

City Revisits Mandates for Development

Objective Standards Are Now Required

By David Jen

PLEASANTON — The city began taking a second look last week at the objective design standards that will be added to the Housing Element to govern development projects.

Recent state legislation, in response to the California housing crisis, has emphasized streamlined development reviews in lieu of local discretion in an effort to produce more housing, according to a city staff report. Residential developers, therefore, will have the option to forgo traditional reviews by the city if their projects conform to the city's objective standards.

"The role of objective design standards, in essence, serves to substitute for the planned-unit development process," explained Andrew Faulkner of design firm Van Meter Williams Pollack at the April 12 Pleasanton Planning Commission meeting. "It's a big departure from a discretionary review."

The planning commission unanimously recommended that the city council adopt a set of fine-tuning changes to the city's objective design standards, including requirements to

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— Andrew Faulkner, Van Meter Williams Pollack design firm

minimize cut-through traffic through adjacent neighborhoods, to limit the area of upper-level stories to 75% of the ground floor and to recess garage entrances behind the fronts of houses.

While Pleasanton adopted its current set of objective design standards on Jan. 26, it did so during a rush to self-certify its Sixth-Cycle Housing Element before the state's Jan. 31 deadline. The Housing Element guides development in the city through 2031 with programs, policies and a list of 18 sites rezoned for housing.

"There was a flurry of

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The Cinderella Classic, a bicycle tour for women of all ages and abilities, winds through the Amador, Livermore, Diablo and San Ramon Valleys. The event kicked off at Las Positas College in Livermore. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia]

(Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

New Landscape and Lighting Fees Proposed

By David Jen

DUBLIN — Residents of the Dublin Hills Estates and Amador Lakes neighborhoods, near the intersection of Amador Valley Boulevard and Dougherty Road in central Dublin, will likely see a 13.5% increase in landscape and lighting assessments for the coming 2023-24 fiscal year.

While single-family homes in Dublin Hills Estates previously paid

\$448.60 per year and Amador Lakes apartments each paid \$75.87 per year, proposed assessments will bring those costs up to \$509.06 and \$86.08 per year, respectively, if approved.

The Stagecoach Road landscaping and lighting district, formed in 1984 for the the two neighborhoods, will use the extra money to fund its budget and partially fund the repair and replacement of v-ditch drainages

and retaining walls within the district, according to the staff report.

The city council voted unanimously to direct staff to prepare reports detailing those proposals for city council approval on May 2, but the size of the increase also raised some doubts during the April 4 city council meeting.

Councilmember Kashef Qaadri questioned whether

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Dublin Teens' Tiny Plants Create a Big Impact

By Dawnmarie Fehr

DUBLIN — A team of Dublin High School students are fighting hunger one small plant at a time.

Calling themselves the Gardeners of the Galaxy (GG), the crew of four sophomores grow microgreens in one member's garage, then harvest and donate their produce to the Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) and local shelters.

"We believe that our initiative is unique, and we are proud to be making a

difference in our community," said Vice President Hari Ganesh, 16. "It feels good to help people. I wanted to help fight food insecurity, but I couldn't find a way to help on my own. Now I have a way."

Initially founded in 2019 by 16-year-old Arjun Karur-Parekh in his garage, Gardeners of the Galaxy has helped feed 3,500 people in its lifetime. More than 120 trays of microgreens have been donated in 2023 alone to DUSD and Fertile

Groundworks (FG), a Livermore-based nonprofit acting as GG's distributor. Dedicated to teaching communities to grow healthy, nutritious food, Fertile Groundworks delivers the microgreens to the Livermore Homeless Shelter, Tri-Valley Haven and other nonprofits.

"These guys are great," said FG Executive Director Brenda Kusler. "They drop off and we take the greens to the food pantries we are going to that day ... they

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Livermore's Thursday evening Farmers Market opened its season at Carnegie Park on Thursday, April 13, with an offering of fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers and more. The event is sponsored by Livermore Downtown Inc.

(Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Controversy Sparked Over New Emerald High Mascot

By Lizzy Rager

DUBLIN — The new Emerald High School mascot, the aeronaut, stirred controversy during a March 28 Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) meeting.

While the word "aeronaut" is Celtic for a dragon-like creature, Emerald Principal Francis Rojas stated that it "bridges Dublin's Irish roots with the sea serpent/Asian dragon serpent/Asian dragon selected by our students and ... (represents) the growing Asian population in our community."

However, the decision received a range of complaints from parents, staff and students alike. Some parents felt that the dragon had negative associations,

while students either found it unrepresentative of their views or considered it too obscure. Additionally, some members of the Valley High School (VHS) community noted similarities between the new mascot and their existing one.

Laurie Sargent, Dublin Teacher Association (DTA) co-president, read a letter from VHS students and staff, which stated, "Although you're calling it an aeronaut, this word literally translates to dragon. It is not a synonym for serpentine dragon-like beast or serpent. It means dragon. Valley High School's mascot is a dragon and has been for over 40 years."

Sargent continued, "It

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LLNL's Annie Kritcher Makes TIME100 List

REGIONAL — Time Magazine has named Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) design physicist Andrea "Annie" Kritcher to its annual list of the 100 most influential people in the world. The TIME100 list, now in its 20th year, recognizes the "impact, innovation and achievement of the world's most influential individuals." Kritcher is recognized for her role as the principal designer for the December 2022 National Ignition Facility (NIF) experiment that produced fusion ignition in a laboratory for the first time.

The scientific breakthrough paves the way for advancements in national defense and the future of inertial fusion energy. Leading the integrated modeling team within LLNL's Inertial Confinement Fusion (ICF) program, Kritcher oversees the integrated modeling of indirect-drive fusion designs fielded at NIF. The experimental design process, she said, has involved many years of building physics understanding, developing models using experimental data and making design improvements to fusion experiments.

"Reaching ignition was truly a large effort carried through many decades," Kritcher said. "I am extremely honored to be representing the Laboratory and the many people who have worked on this grand scientific challenge to make this a reality, some of whom

were working on this before I was born."

Kritcher recognizes the significant efforts of many collaborators, including those who have led laser development, target fabrication, diagnostics, design improvements, engineering developments and optimizations, as well as those who maintain NIF. "I am so proud of what we have achieved together as a team — each contribution was needed to enable reaching this major milestone," she said.

The December ignition experiment was an essential first demonstration of fusion target energy gain in a controlled laboratory setting, Kritcher said, which proved that there is nothing fundamentally limiting harnessing fusion as a clean limitless energy source.

"Humanity is driven and

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Andrea "Annie" Kritcher

Haubert Withdraws His Proposal

Supervisors Reverse Vote Following Measure D Supporters' Comments

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — Supervisor David Haubert backed away last week from proposing to alter a proposed definition for "agricultural building" in Alameda County during last week's Alameda County Board of Supervisors meeting. Haubert previously advocated for this change on March 9.

Measure D supporters were concerned because they believed that he was opening the door for rock concerts, large weddings and other social events to be held on properties meant for farming.

Despite Haubert's qualms that the definition would prevent private property owners from holding family events in their own agricultural buildings, he joined his colleagues April 13 and voted for the zoning ordinance change. Haubert vowed, however, to bring the issue up again to support property owners who want to use their agricultural buildings for private events, such as family picnics and parties.

"If I get one complaint about a private event that happens on people's land, I'm going to bring this back for reconsideration and I'll go through as many continuances, as many second readings, first readings, as many ag meetings as we have to go through, to change this back to allow people to use their property in a private way," Haubert said.

At issue was a definition crafted during the last two years to coincide with vot-

ers' passage in November of Measure D 2022, which allows property owners to build larger agricultural buildings on their land to store their equipment and crops, and house animals and other farming necessities.

Measure D 2022 altered the original Measure D passed in 2000 to protect open space and enhance agriculture in the county. The 2022 measure drew support from Livermore area wine growers and community groups, including Friends of Livermore (FOL) and Friends of Open Space and Vineyards (FOV), who believed its passage would help attract larger vintners to the region, where the industry needs a boost.

The measure's approval required the Board of Supervisors to enact a complementary zoning ordinance change that defined "agricultural building." Along with creating the ballot measure, numerous appointed committees began formulating the definition in early 2021. According to a county staff report, county planners held 17 meetings to discuss the ballot measure and the zoning ordinance language with the appointed County Agricultural Advisory Committee, Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council, Fairview Municipal Advisory Council, Sunol Citizens' Advisory Council and the County Planning Commission. In addition, it went nine times before the Board of Supervisor's Transporta-

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PET OF THE WEEK



SPHERE

Say hello to Sphere, the small and spunky puppy who's searching for a special someone to share his snuggles and silly moments with. Let this little ball of energy bounce into your life and brighten up your day! Learn more about Sphere and other cats and dogs at valleyhumane.org. Email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption application process. #ShareTheCare to help pets today!

(Photo - Valley Humane Society)

Livermore Teen Donates Legos for Local Foster Children

By Dawnmarie Fehr

A Livermore teen has utilized his school project to spread the joy of his favorite toy, Legos, to local foster kids.

Jett Woodworth, 13, organized a Lego drive and collected 95 new Lego sets for donation to If Only You Knew, Inc. (IOYKI), a

nonprofit organization dedicated to youth in foster care. Jett said he chose IOYKI because he has friends in foster care and wanted to do something to help them.

“I planned this a while ago,” Jett said. “... one of my friends is in foster care and went through something really difficult, so I’ve

been thinking about how to get Legos to foster kids.”

At the beginning of the school year, Jett’s teachers at Joe Michell K-8 school in Livermore began talking about the service project each eighth grader would complete as part of the school’s International Baccalaureate program.

Students were allowed to come up with their own projects and work in groups or individually. Jett chose to work individually and began putting a plan together to collect Lego sets for donation.

“These kids look for a problem they think they can help with for their project,” said Teresa Hallum, Jett’s project advisor at Joe Michell. “Our students are doing many different projects, but Jett loves Legos and wanted to do something with that. He has this focus he applied to this, and I think he has done a great job.”

To get started, Jett worked with the owners of Livermore’s First Street Ale House to set up the restaurant as a drop-off location from March 15-31, offering Lego donors 10% off their bill. Owner Brook Witherspoon said the event was a success.

“The best part of owning a business is being able to give back to our community and it was truly an honor to be able to support such a thoughtful cause,” Witherspoon said. “Jett combined two of his passions to make a real impact and it was so fun to play a small part

in bringing his mission to life.”

In addition to the donations received through First Street Ale House, Jett also received sets in the mail from family and friends living out of the area. After gathering all 95 sets together, he handed them over to IOYKI for distribution to foster children.

“It felt really good,” Jett said of the donation. “But anyone can donate to If Only You Knew ... On their web page they have a list of donations they accept. One thing to note is they only accept new items, which is why I only accepted sealed Lego sets.”

