

The HCD Calls For Housing Element Edits

Planning Commission Accepts the Revisions

By David Jen

PLEASANTON — An April 10 letter from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) marked the latest update in the Housing Element back-and-forth begun last August between the state and the city. The Planning Commission accepted the state’s changes in hope of state certification soon.

The letter outlined further revisions necessary for the city to substantially comply with state housing law. Revisions included additional incentives for lower-income units to encourage more affordability, and a more detailed discussion of the city’s water-supply strategy, given its recent forever-chemical issues. Another revision included the suspension of negotiations for public amenities – such as parks – for projects that aim to build out at full density. By accepting this change, the city gives away the option to get something in return when a builder wants to build to the max density.

“We had hoped that our adopted document would not have any comments back from the state, but this is part of the process,” said

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Resident Wins International Film Awards

By Dawnmarie Fehr

PLEASANTON — One Pleasanton woman used the downtime brought on by the pandemic to get creative and make her first movie. And the world is taking notice.

“Hearing Voices,” a 24-minute film about a schizophrenic woman battling the destructive voices in her head, has won awards



Debra Knox

from film festivals around the globe, including the New York International Women Festival, the Fierce Women Festival of Paris, the Berlin Shorts Awards, and the San Francisco International Film Awards.

Debra Knox said receiving validation for her work is both exhilarating and nerve-wracking. When participating in film festival contests, she explained that the process entails constantly checking emails for possibly exciting or disappointing news. However, she has come to rely on the strength she’s found through practicing Buddhism.

Knox, 65, said she is finally old enough to recognize she is good enough and wants to pass that message on through her art.

“If I could leave one message for everyone,” she said, “it’s that you are enough – we are enough – and don’t take ‘no’ for an answer.”

An avid writer since childhood, Knox has written

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Penny Branter smells the fragrant roses at the 83rd Annual Rose Show on Saturday, May 13 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. The event was sponsored by the City of Pleasanton and Compass Real Estate. All proceeds from the event benefit Sunflower Hill, an affordable housing and program organization for adults with disabilities. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Climate Plan Adopted to Reduce Emissions

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — The Alameda County Board of Supervisors last week adopted an aggressive climate

action plan that aims to achieve carbon neutrality in county operations by 2045.

Approved May 9, the plan includes transitioning to all-electric buildings and vehicles; expanding virtual services so employees can work remotely by reducing the need for residents and clients to travel to county offices; consolidating county functions to avoid wasting electricity, gas and water in underused county buildings; purchasing carbon-free renewable electricity; using renewable diesel in vehicles that do not have electric alternatives; and by supporting a policy of “reuse, repair, redistribution.”

a statement. Nately’s district includes parts of Pleasanton and Sunol.

“From blocked roads to health issues, the communities we serve as well as our workforce are affected by climate change.”

— County Administrator Susan Muranishi

“We’ve learned from over a decade of climate leadership that by working with our partners, we can develop creative solutions that improve quality of life for county residents,” Board President Nate Miley said in

fect by climate change. We hope business and local organizations will join us in quickly transitioning to a low-carbon future.”

The plan comes four years after the Board of Super-

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Cities Look to Mitigate Climate Hazards

By David Jen

REGIONAL — The entire population of the Tri-Valley is potentially exposed to direct damage from earthquakes or indirect impacts, such as business interruption, road closures and loss of function of utilities, according to the latest draft of the Tri-Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan.

For example, about 37,000 people in Dublin live on soil identified by the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program as higher-risk. Roughly \$8.1 billion worth of building structures and \$5.7 billion worth of building contents in the city are also exposed to earthquake risk, for a total of \$13.8 million.

Similarly, the plan estimated that about 69,000

people in Livermore and 54,000 people in Pleasanton are living in these higher-risk areas, with \$19.5 billion and \$23.6 billion in total exposed building value each, respectively.

The draft of the plan represents a joint effort between the cities of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, and the Dublin San Ramon Services District. It updates the previous version of the Tri-Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan adopted in 2018 and will remain open for public comment until May 22. The draft identifies the causes and mitigations to both natural and human-triggered hazards in the Tri-Valley, such as the failure of the Del Valle Dam, wildfires, floods and earthquakes. Residents may provide comments online at bit.ly/indy_tvhmp_comment.

