

Police, City Negotiations Turn to State Arbitration

By David Jen

PLEASANTON — The July 18 mediation session between the city and the Pleasanton Police Officers' Association (PPOA) failed to bring police-contract negotiations to an agreement.

At the end of the session, the PPOA instead filed a request with the Public Employment Relations Board for fact finding, planned roughly for the end of September, depending on the schedules of the city, the PPOA and the neutral-party arbitrator assigned by the state.

"The city will propose their case; they'll open up their books (and), based on their budget, say this is why we're offering this," explained PPOA Vice President Chris Lewellyn to The Independent. "And the union will then state our case like, this is why we are looking for a certain compensation based on these reasons. We're just forming an argument from both sides to a neutral party, who will make a decision."

Both sides have agreed, however, that the arbitrator's decision will be non-binding. (See **ARBITRATION**, page 7)

NIF Achieves Ignition Again

Greater Energy Returned

By Jeff Garberson

REGIONAL — Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) researchers have reportedly duplicated last December's historic experiment in which the huge National Ignition Facility laser ignited a small capsule of fusion fuel, generating 50% more energy in the ensuing explosion than was needed to trigger it.

The latest experiment took place July 30 and is presently being analyzed so that detailed results can be presented at future scientific conferences and published in journals, a Laboratory spokesperson said.

The Laboratory declined to give details about the July 30 experiment beyond acknowledging its date, the fact that it had demonstrated the key process known as ignition and that it had generated more energy than did last December's experiment.

Ignition in the fusion energy context refers to creation of a hot zone in the core of a compressed fusion fuel target that then ignites the fuel around it, leading to a sudden, explosive release of thermonuclear energy.

There is intense international interest in the NIF research because research teams from around the world have been trying since the 1950s to harness nuclear fusion for energy purposes.

That includes the so-called "inertial fusion" approach centered at LLNL and the more traditional "magnetic confinement" approach now centered at a project in southern France.

As this week's rush of news articles shows, interest has been intensified even by the sparse information

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Emerald High School administrators, above, speak to new students during a recent orientation. This year, 350 freshman will become the first students at Dublin's new high school, which is set to open in January 2024. Until then, they will share a campus with Dublin High School. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia]

(Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Dublin's First Emerald High School Class Readies for Inaugural Year

By Dawnmarie Fehr

DUBLIN — Dublin's new high school isn't quite ready to open its doors, but the 350 students of Emerald High School's (EHS) inaugural freshman class attended their first orientation this week. They should see their new campus in January.

While they wait for the first phase of construction at EHS to be completed, students, staff and administrators of the new school will begin this year on Dublin High School's campus, using a set of portable classrooms at their temporary site. Principal Francis Rojas has spent the past 13 months

preparing for this moment and said he is excited to start the new school year, and later officially welcome students to Emerald High.

"It's feeling real," he said. "I can't wait for freshman orientation ... the Dublin community has been so supportive; the families have been so supportive."

Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) Spokesperson Chip Dehnert said the target date for finishing Phase 1 of EHS construction is Dec. 31, allowing the school to accommodate 1,300 students. However, only freshman will be on campus the first year. An-

other class will be added each year, so that in four years, all four classes will be attending. Phase 2 of construction has a target finish date of spring 2025 and will increase capacity to 2,500 students.

Phase 1 calls for administrative and student union buildings, a kitchen, a visual and performing arts center, a library, a gym and locker rooms, one classroom tower, tennis courts, sports fields and a track. Some of the construction currently complete includes the tennis courts and running track around the football stadium;

(See **EMERALD**, page 9)

Work Underway on Valley Avenue

By David Jen

PLEASANTON — Driving along Valley Avenue near the fairgrounds may take a little longer than it used to. Traffic changes, designed to reduce collisions at the expense of vehicle-wait times, began at the intersection of Valley and Paseo Santa Cruz South on Aug. 1 and will continue through Oct. 1 as the city video-monitors traffic behavior in response to the changes.

The first phase of the study brings the four cross-

walks closer together, toward the center of the intersection, while also testing the effects of new bike-lane buffers, green-painted bike-lane areas, and curb lines at the intersection.

"These intersections specifically are mentioned by residents as one of the top reasons they do not allow their children to walk or bike to school, so the city is taking steps to improve the safety of the streets in the area," said Communications Manager Heather Tiernan to

The Independent.

Both Walnut Grove Elementary School and Harvest Park Middle School lie within a mile of the two intersections under study.

About 31% of Walnut Grove students and 34% of Harvest Park students either walked or biked to school in 2017-18, according to data from Alameda County's Safe Route to Schools program.

Police-collision reports showed that many stop-sign

(See **VALLEY**, page 9)

Artist's Talent Contributes to Livermore Multi-Media Exhibit

By Christina Cavallaro

LIVERMORE — Anyone who has ever stood in front of a piece of art and wondered what the artist was thinking would know that it's a rare opportunity to get inside the creator's mind and find out. Chatting with Livermore digital illustrator Ney Hoato, whose pronouns are they/them/he, was just that chance.

"I've always been very introspective and in my own head. I have a lot of stories in here," he said, laughing and softly pointing to his temple. "It takes a while for me to put it all down somewhere. Sometimes, it's just an idea in my head, and then I'm writing what would be paragraphs and paragraphs in the notes app on my iPhone."

Hoato's work, along with that of approximately 20 other artists, is currently displayed in the Uncle Credit Union Gallery as part of an exhibit called, "Comic Crossing: The Art of the Graphic Novel." It was showcased at the recent ComicCon event hosted by Livermore Valley Arts inside and outside of the Bankhead Theater on July 22 to a record crowd turnout. The multi-media display of artwork is available for viewing through Oct. 8.

Anne Giancola, Valley Arts visual arts and education manager, was the one who initially encouraged Hoato to submit his work to the show. She pointed out that, of the 50 or so pieces on display, Hoato's caught

(See **ARTIST**, page 5)



Livermore resident Ney Hoato is one of 20 artists whose work is currently on display at the Uncle Credit Union Gallery in Livermore. Hoato's work is part of an exhibit called "Comic Crossing: The Art of the Graphic Novel." The multi-media display is available for viewing through October 8. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia]

(Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Chief Presses DA To Increase Charges In Robbery Case

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — Police Chief Jeramy Young recently called upon Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price to toughen the charges against a violent parolee suspected of severely beating a robbery victim at a Livermore shopping center in May.

Price declined, saying that although she recognized the crime was "shocking and totally unacceptable in any community," longer sentences do not improve public safety, lead to higher rates of recidivism, and Alameda County residents elected her to institute criminal justice reform.

"The Alameda County District Attorney's Office is committed to a justice system that is fair, equitable and effective," Price wrote in a July 21 letter to Young. "Our office has adopted a policy to not charge en-

hancements that add extra time onto the base crimes that carry significant prison sentences, unless there are extraordinary circumstances involving harm to vulnerable victims or extreme acts of violence."

In an interview with The Independent, Young said he believed the offenses committed May 21 were clearly eligible for "enhancements," which are laws that California's legislature began adding to the Penal Code in the 1990s when crime was especially rampant and residents demanded criminals be sent to prison for lengthy terms. Enhancements — for offenses including gun use, hate crimes and gang membership — could be tacked on to the base terms for robbery, assault and other crimes, sometimes extending prison terms for decades.

The disagreement be- (See **ROBBERY**, page 10)

Livermore Airport

Commission Presents Noise-Complaint Stats

By David Jen

LIVERMORE — Aircraft-noise concerns around Livermore Municipal Airport rose throughout this year's second quarter. Residents continued to focus on the volume of noise, as opposed to aircraft altitudes, speeds, routes or night operations, according to a report presented at the Aug. 7 Airport Commission meeting.

The airport received 201 noise complaints in June, compared to 191 in May and 149 complaints in April. Reports have averaged 178 complaints per month this year.

The numbers represent the first three months of data collected by the city's new noise-reporting system, developed by Casper Sustainable Aero Solutions, that displays flight-path visualizations on a 10-minute delay to help reporters identify offending aircraft.

But compared to the city's previous system, the new Casper tool removes the

ability to enter free-form descriptions of noise concerns, which some residents said hampers mitigation efforts.

"Aircraft types, call signs, and descriptions are deleted," wrote Livermore resident Donna Cabanne in a letter to The Independent. "Now complaint information is limited to night ops, too loud, too low, too fast, and circling."

Livermore resident Felicia Ziomek echoed Cabanne's concerns at the meeting.

"By not seeing the exact nature of the complaint, that minimizes the issues and doesn't give the Airport Commission information to make informed decisions about how to address the issue or to see how bad the issue is," said Ziomek.

Commission Chair Adam Bertsch, however, felt the commission still had enough information with the new tool.

"I understand the point (See **AIRPORT**, page 9)

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Longtime Collector Showcases Display of Barbie Memorabilia

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Barbie is enjoying a resurgence in popularity thanks to the release of the new movie, “Barbie.” The dolls are popping up all over.



Dorothy “Dottie” Soule displays her extensive collection of Barbies that are on display this month at the Stoneridge Creek Retirement Community in Pleasanton. Soule has over 145 of the iconic dolls. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

They are thick on the ground in Pleasanton’s Stoneridge Creek Retirement Community, where resident Dorothy “Dottie” Soule offered up her collection of 145 Barbie dolls for display this month.

“I love Barbie,” Soule, 88, said when asked about her collection. “And I loved the movie. I thought it was fun. I know there was an underlying message to it, but I just enjoyed the whole thing, and I thought the acting was just terrific.”

Soule began buying Barbie dolls for her four daughters when they were young. Once they were grown, she donated all the dolls, clothes and accessories to Goodwill. Then in 1980, she started buying them again, this time for herself.

“I was out shopping, and I saw some Barbies and they were so pretty, I just decided to start buying them again,” Soule said. “And then I couldn’t stop.”

For 20 years, Soule picked up dolls, doll sets, and special editions based on one simple criterion: she liked them. From the Barbie Elvis gift set to the Hollywood Legend set of “The Wizard of Oz,” Soule has Barbies – and even some Kens – in every kind

of costume from motorcycle outfits to formal gowns.

When asked about a favorite, she said she couldn’t pick just one.

“I don’t really have a favorite,” she said. “But I do love the Bob Mackie Collection, and I am a Golden State Warriors fan, and I have a Warriors Barbie I purchased about 25 years ago and I cherish that one.”

Susan Filice is the life enrichment director at Stoneridge Creek and helped Soule choose 38 Barbies to place in the community’s display case. Though it’s not open to the public, the display has delighted residents.

“It’s by far the most popular exhibit we’ve had in our case here,” Filice said. “Every time I walk out of the office, there’s people standing there, men and women alike, sharing their stories about the Barbies they remember. They are mesmerized by the details, especially the bead work on the Mackie designs. It’s quite a sight to see.”

Filice noted the case holds displays of residents’ items every month, often themed according to holiday or season. For now, Soule said she is happy to see her dolls out of their boxes, bringing smiles to her neighbors’ faces.

“Everyone is coming up to me and thanking me for putting them on display,” she said. “I’m just overwhelmed with people showing an interest like that.”

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Bankhead to Host ‘Five for Fighting,’ Bobby McFerrin

Following the annual Brilliance at the Bankhead gala on Sept. 9, with headliner Jason Alexander, Livermore Valley Arts will launch the 2023-2024 Bankhead Present lineup with “Five for Fighting with String Quartet” on Friday, Sept. 15, followed the next day by “Bobby McFerrin: Motion.”

Alexander is best known for his role as George Costanza on the long-running television series “Seinfeld.” More recently the actor and Broadway performer has had a recurring role as Mr. Lundy on the TV series “Young Sheldon.”

Five for Fighting is the stage name for Los Ange-

les-born singer-songwriter and pianist Vladimir John Ondrasik, known for his sentimental soft rock ballads, including “Superman (It’s Not Easy),” “100 Years,” and “The Riddle.” His music has also been featured in more than 350 films, television shows, and commercials.

Ondrasik recently traveled to Kyiv to create a music video for his latest release, “Can One Man Save the World?” with a Ukrainian orchestra.

He will be joined onstage at the Bankhead Theater by Broadway actor Chris Cardona playing the viola, Peter Sachon playing cello, Tony award winner Katie

Kresiek playing violin, and Grammy-nominated Jeremy Kittle, also playing violin.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. Five for Fighting performance start at \$35, with discounts for students and active military personnel.

On Saturday, Sept. 16, 10-time Grammy award winner Bobby McFerrin will take the stage for a 3 p.m. matinee performance.

McFerrin, whose iconic “Don’t Worry, Be Happy,” topped the pop charts in 1988, is known for his range of vocal techniques, from jumps in pitch and his solo acapella performances to beatbox.

The 73-year-old singer-songwriter, who received a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award this year, will be accompanied by a full band and the Livermore-based Valley Concert Chorale.

Tickets to “Bobby McFerrin: Motion” start at \$70.

The Bankhead will also welcome Bay Area native Kari Byron, best known as part of the Build Team on the long-running TV series “MythBusters,” on Thursday, Sept. 28, for the first Rae Dorough Speakers Series presentation of the season.

Byron is currently hosting and producing “Crash Test World,” which airs on the Discovery network and is streaming on EX-PLR-media.com. She also starred on Netflix’s “White Rabbit Project,” where she was joined by two former “MythBusters” cohorts,

Tory Belleci and Grant Imahara, in investigating unsolved heists, jailbreaks, superpower technology, weird World War II weapons, and other oddities.

In 2018, Byron published a book about her experiences, “Crash Test Girl, An Unlikely Experiment in Using the Scientific Method to Answer Life’s Toughest Questions.”

Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. presentation, “An Evening with Kari Byron – Crash Test Girl,” start at \$25.

The Bankhead will close out the month with “When You Wish Upon a Star: A Jazz Tribute to 100 Years of Disney” at 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 29.

A newly formed band with the National Jazz Museum in Harlem will perform such iconic Disney songs as “Someday My Prince Will Come,” “He’s a Tramp,” “Everybody Wants to be a Cat,” and “The Bare Necessities.”

Appearing with the band will be jazz and blues vocalist Kim Nally, named the Most Influential African American in the Bay Area in 2005. Nally, who has a doctorate in history from the University of California, Berkeley, is also an author, composer, and playwright.

Tickets to the Disney jazz tribute start at \$25.

Tickets for all performances are available online at livermorearts.org, by calling 925-373-6800, or at the Bankhead box office window, 2400 First St., Livermore.



Grammy award winner Bobby McFerrin will be part of the Livermore Valley Arts “Bankhead Present” lineup for 2023-24. McFerrin will perform on Saturday, Sept. 16 for a 3 p.m. matinee performance. (Photo courtesy of Livermore Valley Arts)

Rep. Swalwell Issues Statement on Trump Indictment

“After years of avoiding accountability, Donald Trump is being brought to justice,” Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA) said in a statement released after the former president was indicted on federal charges of attempting to interfere with the 2020 election.

“While he’s entitled to his day in court, the indictment makes a compelling case that [Trump] lied to, incited, and aimed a violent mob at the Capitol to overturn an election he lost,” Swalwell added, referring to Jan. 6, 2021, when rioters entered the Capitol in an attempt to stop Congress from certifying the results

of the 2020 election.

