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House Ethics Panel Closes Investigation On Swalwell

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — The House Ethics Committee on May 22 informed Tri-Valley Rep. Eric Swalwell that it had concluded its investigation into allegations he had ties to a suspected Chinese spy.

In a letter to Swalwell, the panel said it "will take no further action in this matter."

The letter stated, "The Committee has previously reviewed allegations of improper influence by foreign agents and in doing so, cautioned that Members should be conscious of the possibility that foreign governments may attempt to secure improper influence through gifts and other interactions. We encourage you to contact the Office of House Security for any guidance on steps you can take to prevent or address such attempts."

Swalwell, who denied the allegations after they were raised in a 2020 news article, said it was "time to move on."

"The bipartisan House

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Commission Approves 172 Unit Housing

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — The city council on May 22 unanimously approved development of a 172-unit condominium complex north of the 580 freeway as part of the Isabel Neighborhood Specific plan.

The Denova Homes project for a 5.27-acre parcel on the northeast corner of North Canyons Parkway and Triad Place will include 13 three-story condominium buildings containing townhomes ranging from 626- to 1,275-square-foot units. Thirty-four of the 172 units will be deemed affordable and set to be sold at below market rates to individuals and families with median and moderate income levels. Twenty-four units will be accessible for those who are disabled.

The development includes a quarter-acre private park, landscaping, parking and street improvements.

"This is going to be a really cool neighborhood. I'm very excited for this," said Councilmember Evan Branning, who represents the

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Nachu Ghemappan, Jeffery Liu and Dylan Stites of Pleasanton Troop 998 place a veteran marker and flag on a grave at Pleasanton's Pioneer Cemetery on May 27 in honor of Memorial Day. *[See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia]* (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Families Decry End of Academic Program

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — Dozens of students and their parents last week urged the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) board to continue its International Baccalaureate (IB) program, an expensive alternative to Advanced Placement (AP) courses that might be dropped to help address a potential $6 million budget shortfall.

More than 60 people spoke during a packed school board meeting May 23, some criticizing the district for suddenly suspending IB classes for the 2024-25 school year without consulting parents and calling for innovative ways to fund the nearly $546,000 program.

"No amount of money should affect the students' education for what they want to do and how they want to learn," said Asher Steeley, an 8th grader at Joe Michell TK-8 School, the youngest of dozens of students who took to the podium.

Parents and students enrolled in the program at Michell and Granada High School said Superintendent Chris Van Schaack's decision to pause their coursework blindsided them May 11 when they opened an email from Granada Principal Clark Conover.

"Evaluating the efficacy and impact of our educational programs are important and necessary actions to ensure we are meeting the needs of all of our students most effectively," Conover wrote. "After careful consideration and analysis, Granada High School will suspend its International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme as of the 2024-25 school year."

Conover explained that the IB program had limited interest from students "because it requires a strict course completion of 'Standard Level' and 'Higher Level' IB classes and leaves

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Planning Commission Approves a New Private School, But Traffic Concerns Linger

By David Jen

DUBLIN — Plans for a new private school in east Dublin received planning commission approval at its May 23 meeting, despite concerns over added traffic. The commission approved the project on the condition that the applicant enliven the design's plain architecture.

Jerry Hunt, of VP RPG Dublin, LLC, submitted, on behalf of BASIS Independent School last August, an application to develop and operate a private school at 7950 Dublin Blvd., at the intersection of San Ramon Road.

The project plans to convert an existing three-story, 81,985-square-foot office building on the 3.7-acre site into a school for up to 800 middle and high school students and construct a new 9,134 square-foot gymnasium building, along with an outdoor recreational field, trash enclosure, and other site improvements.

"The site has really been plagued by a fair amount of crime and homeless people, which we spent tens of thousands of dollars in boarding up the building and staircases, and adding lights so the police can see in there," said Hunt, who bought the property in 2018. "The site begs for someone in there owning and operating it."

The planning commission voted 4-1 to approve a conditional use permit and site development review permit for a private school.

Commissioner Stephen Wright, who cast the opposing vote, questioned whether the proposed architectural design belonged at the gateway of future downtown Dublin.

"To me, it comes off as a very bland building," said Wright. "To have that kind of a prominent position in our city, it needs to have more pop … There's nothing against the business model, the academic excellence; it's about how this should look in our community for those of us who live here and drive by it every day."

The commission's motion included an approval condition requiring the applicant team to update the building's design, specifically by emphasizing the entrances on the east and west sides of building.

Wright also expressed concerns over the traffic impacts of the new school, which would interact with

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Following Inmate's Suicide

Deputies Charged With Falsifying Jail Oversight Records

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — Two Alameda County sheiff's deputies were charged last week with falsifying records related to an inmate's suicide at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, the District Attorney's Office said.

Deputies Sheri Baughman, 49, and Amanda Bracamontes, 30, were accused May 26 of doctoring logbooks to make it appear as though they followed procedures for directly observing inmates when Vinetta Martin hanged herself in her cell April 3, 2021. The charge is a felony.

"Video evidence shows that they repeatedly failed to check on Ms. Martin for extended periods, sometimes as long as one hour and 47 minutes, contrary to their certifications," the District Attorney's Office said in a statement. The Office further stated that Bracamontes and Baughman "were supposed to conduct direct visual observation checks every 30 minutes on Ms. Martin."

District Attorney Pamela Price filed the charges five months after creating her Public Accountability Unit (PAU) and announcing her team would re-examine seven deaths involving police officers and sheriff's deputies. Martin's death was among them. Found

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Community Gardens at Bernal Park Taking Root

By David Jen

PLEASANTON — The benefits of gardening will extend beyond fresh kale and tomatoes at the upcoming community garden in south Pleasanton. The garden will provide water-conservation education to residents, while also playing a key role in the city's effort to reduce greenhouse gasses (GHGs).

On May 22, Mayor Karla Brown cut a ceremonial garland of wildflowers at the future garden site at 550 Laguna Creek Lane to kick off the next phase of the Pleasanton Community Farm project, which will include a Master Gardener demonstration garden and plots available to residents for rent.

"This site demonstrates the city's and our Master Gardeners' shared passion for sustainability, connection (and) nurturing of our environment," said Brown at the event. "And I'm excited to say (it) allows us to continue to grow and thrive here in the City of Pleasanton."

The Master Gardener Program (MGP) began in 1980 at the University of California and has provided "research-based information about home horticulture and pest management to the public" since then, according to the MGP web-

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The Wave's Mt. Diablue offers spectators an interesting view of riders zipping through the slide during the opening of the new season on May 27. The Dublin water park will remain open through Sept. 4. *[See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia]* (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



Livermore Mayor John Marchand welcomes guests to Livermorium Plaza to celebrate Livermorium Day on Tuesday, May 30. The event recognizes the creation of element 116, which was named in honor of the city and a team of scientists from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Livermore is one of only six cities in the world for which an element has been named that appears on the Periodic Table of Elements. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Marchand Provides State of City Address

By Ruth Roberts

LIVERMORE — Mayor John Marchand delivered the annual State of the City address to a crowd at the Robert Livermore Community Center on May 25.

The event kicked off the 2023 Wine Country Luncheon Series hosted by the Livermore Chamber of Commerce. During the talk, Marchand touched on the accomplishments and future plans of the city.

"I'm going to be talking about what a remarkable, amazing place that we are all able to live, work and play in," said Marchand.

The mayor highlighted his talk with a slideshow representing the landmark achievement of fusion ignition made by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in December.

"I will tell you as a chemist that is just so flipping cool," said Marchand. "I call it a Prometheus moment … it is where we struck the match to ignite the sun. And it is a technology that has never been achieved on earth."

He segued from the stars to the weather and touched on the unprecedented rains.

"We are very good at bringing people together to solve problems, crises and emergencies," said Marchand. "Hundreds of man hours were spent to mitigate the effects of the storms."

While storms were raging, the Tri-Valley mayors went to DC to meet with senators and members of Congress this year to advocate for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) center in the Tri-Valley. "I'm so glad for the collaboration we have. We can work together and accomplish things."

Changing topics, Marchand spoke on the city's strategic plan.

"Public safety is not a two-year program," he said, adding that it is built on the pillars of community

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(Photo - Valley Humane Society)







Livermore Valley Post 7265 VFW hosted a Memorial Day Remembrance event at Stockmen's Plaza on Monday, May 29. Community members and local Boy Scouts participated in the free public gathering commemorating U.S. military who died in service to their country. The federal holiday was originally known as Decoration Day. Major General Logan, head of the Grand Army of the Republic, created the event in 1868. By the end of WWII, Memorial Day had supplanted the name Decoration Day. *[See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia]* (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)

Local Professor Recognized by SFSU

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Pleasanton resident and database design and data analytics Professor Paul Beckman is dedicated to helping the San Francisco State University (SFSU) students under his care and this spring, the university recognized his commitment with the Distinguished Faculty Award.



Paul Beckman

Beckman said being singled out from such a distinguished crowd of professors was humbling.

"I've been on campus for so long and I know there are different groups of faculty," Beckman said. "Some focus on research and some on service and many focus on teaching. I know them and have mentored many of them … we are all working hard."

Beckman was singled out from a staff of 750 teachers at SFSU. Distinguished staff awards were created as a way for the school to recognize faculty that demonstrate outstanding excellence in teaching, professional achievement and service. Beckman has embodied those ideals during his 27 years with the school, according to SFSU President Lynn Mahoney.

"Paul Beckman is a stellar example of how a professor can have a far-reaching impact on improving student learning," Mahoney said. "His enthusiasm for adopting new technology and innovative classroom practices and then sharing his results with colleagues improves outcomes in his classroom and in those of others. I am grateful for his dedication to innovation and excellence and – above all – student success."

During his lifetime, Beckman has earned five degrees, including a PhD in management from Purdue University. He has worked in big tech and raised a family in Pleasanton. He said he switched career tracks to teaching because his parents taught him to give back.

"I found out San Francisco State has one of the most diverse campuses in terms of students and is also the place in the Bay Area where students go when they don't have as much money," Beckman said. "If you have money, you go to Berkeley or Stanford, so wanting to give back as much as I could, I thought San Francisco State was the place for me to do that, because financially, they are the neediest in the Bay Area."

Beckman said he also wanted to focus on teaching rather than research, so he could have a direct impact on his students' lives.

This award comes at a time when Beckman is looking to the future and planning to step back from teaching full time. His humanitarian work with a research group out of Spain's University of Granada will require more of his time during the fall semester. He still plans to teach at SFSU in the spring.

"By retiring at a half-time rate, I can work with the research group in Spain during the fall semesters and still teach at SFSU in the spring semesters," he said. "I really want to keep teaching to help my SFSU students, so I'm hoping this will work out as just the right combination of the two."

For more information on SFSU, visit www.sfsu.edu.

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Del Valle Drowning Victim Identified as San Jose Man

The Alameda County Coroner's Office has identified the victim of a drowning at Lake Del Valle in Livermore on Saturday, May 27 as Daniel Cullison, 26, of San Jose.

On May 27, 2023, at 3:51 PM, East Bay Regional Parks Marine Patrol Officers were flagged down by Cullison's family on May 27 at approximately 3:51 p.m., saying he had entered the water to retrieve an oar and fallen into the water from the family's boat. The incident occurred in a cove across the lake from the East Beach outside of the guarded area.

According to witnesses after jumping into the water, the man immediately began to struggle and then went underwater. This occurred minutes before officers were summoned. Marine officers responded and marked the area and East Bay Regional Parks Lifeguards responded from swim zones and began diving in search of the missing man.



Daniel Cullison

At approximately 9:21 p.m., divers from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Dive Unit located Cullison. His body was recovered and released to the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau.

PG&E Urges Extra Care with Metallic Balloons during Graduations

Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) is urging high school and college graduates to make sure that helium-filled balloons with a metallic coating do not escape and potentially disrupt service by striking overhead power lines.

"Graduation season is a happy time for California students and families, filled with school commencements and celebrations," said PG&E Vice President Aaron Johnson. "But the mass balloon releases we often see at graduation ceremonies can quickly put a damper on the fun. When metallic balloons make contact with power lines, they can cause widespread power outages."

Metallic balloons have a silvery coating that can conduct electricity. If they contact power lines, they can short out transformers and cause electrical wires to melt, resulting in power outages.

"We urge everyone to celebrate responsibly and secure metallic balloons with a weight," Johnson said.

If a balloon or other toy does become caught in power lines, PG&E urges anyone nearby to leave it alone and call 800-743-5000 PG&E to report the problem.