“The Hazard Mitigation Plan is one of the tools in emergency management that identifies hazards and looks for ways to minimize, reduce, or eliminate that hazard’s risk to a planning area,” according to a press release from the City of Dublin.

The plan’s partners contracted with Pasadena-based consulting and engineering firm Tetra Tech to complete the 2023 update. Tetra Tech also completed the 2018 plan.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires jurisdictions to analyze natural hazards, create plans to minimize those hazards, and update those plans every five years to be eligible for federal hazard mitigation assistance.

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One Nation Dream Makers

Nonprofit Seeks More Funding

By Ruth Roberts

LIVERMORE — Since 2017, One Nation Dream Makers (ONDM) has worked to feed Tri-Valley residents in need – providing sustenance and buoying souls through the organization’s efforts to end hunger in Alameda County. Now, the nonprofit organization is in need of some assistance itself.

With COVID-19 federal funding depleted, and a \$2 million grant from Congressman Eric Swalwell’s office not due to arrive for a few months, the group is looking for ways to meet their immediate financial needs.

“We are at a scary point right now,” said Ronnie

Forbes, ONDM founder. “We had anticipated those funds being disbursed earlier, so what we are doing now is getting some support from individuals who believe in our vision and are helping us along the way. We are also going to be talking to some local organizations. We just want to continue the miracle.”

The empty firehouse on College Avenue in Livermore, “The Hub,” as it is called, provides a warehouse for ONDM’s food distribution. Hundreds of boxes loaded with produce, dairy, beef and non-perishable items are packaged for distribution throughout the Tri-Valley. During the height

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Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert, left, helps One Nation Dream Maker Founder Ronnie Forbes, right, pack food boxes at the organization’s warehouse in Livermore.

(Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Facing Two Nuclear Peers, the U.S. Must Revise Its Strategy

By Jeff Garberson

REGIONAL — China’s rise to join Russia as a nuclear power hostile to the United States is creating a strategic challenge that the U.S. must plan for promptly and at many levels, according to a study published recently by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory’s think tank, the Center for Global Security Research (CGSR.)

Never before has the U.S. faced “two major power adversaries armed with large and diverse nuclear forces” that can also challenge it with conventional forces, the study says.

Although not formally allied, Russia and China are “bound together by a hostility to U.S.-led global and regional orders,” according to the study.

They are “armed with many new weapons, nuclear and otherwise, as well as new ideas about how to utilize them to break U.S. alliances and the U.S. will to defend its interests and thereby defeat the United States.”

Titled, “China’s emergence as a second nuclear peer: Implications for U.S.

nuclear deterrence strategy,” it is sometimes called the “Two Peer” study. It has attracted serious interest in today’s tense international environment, according to CGSR director Brad Roberts.

Roberts chaired the 18-member study, a bipartisan group of knowledgeable defense experts from around the U.S. and from allied countries. He has briefed audiences in the UK, Japan and South Korea on its findings and will soon return to Europe for more briefings in London and at NATO headquarters in Brussels.

He summarized the Two-Peer study recently in an online talk to a Laboratory audience.

To start with, he said, the world today is experiencing a shift in its security environment comparable in magnitude to that which occurred 30 years ago at the end of the Cold War.

Events in the early 1990s, including the fall of the Soviet Union, led to the relaxation of tensions and steps toward east-west cooperation.

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Kevin Kiyoi Named 2022 PUSD Teacher of the Year

PLEASANTON — Amador Valley High School computer science teacher Kevin Kiyoi was recently named Pleasanton Unified School District’s (PUSD) 2022 Teacher of the Year.

“Congratulations to Mr. Kiyoi on this well-deserved honor for his incredible work with students both inside and outside the classroom,” said PUSD Superintendent Dr. David Haglund. “His dedication to students is evident in the nationally recognized Girls Who Code chapter he’s helped lead (along with) his work to reach under-represented groups in computer science and the individual achievements of the students that benefit from his pedagogy.”

Kiyoi has served PUSD for 20 years as a math and computer science teacher at Amador Valley High School. He is currently the lead teacher for Amador’s Instructional and Communication Technology Career Technical Education (CTE) pathway, mentoring new

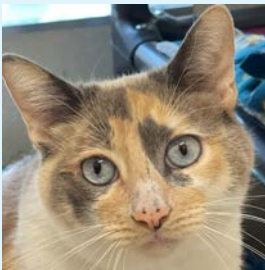
computer science teachers and leading CTE collaboration across the district.