Though he’s finished collecting Legos for now, Jett still must give a presentation on his project in school. He said he’s not done helping If Only You Knew, Inc., though, and

hopes to volunteer his time for future events.

For more information on IOYKI, visit www.ifonlyyouknewinc.org or follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/IfOnlyYouKnewInc.

The First Street Ale House is located at 2106 First St. in Livermore. For more information, call 925-371-6588 or visit www.firststreetalehouse.com.



Jett Woodworth, 13, a student at Joe Michell School in Livermore, collected 95 new Lego sets as part of a donation drive he organized for the nonprofit organization called If Only You Knew, Inc., which serves youth in the foster care system. (Photo courtesy of Kimberly Woodworth)

Supervisor Haubert to Host National Day of Prayer

Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert will host the third annual Alameda County National Day of Prayer at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on Thursday, May. 4.

Congress created the National Day of Prayer by joint resolution in 1952 and it was signed into law by President Harry S. Truman in 1952.

The law requires the president to issue a proclamation declaring the first Thursday in May as a day “on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals.”

However, as Haubert noted in a letter inviting the public to attend this

year’s observance at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton, national days of prayer have an even longer history, dating back to before the founding of the country.

“During times of national strife, our country’s leaders have sought this day to bring the country together in prayer and reflection,” Haubert said. “It is a day that transcends religious and political affiliations, reminding us of our shared values and the need to come together in unity.”

The interfaith event at the fairgrounds amphitheater, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., will begin with a reception and light refreshments at 9 a.m., with the program scheduled to start at 10 a.m.

Easan Katir, national programs director for the

Hindu American Foundation; Father Joseph Arsanious, from St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church in Pleasanton; and Feraidoon Mojadedi, from the Muslim Community Center in Pleasanton are among those scheduled to speak.

“As domestic division and global conflict continue to dominate the news cycle, it is becoming increasingly common for members of our community to feel that the lack of compassion and unity that once unsettled us has now become the new norm,” added Haubert, whose district includes Livermore, Dublin, and parts of Pleasanton.

“If we are not mindful of the effects cynicism has on us as individuals, we risk

projecting negativity back onto the world,” Haubert said. “Therefore, as leaders in our community, it is our responsibility to bring individuals from all walks of life to pray for our nation. Doing so reminds us that despite our differences, we share a common humanity that we cannot afford to take for granted.”

Reservations are encouraged but not required. For more information, contact Lawson Bell at Lawson.Bell@acgov.org or call 510-272-6674.

Tri-Valley Haven to Hold Denim Day Contest

Tri-Valley Haven will mark Denim Day, an annual event to stop blaming victims of sexual abuse for their attacks, with an online photo competition this year for “Best Denim Look.”



Tri-Valley Haven is a Livermore-based nonprofit that provides support ser-

vices for child and adult victims of domestic and sexual assault.

Denim Day, held during international Sexual Assault Awareness Month on the last Wednesday of April, grew out of a 1992 Italian Supreme Court decision overturning a rape conviction, ruling that because the victim wore tight jeans she must have participated in the assault.

The Italian Supreme Court has since overturned its “denim defense.”

Tri-Valley Haven said it observes Denim Day to “honor all survivors and combat victim-blaming, which unfortunately still happens too often.”

To participate in Denim Day, upload a picture to social media on Wednesday, April 26, tagging Tri-Valley Haven. The winner will receive a Starbucks gift card and coffee with Livermore Mayor John Marchand, Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown, and Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez.

Waitlist Created for Below-Market Apartments

Hillcrest Gardens, a senior community in Livermore, is creating a waiting list for 11 below-market-rate studio and one-bedroom apartments.

There are currently no vacancies in the apartment community, which is owned by Interfaith Housing and managed by Satellite Affordable Housing Associates, but 100 applicants will be chosen by lottery to be put on a waiting list for future openings.

Applications are available online at sahahomes.org/apply. Paper applications are available at Hillcrest Gardens, 550 Hillcrest Ave.

Applications will be accepted for one week, beginning Tuesday, April 18, through Tuesday, April 25.

Applicants must be 62 or older and have qualifying incomes.

Rents are set at \$501 per month for studios and \$601 for one-bedroom apartments.

To be eligible for a studio apartment, an individual must earn between \$12,024 and \$74,200 a year; a couple’s income must not exceed \$84,800.

For a one-bedroom apartment, the income limits for an individual are between

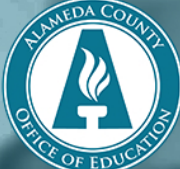
\$14,424 and \$74,200; for a couple, they are between \$14,424 and \$84,800.

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Volunteers Zackary Cosenza and Randy Simpson freshen up the crosswalk at Maple Street and East Avenue in Livermore as part of the Tactical East Avenue, Phase II of the East Avenue Corridor Study. Improvements like curb extensions, pedestrian refuge medians and high visibility crosswalks will be evaluated for six months at the intersections of Maple, Seventh, Dolores, Jensen and Estates streets, as well as Hillcrest Avenue. During the evaluation period, the city will monitor the project, collect data, and solicit public feedback to determine how the project is functioning. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

City Offering Support for Small Businesses

Dublin is launching a Small Business Navigator Program to provide small local businesses with free support designed to help them achieve sustainability and growth, according to special projects manager Felicia Escover.

Escover said the program is part of the city’s Business Recovery Playbook and will put small businesses in touch with service providers in key areas, including business planning and development, marketing and advertising, architecture and space design, and technology consulting.

The program will also provide legal, human resources, and management services, along with financial guidance. Hazel Wetherford, the city’s director of economic development, said the program “is a critical investment in our local businesses, providing them with the expertise and resources they need to succeed and thrive in the years ahead.”

To be eligible for the program, businesses must have a Dublin business license and a physical location in the city, employ fewer than 50 fulltime workers, and be independently owned.

Requests will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis, according to the city. The program is being funded through the federal American Rescue Plan approved by Congress in 2021.

The city will hold a Zoom-based online seminar for businesses to learn more about the program at noon on Thursday, April 27. To register for the presentation, go to tinyurl.com/yaxhrtfs.

For more information, go to tinyurl.com/mryzau2m or contact Escover at economic.development@dublin.ca.gov.



Concert pianist Daniel Glover, who has been Valley Concert Chorale accompanist since 1998, will perform selections from Sergei Rachmaninoff at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore on Saturday, April 22, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Russian composer’s birth. Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. performance, “Happy 150th Birthday, Rachmaninoff,” are \$30 and are available online at valleyconcertchorale.org. First Presbyterian Church is at 2020 Fifth St, Livermore. (Photo courtesy of Valley Concer Chorale)

Las Positas to Host Annual Craft Beer Festival

The seventh annual Livermore Valley Craft Beer Festival will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, on the athletic fields at Las Positas College (LPC) in Livermore.

The festival is sponsored by the Livermore Valley Craft Beer Foundation (LVCBF), with proceeds this year going to purchase equipment for the Fire Service Technology program at LPC.

“We are excited to partner and begin a new chapter with Las Positas College,” said LVCBF Executive Director Jon Sylvester. “Even though most aspects of the festival will be the same as previous events, this year’s [festival] will have a new look and beneficiary and a fantastic new venue with more room for vendors, attendees, and parking.”

LVCBF previously partnered with Aahmes Shriners, the local chapter of Shriners International, with past festivals held at the former Shrine Event Center in Livermore.

The festival this year, on the LPC campus at 3000 Campus Hill Dr., will feature more than 40 Northern California craft breweries, including many local favorites and emerging new brewers.

Attendees can sample a selection of craft beers and ciders while enjoying live music and local food vendors.

LPC President Dyrell Foster said hosting the craft beer festival allows the college to build relationships with local businesses and community members.

“This festival is a great opportunity for the community to come together and

support local businesses and our Fire Service Technology program while enjoying a fun day out,” Foster said.

General admission tickets, which include a commemorative glass and

unlimited tastings, can be purchased for \$50 online at lvcbf.com/beer-festival. Tickets will also be available at the festival for \$60.

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The restaurant is famous for its authentic Tibetan-style Momo, which is made from fresh ingredients and offers both vegetarian and non-vegetarian options to cater to diverse tastes. The Everest Momo Pleasanton has been serving customers with authentic Indo-Chinese cuisine for three years. Recently, the restaurant has expanded its menu to include Nepalese and Indian cuisine and transformed into a fine dining establishment, suitable for any family gathering or occasion.

The restaurant’s ambiance is modern yet traditional, and the staff is knowledgeable and friendly, ensuring that every customer has a memorable dining experience. Their commitment to quality and authenticity has helped them become more than just a food truck. Today, The Everest Momo Pleasanton serves as a one-stop destination for food lovers looking to indulge in the flavors of the East.

The Everest Momo team is grateful to their customers for their support through the years and strives to provide the best dining experience possible. Visit them to experience the taste of the Himalayas in the Bay Area.

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Dublin to Collect Unwanted, Expired Medications

Dublin Police Services will be participating in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 22. Coordinated by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, the twice-a-year nationwide Take Back initiative encourages the public to safely dispose of unwanted or expired prescription drugs. Dublin police officers will accept tablets, capsules, and other solid forms of prescription medications, no questions asked, in the parking lot at the Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will not accept intravenous solutions, injectable medications, or syringes. There is no cost to turn in the medications. There will also be a document shredding truck and an e-waste recycling service on site.

Park District Plans Earth Day Activities

Earth Day, an annual worldwide re-dedication to preserving and enhancing the environment, falls on Saturday, April 22, this year, and East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) has planned a variety of programs for the occasion.

Earth Day will be celebrated at Del Valle Regional Park, about nine miles south of Livermore at 7000 Del Valle Road, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a scavenger hunt, craft-making, animal exhibits, and a guided walk on the East Shore Trail.

Activities will be centered around the Arroyo Mocho picnic area, and children must be accompanied by adults.

Del Valle has been closed because of storm damage but is scheduled to reopen for Earth Day. However, visitors are encouraged to check the EBRP website, ebparks.org, beforehand to be sure that the park is open.

Visitor center programs are free, but there is a \$5 parking fee.

An American Sign Language (ASL) Earth Day walk with naturalist Erica Stephens and two ASL interpreters is also planned at the Sunol Regional Wilderness in southern Alameda County from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The walk will begin at the Sunol Visitor Center, follow the Valley Floor Trail, and continue onto Camp Ohlone Road.

The walk is free and registration is not necessary. Children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Participants should bring their own drinking water.

Sunol Regional Wilderness is at the end of Geary Road off Calaveras Road, about five miles south of I-680 and the town of Sunol. Landslides have blocked Geary Road several times, so visitors should check that the park is open.

Bees are the focus of an Earth Day program with naturalist Erin Blackwood from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Coyote Hills Regional Park in Fremont.