“In fact, the evidence seems very clear that had [Trump] conceded the election when major media outlets called it, when the states voted to certify the electoral votes, or when every court threw out his frivolous allegations of voter fraud, Jan. 6 would not have happened,” Swalwell said.

A grand jury, convened by a special counsel appointed by the Department of Justice, indicted Trump on four counts. They included conspiracy to defraud the United States “for spreading false claims about the election that he knew were false, conspiracy to obstruct

an official proceeding for alleged planning by Trump and his allies leading up to Jan. 6, obstructing and attempting to obstruct an official proceeding following the election in November and prior to Jan. 6, and conspiracy against rights,” which refers to alleged attempts by Trump and his co-conspirators to “oppress, threaten and intimidate” people in their right to vote in an election.

Trump, who is the leading GOP candidate for the next presidential election in 2024, entered a plea of not guilty on the charges.

Swalwell represents California’s 14th congressio-

nal district, which includes Livermore, Pleasanton, and parts of Dublin.

City of Dublin Set to Begin Slurry Seal Project

Dublin is expected to begin a slurry seal project on portions of 37 city streets later this month.

The project is currently out for bid, with work expected to begin mid to late August, according to the city.

The project will include sealing existing cracks, repairing pavement, slurry seal asphalt surfacing, and

new traffic striping and pavement markings.

Streets being treated will be closed to all vehicle and foot traffic for four to six hours to allow the slurry seal material to be installed and dry, according to a city announcement.

Contractors will post signs indicating when streets will be treated at least 72 hours in advance,

although the city noted that work could be delayed by weather, equipment failures, or other issues.

The city urged residents to observe parking restrictions and not drive or walk on freshly installed slurry.

For a map of the affected streets, go to dublin.ca.gov/2223/Slurry-Seal-2023.

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Neighbors in the Gray Fox Circle community of Pleasanton gathered on Tuesday, Aug. 2 to celebrate National Night Out. The annual event is a community-building campaign designed to promote positive relationships between the police and the public. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia/] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



This year, Livermore Police visited 48 neighborhood events for National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 1. Held on the first Tuesday in August, the event promotes neighborhood camaraderie and helps build partnerships with law enforcement agencies. City leaders and staff from the City of Livermore, Livermore-Pleasanton Fire, CHP Dubin, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, East Bay Regional Park District Police, and LARPD also visited partners with Livermore Police. (Photo courtesy of Livermore Police Department)

New Members Elected to Innovation Tri-Valley Board

Stephanie Beasley, with Sandia National Laboratories, has been elected to head the Innovation Tri-Valley (ITV) Leadership Group's executive board. She succeeds Rick Shumway, CEO of Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley, who served two years as board chair. The ITV Leadership Group is a network of business and civic leaders working to improve the economic climate and quality of life in the Tri-Valley area. Also elected to executive board positions were Dr. Dyrell Foster, president of Las Positas Community College, who will serve as vice chair; Elsie Quaite-Randall, deputy director of the Innovation and Partnerships Office at

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, who will serve as board secretary; and Don Marek, senior vice president at Fremont Bank, who will continue to serve as treasurer. Newly elected board members include Rich Hoyt, senior managing director at Newmark, Alex Mehran Jr., president and CEO of Sunset Development, and Anthony Redondo, vice president of global operations at Blackhawk Network. Beth McCormick of McCormick Consulting, Tim Sbranti, president of the Chabot Las Positas College District, John Sensiba, managing partner of Sensiba LLP, Sblend Sblendorio, attorney at Hoge Fenton, and Shumway, will continue to serve as board members.



Clockwise from bottom: Elsie-Quaite-Randall, Stephanie Beasley, Dr. Dyrell Foster and Don Marek are the new members of the Tri-Valley Leadership Group's executive board. (Photo courtesy of ITV)

District Announces New Administrators for School Year

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) welcomes new faces to administrative roles for the 2023-24 school year. "When change occurs, we are pleased to be able to both promote from within our organization and embrace new administrators who bring fresh perspectives to our district. We look forward to all of our leaders collaborating with district and site staff as they work towards their common goals for student success this year," said Chris Van Schaack, LVJUSD superintendent of schools.

Joe Michell TK-8
Donielle Machi has taken the wheel as principal of Joe Michell TK-8. Having taught at Joe Michell prior to her most recent vice principal position at Junction Avenue TK-8, Machi is excited to return to familiar surroundings to apply her more than 20 years of educational experience as the leader of an International Baccalaureate (IB) school. "I look forward to building upon Michell's strong foundation of IB curriculum and culture of kindness, respect, and acceptance. We hope to shape not only exceptional students, but also exceptional human beings who will make a positive impact in the world," said Machi.

Junction Avenue TK-8
Lauren Shiffrin has filled the vice principal position previously held by Machi at Junction Avenue TK-8. Shiffrin's decade-long career in education started in Chicago and includes experience in both elementary and secondary teaching and special education. Most recently, Shiffrin served as an assistant principal in the Morgan Hill Unified School District. "I am excited to be a Junction Bulldog and look forward to supporting students on their educational journey," Shiffrin said.

Livermore High
Roxana Mohammed leads Livermore High as principal after serving as vice principal for the past 11 years. Earning both her Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from California State University, East Bay, Mohammed's more than 30 years of educational experience as a teacher, staff developer, and vice principal has provided ample preparation for her new role as principal. "I have a deep passion for working with young individuals and believe that as educators, we have a profound responsibility and extraordinary opportunity to both impart knowledge and make a positive impact on their lives," said Mohammed. Lisa Keck has assumed the role of the vice principal position formerly held by Mohammed. Keck is in her 29th year in education; working in both New York and California as a teacher, vice principal, and elementary and middle school principal. "I look forward to working with the LHS team to provide students with the kinds of educational opportunities and support they need for success," said Keck.

Marylin Avenue STEAM Academy
Holly Barker will work alongside Principal Joe Meunier as the STEAM Magnet Program Coordinator at the Marylin Avenue STEAM Academy, formerly known as Marylin Avenue Elementary. Barker's more than 16 years of teaching experience will be instrumental in collaborating with teachers and staff to develop and implement a new educational magnet program focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. "As a former Marylin teacher, I am thrilled to develop new programs which use innovative curriculum to inspire our students' love of learning," shared Barker.

Mendenhall Middle
Garrett Fitch has joined the Mendenhall team to serve as vice principal. Having spent the previous 12 years as a middle school teacher and administrator in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, Fitch is prepared to support the students and staff of LVJUSD's largest middle school. "I am eager to build meaningful connections with staff, students, and parents so that we can work collectively to help our students achieve at the highest level," stated Fitch.

Vineyard Alternative
Michelle Seugling brings her experience as a former elementary and middle school teacher and educational technology instructional coach to serve as vice principal of Vineyard Alternative; a school that offers independent study, hybrid learning, and dual-enrollment educational models for students in grades K-12. Said Seugling, "I am excited to combine my teaching experience, leadership education, and technological skills to support the varied methods of instruction Vineyard offers students for successful learning."

District Office
Doug D'Amour has over 23 years of school business management experience which has prepared him for the role of Director of Fiscal Services for LVJUSD. D'Amour's most recent former role as Director of Financial Systems Support for the Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) included leading the implementation of financial system projects for ten ACOE school districts. Prior to his time at ACOE, D'Amour worked as an account manager and fiscal director for San Leandro Unified School District and Emery Unified School District respectively. "I am excited to return to a

district setting where I am able to connect more closely to the impact that strong fiscal stewardship has on the students we serve," expressed D'Amour. Administrators were

recognized by the LVJUSD Board of Education at the Aug. 8, 2023, Board meeting. The district will welcome students to the first day of the new school year on Monday, Aug. 21, 2023.



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EDITORIAL Plan Needed for Released Inmates

Livermore Police Chief Jeramy Young and Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price recently raised compelling arguments in their disagreement over the charges filed in a recent robbery case.

Young contended Price’s office erred when it chose not to file sentence enhancements against Colby Berry, a 21-year-old Fremont resident charged with robbing two women May 21 at the Arroyo Park Shopping Center. Berry allegedly beat one of the victims, who required emergency treatment, and held the other at gunpoint to take her purse.

Following Berry’s arrest by Livermore police, Price’s prosecutors charged Berry with robbery and assault with a deadly weapon, offenses that could send him to prison for up to 13 years if convicted.

Young believes Berry is the reason the state legislature adopted enhancements in the 1990s to create harsher punishments for repeat offenders. Enhancements for offenses including weapon use, hate crimes and gang membership, can be tacked on to the base terms for robbery, assault and other crimes, sometimes extending prison terms for decades.

Berry was on parole for a shooting when he allegedly robbed the Livermore victims. He was wearing an ankle monitor that helped to identify him as the suspect. Young believes he should have faced enhancements for using a gun and for being a repeat offender that could raise his

exposure to 25 years in prison.

Prosecutors who reviewed Berry’s case, however, did not file enhancements. Citing studies that show enhancements do not hinder crime and actually create recidivism, Price issued a directive recently to her staff to never use them except in extreme cases.

Elected with 53% of the vote in November to serve as the county’s top law enforcement official, Price campaigned as a criminal justice reformer, aiming to reduce mass incarceration, to bring equity to the system, and to give all defendants a chance to rehabilitate and obtain release from behind bars.

On the one hand, Young is correct when he says the tougher laws are on the books and should be used. Price is also correct when she argues that state lawmakers gave district attorneys prosecutorial discretion to file the charges they deem appropriate in individual cases.

Although we understand Young’s position and hope to keep violent offenders off our streets, we also agree with Price’s attempt for reform. There’s no doubt tougher laws enacted 30 years ago helped to reduce crime, which is significantly lower now, but they also disproportionately affected people of color, overfilled our prisons and made Alameda County’s Santa Rita Jail one of the most populated in the country.

Price, a defense and civil rights attorney, campaigned last year on a platform that included holding police accountable and implementing

fair justice measures. Price also committed to fully-funding effective reentry programs, creating support for family reunification, and providing those released with access to job training, housing and healthcare.

Price argues voters picked her for the job over veteran prosecutor Terry Wiley because they prefer her policies for change.

In office just eight months, Price so far has shaken up the District Attorney’s Office, establishing a public integrity unit and reopening police use-of-force cases, collaborating with the FBI and Contra Costa County prosecutors to combat human trafficking, issuing her policy changes on enhancements, and ending the practice of charging juveniles as adults.

Let’s give Price a chance to institute her reform measures to see if they work or lead to increases in crime that can be tied to them.

We look forward to Price’s efforts to establish her plans — perhaps with help from Young and other law enforcement officials. If less incarceration results in savings, the money should be used for programs to help those inmates set for release. Inmates should not return to free society without receiving significant help for substance abuse and mental health issues, finding and keeping jobs, and making wiser decisions.

We shouldn’t be releasing criminals with lighter sentences without an effective plan in place to help them once they are back on the outside.

MAILBOX

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Eric Swalwell is Not Truthful!
Mike Grant, Dublin

Eric held a townhall meeting on July 31 in Dublin and it was shameful and embarrassing. Citizens were told to fill out speaker slips, and they would answer questions from them. I would say that at least 100 cards were filled out and so many had questions that they ran out of hard copies and had to make copies for people.

Eric was scrubbing all the cards and would just throw through the questions down that citizens took the time to write down on the table. It was very clear he was not going to select tough questions that pertained to public safety and the crime report just released June 30. Several people wrote down questions about the year over year increase in crime across the state and district. Crime is up 6% to 22% year over year and aggravated assaults up 8% against senior citizens with homicides up 15% against senior citizens. He

never answered that question.

The next one was filled out asking about the crime report stating that it looks like with all the gun laws on the books across the state and nation the laws are not helping with public safety. Again, this question was pushed aside because it also had a short add on saying criminals don’t follow gun laws only law-abiding citizens follow laws. We all knew Eric had seen that speaker slip because he dropped that slip and started down the center of the room yelling out we need more gun laws, and we should not defund the police. That comment was very strange because his party in DC was calling for defunding the police in 2020. He also said the borders are closed, another lie because we had several citizens in the crowd who were from Yuma and Tucson, Arizona area and showed all of us the illegals crossing the border east of Yuma and west of Tucson. Those two sectors are overrun with cartel members each night.

Eric is not for public safety and the protection of anyone except the criminals and cartel members running the streets.

In 2024 you should look for someone who really cares about the citizens in the 14th District, because he has lost his way.

God bless all and please help each other.

Free Speech
Ken Bradley, Livermore

I recently saw a newscast where citizens were being beaten by government thugs. My first thought was, “thank goodness I live in the USA, and we have the protection of the First Amendment”. But in Livermore, the protection does not apply. In this city, a political challenger cannot put up signs to let citizens know they are running for office. You cannot post signs to direct people to your yard sale. Your real estate agent cannot have direction signs for your home for sale. At the next city election, we need to find people that believe in America.

Support the End TB Now Act!
Palak Guleria, Livermore

The loss of lives on the Titan submersible is an un-

speakable tragedy, one that tugs at the deepest recesses of our hearts. Each soul lost represents a unique story, dreams unfulfilled, and loved ones left behind to grieve. Their absence creates an immeasurable void, a painful reminder of the fragility of human existence. However, amidst this sorrow, I’d like the public to also consider the broader implications.

The resources devoted to searching and recovering the wreckage of the Titan submersible are numerous. Several news outlets like the Daily Mail and AP have acknowledged that while the real number is unknown, the bill is in the millions. These funds, which will most likely be footed by citizens of the U.S, Canada, and France, could indeed be re-directed towards combating global poverty and hunger, offering a glimmer of hope to countless lives on the brink of despair. The Borgen Project, a non-profit organization focused on ending global hunger and poverty based out of Tacoma, Washington, emphasizes the importance of foreign aid in fighting against these issues. Thanks to current efforts, 3 million lives are saved annually through USAID immunization programs and life expectancy has increased globally by 33%.

It is a delicate balance, one that requires us to mourn the loss of the Titan’s passengers while contemplating how we can allocate our resources to alleviate the suffering of countless others around the world. The truth is, while the lives of Stockton Rush, Shahzada Dawood, Suleman Dawood, Hamish Harding and Paul-Henri Nargeolet may never be brought back, we hold the ability to save millions of others from similar fates. I urge Senators Feinstein and Padilla to co-sponsor the End TB Now Act.

Great Letter on UGB
Theodore Schaefer, Livermore

Our great thanks to Doug Mann of Livermore for his fine letter about how the mayor and city council ‘slow rolls’ the citizenry into more and greater land developer projects, particularly busting the UGB. Now they want to develop ag lands east of Greenville Rd. and allow it to be developed industrially, like an Ikea or more warehouses, etc. Then, we will be asked to vote on this travesty, and if passed, the ‘parcel tax’ (read single family homeowners) will be handed large property tax increases, but bypassing tens of thousands of local apartment owners who obviously live only on one huge parcel, but can swing an election either way for the rest of us to pick up the tab. The school district is soon to request a similar vote for another \$395

million for vaguely named projects for themselves.

The council MUST stop their expansionism UGB ways and only use a ‘head tax’ for the costs that are sure to be included. Focus on internal development and a fair tax method to pay!