He has also served as the advisor for the Amador Valley Chapter of Girls Who Code. This year, the Amador Girls Who Code chapter hosted their 4th annual summit, which was attended by 150 grade school students in addition to 50 high school and 10 adult mentors. Under Kiyoi’s leadership, the chapter is pushing beyond its initial purpose of closing the gender-gap in computer science to reach under-represented student groups by hosting Family Coding Nights and other events with PUSD’s African American Network, Latino Family Network and more.

“Walk into Kevin’s classroom, and you are immediately struck by students’ engagement,” said Amador Valley High School teacher Tony Dennis. “Kevin has designed a space and a practice where students feel safe and comfortable engaging with

(See TEACHER, page 7)

PET OF THE WEEK



DUMPLING

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(Photo - Valley Humane Society)

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Local residents enjoy learning about the science of bubbles at Stockmen's Park in Livermore on Saturday, May 13, during the Bubble Bonanza. The free event was open to the public and sponsored by Quest Science Center. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Local Woman Changing Lives One Canine Companion at a Time

By Dawnmarie Fehr

For those who struggle with physical or mental disabilities, independence can seem like an elusive dream. But for many, service dogs can help bridge the gap.



Tina Mancebo, seen here with some of her charges, works for the Nonprofit Canine Companions (CC). The Pleasanton resident is a breeder caretaker for golden retrievers. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Nonprofit Canine Companions (CC) has offered service dogs to adults, children and veterans at no cost since its inception in 1975. The national organization has chapters in all 50 states, with volunteers who care for breeders and raise puppies before sending them on to professional training. Pleasanton resident Tina Mancebo fills the role of breeder caretaker, caring for golden retriever Yvette IV, and managing the care of her pregnancies and births. "Yvette is from Washington State," Mancebo said, noting the dog belongs to CC but lives with her full time. "Puppy raisers get puppies around seven or eight weeks old and keep the puppies for about 14 to 18 months and teach them about 30 commands. Then they go to one of our centers where we have trainers onsite, and the puppy starts what we call college or professional training in the hope they will graduate from the program and go to someone."

Mancebo said Yvette was being trained in Santa Rosa when she was selected as a breeder. Canine Companions contacted Mancebo to see if she would be interested in caring for Yvette while she was bred up to limb to children with autism spectrum disorder to diabetics who need help tracking their blood sugar levels. CC also partners with Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael. "If a dog seems like it would be better there, it will go," said Mancebo. "They try to partner with different organizations so that the dogs are placed successfully. Because we invest so much into these puppies, we try to place them where they might find success. If the dog is really motivated by scent, we may have them go to another organization to do a job like early alert for diabetics or bomb sniffing." Some of the common things CC dogs are trained for is opening and closing doors, getting a bottle of water, picking up dropped items like keys or pens, checking rooms for a person with post traumatic stress disorder, or alerting deaf owners when someone rings the doorbell or says their name. CC also trains facility dogs for professionals working in healthcare, criminal justice and educational settings. Michelle Kelsey and Sue Guzman are longtime volunteers and supporters of CC. The two women have raised 15 puppies since 2000 and recently became breeder caretakers. Kelsey also serves as a Puppy Pal Mentor. "For first time puppy raisers, there's a lot to learn," said Kelsey. "So, we assign an experienced puppy raiser to the new folks as a mentor. So, in addition to the puppy we are raising, I do puppy mentoring." Guzman serves as co-president of the CC San Francisco South Bay chapter and helps run the annual Putting for Pups Golf Tournament held each spring in conjunction with the CC San Francisco East Bay Chapter. The tournament, held this year on May 19, will have golf, an online auction, and

Livermore Library Set to Host Children's Carnival

The Livermore Public Library will host a free children's carnival at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., on Saturday, June 10, to kick off its Summer Reading Program. The carnival, sponsored by the Friends of the Livermore Public Library will run from noon to 3 p.m. and include games, free ice cream, and a performance by the Slim Chance Circus at 12:30 p.m. Following the show, children will have an opportunity to learn plate spinning, juggling, and other circus skills. Children who register for the Summer Reading Program will also receive a free book. The library hosts a Summer Reading Program for all age levels, including a program for parents to read to their babies. Participants log their reading online

to earn badges and other prizes. The library's goal is for the community to log 3 million minutes of reading this summer. For more information, call 925-373-5500 or go to library.livermoreca.gov.

