them a fine point. The women would often leave work covered with radium dust, and some would even paint their fingernails and lips to make them glow. Many became sick and at least 50 were reported to have died from radiation poisoning.

The award-winning book, published in 2017, was selected for this year’s Livermore Reads Together program last summer in a vote by library patrons. Copies of the book are available at all Livermore Public Library branches.

The library has also scheduled a series of events during March in conjunction with Women’s History Month, including several that focus on themes from “The Radium Girls.”

Events Schedule:

March 1 through March 31: Women in Science Coloring Activity at Rincon Library, 725 Rincon Ave. For all ages and all supplies will be provided by the library. No registration required.

March 4: The Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., will host a “Family Science Day” at 1 p.m. for children and their families to enjoy hands-on activities presented by Quest Science and the Livermore Water Resources Division.

March 5: At 1 p.m., Kate Moore, author of “The Radium

Girls,” will participate in a live Zoom-based discussion and Q&A session for adults and teens. To join the online discussion, go to us02web.zoom.us/j/89914899390. No registration is required. Questions can be submitted in advance by email to prsevilla@livermoreca.gov, with “Question for Kate Moore” in the subject line.

March 7-10: X-Ray Craft: For children 4 and older, the activity program will be held at 4 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, at the Springtown Branch Library, 998 Bluebell Dr.; at 3 p.m., Wednesday, March 8, at the Civic Center Library; and 3 p.m., Friday, March 10, at the Rincon Branch Library. . No registration required and all materials will be provided.

March 9: At 7 p.m., Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory radiochemist Dawn Shaughnessy will give a presentation on “Livermorium, Radium, and other Heavy Elements” at the Civic Center Library. The program is for teens and adults, and no registration is required.

March 14-16: Glow-in-the-Dark Totes: For students in grade six through 12, the program will explain glow-in-the-dark materials and why radium is no longer used in consumer products. Participants will use glow-in-the-dark paint to decorate a tote bag. The program will be offered at 4 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, at the Springtown Library; at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 15, at the Civic Center Library; and at 4 p.m., Thursday, March 16, at the Rincon Library. Registration is required by calling 925 373-5505.

March 14: At 6 p.m. the library will host a live Zoom-based talk and Q&A session for adults with Joe W. Gray, professor emeritus in the Biomedical Engineering Department at Oregon Health & Science University. Gray, will discuss the latest research into radiation exposure and how individuals can protect themselves, also worked in the Biomedical Sciences Division at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and was associate laboratory director for Biosci-

ences and Life Sciences at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. To join the Zoom presentation, go to us02web.zoom.us/j/85870130190. No registration is required. Question can be emailed in advance to prsevilla@livermoreca.gov.

March 16: At 7 p.m., the Encore Players, a community theater group, will present a Readers Theater presentation of “The Radium Girls” for teens and adults at the Civic Center Library.

March 19: The Civic Center Library will screen “Radium Girls,” a 2018 film adaptation film, at 2 p.m., followed by a discussion of the book and the movie. The viewing is for teens and adults.

March 25: At 1 p.m., Herbert Cole, Livermore’s emergency manager, will present “Emergency Preparedness for Families” at the Civic Center Library. Designed for children in grades K-5 and their families, the program will cover how to prepare for a disaster and create a mini emergency kit. No registration is required.

March 26: At 3 p.m., Scott Kerlin, a medical and mental health research consultant, will discuss “Workplace Bullying: How it Affects your Work, Health, and Relationships” at the Civic Center Library.

March 30: At 5:30 p.m., the Civic Center Library will present the 2017 film “Hidden Figures,” about several African American women who worked as mathematicians for NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program. Members of the African American Body of Laboratory Employees will lead a discussion after the movie. For adults and teens.

All Livermore Reads Together events are free to the public. For more information, call 925-373-5500 or go to library.livermoreca.gov.

Amador Valley Dons Outshoot Foothill 61-50

By Phil Jensen

The Amador Valley High School boys’ basketball team revved up its comeback with a basket from about 63 feet out and ended the game with perhaps the sweetest shot of the night in a 61-50 victory over visiting Foothill High School, Friday, Feb. 3.

Amador Valley’s Mateo Jackson buried the approximately 63-foot shot before the halftime buzzer sounded to cut Foothill’s lead to 29-23. The Dons then went on a 15-8 run in the third quarter to take the lead, and behind 15 second-half points by Colton Cash, held a 59-50 lead with 6.5 seconds left.

Aneesh “AJ” Maggigunga, was then brought into

the game by Dons coach Willis Gardner. The three-year team manager and special needs senior was left open with less than a second remaining and sank a shot in the key for the final points of the game, causing the Amador Valley students to rush the court in celebration.

“He’s our number one fan,” said Gardner about Maggigunga, who played in a game for the first time Friday night. “He’s at every practice, he doesn’t miss a game.”

