

Teachers Need
More Training
For Special
Ed Students

By Dawnmarie Fehr

PLEASANTON — The Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) faced a firestorm of complaints from frustrated parents during a recent meeting where the school board reviewed teacher training updates for literacy and comprehension.

The complaints centered around the district’s slow pace in training teachers to work with students struggling with reading comprehension or other issues, like dyslexia.

Nancy Larson said her son had to leave the district to get help with his dyslexia, but he wants to come back for high school. She is not confident he will be able to cope with classes taught by teachers who are not trained to help students with his disability.

“What would it take to fund the teachers and provide the staff training it needs?” Larson asked the board during the public comment period. “We can’t waste time; we need to get to these kids who can’t read. Yes, it’s been talked about for years, but get to it now, please.”

Larson was not the only parent who asked the board to do something about training teachers to help children who cannot read.

Jameson Cummings was among those who spoke to the board about his daughter, who is also dyslexic. He felt the district had not acted efficiently since adopting policies for training teachers five years ago.

“The school district initiated an action plan back

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Mony Nop to
Host Campaign
Kickoff Party



Mony Nop

LIVERMORE — Mayoral candidate Mony Nop will host a campaign kickoff event next month.

Set to take place at Purple Orchid Wine Country Resort on July 21 from 7 – 9 p.m., key leaders and community members are invited to learn more about Nop’s vision and objectives.

The event is open to all supporters and the public interested in being a part of Nop’s campaign to serve as the next Mayor of Livermore. Tickets are available via [MonyCampaignKickoff2022.eventbrite.com](#) for \$100 per person and includes light appetizers and a cash bar.

Proceeds raised from ticket sales, raffles and live auction items will go toward the Mony Nop for Mayor 2022 campaign fund.

Residents unable to attend can show support by volunteering, displaying a yard sign or donating to the Mony Nop for Mayor 2022 campaign.

For more information, visit [www.monyformayor.com](#).



Fans of the Alameda County Fair enjoy a ride on the popular roller coaster on opening day, Friday, June 17. The fair runs for two weeks and showcases a variety of rides, shows, exhibits, animals and the famous Nathan’s Hot Dog competition held on June 18. See page 10 to see who ate the most hot dogs. [See photo gallery at [www.independentnews.com/multimedia](#)] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Community Celebrates Opening of
New Nonprofit CommonPoint Center

LIVERMORE — Fulfilling the long-held vision of co-founders Mony Nop and Kathy Young, Tri-Valley Non-Profit Alliance (TVNPA) celebrated the official opening of the CommonPoint Nonprofit Center in Livermore on Saturday, June 18.

CommonPoint serves as a physical location at 116 North L Street for the programs and services TVNPA has developed to support the area’s nonprofit community for the past eight years. The 2,900-square-foot center offers flexible and fixed office space for start-up and estab-

lished nonprofits available on a daily drop-in or long-term basis, as well as conference room facilities.

“We have been open just two months and at this point all of our offices are full,” said Young. “We are starting to fill the cubicles and still have room for the shared space and virtual membership. We are also displaying artwork from TVNPA’s member art organizations, which is an exciting addition to our space.”

Attendees at the ribbon cutting included: representatives of each organization housed in the center;

TVNPA members; Livermore’s Vice Mayor Gina Bonanno, Councilmember Bob Carling and City Manager Marianna Marysheva; Pleasanton’s Mayor Karla Brown, Vice Mayor Valerie Arkin and Councilmember Julie Testa; Alan Burnham, the building’s owner; and Harold Roundtree, Board Chair of the Livermore Valley Chamber.

Though Nop termed off the TVNPA board a few years ago, he remains involved and took an active role in the development of the space, sourcing furniture

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Las Positas Launches Scholars Program

By Ruth Roberts

LIVERMORE — An innovative new scholarship program at Las Positas College (LPC) is calling on the ‘best of the best’ to enhance their educational experience while securing a brighter future.

Called the President’s Scholars Program, the scholarship is modeled after curriculum found at a number of four-year universities in California and across the country. Students selected will have their full tuition at LPC and fees paid for up to two years. They will also receive an annual \$1,000 stipend for books and materials, personal use of a laptop computer for two years and a complimentary parking permit each term.

“The President’s Scholars

Program is a comprehensive scholarship program that offers outstanding opportunities in academics, leadership, service and mentorship for our students,” said Foster. “To my knowledge, there are only a handful of community colleges in California that have similar programs.”

Qualifying students must be graduating seniors from a public high school within the Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton school districts with a 2.5 or higher grade point average (GPA). They must also have applied for admission to Las Positas College for the fall 2022 semester and enrolled full time (at least 12 units) each term, while pursuing an associate degree with plans to transfer to a four-year college or university.

Chosen by a small selection committee comprised of college employees and chaired by Foster, 20 students will be inducted into the program for the 2022-23 academic year. Selections will be based on the students’ personal statement, which asks them to describe their unique background (personal, cultural, family, community, extra-curricular, or other experiences) and any personal obstacles they’ve overcome to achieve academic success; explain why they want to be a President’s Scholar and how it will enhance their experience at LPC; and describe their dreams and goals in terms of future career goals.

“This program demonstrates LPC’s commitment to

(See SCHOLARS, page 6)

Livermorium Plaza Celebrated
With Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

LIVERMORE — The Livermore community recently celebrated the opening of its newest park downtown with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Livermorium Plaza.

Located at 116 S. Livermore Ave., at the intersection of First Street and Livermore Avenue, the plaza commemorates the creation of the livermorium element by a team of scientists, including those from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), on July 19, 2000. Livermorium’s atomic number on the periodic table is also 116.

Former Livermore May-

or John Marchand spoke during the June 15 ceremony. During his time in office, he spearheaded the project and represented the city in Dubna, Russia in 2012 when livermorium’s name was officially dedicated. The element had been discovered by a collaborative team of researchers from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Flerov Institute in Dubna.

“Livermore is one of only six cities in the world to have an element named after it and to have our name appear on the Peri-

(See LIVERMORIUM page 7)



The City of Livermore officially opened Livermorium Plaza on June 15 with a ribbon cutting ceremony and public event. The new plaza is located at 116 S. Livermore Avenue. [See photo gallery at [www.independentnews.com/multimedia](#)] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

\$2.3 Million Grant
Helps Build Out
Iron Horse Trails

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — Just weeks after the City of Livermore and Zone 7 Water Agency closed a 1-mile gap in the Iron Horse Regional Trail, the City of Dublin announced it has received \$2.3 million in funding to build a park along the popular trail.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation grant will help fund the 12-acre Iron Horse Nature Park and Open Space, which will border the east side of the trail, extending about 2,000 feet from the footbridge near Dublin High School to Amador Valley Boulevard.

“This incredible project will transform this stretch of the Iron Horse Trail and bring more open space access to our communities,”

Tri-Valley Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan said on her Facebook page.

Plans for the park are in the initial stages. The City of Dublin said amenities will include shade structures, play areas, picnic tables and outdoor interpretive displays. A trail will also connect to Dublin’s Stagecoach Park.

Bauer-Kahan, who chairs the Assembly’s Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee, announced the grant last week. Phase 1 of the project, which will include the nature park, is projected to cost about \$3.5 million and be completed by the end of 2023. The additional funding is covered by City of Dublin Public Facilities Fee funds. The park could eventually extend west to encompass

(See TRAILS page 10)

High School Students Create
Niche Social Media Platform

By Jesse Watson

DUBLIN — In the summer of 2020, three Tri-Valley high schoolers found a niche and filled it. Understanding the constraints of

pose is to provide these students a way to find opportunities and initiatives that really interest them and that they’re passionate about, and (then) provide an avenue to find students who



High school seniors Manav Bokinala, left, and Yash Chhatre, right, are part of a team of high school students who developed Revoteen, an app that connects students with career opportunities and student-led initiatives. (Photo courtesy of Manav Bokinala)

newly imposed COVID-19 mandates and the looming reality of college applications, the trio believed a social media platform that catered specifically to the needs of students would be invaluable.

And they were right.

That’s when Aditya Jain, then a freshman at Dougherty Valley High School (DVHS) in Dublin, approached several of his friends with his idea; and Revoteen was born.

“(Revoteen’s) main pur-

are passionate about their subjects and willing to work with them to make these organizations successful,” said Chief Technology Officer Manav Bokinala, a senior at DVHS.

Similar to other social networking platforms, Revoteen features several feed screens, including a homepage that displays posts from other accounts a user follows, as well as an exploration page with trending posts and opportu-

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PETS OF THE WEEK



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Master Drummer Tacuma King performs during the Juneteenth celebration Sunday, June 19 in front of the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. The event was hosted by the Tri-Valley Black Lives and Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Castro Unseats Monroe For School Superintendent

Alysse Castro, director of court, county, and continuation high schools in San Francisco, has defeated two-time incumbent L.K. Monroe to become Alameda County's next superintendent of schools.

Election results showed Castro with 130,229 votes (53.17%) to 114,707 votes (46.83%) for Monroe.

"From the start of this campaign, I have firmly believed that quality and equality in our schools won't happen by chance — they happen by change," Castro said. "That is why I ran, so that together we can provide life-changing education to our most



Alysse Castro

vulnerable kids in county schools, address the root causes of teacher shortages, and work towards a future where public schools truly work for everyone."

As superintendent, Castro will head the Alameda County Office of Education, which provides broad budget and educational oversight for all 18 school districts in the county, including the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, Dublin Unified School District, and Pleasanton Unified School District.

The Office of Education also operates four alternative school programs and two programs at the county Juvenile Justice Center.

"The county office of education is a safety net for our schools and students," Castro said. "I am looking forward to working with the educators, staff, board, and partners to strengthen that safety net."

Dublin Sponsoring Historic Scavenger Hunt

Dublin is encouraging residents to visit nearly two dozen of the city's historic sites this summer by participating in a Decades Scavenger Hunt.

To join the scavenger hunt, download the GooseChase app on a smart device and enter the game code DUBLIN40, or take selfies with the city's 40th anniversary sign at each site and show the pictures to the Parks and Community Services counter at City Hall, 100 Civic Plaza. Prizes will be awarded to those who complete the challenge by visiting all 23 locations by Aug. 4.

For a list of sites, visit tinyurl.com/4bay65am. For more information, call 925-833-6650.

Price, Wiley to Face Off for District Attorney in November

Civil rights attorney Pamela Price will face off against veteran Alameda County deputy district attorney Terry Wiley in the November general election to be the county's next district attorney.

In a direct primary election, the top two vote-getters advance to the general election, unless one of them receives more than 50 percent of the votes.

Price will be the front runner, receiving 43.2% of the vote in a four-person primary election on June 7. Wiley finished second with 27.1% of the vote to also secure a spot on the November ballot. The other two candidates on the primary ballot, Alameda County deputy district attorney Jimmie Wilson and Seth Steward, chief of staff to Oakland Councilmember Dan Kalb, received 20% and 10% of the vote, respectively.

Price is a graduate of Yale University and the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law School.

She was a criminal defense attorney, including with the Bayview Hunters' Point Community Defenders office in San Francisco. She started her own Oakland-based civil litigation practice in 1991, focusing on racial and sexual harassment cases.

Wiley is a graduate of UC Berkeley and the University of San Diego School of Law. He is a 32-year veteran of the Alameda County District Attorney's office and is currently chief deputy district attorney.

The current district attorney, Nancy O'Malley, was appointed to the position in 2009 by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and subsequently won election in 2010, 2014, and 2018. She announced last year that she planned to retire and would not run for another term.

The 2022 general election is Tuesday, Nov. 8.



Pamela Price



Terry Wiley

Firefighters Offer Warning: Prepare for Year-Round Fires

By Larry Altman

As the peak fire season gets underway during a historic statewide drought, firefighters are warning Tri-Valley residents to take precautions and prepare for dangerous weather conditions that could put their homes and lives at stake.