Visitors will meet in the park’s Nectar Garden to learn about the importance of bees and other pollinators and take home a native bee-friendly plant to continue a community science project at home or school.

The free program is for all ages and is wheelchair accessible. No registration is

needed; parent participation is required.

Coyote Hills is at the end of Patterson Ranch Road off Paseo Padre Parkway. There is a \$5 parking fee.

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EDITORIAL

Make Earth Day Every Day

The annual event known as Earth Day takes place on April 22 each year and is celebrated worldwide to raise awareness of the need to preserve open spaces and protect the planet’s natural resources for future generations.

Wetlands, grasslands and forests are essential to maintaining a healthy ecosystem, which provides habitat for wildlife, helps regulate the climate, filters air and water, and supports biodiversity. Preserving these open spaces is crucial for the long-term sustainability of the planet.

The Tri-Valley region is home to many organizations that are working tirelessly to preserve and protect our open spaces.

The Tri-Valley boasts numerous organizations that are working to maintain our region’s beauty and environmental sustainability. These open spaces are essential for the health of our ecosystem and the wildlife that calls it home.

It is not just the work of these organizations that can help make a difference. Every person can take small steps in their daily lives that collectively can have a significant impact. Riding your bike to work instead of driving reduces carbon emissions. Eliminating single-use plastics and switching to paperless billing can reduce waste. Moving toward electric stoves and cars, as well as installing solar panels on your roof, can contribute

to preserving the environment.

Earth Day strives to highlight how everyone can be part of the change no matter how small or insignificant it may seem.

In addition, Tri-Valley cities and Alameda County should do everything they can to expedite plans that reduce our dependence on nonrenewable energy.

This year cities throughout the Tri-Valley are celebrating Earth Day with a series of events throughout the month. For additional information visit the following city websites: <https://www.larpd.org/2023-04-22-earth-day>; www.dubin.ca.gov; www.cityofpleasantonca.gov.

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Stop Pointing Fingers at Social Security

Bob Sauers, Pleasanton

I read in just about every publication a letter stating the Republicans are trying to kill Social Security. Yes, several individual Republicans have submitted bills regarding slashing benefits and Republican Senator Scott stated he would like to do away with it. Thankfully it has fallen on deaf ears. Now let me list items that have been a detriment to the system. 1 Back in the Presidency of LBJ, Social Security was secure in its own trust fund. LBJ saw all this money sitting there and moved it out of its trust fund into the General Fund to secure money for his Great Society projects. 2. There was a long period of time when Social Security payments were not taxed, guess who introduced the bill to tax those benefits, Senator Joe Biden, Both Democratic party individuals.

When it comes to pointing fingers regarding Social Security both parties should be a target.

Happy Wild Cow Milking is Gone

Linda Middlesworth, Sacramento

Thank you so very much for ending the very cruel wild milking contest. As a mother, I cannot imagine what that would feel like if someone did that to me when I was nursing my baby! It is so so cruel and sexist, and they are terrified. They are already often with mastitis (painful enlarged breasts inflamed) from being over milked, but they do not deserve this pain. The milk BELONGS to her baby cow. And the mothers are killed at age 4 for hamburger after the painful and horrid milking. They normally live to 20 years. Please stop teaching our children that it is ok to steal milk from these mothers. No one now should be drinking or eating dairy. It belongs and is designed for baby cows. When humans take cow milk, they then consume IGF-1 growth hormone meant to help her baby grow from 90 lbs. to 1000 lbs. in a year. When humans ingest IGF-1 growth hormone, this promotes DNA changes, which cause breast, prostate and uterine cancers. Please stop using cows for dairy and thank you for not hurting them more with the barbaric milking contests.

Celebrating Earth Day

Jim Adams, Livermore

If you are interested in viewing an impressive bloom of California native flowers, you are invited to visit the Granada Native Garden here in Livermore, close to downtown and adjacent to the Arroyo Mocho bicycle and walking trail. The GNG has a number of California native flowers already in bloom or about to bloom. The flowers, as well as numerous other native California plants, are accompanied by markers that help you find them, learn their names, and discover their importance to the environment and to the Native Americans who lived in the Livermore area before we did! For information about the location and accessi-

bility of the Garden, visit “Granada Native Garden Newsletter” on the Internet.

With Earth Day coming up on March 22, a visit to the GNG would be a good start to celebrating Earth Day!

Of Housed Homeless And Unhoused Outcasts

Greg Scott, Livermore

We are not on the pathway to solutions to homelessness (Margot Platt, “Be a Part of the Solution,” Mailbox, 4/13). Why? Because of entrenched political leadership, a lack of political will, and unwillingness to address the fundamental causes and effects of homelessness. “No problem can be solved from the same level of consciousness that created it.” (Albert Einstein)

Recently, long-time homeless “Hard-Luck” Chuck died. If you didn’t know or weren’t acquainted with Chuck, then you haven’t been very familiar with the homeless situation in Livermore the past several years. Chuck got housed at Chestnut. Chuck died.

I was acquainted with homeless Jim. Jim got housed at Chestnut. Jim died.

At least Chuck and Jim didn’t die on the street. Nonetheless, they died after being housed and the “Housing First” mantras hollow after considering its results and expense.

Homelessness is an unnatural disaster. You solve it from the mode of triage. You must help the most you can adequately with as few resources as possible.

We, as a community, throw gobs of money at homelessness to primarily “feed” the homeless-industrial complex. At least \$20 million is being spent in Livermore to house 23 at Vineyard 2.0. There will be other services there, too; however, it is still pricey housing for too few homeless.

Eden Housing proposes to house 16 homeless downtown. What will this cost? Please include part of Eden Housing’s Executive Director’s \$415,000 yearly salary and the median executives’ salaries of \$263,000. (Reference point: Ninety-four percent of American workers earn \$160,200 a year or less.)

Tiny house proponents are planning to build 16 tiny houses for \$175,000 to \$225,000 each at Asbury Church. What becomes of the homeless that remain “chronically unhoused” (Platt, *ibid.*)? Will some sleep and defecate in the bushes of East Avenue? Two thousand years have passed and there is still no room at the inn? Who is to be turned away? Tiny houses at Asbury

Church, “even if it is a small part,” are not a solution. This continues to accentuate the inequities that are defined by the inequalities of homelessness. We are not going to find solutions until we change political leadership, grow a backbone of political will, and realize how the liberal-corporate-capitalist economic system we operate in is metastasizing homelessness.

“To truly stand with the oppressed is to accept being treated like the oppressed.” (Chris Hedges, “The Hypocrisy of the Christian Church,” 4/8/2023).

East Avenue - Traffic Control 101

William Beiriger, Livermore

It’s time for our Traffic Engineering Department in Livermore to send their engineers back to school for a refreshing course in traffic control 101. East Avenues changes will cause more problems now than the way the street was before. The biggest problem with the redesign of the intersections on East Ave. is for longer vehicles having to turn the corner. It will be a major problem for the buses, delivery trucks, long beam tow trucks, and what about the tiller firetruck? To make a right turn these vehicles will have to pull into the lefthand traffic lane to make a right turn. The pylons along the street to prevent parking in the red zone can be made a little better if they weren’t so far from the curb. The biggest problem is the pylons at the corner; they should be much closer to the curb, so longer vehicles can safely make a turn. Our streets have had a problem with bicycles and now that problem has been increased about 20 times. Many of the problems at the corners can be solved by painting the curb on the corner RED. And then ENFORCING the no parking at a RED curb. This is a major problem at many of the schools in Livermore. All that had to have been done was put up the barriers about 12” from the curb to keep people from parking too close to the corner. Up until now, I think the worse engineering decision in Livermore has been Speed Humps. They set a speed limit at 25 miles per hour on a street, and then they put in speed humps that make you slow down to 15 miles per hour to safely go over them. This is another place for traffic control 101 training. The bigger problem with streets, like East Avenue, First Street, Holmes, etc. is excess speed, not encroachment along the streets. At one time the Livermore Police used to have a Police Car with Radar at one corner, and then have their

Police Motorcycles at the next corner. Now, I just see more police cars cruising the street and just wasting gas.

Thanks for the Laughs!

Tania Panarello, Livermore

I’d like to express my immense gratitude to Brian Maggi for teaching the art of stand-up comedy to a bunch of rag-tag hooligans like myself. Thank you, also, to those who attended our class “final exam”, to Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, Bothwell Arts Center and Bankhead Theater for providing the venues to facilitate this cauldron of comedic creativity.

I am grateful for the opportunity to make new friends and to commiserate in some much-needed group laugh therapy. It was a blast getting to know more fellow Livermors and discovering that we had more in common than we initially thought. Many thanks especially to my husband and two sons, who not only often serve as comedic material, but also are my biggest cheerleaders.

Thanks to Brian’s vast personal experience and expertise, I learned that performing stand-up comedy is A LOT HARDER than I ever thought! I foolishly believed that any goofball could saunter up to a mike and ramble off a riff or randomly “bitch and complain” about any old thing, as Brian suggested. While my own performance suffered due to lack of proper preparation, my fellow classmates shone like the stars they were becoming.

Brian Maggi’s passion for comedy drove home his lessons for laughs throughout the six weekly sessions of the LVPAC Comedy Workshop I attended. I wish I could have done his teaching justice; after the show last Thursday night (April 13th), I was CON- STANTLY thinking about what I could’ve done differently.

All in all, I now have a much deeper appreciation for the art of stand-up. I also agree with Brian Maggi and Bankhead’s Executive Director, Chris Carter: We all need more laughter, now more than ever. As we emerge from unbelievable challenges, like a seemingly endless pandemic and constant political and social upheaval, we need to stop taking ourselves so seriously and embrace the healing power of laughter -- and to share in that laughter with others. Swedish supergroup ABBA sang, “Thank you for the music.” So, I say to you, Brian Maggi and my fellow classmates, “Thank you for the laughter!”-- though I think I’ll stick to writing.

How Do You Know? Compared to What?

Trish Munro, Livermore

Livermore is a city grounded in science. Science is fundamentally about inquiry. A scientific mindset begins with questions: “How Do You Know?” “Compared to What?” That mindset is one that I would expect to embrace inquiry and experimentation with regard to making changes in Livermore. Pilot projects are just that: experiments that allow theories developed from research and exploring specific context to be tested before making any major changes.

That’s what is happening on East Avenue now.

That is particularly important because traffic behavior is notoriously counterintuitive. People are comfortable driving on wide roads, yet wide roads encourage people to drive fast, simply because they are, well, wide. Bulb-outs and median strips mean that pedestrians are safer, but also slow people down and ensure they are paying more attention to the road.

The changes that are being piloted on East Avenue—corner radii, crosswalk painting, bulb outs, and more—are based on credible and repeatable studies that have been shown to reduce the number and severity of vehicle crashes. By contrast, more stop signs or signals in unwarranted locations, adding speed bumps to arterial roadways with bus traffic, and other methods cause additional traffic noise to residents with no traffic benefit, and can cause additional crashes and increase the severity of those crashes. It’s not intuitive, but neither is much of science. That’s the point of research and experimentation.