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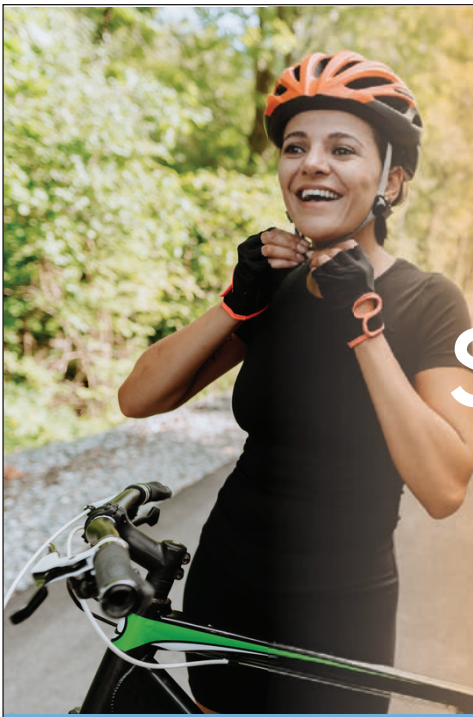
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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LIVERMORE NEIGHBORS ABOUT TINY HOMES.

AS WE HAVE NOT BEEN ALLOWED TO SPEAK TO YOU DIRECTLY, WE
HAVE CHOSEN TO REACH YOU IN THIS PUBLIC MANNER.

HELP THE HOMELESS? YES! – THIS LOCATION? VOTE NO!

VOTE NO – To a community of 16 tiny homes and associated administrative buildings on Asbury's back lot to provide housing to the chronically homeless. ***This is the wrong location.***

VOTE NO – To an untested experiment of Tiny Homes in the middle of an established residential neighborhood. This unproven model could have disastrous consequences for hundreds of neighbors and Livermore's school children. ***This is the wrong location.***

VOTE NO – Because if problems result from this project - crime, property damage, noise, an infiltration of unwanted visitors, the goodwill Asbury has built up in the community over the years will vanish. ***This is the wrong location.***

VOTE NO – To the cost at over \$200,000 per unit, which is a bad fiscal decision. This takes financial resources away from other projects that could help significantly more people. ***This is the wrong location.***

VOTE NO – To the financial risk that the church will bear if anything goes wrong with this project. ***This is the wrong location.***

VOTE NO – This well-intentioned project could relocate individuals who could come from anywhere in Alameda County. The 16 Tiny Homes residents would be chosen by a panel of reviewers who also do not reside in Livermore. It comes at a cost to hundreds of neighbors who do not support this project. ***This is the wrong location.***

VOTE NO – Because you want to help keep the children of Livermore safe. There are childcare facilities, pre-K, grade schools, a middle school, a high school, and our community center all within walking distance of the proposed site. ***This is the wrong location.***

VOTE NO – TO TINY HOMES, FOCUS ON SUCCESS – Fertile Groundworks is currently established and is a thriving venture that can be expanded to help support Livermore's growing homeless population by providing food supplies at established and sanctioned Homeless Resource centers. ***This is the wrong location.***

VOTE NO – Homeless statistics support that many of the residents will suffer from mental illness or have issues with drug and alcohol addiction. The Tiny Homes committee told us there is no exclusion or required treatment for your Tiny Homes residents. The behaviors associated with these conditions put our neighborhood at risk. ***This is the wrong location.***

VOTE NO – Because you understand that your decision impacts a neighborhood of people just like you who are simply trying to maintain the physical, emotional, and financial security of their homes and families. Would you be comfortable allowing a community of individuals with known mental health issues and addictions to move in next door? ***This is the wrong location.***

EDITORIAL Council Should Reject Commission's Recommendation

The Livermore Planning Commission’s May 2 decision to recommend that the city council alter the South Livermore Valley Specific Plan (SLVSP) to accommodate development of a 30-room hotel was wrong.

We believe the city council should reject the recommendation and send the hotel project back to the architect’s drawing board. While we support a long-desired Wine Country Inn, the SLVSP’s rules were not meant to be broken because a developer does not want to abide by them.

Entrepreneur Michelle Boss’s proposal to build the two-story hotel at Hansen and Arroyo roads would include a restaurant and bar, a caretaker’s house with a pool, a business center, meeting rooms and a parking lot. It would satisfy a vision for the area within the SLVSP, a document adopted more than 20 years ago to manage development while keeping the area’s rural feel.