According to fire officials, residents should already be eliminating brush and trees that could ignite around their homes, storing packed getaway bags and developing evacuation plans in case a fire ignites near their neighborhoods.

Battalion Chief James Artman of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department said many residents have already done so.

"I absolutely think that some of the larger fires that have been knocking around California have been a wakeup call for a lot of homeowners," Artman said. "We've seen better management. We've seen contract crews, services that provide vegetation management ... a lot of these fires are rapidly spread through a combination of high winds and a lack of fuel breaks. So people have been very much better about cleaning things up."

Although the fire season technically runs from mid-May through the fall, fire officials warn that with California's drought, fire season is now a year-round event.

"We're bracing for another active fire season," said Division Chief Derrick Thomas of the Alameda County Fire Department, which has jurisdiction in Dublin, Sunol and other unincorporated areas. "There's definitely an abundance of fuel throughout the county."

Just two years ago, the state suffered its worst fire season in history. More than 9,600 fires burned over 4.3 million acres.

Nothing major has occurred so far this year in the Tri-Valley, but Artman said vegetation fires are occurring every day. Some fires erupt when well-intentioned residents attempt to be proactive and use bladed mowers in grass dry enough to ignite, Artman said.

While a bladed mower is fine in green grass, Artman said residents should use a string trimmer in brown grasses and do the work in the early morning.

"Typically, humidity is higher during the nighttime hours into the morning and, as the afternoon progresses, it dries out," he said. "When we see the humidity start dropping below 30%, it's fairly easy for grass to ignite, especially with a bladed mower."

So far, fire breaks in roads and quick work from firefighters have prevented the flames from vegetation fires getting out of control.

"Almost every day, we're on vegetation fires throughout communities," Artman added. "And that's just within the area that we're in."

Tri-Valley cities have ordinances requiring property owners to keep their land cleared of brush. State standards require homes near open fields to clear dead and dry brush to 20 feet from any structure.

A series of fires burned about 850 acres near Sunol in 2020, forcing residents in the area to evacuate.

Thomas said that although some brush was destroyed in that region, there's still plenty of dry brush that can burn.

The ACFD sent out notices to residents to reduce brush and trees within 100 feet of their homes. The agency operated a free chipper program from April through June to enable residents to discard what they cut down.

Thomas said that a few years ago, residents might not have participated, but now firefighters can see as they drive through areas how residents are maintaining their properties, including the 100 foot zone and cutting branches close to their homes' eaves.

Thomas called their efforts "highly vital" to preventing fires from spreading.

Cities also have used goats in some fields to eat up large areas of grass. As July 4 approaches, police are on alert for people using illegal fireworks that could trigger fires, Artman said.

Besides making property more fire safe, residents should heed Cal Fire's three-step "Ready, Set, Go" plan — Ready, meaning creating space and hardening a home from flying embers; Set, preparing for the possibility of evacuation and knowing where they will go; and Go, leaving early to get their families to safety.

Artman also advised registering on myzone.zonehaven.com, which Alameda County uses to send emergency text and voice alerts.

Families should keep important papers in a single place for a quick getaway and have additional plans set to care for pets.

"These fires can occur at a moment's notice, and they can overtake neighborhoods in a very, very short period of time," Artman said.

Last year, following the 2020 SCU Lightning Complex fires in Alameda, Santa Clara, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Merced and Stanislaus counties, burning nearly 400,000 acres, the ACFD began flying "Red Flag Warnings" on its stations to alert the public about hazardous fire conditions, such as low humidity, and to refrain from activities that could start a fire, including yard work, smoking, driving on grassy areas, cooking with charcoal.

Thomas said to watch for the Red Flag Warnings, in addition to warnings on social media and on the news.

Meanwhile, as July 4 approaches, police in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin are watching for illegal fireworks use. Dublin is one of a few cities that allow so-called "'Safe and Sane" fireworks in Alameda County.

Dublin police Capt. Nate Schmidt said deputies normally respond to increased numbers of reports of illegal fireworks as Independence Day approaches.

"Illegal fireworks are very dangerous and can cause physical harm as well as start major fires," Schmidt said. "Dublin Po-

lice will have increased patrol enforcement on and around July 4 in the hopes of deterring the use of illegal fireworks, as well as enforcement."

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) board recently discussed at a meeting how wildfires have intensified during the last decade. The agency has forecasters ready to alert citizens about air quality when wildfires cover

the region with smoke. The agency plans to make public announcements, post alerts on its website and advise residents to follow updates on social media.

BAAQMD recently partnered with the American Red Cross and Bay Area county offices of emergency services to purchase air filtration systems for cooling shelters across seven Bay Area counties.

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Tuesday Tunes to Feature Jazz Band

On June 28, Tuesday Tunes will feature The Chris Bradley Band, a traditional New Orleans-style jazz band, on the Shea Homes Stage in front of the Bankhead Theater. Shea Homes is also the major sponsor of

the series, running through August 16.

The band plays early New Orleans music, swing tunes, dance music from the 1920s and 1930s, along with a taste of the Barbary Coast music that originated in San

Francisco.

On vocals are Chris Bradley-cornet, Rich Owens-piano, Dwayne Ramsey-reeds, and John Soulis-trombone. Filling out the band are Bob Wilson-banjo/guitar, Steve Doherty-bass, and Mike Ross-drums. Band members play for, or lead, other bands including Natural Gas Jazz Band, Jambalaya Swing, Thrown Together Jazz band, North Beach Rhythm Jazz Band and Mission Gold Jazz.

Produced by the Livermore Cultural Arts Council, Tuesday Tunes is also funded by Fremont Bank, Las Positas College Foundation, Uncle Credit Union, Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard, The Independent, and Joan and Lynn Seppala.

Next up is Jean Fineberg and JAZZphoria on July 5 and Blue House Band on July 12.

City Municipal Codes restricts alcohol consumption in public places.

Pleasanton Author Appearing At Towne Center Bookstore

Romance novelist Francine Rivers, a graduate of Amador Valley High School, will be at Towne Center Books in Pleasanton on Friday, June 24, to discuss her upcoming book, "Cruising Down Memory Lane: Stories of Pleasanton in the 1950's."

Rivers was born in Berkeley in 1947, and her first romance novel was published in 1976. In 1986, Rivers became a born-again Christian and began incorporating inspirational and Christian themes in her writing.

Rivers has written more than 35 novels, two of which, "The Last Sin Eater" and "Redeeming Love" have been turned into movies. Her most recent novel, "The Lady's Mine," is set in California in 1875 and tells the story of a displaced suffragette from New England and a former Union soldier disinherited by his Southern family

who join forces to protect a small Sierra Nevada mining town.

Her presentation and book signing at Towne Center Books, 555 Main Street, begins at 11 a.m.

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The Chris Bradley Band, a traditional New Orleans-style jazz band, hits the stage for Tuesday Tunes on June 28 at 6:45 p.m. The band will perform on the Shea Homes Stage in front of the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. (Photo courtesy of Lynn Seppala)

21-Gun Salute, Military Flyover Honor Shirley's Life

Friends, family and the community said their final goodbyes to longtime residents Helen and John Shirley during a celebration of life service at Las Positas College on June 5.

Dr. John Shirley passed on Dec. 22, 2021, and Helen Shirley passed on Dec. 4, 2015. The couple was married for 64 years.

Former Livermore Mayor John Marchand officiated the event, which included guest speakers Mike Gilmore, commander of VFW Post 7265; Richard Jozefiak, organizer of the Rock of the Marne; Toby Knight, president of the Society of the Third Infantry Division; and fellow Rotarians, business associates and family.

John Shirley, a former mayor of Livermore, was

a decorated veteran and distinguished for his efforts in battle. He received the Silver Star for Valor, Two Bronze stars with Oak Leaf Cluster, a "V" for valor device, a Purple Heart (for

the "million-dollar wound," which removed him from three months of hard winter fighting), and the European Theater Operation Medal with six campaign stars and a bronze arrowhead for one

invasion. He also received the French Fouragère de Guerre.

The service ended outdoors with a 21-gun salute and the Beech Boys Missing Man Flyover, an aerial salute where the planes fly in a formation with a space where one plane should be, symbolizing the person's absence.

"Dad was one of our great American heroes," said a statement released by the Shirley family. "He was an amazing father, grandfather, great-grandfather, husband and friend. Everybody loved him. Dad was a very special person, and we will miss him very much. He was our hero and such a great example of how to live life to the fullest."



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TRI-VALLEY WATER AGENCIES



EDITORIAL

Support Goodness Village

Local residents and businesses showed their philanthropic spirit this weekend by raising \$75,000 (net) for Goodness Village, a nonprofit organization addressing chronic homelessness in Livermore. The funding raised from “BBQ at the Barn” will be critical to continue 24-hour supportive services for the 28 residents (AKA “neighbors”) living in the Village of tiny homes.

The work of Executive Director Kim Curtis and her team is truly changing lives by providing permanent housing for people who have faced 15 years or more of living on the streets. Goodness Village isn’t just a place to stay — it’s transformative. The professionals there are building trust to get

at the root cause of each neighbor’s trauma. To cope, many had turned to substances, which — as Curtis explained — might have offered a type of temporary relief to that individual, but ultimately contributed to their state of homelessness.

Curtis and her team are also hoping to change a misconception, as many people don’t understand why unhoused individuals simply don’t get jobs.

“They have a co-occurring disorder, whether that’s a medical diagnosis, mental health or history of substance abuse — they really need that higher level wraparound care,” she said.

While the BBQ at the Barn event is

now over, this organization relies on the continued generosity of local residents, businesses and foundations to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness in the Tri-Valley.

The cost to house one person for one night at Goodness Village is \$88, but that’s significantly less than the expense to house someone in the Alameda County Jail (\$223) or a night in a psychiatric emergency room (\$2,000) — the latter two of which are funded by taxpayers.

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No on W

Victoria Tishman Kamerzell, Livermore

Over the next several months, you will hear many false claims being spread by wine lobbyists about how the south Livermore sewer line extension would benefit the environment. Their claims are bogus, based on fear-mongering and the false premise that the sewer line would decrease potential groundwater contamination. In reality, Livermore soil runs very deep, with gravelly, sandy loam, clay and other materials acting as natural barriers.

In reality, the sewer line extension would increase the number of pesticides in our communities by expanding the wine industry’s footprint. If you look to Napa, Sonoma and winemaking regions in France, you will see higher cancer rates due to their toxic pesticide exposure. Winemaking is a pesticide-intensive process as the grapes’ fragile skins must be sprayed repeatedly to be effective.

We already lack awareness of what pesticides are being used by the vineyards and when they are spread. Not only do proponents of the sewer line extension downplay the toxic environmental hazards, but they want us as taxpayers to foot part of the bill for their for-profit infrastructure expansion.

The 5-mile-long sewer line extension would result in millions of dollars of Alameda County tax revenues

being misdirected towards their erroneous attempt at increasing their own profit margin through growth. That money should go to more important uses that serve the entire community, not just the few looking to benefit from the south Livermore sewer line extension. Vote with your conscience in November and oppose the South Livermore sewer line extension by voting No on W.

Petition for Referendum

Bill Leach, Livermore

The dust hasn’t settled on the question of whether we citizens get a voice this fall, via a referendum on the Save Livermore Downtown question, but for sure we don’t get a voice if there aren’t enough signatures on the petition for referendum. Whatever your position on SLD, please stop and read the petition when you see a signature gatherer: then sign it, so that there is a chance of having a voice this fall.

Come Spin the Livermorium Ball And More

Trish Munro, Livermore

Livermorium Plaza is open!