Planes Are Coming from Other Airports to Livermore Airport
Felicia Ziomek, Livermore

Planes departing from other airports (Reid-Hillview, San Carlos, Palo Alto, Hayward, etc.) are flying to Livermore Airport and flying circles over and over residential neighborhoods near the Airport, and performing ‘touch-and-go’ landings at Livermore runways, then gaining altitude and circling the surrounding residential neighborhoods repeatedly. In my limited observations I’ve seen most planes making 8-14 circles over residential neighborhoods with a boundary of Isabel (to the west), North P Street (to the east), Stanley Blvd (to the south), and Airway Blvd. to the north). As they’re flying over a residential area near the airport, they’re flying below 1,000 feet altitude. As they approach the edge of the residential area near the airport (to perform their ‘touch-and-go’), they then drop to an altitude of 500-600 feet.

One problem: these planes use leaded aviation fuel. A 10-year study of children living within ½ mile of Reid-Hillview Airport found blood lead levels higher than children during the Flint, Michigan water crisis. Modest lead increases were found if children lived within ½ to 1 ½ miles of airport or lived downwind. Even low lead levels affect IQ and academic achievement. Exposure to lead can cause profound & permanent health damage, especially to young children.

Since the residents are exposed to so much airplane traffic using leaded fuel, the city should (a) provide a way for residents within 1 ½ miles of the airport to have their blood lead level tested, (b) strongly encourage pilots to avoid flying over neighborhoods, and (c) develop an accelerated plan to stop selling leaded aviation gas and assist with converting planes currently using leaded fuel, to be able to use unleaded fuel.

Do: download the app called “Flightradar24” and view/track planes at Livermore Airport. Report complaints to Livermore Airport at: 925-960-8219.

Climate Editorial a Puzzle
Kenneth Henneman, Pleasanton

The Aug. 3 editorial may cause some people to be a little puzzled about climate warming and cooling causes. Paragraph 3 says 400,000 years ago Greenland ice was over a mile thick. Oceans rose 5’ when it melted. Yet paragraph 4, sentence 2 indicates that 400,000 years ago the ice apparently both grew a mile high and then melted down when carbon CO2 was 260-280 parts per million. Apparently, the temperature went both down and up when CO2 was 260-280 ppm or lower. So, what may leave the reader puzzled is that it says nothing about the cause of the temperature change. It implies ice grew with CO2 less than 280 ppm. Likewise, the last sentence only indicates that, once, 4,000,000 ago, CO2 was high (~420 ppm), the ice was melted down, and ocean levels were high.

So, what, the reader knows nothing of what caused the cold that caused the ice, nor what caused the warming that melted the ice raising sea levels. It implies a correlation between CO2 and hot and cold temperatures; but correlation does not necessarily mean cause and effect. Correlation, even ones 400,000 or 4,000,000 years old, don’t establish cause. The sentence does indicate, I guess, that we are lucky these warmer years that the ocean isn’t “. . . tens of feet higher . . .”. But the puzzle about the cause of warming and cooling remains.

So, what causes warming? Some are sure it’s human CO2. Some climate scientists think that it’s something natural. For example, Dr Roy Spencer U of Arkansas/Huntsville thinks climate changes are natural. And mostly caused by Pacific Oscillations (like current El Nino) and cloud changes, and also in water vapor in the lower atmosphere and upper stratosphere (and so tricky to model), not by CO2.

The good news, methinks, is that current worldwide monitoring (of temperature and radiation, etc.: in the seas, earth, clouds, air through stratosphere, sun, universe) data will likely clarify the current confusion about causes in 10-20 years.

Remember, after the data was in, they stopped snubbing, even persecuting, the wisemen who first said the earth went around the sun, and first said the world was round. Be patient.

Coverage of UGB Flawed
David Jonas, Livermore

The Independent’s coverage of the potential expansion of Livermore’s UGB to East of Greenville has omitted some critical facts and exaggerated others, resulting in a highly skewed narrative.

Amplified by a chorus of fearmongering letters to the editor and public comments at City Council meetings, this narrative appears more geared toward breeding animus towards Council than informing the public.

On July 27, Council voted to fund an EIR to assess expanding the UGB, following an April vote to add East of Greenville to the General Plan update. The EIR was not sprung on the community at the July meeting, as opponents claim.

Opponents advocate for three alternatives: (1) Proceed directly to a vote without an EIR; (2) Refocus the EIR on growth opportunities within instead of outside the UGB; and (3) Scuttle the plan altogether.

(With characteristic hyperbole, the Independent stated the 7/27 meeting featured “repeated calls from residents... to vote against the EIR plan.” Five residents spoke up.)

In fact: CEQA requires an EIR to accompany a referendum to expand the UGB.

A separate EIR is already planned to evaluate growth potential within the UGB.

UGB expansion opponents have likened the East of Greenville initiative to housing developers’ prior failed efforts to build outside the UGB. This is a false comparison that ignores the following:

The vision for East of Greenville includes open space, agriculture, greenbelt and other natural elements. It will not be the Dublin-like sprawl that expansion opponents portray.

Housing development will be explicitly forbidden East of Greenville.

Alameda County currently administers East of Greenville. Unless the City annexes this area, the County may choose to allow development there, without input from Livermore voters and with much more lax permitted use standards than the city enforces (e.g. Lupin Way’s junkyard motif).

The East of Greenville expansion concept originated from the city’s General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC), whose members either live or work in Livermore and represent our community’s interests, not those of developers.

Livermore has nearly consumed its industrial space capacity inside the UGB and must look elsewhere to meet long-term commercial growth requirements.

Given how much Livermore has changed since the UGB was established in 2002, the city should explore all options – including looking outside the UGB – to accommodate the commercial growth that will keep Livermore thriving. An EIR is mandated and will allow the voters to make an informed decision on this vital issue.

Circling Planes from Other Airports are a Health Hazard
Donna Cabanne, Livermore

Why are planes from other airports circling mul-

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‘Flora in Focus’ Exhibition Coming to Livermore Library

Local watercolor artist Meghana Mitrugotri is presenting “Flora in Focus,” a flower-themed art exhibition featuring various artists from the Tri-Valley region. The exhibition will



Meghana Mitrugotri’s “Violas” is one of several pieces by local artists on display at the Livermore Library now through Aug. 31. (Photo courtesy of Meghana Mitrugotri)

immerse visitors into the world of floral-inspired art, showcasing stunning works in watercolor, oil, colored pencil, acrylic, mixed media, oil pastels, East Asian brush paintings, and floral photography.

“Flora in Focus” celebrates the inherent beauty of

flowers and aims to inspire viewers through the collective talents of recognized local artists. The show highlights the intricate details, vibrant colors, and textures that define the splendor of flowers.

Several well recognized local artists, including Monique Makepeace, Wei-Ting Chuang, Charlotte Severin, Ranjini Venkatachari, Helene Roylance, Vanessa Thomas, and Rekha Joshi, have been invited to participate in this highly anticipated and intimate event.

The exhibition will take place at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Ave. from Aug. 1 to Aug. 31. The free reception is on Aug. 12 from 2-4 p.m. There will be giveaways & raffle prizes during the reception.

August is also American Artist Appreciation Month and while these artists are based in America they represent a spectrum of cultures from Asian to African.

For more information, visit Website <https://daintylmade.weebly.com/events.html> or contact Show Organizer Meghana Mitrugotri at Email meghana.ms@gmail.com.

ARTIST

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the eye of the press. The Independent’s photographer chose to snap a photo of the piece, which later ran in the paper’s July 13 issue.

“A lot of submissions are black and white as you can imagine—they’re comics,” she said. “And you’ve got to go right up close and read them ... (but) Ney’s were great. They were big and colorful and dramatic.” Noting the big pink matte frame Hoato used for his piece, she added, “He went all out, and it’s hanging on the front wall, because it looks really good.”

On the surprise of waking up one morning to see his artwork in The Independent, he said, “I try to be really humble about my achievements, even though, of course, I take pride in them.”

The two pieces that he selected for the show center around a character called Diana.

“She is something that I care deeply about,” he explained, “I can use her as a vessel for a lot of different things and ideas.”

He says he’s a very visual person. “I like juicy, full, vibrant, saturated prints.” To achieve his vision, he pulls from queer fashion

and textiles. He plays with the juxtaposition of beauty and the grotesque. Working mostly in Photoshop, he takes objects that exist in the real world and layers them into the one he is imagining.

He explained, “Diana sits in this universe that has been created for her, but the places are almost liminal; they could exist anywhere.”

Giancola first crossed paths with Hoato backstage at the Bankhead, where he works as a stage technician. She ended up handing over to Hoato the job of painting logos backstage that the performers then sign. “He does a totally great job. Super neat and careful. Not a lot of artists can do that real fine (freehand) straight edge. And now it’s expanded to other walls. It’s fun back there.”

Fast forwarding to his work in the exhibit, she said, “This was a way to showcase his artwork. It’s really what we’re trying to do—encourage artists.”

And this encouragement has meant a lot to Hoato, especially after a discouraging experience in art school, from which he decided to unenroll as an entertainment design major

after a few years.

He recalled feeling that he had to fight too hard to learn at an institution that wanted the students just to draw like the professors. “Style is so fluid. You can’t just box everyone into an industry that is so adaptive.” As a result of his school experience, he took a step back, hoping to heal his relationship with art.

After Giancola urged Hoato to make a submission to the theater exhibit, he reapproached his artwork with fresh eyes and new skills. He said that since his time at the Bankhead working with theater lights his eyes “look at color theory differently now.” After having taken a long hiatus from art, Hoato offered two pieces, which he did not imagine would get accepted.

Of the time following art school he said, “I wanted to reignite my passion for art. There’s that capitalist part that’s like, ‘You need to do it because it sells.’”

However, on the placard beneath the artists’ works displaying title and price, Hoato’s reads noticeably, NFS (not for sale). He explained, “Now, I’m working on Diana stuff for me,

because I like it and think it’s worth investing my time and energy.”

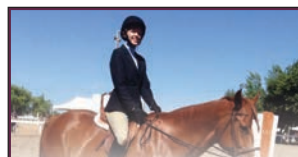
Referring to his strong sense of self, Hoato stated, “I think because I am sometimes fem-presenting and I have long hair and long nails. Sometimes I do get weird looks. People stare. But it’s also not my problem.”

Hoato said of his character Diana, “She is a force. She can be you or she can be I. But when she is you or she is I, she elevates.”

He added, “She elevates you, not changing you, but making you more yourself.”

The UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery, 2400 First St., is open to the public from 1p.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday-Sunday, and to theater patrons during performances.

To see more of Hoato’s work visit <https://neyh23.wixsite.com/portfolio> or on Instagram @nhoato.



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MAILBOX

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multiple times over Livermore residential areas? According to Flight Radar, planes from Menlo Park, Palo Alto, Mountain View, San Carlos, Redwood City, Reed Hillview, Concord and Tracy all have been tracked circling multiple times over residential neighborhoods. Last week, one plane from San Jose circled Livermore residential areas 12 times before continuing on to its destination in Burbank. Further, if pilots add a touch and go landing and take-off, they are allowed to come in low and loud 1000 feet above homes. Planes are supposed to be 1000 feet above homes, but planes are down to 500-550 feet over the houses just east of the Livermore Airport.

Why is this tolerated? We know planes circling airports, taxiing, landing and taking off cause elevated levels of lead in the blood of residents, and lead poisoning is especially dangerous for children.

If pilots want to fly in circles, why don’t they stay near their own airports?

Because pilots would get pushback from their communities and airspace is less crowded here.

Livermore Airport has become the “practice” area for the Bay Area.

Airport staff mentions safety and training, but there is no valid reason that training has to take place 500 feet over residential areas.

Why should out of town pilots and plane owners be allowed to use Livermore as a cheap playground?

We are NOT NIMBYs, we are EPIMBYs ---“Everyone’s plane is in our backyards.”

For the health of our children, this has got to stop.

Airport staff has not answered questions about the circling airplanes. Additionally, public information is missing from the April, May, and June noise complaints. Aircraft types, call signs, and descriptions are deleted. Information fully describing each incident is excluded. Now complaint information is limited to night ops, too loud, too low, too fast, and circling. Without critical information, the noise incidents are minimized and enforcement is impossible. The airport commission no longer has the data necessary to make educated decisions about the violations. Please ask the Airport and the City to make ALL information concerning noise complaints and circling planes visible in every monthly report. For the health and safety of our children and communities, the public has a right to know.

The Livermore City Council’s Majority Mischaracterizes Its Opponents — Again
Greg Scott, Livermore

In its last meeting on July 24, the Livermore City Council majority approved the Consent Calendar item

5.3, which is Rincon Consulting producing a program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on areas outside of the Livermore city limits and urban growth boundary (UGB). City Councilman Barrientos dissented. In discussion, the council majority patronizingly characterized the opponents of this EIR as “afraid.” I am an opponent of this frivolous EIR, therefore, I, too, must be “afraid.”

I was recently homeless for seven years -- six years, nine months continuously in Livermore. In my time, I have had guns pointed at me; I have been shot at and luckily not hit; and I have had a knife pulled on me. What am I “afraid” of again? Oh, “information”... information from an EIR.

Really? Professionally, I have debugged and tested software that was over one million lines of C Language code; I have designed and implemented environmental databases, including a database that assisted in the production of Northrop’s B-2 Stealth Bomber at their Palmdale facility so that chemicals could be applied in accordance with South Coast Air Quality Management District’s (SCAQMD) regulations.

I am “afraid” of information from an EIR? What fantastical, delusional cloud does the Livermore City Council majority live on?

Who is “afraid” of information? How many and what were the qualifications of consulting firms that bid to produce this EIR in response to a Request for Quote (RFQ)? Certainly, this wasn’t sole-sourced, as that would conjure the suspicion of unethical behavior in regard to (a) pre-ordained conclusion(s).

Does the City of Livermore have sufficient resources to protect, maintain, and repair its current infrastructure, within the UGB, from the growing threat of climate-disruption extreme weather?

The “information” from the EIR wasn’t even the point of us opponents. The main point of us opponents was the tragic waste of over \$307,000 for Rincon Consulting to produce this fatuous EIR. What are the opportunity costs of this money? They can be measured in death and suffering from my vantage point.

How much of \$307,000 did my dead homeless friend, Carl Feighner, need, along with a continuum of care and support, to have a better outcome than he had? “Wait, you tell us that we’re wrong / And you tell us not to sing our song / Nothing we can say will make you see” (Sinead O’Conner (1966 - 2023), “Drink Before the War”)

Greenland Ice Sheet Melted 400,000 Years Ago
Larry Graves, Livermore

The Independent’s editorial dated Aug. 3, 2023, regard-

ing the Greenland ice cores study was very interesting. Scientists discovered that 400,000 years ago Greenland’s ice sheet had melted and raised sea levels 5 feet. Before this study was done, scientists expected Greenland’s mile thick ice sheet to be solidly frozen. The carbon dioxide level in the atmosphere at that time was 260-280 parts per million. Today’s carbon dioxide level in the atmosphere is about 420 parts per million. Since the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere 400,000 years ago was only about 64% of today’s level, do the scientists have an explanation of what may have caused this unexpected melting of the Greenland ice sheet 400,000 years ago? If carbon dioxide caused the ice sheet to melt 400,000 years ago, why has it not melted today with much higher atmospheric carbon dioxide levels? I’m not a climate denier, just curious.