The document includes design rules for structures, including the requirement that setbacks from roads are 100 feet. Boss’s hotel has a setback of 50 feet from Hansen Road.

Friends of South Livermore filed suit in Alameda County Su-

perior Court to stop the Inn as planned. Although a county judge rejected the group’s argument, California’s 1st District Court of Appeal agreed. The SLVSP, the court said, specifically demanded 100-foot setbacks. They overruled the city council’s approval and sent it back to the lower court. Boss told The Independent that she and the city would work together to figure out a solution.

Did Boss and city planners rework the design to create a 100-foot setback? No. Instead, the city staff suggested changing the language in the SLVSP to “clarify that the current zoning applies to the property and allows a 50-foot setback.” The planning commission approved that language and recommended the city council do so as well when it meets May 22. That would enable the hotel project to move forward as planned, despite the judge’s ruling.

We concur with a resident, who told the planning commission, “Rather than requiring the applicant to conform to the rules, the City is changing the (Specific Plan) to conform to the applicant’s plan.”

The city council should reject the new language, enforce the city’s own rules, and ask Boss to return with a hotel plan that meets them.

MAILBOX

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70-Foot Cell Tower in Mocho Park?

Patricia Moore, Livermore

The Livermore Planning Commission stamped approval for a cell tower in Mocho Park on April 18 that violates the city’s codes. This small park is bounded by Arroyo Mocho, Holmes Avenue and Mocho Street. The neighborhood consists of single level homes, four senior assisted living facilities, Eden housing for adults with special needs and a church with a nursery school for 2–5-year-old children.

A structure like a cell tower cannot exceed 35 feet according to the city’s code. A 70-foot tower is twice the allowable height. This is the height of a 6-7ft. story building.

Cell towers must be at least 200 feet from residences according to the code, but the planning commission approved a 145-foot distance in this Mocho Park neighborhood.

The proposed tower is supposed to be disguised as a tree but will be approximately twice as tall as any other tree in the park. The fake tree, surrounded by a 6 foot-plus utility fence at the base, will be a visually intrusive eyesore and destroy the character of the small park and the Arroyo trail that runs through it.

The visual blight of the

tower will negatively impact property values in the surrounding neighborhoods, reducing value by 10-20% according to realtors locally and in other parts of the country.

The shedding of toxic micro-plastic material from the fake tree may also eventually contaminate the Arroyo. This shedding aspect is the subject of a lawsuit in Lake Tahoe regarding tower roll-out around that pristine lake.

Local Mocho homeowners have filed an appeal with the city regarding the construction of this tower and there will be a hearing before the city council to address the code violations and related issues. The public will be able to speak out. The hearing date has not been determined at this point.

Progressive Livermore Council Actions Theodore Schaefer, Livermore

All new buildings in Livermore should be required to have roof-top solar installed during construction. Gas ovens and cook tops should be prohibited to achieve in-home healthier/cleaner air and reduce global air pollution.

All new residences should be required to have heating wire imbedded in at least 50% of their first floor concrete, reducing natural gas consumption, pollution, and its cost during our 6 months of winter. Currently, our roofs, walls, and windows are well insulated, so let’s finish the job of reducing costs to our residents.

Livermore should ban the sale of new gas-powered mowers and blowers to cut air pollution and noise. The city can do its part to reduce global air pollution and set an example for other cities to follow without waiting for the state to act someday.

Commercial landscapers should be required to use only electric battery mowers and blowers in order to cut air pollution, global warming, and noise pollution throughout the city.

Parcel Taxes

When new parcel taxes are proposed, they should be levied upon each and every rental apartment unit and single-family unit, not just once upon the landlord’s entire apartment complex. Whole apartment complexes in the city are considered just one parcel currently, so thousands of voters can vote without the dollar consequences falling upon them.

In addition, parcel taxes should fund only one subject matter at a time, not combinations, say, of school funding with parks funding.

Livermore apartment-dwelling voters would then be committed, not confused, about the proposition they are voting upon.

The tax would be lower on all dwelling units, both single family and rentals, thus fairer, more democratic and spread over the city’s entire population more evenly.

Many of the city’s landlords already pay far too little property taxes due to Prop 13. They would be motivated to approve/disapprove new taxes if the tax fell upon them for every rental unit.

Save the Date!!