Dublin Offers Preschool Classes

Dublin is accepting registrations for its fall preschool classes. The program offers a play-based curriculum that includes number, letter, shape, and color recognition, along with basic language and math skills. The city offers two-, three-, and four-day preschool programs at the Shannon Community Center, 11600 Shannon Ave., and Nielson Elementary School, 7500 Amarillo Road. To register, go to DublinRecGuide.com or call 925-833-6645 for more information.

Correction:

A recent story in The Independent entitled "NYT Bestselling Author Speaks at College" had two corrections. The first should have read, ""Sons and Soldiers" is being considered in Hollywood for a potential mini-series." The second correction should read: "However, some Japanese American soldiers were mistaken as the enemy and accidentally shot by those in the American military."

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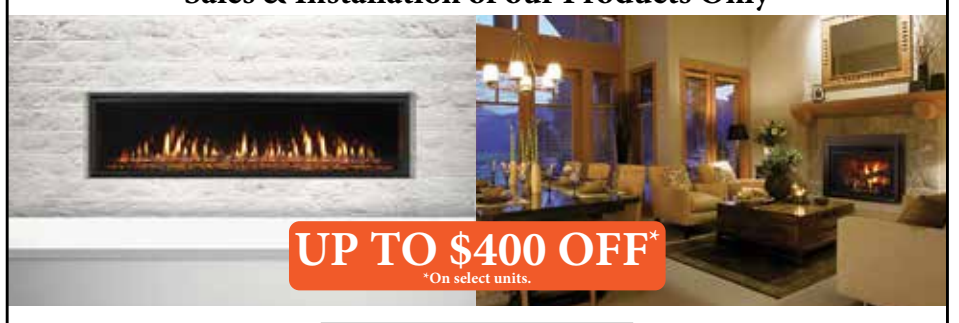
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LIVERMORE STUDENTS AGES 12-20 AND ADULTS: Share your talents with the community by volunteering on the Livermore Area Youth Advisory Commission. We are accepting applications now through June 9, 2023, at 5:00 PM.

Livermore Area Youth Advisory Commission
(5 Youth Vacancies and 1 Adult Vacancy)
The Commission promotes youth involvement in the Livermore community and supports communication between the elected leaders and the young people in the area. The Commission creates a forum for ideas and concerns and provides an opportunity for the interests, needs, and solutions of youth to be communicated to the City Council, the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. Youth membership is open to ages 12-20.

(5 Youth) Regular terms ending 9/1/2025
(1 Adult) Regular term ending 9/1/2025
Meets 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 PM
Next Meeting: June 5, 2023

SAVE THE DATE! In person interviews are scheduled for June 21, 2023, and June 22, 2023, at 5:00 PM. For more information or to apply, please visit www.livermoreca.gov/AB, call the City Clerk's office at (925) 960-4200, or email: cityclerk@livermoreca.gov.

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Livermore Students Receive Pedrozzi Scholarships

The Pedrozzi Foundation this year has awarded $445,000 in scholarships to 118 Livermore students, including 30 who will be the first in their families to attend college.

Created in 2004, the foundation was funded by the estate of Livermore businessman Mario Pedrozzi, who left an $8 million endowment to the community.

Since the first scholarships were awarded in 2008, the nonprofit foundation has reported giving out more than $6 million to 1,675 Livermore students to attend college and vocational schools.

Scholarship winners were recognized last week during a ceremony at the Bankhead Theater.

In addition to the Pedrozzi Scholar awards, the foundation also administers scholarships funded by other donors.

This year, the George Kerr Scholarship, created Jay and Mary Davis to honor a former Livermore elementary school teacher, went to Lauren Higgins, who plans to pursue a career in teaching.

The Kim Cupps Memorial STEM Scholarships, named for a longtime Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory employee who died in 2019 and funded by the Lawrence Livermore Foundation, went to Asmitha Aluri and Angelina Guzman. Aluri aspires to become a computer scientist, while Guzman has her sights set on becoming a chemical engineer and physician.

The John W. Houghton, Jr. STEM Scholarship, funded by Houghton, went to Annika Armstrong, who led the Livermore High School robotics team to the semi-finals of the Sacramento Regional FIRST Robotics Competition. Armstrong plans to study mechanical engineering at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

The Taylor Family Foundation funded scholarships for three first-generation community college students: Betsy De La O, Britney Hernandez, and Rebecca Sermeno.

The Pedrozzi Foundation also introduced its newest Pedrozzi Young Scholars during the awards ceremony.

The Young Scholars program selects fifth-grade students from the Marylin Avenue Elementary School honor roll and follows them through high school, providing targeted support to help them succeed academically.

This year's Pedrozzi Young Scholars are Zakarya Ahmad, Josgar Alvarez, Keven Beltran, Jade Davalos, María De La Paz Chávez, Ania García, Adalia Godínez, Kaelen Haselbach, Yaretzi Moctezuma, Brandon Molina, Keila Nieto Buitrón, Chloe Rosado, and Natalie Solís.

The recipients of the Pedrozzi Foundation Scholarships were:

Jonah Abigana, Lauren Allen, Asmitha Aluri, Anusha Aluri, Sara Amplement, Annika Armstrong, Richard Beeler, Hayden Borg, Katelyn Cainey, Avery Casselman, Dorothee Catipon, Gonzalo Ceballos, Edith Cibrian, Kristel Cornes, Aleksandr Cortes, Jason Cruz, Betsy De La O, Allison DeGuzman, Tanisha Deka, Nitti Dungwatanawanich, and Lillian Engelsgjerd, Saray Espinoza, Pauline Evangelista, Molly Faria, Clara Faria, Yoav Feigenbaum, Audrey Fick-Furlotte, Owen Fidler, Emily Gnecco, Ryan Gomez, Kevin Grant, Summer Gryszowka, Valeria Gutierrez, Mariana Gutierrez, Cesar Gutierrez, Angelina Guzman, Yasmeen Haider, Alexa Hart, Karina Hernandez, Britney Hernandez, Kelsey Hertz, Lauren Higgins, Rachel Huff, Jasmine Jaura, Hyewon Jo, Zoe Johnson, and Savanna Johnson, Drew Kardy, Amreen Kaur, Ryan Kennedy, Beckett Kohn, Wyatt Krauss, Daniel Lai, Ashley Lamb, Molly LaPerle, Lourdes Magana, Jacob Mall, Richard Mallon, Clara Markel, Anthony Martinez, Riley Maryman, Keira Matthews, Malia Mau, Natalie May, Leanna May, Sofie McMichael, Shemole Medeiros, Stefanie Medina, Jordan Meier, Gillian Mena Meredith, Michael Mussari, Caylie Natsch, Erin Nishikubo, Aleksander O'Connor, Amanda Ong, Aarush Panda, Trish Pedeglorio, Anabella Pedretti, Tanvi Penugonda, Diana Pinzon, Kathryn Piscotty, Christian Quindipan, Isabella Quintana, Michael Rasmussen, Omri Ratzkoff, Melanie Reed, Aidan Reilly, Hector Rios, Maliyah Rivera, Sarah Robinson, Alexis Rosenberg, Sophia Roshan, Alizabeth Ruiz, David Sadkowski, Amira Sain, Shunsuke Sakagami, Harshitha Sarathy, Rebecca Sermeno, Bhhavya Sharma, Ajaib Sidhu, Julia Siraponian, Samantha Smith, Marina Stiger, Kailyn Stow, Owen Summers, Sarah Sun, Anna Tang, Angela Traugott, Chivi Van-Dinh, Ashlyn Voisin, Molly Walker, Mackenzie Wherry, Lara Wiedemeier, Emma Wiedemeier, Claire Wiedenfeld, Elias Worley, Maxwell Young, and Ian Zolynas.



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2019 Homicide Suspect Arrested by LPD

On Friday, May 26, 2023, Livermore Police's Criminal Investigations Bureau arrested 25-year-old Jorge Luis Tellez on an outstanding warrant for the 2019 murder of 16-year-old Emanuel Moseby.



Jorge Luis Tellez

Tellez was identified as the sole suspect in the shooting and killing of Moseby at the Taco Bell restaurant on Stanley Boulevard in Livermore on July 8, 2019. Moseby suffered a gunshot wound to the abdomen and succumbed to his injuries at the hospital the next morning.

After the crime, Tellez fled to Mexico where detectives believe he has been hiding out since.

In October 2022, authorities in Mexico arrested Tellez on a warrant pertaining to this case. Mexican officials detained Tellez for several months ahead of his extradition back to the United States.

On Friday, May 26, 2023, with assistance from the U.S. Marshals, Tellez was extradited back to California. Detectives from Livermore Police's Criminal Investigations Bureau took custody of Tellez and transported him to Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, where Tellez faces several charges including murder. Tellez is being held without bail.

"I want to thank our detectives for their tireless work on this case and for bringing the suspect to justice," said Livermore Police Chief Jeramy Young. "The victim was a Livermore High School student and beloved member of the school's junior varsity football team. Our detectives never stopped searching for the suspect. We hope this news gives the victim's loved ones and the Livermore community some relief that the first step in the criminal justice system has begun."

"It has been a long process," said Earl Moseby Jr., victim's father. "Thank you to the Livermore Police Department for never giving up and for bringing us into the next chapter of closure."

Livermore Police will not be releasing any more information at this time as t he case has been turned over to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

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EDITORIAL Pleasanton Wells Reinstatement

We urge the city council to reaffirm its commitment to safe drinking water by reconsidering its authorization to use groundwater Wells 5 and 6 during peak-demand periods this summer.

An April 18 staff report submitted by Director of Operations and Water Utilities Tamara Baptista described the decision last fall to turn off Wells 5 and 6 as a result of "PFAS-related health advisory level concentrations given that (the) city's priority is the provision of safe drinking water."

Neither the PFAS advisory levels, the city's treatment capabilities, nor its safe drinking-water priorities have changed since November. Wells 5 and 6 are out of service due to PFAS. Why then bring them back online?

The state provides two health-based advisory levels for PFAS contamination: a notification level and a response level. Water with 3 parts per trillion (ppt) of perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS) — a common PFAS – triggers a need to notify the public. Response level for PFHxS is 20 ppt, requiring municipalities to either take the well out of service or treat it until it's below the response level within 30 days of confirmed contamination detection. Well 6 tested between 20.0 and 27.6 ppt during the nine quarters leading up to this year. Well 5 tested between 16 and 23 ppt for PFHxS during the same time period.

And since these chemicals can cause harm at minute concentrations, below currently detectable levels, state-advisory levels may provide an incomplete picture of PFAS health risks.

"On occasion, the chemical may not be detectable as low as the notification level by usual laboratory analytical methods," according to the State Water Resources Control Board. "In this case, detectability prevails, and our approach is to consider a detectable quantity as over the notification level until a more sensitive method is available."

For example, the notification level for perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) sits some 16 times higher than the state's standard cancer-risk level because of test limitations.

Pleasanton's Wells 5 and 6 have consistently tested above state notification levels and intermittently above response levels for PFHxS during the past two years, according to city test data.

Additionally, relying on wells that have historically tested near or above response levels sets the city up for an abrupt loss of water supply, just when we need it the most, if a test result exceeds allowed state limits.

While Utilities Planning Manager Todd Yamello said during the May 16 city council meeting that "stepping up the conservation efforts would be the solution," but water customers cannot react instantaneously. And the durability of the city's supply buffer during peak-demand periods remains unclear.

A supply shortfall caused by the loss of wells during a peak-demand period poses a dangerous situation that, especially at the height of fire season, received insufficient attention prior to the city council vote. The consequences of water demand exceeding capacity "include low or zero water pressure, empty reservoirs, and loss of water flow for firefighting," according to the April 18 staff report.

A water-supply strategy that therefore first exhausts alternatives before reintroducing contaminated Wells 5 and 6 would better align with the city's health and safety priorities.

Mandatory water usage reductions are such an alternative. Residents have demonstrated their ability to conserve during the recent drought. City staff concluded from tests performed in February that the city would require no additional water sources this summer, beyond Zone 7's current supply, if the 15% drought conservation mandate were extended.

The city can also monitor water conservation efforts more closely than the monthly PFAS-test schedule, providing more lead time to address emergencies.

Pleasanton has displayed admirable agility in its PFAS response thus far. It has taken wells offline despite a lack of regulatory requirement to do so. It has pivoted on its wells rehabilitation project. And it has been clear and straightforward in its messaging. We look forward to continued thoughtful decisions as we navigate our water-supply issues.