Gardner said that he spoke with Foothill coach Jason Wallis before the game about the possibility of Maggigunga playing.

“He’s very classy,” said

Gardner about Wallis’ enthusiasm for putting Maggigunga in to play. “Kudos to Wallis, great guy.”

The Foothill Falcons controlled much of the first half. Gurshan Sall sank four three-pointers and the Falcons had six overall in the first 16 minutes of the game as their lead grew to 29-20 prior to Jackson’s buzzer-beater before halftime.

The Dons slowly cut away at the lead and trailed 37-34 with less than three minutes to go in the third quarter. But a layup by Nate Jetter, followed by a put-back by Cash, gave Amador Valley a 38-37 advantage. Two free throws by Foothill’s Siddharth Swarup put the Falcons back on top by

one, but Amador Valley got another buzzer-beating three-pointer, this time by Evan Tian, as the Dons led 41-39 entering the fourth quarter.

Amador Valley went on a 6-0 run to start the fourth quarter, including four points by Jackson, and didn’t trail again in the game. A three-pointer by Swarup narrowed Amador Valley’s lead to 51-48 with three minutes remaining, but a three-pointer by Cash started a 10-2 run to end the game in front of the standing-room-only crowd.

“It feels great to beat Foothill,” said Cash, who scored a game-high 24 points. About Maggigunga’s shot, Cash said, “He deserved every part of that moment.”

Jackson added 18 points, including 12 in the first half, and also had five rebounds. Tyler Cheng added eight points and five rebounds for Amador Valley, which improved to 12-13 overall with the win and ended the East Bay Athletic League regular season with a 2-7 record.

“They came ready to perform,” said Willis about his team. “They played with heart, and hats off to Foothill. They were grinding as well.”

Foothill (13-13, 1-8) buried 11 three-pointers in the game, including five by Sall. He scored a team-high 17 points, and teammate Carter Donlon also had an excellent game with 15 points, and game-highs of 11 rebounds, four assists and four steals. Swarup added eight points for the Falcons.

The two teams will face each other again on Monday. Feb. 6, in the EBAL Tournament.

In the boys junior varsity game on Friday, Amador Valley defeated Foothill 55-53 in overtime.

Amador Valley Girls’ Soccer Beat Livermore High School

By Nathan Canilao

The Amador Valley girls’ soccer team defeated Livermore High School 4-0 on Feb. 2. The Amador Dons won their second straight

in the second half.

Livermore’s losing streak is now at five with the loss. They will face Granada High School on the road on Feb. 9.



Amador High School's player, left, and Livermore's Kira Korsak, right, vie for the ball during the Thursday, Feb. 2 girls' soccer varsity match at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton. Amador won 4-0. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



Amador players Yindja Fungula and Mateo Jackson battle to get the ball to the basket during the Feb. 3 Amador and Foothill high rivalry game at Amador High School. Amador won 61-50. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Wildcats Lose to Gaels in Final Game of Regular Season

By Nathan Canilao

The Dublin High School Wildcats boys’ basketball team lost its final regular season game to rival Dougherty Valley High School Gaels, 80-65 on Feb. 3. With the loss, the Gaels will now be the No. 3 seed in the East Bay Athletic League (EBAL)

league tournament.

The game was neck and neck throughout the first half. Both the Wildcats and the Gaels traded baskets with no team pulling away.

At the end of the first half, the Gaels trailed 33-31.

Dougherty Valley took control of the game in the

third quarter. The Wildcats outscored the Gaels 22-13 in the third and took a 55-44 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

Dougherty Valley kept their foot on the pedal and cruised to an easy win in the fourth quarter, spoiling the Gaels’ last home game.

Sophomore forward

Jalen Stokes recorded 16 points and senior forward Courtney Anderson Jr. scored 15 points. The game had a record crowd in attendance and sold out before tip-off.

The Gaels finish their regular season with an 18-8 record overall while going 7-2 in league play.

Matadors Headed to EBAL Playoffs as Number Six Seed

By Nathan Canilao

The Granada High School boys’ basketball team defeated the Livermore Cowboys 75-29 on Feb. 3. The Matadors finish the regular season winning back-to-back games and will be the No. 6 seed in the East Bay Athletic League (EBAL) playoffs.

The Matadors took control of the game from tip-off. Granada was able to get the ball inside to their post players and finish at the rim early in the game.

Granada also got it done on the defensive end, forcing turnovers and blocking Livermore shot attempts throughout the first half.

Livermore tried to regain

some momentum in the third quarter, but it was not enough. Granada’s offense proved to be too much for the Cowboys and the Matadors captured an easy win on the road.

The Cowboys have now had nine consecutive seasons without a league win. Their last league win came in February 2014 against

Foothill High School.