Though our own Element 116, Livermorium, is ephemeral, its model at Livermorium Plaza at Mills Square Park will be with us for years to come. Livermorium Plaza features the representation of a Livermorium atom, with its nucleus represented by a granite water ball fountain, suspended in recirculated water. The fountain and base weigh 18,000 pounds. The granite ball is suspended with only 20 psi of water pressure and even a toddler can rotate it. There are ten facts engraved on ball and twelve more facts on the granite markers that encircle the fountain. Though now small, the fourteen trees surrounding it will grow to provide cooling shade.

Brown is the new green. Again.

To conserve our dwindling water supplies in this hot summer, the California State Water Resources Control Board has turned off the water spigot for any “non-functional turf” for all commercial, institutional, and industrial properties. What does non-functional turf mean? Any grass that is not used for recreation or civic and community events. Residences are not included in the restriction—but water is scarce, use it wisely. For more information about Livermore’s current water use restrictions at www.livermoreca.gov/drought.

Special Needs Sensory Storytimes

Sensory Storytimes, featuring pre-school stories and multi-sensory activities, provide a welcoming environment for children with special needs. They will take place on the Civic Center Library’s Youth Patio at 11 AM on July 9 and August 13, 2022. To register (required) call (925) 373-5505.

Meet the neighbors, new and old on National Night Out!

NNO builds neighborhood camaraderie and neighborhood spirit, along with developing police and community partnerships. This year, NNO takes place on Tuesday, August 2, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Spend the evening with your neighbors, playing outdoor games, sharing a potluck meal or an ice cream, or whatever suits the neighborhood fancy. For more information and resources email LD’sCrimePrevention@LivermoreCA.gov. Be sure to register your neighborhood event with LPD by Friday, July 22 to ensure a visit from Livermore PD, California Highway Patrol or the LP Fire Department.

Saddened by Livermore Rodeo

Bob Codeglia, Livermore

I read, with dismay and sadness, the recent letter by Holly Massey, where she described how the clown in the Livermore Rodeo wore an offensive, politically motivated t-shirt as part of the show.

I, too, had a similar (but worse) experience when attending the "Last Chance Stampede" Rodeo in Helena, Montana last year, while visiting my son, who lives there. At first, the announcer offered a "big Montana welcome" to all visitors, but then it quickly went downhill from there! Then, the announcer declared that the pandemic was "over" (which it certainly wasn't); then made a very tasteless "joke" that slammed Dr. Fauci. He then jokingly said, "And, if you're here from California, let's hear it for you".... to which the entire crowd began booing and hissing loudly. The two rodeo clowns then went on the air, yelling, "I guess you can stay here through the weekend, but then you need to leave!"

Needless to say, it was a disheartening experience to say the least. After returning home, I wrote their Rodeo Board a detailed letter, explaining how their "welcome" made me feel anything but welcome... and how WE here in Livermore happily welcome ANYONE who comes to attend, leaving politics out of our event... but they never even had the courtesy to respond to my letter.

I was glad to read that Ms. Massey at least got a response from the director of our rodeo and that such incidents should not happen again... and I hope they never do. We're Californians and can do better welcoming people from out-of-town than what I endured during my visit to Montana. We're right to leave politics out of events like these!

Fake Debates

Jim Hutchins, Livermore

A local coffee shop has organized a “debate” regarding the proposed 130-unit four-story low-income Eden Housing downtown project. This “debate” is a thinly-veiled sham that will present a one-sided lecture to oppose moving the project. According to the organizer’s press release, the city (who opposes moving the project) will be represented by a live person (Mayor Woerner). Those in favor of relocating the project will not be present – but are “represented” by someone chosen by the “debate” moderator, who will be reading prior “letters to the editor, public statements, and advertisements” selected by the event organizers.

According to Merriam-Webster, a debate is “a regulated discussion of a proposition between two matched sides.” Having a live person present arguments in response to selected words on a paper isn’t a ‘discussion,’ nor is it ‘between two matched sides.’ Yet, the organizers still humorously label it a “debate.” It also allows those opposed to relocating the project to present any argument they want without fear of a response, no matter how silly or inaccurate it may be. Imagine a political debate with only one candidate present – that isn’t a debate; it’s a campaign speech. When one party of an argument stoops to having “debates” with only their side present, it looks desperate, which it probably is.

The City Council has repeatedly shown disrespect for the citizens they were elected to represent, including last month’s resolution to prevent any elected future Council from changing their plans to fill the downtown with high-density housing. There is currently a signature collection drive underway for a referendum to reverse last month’s resolution – please sign it to show our elected officials that they work for us and not the other way around.

Frustration's Roots

Paul Stone, Dublin

It is interesting to see how letter writers to Mailbox over the last few months have used the name of Jesus and/or the Bible to promote their views: "Vegetarianism" (Feb. 24), pro-choice, "Pro Birth Only, Not Pro Life" (May 12) and solving the local homelessness issue, "Would Jesus Build a Park?" (June 9).

Actually, the Bible says that Jesus did not come primarily to set the world at rights. (He will do that when He comes again.) Clearly, He wants His followers to be "rich in good works." But, He came for the express purpose of saving individual sinners from eternity in hell and reconciling them to God. Many years ago, when my life was at its nadir, I wrote this bit of doggerel:

Frustration deep in my heart,

So many things to be, where do I start?

Trying to figure out the mess I'm in,

Is it really because of sin?

We wonder why our world is careening out of control. We have forgotten, forsaken and failed to remember the living God. He loves us intensely, but if we reject Him and His word, there's nothing left but His righteous judgment. Jesus is a gentleman. He leaves the choice with us.

Stop Harassing Me!

Donna Blevins, Livermore

Please stop harassing me! Within 3 days I've been approached/harassed four times about moving Eden Housing on the ballot. Tuesday outside the post office, when I said I wasn't interested in signing the petition, the woman followed me, waving her clipboard, mask around her chin, saying "I'm a widow. This is my job. I'm going to call the police."

I encouraged her to do so as I walked away. Wednesday she was at Walgreens. I escaped her but my friend did not as she gave him erroneous information while waving her clipboard. Today, it was people outside Walgreens and Trader Joe's. I'm afraid to go downtown! Please - if you are part of the "save" Livermore, build a Central Park, move the housing, or whatever -- trust me, this is not the way to win people over.

Democracy Moment

Jeff Kaskey, Livermore

It’s another election year, and another chance to see democracy in action. Or democracy inaction, depending on the day. I got stopped by a pair of referendum signature gatherers outside of Lowes, and although I was in a bit of a rush, democracy sometimes takes a few extra moments from each of us, something I had been slow to appreciate. The signature folks were polite, positive, and enthusiastic without being (overly) pushy. I got to participate in democracy and was still on time for my next appointment.

Personal Harassment Because of My Latest Letter to the Editor

Ramona Krausnick, Dublin

To: Trump Supporter with juno.com Email Address:

Today, June 18, is the 4th time this year that you have responded to my personal email address with your opposing opinion of President Biden because of my Letters to the Editor of the Livermore Independent which support President Biden and oppose Trump.

The first time this year was January 29, 2022, when you sent your response to me which consisted of a personal insult plus an Italian vulgarity; you sent it twice on that day. On June 15, three days ago, my personal email address again received your opposing opinion to my letter that was published in the Livermore Independent on Thursday, June 9. Your opposing email to me today is number four. God only knows how many more you will send to me.

At this point, this is definitely harassment and also cowardice on your part. If you have a different opinion,

to which you are entitled, at least have the courage to send your response to the newspaper with your name so everyone will know your opinion. Of what are you so afraid?

Basta! (that’s Italian for “Enough!”)

Refresh and Reset

Riffka Severall, Livermore

Is it correct to make a critical irrevocable decision just weeks before the election of a new mayor and two council members? The council’s May 24 resolution removes that opportunity. I hope that with a refresh and reset in leadership, whoever comes into office, their focus can return to what are the best and most thoughtful lifetime decisions to develop our downtown to serve multiple needs in a limited area. These needs include both a downtown park and affordable housing. Plans to successfully accomplish both have been forwarded, and were the bedrock of the original downtown plan from community input. The new mayor and council members should be able to apply their visions to these decisions. Please consider signing the “Move Eden Housing” referendum to allow for our newly elected officials to fulfill their leadership duties.

Carol Fountaine Memorial Garden

Sue Fordyce, Livermore

A memorial garden has been created in honor of Carol Fountaine, a local resident and employee of Alden Lane Nursery, who passed away last year. It is a garden made entirely of succulents featuring a life-size planted lady that is also made of succulents. The plants were donated by employees and friends of Carol. The unusual centerpiece of this extraordinary garden is inspired by Carol’s love of succulents and figures featured in San Diego’s Botanical Garden. You can visit this visit exhibit any day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Alden Lane Nursery.

Livermore Community Safety Event

Cate Sarraille, Livermore

The Bill of Rights includes the Second Amendment, which talks about the right to bear arms. What that right entails is a subject of debate. What is not debatable is that guns can be lethal.

Guns were the leading cause of death among children under the age of 20 in 2020. 3,219 children died as a result of a firearm. 2,882 children died as a result of a motor vehicle accident; motor vehicle accidents had been the leading cause of death for over 60 years. Mass shooting have dramatically increased, but they are only part of the reason for the increase. The majority of kids killed by guns today die by suicide or in accidental deaths.

In an effort to protect people from gun violence, Livermore Valley Moms Demand Action and Livermore Indivisible have united

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to provide critical information to members of our community.

On Wednesday, June 29, a representative from the Livermore Police Department and Cynthia Shon will provide information about gun safety and responsible gun ownership. The new Secure Firearms Ordinance will be explained, as will “Red Flag” laws. “Be Smart,” a gun safety program developed by Moms Demand Action, will be presented by Cynthia Shon. The presentation will help adults talk about gun safety to their children and explain what steps to take to prevent child gun deaths and injuries.

The meeting will be held in the Christensen Middle School Multipurpose Room, 5757 Haggin Oaks Drive, in Livermore at 7 p.m. On-site childcare will be provided on request: cerainey@gmail.com.

This is not a challenge to the rights of gun owners. This is a discussion about the responsibility we have to keep our children safe. Please join us on Wednesday, June 29.

Livermore is Like a Box of Chocolates
Deborah McQueen, Livermore

There is a famous line from the movie Forrest Gump, where Forrest states, “My mom always said life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you’re gonna get.” Anyone peering at the new downtown installation of Livermorium Plaza can empathize. Who would

have imagined another water installation bubbling up from a black granite ball surrounded by cement block “benches” with two sizeable competing water fixtures?

Livermore’s downtown was once a special place to go with a green space in front of Demitri’s, a green space next to Peet’s with mature trees for shade, comfortable park benches, and two lovely fountains. Since Covid, they have ripped up all the grass, and the downtown has become a cluttered cement boozing ground. Livermorium Plaza is a lifeless tech installation you might find in front of a prominent San Jose corporate building and nothing matches. No architectural theme or artistic principle is guiding these downtown installations anymore. A block away is the “ugly to the bone” Legacy building, which also doesn’t architecturally blend with anything around it. It’s rumored that the L St. Garage will be an art deco style, and Eden Housing will be another colossal behemoth of more “mission-style” architecture. All this pastiche is being done in the name of “progress,” says Marchand.

There are so many things wrong with the Livermorium Plaza that it would take an entire page to discuss them, but here are a few highlights expressed by citizens: “It’s not what I expected; there isn’t any shade; the concrete blocks are too low, and there is no place to rest your back; it’s

ugly, and it was nicer before; the ball is too small, and now they have a sign – do not climb on the ball; the Livermorium Plaza sign is too large; the bare brick wall is ugly; everything is out of scale; wish it was more natural-looking; the choice of trees should have been willows with larger canopies and less messy; the owner of Locanda probably died and went to heaven; who will be the first to learn to moonwalk on top of the ball,” etc.,

Standing at Livermorium Plaza, one’s eyes search vainly for a focal point, only to scan the top of the Schenone building. Our dear United States flag and pole stand disengaged from their surroundings - or was that intentional?