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Congratulations to All the Amazing Teachers

Nile Runge, Editor "The Noon Club News"

Yes, Livermore honored 19 outstanding teachers hosted by the Rotary Noon Club on May 3.The Independent mentioned only one, Irene Lucero. Why were the other 18 outstanding teachers not mentioned in the article? These honored names were missing: Hien Ngo, Casie Benjamin, Bonnie Pastrpak, Monica Bridwedel, Lajdeep McClane, Paige Zingraf, Heidi Pittman, Michael Bruan, Roxana Mohammed, Roya Husseini, Jessica Radzikowski, Stacey Carroll, Laura Morgan, Tina Weetman, Eileen Weed and Heather Kitt. Congratulations to those dedicated and amazing teachers.

Tiny Homes for the Homeless – I Would Vote Yes if I Could

Raeanne Passantino, Pleasanton

I have been a Tri-Valley resident for 23 years. I worked and volunteered in Livermore for nearly 10 years. I love the Tri-Valley and all it has to offer, which is why I was absolutely appalled when I saw and read the full-page ad in the May 18, 2023, issue of the Independent regarding tiny homes for the homeless. To begin, to assume all homeless people have mental health issues is wrong. To assume all people who are homeless have issues with drug and alcohol addiction is also wrong. There are many reasons why someone becomes homeless, too many to list in my 400-word allotment for this letter to the editor. This "not in my neighborhood" sentiment is very disturbing because gigantic leaps and assumptions were made by the authors of the ad that those housed in the tiny homes were going to automatically become a menace to society, a danger to children, and affect property values. Where is the humanity? Where is the kindness and respect that is currently being taught to children in our Tri-Valley schools. Did we forget to add the caveat that kindness and respect depends on who you are? There were 174 unsheltered individuals in Livermore according to the Everyone Counts 2022 Point in Time Count Unsheltered & Sheltered Report. When I worked in Livermore, there were working homeless who lived in their vehicles, with their children, because they could not afford the high rents or mortgages in Livermore. I guarantee there are "those people" living all around the authors of this ad and they don't even know it. The unhoused deserve a nice, safe, decent place to live, alongside neighbors who are kind and caring. Livermore is that place. The Tri-Valley is that place. I strongly encourage Asbury and the Livermore Neighbors to sit down and work together, to create a plan and space that not only serves those in need but provides an opportunity for members of the community to work together as volunteers and mentors to help people make positive changes in their lives.

Newspapers Are Now Infected

Russ Greenlaw, Livermore

The current mediocrity of public schooling has now infected newspapers. While radio and television long ago departed from appropriate grammar and word usage, newspapers formerly adhered to good spelling and vocabulary, even sponsoring the spelling bee (in which I now suspect few journalists could compete).

I learned grammar and spelling at the local schools starting in 1950 and am still young enough to remember some of it.

Electronic media personalities generally ignore the difference between "less" and "fewer", use adjectives for adverbs, plural pronouns for a single person even where that person's sex is known, and propagate redundancies such as "100-year anniversary " where "year" and "anni" mean the same (get a dictionary). It would be better to say, "100th anniversary" or "centennial anniversary" or simpler yet, "centenary." Radio and TV people routinely say "purtect", "purvent", and "purvide" while those words should be spoken as "PROtect", "PREvent" and "PROvide." I heard an auto race winner say, "I wanted to win bad" when, of course, "badly" is the word. The racer might be excused this error, but a supposedly educated news anchor should not fall into the same pit.

Newspapers now replicate these careless errors, spelling the verb "founder" (to sink) as "flounder" (a noun, a type of fish) and "preventive" as "preventative." Since the print media have the advantage of a delay between thought and publication, these flubs could be corrected; they could be sure that the verb following "if" is "were" and not "was" and that pronouns follow their antecedents in number, case, and gender. Careless IS the right term, since it seems many papers actually could not care less about correctness in writing or reportage.

Electronic and print media once set good examples of reasonably correct grammar, spelling and word usage, but, sadly, no longer.

My Heartfelt Gratitude

Michelle Boss, Livermore

I would like to profusely thank all of the community leaders, current and former planning commissioners and city council members, Livermore city planning and legal staff, wineries and winegrowers in this community, hoteliers, other business owners, community stakeholders, Livermore residents, my business and personal associates, investors, numerous project neighbors, and my AMAZING development team for coming through with your support on the Livermore Valley Wine Country Inn project in light of the recent re-entitlements. Your kind and encouraging words over the last four years - showing up to speak, write letters, influence opinions - means more to me, a female developer and entrepreneur, than you will ever know. We will raise all boats with the tide and will not disappoint.

Biden Administration and Mainstream Media Censor IRS Whistleblowers

David Ott, Pleasanton

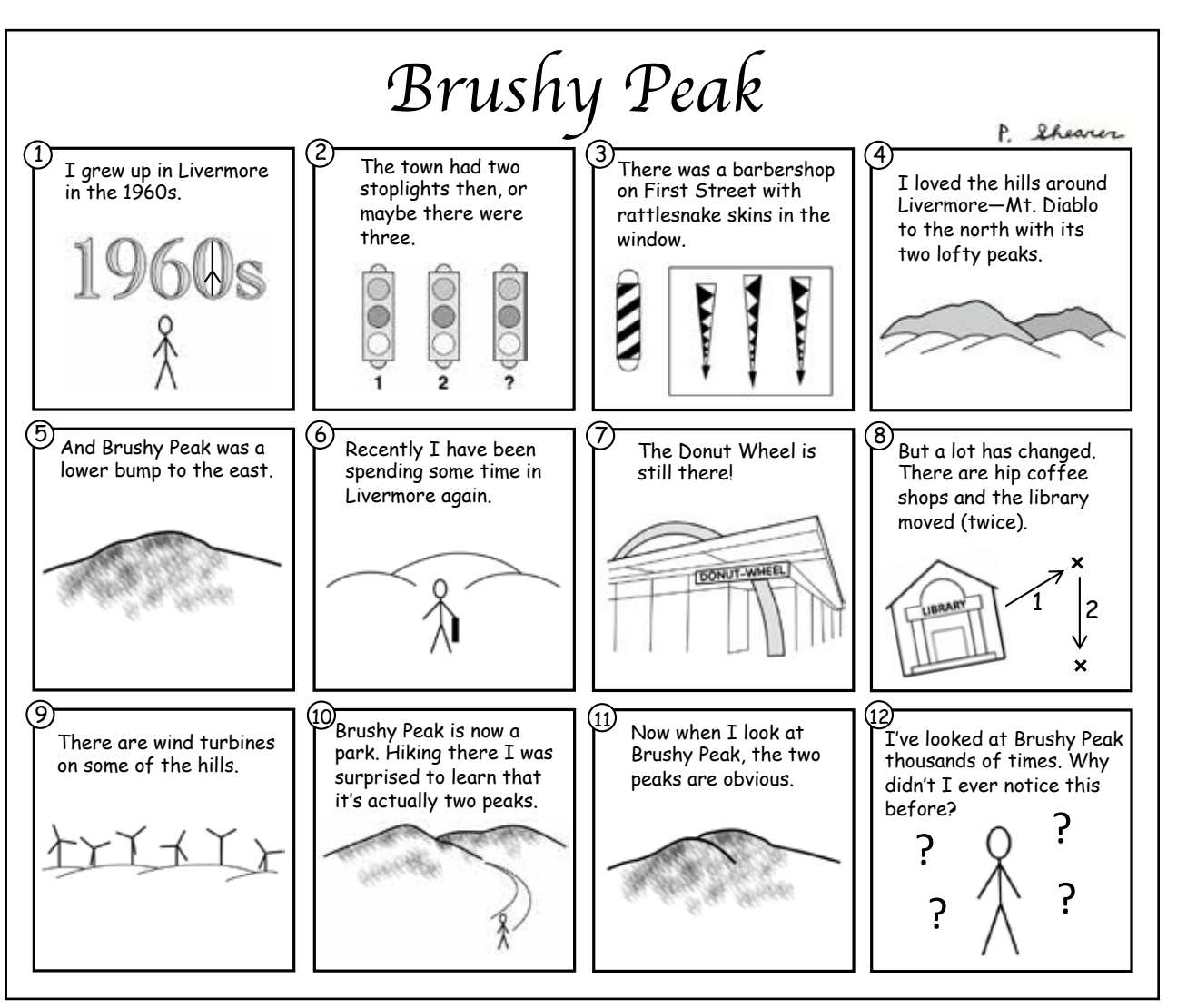
The freedom of speech and the protection of whistleblowers play crucial roles in maintaining transparency and accountability within any government or institution. The Biden administration and the mainstream media have attempted to censor whistleblowers who have come forward regarding the Hunter Biden tax offenses and alleged foreign bribes

The Biden administration and the mainstream media have suppressed information by downplaying or ignoring the claims made by IRS whistleblowers regarding Hunter Biden's tax offenses and alleged bribery. These allegations involve Hunter Biden's tax affairs and his purported acceptance of bribes from foreign countries by using his father's name as influence.

The Biden administration has shown a reluctance to investigate these allegations thoroughly. The mainstream media's limited coverage and lack of critical analysis have raised concerns about potential bias and censorship, as they ignore the gravity of the accusations brought forth by the whistleblowers.

Whistleblowers who have come forward with information regarding Hunter Biden's tax offenses and alleged bribery have faced character assassination attempts. They have been portrayed as politically motivated or unreliable, making it harder for their claims to gain traction in the pub-

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lic discourse.

The Biden administration and the mainstream media have created an information blackout by limiting the coverage and discussion surrounding the allegations against Hunter Biden. This restriction on public access to relevant information undermines the principles of transparency and accountability.

Preserving the integrity of our democratic institutions requires a commitment to open dialogue and the protection of whistleblowers who aim to expose potential misconduct and violations of trust. All American citizens need to demand more from our politicians and mainstream media.

Single Use Plastic

Jean King, Livermore

I am very discouraged about the huge amount of single use plastics that are inundating our planet.

The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is overwhelming. We have all seen pictures of massive amounts of floating plastic in the Pacific Ocean. Most of the plastic is broken down by the sun into tinier and tinier microplastics, which can't be seen with the naked eye. Seventy percent sinks to the bottom of the ocean.

These particles are very harmful to animal and plant life.

Microplastics are everywhere - in the oceans, on land, in our food and in animals, including us humans. We need to reduce the amount of single use plastics.

During the pandemic, when I was getting lots of takeout food, I wondered about the proliferation of single use plastic takeout food containers in Livermore. So, I collected takeout food containers and took these to Livermore Sanitation to find out how our food servers are doing. Livermore is not doing well.

The present Livermore rules call for take-out containers to be either recyclable or compostable, so that they can go in the blue and green cans on garbage day. From my sample, most of the food services in Livermore are not following the rules. Their takeout containers are single use and belong in grey garbage cans.

The City is working on rules for utensils and containers used on the premises to be reusable and not single use.

If the City of Livermore is setting the rules, shouldn't the City properties set a good example. I recently went to the Daily Grind in the Civic Center Library and got a delicious smoothy in a plastic glass with a plastic straw. I consumed it on the premises. The container is not reusable by the establishment.

It is not composable. It is not recyclable. It is single use garbage.

I ask the City of Livermore to set a good example, follow the rules and encourage and enforce the rules for others. Utensils and containers used on the premises should be reusable and not single use. Take out containers should be compostable or recyclable.

Clean and Safe Water Low Priority for Pleasanton City Officials

Anne Fox, Pleasanton

In spite of proposed Federal regulations limiting the maximum allowable PFOS/PFOA amount in drinking water to the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 4 ng/L, the Pleasanton mayor and city council last week voted 4-1 (Balch opposed) to re-open up previously shuttered Pleasanton-operated Wells 5 and 6 during the summer on an as-needed basis.

Back on Dec. 6, 2022, Zone 7's groundwater resource manager Ken Minn clearly warned the Pleasanton elected officials that new EPA regulations would be set around the "Notification level which is very low." (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Qo7t-4bYs8M)

So what did Pleasanton just do? Even though Wells 5 and 6 have PFOS concentrations of 12 ng/L and 18 ng/L, far exceeding the proposed Federal Maximum Contaminant Level by a factor of 3 to 4 1/2 times, Pleasanton officials decided to re-open these wells up, in spite of the high levels of PFOS present.

That doesn't seem to matter to the four elected officials who, instead of determining ways to remove the PFAS-related toxins from our water, are focused on renovating a former private residence (Century House) and constructing yet another Skateboard Park.