Over the past year or more, city staff have measured travel speeds (including speeders), travel times, traffic counts, side street traffic, and number and severity of crashes. During the six months of the pilot program, staff will monitor behavior and use constructive feedback to make changes, such as bollard location and signage.

What are examples of constructive feedback? “Despite being trained on the turn and slowing to five miles an hour, I still hit a bollard.” “No one stopped for me at this crosswalk.” “Add a Keep Clear sign to allow large vehicles to turn.”

Livermore knows how to do science. We know how to test theories, gather data, and then analyze it. Let’s crowd-source this pilot project with an inquiring mind and spirit!

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Mendenhall Student Advances to National History Day Competition

Matthew Parr, a student at Mendenhall Middle School in Livermore, won first place in the Individual Performance Junior Division at the California state finals of National History Day competition in Sacramento last weekend and will advance to the national finals.



Matthew Parr

Parr's research project, "The War of 1812: Frontiers of a Forgotten War," depicted the impact of patriotism and war fever which led to the United States declaring war against the United Kingdom and eventually, the opening of the Northwest Territory to U.S. expansion. The annual competition is sponsored by National History Day, a Maryland-based nonprofit organization with affiliates in all

50 states and U.S. territories. The theme for this year's competition was "Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas," with students choosing a topic where "a frontier has been crossed" and history changed. The state competition was held at Sacramento State University. The finals will be held at the University of Maryland in June. Several other Mendenhall students who finished first in the Alameda County National History Day competition in March also advanced to the finals at the state competition. Receiving ribbons were: Annapoorani Amarnath for her individual documentary, "Angel of the Battlefield: Clara Barton Crosses a Medical Frontier." Kyler Wang and Sidanth Lall for their group exhibit, "The Haitian Revolution: Breaking the Bonds of Slavery and Exploring Frontiers of Independence." Tanmay Gupta, Glenn Lee, Bryce Rivera, and Dakisha Sinha for their group exhibit, "George Bird Grinnell: Frontiers in the Environment." Taylor Conover, Aha-na Deshpande, and Violet Graham received a special

award for Native American History at the state competition for their group documentary, "Kill the Indian, Save the Man," an exploration of the United States Indian Industrial School in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, which Conover's great-great-grandmother attended in the early 20th century. Other Mendenhall students who competed in Sacramento after finishing first at the county level included: Kashvi Jain and Bijoux Whitney with a group exhibit, "Florence Kelley: The Forgotten Reformer" Shriya Bhadra with an individual exhibit, "The California Gold Rush: Legacy." Ishi Bhatt, Gurneet Kaur, and Arshia Mittal with a group documentary, "Frontiers in Journalism: Nellie Bly." Amber Koti, Clara Rose, Eliza McMichael, and Kalea Sutton with a group website, "Elizabeth Blackwell: America's First Female Doctor." Diya Sangar for an individual performance, "Joaquin Murrieta: Frontiers of Justice and Lawlessness." Mendenhall Middle School students have competed in National History Day for more than 20 years.



Participants enjoy the ride during the 47th Annual Cinderella Classic & Challenge on April 15 in Livermore. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Vista Restaurant Hosting Tradeshow Mixer

Vista Restaurant at Cal-lippe Preserve Golf Course in Pleasanton will host the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce's annual Spring Tradeshow Mixer from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10. The chamber holds tradeshow in the spring and fall in place of its

monthly networking mixers. At the tradeshow, companies and organizations are encouraged to promote products and services to local businesses and community leaders. The tradeshow is free and open to the public. The spring show will

include food bites provided Mochiholic, Passion Pastry, Simple Elegance Catering, and Strizzi's Restaurants, along with wine and beer. To register, go to www.pleasanton.org.

LPC Showcases Play, April 28

Las Positas College (LPC) in Livermore will present a live performance of "The Manic Monologues," a play about mental illness, at the Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., on Friday, April 28.

Created by Zachary Burton, who suffers from bipolar disorder, and Elisa Hofmeister at Stanford University in 2019, the show consists of a collection of monologues written by people who have experienced mental health challenges and presented by actors to convey the range of emotions and experiences associated with mental illness.

The actors for the Las Positas show will be a mix of LPC theater students, psychology students, and participants who previously performed in the play at Stanford University. Stephen Hinshaw, professor of psychology at the University of California, Berkeley, and well-known for his efforts to destigmatize mental illness, will also perform one of the monologues.

The show is being presented by the LPC Psychology Department and Psychology Club, in collaboration with the LPC Theater Arts program and the Adversity 2 Advocacy Alliance.

"We are excited to bring this important work to our community," said LPC psychology professor Robin Roy, adding that the show "offers a unique and powerful perspective on mental health, and we hope that it will spark meaningful conversations about how we can support those who are struggling."

There will be a panel discussion following the show, which begins at 7 p.m. The LPC Student Health and Wellness Center and local mental health organizations will also have information



The historic winter rains have brought the Tri-Valley into full bloom as evidenced by these wildflowers captured along Lorraine Street in North Livermore on April 16. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Researchers Study New "Kill Switch" Design Strategies for Genetically Modified Organisms

According to an article published on the LLNL lab's news site, synthetic biology promises to sustainably produce commodity chemicals, treat human disease, steward the environment, and sustain agriculture. Each of these tasks exploit genetically modified organisms (GMO), but the unintended release (referred to as "escape") of GMOs or their recombinant (non-native) DNA could disturb native ecosystems in unpredictable ways. Biocontainment strategies, such as "kill switches," are therefore needed to limit unforeseen environmental disturbances. Kill-switch circuits prohibit GMO growth by induction of a toxin gene via an environmental signal—i.e., something that turns the kill switch "on," such as a chemical, pH levels, temperature, or carbon dioxide levels.

To date, the majority of kill switches have been developed in Escherichia coli (E. coli), and tested under ideal laboratory conditions. Although some

switch designs have been developed in other host strains—i.e., Pseudomonas putida (bacterium) and Saccharomyces cerevisiae (fungus)—moving kill switch parts that were developed in E. coli into alternative cellular hosts is challenging, resulting in unpredictable changes in kill-switch performance. GMOs developed for environmental applications will ultimately be deployed into uncontrolled environments, where unpredictable inputs and stressors will affect circuit function and failure. As kill-switch optimization strategies are ultimately host dependent, the major modes of escape in each host strain must be determined in order to develop robust kill switches for biocontainment.

Given the lack of containment systems for Pseudomonas fluorescens—a plant-growth-promoting agricultural GMO—a team of BBTd scientists set out to understand how to design kill switches that balance lethality with long-term genetic stability in this import-

ant agricultural strain. To do this, the team designed eight different kill switches, each encoded with a lethal toxin and its associated "inactivator" gene that protects the host from lethality. This design provides two knobs that can be turned: one to increase lethality (toxin) and the other to reduce lethality (toxin inactivator).

By studying these kill-switch designs, researchers found that inactivator proteins are powerful determinants of kill-switch functionality and stability. Additionally, an analysis of genetic escape from each kill switch revealed critical determinants of kill-switch stability and important considerations for host-specific circuit design in Pseudomonas fluorescens. Altogether, the results of these in-depth analyses will guide the designs of more stable, highly effective biocontainment systems.

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

The next three-part training will take place on May 16, 18 and 23 from 6 – 8:30 p.m. at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. Participants must attend all three events.

MASCOT

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is not just a mascot. It is a symbol of VHS’s identity, school spirit and pride for our current and former students.”

The letter stipulated that Emerald High should have gone with the second most popular choice in the initial mascot vote, instead of stepping on the toes of the mascot that represents the city’s continuation high school.

“Allowing Emerald to use another word for dragon as their mascot sends a message to Valley students that whatever is theirs can be taken,” she said. “This is a concept many people from marginalized communities are often unfortunately familiar with. However, (it is) one that should not come from the school district that claims to value all students.”

The process to select a new mascot for the city’s newest high school began last year. As part of an effort to involve the prospective students at Emerald in the decision-making process, student leaders of Cottonwood and Fallon middle schools were asked to deliberate on potential mascots in September 2022. An official vote was sent out to all sixth- to eighth-graders at the schools in October.

The majority of students dislike how hard it is to find anything about the name. Google spell check doesn’t even recognize it,” Dharma said. “Uniqueness is a desired factor, but this mascot crosses into obscurity.”

The students also felt the decision was inconsiderate of Valley High School.

“We have had a conversation with the principal, as well as a teacher from Valley High School, and they agree and support us with wanting to change Emerald High’s mascot as they feel overlooked,” Morramreddygari said.

“It’s the first time in 50 years that a new school has formed in this district, which means it’s all the more important that the mascot of the school is one that the students enjoy,” Krishnakumar said.

Rojas, however, pointed out that the process to select the mascot had been a democratic one.

“I don’t think at any point that the student voice was removed from this,” he continued. “All of these decisions were done through a survey provided to students.”

Superintendent Chris Funk called for the board to discontinue the conversation about the mascot, not-

School plans to open in fall 2023 with the potential to accommodate 2,500 students when construction is complete.

For more information, visit https://www.dublin.k12.ca.us.

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– Shreya Krishnakumar,
Future member of Emerald’s inaugural class

Of the options – griffin, wolfhound, saber-toothed tiger, tiger and dragon –the dragon won more than half of about 900 votes. But some parents voiced concerns over the potentially negative implications of the mascot.

Rojas went back to the leadership students, who held they did not “want their voice canceled,” but were open to changing the name. Another ballot was provided in January 2023 only to students who were going to attend Emerald. They were given the choices “serpent,” “sea serpent,” “sky serpent,” “aeronaut” and “other.” Aeronaut won with 39% of the votes.

Three future members of Emerald’s inaugural class – Samanvi Dharma, Taneshka Morramreddygari and Shreya Krishnakumar – spoke out against the mascot.

“The students do not like the name itself and most dislike how obscure it is.

ing that the vote had ended.

“Those that did not win need to accept what the election was,” Funk said. “We don’t get to just continue to have an election until you get the outcome you search for.”

President Gabi Blackwood said she was there the day students at Fallon heard the mascot decision and cited the excitement on campus.

“I preface everything by saying that they were given an opportunity to take a vote and make a decision, and many of those didn’t get their first choice,” Blackwood said. “I’ve heard from other families where they chose other things. They’re actually very happy with the choice. Now, they’re psyched about the logo and the lettering and the coloring. And I think they’re coming around to accepting that they’re going to be the aeronauts.”