Livermore finishes the regular season with a 9-17 record and will be the No. 10 seed in the EBAL playoffs. Their average margin of defeat in league losses this year was 36.4.

Granada finishes their regular season with a 18-7 record with a 5-4 record against league opponents.

Foothill High Girls Tie in 1-1 Match Against Dublin High

By Nathan Canilao

The Dublin High School girls’ soccer team tied Foothill High School on Feb. 2. The Gaels now have a record of 4-6-6 while the Falcons have a record of 5-5-3.

The Falcons were able to get on the board first with a goal in the first half. Soph-

omore Gianna Guerrero kicked in a shot to put the Falcons up 1-0.

The Gaels would respond with a goal of their own and both teams went into halftime tied up.

Both teams had opportunities in the second half, but solid defense on both sides prevented each team from

scoring.

Foothill goalkeepers senior Katelyn Guerra and junior Jillian Barth combined for seven saves in the game.

The Gaels had three corner kicks while the Falcons had one.

Dublin will play their final regular season game against Dougherty Valley High

School on Feb. 9 on the road.

Foothill will face Amador Valley in their final regular season game at home on Feb. 9.

Amador maintains their third place standing in the East Bay Athletic League with the win. They will face Foothill High School on the road on Feb. 9.

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Jody Amos Sworn in as Livermore Chamber Chair

Jody Amos, owner of Amos Productions, which provides audio and video production services and event management, was sworn in as chairman of the board of the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce for 2023 to 2024 at its first monthly meeting of the year.

"I became (a chamber) member way back in the mid-90s, and I cannot express how many powerful connections I have made here - many that have taken my business to the next level," said Amos. "I truly believe in the mission of the chamber and for everything it represents. I am looking forward to these next two years as chair."

Amos has previously

served as the chamber's vice chair, treasurer, and secretary.

At the meeting, former Livermore Mayor Bob Womer also swore in Kimbrelly Gruidl of Fremont Bank as vice chair, Linda Valenty of Kaiser Permanente Livermore as secretary, and Catherine Cheda of Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham as treasurer. Other board members to be sworn in were Harold Roundtree, UNCLE Credit Union; Mark Allen, Sandia National Laboratory; David Best, Shea Homes; Deborah Finestone, Finestone Marketing Solutions; John Freeman, California Water Service; Steve Larrañaga, Sandia Laboratory Federal Credit Union; Cynthia

Shon, Corporate Games; Tim Tikalsky, Sensiba San Filippo; Chris Van Schaack, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District; Scott Wilson, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; and Livermore Mayor John Marchand.

Board members not in attendance will be take their seats in February, including Denise Bouillere, Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley; Sharon Jenkins, John Muir Health; Heidi Rasmussen, Concannon Vineyard/Wine Group; Jeff Watts, Topcon Position Systems; Aly Wentte, Wentte Vineyards; Laura Wetmore, Pacific Gas and Electric; and Dr. Kristina Whalen, Las Positas College.



Curtis Agness has completed officer field training for the Livermore Police Department. A Livermore native and 2013 graduate of Granada High School, Agness previously worked for the Amador County Sheriff's Department. (Photo courtesy of LPD)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 594300

The following person(s) doing business as: Iron Horse Boutique, 550 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Starkey Holdings Inc., 305 Borica Dr., Danville, CA 94526. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Erica Starkey, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 23, 2022. Expires December 22, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5360. Published January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 594301

The following person(s) doing business as: Jpar Iron Horse Real Estate, 550 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Starkey Holdings Inc., 305 Borica Dr., Danville, CA 94526. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Erica Starkey, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 23, 2022. Expires December 22, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5361. Published January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 594379

The following person(s) doing business as: Olson Enterprises, 6500 Dublin Blvd Ste 200B, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jonathan M. Olson, 102 Madella Pl, San Ramon, CA 94583. This business is conducted by Co-Partners. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 12/7/2015. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jonathan M. Olson, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 28, 2022. Expires December 27, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5362. Published January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 594743

The following person(s) doing business as: Luxe Notary, 6768 Edgewater Lane, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Elizabeth Cardona, 6768 Edgewater Lane, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Elizabeth Cardona, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 13, 2023. Expires January 12, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5364. Published January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 594497

The following person(s) doing business as: Show Dog Prep School, 1226 Victor Ave, San Leandro, CA 94519, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Rook T Holdings, LLC 1226 Victor Ave, San Leandro, CA 94519. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/1/2020. Signature of Registrant/s/: Victoria Ronchetti, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 4, 2023. Expires January 3, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5365. Published January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 594591

The following person(s) doing business as: Maggie Bakery, 1491 Chateau Cmn, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Danitta O'Keefe, 1491 Chateau Cmn, 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: 2/2018. Signature of Registrant/s/: Danitta O'Keefe, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 9, 2023. Expires January 8, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5366. Published January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 594542