Fee Shouldn’t Be a Secret
Linda Milanese, Livermore

Trish Munro recently wrote a letter (Independent, August 3) in which she said, “Inclusionary Housing Ordinances require that some percentage of every residential project be set aside for low or moderate income households. . . or pay a fee in-lieu of that housing.” That fee, as Munro points out, is used toward addressing other worthy housing needs.

Personally, I think it’s far more democratic to integrate low- and moderate-income households into market rate housing to blur economic and class distinctions. But if the in-lieu fees that developers pay are really substantial, I might change my mind.

For example, I’m wondering about the Legacy Housing development at 57 S “L” Street.

What exactly was the amount of its in-lieu fee that allowed them to exclude low and moderate renters? Its 222 units rent monthly from about \$3,000 (for a studio) up to \$6,000— a sizable income that will probably easily cover the developer’s one-time fee. The in-lieu fee must have been really substantial, right? I hope Trish Munro or City Council or the City of Livermore can tell us exactly how substantial the fee was. It shouldn’t be a secret.

Getting the Facts Right
Russ Greenlaw, Livermore

The media should avoid publishing alarming items with inaccurate content. Cases on point were letters printed by the local daily containing false ‘facts’:

One letter a few months ago falsely stated that sea level rise was seven feet per century while the correct figure is seven INCHES per century, published by the late Dr. Fred Singer. Other estimates are about ten inches per century, still a fraction of an inch per year. The local

daily should not allow such hogwash as “seven feet per century” to infect the public’s minds.

In another letter printed by the local daily, an ill-informed writer offered “3 feet of sea level rise, which is forecast in a relatively few decades” - a figure exceeding reality by a factor of fifteen. It does not matter what is forecast, it matters what is happening. That delusional writer further postulated that because farms in the delta islands are often below sea level, the whole delta would flood. It is the height of the levees, not the farmed ground that matters, and the farmed ground tends to sink since it is largely peat soil with low mineral content.

Another letter said the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) protects California forests when the opposite is true. CEQA is used as a whip to prevent, obstruct, and delay good, prudent forest management which provides thinning (by means of periodic harvest) that could greatly lessen the very severe forest fires of the recent decade. The Board of Forestry (BOF) writes forest regulations while Cal Fire oversees harvesting per BOF rules. After harvests are approved by Cal Fire, the CEQA lead agency, a covey of other state agencies swoops down on the forest landowner, one of which I am, with demands not required by the BOF rules or the statutory Forest Practices Act, first enacted in the 1970s and amended several times since. Since the 1970s, thinning and harvests have been reduced and forests such as my family’s have become grossly overgrown resulting in more intense fires. Small parcel owners (for example 20 and 40 acres) cannot afford the \$10,000 harvest plan costs considering log prices have not increased since the 1990s and logging costs have tripled. Air boards have outlawed older log trucks as if diesel smoke were worse than fire smoke. Water and wildlife regulators

are worse. Regulations only recently reduced the minimum tree count from 100 to 42 per acre, thankfully.



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(2) Regular Terms ending 11/1/27
Meets 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 PM
Next meeting: No September meeting
Human Services Commission (5 vacancies)
Join us in discussing community social needs, assisting local agencies in procuring grant funds, and more.
(5) Regular Terms ending 11/1/27
Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM
Next meeting: September 12th
Livermore Housing Authority (2 vacancies - at-large)
Join us in administering and overseeing low-income housing units and the Section Eight Voucher Program for subsidized housing.
(2) Regular terms ending 1/1/2028
Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM
Next meeting: September 13th
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Historian to Portray Chuck Yeager at Firehouse Arts Center

Actor and Chautauqua scholar Doug Mishler will portray famed test pilot Chuck Yeager for the monthly Ed Kinney Series program at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton, on Tuesday, Aug. 22.

Yeager was an Army Air Force pilot during World War II, credited with shooting down 11 enemy aircraft, including five in a single day. He was also credited with sharing an aerial victory with another pilot, for a total of 11.5.

After the war, Yeager became a test pilot, including experimental rocket-powered aircraft for the National Advisory Committee for

Aeronautics, the forerunner to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). In 1947, he became the first person to officially break the sound barrier, exceeding Mach 1 or more than 761 mph, in an experimental Bell X-1 aircraft.

He went on to become commandant of the U.S. Air Force Aerospace Research Pilot School, which also trained astronauts for NASA.

Yeager also commanded Air Force fighter squadrons in Germany and Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War and retired in 1975. He died in 2020.

The Ed Kinney Series is a monthly program of his-

torical portrayals presented by the Museum on Main in Pleasanton. Chautauquan speakers stay in character from the moment they take the stage.

Mishler has a doctorate degree in American cultural history from the University of Nevada and has taught at both the University of Nevada in Reno and Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington.

He has been giving Chautauqua presentations since 1995, portraying such historical figures as P. T. Barnum, Theodore Roosevelt, William Lloyd Garrison, Ernie Pyle, Andrew Carnegie, and Nikita Khrushchev.

Each Ed Kinney Series

program includes an “Afternoon with ...” performance at 2 p.m. and “An Evening with ...” performance at 7 p.m.

The speaker series is sponsored by the City of Pleasanton, Civic Arts Commission Grant Program, National Endowment for the Humanities, California Humanities, Alameda County Arts Commission, and Best Western Pleasanton Plus Inn.

Tickets are \$25 with discounts for seniors, students, and museum members, and are available online at museumonmain.org, by phone at 925-462-2766, or at the museum, 603 Main Street, during regular business hours.



Doug Mishle will perform as famous test pilot Chuck Yeager on Tuesday, Aug. 11 at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. (Photo courtesy of Firehouse Arts Center)

TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Now to Aug. 22 TUESDAY TUNES

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

Now Tuesday, Sept. 26 HOPE HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUPS

Hope Hospice’s grief support services help adults and youth learn to process these feelings and find ways to move forward in a positive direction. The services are offered at no charge to the local community, even if your loved one was not on the hospice service. Hope’s grief support services are free of charge, but registration in advance is suggested by phone at 925-829-8770 on weekdays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A brief assessment is required. Support groups are currently being conducted online by Zoom video conference. Services for young children are temporarily paused until in-person group gatherings can be resumed. General Grief runs from Aug. 7 to Sept. 25, on Mondays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Spousal and Partner Loss runs from Aug. 8 to Sept. 26, on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Single-Day Class takes place on Monday, July 10, from 2 to 3 p.m. Introduction to Grief and Loss is a short program open to both the bereaved and friends of a grieving person who want to learn about the grief process. Loss of a Child support group runs from Aug. 8 to Sept. 26, on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Teens Group attendees are asked to call for dates. These groups are offered once per quarter. For those who cannot make these dates, call 925) 829-8770 to be placed on the interest list for the following quarter.

Saturday, Aug. 12 and Aug. 19 YOUNGWORKS CALIFORNIA CODING CHALLENGE

Join the YoungWorks California Coding Challenge and test your coding skills with challenging questions written in Python. This is a virtual event that will be split into three rounds. All participants who complete the first round will get a coding assessment report to evaluate their coding concepts. Those who advance to the following rounds can win free YoungWorks coding classes and other cool prizes. To register, parents or guardians should visit youngworks.com/challenge. For more information, email support@youngworks.com or call +1-855-966-5756.

Sunday, Aug. 13 PLEASANTON COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will perform at Ravenswood Historic Site Old-fashioned Ice Cream Social, at 12:15, 1:30, and 2:45 p.m., with three different programs of historic period music from the 19th century. The event is free.

Saturday, Aug. 19 and 26, and Sunday, Aug. 20 and 27 BRIGHT STAR

Castro Valley Arts Foundation is happy to partner with TMC Arts to bring Bright Star to Castro Valley. Bright Star, set in the 1920s and 1940s, tells a sweeping tale of love and redemption. Inspired by a true story and featuring the Tony-nominated score by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell, the Bluegrass music soars. Performances are at Castro Valley Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road, in Castro Valley. Saturday performances take place at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday performances at 2 p.m. For tickets, visit cvartsfoundation.org/shows.

Saturday, Aug. 19 to Oct. 6 JOYFUL CANVAS SHOW

Together with the John Muir Auxiliary and the Livermore Art Association present Joyful Canvas, a juried show open to all. Art will be on show at the gallery at John Muir Health Auxiliary, Aspen Gallery, Walnut Creek. For more information or to register, visit livermoreartassociation.org. Participants are asked to register by Aug. 1.

Sunday, Aug. 20 NEW YEAR OF THE ANIMALS GATHERING

Come celebrate the Jewish New Year of the Cows

by sharing your pets at our Pawsome gathering in Pleasanton at 10:30 a.m. If your pet isn’t people- or other-pet-friendly, bring a picture and tell us about it. Cookies will be provided. TVCJ is an accepting, welcoming, diverse community of cultural Jews and their families, affiliated with CSJO. For more information or the event invite, call 925-399-8029 or email cultural-jews@gmail.com

Sunday, August 20 LIVERMORE JAZZ SOCIETY HOSTS THE TOM ROSE BLUES BAND

Tom Rose has performed across the U.S. and in more than 20 countries at events like the Montreux Jazz Festival, Glastonbury Music and Arts Fest, New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Fest, Australia’s East Coast Blues Festival and the Fourth of July Celebration at the National Mall. The event will feature in-person attendance and livestream. To request seating, email info@livermorejazzsociety.org or fill out the form at livermorejazzsociety.org/reserve-seats. If seating is available, a formal invitation including the performance location will be sent out. For more information, visit livermorejazzsociety.org. The suggested donation is \$20, but donations of any amount are welcome.

Sunday, Aug. 20 ART IN THE PARK

Art in the Park takes places from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Carnegie Park, 2155 Third St., in Livermore. Registration and information are available at livermoreartassociation.org. Attendees are asked to register by Aug. 12. For more information, contact Peggy Kervin at gallery@livermoreart.

Thursday, Aug. 24 DEALING WITH LOSS

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether the death was sudden and tragic or one with warning and preparations, the reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion, and sadness. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief and figure out how to keep on living when our loved one is gone. Join in at St Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, in Pleasanton, on Thursday evenings, July 27, Aug. 10 and Aug. 24, at 7 p.m. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. For more information, call 925-846-3904.

Saturday, Aug. 26 SCIENCE@STOCKMEN’S PARK: WEATHER WONDERS

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., join Quest Science Center for Science@Stockmen’s Park, a free monthly event for all ages. Attendees will explore the science related to weather and climate. There will be something for everyone, including exciting activities hosted by many other community organizations! Stockmen’s Park is located at 29 South Livermore Ave., in Livermore. For more information or optional registration, visit quest-science.org/science-at-stockmens.

Saturday, Aug. 26 and Sunday, Aug. 27 2023 DEL VALLE OPEN WATER FESTIVAL

This festival is a two-day event with 10k, 5k, 1.2k and 2.5k swims, held in the scenic Lake Del Valle nestled in the heart of the Livermore Valley Wine country. The water temperature is expected to range from 70 to 75 degrees, with a huge grassy park and beach for spectators and participants. Participation will be limited to 350 participants on Saturday and 400 to 450 on Sunday. The event will feature a “Just for Fun” division of the 1.2k and 2.5k allowing fins and pull buoys to raise funds for community relief efforts. For more information or to register, visit teamunify.com/team/dvowf/page/home.

Sunday, Aug. 27 TOUR HAGEMANN RANCH

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

Saturday, Sept. 16 AMADOR CLASS OF ‘73 REUNION

Amador’s Class of ‘73 will celebrate their 50th reunion from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Amador Recreation

Center, behind the Aquatic Center, at 4333 Black Ave., in Pleasanton. There will be an all-you-can-eat authentic taco-bar picnic, games, music and more. Cost is \$55 per person via Venmo to lorldavis pavich, or write and mail checks to Lori Pavich ~ ‘73 Reunion, 640 Ruth Way, Livermore, CA, 94550. Include maiden name and guest’s name if applicable. This event is limited to classmates only and one guest per classmate. For more information, contact Lori Davis Pavich at lpavich@aol.com; Maureen Morley at mbmclover@aol.com; or Monica Mitchell at Monsub@yahoo.com.

Saturday, Sept. 16 TRI-VALLEY WRITERS CHAPTER OF THE CALIFORNIA WRITERS CLUB

A. L. Kucherenko will present “Crotches, Crucks, and Crutches” at the Tri-Valley Writers meeting. Learn how to entice readers to linger in your fictional world with your imaginary characters. Kucherenko will use examples from her work to illustrate the delicate balance between authenticity and accuracy and how character and reader worldviews mesh to create an environment for her characters that her readers embrace. At 2 p.m., the Tri-Valley Writers will meet in room 2470 at Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, in Livermore. Check-in begins at 1:30 p.m. To RSVP, email treasurer@trivalleywriters.org by Sept. 14, then register at trivalleywriters.org/speaker-meeting-registration-and-payment. The price for CWC adult members is \$10; for nonmembers is \$12; for CWC student members ages 14 to 22 is \$5; and for student nonmembers is \$8.

Saturday, September 16 LIVERMORE EAGLES #609

Livermore Eagles #609 will be having a fundraiser for the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson Research starting at 3 p.m. Bar-B-Que Tri Tip Dinner will be served between 5:30 and 6 p.m. Raffle and games will be featured, and tickets can be purchased at the Livermore Eagles 527, N. Livermore Ave., between 3 and 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. The cost is \$25 for dinner. Tickets must be purchased before Sept. 9.

Tuesday, Sept. 21 and Tuesday, Sept. 28 CACTUS CORNERS SQUARE-DANCING LESSONS

Cactus Corners is a local nonprofit offering free square-dancing lessons on Sept. 21 and 28 to new dancers. Then, they continue with learning new steps through the rest of the year. Anyone age 8 and up is invited to this great activity for the entire family, where they can have fun and make new friends. The meets take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at 2253 5th St., in Livermore. For more information or to be placed on the class notification list, email mmiller1435@gmail.com or call 925-447-6980.

Saturday, Sept. 23 EAGLES FLEA MARKET

The Eagles Flea Market will take place from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 527 N. Livermore Ave. Vendors are welcome. The cost is \$20 for a 15x15 foot space and \$5 for a table rental. For more information, contact Val Olson at 925-449-5807 or volson582003@yahoo.com or call the Eagles Hall at 925-449-6281.

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES TOPSCIENCE

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

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS PLEASANTON FARMERS MARKET

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

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

The Unitarian Universalist Church is welcoming to all. Join in on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for music, singing, and conversation. The church is located at 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore CA 94551. For more information, visit uucil.org.

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

Open-Source Toolkit Quantifies Induced Seismicity Hazard to Reduce Risks

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) has partnered with another national lab and a seismic instrumentation monitoring company to develop a physics-based seismic-forecasting software platform to help operators and regulators better understand and manage seismic hazards at carbon storage sites.

LLNL scientists have worked with researchers from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) and Ottawa, Canada-based Nanometrics, Inc. to develop the Operation FoRecasting of Induced Seismicity (ORION) toolkit, an open-source software platform.