Located on the east side of Dublin, Emerald High

rence postdoc in 2009 and transitioned to a member of the technical staff in 2012. In 2022, she was selected as a fellow of the American Physical Society for her “leadership in integrated hohlraum design physics leading to the creation of the first laboratory burning and igniting fusion plasma.” The full list of 2023 TIME100 honorees and related tributes will appear in the April 24 issue of TIME, now available on newsstands, and online. Kritcher will be honored at the TIME100 Summit and Gala on April 26 at the Lincoln Center in New York City.

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As seen from left, Nico Singh, Hari Ganesh, Preston Chiu and Arjun Karur-Parekh are the members of the Gardeners of the Galaxy team, a crew of four sophomores who grow microgreens (at right) to harvest and donate to the Dublin Unified School District and local shelters. (Photo courtesy of Preston Chiu)

really have hustled and are a really good example of what young people can to do make the world a better place.”

Arjun said he hopes to have helped feed 5,000 people by the end of his senior year. To that end, he works closely with his teammates and recipients to deliver a clean, professional product.

“In 2019, I got my garage certified with a home growers license from Alameda County,” Karur-Parekh said. “This enabled me to grow produce at home and donate it. So, we grow them in my garage and cut them and bag them to distribute. We use clean knives and put the greens in paper bags, so they are facing the same direction and write our name and how many pounds are in the bag on the label and date them. Then we donate them.”

For two years, Arjun worked alone, growing,

harvesting and donating the microgreens. Last year, he brought on three more members – Hari, Treasurer Nico Singh and Secretary Preston Chiu – to help with the workload. The foursome tracks donations, networks and searches for outside funding sources to cover the cost of seeds and supplies. Their work has been aided by the City of Dublin through mini grants totaling \$2,600. Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez applauded the group’s efforts.

“I was very happy to see that the City of Dublin’s Youth Advisory Committee awarded Gardeners of the Galaxy with a substantial grant to continue their fine work in cultivating microgreens, which have provided healthy food options to the students at the Dublin Unified School District, Tri-Valley food pantries, and

others in need,” Hernandez said. “It is so inspiring to see these young people in our community take the mantle to address hunger and nutrition.”

Microgreens are young plants, with a higher nutritional value per serving than average salad greens. GG uses pea shoots, which are ready for harvest in as little as nine days after planting.

“They don’t slow in the winter, because the garage stays a solid 60 degrees,” Arjun said. “We soak the seeds for 24 hours to have them bigger in size. We plant them; wait nine to 12 days; then you have pea shoots 5-6 inches long and we harvest. It has a similar taste to a pea, like a crunchy, leafy pea.”

The shoots are used in salads by Dublin High School. Director of Nutrition Services Frank Castro said the addition of the micro-



greens to the school’s salads has been “awesome.”

“This group has come a long way to creating a commercial product,” Castro said. “We have worked with them and it’s very good, like getting a product from Safeway.”

As they look to the future, members of the Gardeners of the Galaxy are already laying plans for their eventual retirement.

The pressures of junior and senior year are looming. The gardeners hope to have replacements in line before they graduate to keep the microgreens spreading through the Tri-Valley.

“We want to help and reach out to more people,” said Nico, 16. “We want to work on getting more grants, so we have the funding to find more resources. I think we might want to expand

outside of having just one grower and expand our network of distributors.”

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SUPERVISORS

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tion & Planning Committee comprised of Haubert and Supervisor Nate Miley. The full board held two additional meetings.

What emerged was an 85-word definition that was sent to the board for approval on March 9. During a discussion, Haubert then took issue with the definition’s last line: “This structure shall not be a place of human habitation, nor shall it be a place used by the public or for social events.”

Haubert said an additional word “public” should be placed before the phrase “social events” to enable property owners to use their buildings for private events, such as weddings and picnics. He approved the ordinance’s first reading without adding the word, but brought it up again April 13 before the law’s required second reading for final approval.

“I think we all agree that habitation is something that should not be in an ag building. I think we all agree that public events should not be in an ag building,” Haubert said. “My only concern — it has nothing to with any one particular building or another — it has to do with the ability of a person that owns an ag building to have their family over for a picnic. That’s a social event, but it’s a private social event. And so while I think we all mean to restrict public social events, I don’t believe we should mean precluding private social events.”

With Supervisor Keith Carson absent, Haubert’s colleagues — Supervisors Nate Miley, Lena Tam and Elisa Marquez — quickly approved adding the word “public” with a 4-0 vote.

That decision touched off an immediate public response, including from FOL and FOV members, who called into the meeting. Five callers and one in-person speaker, all opposed the change, saying it could lead to property owners holding large private events.

“You can have a huge wedding,” said Jean King, an FOL member and Measure D supporter. “You could have a huge rock concert, as long as it was designed to just be people that were invited. I think you’re making a very big mistake by trying to put in the word ‘public.’ I think you’re confusing it much more, rather than defining what it should be.”

Donna Cabanne called it a “big mistake” to attempt to differentiate between public and private social events.

“That could include concerts, it could include weddings, it could include wine clubs. That would all be private membership, but still be very large gatherings,” Cabanne said. “This would not be appropriate in an agricultural area.”

Cabanne and Measure D author Dick Schneider suggested the definition’s last-minute change would upend all of the efforts to create the definition and

would require new environmental impact studies to determine its effects.

“What is a private social event?” Schneider asked. “If it’s a wine club or other kinds of memberships ... what’s going to be the frequency of events that can be held? What’s going to be their size? If there’s going to be large social events, even of a private nature, those need to be analyzed for potential environmental impact.”

Schneider also pointed out that under the original Measure D, all property owners in the Large Parcel Agriculture designation can use 1% of their property’s area for non-residential buildings that can hold social events for public or private gatherings.

He later elaborated in an email to The Independent that for a 100-acre parcel, 43,560 square feet of floor area are allowed for social events. Even small parcels get up to 20,000 square feet of floor area for these events. The original Measure D also allows every property owner to build 12,000 square feet of residential and residential accessory buildings where family gatherings and private social events can be held.

According to Schneider, there is simply no need to use the new large agricultural buildings permitted under Measure D 2022 for these purposes. Those buildings are meant for agricultural purposes only, he added.

Haubert responded that he had no intention to open the door for large-scale events. He called the definition change “very small and minor” and said he was looking out for residents who wanted to hold private social events on their property.

Haubert said he was concerned the definition would prohibit a property owner holding a private family picnic from allowing guests to use a restroom located in a nearby agricultural building, forcing them to use a bathroom in a residence “down the street.”

“You have to tell them you can’t use the restroom in that ag building, because it’s not to be used for private social events,” Haubert said. “That would be one thing that we would be prohibiting. I don’t think any of us would say that people that own an ag building can’t have a picnic next to it and not use the restroom inside of it.”

Following a discussion over whether to postpone the vote until May 11 and Miley stating he wasn’t sure he would support Haubert, Haubert withdrew his motion for the change. The board then voted to rescind its approval of the altered

definition and instead voted to approve the language in its original form without the added word “public.”

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LIGHTING

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the city provided any relief to residents without a regular paycheck.

Jordan Foss, Dublin management analyst, explained, “There are really no options at this point for fixed-income residents when there is an increase.” Although some municipalities fund hardship programs, neither Dublin nor Alameda County provide such assistance, he continued.

But City Manager Linda Smith added that residents may ask that assessments be hand-billed, instead of lumped in with their property tax bill, so that any failure to pay the assessments would not put their homes at risk.

The city, between 1983 and 1999, created two street

lighting maintenance assessment districts and three landscaping and lighting districts under the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 to fund shared costs, such as maintenance and energy costs for public streetlights, landscape improvements, and sound-wall maintenance.

Mayor Melissa Hernandez also raised the issue of accountability for the Stagecoach increase.

“How are you going to make sure that the property owners see a difference?” she asked city staff.

While some of the funds will pay for visible improvements, such as annual maintenance items, some will also be used to shore up capital investment funds for larger, multi-year projects

that will not yield immediate benefits, said Smith.

Stagecoach Road’s v-ditch trench repairs, for example, will cost over \$1 million and occur over multiple years, said Foss.

Just east of Dublin Hills Estates, residents of the Villages at Willow Creek neighborhood will see a smaller 3.62% increase to their landscaping and lighting district to help pay for litter pickup, sound-wall maintenance and roadside landscaping.

City staff has proposed no increases for the city’s other three districts.

The council also set a public hearing for May 2 in the city council chamber to hear any protests against the assessments before their approval.

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OBITUARIES

Patrick Crowley April 6, 1925 – March 5, 2023



Pat Crowley, a kind-hearted, smart man, a dear friend and devoted husband and family man, who spent his career as a computational physicist in the US atomic weapons program, pursued lifelong passions as a musician, photographer, traveler, hiker and olive orchardist, passed away at age 87 in Westwind Memory Care in Santa Cruz, California, on March 5, 2023, from advanced-stage Alzheimer's Disease, accelerated by COVID-19.

William Patrick Crowley was born to Michael J. Crowley and Nelle Slemmons on April 6, 1935, in Ketchikan, Alaska. Pat spent his childhood in Ketchikan, Seattle and San Diego, and had a lifelong love of boats, ships and the sea. During his teenage years, he worked on his grandmother's halibut boat in Seattle, had a newspaper route, went fishing and helped out his mother in the bar she owned. He graduated from Ketchikan High School as the Salutatorian, after a very active career in band, government, sports and fire squad in addition to academics. After graduating Pat moved to San Diego and attended San Diego State College studying math and physics and later earned a master's degree from UC Berkeley.

His career at Lawrence Livermore National Lab (Rad Lab) began in 1958 as a computational physicist in the early days of the theoretical physics department and was a pioneer in computational fluid dynamics. "A lot of this was being done late at night," said Pat, in a 1995 interview in which he describes the life of a computational physicist — work a full day, go home to dinner, "and then

come back, and work from 8 or 9 at night to 2 in the morning. And then we'd go out to the Hungry Truck and have pancakes or eggs and hash browns."

After hours he and his colleagues, including Chuck Leith, relaxed by developing early atmospheric weather models. They worked closely on the very difficult topic of modeling turbulence in fluids. Much of that work remains state-of-the-art. In 1967, he wrote a numerical model on the world's oceans. LLNL was a great place to work and supported him in his creative approaches. He developed many enduring friendships with people he met there, including Maggie Gee (American aviator and WWII WASP, who was also a computational physicist), Bob and Ruth Freis, Bob and Miriam Miller, Ed and Harriet Garelis, among many others.

Pat and Betty married in January 1989 in Livermore, California, and they had a long and happy marriage. They lived in the Livermore hills, and after retiring they planted an olive orchard. They traveled the world, mostly taking cruises, going as far south as Antarctica and

as far north as Scotland. They moved to Russian Hill in San Francisco, where Pat could follow the harbor traffic from his radio and window, listen to the fog horns, bring home fresh crab from Fisherman's Wharf, walk the hills, dine out and attend the local theater and symphony.