Vote Mony Nop
Denise Bridges, Pleasant Hill

I wholeheartedly submit this letter with my support for Mony Nop’s campaign for Mayor. As a nonprofit professional with 15 years of experience, I know firsthand that Mony would lead with integrity with the goal of making Livermore a safe and thriving city. I first met Mony when I started working in Livermore and he was establishing his foundation to offer individual scholarships and a leadership development program for middle- and high school students. The inspiration for his foundation came from his experiences as a child when he survived incredible odds coming to this country as a refugee, and as

a former Livermore police officer where he worked directly with youth, families, and school groups. He co-founded the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance and he also gives generously to nonprofits through his real estate business. Because of his own humble beginnings and service to the Livermore community, Mony is a connector. He will listen to the needs and concerns of every person, especially youth, and will truly care about the Livermore community and its residents.

Terry Wiley for DA
Anthony Beckett, Pleasanton

Well, we were unlucky in one regard and somewhat unlucky in another, regarding Alameda County DA and Sheriff. The worst choice for Sheriff won outright, and the worst choice for DA got enough votes to force a runoff. I hate repeating myself, but I will: Pamela Price is funded by the same people who brought us Chesa Boudin in San Francisco (recalled by the voters), George Gascon in LA (in the process of being recalled), the disastrous Kim Foxx in Chicago and Larry Krasner in Philadelphia. If she is elected, we will see unprosecuted crimes and a DA who is an ally to the criminal and a foe to law-abiding citizens. Please cast your vote for Terry Wiley in the runoff. We can’t afford to go through what these once-great cities have been subjected to.

Marijuana is the First Step
Owen Brovont, Livermore

It was with some dismay that I read the notice in the Independent of June 16 that the County Zoning Board approved a cannabis (marijuana) dispensary at the Darcie Kent Vineyards on Tesla Road just outside the Livermore city boundary and a little over 300 yards south of the southern fence line of Sandia National Laboratory. While I was growing up, marijuana was considered a scourge because of its impact on society, predominantly on its vulnerable youth. It was branded as a “gateway drug” that often lead to addiction

to more powerful drugs, such as heroin, cocaine, LSD and PCP (phencyclidine). Making the official determination whether a substance is habit forming has been an “intellectual battle” for many years. Marijuana users and suppliers fought, and evidently won, the battle, because marijuana is now openly cultivated and available in retail stores in many states; California is one of them.

There is no serious argument that will persuasively deny that this country has been in a gradual but conspicuous non-linear state of moral and ethical degradation.

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Proposed Eden Housing, along the block on Railroad Avenue from L Street to the extension of K Street. Source: City of Livermore Planning Document.

To Allow A Future City Council to Move Eden Housing Off the Very Center of Our Downtown

SIGN THE REFERENDUM!

About the Referendum

- ▶ A new organization called “Move Eden Housing” has been formed to conduct a signature drive to overturn City Council resolution 2022-085, passed May 24th.
- ▶ The City Council resolution will block any future City Council with a new majority from ever moving the location of Eden Housing.
- ▶ We must collect 6,000 signatures from Livermore voters by July 8 to reverse the City Council resolution and allow a new Council majority to move Eden Housing!

About the Flawed Eden Housing Plan

- ▶ Massive 4-story buildings in the city center will seriously degrade Livermore’s downtown and will make parking and traffic in Livermore much worse.
- ▶ The flawed plan doesn’t include housing for teachers, police and firefighters that was promised.
- ▶ By relocating the housing off the city center to a nearby site of the new Council’s choosing, we can build more affordable housing. In addition, we can create a park that would be a gathering place in the heart of downtown.

To Preserve Our Right To Move Eden Housing, Sign the Referendum!

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Goodness Village Raises \$75,000 at BBQ Event

By Aly Brown

The community recently raised \$75,000 to support a nonprofit organization providing permanent housing for people who have experienced homelessness. The funds raised during a sold-out “BBQ at the Barn” event on Saturday, June 18, benefited Goodness Village.

plans to break ground for a community center this fall and encouraged those who were unable to attend BBQ at the Barn to consider contributing through the organization’s website at gvlivermore.org/donate. “(The community center) will include an outdoor barbecue, laundry room and gathering space for meetings and group classes,” she

community is currently made up of 28 tiny homes on the site of CrossWinds Church on Freisman Road in Livermore. That number could possibly increase in the near future. “We are in conversations on how to serve more of our unsheltered neighbors,” said Curtis, a licensed clinician with more than 15 years of experience in in-

amount for rent, observe the rules, participate in community events and help with upkeep. No one with a history of violence or sexual abuse/assault is eligible for a unit.

After cutting the ceremonial ribbon on the facility last May, Curtis said during an interview with The Independent that when it comes to the neighbors’ histories, there’s an overarching theme of trauma, mental health disorders and substance abuse. As the neighbors become more comfortable, the on-site staff that offers wrap-around services works to understand each of their unique needs. Building trust takes time, Curtis noted, which is why it was important for the housing to be permanent.

“If you feel like you’re always on the move, you won’t set roots — you won’t start to trust people. You never move out of that hyper-vigilance/always-on-the-go mindset in order to trust others (so that you can) work on yourself,” Curtis continued. “Who am I to say that in 18 months you’re going to be ready to leave after 20 years of trauma history? It just doesn’t work that way.”

Now a year into serving the community at Goodness Village, Curtis said, “The neighbors are thriving in this healthy safe community, expanding their talents and skills to secure employment and launch micro businesses.”

To learn more about Goodness Village, visit gvlivermore.org.

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tion and decline for nearly 60 years. Having been a long-term resident of the Bay Area, I have witnessed this decline as it noticeably accelerated over the past 25 years. It has yielded a dramatic increase in drug addiction in the U.S. Opioid drug deaths, for example, increased from 72,151 in 2019 to 93,331 in 2020, according to the CDC.

It is known that fentanyl, a more recent and easily available drug, is being massively imported today through our open southern border. Fentanyl alone has reportedly killed 78,795 Americans between the ages of 18 and 45 over the past two years. The primary source of fentanyl is China and, to a much lesser degree, India. While some of

the precursors are imported into Canada and finished products smuggled into the northeastern U.S., the vast majority of fentanyl comes north across the border with Mexico. The current administration’s policy of maintaining an open border with Mexico has greatly enhanced the ease of importation of that illegal, killer drug. The current administration is very aware of the problem but has chosen to not take effective action against the drug importers by closing the border to massive and indiscriminate violations of American sovereignty. It appears that thousands of deaths from fentanyl are not of major concern. Flirting with psychoactive drugs typically starts with marijuana.



Goodness Village Executive Director Kim Curtis speaks to a full house during the “BBQ at the Barn” fundraiser. The funds raised will go toward 24-hour supportive services for people transitioning out of chronic homelessness. (Photo – Nina Pomeroy Photography)

Kim Curtis, Goodness Village executive director, said the money will go toward 24-hour supportive services that enable individuals to transition out of chronic homelessness. She also reported hopeful

explained. Goodness Villages aims to provide a safe and affordable living space for its residents — often referred to as “neighbors” — who were chronically homeless before arriving. The

tensive case engagement, working with the homeless, survivors of domestic abuse and those who are mentally ill.

As members of the Village, the neighbors are expected to pay a small

Celebrate Pleasanton’s Community Family Day Event at The Museum On Main

Join the Museum on Main on Saturday, July 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the museum’s front lawn for Celebrate Community Family Day. This year the

Community Family Day.” Past Celebrate Community partners have been the Cheza Nami, Tulancingo Sister City Association, Alviso Adobe Community

Fourth of July necklaces, crafting firework pompoms, and much more.

This event is part of the Museum on Main’s 2022 Family Days, which are free weekend events on the first Saturdays from June to September. Family Days are open to the public and are an avenue for children, parents, and grandparents to enjoy hands-on learning opportunities. Activities at Family Days are free of charge and no reservations are required. You won’t want to miss this unique opportunity, in the heart of downtown Pleasanton.

The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton. It is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information about current exhibits and programs, visit the Museum’s web site at www.museumonmain.org or phone 925.462.2766.

“It is an honor to be able to partner with and help spotlight one of these great organizations each year through our Celebrate Community Family Day.”

— Sarah Schaefer

museum’s Celebrate Community Partner is Pleasanton Military Families.

“We feel very fortunate to be a part of a community with so many amazing organizations working to enrich the lives of Pleasanton and Tri-Valley residents,” said Sarah Schaefer, director of education for the Museum on Main. “It is an honor to be able to partner with and help spotlight one of these great organizations each year through our Celebrate

Park, and the Korean Parent Association.

On July 2, the museum’s front lawn will be packed with a variety of activities to help participants get into a patriotic Fourth of July spirit and highlight the important work of Pleasanton Military Families. These will include making holiday cards for the next round of care packages that will go out in November, sponsoring a care box, making paper American flags, beading

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address the financial barriers that come with attending college by allowing us to support the families in our community by alleviating the cost of attendance, while allowing us to further highlight the amazing students who attend our college,” said Foster.

Students accepted will also have the opportunity to participate in the Las Positas Honors Transfer Program, which is designed to prepare highly motivated students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities and to build the intellectual and social skills needed for their success. In addition, President’s Scholars are expected to serve as ambassadors for the college; attending various events throughout the year as they represent the college on campus and within the community.

“These outstanding students, who will serve as our ambassadors, can certainly help by sharing their experi-

ences with our community,” said Foster. “We want more students to take advantage of all of the wonderful opportunities that we have to offer.”

The deadline to apply for the President’s Scholar Program is July 15. Applicants can reach out to LPC Foundation Chairman, Kenneth Cooper at: kcooper@laspositascollege.edu.



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Livermore's National Night Out Set For Aug. 2

Livermore’s National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2 from 5-8 p.m.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. National Night Out is designed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and heighten crime prevention awareness to

generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts. i.e. Neighborhood Watch.

The past few years have brought much change, including new residents. Residents are encouraged to use National Night Out to connect with neighbors both new and old. Share a potluck meal, ice cream social, or any other fun gathering

Registration deadline is Friday, July 22 to ensure a visit from Livermore PD and friends (CHP-Dublin, LPFD). Registration is now open at <https://forms.gle/f7Qe4vzM2owUqnvZ9>

For more information or resources on National Night Out 2022, please contact Livermore PD’s Crime Prevention Unit at CrimePrevention@LivermoreCA.gov.



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Dublin’s Summer Concert series opened on Thursday, June 16 with the Spazmatics at Emerald Glen Park. Concerts will be ongoing at the farmers market every Thursday through August. The full lineup can be found at www.dublin.ca.gov/summerconcerts.[\[See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia\]](http://www.independentnews.com/multimedia)
(Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

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odic Table of Elements,” said Marchand. “The council and I came up with the idea for a fountain with a large sphere representing the nucleus of the Livermorium atom, surrounded by 116 ‘electrons.’ It’s an exciting opportunity to introduce children to chemistry and physics and to inspire the next generation of scientists.”

Other speakers at the ceremony included Livermore Mayor Bob Woerner, Quest Science Center CEO Monya Lane, LLNL Director Dr. Kimberly S.

Budil, and the Honorable Jill M. Hruby, Department of Energy Under Secretary for Nuclear Security and Administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration.

The focal point of Livermorium Plaza is a livermorium atom and at the center is the nucleus, represented by a five-foot, granite, water-ball fountain. The fountain and base weigh 18,000 pounds combined, yet only 20 psi of water pressure is required to lift the water ball and allow it to be easily rotated by hand.”

The ball was quarried in Zimbabwe and manufactured in Germany. It is engraved with 10 facts about Livermorium, provided by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and 12 engraved granite markers encircling the fountain with additional facts. According to a press release from the city, “A total of 116 electrons are represented through engraved markers, reflective markers, lights and tree wells. The stainless-steel bands encircling the fountain represent the seven shells or orbitals of

Sample the Best of County Fair Food

The number one reason people visit the Alameda County Fair is the food, and this year the Fair has something to please even the most discerning palate.