Though the proposed Federal EPA PFAS regulations are in fact 4 ng/L (https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas), perhaps Karla Brown and the other three council members are hoping these regulations won't ever materialize. Perhaps, that's why, rather than funding a solution to screen out the contaminants via ion exchange resins like Zone 7 is doing, the City of Pleasanton seems to be in a permanent holding pattern doing nothing to solve the problem

Zone 7 started constructing PFAS filtering technology at its Zone-7 operated Stoneridge well, but unfortunately, the City of Pleasanton officials seem to have other priorities.

Their new priority? Unbelievably, the city manager and city attorney just researched and published an 81-page document on its website to serve as a staff report for a city council Special Meeting this week on "City Council Norms and Code of Conduct."

The priority of the elected majority has shifted yet again, this time from providing clean and safe water to its residents to developing its own etiquette/behavior/conduct manual.

Our tax dollars at work…

Get Informed and Have Fun: Attend Livermore's Next Town Hall

Trish Munro, Livermore

You have questions; the City of Livermore has (some) answers! The next in an ongoing series of Town Hall meetings will take place on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, from 3-5 p.m., outside of Livermore's Rincon Library (725 Rincon Avenue).

The event will include interactive arts and live music offered by Livermore Valley Arts, as well as Mustache Mike's Italian Ice because when does ice cream not make any event better?

But the main reason for coming, of course, is to learn about what our local government does now and plans to do in the future, how we fund those plans, and the ways you can participate.

City Leadership will discuss Livermore's Strategic Plan, The Strategic Plan is the road map that will guide the work of the city over the next five years. It was developed using Livermore's vision, mission, and values; community input; and documents such as the General Plan, Climate Action Plan, and Financial Plan. It's the 30,000-foot view of Livermore. We all have a stake in understanding what it is, where it came from, and how we can participate in the ongoing conversation about going forward. Want to be prepared? Check out the whole plan online: https://www.livermoreca.gov/government/city-council/five-year-strategic-plan.

The future can't happen without the resources to make it so, starting with funding. Where does the city get money to ensure that Livermore thrives? How do decisions on how much to spend for different areas—capital improvement, maintenance, human resources, police, fire, library, and more—get made? Ultimately, how financial resources are used determines how well the Strategic Plan will be implemented.

In addition to hearing about the Strategic Plan, this is an opportunity to meet the people who do the work of the city—our excellent city staff, a group of people truly dedicated to public service. From Public Works to Community Development, this is a chance to learn about the complicated work that keeps Livermore going. And, not coincidentally, to find out the ways that you can participate, whether as an employee, a volunteer, or simply as an informed resident.

Police are Not Protecting Pedestrians

Brian McFann, Livermore

Today I was almost hit by a car while crossing a downtown street in a crosswalk with the "walk" signal. The car that almost hit me was making a left-hand turn from second street onto "L" and came straight at me before braking and veering to avoid hitting me and the two pedestrians that were behind me. The driver then yelled at me before driving off, as if it was in some way my fault that she had to slow down to avoid hitting me. I walk every day in the old part of town (south of First) and almost every day I am nearly hit by some driver who doesn't seem to understand or accept that pedestrians have the right of way in a crosswalk. It has got so bad that I don't even want to walk downtown anymore. Many drivers evidently don't understand that they are not allowed to drive through a crosswalk when a pedestrian is anywhere in the cross, not just when a pedestrian is in their path. They evidently do not know that they are supposed to stop and remain stopped until the pedestrian has safely crossed the street, that they are not allowed to go barreling through the crosswalk, as long as they can expect to narrowly miss the pedestrian, according to their own estimate of the pedestrian's speed and position while crossing the street. Drivers must stop until the pedestrian has finished crossing the street. Stopping while a pedestrian is anywhere in the crosswalk contributes to the safety of the pedestrian, because it alerts other drivers that a pedestrian is in the crosswalk and that they also need to stop. And it is the law. The Livermore police need to enforce the law and educate drivers about this by pulling them over and ticketing them whenever they fail to stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk. Police are not doing enough to protect the safety of pedestrians, and somebody is going to get killed if they don't start doing it.

A's Disgraceful Behavior is Now Their Norm

Richard Andrews, Livermore

I have cheered for the A's since Charlie O' brought them here. I've followed many of their players and announcers over the years, including Bill King and the immortal Ray Fosse. Ray was as great in person as he was on the air -- a true gentleman in every aspect of his life. I didn't know Glen Kuiper that well, and knew his family better. (All good, giving people.) Glen was a perfect partner for Ray. A true gentleman in all aspects and never a racist by any stretch of the imagination. Now he is gone by the penny-pinching owners of the soon leaving A's. Their phony excuse was because he uttered the "N" word, which really is as vile a word as I know. And the A's claimed they researched it before deciding he was done. Baloney. They were trying to save money.

The president of the Negro League Ballplayers Museum, which runs this wonderful venue, readily accepted Glen's apology. And because he was understanding, he too has been assailed by Wokes in the thousands. Disgusting. Yet the squeaky-clean A's still canned their best announcer. Need I say more?

This year they also destroyed the team with trades etc., which are obviously cost-cutting moves. Their treatment of the players and team is a disgrace to professional sports. Then MSNBC sacked him, too. Monkey see, Monkey do. What a crock of BS. Glen Kuiper is a great announcer, and this is his first ever utterance in 20 YEARS OF BROADCASTING EXCELLENCE that was bad. He immediately apologized, and it was accepted as noted above. Yet he, his wonderful family, and others who are close to them, have been demonized and treated horribly by fools.

I am an independent liberal and have shot many arrows at the Right-wing when I think they are wrong. But I also do not like it when people who are more to my side of the scale engage in blatant, head-banging, stupidity based on ignorance. The Far Left has even surpassed many Far Right ranters in their behavior in this matter. Glen Kuiper and his family deserve support, not this hate inspired drivel. I hope that Glen and family understand that there are many of us who are with them at this very troubling time. Shame on the A's and the rest of you who engaged in this despicable behavior.

We Should Listen to Andrew Jackson

Jan Brovont, Livermore

"The people are the government, administering it by their agents; they are the government, and sovereign power." Andrew Jackson. Andrew Jackson was an American lawyer, planter, general, and statesman, who served as the seventh president of the United States from 1829 to 1837. Before being elected to the presidency, he gained fame as a general in the U.S. Army and served in both houses of the U.S. Congress.

Jackson was born in the colonial Carolinas before the American Revolutionary War. He became a frontier lawyer and married Rachel Donelson Robards. He briefly served in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, representing Tennessee. After resigning, he served as a justice on the Tennessee Supreme Court from 1798 until 1804. Jackson purchased a property later known as the Hermitage.

In 1801, he was appointed colonel of the Tennessee militia and was elected its commander the following year. He led troops during the Creek War of 1813–1814, winning the Battle of Horseshoe Bend. The subsequent Treaty of Fort Jackson required the Creek to surrender vast tracts of present-day Alabama and Georgia. In the concurrent war against the British, Jackson's victory at the Battle of New Orleans in 1815 made him a national hero. You can see his statue at Jackson Square in the French Quarter in New Orleans. He later commanded U.S. forces in the First Seminole War, which led to the annexation of Florida from Spain. Jackson briefly served as Florida's first territorial governor before returning to the Senate. Source Wikipedia.

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DEPUTIES

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hanging with a bed sheet wrapped around her neck, Martin was alive, but died later at a hospital.

Shortly before Price took office in January, her predecessor, Nancy O'Malley, cleared the deputies of criminal wrongdoing in Martin's case. O'Malley's final report on Martin's death released Dec. 16 did not say anything about logbooks. It only addressed the deputies' failure to timely check on Martin in her isolation cell.

"By failing to observe Ms. Martin in her cell at the required 30-minute intervals, Deputy Bracamontes and Deputy Baughman may have been negligent in their duties," O'Malley's report said. "However, it is clear that the negligence did not rise to the level of criminal negligence required for an involuntary manslaughter conviction. Both deputies were aware that they were required to check on the inmates every 30 minutes, however, Ms. Martin was not on suicide watch or intensive observation on April 2, 2021."

At the time of her death, Martin had been in custody at Santa Rita Jail since Oakland police arrested her on July 5, 2020, in an assault case. Nearly three weeks later, a judge declared doubt about whether Martin was competent to stand trial and suspended court hearings. A year later, Martin was still in custody awaiting evaluation and transfer to the Department of State Hospitals-Napa, Price's office said.

"Ms. Martin was a 'special management inmate' who told staff she was planning to commit suicide three weeks before her death," Price's statement said. "Ms. Martin was discovered unconscious and slumped on the floor. She was pronounced dead at Stanford Valley Care Medical Center in Pleasanton."

Price notified Sheriff Yesenia Sanchez on Friday that she had issued warrants for the deputies' arrest.

In a statement, Sanchez called the news a "difficult day."

"Any life lost at the Santa Rita Jail is one too many," Sanchez said. "Deputies Bracamontes and Baughman are entitled to due process as is the case for anyone else in the community. The Alameda County Sheriff's Office has cooperated with District Attorney Price's office in this investigation and will continue to do so going forward."

The case is among the first to come out of Price's PAU. In addition to the jail case, Price filed charges against probation officer Nicole Perales, 50, alleging Perales performed a sex act on a 15-year-old boy in custody at the Alameda Juvenile Justice Center in San Leandro.

Price's PAU is also re-investigating the Feb. 17, 2022 officer-involved shooting death of Cody Chavez, 33, during a standoff at a Pleasanton apartment complex. O'Malley said two Pleasanton officers were justified when they shot Chavez as he lunged at other officers with a knife. During her campaign, Price expressed concern about the shooting.

PROGRAM

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little room for the pursuit of non-IB courses."

"Though the program has many great qualities, over the past five years an average of less than 16 students per year are completing the IB Diploma requirements," Conover said. "With a program cost in excess of $400,000, it is very difficult to justify the cost with the number of students who complete the program."

Some parents noted the principal's memo on the program's cost was lower than what district officials identified at the meeting. There was no explanation for the difference.

Conover said students unable to continue in the suspended program could enroll in AP courses, which, like an IB diploma, can result in college credit.

But unlike AP classes that test student acumen in individual subjects, such as history and English, IB is a full curriculum that includes courses in foreign language, business, history, philosophy, world religions, science, computers, mathematics and the arts.

"It's a program that's found in top schools around the world," said Skye McCloud, a parent of three IB students. Describing the diploma program as a "teaching philosophy where the kids learn how to learn," McCloud said it involved "thinking, research communication, self-management and social skills."

"Kids learn to be creative, reflect on new information, think critically, communicate effectively, and experience and embrace a balanced lifestyle that values art, music, sports languages and community service in this age of smartphones and ChatGPT," McCloud said. "It's not about memorization. It's about learning how to think for themselves, to connect ideas, work through complex problems and collaborate."

Several students told the board the IB courses helped them succeed better than they would have done in a regular classroom.

"The reason I believe IB is something so many students are passionate about is because of the abundance of perspective and deeper approach to learning," IB diploma candidate Will Hodges said. "The IB courses are longer; we very deeply analyze the material we cover. I've gotten the opportunity to very deeply study topics from all aspects of education, including the arts, history, sciences, mathematics, all in great detail. Because we're able to explore this in such depth. I've noticed that it's catalyzed a lot of growth for myself and my peers as students."

Another student, Alexander Pepper, said IB students "find that they are treated with respect and accommodation."

"IB has helped me emotionally and mentally in too many ways to count," Pepper said. "I do not know where I would be without the program, and I hope future students will be given the same opportunities I have received."

Statistics displayed at the meeting, however, showed limited numbers of students involved in the program, giving it a high cost per student. In a presentation for the board, Assistant Superintendent Melissa Thiede said 77 of 2,682 Granada students who graduated from 2018 to 2022 earned the IB diploma. Twenty-two of 531 students slated to graduate this year are on track to receive the diploma.

Although IB courses are open to all students, just 257 took one class in 2021-22; 311 from 2022-23, and 233 are slated for next year.

Thiede said that makes the program expensive, costing nearly $25,000 for each student who earns the diploma. She compared this to other programs where the district spends significantly less, including $300 a student for the 2,000 involved in athletics; and $380 a student for middle school counselors for 1,971 students; and $294 a student to provide each with a Chromebook from kindergarten through sixth grade.