Commercial-scale carbon-storage operations face significant risk of inducing seismicity when fluids are disposed of in the Earth's subsurface. Induced earthquakes, or seismic events generated by anthropogenic activities, may damage property and threaten the integrity of shallower sealing units, allowing carbon dioxide, or CO₂, to escape.

While most operations will experience low-level tremors, it is possible that larger-magnitude earthquakes may occur. Such events can lead to interruption of CO₂ injection at a single storage site or erode confidence in the entire industry. To manage these risks, individual operators must understand both the current and future seismic hazards at a storage site and regulators must be able to evaluate the seismic hazard on the basin-scale.

"CO₂ storage is an essential component of effective climate mitigation and induced seismicity must be managed to enable large-scale deployment," said Joe Morris, associate leader for

the LLNL Subsurface Energy Program. "ORION puts the power of statistical and machine-learning techniques in the hands of operators, enabling them to manage these subsurface systems more safely and efficiently. The complex combination of technologies and expertise contained within ORION would not have been possible without national lab leadership."

LLNL Energy Program Leader Dan Flowers agreed with Morris's assessment of the importance of the national labs working on this problem.

"ORION leverages decades of national lab leadership in high-fidelity measurements and physics-based simulations of seismological processes in the subsurface. I am thrilled that the open-source release of ORION will provide industry and decision makers with a powerful tool to help accelerate deployment of CO₂ storage at scale," Flowers said.

ORION incorporates independent physics-, statistics- and machine-learning-based forecasts supported by analytic, observational and physics-based estimates of the evolution of pressure and stress related to injection. ORION also provides analysis of the seismic hazard before, during and after injection and can gauge the effectiveness of potential mitigation strategies, such as reducing the volume of fluid injected into a well, or modulating injection rates in several wells to manage risks where induced earthquakes have exceeded tolerance thresholds.

The ORION toolkit provides an easy-to-use interface for forecast generation and visualization of seismic hazard. Basic functionalities

provide the user with estimates of the seismic hazard at a location based on publicly available data sources from the United States Geological Survey and state regulatory agencies.

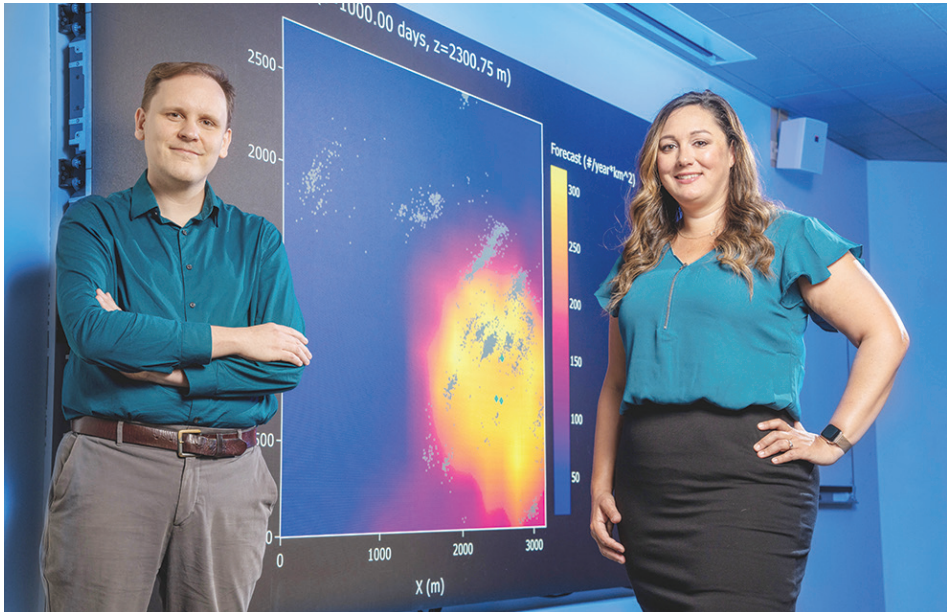
Advanced capabilities allow users to upload local, high-precision earthquake catalogs, projected injection profiles and/or spatiotemporal estimates of pressure and stress and various rock and fluid property parameters.

ORION then produces a spatial, temporal ensemble forecast of seismicity or probability of inducing an earthquake during the forecast period. ORION also generates a distribution of a statistically derived maximum possible earthquake magnitude expected. ORION also proposes operational management strategies, such as reducing injection volumes at specific wells, based on the hazard level.

Development of ORION leverages multi-disciplinary technical expertise at LLNL and LBNL including earthquake physics and nucleation, statistical seismology, reservoir geomechanics, machine learning and software engineering.

ORION was funded jointly through two U.S. DOE Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management-sponsored, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law-funded applied research projects: the National Risk Assessment Partnership and the Science-Informed Machine Learning to Accelerate Real-Time Decisions in Subsurface Applications Initiative.

ORION was developed by LLNL seismologist Kayla Kroll, LLNL's Christopher Sherman, who specializes in computational geomechanics; and former LBNL geophysicist Keurfon Luu.



LLNL computational geoscientist Chris Sherman (left) and seismologist Kayla Kroll demonstrate the Operational FoRecasting for Induced Seismicity (ORION) toolkit that was funded by the Department of Energy Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management under the National Risk Assessment Partnership and the Science-Informed Machine Learning for Accelerating Real-Time Decision in Subsurface Application Initiative. ORION is a physics-based seismic-forecasting software platform to help operators and regulators better understand and manage seismic hazards at carbon storage sites.

(Photo by Blaise Douros)

VA Medical Team to Visit Civic Center Library

The Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System's mobile medical outreach team will be at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 24. Medical providers will

be available for examinations, consultations, and referrals for veterans enrolled in the VA Palo Alto Health Care System.

VA staff can also answer questions for veterans who are not enrolled or are uncertain about their eligibil-

ity for medical or mental health services. Veterans not enrolled in the VA system should bring a copy of their DD-214.

For additional information, go to library.livermoreca.gov or call 925-373-5500.



Pleasanton's downtown Main Street was turned into a Porsche showcase on Saturday, Aug. 5 as dozens of the new and classic automobile were on display. The show was part of Pleasanton's First Weekends on Main event and was co-sponsored by Porsche of Livermore. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



K9 Max assisted the Livermore Police Department on Tuesday, Aug. 1 by sniffing out drugs during a traffic stop on Arroyo Road and Robertson Park. (Photo courtesy of Livermore Police Department)

Livermore K-9 Makes Traffic Stop Drug Bust

On Tuesday, Aug. 1, just after 7 p.m. Livermore Police made a traffic stop on a black Dodge Magnum for vehicle code violations near Arroyo Road and Robertson Park.

While searching the vehicle, police found a prescription bottle of morphine

containing 42 pills that were not prescribed to the sole occupant of the vehicle, the driver.

Police also located a lockbox. K9 Max sniffed the lockbox and alerted officers to the presence of narcotics. Inside the lockbox, police found a

large amount of bags, a scale, two scoopers, and 190 oxycodone pills in a single press bag.

Police arrested 39-year-old Matthew Sedra of Livermore for numerous drug charges including the selling or transporting of a controlled substance.

ARBITRATION

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The PPOA released a statement on May 24 rejecting the city's "best and final offer" and unanimously declaring an impasse to the negotiations. The association's previous contract then expired on May 31 and members of the Pleasanton Police Department (PPD) have been working since then without a contract under the compensation terms of the previous contract.

Pleasanton's latest offer included a 6.0% pay increase during the first year of the three-year contract, short of the 10.5% increase asked for by the PPOA.

"The city has offered a generous compensation package that represents one of the largest pay increases for police officers and sergeants in its history," Pleasanton Communications Manager Heather Tiernan told The Independent. "The city remains committed to reaching an agreement that works financially within budget restraints, while demonstrating its commitment to the well-being of its police officers and sergeants."

But the PPOA has insisted on a base-pay schedule closer to the median of its comparable cities — Milpitas, Fremont, Concord, San Leandro, Hayward, Livermore, Antioch, Union City and Walnut Creek.

"It was disappointing when we were told, at the beginning of this, that we were going to be at median or slightly above, and then the offer provided by the city would not get us there," said PPOA President Brian Jewell. "We're not asking to be the highest paid agency. We're just trying to be fairly compensated and get to that median, so (that) we can be able to recruit and retain officers in order to get all our services back — all our units back."

The lower-end base pay, coupled with a lack of special-assignment pay and retention pay have created recruitment and retention problems in the force, continued Jewell. Reduced advancement opportunities have lowered department morale, hampering recruitment and thereby lowering morale further.

Of the 75 PPOA PPD positions, 10 are officers or sergeants on leave, three are unfilled, and two have new hires pending, according to Tiernan.

Lewellyn, however, expects two more vacancies soon and noted that six of the positions on leave are long term and projected to also become vacancies.

"We are projecting that we will need to hire 25 to 30 officers in the next two years," said Jewell.

The PPD disbanded its traffic enforcement, crime prevention and special enforcement units because of

staff shortages, he continued.

Pleasanton's website on the topic, however, said, "The city is not cutting units within the police department. The department has reallocated personnel to meet the department's and our community's most critical needs. The levels of service provided by the Police Department and response times have remained the same."

Although it appears the reallocations amount to police force unit disbandments, the city did not respond by press time to confirm.

The city also continues to view the negotiations in the context of its overall finances, with its General Fund possibly operating at a deficit as early as next fiscal year.

"The current offer submit-

ted by the city would increase costs by more than \$6.6 million over the three-year contract term," wrote the city's website. "This would amount to a 36.9% increase over the \$17.9 million the city currently pays annually for personnel and benefits for this bargaining unit."

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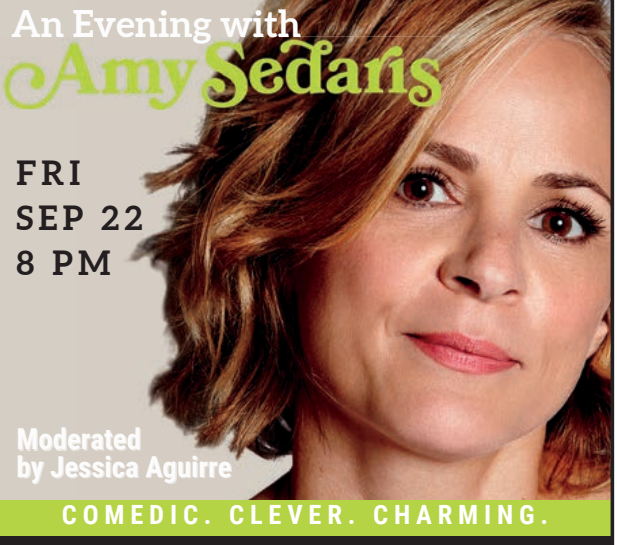


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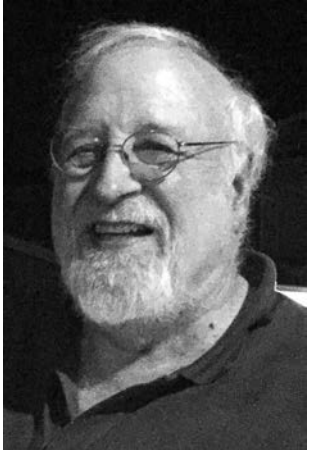
Marjorie Elaine Anderson Feb. 20, 1929 – July 24, 2023



Marjorie Elaine Anderson, 94, passed away peacefully at her home in Livermore, California on July 24, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. Known by her family and friends as Marge or Midge, she was born on Feb. 20, 1929, in Mechanicville, New York, to Leon and Laura Wiley. She was raised in Orange, Massachusetts from 1932-1952, and graduated from Orange High School in 1948. She worked as a dental assistant before enlisting in the Navy as a WAVE in 1952 in Pensacola, Florida. During her service she met the love of her life Albert W. Anderson, Jr., (or “Andy” as he was known), a Naval officer. They married in 1954, beginning their life together and building a family. They eventually settled in Livermore, California in 1970. In addition to her dedication to family, she found great joy in music, dancing,

travelling, babies, coffee, the beauty of New England, and cheering for the Boston Red Sox. For 39 years, she faithfully served as one of Jehovah’s Witnesses. Marjorie is preceded in death by her husband Andy, parents Leon and Laura, brothers Albert, Alfred, Louis, half-brother Doug, and half-sister Harriet Maganas.

Robert Allen Long May 23, 1946 – July 9, 2023



Many small children are enchanted with dinosaurs. Very few, however, have a lifetime fascination with fossils. Robert Allen Long was in the exceptional minority. Born May 23, 1946, in Whittier, California, some of Rob’s earliest childhood memories are visiting the impressive local public library with his parents (Elsa Erbes Long and O. Aubrey Long) and his older brother (Tom). There, in the children’s section, Rob discovered many books depicting dinosaurs. He was hooked!

By age 11, Rob was saving up his allowance for bus fare to downtown Los Angeles on weekends. From the bus station, he hiked through not-so-nice neighborhoods to reach the towering city library. For 25 cents, he could get an inter-library loan from almost anywhere in the state, allowing him to read scientific tomes and papers about fossil discoveries. At that time, libraries did not have photocopy machines available to the public, so Rob took tracing paper and pencils to trace the illustrated fossils.

By age 15, Rob had the audacity to hitchhike to University of California, Berkeley, to tell Fulbright scholar Dr. Samuel P. Welles that he had made an error in his scientific paper. Rob believed that the dinosaur was incorrectly described. Sam was convinced, and changed the mounted skeleton to show not one, but two crests, as Rob suggested: Dilophosaurus. That was the beginning of a friendship and working relationship that lasted until Sam’s death in 1997. Sam invited Rob to participate in summer “digs” in Arizona, particularly at the Petrified Forest National Park (1965-68). They also took a 6-month trip across the United States, taking over 30,000 shots of fossil bones in museums along the way.

“Arizona Long,” as we lovingly called him, had field work adventures that included encounters with scorpions, rattlesnakes, flash floods and quicksand. Then there were the two dozen kidney stones that occurred after field seasons. Rob considered it all worth the joy of discoveries.

Rob became a research associate at UC Berkeley,

leading his own field crews on fossil hunts in Petrified Forest National Park. He named most of the animals found there, plus the localities. During the summer of 1985, Rob was the leader of a crew that discovered the fossil remains of what Rob called “a whopping small dinosaur.” Rob named it Chindesaurus – the world’s oldest dinosaur!

That discovery, and the military helicopter airlift of the fossil from the Painted Desert to UC Berkeley, touched off an international news flurry, with television and newspaper interviews. Rob’s name and photograph appeared in USA newspapers from The San Francisco Chronicle to the New York Times, and many more. He was featured as a “newsmaker” in Newsweek Magazine. A documentary film was made, which now can be seen online via You-Tube. (Its title is “A Whopping Small Dinosaur.”) That documentary is shown each June 6 on “Dinosaur Day” at the Petrified Forest National Park.

Rob published a book called “Dawn of the Dinosaurs,” but in the world of paleontology, Rob is best known for co-authoring with Phil Murry in 1995 a lengthy monograph (254 pages) with the lengthy title of “Late Triassic (Carnian and Norian) Tetrapods from the Southwestern United States.” It became known as “The Green Book” (for its cover color) by graduate students in many parts of the world.