Pat's life-long passion was playing piano and he came from a musical family. After seeing the movie, The Sting, in the 1970s, Pat started playing ragtime. He earned the nickname Ragtime Man because he played ragtime music at local venues. He and friend journalist Joan Boar directed inmates in a musical in Santa Rita's Women's Prison in the 1990s, and he accompanied many local melodrama productions. He loved playing American standards accompanied by his friend Bob Freis on the sax, or with family and friends singing along.

Pat was an excellent cook and he enjoyed preparing and sharing meals with his friends. He had a deep appreciation for fine dining and red wines. He loved hiking and camping at favorite places in the Sierra Nevada and hiked some of the Pacific Crest Trail and was an avid wildflower photographer. Pat was a kind, thoughtful, loving, creative and generous man, with a good sense of humor. We miss his warm bear hugs and his kind and wise words.

Pat leaves behind his wife Betty Crowley of 34 years, his stepdaughter Beverly Norleen (Craig Norleen) and step-grandson Will Jaeger of Santa Cruz, California, his stepdaughter Lauren Jaeger, and step-grandson Joel Jaeger (Asia Jaeger) of Laverne, California. Pat was preceded in death by his parents, and many dear friends.

Billie Ruth Hastings (King) Dec. 19, 1931 – Sunset, April 11, 2023 Resident of Turlock, California



Billie was born in the Midwest and moved to California with her parents, brother and sister at an early age. She graduated from Amador High School in 1950 and met her husband (Bob Hastings) in Pleasanton while still in high school. They married on June 30, 1950, and were married for 65 years. They purchased their first home in Livermore, California and raised three children; Sandi Garner (Tennessee), Allen Hastings (Live Oak, California), and Patti Wheeler (Turlock, California). She had four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She is survived by her

daughters, Sandi Garner (Mike) and Patti Wheeler (Eric); four grandchildren, Jennifer Hastings, Brian Garner, Greg Garner and

Sarah Lake; her brother Tom King (Fay) and sister Margie Schmidt (Randy). She was predeceased by her husband Bob and her son Allen.

She enjoyed traveling and she and Bob traveled to all 50 US states and to Europe and South America. One of her interests was researching her ancestry. Her family is grateful for her efforts in identifying our family history. She was a beloved family member and will be missed immensely. Her interment will be at Memory Gardens in Livermore, California. At her request, there will be no service.

Hélène Bovet Olds Hanneken Aug. 31, 1964 – March 23, 2023



Hélène, a longtime resident of Livermore, California passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on March 23, 2023.

Hélène was born August 31, 1964, in San Francisco, California. Hélène grew up having fun at her grandparent's cattle ranch in Portola Valley and riding horses in Livermore. She participated in rodeo barrel racing and gymkhana events. Hélène graduated from Livermore High School and attended college in Modesto and Chicago, California.

Hélène had an amazing

sense of humor and always brought a smile to everyone around her. She loved animals, friends, family and absolutely adored her

two kids, Chris and Renée. Hélène loved to travel and visited Europe, Mexico and Hawaii numerous times. Hélène was an avid reader of historical fiction, she also loved working in her garden and taking care of her animals. Hélène was known for being extremely generous to every person and animal that crossed her path. Hélène will be deeply missed. A private service will be held by her family. In lieu of flowers please send a donation to East Bay SPCA, 8323 Baldwin Street Oakland, California, 94621.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Pamela Elinore Anderson Hundal Sept. 12, 1958 – March 30, 2023



On March 30, 2023, Pamela Eleanor Anderson Hundal, 64, joined her Savior in Heaven after a courageous battle with breast cancer. Pam was an eternal optimist who tenaciously tackled each day and dared to pursue even the loftiest of dreams. With her endearing kindness, humble nature and zest for life, she left an indelible mark on all those fortunate enough to cross paths with her.

When she wasn't working in the family restaurant business alongside her team and pals from Carl's Jr., Jamba and Pieology, she was journeying around the globe (along with dozens of others she brought along!), leading Bible studies, caring for her grandchildren, organizing conferences and events, concocting delectable dishes, hosting people at home, educating people about Noah's Ark, Israel and dinosaurs, or engaging in a game of Scrabble or Words With Friends.

Growing up with a simple life on an orange ranch in the heart of California, she never took for granted all the remarkable experiences and opportunities that life presented her over the years. She and Daljit married in 1978 and moved their family to Livermore in 1985, where they would plant roots and remain throughout the rest of her life. She was an active member of Cedar Grove Community Church and more recently, Valley Community Church. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and previously served on the Livermore Downtown Board. She loved to support many charities, including Shepherd's Gate, Next Step, USA Cares and the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

She was a shining ray of God's light to everyone who knew her, and she will be deeply missed by so many, but especially her closest family: husband Daljit, daughter Tara with son-in-law Jason; son Steven and his wife Shannon as well the grandchildren whom she adored; Zachary, Zoe, Eli and Dylan. Mother, Nancy, sister, Karen and cousin, Tammie. She joined many friends and family in heaven including her father, Robert and sister, Cathy.

A celebration of life will be held on May 13, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Valley Community Church in Pleasanton (4555 Del Valle Parkway). In lieu of flowers, the family has set up a fund to create a business scholarship for a graduate of Shepherd's Gate, donate at shepherdsagate.org.

Joan Tebbe Green Dec. 22, 1932 – March 10, 2023



Joan Green was a resident of Livermore, California. She was born in San Francisco in 1932, and grew up in Petaluma, California during the Great Depression and World War II. She attended UC Berkeley in the early 1950's, married LeRoy Green in 1953, had two sons, and then returned to school and graduated from UC Berkeley in 1964. She obtained a teaching credential through Cal State Hayward, and then worked as a teacher for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District.

She and LeRoy moved to Livermore in 1955 with the opening of the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory. They were both supporters of the Livermore-Amador Symphony, which formed in 1963, and she was a member of the Livermore-Amador

Symphony Guild since its formation. She participated in the American Association of University Women, and she supported a number of other organizations — including the Livermore-Amador Garden Club, Del Valle Fine Arts, the Livermore Opera, and the SF Art Museums. She and LeRoy enjoyed music, museums, and travel.

They took their grandchildren on Elderhostel trips that included destinations such as Alaska and the UK. Joan even took flying lessons to support LeRoy's passion for flying — and successfully completed her solo flight. They were married for nearly 55 years, until LeRoy's death in 2008.

She is survived by sons Richard Green of Studio City, California and Charles Green (and wife Linda) of Martinez, California. She is also survived by grandchildren Roy Green (and wife Lisa) and Melissa Green; and by two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore on April 29, 2023, at 10 am. Please direct any donations to the Livermore-Amador Symphony.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Arlene Margaret Conger Sept. 14, 1934 – Feb. 24, 2023



Arlene Margaret Conger passed away Feb. 24 at the age of 88 years. She leaves behind her husband of 69 years, Roy Conger, son, Conger (spouse Amy), daughters, Laura Conger-Maxey (spouse Kevin), and Mollie Jensen. She was the beloved grandmother to Marissa, Tamara (partner Erin), Michael, Jena and Stephen (partner Kadie); in addition to great-grandchildren Kai, Ronin, Jackson, Savannah, Cylis and Azi.

Arlene was a versatile fiber artist who was an avid knitter, basket weaver and jewelry designer, as well as creating woven textiles on her loom, spinning her own yarn from fleece and making detailed needlepoint pictures. This love of creativity brought her to a group of close friends that would gather each week to work together on their projects, a group that lasted throughout most of her lifetime.

She was active in the Livermore Art Association for many years in addition to volunteering her time with the Livermore Heritage Guild, for which she was a member of the Ravenswood Victorian era-inspired croquet team.

The thing that mattered most to Arlene was her family and she loved nothing more than sharing her unique talents through giving her handmade creations, which will be treasured for years to come.

A celebration of life will be held for Arlene on April 29 at 1 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave, Room Larkspur South.

STANDARDS

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activity this past December and January, which resulted in the adoption of the objective design standards and since then, we've essentially been in clean-up mode," said Faulkner. "There were some things that were, unfortunately, not quite coordinated."

Last fall, Pleasanton received its first Senate Bill 35 application for a project at 4884 Harrison St., which

proposed a five-story building with 46 residential units next to one- and two-story houses close to downtown. The state law, along with the project's conformance to objective design standards, allowed the application to circumvent public hearings and city reviews.

Community Development Director Ellen Clark said the project prompted, in part, another look at the

city's objective standards.

"We were like, 'Oh my goodness, we really should try and beef up our standards,'" said Clark.

In addition to the recommendation to the city council, the commission also asked staff to revisit a 65-foot building height maximum for projects with more than 30 dwelling units per acre currently in the standards.

"There aren't a whole lot of places around Pleasanton where I feel that 65 feet is appropriate," said Commissioner Ken Morgan, who went on to suggest a lower limit for projects in the 30 to 45 units per acre range.

The standard limits buildings to 30 feet high for projects up to 14 units per acre, and 36 feet high for projects up to 29 units per acre.

Rick Williams, of Van Meter, Williams, Pollack, explained that while the intent of the higher limit was to allow for tiered buildings with taller upper floors set back from their lower floors, the height limit does not often come into play, as the parking requirements set by the standards limit building sizes before height does.

"We find that many cit-

ies that want to encourage development ... always raise the height limit and then they're surprised they don't get taller buildings," continued Williams.

The proposed design standards changes will apply to the 18 sites singled out by the city's latest housing element, as well as carryover sites from its fourth and fifth cycle housing elements, if approved.



Amador's second basemen Ross Kobayashi throws to first base after a forced out at second with Dublin's Noah Charlton out during the Friday, April 14 game. Dublin won 2-1. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia/] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Dublin Edges Amador Valley to Top Exciting Week of Baseball

By Phil Jensen

The Dublin High School baseball team survived a gauntlet of East Bay Athletic League opponents last week, ending it with a 2-1 nine-inning victory over host Amador Valley on Friday.

The Gaels improved to 13-3 overall and 5-2 in the EBAL with Friday's win. Earlier in the week, Dublin upset De La Salle 3-2 on April 11. The next day, Dublin stayed close to visiting Amador Valley for six innings before falling 7-1. Entering this week, De La Salle and Amador Valley had a combined EBAL record of 10-3 this season.

"We never give up," said Dublin coach Ed Dean. "We try to stay in every inning, inning by inning ... and try to be fundamentally sound defensively and pitching."

The Gaels' pitching was on point Friday. Starter Cole Gaynor, a senior, allowed no earned runs and just three hits while striking out six and walking only one in his six innings of work. He was followed by three innings of shutout relief by sophomore Brendan Modellmog, who allowed only one hit and struck out two.

Modellmog also produced the game-winning RBI. Zach Wong, another sophomore, led off the ninth inning with a standup double. Isaiah Wong, a junior, bunted Zach to second. Then Modellmog sent the first pitch he saw to center field for a run-scoring single.