Nearly $300,000 of the $546,000 budget goes toward salaries for a required IB director and a library, and another $182,000 for additional required courses, some of which have low numbers of students, Thiede said.

"I want to make it very clear that we have a very good understanding of the quality of the International Baccalaureate program," Thiede said. "We know that it is a very fine and amazing educational opportunity. There's no question in our mind about that. But the reality of the budget situation that we're in at this point, the reason that this is before you, is it has become cost prohibitive, just with the number of students that are involved and the costs associated."

During an earlier presentation, Doug D'Amour, the district's director of fiscal services, explained that Gov. Gavin Newsom's state budget proposal shows a $32 billion deficit, meaning not only will the district receive less funding, but might have to give back $6 million it already received.

The numbers could change once the state knows its final tax revenue. The spate of storms in January prompted officials to delay deadlines for paying taxes until October.

"No one wants to sit here and cut popular programs for kids," Van Schaack said. "The challenge that we have is that budgeting is a zero sum game. So that means if one thing stays, one thing goes."

Van Schaack said he must return in a month with a balanced budget for the next school year.

"The challenge that we face is collectively, we have to make decisions that we don't want to make," Van Schack said.

Board members took no action, but no one on the panel immediately voiced opposition to the cut.

Trustee Steven Douin choked back tears as he recalled teaching IB history for six years.

"I've been dreading this moment for quite some time," he said. "I think this is one of the hardest professional questions that I've been asked to grapple with."

Questioning issues of equity, Trustee Yanira Guzman asked Thiede to return with demographic statistics to see which students were enrolled in the IB program compared to AP courses. She also questioned that only a low number of students benefit from IB.

"We may have only 22 students currently that are going to graduate with the diploma, but what I'm hearing is that we have a lot more affected, who are also gaining the skills, the knowledge, the critical thinking, and anything else that the IB program brings," she said.

Several parents disputed the district's count of students affected, saying they will return to the board with their own numbers.

Others suggested coming up with a solution in the community, the home to the Lawrence Livermore and Sandia National Laboratories full of rocket scientists.

Student Grace Peterson said she would never ask district officials to take money from other areas, such as athletics, but wanted the same opportunities for fundraising that the sports teams enjoy.

"It is disappointing that the decision was made hastily and without consultation from our teachers, students, families and community members," Grace said. "We were never given any opportunity to take action to devise or recommend a solution."

GARDENS

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site.

The Alameda County Master Gardeners, with the help of a seed donation from the Seeds for Bees project, sowed nearly an acre of cover crop in the spring of 2022 to prepare for the garden project. Beyond the garden patches and demonstration garden, the Community Farm will offer a learning center, row-crop area, vineyard and orchard, although the city has not yet allocated funding for these later phases, according to the Pleasanton Community Farm Master Plan.

"This is a big project, as you can see," said MGP Coordinator Dawn Kooyumjian. "It's taken a long time to get to this point ... However, where do you start? You start with the soil."

The cover crops, including bell beans, peas, and a mix of wildflowers, have deep roots to help open the soil, allowing air and water to flow more easily into the ground.

The garden will "demonstrate best practices and all things that are in the Master Gardener mission," said Kooyumjian. "It's going to be some place where you can go see, 'Oh, it's the time of the year when I should be planting kale.'"

Following completion of the demonstration garden, the park will offer garden patches for rent by residents, similar to the program currently in place at Val Vista Park.

"Local food production is going to be a nice outcome, but it's really about training people about how to do all of this themselves," said City Manager Gerry Beaudin. "The community garden creates a learning environment. We get to use some public lands that create a spot for people to come, do a lot of good things when they go back home or to their business, or other places in the community."

Last week's event also marked the opening of the city's first free compost hub, now located adjacent to the garden parking.

Regulations set forth in Senate Bill 1383, the compost and recycling law, went into effect at the start of 2022. In an effort to keep organic waste outside of landfills — where they produce GHGs 84 times more potent than if they decomposed in the open air — the law requires jurisdictions to both collect a certain quota of organic waste and to make use of the decomposition end products.

The city, while excited to distribute free compost to residents, will also spread the material at city parks and procure renewable natural gas to meet its consumption quotas, said Assistant to the City Manager Becky Hopkins.

Combustion of renewable natural gas, which includes methane produced from the decomposition of organic waste, releases carbon recently pulled out of the atmosphere by plants, and therefore exerts less climate-change effects than combustion of fossilized natural gas.

MGP is currently working with the city engineer to mark off the area for a fence to keep out pests, said Master Gardener Lou Astbury. He expects development of the fence and subsequent demonstration garden to begin soon.



Lou Astbury, Alameda County Master Gardener, examines the grasses and wildflowers at the kick-off event for the future UC Master Gardener Education Garden at the Pleasanton Community Park on Monday, May 22. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

SWALWELL

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Ethics Committee had this case for over two years," Swalwell said. "They had the power of subpoena. They received answers from me in response to requests for information. Today, they are closing this matter and did not make a finding of any wrongdoing."

The committee closed its investigation four months after House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, R-Bakersfield, removed the Democrat from his seat on the Intelligence committee. McCarthy said House members and the FBI were concerned about "his relationship with the Chinese spy."

Swalwell, whose 14th District includes Livermore and Pleasanton, has said he cooperated from the beginning with the FBI after learning the Chinese operative Christine Fang, also known as Fang Fang, had volunteered to participate in his 2014 reelection campaign. National news source Axios previously reported that Fang had helped to raise funds and interacted with him at some events.

Axios said the Chinese government sent Fang to the United States to infiltrate the offices of politicians it deemed on the rise. Swalwell was among them.

House Republicans then quickly accused Swalwell of wrongdoing and the allegations became a regular topic for Fox News hosts, including Tucker Carlson and Laura Ingraham. A complaint was filed with the Ethics panel on April 9, 2021, alleging Swalwell might have violated House rules or conduct.

Swalwell maintained throughout that he had cooperated with the FBI and broke off ties to Fang as soon as he learned her identity. Swalwell denied any relationship with Fang and cooperated with the investigation. Fang returned to China and Axios said no evidence was found that showed Swalwell passed along any secrets.

Swalwell called the allegations political because of his outspoken criticism of former President Donald Trump and McCarthy.

"Nearly 10 years ago, I assisted the FBI in their counterintelligence investigation of a campaign volunteer," Swalwell said, referring to Fang. "The case and my assistance were briefed to Republican Speaker of the House John Boehner, and two years later, Republican Speaker of the House Paul Ryan re-appointed me to the House Intelligence Committee. Neither Speaker questioned my actions nor politicized my cooperation. Despite the FBI repeatedly saying I was nothing but helpful and never accused of wrongdoing, this complaint was filed by a House Republican."

Although now ousted from the Intelligence Committee, Swalwell remains on the Homeland Security Committee. In April, during a public hearing with Homeland Security Sec. Alejandro Mayorkas, another panel member, U.S. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Georgia, accused Swalwell of having a "sexual relationship with a Chinese spy — and everybody knows it." Following objections from the committee's Democrats, her words were stricken.

Swalwell said he will continue to speak out.

"If the intent in bringing this complaint and leveling false smears was to silence me, that is not going to happen," Swalwell said. "I will continue to be a voice on behalf of my constituents and a passionate defender of democracy."

SCHOOL

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an existing Starbucks on the corner of Dublin Boulevard and Regional Street; Starbucks already causes traffic issues.

"We do disclose in the traffic study that the level of service, right now, it's a D, and it's going to go to an F, which is bad," said Alternate Commissioner Washida Rashid.

The study, however, submitted by engineering consultants W-Trans, stated "This is not considered an adverse condition based on the traffic operation standards described in the city's Downtown Dublin Specific Plan," which allows for intersection levels of service below grade E.

Trish Aust, BASIS senior director of logistics and transportation, explained that the school plans to use buses, staggered schedules, carpool programs and extracurricular activities to spread out the traffic load during dropoff and pickup times. She expected about one-third of students to use BASIS-provided buses, which are also available for teacher use.

In addition, the city plans to conduct further traffic studies after the school's first full academic year, and if and when it reaches maximum enrollment.

"If either study reveals that the number of trips generated by the project exceeds the threshold analyzed in the local transportation analysis, the public works director shall require financial contribution towards traffic signal modifications, and require modifications to BASIS school's traffic and parking management plan," said Senior Planner Linda Ajello.

Dublin Unified School District Board of Trustees Appoints Four New Leaders

Michael Williams, a former principal and administrator for the Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD), has been named director of human resources by the Dublin Unified School District (DUSD).

The appointment was confirmed May 23 by the DUSD board of directors.

The board also confirmed the promotion of former Fallon Middle School assistant principal Candice Baligaya to principal for the upcoming school year, while former Wells Middle School assistant principal Matt Britten was named principal at Frederiksen Elementary.

Taiba Tahir, a teacher and technology coach in the DUSD system, was named assistant principal at Dougherty Elementary.

All four will assume their new positions on July 1.

Williams has a master's degree in educational leadership and administration from San Francisco State University and a bachelor's degree in physical education teaching and coaching from California State University, Chico.

A former vice principal at Amador High School in Pleasanton, Williams was named interim principal for the last two months of the 2015-16 school year and promoted to principal that summer. He was appointed to head the Human Relations Department for PUSD in 2018.

Prior to joining PUSD, Williams was a middle school vice president in Half Moon Bay.

Baligaya has a master's degree in applied leadership from National University in San Diego and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from California State University, Bakersfield.

She previously taught mathematics at Fallon Middle School and was an instructional coach for DUSD elementary schools. She has been assistant principal at Fallon since 2018.

Britten has a master's degree in educational leadership and administration from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a bachelor's degree in English from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

He taught English at the Alliance College-Ready Middle Academy in Los Angeles and Lindsay High School in Lindsay, California, and was assistant principal of culture at Aspire Public Schools in Oakland before being named assistant principal at Wells Middle School in 2018.

Tahir has an administrative credential from California State University, East Bay and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of California, Irvine. In 2022, she was named Teacher of the Year at Cottonwood Creek School in Dublin.

Prior to joining the DUSD system, she taught in the Hayward Unified School District for seven years.



The Dublin Unified School District has hired four new leaders for the district. They will assume their positions on July 1. From left: Taiba Tahir, Dougherty Elementary assistant principal; Mike Williams, director of human resources; Candice Baligaya, principal of Fallon Middle School; and Matt Britten, principal of Frederiksen Elementary.
(Photo courtesy of Dublin Unified School District)

Lawrence Livermore Lab Study Concludes CO2 Projects Can Succeed

A study by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) concludes that carbon capture and storage projects are economically feasible if the benefits are shared fairly by government, private developers, and communities.

The report, "Sharing the Benefits: How the Economics of Carbon Capture and Storage Projects in California Can Serve Communities, the Economy, and the Climate," finds that several types of projects are already viable today, which could help the state meet its climate goals and benefit host communities and landowners.

Other types of projects not viable today could become viable under new policies that are within the bounds of existing programs and precedent, according to the study.

"While this economic picture is representative of first-of-a-kind and early-adopter projects, we expect that costs for subsequent projects will decrease and become more economically favorable as these technologies are deployed more broadly commercially," said Benjamin Grove, carbon storage manager at the nonprofit Clean Air Task Force, who co-authored the report with LLNL scientist George Peridas.

The study examines the costs of carbon dioxide (CO_2) capture, transportation, and geologic storage in California necessary for the state to become "carbon neutral" by 2045, reduce statewide human-caused emissions by 85% from 1990 levels.

"Carbon neutral" is defined as achieving net-zero emissions by balancing any remaining atmospheric emissions with the removal of CO_2 from the air, or simply by eliminating CO_2 emissions altogether. It applies to everything that generates greenhouse gases.

Funded by the Livermore Lab Foundation, the study concludes that for carbon capture and storage projects to succeed in California they must serve three concurrent needs: reduce emissions and atmospheric CO_2, make economic sense for developers, and satisfy the economic, social, and environmental needs of local landowners and host communities.

The study looked at published literature and models, modifying costs where needed to fit California conditions more closely, and conducted multiple interviews with project developers in the state.

The study identified three categories of carbon-capture projects, including a small set of applications that includes ethanol and some refinery applications that it concluded are readily economical, need no additional policy support, and hold considerable potential for local benefits.

A second category includes further refinery applications and natural-gas power plant applications, which can range from reasonably profitable to questionable, with economics that will depend heavily on project and local specifics.

The last category includes most natural-gas power plants and cement plants, which the study found would likely need additional revenue streams and/or policy support to become viable.