Paleontology provided Rob with lots of special experiences, including being one of the consultants for the 1992 movie “Jurassic

She is survived by her half-brother Lee Wiley (Jan) and half-sister Marianne Crawford; her stepsons Vic Anderson (Brenda) and Chuck Anderson (Sheri); and children Laurie Tirrell (Chris), Karen Newton, Susan Calkins, Gail Higuera (Dan), Bill Anderson, Lynne Clark (Hal), James Anderson and Richard Anderson. She is also survived by her 30 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private graveside service will be held at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno, California.

A memorial service will be held on Aug. 19, 2023, at 2 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses, 878 Herman Avenue, Livermore, California and via a Zoom link as requested.

Park.” He and his colleague Dale Russell told filmmaker Phil Tippett that upright dinosaurs would not have forked tongues (which are used by low-to-the-ground or slithery creatures to sense prey). But did it really matter to the millions of people who would see the movie? Was it worth costly changes? Apparently so.

During the summer of 1967, Rob was staying in Berkeley when a friend invited him on a picnic in the wine country sponsored by UC Berkeley’s International House. Rob happened to carpool with two other fellows in a VW bug driven by Jerri Pantages, who was living at International House while completing her teaching credential. From that chance encounter came a marriage that lasted 54 years, until Rob’s death on July 9, 2023, after his 8-month battle with esophageal cancer. They lived in Pleasanton, California, for the past 45 years.

Besides Jerri, Rob is survived by their son Geoffrey Elliott Long; brother Tom Long (wife Kathy) of Walnut Creek; nieces Melissa Long and Natasha Leydecker and their families; brothers-in-law Richard Pantages (wife Sandi) of Fremont and Tim Pantages (wife Sue) of Tigard, Oregon; plus, cousins, colleagues, and friends who have enriched his life.

Before his death, Rob was pleased to donate his extensive scientific library and notes to the Petrified Forest National Park (PFNP) to help establish a research library for use by visiting paleontologists. Thanks to Bill Parker, Program Manager, Resource Stewardship and Science, for facilitating the project. PFNP has become THE center of Triassic research in recent decades. The research library will be housed in an historic building designed by architect Richard Neutra, which is scheduled for restoration and refurbishing. Memorial donations to the project may be made to: http://give.nationalparks.org/goto/Robert_Allen_Long

At Rob’s request, no memorial services will be held. Special thanks to Kaiser Permanente’s departments of oncology, palliative care and hospice for helping Rob maintain his quality of life until the very end.

Patricia L. Lanning July 23, 1949 – July 26, 2023



Patricia L. Lanning was a 54-year resident of Pleasanton. She died Wednesday, July 23 at her home after a brief illness.

She was a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and moved to Fremont with her family in the early 1960s, where she graduated from Mission High school in Fremont. Patricia also attended Chabot / Las Positas college. Patricia was a lover of animals and always had numerous pets. She recently adopted eight feral cats in the last year. In the 1970s she showed dogs, in the 1970s through the early 1990s she owned and raced thoroughbred racehorses. In the 2000’s she showed Siamese cats.

Patricia was active over the years with many charitable organizations. She was proudest of running the Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association – Ladies Auxiliary at Bay Meadows in the 1980 and the

monies raised to purchase a modern horse ambulance at Bay Meadows Racetrack.

Patricia was a Pari-Mutual clerk for over 20 years and worked at racetracks throughout Northern California. Patricia retired from EDC Electric Inc in Fremont, California where she was the office manager.

Patricia is preceded in death by her husband Michael Lanning, her parents Collette Oldfield and Kenneth Oldfield, as well as sister Denise Goulter.

Patricia is survived by her current husband John Bidwell of Pleasanton, sister Sharon MacConell (Tom) of Bradenton, Florida, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Robert and Patricia Bonderud of San Rafael, California as well as many nephews, nieces and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services: Visitation from 4-7p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton.

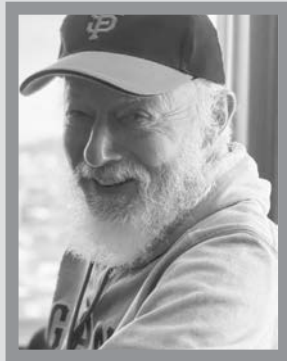
Funeral: Thursday, Aug. 10, 10 a.m. at St Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave, Pleasanton, California.

Burial will be at St Augustine’s Cemetery, Pleasanton.

Memorial Gifts: Paws in Need, P.O. Box 3436, San Ramon, California, 94583

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Raphael Eugene Wolf Jan.31, 1946 – July 5, 2023



On July 5, 2023, Raphael Eugene Wolf, 77, of Sebastopol, California passed away at his home with his family by his side. He was diagnosed with a rare form of lymphoma in October 2022. He responded to early treatments sufficiently to take a bucket list trip to Costa Rica with his family in May 2023 where he was able to enjoy the Pura Vida, natural beauty and friendly people (and zip lines and ATVs!).

Raphael was born on Jan. 31, 1946. He was the youngest of three children and grew up in Castro Valley, California with his parents and older sisters. He graduated from Castro Valley High in 1963 and in 1965 he married the future mother of his children, Wanda Lee Jones. They were married for 10 years.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, Raphael enlisted in the United States Navy in 1965. During his five years of active duty, he rose to the rank of Second-Class Petty Officer and was a radioman for the Seventh Fleet Command Flag Staff. His home ports included Coos Bay, Oregon and Yokosuka, Japan. Raphael treasured his memories of living overseas, exploring Japan and visiting locations such as the Philippines and Hong Kong. He and his family are eternally grateful for the medical care provided by the Veterans Administration.

Upon his discharge from the Navy in 1970, he returned to the San Francisco Bay Area in Livermore and began a career with Chicago Bridge and Iron as a painter and member of the Boilermakers Union.

As he worked full time, he went to night school and graduated with an Associates of Arts Degree from Chabot College in 1977. He was always a lover of history and the arts.

He loved his family, and he loved being outdoors. Often you would hear him say that having and raising his children was the proudest accomplishment of his life. He spent many years taking his kids and their friends camping, coaching youth sports and being a Scoutmaster. He introduced many people to the wonders of Yosemite and of course, cheering on the San Francisco Giants!

Later in life when his children were out of house, he moved to Berkeley where he made many friends in the Buddhist community, Vision Circle and men’s groups. When CBI closed the Bay Area location, he started his own house painting business until he retired. He headed north about 20 years ago to Sebastopol where he enjoyed most of his retirement. He was very active with an intentional community Green Valley Village and the senior center as a volunteer greeter! This was the perfect job for him, he never met a stranger and had the gift of gab!

Raphael was the kindest, most selfless person many have ever met. He was generous with what he had and with his time. He was always there when you needed him. In his retirement he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, road tripping, reading, and watching movies. He even enjoyed a 2-month trip exploring Europe he fondly called the “Grand Tour”.

He was preceded in death by parents Melchior and Isabel Wolf. He is survived by his son John Wolf and his wife Laurelyn of Livermore, daughter Michelle Welch and her husband Chad of New York City, grandson Lucian Wolf and granddaughter Joely Wolf, Sister Mary Baughn of Castro Valley and sister Patricia Songey of Rio Vista.

A celebration of life will be held at the amphitheater at Lone Tree Cemetery, 24591 Fairview Ave. in Hayward on Saturday, Aug. 19 at 10 a.m. Reception to follow.

Judith Dee (Potter, Folkendt) Holm Feb. 12, 1942 – July 19, 2023



Judy was born in Stockton, California on Feb. 12, 1942, to Leroy and June Potter. She attended El Dorado Grammar School, Stockton High and was in the first graduating class from AA Stagg High School. She then attended Stockton College for two years. Judy married her high school sweetheart, Stefan Folkendt, and had two sons, Michael and Brian. She worked in the secretarial/business field on and off over the years while raising the family.

Forty years ago, Judy met Ernie Holm. They fell in love and married. He loved and adored her; they had a wonderful life of travel all over the world. Judy truly loved to travel and visited over 25 different countries, some several times. In addition to her love of travel,

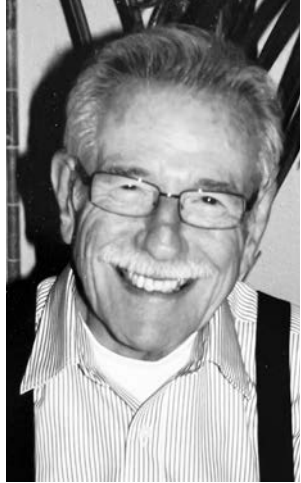
Judy was extraordinarily creative and loved all forms of sewing, embroidery and yarn work. Throughout her life, she lovingly made countless clothes, toys, quilts, and numerous other gifts for her entire family. Two and a half years ago

Judy and Ernie embarked on another adventure and moved to Nampa, Idaho.

Judy suffered from leukemia for the last 25-plus years of her life. She fought the illness and never let it get her down even after numerous chemo treatments and multiple unrelated surgeries. She passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at the age of 81.

Judy is survived by her husband, Ernest Holm, her sister Sharon Schumacher, two sons Michael Folkendt and Brian Folkendt, daughter Lisa Holm, her niece Melanie Hoots, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Judy will be truly missed. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to Hope Hospice, Nampa, Idaho.

Rodman M. Elfin Sept. 15, 1929 – July 19, 2023



Rodman M Elfin passed away peacefully at age 93, on July 19, 2023, with his family at his side. Rod was a truly beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend. He is remembered vividly for the steady love, kindness, patience, generosity, and attention with which he enfolded his circle of family and friends.

Born in New York City and raised in New Jersey, Rod graduated high school early, and later attended Syracuse University where he studied Business Administration, also graduating in 3½ years, magna cum laude. There he met and courted his future wife of 62 years, Dorothy Green. He went on to earn his law degree at New York University.

In his varied career, Rod served as Staff Judge Advocate (Captain) in the United States Air Force; practiced as an attorney; and was a partner in our family dry cleaning business. At age 44 he returned to school and earned his master’s degree in law, also at NYU. He went on to become a professor of business law at Washington State University. Go Cougs!. This mid-life career change prompted him and Dorothy to move from their long-time home in Livingston, New Jersey to Pullman, Washing-

ton in 1977. This was Rod’s true calling - he loved being a professor and loved being in the Pacific Northwest. At WSU, he achieved great success, publishing 28 articles, receiving numerous faculty scholarship awards, and participating in numerous leadership roles at WSU. Upon retirement, Rod and Dorothy moved to Spokane, Washington, and later to Livermore, California.

Rod was known for his enthusiastic singing, typically patriotic songs at festive gatherings, including in public. If you’ve been to a Livermore restaurant and heard a family start singing a patriotic song like God Bless

Eduina Jesus Silva July 23, 1949 – July 26, 2023

Proceeded in death by her father Jacinto Vieira Silva, mother Maria Doceu Silva, son Joey Anthony Alves; six brothers, two sisters; seven nephews and one niece.

Survived by daughter

Jacqueline Burford, granddaughter Kari Lynn Collins and great-grandsons Greyson Collins and Jaxon Collins all of Modesto as well as three sisters and many nephews.

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

OBITUARIES

Janis Scott Detterman Nov. 11, 1930 – July 16, 2023



Livermore, California (formerly Sequim, Washington and Sunnyvale, California)

Janis Scott Detterman passed away July 16, 2023, in Livermore after a lengthy illness. She was born Nov. 11, 1930, in Troy, New York to Eugene Field and H. Jean Scott.

She was preceded in death by her sister Shirley (Scottie) Spencer. Jan grew up in White Plains, New York and graduated from high school in 1948. She attended the College of Wooster (Wooster, Ohio) and earned a bachelor's degree in geology in 1952, where she was one of the rare women geologic graduates of the time, after rejecting the council of her advisors that women did not belong in geology. Jan was soon hired by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in Washington D.C. for field work in the desert southwest. She published 28 maps, and co-authored one professional publication during her time at the USGS. In 1954 Janis married another geologist Robert (Bob) L. Detterman, whom she met working at the USGS.

In 1957 the young couple relocated from Arlington, Virginia to Sunnyvale, California when Bob was transferred with the entire USGS Alaskan Branch to Menlo

Park. A son Mark was born in 1955 and a daughter Lynda was born in 1957. Jan took time off from her career to stay home and raise the kids. Jan enjoyed sewing, making teddy bears, and became a cooking and canning whiz. She enjoyed tackling many new recipes and cuisines and baked an unusually wide variety of Christmas cookies every year. She managed the household and kids for the summer months when Bob was in remote Alaska every year. Jan reapplied to the USGS in 1975 and was hired as a map and technical editor in the Technical Report Unit

(TRU) at the USGS for many official USGS publications. She worked at the USGS for another 20 years.

Following Bob's death in 1990, and her subsequent retirement from the USGS in 1995, Jan relocated to their 15-acre dream ranch near Sequim, Washington and lived there for 21 years, where she kept multiple horses and dogs, and had many adventures. She met many new friends, and thoroughly enjoyed living on the Olympic peninsula. In October 2016 she reluctantly relocated back to the Bay Area to be near family.

Jan is survived by her son Mark Detterman (wife Karel) of Hayward, and daughter Lynda Helms (husband Tim) of Livermore, three grandsons, Erik Helms of Oakland, Ryan Helms of Vail, Arizona, and Tyler (wife Morgan) Helms, and one great-granddaughter, Eden Joy, of Round Lake Beach, Illinois

Services will be announced later. Donations in Jan's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, the Nature Conservancy, or in her memory to your favorite charity.

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

James Walter Fischer Sept. 7, 1943 – Aug. 1, 2023



James Walter Fischer, 79, of Livermore, CA, passed away peacefully at home on August 1, 2023.

Jim was born on Sept. 7, 1943, to Walter Carl Wilhelm Fischer and Pauline Katherine (Thaemert) Fischer in Twin Falls, Idaho. The family dairy farm was in Clover, Idaho where Jim attended Trinity Lutheran School. In 1956, they moved to a vineyard farm in Lodi, California. During high school, he worked as a lab tech at Lodi Memorial Hospital. Jim graduated from Lodi Union High School in 1961. He continued his education at San Joaquin Delta College before transferring to the University of the Pacific (UOP) in Stockton, California with a scholastic scholarship. There he fell in love with Patricia Anne March. They were married in the Morris Chapel at UOP on Sep. 5, 1964. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from UOP in 1965 with high honors.

During breaks from UOP, Jim worked as a summer student at Lawrence Radiation Laboratory (LRL). In 1966, he began his professional career as a Chemist at LRL, which eventually became Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where he enjoyed working with those he considered

to be among the best and brightest on challenging problems while developing lifelong friendships over four decades before retiring in 2005. He moved his family to Livermore in 1967 where they lived in the same home for fifty-four years before moving to Heritage Estates in 2021 where he enjoyed many social activities.

Jim was a loving and devoted husband and father, who selflessly prioritized the needs and happiness of his family and loved ones above his own. Jim's love for Patricia was always ever present and clear to all. He formed a particularly strong bond with his grandson, Michael.

Jim and Pat enjoyed road trips and picnics with their extended family, including countless trips to many national parks and beaches.