The Alameda County Fair, taking place through July 10 at the Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, boasts over 80 different food booths, featuring everything from the traditional corn dogs, turkey legs and deep-fried Oreos, to Mexican, Greek and Asian cuisine.

As always, there will be a myriad of new and unusual foods offered like Hot Cheetos pizza, oysters on a stick, Bao buns, Hawaiian bowls, and bubble waffles.

For health conscious fair-goers, there are also lighter options such as fresh fruit, yogurt, ceviche, salads, and wraps.

On Thursdays until 5 p.m., the Fair offers \$2 Fair Food Bites which are smaller samplings of food from select vendors. It gives people the chance to try a wider variety of food without having to commit to a large portion size.

The Alameda County Fair is one of the Bay Area’s biggest summer events and features carnival games and rides, horse racing, star-studded concerts, pig races and many other special features throughout

the day.

For more details, visit www.alamedacountyfair.com. Follow the Fair’s of-

ficial Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for additional info, updates, contests, and giveaways.



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nities curated for each user.

However, what differentiates Revoteen from other social media apps is its ‘opportunities page,’ which showcases entry-level jobs for applicants. Additionally, users have the ability to post their own initiatives or organizations on Revoteen to find other students to join in their causes.

“The main focus is connecting student-run initiatives to other students who are looking to join and get involved,” said Bokinala.

Over the past two years, the initial group has grown into a nine-person corporation, and has amassed a user-base of over 5,500.

According to Bokinala, Revoteen has posted internship opportunities on the platform from companies such as Uber and PwC.

While Revoteen’s main purpose is to connect students with other

student-led initiatives and internship opportunities, the app’s founders believe that this application serves a deeper purpose for many high school students — reducing stress by helping to build impressive college applications.

“All of this kind of helps to relieve that stress and give them an outlet to find opportunities,” said Revoteen Head of App Development Yash Chhatre, a senior at Dublin High School. “They can have better self-esteem and feel less stressed than they need to feel as high school students.”

Revoteen’s founders also believe that the number of users drawn to the application signifies a shift in companies’ thinking about hiring student interns at younger ages.

“They’re starting to realize that high school

students are also very ambitious and very hardworking and willing to put in the work,” said Chhatre. “And very similar to college students, they’re very intelligent, and they’re able to pick things up fast. I think, in fact, the necessity for high school students is also increasing in general in terms of student employment.”

Bokinala agreed, adding that applications like Revoteen give students a platform to express their passions and find opportunities to apply themselves early on.

“This is a massive, untapped market of not just labor, but also just potential,” said Bokinala. “The fact that we’re seeing so many students come on to Revoteen and use it to find opportunities tells us that this is kind of a global phenomenon.”



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Midday Fourth of July Celebration Returns

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, Pleasanton's all-volunteer community celebration will return on Monday, July 4, 2022. The event will take place at Lions' Wayside Park on First Street, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

This will be a free performance of the Pleasanton Community Concert Band, under the direction of Conductor Bob Williams. Pleasanton Lions Club members will offer a picnic lunch of hot dog, chips, and water for \$2.00 per person. They also will provide free hand-held American flags to the first 200 adults to arrive.

Audience members should plan to bring their own chairs or blankets to sit on. Participants of all ages are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue.

"This will be the twenty-second time that volunteers have put together 'Celebrating Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution' for our community," said

founder W. Ron Sutton. "On Independence Day, we celebrate our shared heritage with an old-fashioned Fourth. Even if we disagree July 5 on current politics, we will do so with our expected behaviors of Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Honesty, and Integrity. We celebrate living in a Community of Character!"

This year's band concert will feature "Themes Like Old Times: The Music of the Roaring 20s." The band also will play an armed forces salute, with the anthems of each branch of the military service. Past and present military members are asked to stand and be recognized during the playing of their anthem.

Also being recognized during the program are the Ed Kinney Community Patriots: Chris Miller and Joyce & Bob Shapiro from 2020; and Charles Huff and Bob Williams for 2022. Established in 2005, the

award honors the memory of Kinney, who was a past mayor of the city and also the first Master of Ceremonies for the local Fourth of July event.

Current Masters of Ceremonies Ken McDonald and Les Duman will provide narration in the style of old-time radio shows. Current Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown will provide brief opening remarks.

Other volunteers for the event include the color guard provided by American Legion Post # 237 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post # 6298: commander; Bill Kleist, lead rifle; Roy Smith, American flag; Dennis Pearce, VFW flag; Ashley Harkness Jr., American Legion flag; Larry Fisher, POW/MIA flag; and Phil Cazella, trail rifle. Assisting with set-up will be members of Boy Scout Troop #908.

Sponsors include AC-CUSPLIT, Heritage Bank, Cellar Door, Heritage Bank, and Meadowlark Dairy.

Hope Hospice Offers Free Educational Programs

Hope Hospice, which provides support services for terminally ill patients and their caregivers, is offering a series of free, interactive programs.

On Thursday, July 14, the Dublin-based nonprofit will offer "Handling Grief and Loss," designed to help families prepare for the loss of a loved one. On Thursday, Aug. 11, it will offer "Signs of Dementia Versus Normal Aging." Both Zoom-based classes will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

To register, visit homehospice.com/family. Earlier programs in the series are also available online. For more information, call 925-829-8770.

Library to Offer Comics Drawing Workshop

The Livermore Public Library will host a virtual comics workshop for teens, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13.

The Zoom-based workshop, "Drawing Comics: A

Program for Teens in Grades 6-12," will be taught by artist and children's picture book author Oliver Chin. Students will learn about anime, or Japanese animation, and magna, or Japanese

comic books and graphic novels, while drawing their own comics.

The workshop is free, but registration is required. To sign up, visit any Livermore Public Library or call 925-373-5505.

Educational Wildlife Programs Come to Livermore

The Livermore Public Library will offer two educational wildlife programs this summer presented by Wildmind Science Learning, which operates a wildlife sanctuary in Half Moon Bay.

Wildmind will present Bay Area Wild, featuring a gray fox, great horned owl, red-tailed hawk, and a

kingsnake.

at the Rincon Branch Library, 725 Rincon Ave., on Friday, July 12. The program will begin at 1 p.m. The sanctuary will present Wild Americas, featuring a kinkajou, spectacled owl, falcon, and a tortoise, at the Springtown Branch Library, 998 Bluebell Dr., on Thursday, Aug. 11. The

program will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Both programs are free and last about an hour. For more information, call 925-373-5540 or 925-373-5517.

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Christian Youth Theater (CYT) enjoyed a successful run with Shrek The Musical* at Livermore High School. The six performances ran June 16-19, with nearly 60 students between the ages of 8 and 18 performing the theatrical adaption of DreamWorks classic tale of the an accidental hero named Shrek. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia]

(Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Friends of Dublin Holding Summer Book Sale

Friends of Dublin Library will hold its Summer Used Book Sale on Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26, at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza.

According to Friends of the Dublin Library, most items, including books and audiovisual materials, will be priced between 50 cents and \$2. Proceeds will help

purchase new materials for the library and supporting its community outreach programs. Sunday will also be Bag Day, when shoppers can fill a paper bag provided by Friends of the Dublin Library for \$5.

The sale will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. It will

be members-only from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Armchair Travelers Set to Explore Croatia by Land, Sea

The Livermore Public Library's Armchair Travelers program on Thursday, July 14, will feature "Croatia, By Land and Sea," a slideshow about his travels by retired Livermore chemist Bill Leach.

An armchair traveler is someone who finds out what a place or location is like by watching travel programs on television, looking at internet websites about travel or reading

books about travel. Armchair traveling is about daydreaming and imagining what it would feel like to physically be there. It is great for those who cannot travel, and for those who want to fantasize about where their next vacation will be.

The free program for adults will begin at 1:30 p.m., in the Storytime Room at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Ave.



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TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Now to Tuesday, July 19 Draft 2023-2031 Housing Element

Pleasanton has published the Draft 2023-2031 Housing Element Update and invites the community to provide feedback on the plan. The comment period for public review is through July 19. To view the draft plan and provide comments, or to check out any upcoming events related to the Draft Housing Element, visit bit.ly/30mtfto.

Now to Wednesday, July 20 Pleasanton Library Systems Upgrade

Over the next few weeks, the Pleasanton Library will be upgrading its computer systems. The upgrade is anticipated to be completed by July 20, during which time some services will be limited while the work is completed. During the upgrade period, the library will maintain normal hours of operation, visitors can sign up for a new library card, and items can continue to be checked out. The library asks that users return checked out items either before June 20 or after July 20. For a full list of impacted services and new features, visit bit.ly/3y1teWt.

Now to Thursday, July 28 Catholics of Pleasanton Grief Ministry

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Please join in for bi-monthly meetings at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, in Pleasanton. The schedule is June 9 and 23, and July 14 and 28. Meetings will start at 7 p.m., and although there is no advance registration, attendees are asked to arrive a little early to check in. The meetings are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. For a

short video visit catholicsofpleasanton.org, scroll to Grief Ministry, and tap on the video box. For more information, call 925-846-3904.

Now to Wednesday, Aug. 17 Livermore Scavenger Hunt

Play the Livermore Scavenger Hunt from June 1 to Aug. 17 for a chance to win prizes. No registration is required to participate in this free event. Participants may print a Livermore Scavenger Hunt form at home or pick up the form at any Livermore Public Library branch. Completed Livermore Scavenger Hunt forms must be submitted by 9 p.m., on Wednesday, Aug. 17. The 10 winners will be randomly selected from among the correct entries in a drawing held during the week of Aug. 22.

Thursday, June 23 BikeMobile Free Virtual Flat Tire Repair

Get free bike repair help in a virtual session from the BikeMobile and learn how to diagnose the cause, patch the tube, and reinstall the wheel. During each virtual presentation, one lucky winner will be chosen to receive a bike accessory kit with u-lock, light set, pump, and patch kit. All ages are welcome, and no registration required. For more information, call 925-373-5500. This service is sponsored by the Alameda County Transportation Commission's Safe Routes to Schools Program. To register, visit bit.ly/3vbnRSa.

Saturday, June 25 "Spaghetti Cookoff" Fundraiser

JPartners for Change Tri-Valley is hosting a Spaghetti Cookoff at Fiver Rivers Aviation, at the Livermore Airport. Drink and food tickets are available with an advanced sale discount, or attendees can volunteer to pour or

serve at the event - most shifts are half day. All proceeds will support Partners for Change Tri-Valley. For more information, visit pctcv.org.

Saturday, June 25 LAPD Movie In The Park - The Sandlot at Max Baer Park

Bring your blankets and join in under the stars to watch the classic movie "The Sandlot," to kick off the Little League World Series. This free, family-friendly event will take place at Max Baer Park, 1310 Murdell Lane. Gates open at 6 p.m., with games and activities from 6 to 8 p.m.; and the movie begins at 8:30 p.m. Snacks will be available for purchase at the Little League Snack Bar.

Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26 Summer Used Book and Media Sale

Friends of Dublin Library, Inc., will host their Summer Used Book Sale, with proceeds benefitting the library's materials and programs. Saturday book sale hours are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1. to 4 p.m. Sunday is also Bag Day, when shoppers can fill a paper bag (provided) for \$5. Bag Day also includes half-off on selected audio-visual and specially priced items. Friends of Dublin Library, Inc., now accepts credit and debit card payments in addition to cash and checks. The sale takes place at the Dublin Library, located at 200 Civic Plaza..