The report concludes that a compensation structure that considers individual project profitability, and that grows or shrinks with actual revenues, would spread the benefits most fairly without exposing developers to undue risks and would more likely result in broader project acceptance and proliferation.

And while the practice of sharing and discussing individual project economics may not be common today, the authors believe that it is necessary.

"The future of (CO_2 capture and storage) in California hinges on finding ways to deploy projects that concurrently serve the climate, the project developer, and the host landowners and communities," Peridas said. "A good-faith approach from all parties involved is required to enable such projects to materialize and succeed."

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ideals, including values and ethics that are shared by the leaders and the community. "I thank the staff for all the tremendous work they do. They have a passion for what they do, because they understand the importance of it to the community … Working to enhance the quality of life is … a top priority. Values and ethics continue to be a top priority."

Regarding the budget, the number one concern is public safety, and an economy that prospers, he noted. "When our businesses succeed, our community succeeds."

Marchand emphasized that environmental stewardship is also important. He said the public needs "to embrace and care for the environment that we share with other communities and with the environment around us."

Pointing to a 2020 public survey that supported the city's successes, Marchand noted that the poll showed that 92% of respondents agreed that Livermore was a great place to live and raise a family.

"In this political environment, you can't get 92% of people to agree the sky is blue," joked Marchand, who added that 98% said they felt safe in their neighborhoods and 80% think the economy is sound.

"Most of our dollars come from property taxes and sales taxes – $133 million for this fiscal year. Again, the number one budget is public safety. Police and fire continue to be over 50% of budget."

Looking at the five-year forecast for the general fund, Marchand stated that revenues continue to be above expenditures. He highlighted capital improvements, saying that large projects, such as police and fire infrastructure, are included in the budget.

"We continue to grow and need to make sure they have funds and tools to accomplish their goals," he said.

According to Marchand, the number one priority heard from the public is parking. The city has added the I Street Garage and is starting this summer on the L Street Garage. The Springtown open space project is continuing to be developed in partnership with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District to create the community garden and gathering spaces.

"We are asking for community input on the Tactical East Avenue project," Marchand explained. "The city is working to increase public safety. The Vasco 580 interchange and North Canyons Dublin Boulevard are being worked on currently."

"The downtown continues to be a major priority." He mentioned Eden Housing and Veterans Park and pointed out that Legacy Apartments has residents moving in next month. The SPARC theater, Blacksmith Square and QUEST Science Center were highlighted, as well as the Isabel Avenue project.

Marchand called out the success of Las Positas College, which was recently named the number one community college in the state and eighth in the nation.

"We have the world's longest continuous lightbulb, and for the first time in history we created a star on earth here in Livermore," said Marchand. "And to quote Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm during her visit to Livermore on May 8, 'When you can harness the power of the stars, there is no limit to how bright you can shine.' This is Livermore."

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Eagles tribute band Midnight Rider will be performing at Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center on Saturday, June 17 as part of the center's summer concert series. (Photo courtesy of Firehouse Arts Center)

Summer Shows to Feature Bay Area Performers

For three consecutive Saturdays in June, the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton will feature Bay Area-based performers in tributes to a musical legend.

On Saturday, June 10, Sony Holland, who got her start singing for tourists at San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf, will kick off the Firehouse Arts Summer Cabaret series with a tribute to Linda Ronstadt, including renditions of such hits as "You're No Good," "When Will I Be Loved," "Desperado," and "Blue Bayou."

Holland, who said she began singing Ronstadt's hits as a vocal challenge during the Covid-19 pandemic, will also perform some of the legendary singer's jazz standards and pieces from her foray into Spanish-language ballads.

Holland has been a headliner at clubs in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and New York, and recently finished an Asian tour that included an appearance at Tokyo's famous New York Bar.

On Saturday, June 17, Midnight Flyer, considered one of the premier Eagles tribute bands with a repertoire of more than 100 songs, will make a return appearance to the Firehouse stage. The band previously performed at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., in January 2022.

Finally, on Saturday, June 24, musical theatre star Kelly Brandeburg will bring her one-woman show, "My Favorite Barbra," to the Firehouse stage, celebrating the songs and career of Barbra Streisand.

Brandenburg shares anecdotes and backstage stories about Streisand, while also singing such hits as "You Don't Bring Me Flowers," "Evergreen," and "The Way We Were."

The one-woman show received a Best Solo Performance Award for the Bay Area from the theatrical news website BroadwayWorld.

All three shows begin at 8 p.m. Tickets range from $20 to $25 and are available online at firehousearts.org.

Firehouse Arts Center Presents Solo Exhibition

The Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton is hosting a solo exhibition by artist SeongMi Seol, entitled "Life's Continuous Journey," running now through Saturday, July 15. The exhibition is Seol's first major presentation in the United States and will feature 11 large-scale works reflecting the artist's signature hand and feather motifs.

Seol is an artist from South Korea and is now based in the Bay Area. Originally majoring in Korean literature as an undergraduate student, she cultivated her artistry by painting at an art institute on the side. Refining her ability to depict stories and ideals with different colors and figures, the artist's early works showcased her background in literature, philosophy, and the history of the Korean language.

Upon her graduation, Seol came to the United States to formally study art in the hopes of pursuing a Master of Fine Arts (MFA). While she was accepted to attend the University of Miami, she faced the dilemma of wanting to learn more about traditional Korean art which would not be offered in the United States. Ultimately, choosing to delve further into her cultural heritage, Seol returned to Korea and received an MFA at Busan National University in her home country. Seol has 25 years of painting experience, has received numerous awards in traditional East Asian painting, and works primarily in acrylic and mulberry paper from her native South Korea.

Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Ave., in Pleasanton.



Artist SeongMi Seol's work is being featured at the Pleasanton Firehouse Arts Center now through Saturday, July 15. Her show is entitled "Life's Continuous Journey." (Photo courtesy of Pleasanton Firehouse Arts Center)

Guitarist AJ Crawdaddy to Play Almost Famous Wine Lounge

Blues guitarist Angelo J Rossi, also known as AJ Crawdaddy, will perform at the Almost Famous Wine Lounge in Livermore on Friday, June 16.

Born in Palo Alto, Rossi was lead guitarist with the San Francisco pop/rock band Pablo Cruise from 1980 to 1984. He also played with other a series of other bands, including Cockrell & Santos, Taxxi, The Ducks, and Lucky Mud.

Rossi later pursued a career in a new genre, playing with such West Coast blues artists as Finis Tasby, King Earnest, JJ Bad Boy Jones, and Roy Gains. From 2010 to 2018, he owned the Cave Recording Studio in Mountain View, which later introduced the "Cave Records" label.

He opened for Tommy Castro at the Almost Famous Wine Lounge in March and returns to headline his own show. Seating for the 7:30 p.m. performance ranges from $5 to $25.



Former Pablo Cruise lead guitarist Angelo J. Rossi, front, also known as AJ Crawdaddy, will perform at the Almost Famous Wine Lounge in Livermore on Friday, June 16. Photo courtesy of Almost Famous Wine Lounge)

TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Now to Tuesday, June 27
Upcoming Support Groups
When grieving the loss of a loved one, people may feel overwhelmed by the ebb and flow of emotions. Hope Hospice's grief support services help adults and youth learn to process these feelings and find ways to move forward in a positive direction. Hope's grief support services are free of charge, but registration in advance by phone is required at 925-829-8770 on weekdays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A brief assessment is required. Support groups are currently being conducted online by Zoom video conference, and services for young children are temporarily paused until in-person group gatherings can continue. General Grief runs May 8 to June 26, on Mondays, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.; Spousal and Partner Loss runs May 9 to June 27, on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. or Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m.; and Loss of a Child runs from May 8 to June 26, on Mondays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For Teens Group, call for dates. Groups are offered once per quarter. Those who cannot make the next sessions should call the office to put your name on the interest list for the following quarter.

Saturday, June 3
Markus Pawlik And Friends — Clarinet Trios
Trinity Lutheran Church is pleased to present established pianist, performer, and pedagogue in the Bay Area, Markus Pawlik., as he draws together fine musicians to create an illustrious trio, featuring the clarinet virtuoso, Barret Ham, and Angela Lee, cello. Located in downtown Pleasanton, Trinity Lutheran Church offers first-class performances to the local community for an affordable, donation-based cost. Free parking is provided (also accessible by BART and bus.) The suggested contribution is $20 for general admission and $5 for students, while those 12 and under are free. No one will be turned away. For more information, email stonemusique@gmail.com.

Saturday, June 3
Free Community Paper Shredding
Gene Morgan Insurance Agency is helping residents prevent identity theft by offering a free paper shredding event. Stop by 2020 Fourth St., from 9 a.m. to noon with up to five boxes per household. Shredding your sensitive documents is the easiest way to prevent identity theft, so bring your old bank statements, bills, and other private documents! Light refreshments will be served. No RSVP is needed, but attendees are asked to arrive prior to noon to ensure space for all documents. Enter the one-way driveway from the front of the building located on Fourth Street.

Thursday, June 8
"Self-Care for the Caregiver"
The stress that family caregivers experience as their loved one declines can be staggering. The constant fluctuation of changing roles, uncertainty about the future, and fatigue may ultimately result in compromised health and family dysfunction. From 10 to 11:30 a.m., his webinar will focus on understanding the causes of stress, strategies for coping, and the importance of seeking support and utilizing resources. Register at hopehospice.com/family. For more information, call 925-829-8770.

Monday, June 12 to Friday, June 16
Holy Cross Livermore Stellar VBS
VBS 2023 will be held Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Holy Cross Livermore Church, 1020 Mocho Street. Registration ends May 31. To register to attend or volunteer, visit holycrosslivermore.org/vbs.

Monday, June 12
Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society Presents Stephen P. Morse
When the 1950 census was released in April 2022, it didn't have a name index so finding people in the census involved searching by location instead. Now that a name index is available, there are still many reasons for doing locational searches. Stephen Morse is the creator of the One-Step Website for which he has multiple awards. This free event takes place from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in person only, at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, in Pleasanton, and is open to the public.

Saturday, June 17
Tri-Valley Writers Presents Kate Farrell
Farrell will show attendees how to enliven their talks and create a shared experience with listeners when converting stories from written pages to spoken words. Join in at 2 p.m., at Las Positas College, room 2470, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, in Livermore. Check-in begins at 1:30 p.m. To RSVP and pay, email treasurer@trivalleywriters.org by June 15, then register at trivalleywriters.org/speaker-meeting-registration-and-payment. Tickets for CWC adult members are $10; nonmembers are $12; CWC student members ages 14 to 22 are $5; and student nonmembers are $8.

Friday, June 23
2023 Juneteenth Concert Series
The Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir (OIGC) is proud to announce a powerful and inspiring series of concerts to celebrate Juneteenth, featuring performances in Berkeley, Livermore, and San Francisco. This concert series celebrates the resilience, joy, and strength of the African American community through the power of gospel music. The three concerts will take place on June 16 at the Freight & Salvage in Berkeley, June 23 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore, and June 25 at the Great American Music Hall. Each concert will feature the OIGC performing a variety of gospel music styles, from traditional to contemporary, and paying tribute to the Freedom Songs of the Civil Rights movement. The event takes place from 8 to 10 p.m., at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., in Livermore. For more information, call 510-839-4361 or visit oigc.org. Tickets for all seating range from $22 to $30. For tickets, visit oigc.org/tickets.

Saturday, 8 July
Medicare Health Fair
A free, comprehensive health fair for Medicare beneficiaries is happening from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Dublin Senior Center. Offered services will include Medicare Part D Assistance for money-saving prescription drug cost tips, a thorough review of medications, vaccines, blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, bone density, fall risk testing, and more. For more information, call CityServe Senior Services at 925-294-0558.

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

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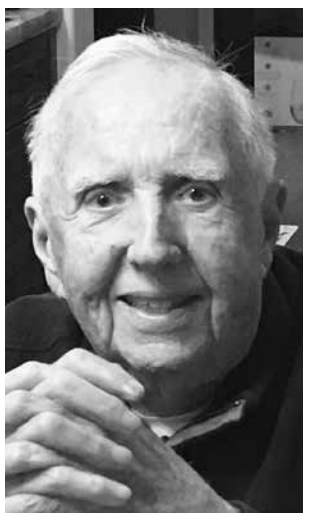


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OBITUARIES

Joseph Martin Poco
March 22, 1923 – May 26, 2023



Joseph Martin Poco passed away peacefully on May 26, 2023.