Keenly interested in machinery from his early childhood growing up as a farm boy, Jim was finally able to afford a new car, a much prized and doted on metallic green Dodge Coronet 500, in 1969. A favorite pastime was evaluating the latest car models at the local dealers where he clearly knew more than any salesman. He was an avid photographer, memorializing family trips and events.

Jim was predeceased by his parents, Walter and Pauline, and his brother Tom. He is survived by his wife Patricia, son Matthew, daughter-in-law Kathleen, grandson Michael, and sister Gloria Todd.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023, at 10 a.m., at the Callaghan Mortuary (3833 East Ave. in Livermore) with the burial at 11:30 a.m. at the Roselawn Cemetery (1240 N Livermore Ave. in Livermore). A reception will follow.

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

Elton Mederios Oct. 12, 1941 – Aug. 5, 2023



Elton Mederios passed away on Aug. 5, 2023, at the age of 81.

He was born at St. Paul's Hospital in Livermore, California and raised in Pleasanton, California by his parents Manuel Mederios and Isabel (Higuera) Mederios, alongside his older brother, Leonard, who survives him.

Elton graduated from Amador High School in Pleasanton, California in 1959. His junior year of high school he met the love of his life, Marjorie Terra. They married in 1962, and two years later had their only child, Kenneth, who in turn gave them their only grandchild, Nicholas.

Elton worked at Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore, California for 32 years, retiring in 1996.

He was a devoted parishioner of Saint Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore, where he also served many years as an usher and volunteered in the food pantry.

Elton most enjoyed spending time and offering

a helping hand to family, friends and the community. He also enjoyed researching his family history, bike riding, and long walks in Sycamore Park. He was an avid snow skier, antique collector, and gardener. He and Marjorie loved to travel, which included cruises to the Caribbean and rivers in Europe, as well as trips to Italy, Portugal, and most recently, Switzerland.

Elton leaves behind his

wife Marjorie, son Kenneth, grandson Nick, daughter-in-law, April, brother, Leonard, two sisters-in-law, Pat Gonzales and Betty Farley, along with many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Elton will be remembered by all who knew him as a loving, selfless, generous, and gentle man.

The rosary will be said at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 5 p.m., followed by a viewing from 6-8 p.m.

Mass will take place at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore on Wednesday, Aug. 16, at noon.

The internment will take place at St. Augustine Cemetery in Pleasanton on Thursday, Aug. 17, at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association at 2290 N. First Street #212, San Jose, California, 95131 or to Grace and Glory Hospice at 2145 Elkins Way #A, Brentwood, California, 94513.

are making tremendous progress as we move toward completing Phase 1 and welcoming students on campus," said DUSD Superintendent Chris Funk. "Staff and BHM Builders will be updating the board and the community on the

AIRPORT

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of trying to have dropdowns because then you can perform statistical analyses," said Bertsch. "It's really hard to perform statistical analyses on paragraphs."

Pleasanton residents continued to generate the majority of complaints — about 70% — while Livermore residents filed 29% and Dublin the remainder.

"There's a lot in the eastern side of Pleasanton, just off of Stoneridge, which is where our prevailing winds caused departures to go," explained Bertsch. "Then, when we flip the runways and something different happens, we get an increased number of complaints. Oddly enough, we also see an increased number of complaints west of the airport when we're landing east."

With winds generally coming from the west at Livermore, and a strong preference for planes to land and takeoff into the wind, aircraft tend to depart to the west and arrive from the east on the airport's two parallel runways, according to a brochure provided by the airport.

But when winds blow out of the east, the situation reverses, and some aircraft arriving from the east must circle around south of the airport to set themselves up for their final approach on the Pleasanton side.

Although the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) controls the airspace above

Livermore and prevents the city from denying or limiting access to aircraft, the airport distributes information to pilots recommending arrival and departure routes that avoid residential areas. Livermore also implements a curfew — the city's Voluntary Restraint from Night Flying Policy — that encourages pilots to avoid flying between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

"As soon as an airplane takes off, it's in the National Airspace System — out of jurisdiction," said Commissioner Darin Bishop. "Really, if there's an airplane flying unsafely or creating a hazard to person or property on the ground, the FAA is the agency that should be contacted."

About 4.5% of the June complaints resulted from nighttime operations, down from 15.2% in May and 14.1% in April.

Flight instructor Keith Johns suggested at the meeting that Livermore improve its signage about noise-abatement procedures along its taxiways. He also proposed signs in the airport's run-up areas — the space where airplanes perform final system checks before taking off — which currently lack signs.

"Many of the piston transient pilots never even get out of the airplane," added Pete Sandhu, owner of Livermore's Five Rivers Aviation, emphasizing the need for signs targeted at taxiing aircraft.

VALLEY

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violators failed to see the intersection's stop signs. By bringing the corners closer toward the center, the city hopes to provide more visibility for the stop signs. The change will also reduce the distance required for pedestrians to cross.

But the new design will also remove the intersection's right-turn pockets, which previously allowed right-turning cars to bypass five to six cars stopped at the stop sign. Tiernan said that, on average, the pockets allowed those cars to turn 30 to 48 seconds sooner during peak hours.

A city webpage on the traffic changes explained, "Many of the safety improvements that are made in the city come at the cost of increased delay. Traffic signals and stop signs are

prime examples of safety improvements that increase delays. The removal of the right-turn pockets eliminates a lane that pedestrians must negotiate and reduces the total crossing distance."

The right-turn pockets, however, made no difference to vehicle-wait times during off-peak hours, according to Tiernan.

Traffic changes to another intersection — where Valley crosses Paseo Santa Cruz North — will begin on Sept. 15, also with video monitoring. Intended to capture the effects on school-year commute patterns, the city will place traffic cones there to reflect planned design changes.

Pleasanton, which experiences 10 to 15 pedestrian-vehicle collisions per year, ranks the intersection

Transient aircraft arrive at Livermore from other airports, whereas local aircraft are based at the airport. Out of the 16,968 landings and takeoffs at Livermore in June, about 33% were from transient aircraft.

Airport Manager Michael Musca responded that staff already had plans to install 4-by-10-foot signs elsewhere, reminding pilots of night-flying restrictions and noise-abatement procedures, and will consider Johns' suggestions.

Musca to Retire

Musca also announced a career update at the Aug. 7 meeting.

"I am going to be re-retiring," he said. "I've retired a few times, and I'm going to be retiring for good this time in September."

Musca's tenure at Livermore, which began in January, succeeded former Airport Manager Sean Moran, who himself only held the role for a little over a year.

"We completed the three projects that we started out with when I first took over," continued Musca, referring to the recently adopted Hangar Waitlist and Airport Development policies along with the airport's new noise-reporting system. "I just appreciate all the assistance that (the commission has) given me while I've been here, and all the input from the community. But (I'm) going back to retirement."

of Valley and Paseo Santa Cruz North as the third highest in the city, according to Tiernan. Only Rose Avenue at Main Street and Santa Rita Road at Valley Avenue rank higher.

All six accidents reported last year at the Paseo Santa Cruz North intersection consisted of vehicle-pedestrian collisions.

"If stop sign violations continue, staff will evaluate and propose additional/alternate modifications that can improve vehicle compliance, such as traffic signals, roundabouts, or raised intersections," wrote the city's website.

Traffic signals cost between \$750,000 and \$1 million to buy and install, said Tiernan, higher than the \$50,000 estimated cost of the proposed traffic changes.

IGNITION

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available following the July 30 experiment.

The December NIF experiment was historic in the sense that it was the first anywhere to achieve energy "gain" — to generate more energy than was required to trigger the fusion reactions.

Almost immediately, word of the achievement spread to an excited fusion research community and to the news media, leading to a deluge of publicity even before the U.S. Department of Energy held a press conference with senior Washington officials, as well as with LLNL managers and research leaders.

As a result, fusion energy enthusiasts began speculating that fusion-based power plants might soon be available for commercial energy purposes.

The scientists responsible for the NIF research were generally more cautious, however. In various briefings and interviews, they noted that NIF is not aimed at commercial energy and lacks many of the characteristics that a hypothetical power plan is likely

to require.

NIF is a defense project, a major component of LLNL's responsibilities under the U.S. Stockpile Stewardship Program for ensuring the safety and reliability of American nuclear weapons in the absence of full-scale nuclear testing.

NIF serves as a platform for carefully designed, high value experiments that may take place at intervals of days or even weeks using individually crafted targets.

By contrast, a hypothetical laser-based power plant would likely make use of the energy generated by a steady stream of small fusion explosions, several per second, around the clock.

For the sake of economical operation, targets filled with fusion fuel would need to be mass produced and inexpensive, and the laser would need to be extremely powerful, reliable, precise and capable of firing rapidly.

The necessary technologies may turn out to be feasible, but developing them will not be simple and in any case, that is not NIF's goal. LLNL director Budil and

others have insisted that while they are optimistic that fusion will eventually be harnessed, actual power plants are likely some decades in the future.

As for the details of the July 30 experiment, the Laboratory plans to release them in a manner consistent with the usual scientific process, according to a Laboratory spokesperson. That means careful analysis over a period of weeks and months followed by presentations to professional conferences and publication of technical articles in scientific journals.

In the excitement of last December's experimental results, that time-honored process was impossible to follow as news media rushed to publication with stories picked up from unidentified sources and from other news media.

Now, however, the Laboratory intends to return to the tradition of asking its scientists to present their findings first to an audience of peers, allowing the news media to pick up the story afterwards.

EMERALD

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the library and student union buildings; and myriad details from heating, ventilation and air conditioning and drywall installation to traffic lights and sidewalk improvements. Rojas said he has visited the site every two to three weeks and sees

improvements every time he goes.

The budget for Phase 1 is \$282 million, and so far, contractor BHM Construction is on time and on budget.

"While there is still much work to be done, we

progress at the Sept. 26 board meeting."

Emerald High athletic teams are also preparing for the new season. Freshman basketball, football, volleyball, tennis and golf teams have all begun forming.

Rojas said he and his

team have reached out to stakeholders in the community, ensuring needs are met and the process goes smoothly. His team of teachers are almost all voluntary transfers from within the district, a feat he is proud of.

"You want teachers who want to be part of the school," he said. "We have done a lot of work around staffing, and on top of teachers, we have fully staffed our office this coming year."

For more information, visit www.dublin.k12.ca.us.



The Little League 50/70 Intermediate World Series championship game at Max Baer fields in Livermore was held on Sunday, Aug. 6. USA champions Tampa Keystone representing the southeast, took on the West Seoul little league team representing Asia Pacific. Asia Pacific won 11-4. Top: Southeast third baseman Gavin McCaffrey tags out Asia-Pacific's Jiwoo Yoo. Above: After winning the championship, members of the Asia Pacific team bow to their families in recognition of their support. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



Aarnav Kannu, back row far left, a senior at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, visited Japan this summer as a member of Team California in the National Junior Olympics program. The California team competed against Japan and Canada in the selective program which chooses only 13 participants from each state to compete. Aarna spent 10 days immersed in the Japanese culture, staying with a host family. Team California, who represented the USA, beat both Japan and Canada in a dual meet. (Photo courtesy of Aarnav Kannu)

Bankhead to Screen ‘Elvis of Cambodia’ Documentary

The Bankhead Theater in Livermore will host the Northern California premiere of the documentary “Elvis of Cambodia” at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

The film is being presented by Mony Nop and Sophaline Mao, both Cambodian immigrants and members of the Mony Nop Team at Compass Real Estate in Livermore, in conjunction with Barang Films.

The feature-length film celebrates the life and legacy of Cambodia’s most famous singer, Sinn Sisamouth, who rose to fame in the 1950s and ‘60s.

Sisamouth was executed by the Khmer Rouge in 1976 along with an estimated 90% of the country’s performing artists during the Communist Party of Kampuchea’s brutal reign from 1974 to 1979. He was 43.

As Cambodian-Americans who were directly impacted by the genocide, Nop and Mao said they felt obligated to bring the documentary film to Livermore.

“Music serves as a connector across cultures and stretches beyond language,” Nop said, adding that “Elvis of Cambodia” is not only a film about Sisamouth, but “the plight of the Cambodian identity, our rich history

of music and resilience as a community to carry on this legacy.”

Nop also serves as an Ambassador of the Arts for the Bankhead Theatre.

The screening will be followed by a Q&A with the film’s director, Chris Parkhurst, who said he learned about Sisamouth and his legacy while working on another documentary

in Cambodia. Parkhurst said the Khmer people “spoke of [Sisamouth’s] music bringing them back to happier times when Cambodia experienced peace and prosperity.”

Tickets range from \$25 to \$50, with discounts for students, seniors, and active members of the military, and are available online at livermorearts.org.



ROBBERY

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gan June 2 when prosecutors in Price’s office filed robbery and assault with firearm charges against Colby Berry, a 21-year-old Fremont resident suspected of robbing two women at the Arroyo Park Shopping Center on First Street near Las Positas Road.

Police raced to the shopping center at 5:00 that evening responding to numerous reports of a man assaulting a woman and trying to take her purse, said Azenith Smith, a Livermore police spokesperson.

The woman fought back in a 30-second struggle that would send her to the doctor for sutures, police said. After attacking her, the assailant robbed another woman of her purse at gunpoint, jumped into a car and sped away.

Detectives quickly identified Berry as a suspect. Not only was the crime captured on security video, but Berry was also on parole and his ankle monitor placed him at the scene.

With the help of Berry’s parole officer, Livermore detectives arrested him at the Oakland parole office on May 31. Investigators searched Berry’s home, finding a Glock handgun believed to have been used in the robberies, Smith said.

At the time police announced Berry’s arrest, Young said he found it disturbing that Berry was already released from prison following a conviction for shooting at an inhabited dwelling in 2021. Young said he hoped the criminal justice system “would hold him accountable for his continued violence.”

In his letter to Price, Young said Berry’s alleged robberies “shock the conscience of our community.”

“If you break down the facts, they’re egregious,” Young told The Independent. “I mean, the fact that he’s on parole for a prior shooting, wearing an ankle monitor, and then goes out and commits two more crimes. I think the facts of this case cry out for more severe consequences.”

In addition to the robbery and assault counts, prosecutors charged Berry with being a felon in possession of a firearm and carrying a concealed weapon. A conviction would serve as a second strike under the state’s “three strikes law,” which can result in a career criminal sent to prison for 25 years to life.

In a July 6 letter, Young encouraged Price to add use-of-gun and “career criminal” enhancements. The enhancements would up his potential sentence if convicted from 13 years in prison to 25 years, Young said.

“The thing about the 13 years — it’s very misleading,” Young told The Independent. “Thirteen years is the maximum exposure under the current proposal, but we all know that nobody really serves that much of the term. Usually, they come up with some plea deal that’s somewhere in the middle, and so once you do all that, a 13-year exposure really equals a year or two in custody.”

In his letter to Price, Young said Berry’s alleged offenses were “exactly why enhancements exist.”

“His history of violence involving firearms, general disregard for the law, callousness toward members of our community, and the unlawful use of a firearm justify the use of enhancements as necessary tools to safeguard the public against an individual who poses a clear danger to their safety,” Young wrote.

In her written response released to The Independent, Price said the state legislature gave prosecutors the discretion to file enhancements while considering the “interests of

justice” in determining whether they were appropriate. Price said Berry’s previous conviction was his first as an adult and he would face a parole violation in addition to the 13 years, she said.