Saturday, June 25 ECHO First-Time Homebuyer Webinar

ECHO's Homebuyer Education virtual trainings assist potential homebuyers and are available to residents or individuals working in Livermore or Pleasanton. This workshop will help you determine if you are ready for homeownership, how to select a lender, shop for a home, all about closing

costs, and how to be a successful homeowner. You must attend this workshop and a pre-purchase counseling session to be eligible to receive a HUD certificate. For more information, visit bit.ly/3HB2dwn.

Sunday, June 26 Wine It Up Fitness Fundraiser

Joya's third annual Wine It Up fitness fundraising event takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Dante Robere Vineyards. The event will feature four Joya fitness classes, three raffles, and food available for purchase from The Color of Fresh. Event proceeds benefit Putnam Clubhouse and Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance. Dante Robere and The Color of Fresh will donate a portion of sales to the event. For more information, visit wineitup.org.

Wednesday, June 29 Pleasanton Pre-Nomination Orientation

At 6 p.m., the Pleasanton City Clerk's Office is hosting a pre-nomination orientation for prospective candidates at the Pleasanton Library, located at 400 Old Bernal Ave. The orientation is free, and registration is not required. The orientation will include information on district-based elections, city government structure, FPCC filings, campaign statements and disclosure obligations, and provide resources to help you get started. For more information, visit bit.ly/3QJNALo.

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

Pleasanton Farmers Market Open for the Season

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

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

Remembering Pleasanton Icon Pat Lane



Pat Lane

Pleasanton lost a stalwart supporter of the city last month with the passing of longtime resident Pat Lane. The 90-year-old community advocate died on May 11 of congestive heart failure.

Known for her myriad interests, Lane’s accomplishments included her being the first executive director of the Pleasanton Downtown Association and leader of the Saturday Farmers Markets and Friday Concerts in the Park. She

also worked as a reporter for the Livermore Independent, Tri-Valley Herald and the Pleasanton Times.

But Lane was also recognized for her volunteer activities and was recognized with the Ed Kinney Community Patriot Award, a Community Development Award from the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and the Pleasanton Mayor’s Award as a Human Service Commissioner and member of the Assisted Living Sub-

committee, which led the effort to bring Parkview Assisted Living to Pleasanton.

“That’s a rare triple-header,” said lifelong friend Tim Hunt.

Her enthusiasm for Pleasanton included a 33-year stint as a board member of the Museum on Main Street and a supporter of groups such as Lions International, Pleasanton Elementary School Band, Cub Scouts of America, U.S. Air Force recruiting, Pleasanton

Convention and Visitors Bureau, 4-H and the Alameda County Fair, California Council for Adult Education and the City of Pleasanton.

Her family says, above all, she was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, always putting family first.

“I have a special place for G-ma in my heart as an inspiration for determination, wit, community engagement and strength of family,” said granddaughter Annica. “Thank you for

blessing our lives with your love.”

Lane is survived by her husband of 70 years, Robert (Bob) Lane, her sons Don Lane (Hsiaoping) of Fremont and Tom Lane (Laurie Stull) of Bellingham, Washington; grandchildren Chloe Ione Stull-Lane, Annica Ren Stull-Lane, Piper Robert Stull-Lane, Ai Ling Patricia Lane, Cheng Hao Howard Tai.

At her request, no services were held.

OBITUARIES

Mary Lee Minkler 1945 — 2022



On April 10, 2022, Mary Lee Minkler, the loving mother of Lee Minkler and sister of Sandy Clark, passed away at the age of 77. Mary Lee was born in Winchester, Tennessee to Edwin and Mary Knox. She graduated from Livermore High School and, soon after, met her husband to be, Earl Minkler.

Her father was a sergeant major in the Marine Corps. The family traveled extensively and lived throughout Europe. During the 1960s and 70s, she worked as a dental assistant at Job Core Camp Parks for Doctor Lutsko. In 1975, she was a founder and integral part of the business Valley Machine Shop in Livermore where she worked until Covid-19 temporarily closed the business in 2019. She was well known as that sweet and

friendly person who answered the phone. The business is still in operation today.

Mary Lee’s extraordinary sense of fashion fueled a passion for nice clothes, nice shoes and jewelry. She was always dressed with class and

style. Her love for her animals was deep and passionate. Some of her favorites were Pepe the Chihuahua, Smoke and Blue the Siamese cats, Harley and Amber the Abyssinian cats, Sunny the always testy dog and, most recently, Ozzy, a rescue dog who she walked three to four times a day. Mary Lee and Ozzy became very well-known and were well-liked fixtures in the neighborhood. She was a car enthusiast and loved her Triumph Spitfire convertible named Sweet Pea. Another love of hers was Elvis Presly, and she collected as much of his music as she could.

Mary Lee was preceded in death by her father Edwin and mother Mary. She is survived by her son Lee; sister Sandy; and ex-husband Earl.

Marlene Ann Foster Nov. 16, 1963 — June 13, 2022

Marlene Ann Foster went to rest with the Lord on June 13, 2022, in her home in San Ramon, California with family at her side. Marlene was born on November 16, 1963, to Walter Paul Riedel and Ann Carolyn Riedel in Newport Beach, California and was the youngest of two children. Marlene graduated from Montclair High School in 1981 and earned an accounting degree from Cal Poly Pomona in 1985. Marlene then went on to work in Finance and Human Resources over the next 37 years with Lockheed Martin and Kaiser Permanente, primarily as an executive. She lived in Upland, California for 12 years, South Carolina, Texas and Maryland for 9 years, and San Ramon, California for her

remaining 16 years. Marlene was preceded in death by her loving husband, Paul David Foster in 1996.

Marlene grew up with her parents and her brother on Arrow Highway in Upland, California. She was a Girl Scout, enjoyed road-trips in her family’s camper, was President of the Montclair High School Girls’ League and was on the high school swim team. She graduated with an accounting degree from Cal Poly, Pomona in 1985 and subsequently began a career in Finance and Human Resources working mainly for Lockheed Martin and Kaiser Permanente. Marlene enjoyed spending time with her two boys, road-tripping, visiting MLB stadiums in different cities, experiencing new foods and sites, and

spending time worshipping the Lord and praying. Marlene was a devout Christian woman of faith and held to that faith through her diagnosis and cancer treatments. She had a dry sense of humor, an infectious laugh and never ceased to make people feel welcome in her home.

Marlene is survived by her children, Stephen Foster and his wife Annabelle of Liberty Hill, Texas and Graham Foster of San Ramon, California; her grandchildren, Kayden Foster and Bennett Foster of Liberty Hill, Texas; her parents, Walter Riedel and Ann Riedel of San Diego, California; and her brother Richard Riedel of San Diego, California. and her two basset hounds Oliver and Dale of San Ramon, California.

Florence Alice Burton April 30, 1927 — May 25, 2022



Florence Alice Burton, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully on May 25, surrounded by her children and grandchildren. She had just celebrated her 95th birthday. Florence was born on April 30, 1927, in Chebanse, Illinois, the daughter of Abe and Alice Sparenberg. Florence was one of five siblings, including sisters Irene and June and brothers Emerson and Ralph.

Florence excelled at her studies and graduated with honors from Chebanse High Scholl in June of 1945. After high school, Florence went to work for American Optical Company in Kankakee, Illinois. She then met the love of her life at a dance in Chebanse — Maynard L. Burton.

Florence and Maynard were married on June 28, 1947, and remained happily married for 58 years until Maynard’s passing in May of 2005. Maynard and Florence had four children — Jim, Kathy, Julie and Laurie, and in June of 1969, they moved their young family to Livermore, California where they resided for the rest of their lives.

Prior to his retirement, Maynard worked for General Electric and traveled the world as part of a team maintaining nuclear reactors. Florence accepted a job that she loved

with the Livermore Valley School District as an executive secretary. Florence worked for the school district and several of its superintendents prior to her retirement. She found great joy working with the students, parents, teachers and her colleagues. Florence was always full of warmth and positivity and was liked by all who encountered her. During this time, seven grandchildren were added to the family — Jim, John, Jenna, Ryan, Brianna, Devin and Kristen. All the grandchildren enjoyed close relationships with their grandparents and loved to visit them.

During the years that Florence and Maynard were both retired, they loved to spend winters in Cathedral City, California and summers in Livermore. They also travelled the U.S. in their motor home.

While in Cathedral City, they enjoyed golf, bingo, socializing with many friends and a bit of video poker at the casino. Florence was particularly lucky and often came home “a big winner.” When they were in Livermore, they hosted many family get-togethers and holiday parties and enjoyed spending time with their children and grandchildren.

After Maynard’s passing, Florence was delighted to become great-grandmother to Lucas, Lionel, Grant and Wesley. She always so enjoyed their visits.

Florence was a kind, caring and wonderful woman who deeply loved her family and friends. She was much loved and much appreciated by all who knew her and will remain so.

A funeral service will be held for Florence on June 25 at 10 a.m. at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore. The service will be held both in-person and live-streamed. The family respectfully requests that, for the health and safety of those attending in person, attendees be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and take a rapid test that day, if possible.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Sandy Hook Promise Foundation in Florence’s memory.

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

BJ Meier: wife, mom, friend, quilter. A life well-lived and filled with love and laughter. BJ was born in Clayton, New Mexico to Nordessa and Neil P. Bolt. Her best friend growing up was her younger brother, Jerry Bolt. They teased and rough-housed as youngsters until he grew up and was a little bigger than her, and then she looked up to him for the rest of her life. BJ married Virgil Meier April 30, 1955. Virgil showed up to their first date wearing a cowboy hat and driving a purple Cadillac, and BJ was smitten. After their wedding, they quickly produced five children: Randy, Toni, Rory, Tim and Vanessa. Her children and subsequent grandchildren were her pride and joy. BJ and Virg lived for many years in Southern California where BJ was a homemaker. Her artistic flair was on display when she painted the front door of one of their first homes red, unheard of at that time. She wasn’t afraid to paint walls orange or red, or green swirls and continued this adventuresome spirit throughout her life.

In 1978, they moved to a 40-acre ranch, where they built their dream home and spent

Betty June (BJ) Meier June 30, 1934 — May 20, 2022



hours working in the yard and on various projects around the house. They were firm believers in doing things themselves, often eliciting help from their kids with the big projects. They taught their kids many life lessons about the value of working hard, learning new skills and the value of stick-to-it-ness.

In 2004, BJ and Virg moved to Livermore where they found more laughter and love in their final years. The move was prompted, in part, due to Virg’s ailing health from Alzheimer’s and his physical disability. BJ found a support system in Livermore that allowed both to continue to thrive. BJ made new friends — Jackie Partain, Judy Bouthillier and Tina Palomad —

from the swimming classes she took at Robert Livermore Community Center. She loved these friends dearly and enjoyed their friendship and companionship over her final years.

BJ jumped into quilting fulltime and joined Amador Valley Quilters (AVQ) shortly after moving to Livermore. She loved everything related to quilting and was a prolific quilter, donating many quilts and making an equal amount to share with family and friends. Our best estimate is that she made a little more than 1,000 quilts from 2004 until her death. She looked forward to Cut Ups, Techna gals and monthly AVQ meetings and even held the role of secretary for a year. After a brief battle with cancer, BJ died peacefully at home surrounded by her children.

A special memorial service will be held on June 30 (her birthday) at noon, with a reception following from 1 to 3 p.m. at St. Michael Church in Livermore. Please come and celebrate BJ’s life with us on this special day (please no perfumes or colognes). In lieu of donations, please consider donating to the American Cancer Society.

Carol Ann Gatti Nov. 13, 1939 — June 3, 2022



a loving wife, devoted mother and adoring grandmother and great grandmother.

Carol will be sorely missed by her beloved husband of 65 years, Arnold Gatti; their three

children: Cathe Culbertson, Crista Gatti and Steve Gatti (Belinda); her 10 grandchildren: Justin Culbertson (Sonja), Garrett Culbertson, Sarah Culbertson, Michelle Ross (Bill), Stephanie Staykow, Nicholas Staykow, Alyssa Staykow, Jordan Gatti, Joshua Gatti (Stephanie) and Taylor Gatti (Woody); and four great grandchildren: Conner Ross, Liam Ross, Calvin Gatti and Jameson Johnson. She was preceded in death by her sister, Marilyn Knoll.