Joe was born in Livermore on March 22, 1923, the only child of Martin and Edna Poco. He attended St. Michael's Elementary School, Livermore High School, Santa Clara University and UCSF Dental School. Upon graduation, he entered the military, and he was honorably discharged with the rank of Major.

He married Jeanne Feyock in 1945, and they had four children. He worked at the Livermore VA in Livermore before opening his own private practice in Livermore.

Following the death of Jeanne in 1993, he later married Rosanna Stivers, also of Livermore, until her death in 2011.

Joe is survived by his four children; Jim Poco of Reno, Nevada; Judy Bartoli of The Hills, Texas; Jon Poco of Prescott, Arizona; and Joanne Leete of Discovery Bay, California. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Joe lived in Livermore his entire life, where he was a member of St. Michael's and St. Charles Borromeo parishes, and The Flying Electrons model airplane club. He was an avid pilot most of his life, culminating in the building of his own plane, a Lancair 2-seater, which he flew to many air shows.

He recently moved to an assisted living facility in Brentwood.

Interment will be at St. Michael's Cemetery in a private ceremony.

Joe lived a rich and full life, and he proudly celebrated his 100th birthday in March with his children.

He will be forever missed by all who loved him.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Bonnie Jean Lucas
Jan. 21, 1940 – April 2, 2023



Bonnie Jean Lucas, born Bonnie Jean Bell on Jan. 21, 1940, passed away April 2, 2023, at the good age of 81. She was born to Clarence and Nola Bell in Klamath Falls Oregon. Bonnie was the oldest of three children. She graduated from Klamath Falls Union High School, where she excelled and was a cheerleader for the Mighty Pelicans.

Bonnie moved to Livermore, California in the early 60's after marrying Charles Merlyn Black. They had three children together, Dennis, Julie and Kevin.

Bonnie was a great mom and supported her children in all their sports. Whether she was being a room mom, baseball mom or soccer mom you could certainly tell that she was devoted to her children. In addition to being devoted to her children, Bonnie also worked at the Lawrence Livermore Lab as the head cook in the central cafeteria.

In 1983 Bonnie married Vern Lucas. They both retired in 1989. Bonnie and Vern belonged to several groups including The Goodnews Bears, Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star and The White Shrine of Jerusalem. Both holding offices with The White Shrine, which allowed them to travel all over the United States with close friends. Bonnie and Vern loved traveling and visiting family in Idaho, Oregon and Missouri.

Bonnie loved cooking. Her lemon meringue pie and zucchini bread were famous among other recipes for close friends and family. She also enjoyed making keepsake crafts that we all treasure. Bonnie loved butterflies and made several different kinds for her lodge. She was also a member of the Precious Moments Chapel in Missouri and has left a wonderful collection of Precious Moments figurines for her great-grandchildren to appreciate.

In her later years Bonnie would keep busy making crocheted blankets, dish rags and potholders to give away to the church bizarre and to people that would visit her (so they would have something to remember her by).

Bonnie and Vern at one time had horses that kept them very busy. Vern and grandson Derek would ride in numerous parades every year. She loved animals and cherished the many dogs, cats and turtles that she had up until the end of her life. Bonnie loved movies. Old westerns and Hallmark movies were her favorites. She also treasured old rolling pins, farm equipment and loved music. You could often find her listening to various country and religious music artists.

Bonnie is preceded in death by her parents Clarence and Nola Bell, her brother Barry Bell and her great- grandparents all from Oregon. Also preceding her are both husbands, Charles Black and Vern Lucas; stepson Greg Lucas and great-granddaughter Riley Chan. She is survived by her sister Betty Lippold; cousins Robert and Albert Logan; her children Dennis Black, Julie Larson and Kevin Black; stepson Bob Lucas; grandchildren Derek Larson, Sarah Chan, Andy Black, Jason Lucas, Adam and Shannon. Great- grandchildren Carson and Mila Chan, Kensley Larson, Kaylee, Mackenzie, Riley and Benjamin Black and Makayla Ann Marie Cardenas. You will be missed Grandma Pelican, "peep peep."

There will be a celebration of life for Bonnie Lucas at Callaghan's Mortuary in Livermore on June 9, 2023, at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers please donate to: The Masonic Lodge scholarship funds, 119 South Livermore Ave, Livermore, California, 94550.

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

Luis Benicio Meléndez
June 10, 1930 – April 24, 2023

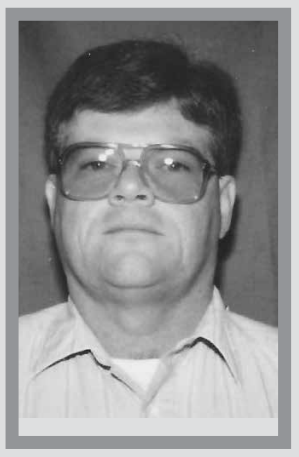
Our dear and devoted father, a native of Managua, Nicaragua and a resident of Livermore, California, passed away in the comfort of his home having spent his final days surrounded by his children, which was his final wish. We have been blessed with the opportunity to share our love and gratitude for him, as well as to have received his final blessings. He lost the love of his life (mom) in 2016 and ultimately died of a broken heart. May God rest his soul.

Papa is survived by, Luis Meléndez, Jr. (son), Mark Vegotsky (son), Arturo Meléndez (son), Jessica (Jeff) Ceremony (daughter), Robyn Kimura (predeceased), Erin (Godson) Ryder (granddaughter), Haley Ceremony (granddaughter), Rachel Kimura (granddaughter), Kashan Ryder (great-grandson), Aiyanna Ryder (great-granddaughter).

A private memorial will be held for immediate family members.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Gerald (Jerry) L. Creager



Jerry left his earthly ties to venture to the Great Unknown on May 2, 2023. He had spent a few weeks in the hospital with a rare auto-immune disease prior to his death.

Jerry was born and raised in Livermore, California and graduated from Granada High School in 1974. His first job was working at a kennel on the outskirts of Livermore and his last place of employment was with Sandia National Laboratory, California, also on the outskirts of town. This gave Jerry an edgy persona in the various works he performed. Jerry wasn't all work though, he enjoyed beer, bowling, darts, poker, camping, pinochle, other card games, various domino games, and hanging with friends and family in his spare time. He always had a beer to offer and made time to listen. His favorite season was football, and he was a true Red and Gold 49er faithful fan.

Jerry is preceded in death by his mother Zelma Sutton Creager. He leaves behind his father Roy Creager, wife Terri Creager, daughters Tracie Creager, Ashley Creager and Son Brad Creager. He was fortunate to spend time with his grandchildren Alexis and Amity Creager. He unfortunately didn't get to meet his great-grandchild Frankie L. Goodfellow. He also leaves behind Lucy and Porkchop, the fur-babies who miss him terribly.

In lieu of flowers, the family is suggesting a donation to your local animal rescue/shelter.

A celebration of life will be held June 25 at the San Joaquin River Club, 30000 Kasson Rd., Tracy, California. It will be held in the auditorium at 1p.m.

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

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Carol Ann Musick Wilson
Oct. 18, 1936 – May 12, 2023



Carol Ann Musick Wilson, 86, a longtime Livermore resident and artist, died from an untreatable intestinal infarction on May 12, 2023, in Pleasanton, California. In the company of her immediate family, she left earthly challenges behind to meet Christ in Heaven. Carol was a compassionate role model, positively impacting the lives of those she knew and loved.

Carol was born on Oct.18, 1936, in Los Angeles, California. Her childhood included frequent moves throughout many communities in California with longer stays in Red Bluff and Modesto as a teenager.

Besides mining and real estate, Carol's family was involved with ranching and farming which lent her the opportunity to interact with animals and wildlife from an early age. Carol and her twin sister, Kathy, were known to keep many unconventional pets in the privacy of their room growing up. Carol learned to sew, cook and fish at an early age. Along with her family, church and Sunday school were never missed. Carol excelled in dance, swimming, and water-skiing. Making friends came easily due to her kind nature and frequent moves.

In high school Carol worked part-time at the library, babysat and engaged in fashion modeling. Before graduating from Modesto High School in 1955, Carol competed in rodeo barrel racing, song leading, student government, and was honored to be queen of the Barnyard Stampede as well as Homecoming Queen.

Carol was voted Homecoming Queen again at Fresno Junior College and competed in regional competitions for Miss California. She continued modeling until securing a position in construction support in Santa Ana, California. On a blind date in 1958 she met her future husband, George Wilson. They were married in Modesto on March 22, 1959.



Carol supported George while he was obtaining his undergraduate degree in San Jose. In 1962, daughter Patti was born. The family moved to San Luis Obispo for further education and job opportunities. In 1965, son David was born. Carol loved being a stay-at-home mom and cherished the nearby beach, camping trips and newfound friendships with families her husband taught alongside.

In 1967, the family settled in Livermore, California where George was hired to run the varsity football program at Granada High while teaching technical arts. Carol became instrumental in building a community amongst the faculty, students, coaches, spouses and children. Carol hosted fifth quarter parties, orchestrated banquets and summer barbecues. The Wilson household was a favorite gathering spot of neighborhood children, wayward or injured animals and a steady bevy of friends.

On a whim, Carol felt inspired to capture her toddler son's image on a canvas. Not having any formal training, she dabbled in oil and became excited about learning more. She took painting lessons locally, branching out to take seminars and classes regionally. She grew in her knowledge and techniques of tole and decorative painting and went on to eventually open an artist studio where she and her partner would teach classes, sell supplies along with finished pieces in Livermore. During the 1970's, Carol also taught painting for Castro Valley Adult Education and would own The Cottage Faire in Castro Valley and then Dublin. Many of Carol's students took lessons with her for almost 50 years. She counted them amongst her dearest friends.

At this same time, Carol got involved in The National Society of Tole and Decorative Painters. She traveled throughout the U.S. as an officer and a painter looking to further her talent. She would go on to serve as convention chair of the national convention in San Francisco in 1982.

In the early 1990's Carol became an adoring grandmother to David, Brett and Chad. Grandchildren brought immense joy to Carol. She delighted in their individual personalities, milestones, encouraging creativity in them from an early age. There was no project too complicated or too messy to embark upon. As soon as they were old enough, scootering over to see Grandma was a top priority whereby the boys enjoyed swimming, painting, baking, constructing, railroading, sculpturing and setting up forts.

Carol would close her shop in 1997 and relocate her students to her newly constructed home art studio. Carol completed consignments of murals for local and regional churches, portraits of people and pets and custom furniture pieces. Her mediums widened and her skill grew as a visual artist employing acrylic, oil, watercolor, pastels, dyes and more.

In 2009, Carol and George celebrated their golden wedding anniversary amongst treasured friends and family. The couple's dedication to one another would be vital with the loss of their son, David, in 2005 and later stage, health challenges that they each experienced. The couple appreciated elevated travel via air, rail, ship, and sail exploring Europe, the Caribbean, Mexico, Canada as well as the eastern seaboard for several decades.

After George's death, Carol continued to paint, teach, enjoy lunches with her friends and attend small group bible study through her church. She loved to read and spend time with her family, as well as her two cats.

Carol was preceded in death of her husband of 58 years, George Richard Wilson, parents Leslie Raymond Musick and Jesse Katherine Faulkner, her sister Katherine Musick Stiles, her son David McDonald Wilson and brother-in-law David James Wilson.

Carol is survived by her daughter, Patricia Lynne (Brian) Smylie of Livermore, grandsons: Brett Coleman Smylie of San Francisco, Chad Faulkner Smylie of Los Angeles and David Brown of Livermore, sister-in-law Camilla Wilson (Ken) Scott, of Canby, Oregon, nephews Scott (Wednesday) Wilson of Portland, Oregon and Brett Wilson of Culver City, California. Brother James Edwin (Maxine) Musick, of Davis, California, nephews, James (Lisa) Musick, Davis, California, Jeffrey Musick, Auburn, California, Michael Musick, South Pasadena, California and great-niece, Emilia Wilson, Portland, Oregon.

Gifts-in-kind can be made in Carol's memory:

St. Jude's Children Research https://www.stjude.org/donate/

Asbury United Asbury United Methodist Church www.asburylive.org

East Bay SPCA https://eastbayspca.org/get-involved/give-now/donate-now/

A celebration of Carol M. Wilson's life is planned for Saturday, June 10 at 3 p.m., at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore, California, 94550. For those who cannot attend, a live stream will be available at www.asburylive.org.

Mildred Martens Sutton
June 4, 1933 – May 2, 2023



Mildred Martens Sutton, "Milly" of Livermore, passed away on May 2, 2023, with her family by her side. She was one month shy of her 90th birthday.