"The whole game, I wasn't hitting the ball, I was just a little antsy at the plate," said Modellmog, who was 0 for 4 with a run scored before the ninth inning. "That last at-bat,

I really just stayed within myself and I just worked on being smooth and I pieced it up and it worked out."

In the bottom of the inning, Modellmog produced a bang-bang play to end the game. With one out and a runner on first, he caught a line drive right at him, then fired the ball to first for a double play.

Amador Valley, which entered this week with a 13-2 overall record and 4-2 EBAL mark, took a 1-0 lead in the first inning. With one out, Riley Borges singled to center field and scored six pitches later on a two-base throwing error.

But Gaynor retired the next seven batters he faced before Borges produced another single to center field. The junior finished 2 for 4 at the plate.

Dublin tied the game in the third inning. Modellmog reached base on an error to start the inning, stole second, moved to third on a wild pitch and scored on a double to right field by Carston Pearson, who was 2 for 4 in the game. Teammate Noah Charlton, a sophomore, was 2 for 3 with a walk.

Amador Valley pitchers allowed only one earned run in the game and left 11 baserunners stranded. Starter Matthew Foley scattered seven hits in five-plus innings. In his three innings of work, reliever Tyler Kubo allowed only two hits and one run, all in the ninth inning.

The Dons stranded seven runners on base and had only three batters in an inning five times.

"We didn't play well today. We fought the game today and we weren't free and we weren't loose," said

Amador Valley coach Lou Cesario after Friday's game. "We missed opportunities.

"Dublin's good. They did a good job. They beat us."

The Gaels opened last week with the De La Salle win, handing the Spartans their first North Coast Section loss this season. Dean said that it was his team's first win in at least seven years against De La Salle, and he thinks it is the first in his program's history.

Dublin scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth to take a 3-1 lead, then De La Salle scored one in the sixth. Dublin's Colin Glines and Tyler Thompson combined for a two-hitter on the mound, and Pearson was 2 for 3 at the plate with two RBI. Jaden D'Souza had the Gaels' other RBI.

But Amador Valley pitcher Oliver de la Torre controlled the Gaels the next day, allowing only one hit and one run over six innings. Kubo finished with a hitless inning of relief. D'Souza had Dublin's only hit in the game.

For the Dons' batters, Mitchell Kreider was 2 for 4, including a double and a home run, and he drove in two runs. Borges, de la Torre and Foley also had two hits, with Borges and Foley also driving in runs. Braden Whitworth had a triple and an RBI for Amador Valley, which scored four runs in the seventh inning to take total control.

On Saturday, Amador Valley bounced back with a 3-1 nonleague victory over Freedom-Oakley. Brady Lederer pitched a complete-game seven-hitter for the Dons. Kubo, de la Torre and Kreider drove in runs for Amador Valley.

SRV Softballers Beat Dublin High

By Nathan Canilao

The Dublin High School softball team lost to San Ramon Valley High School 4-1 on April 13. The Dublin Gaels dropped to 2-11 with the loss.

Junior Lily Charlton batted in the only run for the Gaels. Junior pitcher Kelly Maggiora pitched five innings, allowing zero earned runs while striking out seven batters.

The Wolves started off strong, scoring two runs in the first inning to take a 2-0 lead. In the third inning, San Ramon Valley tacked on another two runs to take a commanding 4-0 lead.

The Dublin bats went silent until the fourth inning when Charlton batted in a run to put the Gaels on the board, cutting the deficit to just three runs.

But the San Ramon de-

fense proved to be too much in the later innings as they did not allow Dublin to make a run at a comeback.

The Gaels amassed just four total hits in the game in 26 at bats.

Dublin has now lost five straight games after dropping this game against San Ramon Valley.

Up next for the Gaels will be a matchup with Granada High on April 20 at home.

Granada Enjoys Substantial Win Over Livermore

By Nathan Canilao

The Granada High School softball team defeated Livermore High 9-2 on April 14. The Granada Matadors extended their winning streak to four with the victory.

Granada took control of the game early, scoring four runs in the first inning. Livermore got on the board with a run in the first inning, but were down 4-1 heading into the second.

The Cowboys got back

on track defensively as they shutout the Matadors for the next three innings, but Granada scored two more runs in the fifth inning to take a 6-1 lead.

Granada took complete control of the game in the sixth when they scored three straight runs to take a 9-1 lead, their largest of the contest.

Livermore squeaked in one last run, but it was too little too late as the Matadors stole a game against their crosstown rivals on the road.

With the loss, the Cowboys have now lost three of their last four games and have dropped to 11-6 on the season. In those three losses, the Cowboys have averaged just 1.6 runs per game.

Up next for Livermore will be a matchup with Foothill High School on April 20 at home.

The Matadors have won seven of their last 10 games and improved to 12-3 with the win. They will face Dublin High School on April 20 on the road.



The Foothill High School track team hosted a three-way meet with Granada and Livermore on Wednesday, April 12. Shown above is the men's varsity 110-meter-high hurdles event. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Registration Opens for Summer Water Polo Teams

The Tri-Valley Triton Aquatics Club in Livermore is now accepting registrations for boys and girls water polo teams.

The club offers teams for youths 10 through 18. The summer season runs from May 15 to July 27. All experience levels are welcome.

The Triton Aquatics Club is offering an exciting youth sport activity this summer and all you need is a swimsuit, goggles, and a towel to play! Water Polo is one of the fastest-growing sports in the USA, and you can join a team today. The Club is now accepting registrations for boys' and girls' teams (10U -18U) for the Summer 2023 season from May 15th to July 27th. Early registration (before May 1) will receive an early registration discount. All program information and registration can be found at tritonaquatics.org.

The Triton Aquatics Club welcomes all experience levels, from "newbies" to competitive players. The Introduction to Water Polo Camp is the perfect place for beginners to start. Participation at this level has doubled over the last

nine months. Recreational and Competition teams for girls and boys practice four-six times a week and participate in local tournaments to apply skills learned in practice. All teams are working toward qualifying for the USA Water Polo Junior Olympics, the largest and most prestigious youth water polo tournament in the USA. Triton teams have successfully participated in this tournament with 18U boys winning their division in 2019.

The FLEX program, designed by Triton coaches, aims to improve swimming and conditioning, build strength and mobility through weight training with a professional trainer, and sharpen individual skills within small group stations in the water. This comprehensive training program

has contributed to the growth and success of Triton teams as demonstrated by the boys' teams in the Futures League and by the girls' team competing for the first time in local tournaments

The Triton Aquatics Club, employing its com-

pressive training program and excellent coaching, is a major feeder program for athletes wanting to play high school water polo program in the Tri-Valley area

Triton Aquatics will soon announce details about Summer Open Pool practices, available to all past and potential Triton athletes. It is an opportunity to explore the performance training center and practice facilities at Las Positas College, as well as meet the coaching staff at the start of the upcoming season.

Triton Aquatics has formed the Tri-Valley Triton Aquatics Foundation (501c3 Pending). Led by a

parent board from high schools in the Tri-Valley, the mission is to work cooperatively with the club to provide opportunities for athletes from the Tri-Valley area to participate in aquatic sports. The Foundation plans to offer scholarships. To contribute to or support the Triton Aquatics Foundation, visit tritonaquaticsfoundation.org for more information.

For more information, tritonaquatics.org.



Livermore police will host a Community Bike Rodeo from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, in the front Police Department parking lot at 1110 S. Livermore Ave. The free event will include information about bike safety, an obstacle course, and helmet fitting. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. May is national Bicycle Safety Month. For more information, email crimeprevention@livermoreca.gov. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596525

The following person(s) doing business as: Vinland Plumbing, 3819 East Ave Apt # 30, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jonathan Court, 3819 East Ave Apt # 30, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jonathan Court, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 24, 2023. Expires February 23, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5436. Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596540

The following person(s) doing business as: YAY! Fat Birds, 22506 Princeton Pl, Castro Valley, CA 94552, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Krafty Karen Makes Things, LLC, 22506 Princeton Pl, Castro Valley, CA 94552. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 3/14/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Karen Chaw, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 22, 2023. Expires March 21, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5437. Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596694

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596461

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596105

The following person(s) doing business as: El Sur Spirit Co., 2821 Cherry ST, Berkeley, CA 94705, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Torre Forrest, 2821 Cherry ST, Berkeley, CA 94705. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 3/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Torre Forrest, Owner/Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 7, 2023. Expires March 6, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5440. Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596607

The following person(s) doing business as: Top Dawg Modular Service, 3490 Union St Ste C, Fremont, CA 94538, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): LFTM Inc, 3490 Union St Ste C, Fremont, CA 94538. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/6/1995. Signature of Registrant/s/: Joe Villarreal, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 24, 2023. Expires March 23, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5441. Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596573

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596518

The following person(s) doing business as: Bookkeeping Buddy, 905 Venus Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bookkeeping Buddy, LLC, 905 Venus Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jennifer Sauls, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 21, 2023. Expires March 20, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5443. Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2023.

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

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596525

The following person(s) doing business as: Dogtopia of Dublin, 8000 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Black Noses LLC, 3541 O'Conner Dr., Lafayette, CA 94549. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/18/2018. Signature of Registrant/s/: Joe

Castorena, Owner/President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 20, 2023. Expires March 19, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5445. Published April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596690

The following person(s) doing business as: TK Consulting, 253 Kyle Common, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tyler Kelly Consulting, LLC, 253 Kyle Common, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 3/29/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Julie A. Moreno, Managing Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 29, 2023. Expires March 28, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5446. Published April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596525

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596681

The following person(s) doing business as: Via Iris, 3798 Harrison St., Apt. 2, Oakland, CA 94611, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Iris Imports, LLC, 3798 Harrison St. Apt. 2., Oakland, CA 94611. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Iris Rowlee, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 28, 2023. Expires March 27, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5447. Published April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596525

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596580

The following person(s) doing business as: Belle La Vie "The Nail Place," 2723 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Blv Nails, Inc, 2723 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious

business name(s) listed above: 12/17/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Chall Duong, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 23, 2023. Expires March 22, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5449. Published April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596329

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596637

The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Cybersecurity, 5410 Carnegie Loop, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Dwayne Thaele, 5410 Carnegie Loop, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 3/13/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Dwayne Thaele, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 27, 2023. Expires March 26, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5451. Published April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 595792

The following person(s) doing business as: Gabyanalia, 20549 Morva Dr., Hayward, CA 94541, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Gabyanalia, 20549 Morva Dr., Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2/24/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Robert G. Nunez, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 24, 2023. Expires March 23, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5452. Published April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596814

The following person(s) doing business as: Feirie Craft, 6450 Rablewood Pl., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Agnes Stoll, 6450 Rablewood Pl., Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Agnes Stoll, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 4, 2023. Expires April 3, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5453. Published April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596761