Bernard Cabanne, Livermore

On May 22nd, the Livermore City Council will vote on an amendment to the South Livermore Valley Specific Plan (SLVSP). The amendment will reduce the setbacks on Hansen Road from a 100-foot setback planted in grapevines to a 50-foot setback that will include a parking lot, and a commercial dumpster. Why amend a Plan that took years to develop and has helped protect the vineyards for twenty years? The Court of Appeals ruled the planted setbacks are “fundamental, mandatory, and not open to the discretionary interpretation” of the City Council. These arbitrary changes are being made to accommodate a developer whose designs for a hotel do not fit the site.

When concerned residents questioned losing grapevines for a parking lot and a dumpster, a planning commissioner said grapevines can be planted elsewhere; there are many empty fields in South Livermore where grapes could be planted. Where? When? Planting vineyards elsewhere is not an acceptable solution. The Court of Appeals also ruled the grapevine setbacks are the ‘linchpin’ of the plan and necessary to “expand and protect viticultural acreage.”

In addition, we have many safety concerns about the entrance/exit planned for the hotel on Hansen Road, which is an extremely narrow residential street. Originally designed to create a rural landscape, some portions of Hansen Road do not have bike lanes or sidewalks on both sides. Hansen Road is particularly narrow where the entry/exit for the hotel is proposed because of a planted medium divide. Without sidewalks or bike lanes, the entrance/exit will create a dangerous situation and put the safety of our families at risk. The City Council needs to consider more appropriate and safer options for the entrance/exit for the hotel site and the adjacent commercial site at 5D1.

Why are the rules being changed to fit this hotel, rather than the hotel design being changed to fit the SLVSP? Why is preferential treatment being considered for this applicant? What other developers are going to ask for exemptions to the plan?

There are many ways the hotel design could be modified to conform to the SLVSP and could be modified to address safety issues.

Please contact the Mayor and the City Council and ask them to not approve the SLVSP amendments. mayormarchand@livermoreca.gov bkick@livermoreca.gov bbarrientos@livermoreca.gov

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Local Middle School Actor in Roald Dahl’s “Matilda The Musical” Eliana VandenHeuvel, Livermore

I am writing to share my excitement and invite our whole Tri-Valley community to support the upcoming production of Roald Dahl’s “Matilda The Musical”, in which I am fortunate to be a (small) part of the cast. As a middle school actor, I am thrilled to bring this captivating story to life alongside a talented group of over 60 (!) local students.

Roald Dahl’s “Matilda The Musical” is a heartwarming tale that embraces the anarchy of childhood, the power of imagination, and the inspiring story of a girl who dreams of a better life. It revolves around the life of Matilda, a little girl with astonishing wit, intelligence, and even some special powers. Despite facing cruelty from her parents and bullying from the terrifying headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, Matilda finds solace and strength in her schoolteacher, Miss Honey. Through her courage and cleverness, Matilda may just become the saving grace of her fellow pupils.

Being a part of this production has been an incredible experience for me and my fellow actors. It has allowed us to tap into our creativity, develop our acting skills, and forge lasting friendships.

The theater not only entertains but also educates, inspires, and unites communities. By attending local theater productions, our community members not only support the growth of the performing arts but also encourage the dreams and aspirations of young artists like me.

I wholeheartedly invite our community to join us and experience the magic of Roald Dahl’s “Matilda The Musical.” The performances will take place at the Bankhead Theater on

- Thursday, June 15 at 7 p.m.
- Friday, June 16 at 7p.m.
- Saturday, June 17 at 2p.m. and 7p.m.
- Sunday, June 18 at 2p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online at the Bankhead Theater website or at the box office. Your presence in the audience would mean the world to us, as it is the support of our community that encourages us to reach for the stars and pursue our passions. And, by attending the local theater, you are nurturing a thriving arts community within our town.

Livermore Has The Money

Doug Mann, Livermore

As reported in The Independent, Livermore has three agencies facing huge budget deficits: The City of Livermore, LVJUSD, and LARPD. They all need to go to the same single group of people for funding. Us. Livermore residents.

Considering their shared conundrum, I have been advocating that they work together instead of in isolation. It is encouraging to see that finally happening. Their

first stab at a proposal is a new tax and bond, which is not the right thing to do, but at least they’re talking.