Milly was born in New York City, New York on June 4, 1933. She was a young girl when the family set off across the country to settle in the Petaluma, California area. Her parents, Pauline Olufs Martens and Paul Martens chose this location as many of their friends from the Island of Fohr had made this area their home.

Growing up on a chicken ranch, there was always much work to be done, but Milly enjoyed her childhood and loved to spend time with her siblings, swimming at the local pool and riding her bike with neighborhood friends.

After graduating from high school, Milly went to work at nearby Hamilton Air Force Base. It was there she met her husband Leroy David Sutton. They married shortly thereafter, moved to Santa Rosa, then Livermore and raised five children. Despite her large family, Milly always made time for everyone. She planned wonderful family vacations, interesting day trips and was always looking for the next great adventure. After she had raised her family, she continued to do this for her close group of friends.

Milly worked at Sunset Community Church as their secretary. She loved her job and finally retired after many years of service at the age of 76. She was very involved in her church and volunteered her time to various youth and adult ministries. After retirement, she remained active with her family and friends and volunteered at Shepherd's Gate, a women's shelter.

Milly is survived by her daughter Teresa (Sutton) Higuera and son-in-law Mark Higuera, her daughter Jeanne (Sutton) Rogers and son-in-law Richard Rogers, her daughter Susan (Sutton) Constancio and son-in-law Michael Constancio, her son Steven Sutton and daughter-in-law Wendy Sutton and her son Thomas Sutton. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Her surviving brother, Jack Martens and younger sister Kay Fairbanks were very close to her heart as was her sister who preceded her in death, Peggy Wells.

Her children were proud to call her mom and she will be missed greatly. She will always be remembered for a life well lived and her love for Jesus and family.

A memorial service will be held at Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore, California, on Saturday, June 17, at 11 a.m.

Future Looks Bright for Livermore Softball Team

By Phil Jensen

A young Livermore High School softball team advanced to the North Coast Section Division II championship game Friday, May 27 before falling to No. 2 seed Casa Grande-Petaluma 5-1 at San Marin High School.



The Livermore Cowboys softball team made it to the North Coast Section Division II championship game before being defeated Friday, May 27 by Casa Grande-Petaluma. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

The Cowboys, who were the No. 5 seed, upset No. 1 seed Redwood-Larkspur 8-2 in a semifinal game on May 23 to reach the final. Livermore has only three seniors on its 20-player MaxPreps roster this season, and 15 of those players are underclassmen.

"They've got a lot of heart," said Livermore coach Andy Paulazzo about his team after the NCS championship game. "We started off the season really well, then we kind of went down, then ended the (regular) season with a win and just kept winning to get here. This team is very, very young and they are going to be right back here next year."

Livermore, which finished the season with a 15-12 overall record, took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second inning. Senior Alizabeth Ruiz led off the inning by slamming a 2-2 pitch into the left-center field gap for a triple. With one out, junior Anne Polaski sent the ball on the ground to the third-base side of the field. As soon as Casa Grande pitcher Lila Partridge threw the ball to first for an out, Ruiz bolted for home and the relay throw to home plate was wide.

But Partridge retired eight of the next nine batters she faced and kept the Cowboys from scoring again in a complete-game victory. The sophomore struck out nine and walked none in her six-hitter.

"She had a great changeup," Paulazzo said. "When she got two strikes on us, she went to that changeup."

Casa Grande scored all of its runs in the third and fourth innings, putting two across in the third and three in the fourth. Livermore threatened to score again in the sixth inning. With one out, sophomore Sophie Gerochi beat out an infield single and Jae Cosgriff, a junior, sent the first pitch she saw that inning into the left-center field gap for a double. But both baserunners were left stranded.

Audrey Sweet, a senior, led the Cowboys with two hits in three at-bats in the game. Ruiz was 1 for 3 with a run scored.

In its semifinal game on May 23, the visiting Cowboys erased a 1-0 deficit with four runs in the third inning and eventually held an 8-1 lead in the sixth inning.

"The key Wednesday is we hit … We had 12 hits Wednesday. We were able to play our defense the way we want to play. We were able to run," Paulazzo said.

Cosgriff ripped a home run and two doubles, finishing 3 for 4 with three runs scored and two RBI. She was named first-team all-East Bay Athletic League this season. Ruiz was 2 for 4, including a double, with two RBI, and senior Kaitlyn Aguilar also had a double. Gerochi was 2 for 3, including a double, with a run scored and an RBI. Polaski also drove in a run.



The Livermore Wrestling Club ended their team season at the MDWA championships in Castro Valley last Saturday. Most wrestlers medaled in both Freestyle and Greco. From left to right: Jayden Butikofer 1st in FS 1st in GR; Dhairya Saini 4th FS, 2nd GR; Mason Latham 3rd FS, 4th GR; Alaric Hoffman 2nd FS, 2nd GR; Sam Williams 2nd FS, 2nd GR; Toby Latham 4th FS; Kai Fazlic 3rd FS; Ty Byrd 2nd FS, 2nd GR; Loukya Saini 5th FS; Kennedy Latham 1st FS; Indio Caires 3rd FS, 4th GR; Elham Hashimi 2nd FS, 1st GR; Jameson Henshaw 3rd FS, 2nd GR. (Photo courtesy of Livermore Wrestling Club)



Livermore Aquacowboys (LAC) athlete and Amador Valley High School Senior, Lilli Chau, was awarded the inaugural Amerie Nordberg Scholarship from Pacific Swimming. Nordberg was a Pacific Swimming athlete from Santa Rosa who went on to set records in breaststroke at UC Irvine. The award is given to someone who shows integrity and grit through their academic, athletic and leadership roles. (Photo courtesy of Rachel Clark)

Rotary's Community Service Award Recipient to Appear in Rodeo Parade

Sonya Sheffield is the Livermore Rotary Club's Community Service Award Recipient for 2023 and will appear in the Livermore Rodeo Parade on June 10 in downtown Livermore. The parade is hosted by the Livermore Rotary Club.

Sheffield is a community contributor who has dedicated her time and resources to a multitude of causes and organizations. She established The Cookie Habit, the first purveyor of fresh baked cookies in the Bay Area, at Stanford Shopping Center.

Born and raised in the Bay Area, Sheffield has over the years served on the boards of the Junior League of Palo Alto, the Peninsula Volunteers, the Bay Window, the Rotary Club of Livermore, Livermore Valley Opera and the Pacific Chamber Orchestra. She is also an active volunteer and mentor, working with a range of non-profit organizations such as the Children's Health Council, Little House in Menlo Park, the Livermore Valley Opera, Shephard's Gate, and BUILD. She is particularly dedicated to mentoring students through the Rotary READY program, helping students develop the skills and confidence they need to succeed.



Sonya Sheffield is this year's Rotarian Community Service Award winner. (Photo courtesy of Paul Szmyd)

HOUSING

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district where the project is located. "There's going to be a really cool Main Street going on. It's going to be parks, community spaces. It's really going to give a vibrant neighborhood for the people who are living north of the freeway."

The approval marks another step in the Isabel plan to bring 4,095 attached single-family and multi-family units to 1,138 acres in the northwest part of the city surrounding the Isabel Avenue/580 freeway interchange. In addition to homes and rental units, the Isabel plan will include nearly 2 million-square-feet of office, business park and commercial development, three neighborhood parks, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and infrastructure improvements.

About 1,000 – or 25% – of the homes in the Isabel plan are expected to be deemed affordable units. In Alameda County, median income for a family of four is about $125,000; while moderate income is about $150,000. The new development dubbed Triad East contains about 20% affordable units. Of those, 25 will be reserved for people with moderate incomes; and nine for those with a median income.

The new tract touched off a brief discussion of the city's recent admission that it is falling short of goals to build housing for lower income residents. The city's Housing Element deems low-income families as those making $71,400 to $109,000 a year. Very low-income families make $46,300 to $71,400 for a family of four.

Offering her opinion to the council, resident Jean King thanked the developer for including affordable units instead of paying in-lieu fees, but criticized the fact there are no units for lower income levels in the Triad East tract.

"This development has 80% market rate and 20% affordable, which includes zero low and zero very low-income units," King said. "I ask you to reach your goal by increasing the affordable housing to 25% and to include very low and low-income units along with the medium and moderate affordable units, which are in this present plan."

Branning said it was too late in the process to alter the plan.

Councilmember Brittni Kiick, who rents her residence, said she's become resigned to the reality that developers sell homes to moderate and higher income families, not residents with very low incomes.

"The amount of money we'd have to subsidize to pay just for the cost of living for low and extremely low families doesn't make sense," she said. "Do I agree that everyone should be able to buy a home? Absolutely. Is that the reality of the market? No. I am a millennial and millennials and Gen Z are not buying houses. We will probably be renting till my children are out of college."

Councilmember Ben Barrientos questioned whether the city's planning commission understood the need for more housing for low-income people. Mayor John Marchand said the market sets the rates.

"The city does not build housing. The market builds housing, and we've got to work with them to create product," Marchand said. "We have affordable for-sale units. Where do we get the low and very low? That's a rental product. And we've been trying to bring in rental products for a while, and we're still fighting in the downtown. But that's where we're going to be achieving the low and the very low. It's rental. These are for sale."


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The following person(s) doing business as: American Tax Solutions, 29245 Albion CT, Hayward, CA 94545-1330 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Satyendra Kaith, 29245 Albion CT, Hayward, CA 94545-1330. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Satyendra Kaith, N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 17, 2023. Expires May 16, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5493. Published May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 597866

The following person(s) doing business as: Honey Bee Sweet Cafe, 2256 Las Positas Rd, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lanna Thai Cuisine Inc., 2270 Las Positas Road, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Kimberly Gamble, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 15, 2023. Expires May 14, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5494. Published May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 597352

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. The PoolSmith; 2. The Pool Smith; 3. Pool Smith; 4. Pool Smith, 1259 Littlehale Place, Stockton, CA 95206 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Chris Smith, 1259 Littlehale Place, Stockton, CA 95206. 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: 6/2/2008. Signature of Registrant/s/: Chris Smith, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 20, 2023. Expires April 19, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5495. Published May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2023.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LINDA BISSUM (FKA BJORN SATDEVA) Case No. RP23140940

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **LINDA BISSUM (FKA BJORN SATDEVA)**.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **Felicitas V. Ferid**, in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The petition for probate requests that **Felicitas V. Ferid** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. THE COURT REQUIRES ALL PARTIES WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE HEARING ON THE BELOW DATE AND TIME, INCLUDING THOSE WHO WISH TO STATE OBJECTIONS, TO APPEAR BY AUDIO OR VIDEO TECHNOLOGY. THE PARTIES SHOULD CONSULT THE COURTS WEBSITE FOR THE SPECIFIC TELEPHONIC AND VIDEO APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE. THE PARTIES MAY ALSO CONTACT THE PROBATE CLERK AT probateclerk2@alameda.courts.ca.gov. PARTIES MUST BE PRESENT AT LEAST FIVE (5) MINUTES BEFORE THE SCHEDULED HEARING TIME.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: **July 12, 2023, 9:45 am in Department 202 Superior Court of California, County of Alameda 212 Martin Luther King Jr. Way Berkeley, CA 94704**

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (Form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner: Felicitas V. Ferid

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 597336

The following person(s) doing business as: California Solar and Storage Association, 3011 Dohr Street, Berkeley, CA 94702 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): California Solar Energy Industries Association, 1107 9th ST. Suite 820, Sacramento, CA 95814. 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: 2/1/2018. Signature of Registrant/s/: Bernadette Del Chiaro, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 20, 2023. Expires April 19, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5497. Published June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 598208

The following person(s) doing business as: Playway Learning Center, 4617 Gerrilyn Way, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Simran Sahni, 4614 Gerrilyn Way, Livermore, CA 94550; Sameer Tandor, 4614 Gerrilyn Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Simran Sahni, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 25, 2023. Expires May 24, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5498. Published June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 597350

The following person(s) doing business as: A Little Cherry on Top, 640 Moraga Drive, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jennifer Valle, 640 Moraga Drive, 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: 2/1/22. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jennifer Valle, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 20, 2023. Expires April 19, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5499. Published June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 598159

The following person(s) doing business as: Productos Mardel, 2963 Ladd Ave, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Productos Mardel LLC, 2963 Ladd Ave, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/5/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jaqueline Lopez, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 24, 2023. Expires May 23, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5500. Published June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023.

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