Services will be held at Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church on Wednesday June 22, at 11 a.m.

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

Miles L. Loyd Nov. 5, 1932 — May 28, 2022



On Sunday, May 28, 2022, Miles Loyd, loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away at the age of 89. A memorial reception will be held at Asbury Methodist Church on July 2 at 11 a.m.

Miles was born on Nov. 5, 1932 to Talmage and Velma Loyd in Winona, Missouri, where he lived until the family moved to San Francisco during World War II. Upon graduation from Mission High School, he joined the Air Force and served in the Korean War.

After returning from Korea, he met Jackie Sawyer of Monroeville, Alabama. They married there and then moved to San Francisco, where Miles attended City College and, later, UC Berkeley. After earning a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering, he worked for Fairchild Semiconductor in San Jose, California. In 1964, he took a job at the Livermore Lawrence Laboratory, where he worked until

he retired in 1989. Miles had a life-long interest in aeronautical engineering and was awarded patents in wind energy production. In the 1970s, he used a homebuilt SOL-20 computer to calculate the energy that might be produced from airplane-shaped kites. Based on that work, he pub-

lished the article “Crosswind Kite Power” in the Journal of Energy in 1980. Smithsonian magazine featured Miles’ work in a June 1982 article on new uses for kites. In 2010, Miles was honored at Stanford University by the Airborne Wind Energy Consortium as the Innovator of the Year for “outstanding achievements advancing airborne wind energy technology.”

Miles also enjoyed sailing and hiking at Lake Del Valle, photographing wildlife, windsurfing on San Francisco Bay, traveling in Japan and Mongolia and exploring the Mojave and Sonoran deserts. Miles is survived by his wife, Jackie; his two sons, David (Hiroko) and Stephen (Yuko); and his grandson Michael.

Memorial gifts can be made via donations in Miles Loyd’s name to Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center at <https://livermorearts.org/membership/>.

Doris Miller Dec. 9, 1927 — May 31, 2022

Doris Miller, a long-time resident of Sunol, passed away peacefully on May 31, 2022, at home at the age of 94. Doris was born on Dec. 9, 1927, in Worcester, Massachusetts to Wilfred and Bessie Murray. The eldest of three children, Doris grew up on a chicken farm and graduated from Mas-

sachusetts State University in Amherst where she met Charlie Rogers. They were married in 1947 and soon moved to Manila, the Philippines, among many Americans whose job it was to help the country recover from the ravages of World War II. Her experiences there as a young

wife and mother formed the basis for her recently published book, Welcome to Luzon. Doris subsequently lived in many California communities, plus Illinois, before moving to Sunol and Oregon, and finally settling down in Sunol in 2003 to stay. She was an active member

of the Little Brown Church of Sunol. She learned to whistle as a child to calm the hens as she collected their eggs, and as an adult, became an accomplished whistler, entertaining at events such as the 2012 performances by Sunol Repertory Theater. Besides raising three children, she worked in

the lab at UC Davis and as a caterer and housecleaner. She played golf and was passionately interested in gardening, birds and butterflies. She was also a wonderful cook, a great xylorimba player and a very talented seamstress. Survivors include daughter Ann Runkine of Worland, Wyoming;

sons David Rogers and Bruce Rogers, both of Sunol; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held Sunday, June 26 at 1 p.m. at the Little Brown Church of Sunol, 141 Killcare Road, with a reception to follow at the church.

Granada Little League Loses All Star Finals Championship Bracket Game

By Nathan Canilao

The Granada Little League Intermediate All-Stars lost its championship bracket game 6-1 to the Danville/Tassajara/San Ramon Valley All-Stars on June 20. Granada lost in extra innings after giving up five runs in the eighth inning. Both teams competed through seven innings. Danville took an early 1-0 lead

after scoring a run in the second inning. Granada would answer with a run in the third inning to tie the game 1-1. Both teams would dominate on the mound as neither allowed a run until extra innings. In the eighth inning, Danville would score five consecutive runs to take a 6-1 lead. Granada would be shut out in the eighth and would lose the game. Luke Mirra led Granada with three hits on the day. Granada pitcher Emery Lentz led all pitchers in strikeouts with nine on the day. Even with the loss, Granada will advance to the elimination championship on June 22. With a win, they would advance to the championship bracket to compete for the District 57 championships on June 24.



Danville's Jake Roberts (5) slides into second base covered by Luka Mirra (10) of Granada during the Danville/Tassajara/San Ramon Valley All-Stars game on June 20. However, it wasn't enough to carry the day; Granada lost in extra innings after giving up five runs in the eighth inning. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

School District to Hold Open House for New Gym

Community members will get an opportunity to tour the new Livermore High School gymnasium and athletics building during an open house hosted by the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Saturday, June 25. The two-story, 49,000-square-foot facility

at the corner of Fourth Street and Cowboy Alley includes a main gym with mezzanine bleachers, practice gym, wrestling room, dance studio, weight room, physical education classroom, team rooms, boys and girls locker rooms, kitchen and patio for concessions, and a ticket booth. Still to be completed is an aquatics facility, in-

cluding a 12-lane swimming pool, diving boards, and water polo field. The aquatics facility is expected to be finished next summer. School officials are asking that visitors wear soft-soled shoes during the open house. The \$57 million project is funded by Measure J construction bonds approved in 2016.



James Web, from Sidney, Australia took home the trophy for eating the most hot dogs during the Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest on Saturday, June 18 at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds. Web downed 41 hot dogs in 10 minutes and wins a spot at the table on July 4 at Nathan's flagship store competition in Coney Island, New York. Other winners making their way to the east coast competition were Derik Henderson from Las Vegas, Nevada and Pablo Martinez from Visalia, California. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Jewish School to Study Global Traditions

The Jewish Culture School, sponsored by Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, will focus on Jews Around the World, during its 2022 to 2023 school year. The Sunday classes, generally held twice a month in Pleasanton, will explore the cultures of Jews from

Northern Africa, Turkey and the Balkans, Argentina, China, Yemen, Central Asia, Ethiopia, and India. Students will learn about traditional dress, holidays, and customs, and will have an opportunity to cook and taste many distinctive foods of world Jewry.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews is a secular community for those who identify with the Jewish people through family, culture, and history, rather than religion. For more information, email culturaljews@gmail.com, call 925-399-8029, or visit trivalleyculturaljews.org.

Tri-Valley Haven Summer Outreach 2022

Tri-Valley Haven is collecting donations for their summer outreach to assist unhoused people. They are asking for items such as reusable water bottles, sunscreen, cooling towels, hats and more. Donations are currently being accepted at the Community Building, 3663 Pacific Avenue, Livermore, Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

TRAILS

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Assemblywoman Bauer-Kahan presents a ceremonial check to the City of Dublin for the development of the Iron Horse Trail Nature Park on June 17 where the Iron Horse Trail meets Amador Valley Boulevard in Dublin. (Photo courtesy City of Dublin)

another eight acres.

The 32-mile Iron Horse Regional Trail, which is part of the East Bay Regional Park District, runs along the abandoned Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way from Concord into the Tri-Valley.

The Livermore project recently opened its new segment on the south side of the Arroyo Mocho channel between Isabel Avenue and Murrieta Boulevard, which provides a link to the existing trail behind the Heritage Estates senior care property on Stanley Boulevard.

"It is another important step in completing the Iron Horse Trail through Livermore, and I hope many cyclists and pedestrians will enjoy this new option for being outside and getting some exercise," Livermore City Councilman Robert Carling said in an email.

The segment was formerly a Zone 7 Water Agency access road for crews to maintain the Arroyo Mocho. It is located just north of the railroad tracks that run along Stanley Boulevard.

Work included about

5,000-feet of 10-foot-wide asphalt and concrete trail with two-foot shoulders. It added to the completion of a pedestrian/bicycle bridge across Murrieta Boulevard, which allows users to safely cross Murrieta to the trail.

Officials with Livermore, Zone 7 and the Living Arroyos program held a celebration in May to open the segment. About 25 people, many of whom brought their bicycles, attended the event.

Sarah Palmer, Zone 7 board member, said the new trail will help encourage people to enjoy the outdoors.

"I think the more people get out, the better they are in terms of appreciating what we are as a valley," Palmer said. "I think that it becomes easier for them to do things kind of holistically in terms of thinking about water conservation and what it means to our region. I think it creates a good mindset."

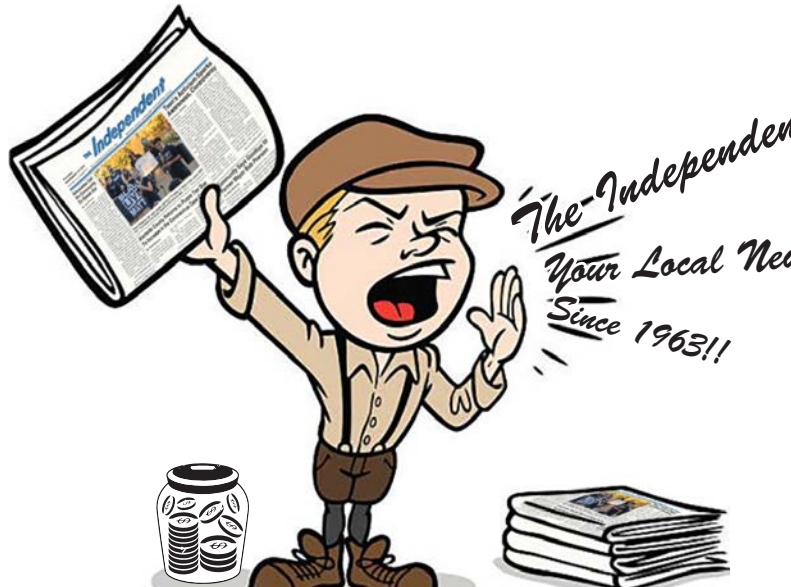
Zone 7 board member Dennis Gambs told the crowd gathered at the opening that the water agency repaired erosion damage from storms in 2017 at the

same time the city paved the trail. The Zone 7 project added natural stream-side vegetation and bank improvements to about three-tenths of the channel. Living Arroyos, an organization that maintains urban streams and streamside habitats in the Livermore-Amador valley, will care for the vegetation.

"Zone 7 is proud to have collaborated with the City of Livermore on the Iron Horse Trail project," Gambs said. "This provided the opportunity to combine these two projects into one project benefiting recreational use and flood protection."

The Iron Horse Trail segment was one of four planned projects in Livermore to connect pedestrians and cyclists to transit centers, parks, schools, the downtown core, and other destinations along the trail.

Approved in October 2020, the project was funded with \$1.6 million in Measure BB funds, along with \$193,000 from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) and other grants.



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On June 9, the Lions Club took its chuckwagon to East Avenue Middle School and cooked breakfast for graduating eighth graders. The following day, club members fed graduating seniors at Granada High School. The Lions Club reported serving about 1,500 pancakes and 1,500 sausages at the two events. (Photo courtesy of Livermore Lions Club)

TRAINING

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in 2017, and there were several think tank meetings, but please, that was complacency, and unfortunately, we have burned up a lot of time where children like my daughter have been struggling to get the instruction they need,” Cummings said.

He also said accountability and transparency were issues with the dis-

trict’s special education programs, and questions from parents were often treated with hostility.

“There’s a culture within special education with not implementing programs properly and not collaborating with parents,” said Cummings, adding he had written multiple letters asking for help without receiving a response.

He asked the district to collaborate more with parents, who often become experts on the topic out of necessity.