There is a way to reduce the number of agencies facing financial hardship from three, down to two. It is not widely known that Livermore is the one participant that already has the money, if they would only be willing to do what it takes to actually use it. Before raising any new taxes, it is paramount that Livermore recover the \$20M per year that is currently proposed to build a future train from Stockton to Dublin.

The backstory on this is important. Livermore voters approved a sales tax increase in 2014 for BART to Livermore. When BART didn’t come, State legislation in 2017 (AB758) snatched the money to build the ill-conceived train. They snatched it again in 2021 (SB548) after they figured out the train’s construction plans were actually illegal, and the law was changed in an attempt to make it legal. It would still be an obscenely expensive train that hardly benefits Livermore residents.

Currently, our money is collected from us and just sits unspent. It should be put to use. To do so, our elected officials should immediately begin the process of drafting a new State bill to redirect these unused tax funds where they belong - in Livermore.

This \$20M per year would go a long way toward closing the City’s annual transportation budget deficit, and maybe close it completely. For the other two agencies, we should discuss and implement creative strategies as soon as we finish the job of recovering our sales tax money.

Let’s Meet the Goals of the Future John Stein, Former Livermore Councilmember

For many, Livermore is a special place. One of the things that makes it special is the wineries and vineyards that have been part of its history for the past 150 years. Thirty years ago, those agricultural areas and their unique soils were threatened by suburban sprawl. Livermore’s leader together with environmental groups, landowners, wineries and other local communities developed and adopted the South Livermore Valley Specific Plan.

As part of the plan, a requirement was put in place for a 100-foot setback and planted vines along major streets connecting the wineries. This was to preserve the attractive rural appearance of the area for future visitors. There was no intent to apply this 100-foot setback requirement to the side streets that would be built to serve the residential parts of the plan.

Residents near the proposed inn should realize the best way to maintain their attractive neighborhood is to support the building of this project. Expansion of tourist serving infrastructure is vital to the future financial success of the vineyards and wine industry in the area.

The Planning Commission decision to clarify and

uphold the intent of the original South Livermore Valley Specific Plan was correct. The City Council should now adopt the Planning Commission’s recommendation to meet the goals of the plan. This will help ensure that vineyards, wineries and other agricultural uses will be around for the next 150 years.

California’s Not So Super Supermajority Paul Stone, Dublin

Many years ago, I attended a town hall held by several Democrat politicians who at the time represented the Tri-Valley in Sacramento and locally. This was at a time when California Democrats did not yet have a supermajority in the state legislature and consequently were not able to raise taxes and pass bills on a whim.

The only thing I remember from that meeting was one of the Dems lamenting the inability of the legislature to raise taxes because of the 2/3rds rule to pass bills. That’s all the pols care about: more and more taxes equaling more and more power over our lives. They’ve had their supermajority for several years now. They’ve passed multitudinous bills that have driven this state into the ground.

I wish we could go back to the days when we had some relatively sane Dem politicians like Pat Brown, Gray Davis and so forth. Even Willie Brown had a modicum of common sense back in the day. The modern-day California Democratic Party is totally radicalized. Anyone who has lived in this state as long as I have (71) years knows how much this state has deteriorated. To deny this is just willful blindness.

Were it not for the ties that bind me here I would fain leave California in a New York minute. Oh well, I guess there is a certain nobility in going down with the ship. You can have my life jacket, Mr. Governor. (I just pray your magnificent mane doesn’t get too mussed up in the water.)

Save the South Livermore Plan

Peter Young, Livermore

On May 22nd, the City Council will consider an amendment to the South Livermore Valley Specific Plan (SLVSP) that will change the setbacks on Hansen Road from a 100-foot setback planted in grape vines, as upheld by the California Court of Appeals, to a 50-foot setback that will include a parking lot and a commercial dumpster, plus 20 feet of a hotel/restaurant building. In a single evening, the City Council will amend a Plan that took several years of discussions between wineries and residents to develop.

We will be told by the City Council that we need this hotel to save the vineyards. A recent study by UC Davis professors James T. Lapsley and Daniel A. Sumner entitled “Realizing the Heritage” (<https://growthzonesitesprod.azureedge.net/wp-content/uploads/sites/1763/2022/05/Realizing-the-Heritage-May-2022>).