The following person(s) doing business as: HydroCon, 7977 Capwell Drive, Suite 100, Oakland, CA 94621, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): ACC Environmental Consultants, Inc., 7977 Capwell Drive, Suite 100, Oakland, CA 94621. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the reg-

istrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mark Sanchez, President/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 31, 2023. Expires March 30, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5454. Published April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596851

The following person(s) doing business as: Rodriguez Solutions, 5508 San Pablo Ave, #5, Oakland, CA 94608, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Heather D. Rodriguez, 5508 San Pablo Ave, #5, Oakland, CA 94608. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Heather D. Rodriguez, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 4, 2023. Expires April 3, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5455. Published April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 2023.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 581164

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Zarri's Delicatessen, 1244 Solano Ave, Albany, CA 94706. Registered Owner(s): John Robert Fealy Trust, 173 Kendall Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94595. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 8/2/2022 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Trust. Signature of Registrants: /s/: John Fealy, Trustee. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 29, 2023. The Independent Legal No. 5459. Published 13, 20, 27, May 4, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596846

The following person(s) doing business as: Izote Arts, 680 Junction Ave, #107, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jessica Torres, 680 Junction Ave, #107, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jessica Torres, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 4, 2023. Expires April 3, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5456. Published April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 595955

The following person(s) doing business as: Star Beauty Salon, 1360 Railroad Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Frieshta Latify 1360 Railroad Ave, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Frieshta Latify, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 2, 2023. Expires March 1, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5457. Published April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596537

The following person(s) doing business as: H.C. Build Up Carpentry & Woodwork, 19643 Forest Ave, Castro

Valley, CA 94546, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Zachary D. Musson, 19643 Forest Ave, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Zachary D. Musson, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 22, 2023. Expires March 21, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5458. Published April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 2023.

The following person(s) doing business as: Everyday Harvest, 7812 Foothill Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Longitude 121, LLC, 7812 Foothill Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Yoshiko Sato, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 11, 2023. Expires April 10, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5460. Published April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 597057

The following person(s) doing business as: Victor Rogelio Marquez, Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 13, 2023. Expires March 12, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5463. Published April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 597030

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. George Noyes Foundations; 2. Horses for Autism; 3. Racing for Inclusion; 4. GNF Providers; 5. GNF Services, 8032 Canyon Creek Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): George Noyes Foundation, 8032 Canyon Creek Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Johnny Taboada, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 11, 2023. Expires April

10, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5461. Published April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 597027

The following person(s) doing business as: Natural Landscape & Construction, 2363 thirds ST, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Natural Landscape Maintenance Inc., 2363 Third ST, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Eva Murillo de la Cruz, Officer/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 11, 2023. Expires April 10, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5462. Published April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596256

The following person(s) doing business as: Marquez Technology Consulting, 1191 Solano Ave #6502, Albany, CA 94706, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Marquez Victor Rogelio, 1191 Solano Ave #6502, Albany, CA 94706. 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: 2/24/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Victor Rogelio Marquez, Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 12, 2023. Expires March 12, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5463. Published April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 2023.

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The recent spring-like weather brought residents out to enjoy the sunshine, including Mr. Zhao who practiced some Tai Chi at Dublin's Sean Diamond Park on Saturday, April 15. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Las Positas College Set for Literary Festival

Las Positas College (LPC) will host its annual Literary Arts Festival at the Mertes Center for the Arts on the Livermore campus from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 13.

Among the highlights, Tommy Orange, author of "There There," which won the American Book Award in 2019, will sit down for a "fireside chat" with Michelle Cruz Gonzales, LPC English professor and the author of the autobiographical "The Spitboy Rule: Tales of a Xicana in a Female Punk Band."

In addition, Bruce Henderson, New York Times bestselling author of more than 20 nonfiction books, will discuss "The Untold Story of Japanese Americans in WWII" with LPC English professor Jim Ott. Henderson's most recent book, "Bridge to the Sun: The Secret Role of the Japanese Americans Who Fought in the Pacific in World War II," tells the story of Japanese American U.S. Army soldiers who fought in the Pacific theater, even as their families back home in America were being held in government internment camps.

The festival will also include LPC student veterans sharing their thoughts on writing about their military experiences, readings by California poet laureate Lee Herrick and Livermore poet laureate Peggy Schimmelman, a discussion with drag performers Ava LaShay and Avery Night entitled "Drag Queen Storytime for Kids and Kids at Heart," and several writing and publishing workshops.

The festival is free, but seating is limited and registration is encouraged.

To register and for a complete list of activities, go to laspositascollege.edu/literary-festival.

Tri-Valley Haven to Offer Internship Program

Tri-Valley Haven, a Livermore-based nonprofit that provides shelter and other services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and homelessness, is soliciting applications for internships from second-year students enrolled in a marriage and family therapist program or associate degree in social work at a local university. Tri-Valley Haven said the internship program is designed to help future mental-health practitioners better understand and support those affected by domestic violence or sexual assault and are interns will be supervised by a licensed clinician in line with the California Board of Behavioral Sciences guidelines. Applications will be accepted beginning May 1 through June 31. For more information, call 925-667-2705 or email Olga@trivalleyhaven.org.

Dublin's Laureate to Read Poetry Selections



Dublin Poet Laureate James Morehead

and Art Gallery in Dublin on Saturday, May 6 and 7.

"The Plague Doctor" is a collection of eerie, im-

age-rich poems that explore the fleeting nature of existence and friendship, inspired by the world of art and artists.

The event, hosted at Doctor." The evening offers a unique opportunity to engage with Morehead's poetry, described by Carmine Di Biase, Distinguished Professor of English, Emeritus at Jacksonville State University, as possessing "vivid, spare and elemental imagery" with "impeccable rhythmic control."

In addition to his role as Poet Laureate, Morehead is the author of two previous poetry collections, "Canvas" and "Portraits of Red and Grey." His work has been featured on NPR's Poetically Yours, SF Chronicle's Total SF, and in numerous literary magazines. Morehead also hosts the Viewless Wings Poetry Podcast, showcasing interviews with poets and artists.

The event begins at 7 p.m. and is located at 7038 Village Pkwy, Dublin.

Free tickets on Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.com/e/the-plague-doctor-by-james-morehead-book-launch-party-tickets-609122671307

Culinary Angels to Host Virtual Fun Run

Culinary Angels will hold its second annual Courageous Cancer Fun Run, a virtual 20-mile race through Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, and Danville, from Saturday, April 22, through Friday, April 28.

The Livermore-based Culinary Angels is a non-profit organization that provides nutrient-rich meals and nutrition education to people undergoing treatment for cancer and their caregivers.

Natasha Bercy, then a senior at Dublin High School, established the online fun run in 2022 to honor her dad, Yannick Bercy, who received meals from Culinary Angels before his death from cancer.

To join the fun run, go to tinyurl.com/2w7hn25h to sign up. Participants can then log their progress, with instant updates to the leaderboard, on the online map.

The cost is \$22, with \$15 going to Culinary Angels.

Twin Valley Scouts to Hold Luau Fundraiser

The Twin Valley BSA District, which includes Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, and Sunol, will hold its first Livermore Luau fundraiser and auction at El Sol Winery, 8626 Lupin Way, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 29.

The evening will include a luau-style buffet, three wine tastings, and entertainment by AHAMEle, an Hawaiian music ensemble from the Academy of Hawaiian Arts in Oakland.

The buffet will include kalua pig, shoyu chicken, teriyaki beef, lomi-lomi salmon, rice, macaroni and green salads, and haupia, a traditional coconut pudding.

Activities for auction will include a Napa limousine tour with Black Tie Transporation, wine tasting at McGrail Vineyards and Concannon Vinyards, golf foursome at The Club at Ruby Hill in Pleasanton, and lunch with the mayors of Dublin and Pleasanton.

Proceeds will go to the Golden Gate Council's Friend of Scouting program, which helps fund camps, scholarships, and educational opportunities.

More than 1,600 boys and girls are involved in BSA Scouting in the Tri-Valley.

Tickets are \$80 and limited to the first 100 to register at scoutingevent.com/023-TVLuau2023. Ticket sales will end on Tuesday, April 25.

Assemblymember Bauer-Kahn Sponsors Bill to Restrict Sharing of Abortion Records

A bill introduced by Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan to prevent information about abortions performed in California from being automatically shared in health information exchanges with other states received a "do-pass" recommendation last week on an 11-3 vote by the Committee on Health.

Introduced in January, AB 352 has now been referred to the Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection.

"In a medical setting, people should never fear that their information will be used against them," said Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda). "AB 352 prevents the automatic sharing of sensitive medical information so that anyone coming to California for care is protected."

Supporters of the measure worry that women from states where abortions are banned or severely restricted could face criminal charges when they return. They argue that medical records should not be used to penalize patients for seeking health care.

"Protecting the privacy of patients who access essential health care service, whether that be an abortion, gender-affirming care, mental health, or another sensitive services, is crucial, especially as we see these vital services continuously attacked and criminalized in other states," said Molly Robson, vice president of government affairs for Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California.

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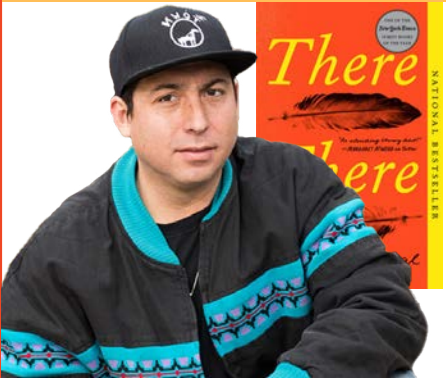
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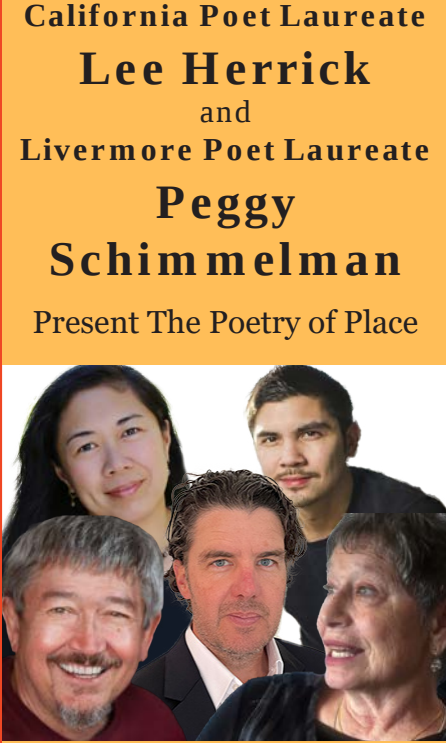
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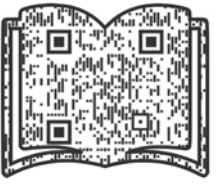
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