During her campaign for district attorney in 2022, Price championed herself as a defense and civil rights attorney who would bring necessary reform to the office from the outside. Price said she opposed the death penalty and life sentences that did not give defendants the opportunity for parole. Everyone, she said, should have a chance at release.

Price also opposed enhancements, saying they disproportionately affected people of color and resulted in mass incarceration. She reiterated that in her letter to Young, saying overuse of enhancements has resulted in Alameda County “having the fifth largest county jail in the country.”

“There is no compelling evidence that enhancements improve public safety,” Price wrote. “Numerous studies suggest exactly the opposite. In fact, one study found that each additional sentence year enhancement causes a 4% to 7% increase in recidivism that eventually outweighs any benefit.”

She added that a UCLA study in 2022 found that 70% of the people serving life without parole (LWOP) enhancement sentences in Alameda County are Black, “while we are less than 10% of the county’s population.” She added that 7% of those serving LWOP sentences are white, although whites comprise 40% of the population.

“What we have learned is that enhancements may feed the revolving door of crime, clearly contribute to racial injustice and siphon our public resources, making it more difficult to invest in interventions addressing the root causes of harmful behavior.”

In April, Price issued a memo prohibiting prosecutors from filing enhancements against defendants in “an effort to bring balance back to sentencing and reduce recidivism.” Price allowed for exceptions on a case-by-case basis “involving the most vulnerable victims and in specified extraordinary circumstances.”

Young said he was disappointed with Price’s decision on Berry. The chief said he plans to monitor Berry’s case through the court process and do what he can to advocate for public safety.

“The frustrating part is these laws are on the books,” Young said. “They should be prosecuted, and especially in a case where there’s extreme violence and especially two separate crimes in a fairly short period of time. I’m just worried

that if we don’t hold him accountable at this point, there’s going to be more victims.”

Since her election, Price has shaken up the DA’s office and become a controversial figure. Price fired some prosecutors, while others quit. She reopened police shooting cases deemed justified by her predecessor, including one in Pleasanton, and dropped the special circumstances allegations against two men charged with killing 23-month-old Jasper Wu on the 880 Freeway in Oakland in 2021.

Price also angered Lorie Mohs, the mother of 26-year-old loss prevention officer Blake Mohs, who was shot to death when he tried to stop a suspected shoplifter Benicia Knapps at the Home Depot store in Pleasanton in April. Price’s office charged Knapps with murder but did not add enhancements or special circumstances allegations. Although Knapps could potentially spend the rest of her life behind bars, the lack of special circumstances allegations means she will have a chance at parole if convicted. The lack of enhancements means that chance would come sooner rather than later.

Mohs, speaking at a House Judiciary Committee hearing on retail theft in June, criticized Price without using her name when asked by Tri-Valley Congressman Eric Swalwell if she wanted to use the public forum to comment on the prosecutors in her son’s case. Mohs responded that her son’s alleged killer was not charged appropriately.

“We should be charging the case based on facts and not on personal opinion or personal agenda,” Mohs said. “By not charging the (gun enhancement), Benicia Knapps will serve much less of a sentence and the DA’s Office refuses to do so. It’s not fair that we have to be victimized again to fight for our child and to fight for justice and the right things to happen in court.”

In July, a group calling itself Save Alameda for Everyone (SAFE), registered papers with the Alameda County Registrar of Voters to seek an election to recall Price.

In her letter to Young, Price said she would continue to pursue policies “that are consistent with our professional judgment.”

“While there may be some people who disagree with our evaluation of the evidence, our analysis of the facts of a case or our decisions, they are ours to make,” Price wrote. “We hope you will afford us the same respect as all the other public servants who came before us. We are the lawyers for the people.”

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 599217

The following person(s) doing business as: sweet Grotto Networking, 41095 Canyon Heights Drive, Fremont, CA 94539 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Greg Bernstein, 41095 Canyon Heights Drive, Fremont, CA 94539. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 3/31/2004. Signature of Registrant/s/: Greg Bernstein, Chief Consultant. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 10, 2023. Expires July 9, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5547. Published July 20, 27, August 3, 10 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 599127

The following person(s) doing business as: Janitech, 5642 Owens Drive, Apt. 102, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jordani Chavarria, 5642 Owens Drive, Apt. 102, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 11/15/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jordani Chavarria, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 5, 2023. Expires July 4, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5548. Published July 20, 27, August 3, 10 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 599161

The following person(s) doing business as: Strategic Automotive Partners, 8040 Mtn. View Dr., Unit# A, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): John, J. Schiavo Jr., 8040 Mtn . View Dr., Unit# A, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: John J. Schiavo Jr., President, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 5, 2023. Expires July 4, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5549. Published July 20, 27, August 3, 10 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 599294

The following person(s) doing business as: The Stone Queens, 648 Division Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Yvette Helmers, 648 Division Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Yvette Helmers, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 12, 2023. Expires July 11, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5550. Published July 20, 27, August 3, 10 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 599268

The following person(s) doing business as: Agave Uptown, 2135 Franklin St., Oakland, CA 94612 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kely R. Bautista Lopez, 332 Chester St., Oakland, CA 94607. 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/: Kely R. Bautista Lopez, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 11, 2023. Expires July 10, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5551. Published July 20, 27, August 3, 10 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 599135

The following person(s) doing business as: The Golden State Research Company, 2025 Dahlia CMN, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Vladimir Kozin, 2025 Dhalia CMN, 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: 7/3/2018. Signature of Registrant/s/: Vladimir Kozin, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 5, 2023. Expires July 4, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5552. Published July 20, 27, August 3, 10 2023.

STATEMENT OF
ABANDONMENT OF USE OF
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
ORIGINAL FILE NO. 590277

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s): 1. Rhythmic Innovation LLC; 2. Drum Innovation; 3. Livermore Drum Circle, 3073 Talinga Dr., CA 94550. The fictitious business name statement was filed on July 8, 2023 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Jennifer Madrigal, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 13, 2023. The Independent, Legal No. 5553. Published July 20, 27, August 3, 10, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 598458

The following person(s) doing business as: Pacific Construction, 871 Del Norte Drive, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jared Vick, 871 Del Norte Drive, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jared Vick, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 6, 2023. Expires June 5, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5554. Published July 20, 27, August 3, 10 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 599256

The following person(s) doing business as: Bodhi Montessori, 1320 Carlton Place, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bodhi Montessori, 1320 Carlton Place, 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: 4/15/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Varshini Kannan, Director. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 11, 2023. Expires July 10, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5555. Published July 20, 27, August 3, 10 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 599413

The following person(s) doing business as: Myers Custom Woodworking Unlimited, 318 D Street, Fremont, CA 94536 is hereby registered by the

following owner(s): Chris Myers, 318 D Street, Fremont, CA 94536. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Christopher Myers, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 18, 2023. Expires July 17, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5556. Published July 27, August 3, 10, 17, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 599235

The following person(s) doing business as: Lil Nice Things, 893 Arlington Ave, Oakland, CA 94608 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ana Soto, 893 Arlington Ave, 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: 2/8/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ana Soto, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 10, 2023. Expires July 9, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5557. Published July 27, August 3, 10, 17, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 599442

The following person(s) doing business as: Johnny's Handyman Service, 4604 Kimberley COMM, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jonathan Mora, 4604 Kimberley COMM, 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 Mora, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 19, 2023. Expires July 18, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5558. Published July 27, August 3, 10, 17, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 599350

The following person(s) doing business as: Oldcastle Infrastructure, 7000 Central Parkway, Suite 800, Atlanta, GA 30328 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Oldcastle Infrastructure, Inc., 7000 Central Parkway, Suite 800, Atlante, GA 30328. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/18/2018. Signature of Registrant/s/: Brendan Lonergan, CFO/Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 14, 2023. Expires July 13, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5559. Published August 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 599962

The following person(s) doing business as: Flowstate Design Build, 1300 Bates Rd, Oakland, CA 94610 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Josiah Berkov-Kemp, 4627

Allendale Ave, Oakland, CA 94619. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/26/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Josiah Berkov-Kemp, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 27, 2023. Expires July 26, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5560. Published August 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 599520

The following person(s) doing business as: Edka Dental Solutions LLC, 25369 Ironwood Court, Hayward, CA 94545 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Edka Dental Solutions LLC, 25369 Ironwood Court, Hayward, CA 94545. This business is conducted by a Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: NA. Signature of Registrant/s/: Edris Kareemzadeh, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 24, 2023. Expires July 23, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5561. Published August 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 598954

The following person(s) doing business as: Authentic Consulting, 728 Hattan Drive, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Melanie V. Rail, 728 Hattan Drive, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: NA. Signature of Registrant/s/: Melanie V. Ramil, Founder and Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 26, 2023. Expires June 25, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5563. Published August 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 599307

The following person(s) doing business as: Periwinkle Littles, 1613 Call of the Wild Court, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Periwinkle Littles,, 1613 Call of the Wild Court, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: NA. Signature of Registrant/s/: Angela Tressler, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 12, 2023. Expires July 11, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5564. Published August 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 599456

The following person(s) doing business as: Blue Tiger Brand, 1757 Altamar Way, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jonathan Biehl, 1757 Altamar Way, 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: NA. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jonathan Biehl, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 19, 2023. Expires July 18, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5565. Published August 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 599769

The following person(s) doing business as: B5 Soccer Academy, 4463 Bush Circle, Fremont, CA 94538-5993 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Alessandro Mikael Biscocho, 4463 Bush Circle, Fremont, CA 94538-5993. 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: NA. Signature of Registrant/s/: Alessandro Mikael Biscocho, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 2, 2023. Expires August 1, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5566. Published August 10, 17, 24, 31, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 599673

The following person(s) doing business as: Hearts and Horseshes Riding and Rescue, 455 Olivina Avenue, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Donna Costa, 1001 Goecken Road, 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: 7/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Donna Costa, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July, 28, 2023. Expires July 27, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5567. Published August 10, 17, 24, 31, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 599715

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Aiden by Best Western@Berkeley; 2. Aiden @Berkeley, 1499 University Ave, Berkeley, CA 94702 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Berkeley Hospitality, LLC, 109 John ST., Salinas, CA 93901, CA . 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: 4/8/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Alessandro Jiten Jadav, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 31, 2023. Expires July 30, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5568. Published August 10, 17, 24, 31, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 599759

The following person(s) doing business as: KLHB Boutique Psychotherapy, 1311 Park ST #1161, Alameda, CA 94501 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kamila Houston Baker, 2215 Santa Rita ST., Oakland, CA 94601. 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: NA. Signature of Registrant/s/: Kamila Houston Baker, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 1, 2023. Expires July 31, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5569. Published August 10, 17, 24, 31, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 599791

The following person(s) doing business as: Sunshine Therapy Spa, 3427 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland, CA 94602 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Yanqiu Sun, 1301 View Dr., San Leandro, CA 94577 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: 8/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Yanqiu Sun, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 2, 2023. Expires August 1, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5570 Published August 10, 17, 24, 31, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 599817

The following person(s) doing business as: CAL Automotive Tech (CA), 508 East Lewelling Blvd, San Lorenzo, CA 94580 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): CAL Automotive Tech, 1721 McKinnon Ave, San Francisco, CA 94124. 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: 8/3/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Donald Tram, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 3, 2023. Expires August 2, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5572. Published August 10, 17, 24, 31, 2023.

STATEMENT OF
ABANDONMENT OF USE OF
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
ORIGINAL FILE NO. 570841

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s). CAL Automotive Tech, 508 East Lewelling Blvd, San Lorenzo, CA 94580. The fictitious business name statement was filed on June 19, 2020 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by an Individual. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Donald Tram, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 3, 2023. The Independent, Legal No. 5573. Published July 20, 27, August 3, 10, 2023.

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Sacred Fire, a returning Bay Area favorite, will bring Carlos Santana’s sound in the next-to-last concert of the Livermore Cultural Arts Council’s “Tuesday Tunes” on Aug. 15 at 6:45 p.m. on the Shea Homes Stage in front of the Bankhead Theater. Their performances are a reflection of Santana’s music, capturing the soulful rhythms and fiery energy from “Black Magic Woman” to “Smooth.” Come early as the audience is expected to be large. Shea Homes is the major sponsor, with additional funding from Fremont Bank, UNCLE Credit Union, Uncle Yu’s and The Independent. (Photo courtesy of Lynn Seppala)

Author to Discuss 1970s Sailing Adventure that Began in Alameda County



J.R. Roessl

J.R. Roessl, author of “Unmoored: Coming of Age in Troubled Waters,” will discuss her family’s three-year adventure aboard a 40-foot schooner during the turbulent 1970s at the Civic Center Library in Livermore at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 27.

Roessl grew up in Oakland and spent nearly a decade, from the time she was 7 until she was 16, helping her father build the schooner in a borrowed barn

in Livermore after school, on weekends, and during summer vacations.

In December 1969, the schooner, christened Heritage, sailed out of the Pacific Marina in Alameda on the first leg of the family’s around-the-world venture.

Set against a backdrop of the tropics and a host of colorful characters, “Unmoored” is a coming-of-age story as Roessl, her parents and three sisters, face personal challenges and barely

avoid disaster as they hopscotch from port to port.

Goodreads describes the book, published in May, as “a story of adventure, revelation, and ultimately redemption.”

Rossel also traveled the world as a model and commercial actor, before settling in the Hudson Valley of New York to raise her family. She now lives with her husband and daughter in Pittsburgh.

She is a graduate of New York University, where she

studied creative writing.

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Park District Adopts Police, Fire Public Information System

The East Bay Regional Park District has adopted a new system to make information about police and fire activity more accessible to the public.

The system integrates the district’s existing Public Safety Computer Aided

Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) with the Records Information Management Systems offered by California-based Sun Ridge Systems, which is used by many California law enforcement and emergency response

agencies.

The system includes an interactive webpage with near real-time mapping of police and fire activity in district parks, including location, date and time, a general description, and outcome. It also allows the

public to sign up for daily or weekly email updates with a summary of public safety activity and links to more information.

To learn more about the system and to sign up for updates, go to ebparks.org/public-safety/activity.

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Hope Hospice Program Covers Introduction to Grief

Hope Hospice, a Dublin-based nonprofit that provides hospice services for patients with terminal illnesses, is offering a monthly 90-minute program for friends and family members, Introduction to Grief.

The program is free and offered online via Zoom.

Hope Hospice said the program covers various ways that people commonly express their grief, and the way grief can affect a person emotionally, physically, mentally, and spiritually.

“Learning a bit about the grief process can help a person understand that the varying emotional response they are experiencing following a significant loss is normal, and they are not alone,” according to the nonprofit.

Call 925-829-8770 for dates and times for the program and to obtain the Zoom link.

Hope Hospice also hosts online grief support groups for adults who have lost a loved one, including a child or spouse.

The next general grief support group will meet virtually from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays from Sept. 18 through Nov. 6.

A virtual support group for those who have lost a child, and a support group for those who have lost a spouse or partner, will meet from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays from Sept. 19

through Nov. 7.

All Hope Hospice support services are free. Call 925-829-8770 during normal business hours to register for one of the support groups.

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