The following person(s) doing business as: Heavenly Care Home, 36857 Walnut Street, Newark, CA 94560, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Heavenly Care Home LLC, 2899 Bethany Rd, San Ramon, CA 94582. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/5/2003. Signature of Registrant/s/: Shahid Abbasi, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 5, 2023. Expires January 4, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5367. Published January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 594608

The following person(s) doing business as: Move Better - Live Better, 4068 Walnut Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Joanne Olecko, 4068 Walnut Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Joanne Olecko, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 9, 2023. Expires January 8, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5368. Published January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 594788

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Wandervans; 2. Wandervans - SF/Oakland, 1166 Killarney ST, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Recreate Outdoor LLC, 1166 Killarney ST, 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: 1/13/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Isaiah Davis, Managing Director. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 17, 2023. Expires January 16, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5369. Published January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 594854

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. True Rent Property Management; 2. TRPM, 1298 Blossom Cir, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Truitt Enterprises, 1298 Blossom Cir, 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/: Aaron Truitt, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 19, 2023. Expires January 18, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5370. Published February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 577239

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s). Snow Squared, 7303

Parkwood Circle, Dublin, CA 94568. Registered Owner(s): 1. Jemina Snow, 7303 Parkwood Circle, Dublin, CA 94568; 2. Eric Snow 7303 Parkwood Circle, Dublin, CA 94568. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 03/17/21 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Married Couple. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Jemina Snow, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 10, 2023. The Independent Legal No. 5371. Published February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 594802

The following person(s) doing business as: Rye Dumor Baking, 2783 Yountville CT, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): 1. Laurel Jean Sutcliffe, 2783 Yountville CT, Livermore, CA 94550; 2. Mark Joseph Perez, 2783 Yountville CT, 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/: Laurel Jean Sutcliffe, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 18, 2023. Expires January 17, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5372. Published February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 595041

The following person(s) doing business as: MAC & Associates, 164 N L ST, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mari Carmignani, 1081 Hillcrest Court, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mari Carmignani, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 26, 2023. Expires January 25, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5373. Published February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 595066

The following person(s) doing business as: Great Revenue, 1479 Hudson Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tshala David, 1479 Hudson Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Tshala David, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 27, 2023. Expires January 26, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5374. Published February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 595005

The following person(s) doing business as: RELATE Social Skills, 5424 Sunol Blvd Ste 10-554, Pleasanton CA, 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Emily Macfarlane, 642 North 3rd st., San Jose, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Emily Macfarlane, Owner. Director. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 25, 2023. Expires January 24, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5375. Published February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 595088

The following person(s) doing business as: The Little Toy-store4U, 4832 Bernal Ave, Apt G, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hector Javier Flores Oviedo, 4832 Bernal Ave, Apt G, Pleasanton CA 94566. This business is con-

ducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/23/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Hector Javier Flores Oviedo, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 27, 2023. Expires January 26, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5376. Published February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 595165

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Neorache; 2. Eunoiay Coaching, 7235 Lumbert Hills Dr., Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sandeep Mann, 7235 Lumbert Hills Dr., 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: 01/01/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Sandeep Mann, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 30, 2023. Expires January 29, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5377. Published February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 595210

The following person(s) doing business as: Pierre Concierge, 38658 Country Terrace, Fremont, CA 94536, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Paul Neuenschwander, 38658 Country Terrace, Fremont, CA 94536. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 01/01/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Paul Neuenschwander, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 1, 2023. Expires January 31, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5378. Published February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 595247

The following person(s) doing business as: EB services, 2009 73rd Avenue, Oakland, CA 94621, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nabeal Altareb, 17321 Via Encinas, San Lorenzo, CA 94580. 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/: Nabeal Altareb, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 1, 2023. Expires January 31, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5379. Published February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 595212

The following person(s) doing business as: Motorcycles Unlimited, 5813 Heidi Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Neil J. Clifton, 5813 Heidi Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Neil J. Clifton, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 1, 2023. Expires January 31, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5380. Published February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 594910

The following person(s) doing business as: Al Transport, 5551 Jacqueline Way, Apt 2, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jesus Rafael Arciniega Bibiano. 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: 11/11/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Nabeal Altareb, Owner. This statement was filed with the County

Clerk of Alameda on January 23, 2023. Expires January 22, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5381. Published February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2023.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 576870

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s). Sunshine Heating & Cooling, 1021 Algonquin Ave, Livermore, CA 94551. Registered Owner(s): Wayne Heiman, 1021 Algonquin Ave, Livermore, CA 94551. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 03/02/2021 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by an Individual. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Wayne Heiman, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 2, 2023. The Independent Legal No. 5382. Published February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2023.

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