PUSD uses two programs to help students struggling with literacy and reading comprehension—Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS), which is designed for all students in the district,

and The Wilson Reading System, geared specifically to help students with dyslexia and other disabilities. Though some training has been completed, the district has not yet reached all teachers and administrators.

“We want families to know that we hear their concerns, and we have training and next steps to help ad-

dress the concerns they raised during the meeting,” said district spokesperson Patrick Gannon. “Namely, providing teachers with resources and training to help support all students.”

He further stated the district is aware it has work to do and will continue working with teachers and families to support all students in literacy.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589042

The following person(s) doing business as: JB Plumbing and Water heater, 6210 Cedar Blvd, Newark, CA 94560, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jonathan H. Williams, 6210 Cedar Blvd, Newark, CA 94560. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Jonathan H. Williams, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 12, 2022. Expires May 11, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5172. Published June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589321

The following person(s) doing business as: Top Knot Bake Shoppe, 6927 Bear Creek Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kelly Isselhardt, 6927 Bear Creek Drive, Livermore, CA 94551; Brett Isselhardt, 6927 Bear Creek Drive, Livermore, CA 94551. 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: 6/1/2016. Signature of Registrant/s: Kelly Isselhardt, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 25, 2022. Expires May 24, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5173. Published June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 588837

The following person(s) doing business as: Big O Tires San Leandro, 2201 Washington Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Baiwa 76 Enterprises, 2057 Drysdale Street, Danville, CA 94506. 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: Harman S. Baiwa, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 4, 2022. Expires May 3, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5174. Published June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 588859

The following person(s) doing business as: Vintage Society, 248 3rd St. #460, Oakland, CA 94607, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Vintage Society, 248 3rd St. #460, Oakland, CA 94607. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/1/22. Signature of Registrant/s: Mercedes Alegria, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 5, 2022. Expires May 4, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5175. Published June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589089

The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Veterinary Hospital, 2494 Railroad Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Livermore Loving Paws Veterinary Corp., 2494 Railroad Avenue, 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: Heather S. Moore, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 16, 2022. Expires May 15, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5176. Published June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589236

The following person(s) doing business as: TWS Wholesale, 414 Pendleton Way, Oakland, CA 94621, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): The Window Specialist, 414 Pendleton Way, Oakland, CA 94621. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The

date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2/13/15. Signature of Registrant/s: Keith C. Perry, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 19, 2022. Expires May 18, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5177. Published June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589380

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Wu Commerce; 2. SmartHubleader; 3. Wind Trade; 4. Redseaseed Technology; 5. OnlineBestbuy4save; 6. Bestbuyrunner; 7. Smartdealscity; 8. Hillflower; 9. SVPowercell; 10. Couponanddeal, 5393 Hillflower Dr., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Wan Wu, 5393 Hillflower Dr., Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Wan Wu, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 27, 2022. Expires May 26, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5178. Published June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589381

The following person(s) doing business as: Diablos Cooperstown, 1549 Darwin Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jeremy Branco, 1549 Darwin Ave, Livermore, CA 94550; Marin Martin Rabom, 2749 Riverbend Circle, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Unincorporated Association Other Than a Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Jeremy Branco, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 27, 2022. Expires May 26, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5179. Published June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 22CV011739

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Stephanie Abimbola Moses 443 Lee Street, Apt 302 Oakland, CA 94610 (925)759-5740 bibolamoses@gmail.com filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name: Stephanie Abimbola Moses
Proposed Name: Abimbola Stephanie Moses
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 7/15/2022
Time: 11:00 AM
Dept: 17
The address of the court is: **Alameda County Administration Building 1221 Oak Street Oakland, CA 94612**

A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation printed in this county: The Independent Newspaper 2250 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550
Dated: 5/25/2022 /s/ Electronically Filed - Jerrie Moyer, Clerk of the Superior Court- Judge of the Superior Court: Charles A. Smiley. The Independent, Legal No. 5180. Published June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 589384

The following person(s) doing business as: Jai Ambe Foods LLC, 46509 Mission Blvd, Fremont, CA 94539, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jai Ambe Foods LLC, 609 Vesper Ave, Fremont, CA 94539. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Shailesh Patel, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 27, 2022. Expires May 26, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5181. Published June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589285

The following person(s) doing business as: Tumaini Therapy, 1234 Ashby Ave, Apt D, Berkeley, CA 94702, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Melissa Beckles, 1234 Ashby Ave, Apt D, Berkeley, CA 94702. 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: 5/12/22. Signature of Registrant/s: Melissa Beckles, Licensed Clinical Social Worker. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 24, 2022. Expires May 23, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5182. Published June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589398

The following person(s) doing business as: Next Venture Rentals, 8905 San Ramon Rd, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Next Venture Rentals LLC, 8905 San Ramon Rd, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Alec Minnick, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 31, 2022. Expires May 30, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5183. Published June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589147

The following person(s) doing business as: Shree Ram Realtor, 3386 Hadsell CT, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Rajendrakumar N. Patel, 3386 Hadsell CT, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/4/22. Signature of Registrant/s: Rajendrakumar N. Patel, Broker Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 17, 2022. Expires May 16, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5184. Published June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589323

The following person(s) doing business as: Proud Family Creations, 3760 Thornhill Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Amanda Williams, 3760 Thornhill Drive, 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: Amanda Williams, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 25, 2022. Expires May 24, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5185. Published June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589495

The following person(s) doing business as: Otis Design, 184 Santa Clara Ave, Oakland, CA 94610, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Howard Tu, 184 Santa Clara Ave, Oakland, CA 94610. 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: Howard Tu, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 3, 2022. Expires Jun 2, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5187.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589557

The following person(s) doing business as: The Burgundy Rose tearoom, 732 Laurel Dr, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Georgette Christopher, 732 Laurel Dr, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Georgette Christopher, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 7, 2022. Expires Jun 6, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5188. Published June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 2022.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 579218

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Hospice360, 42808 Christy Street, Suite 124, Fremont, CA 94538. Registered Owner(s): Spectrum Pharmacy Solutions LLC, 42808 Christy Street, Suite 124, Fremont, CA 94538. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 5/18/2021 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Kashif Rana, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 2, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 5189. Published June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 588321

The following person(s) doing business as: Above the Bar, 219 Blackstone Cmn, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): W.G.G.L. LLC, 219 Blackstone 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: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Jeremy Vadurro, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 17, 2022. Expires Jun 16, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5190. Published June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589817

The following person(s) doing business as: Premier Home Financing, 673 Sandalwood Dr Unit 4, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Vasile Ciubancan, 673 Sandalwood Dr. Unit 4, 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: Vasile Ciubancan, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 16, 2022. Expires Jun 15, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5191. Published June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589363

The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Grocery Outlet, 1320 Railroad Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): S Corp, 5151 Northway Road, Pleasanton CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/1/22. Signature of Registrant/s: Supiah Galendran, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 26, 2022. Expires May 25, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5192. Published June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589738

The following person(s) doing business as: Magnificent Construction Company, 39372 Wilford St, Fremont CA 94538, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): David Lau, 39372 Wilford St, Fremont CA 94538. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/3/2006. Signature of Registrant/s: David Lau, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 14,

2022. Expires June 13, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5193. Published June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589723

The following person(s) doing business as: Praus Gifts, 8232 Brittany Drive, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lavon Malone Ribera, 8232 Brittany Drive, 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: 5/30/2022. Signature of Registrant/s: Lavon Malone Ribera, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 13, 2022. Expires June 12, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5194. Published June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589700

The following person(s) doing business as: Sweet Hope Soap Co., 1948 Railroad Ave, Unit 106, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Dulce Reyes, 1948 Railroad Ave, Unit 106, 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: 2/1/2019. Signature of Registrant/s: Dulce Reyes, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 13, 2022. Expires June 12, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5195. Published June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589811

The following person(s) doing business as: JCK Window Cleaning, 884 Herman Ave, Apt# 203, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jose David Angel, 884 Herman Ave, Apt# 203, 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: Jose David Angel, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 16, 2022. Expires June 15, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5196. Published June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2022.

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You are invited to the **Partners for Change Tri-Valley "Spaghetti Cookoff" fundraiser** at The Livermore Airport / Five Rivers Aviation. The event is Saturday June 25th 11:00am-5:00pm. Local restaurants will be competing for the "best spaghetti" in the Tri-Valley. Local breweries and wineries will also be pouring! Food and drink tickets can be purchased at the door.

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Rancho Day Set for Hagemann Ranch

The Livermore Heritage Guild will host Rancho Day at Hagemann Ranch, from 2 to 5 p.m., on Sunday, June 26, featuring the Cavallo Cowgirls Drill Team.

The Cavallo Cowgirls, based in Tracy, is a women's equestrian drill team formed in 2016. The members, ranging in age from 14 to 26, perform at shows, rodeos, and parades, and finished first in the Mixed Division at the 2021 California State Horseman's Association State Championship last fall. The

drill team also performed for Rancho Day in 2019.

Returning for the free event this year are the Cactus Corners Square Dancers from Livermore and cowboy poetry with Livermore Poet Laureate Cynthia Patton and Nate McKenna. Guests will also have an opportunity to practice their lassoing skills and do arts and crafts led by the Livermore Library.

The Livermore Heritage Guild, formed in 1973, manages the historic, city-owned Hagemann Ranch, at 455 Ol-

ivina Ave. The ranch represents the last five acres of an early, 19th-century, 48,000-acre Mexican land grant that encompassed much of what is now Sunol, Pleasanton, and the northwest section of Livermore. The Hagemann family acquired about 185 acres of the former land grant in 1890, continuing to live and graze cattle on the land well into the 20th century.

The city purchased the ranch for an interpretive history site in 2010.

NONPROFIT

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and personally funding and coordinating tenant improvements. He also joined building owner Alan Burnham as one of the center's first donors, matching Burnham's \$10,000 donation.

"This co-working space for nonprofits is such a wonderful resource for our community," said Nop. "Kathy and I spoke about this nonprofit collaboration center when we first met in an elevator eight years ago. Now that it is coming to fruition, you can't help but support it. Together, our community will thrive."

Young said having the physical space for collaboration — not just with colleagues, but also those they

serve — is important for nonprofits, particularly when they're just getting started.

"Larger nonprofits not based in the Tri-Valley also benefit from having an office front closer to those they serve here," Young continued.

CommonPoint features dedicated offices, dedicated cubicles, shared workspaces, and virtual offices for those who want a physical address and use of the conference room. Amenities include secure WiFi, printer, conference room, kitchen and a business address. TVNPA employees and volunteers staff the center, which will host TVNPA trainings, educational sessions and

networking events. Hively, Quest Science Center and the HERS Breast Cancer Foundation have already committed to leasing space at CommonPoint. Young talks daily with other organizations interested in the shared space and virtual memberships.

"We wanted to establish a co-working space at a low cost so there are several set-ups to accommodate almost any budget," said Young. "Eventually, TVNPA plans to offer sponsorships for start-up nonprofits without budgets, as well as sponsor opportunities to reduce rent for all tenants."

For more information, visit tvnpa.org.



Local officials, Tri-Valley Non-Profit Alliance members and various organizations cut the ceremonial ribbon on the official opening of the CommonPoint Nonprofit Center in Livermore on Saturday, June 18. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Tri-Valley Haven Offers Volunteer Training

Tri-Valley Haven, a Livermore-based nonprofit that provides support services for victims of homelessness and domestic abuse, will offer 70-hours of state-approved volunteer training this summer.

The Zoom-based Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Training program will begin on Tuesday, July 12. Classes will be held from 6:30 to 10:15 p.m., every Tuesday and Thursday, through Sept. 6. Those who complete the training will receive state certification and volunteer one shift per month for the Tri-Valley Haven Crisis Line, Sexual Assault Response Team, or the agency's legal clinic over the next 12 months.

The cost of the program is \$140 per person, with \$100 refunded following the required volunteer ser-

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