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Senior Fitness Instructor Ronza Bargas Nominated for Silver Sneakers Award

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Senior fitness instructor Ronza Bargas works on building strength and community in her classes. As part of the network of Silver Sneakers instructors, Bargas teaches group classes to seniors at Livermore's 24-Hour Fitness, supporting mental and physical health. Last month, her students

nomination has been a wonderful gift for them to acknowledge they appreciate their instructor and their community. I am humbled and a little embarrassed, but I feel a lot of love and I'm thankful for it." Bargas said fitness has always been a part of her life. Growing up in an active family, she passed those

22,000 locations. Offerings include strength training, aerobic workouts and flexibility exercises designed specifically for the Medicare eligible population. Sue Baxter began attending Bargas's classes in 2018 and said she keeps returning each week for the fun, energetic atmosphere. "The music varies, and

philosophy. She said the group gets to know each other, celebrates victories, offers support during crises and builds friendships. "I feel much stronger and fitter since I've been participating in Ronza's class, and Ronza tells us every week we are all loved," Baxter said. "I wholeheartedly appreciate Ronza's dedication to our welfare and fitness and very much look forward to joining her class twice a week."

Bargas said some of her students have been with her since she started teaching in 2016. Like everything else, she shifted to virtual classes during the pandemic, offering her students and option to stay connected and active. When the Silver Sneakers classes were reinstated post-pandemic, only a few people attended initially. Now, Bargas said she's built the class up to over 50 students.

"We are building a community and that's big for me," she said. "I truly believe we are a family and watching them connect with each other has been truly amazing. ... we go to lunches and do fitness events and they are thriving. You can see them talk in class and before, they were nervous about being there, but they shared stories and connected and really came together for this nomination and I'm humbled by it."

Bargas teaches her Silver Sneakers classes at 24-Hour Fitness, located at 2650 Kitty Hawk Rd, Livermore. To check eligibility, visit

www.silversneakers.com. For more information on the Instructor of the Year program, visit www.instructorawards.silversneakers.com.



As part of the network of Silver Sneakers instructors, Bargas, shown at center wearing rabbit ears, teaches group classes to seniors at Livermore's 24-Hour Fitness. (Photo courtesy of Tivity Health)

came together to nominate her for the 2023 Silver Sneakers Instructor of the Year Award, and Bargas was recognized as a runner up out of 750 nominees. She said even though personal recognition is not her goal, she was happy to know her work positively impacted the lives of her students. "You know, you do this every day to make people feel better, not realizing how it makes you feel," Bargas, 57, said. "I've always been someone who gives and gives and never expects anything in return and this

traditions on to her children, and worked out at the gym in her spare time. One day, she heard the upbeat sounds of a Zumba class and was hooked. "I started taking Zumba, and a year and a half later I got my license to teach," Bargas said. "That was about 10 years ago and then a few years later, I started teaching Silver Sneakers." With online and inperson classes designed specifically for seniors, Silver Sneakers encourages its members to participate in health and fitness programs through a wide variety of activities in

we learn new dance-cardio routines regularly," Baxter said. "Ronza cares very much for her class participants, she greets everyone, introduces herself to new participants, motivates us as we exercise, ensures that everyone is doing ok during the class, and she has built a community by holding little class get togethers where we share snacks and get to know our classmates." Building a community founded on the common desire bringing all her seniors together – to stay active and healthy – is an important part of Bargas's

County Office of Education Recognizes Two Dublin Employees

Two Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) employees, Laura Larsen, a health services assistant at Frederiksen Elementary School, and Sean Adams, head custodian at Dublin Elementary School, have been named Classified Employees of the Year by the Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE).

DUSD said Larsen, a 10-year employee, "consistently goes above and beyond in her position to help the school's students, staff, and community," and cited her "collaborative approach to working with colleagues, teachers, families, and administration," including the challenge of students and staff returning to the classroom after the

COVID-19 pandemic while Frederiksen was an active construction site - an incredible accomplishment. DUSD said Adams, a 12-year employee, "displays an unwavering dedication to the Dublin Elementary community," including knowing all 800 students by name. It added that "the challenges of managing the maintenance

needs of an aging school facility are many, but [Adam's] proactive approach has him anticipating and addressing potential issues, so classroom environments are safe and functional for students and staff."

Larsen and Adams will have their names submitted by the ACOE for statewide recognition.

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

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

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Dublin Police to Join Night Out Events

Dublin Police Services will celebrate National Night Out, which encourages cooperation and community building between neighborhoods and law enforcement, on Tuesday, Aug. 1.

National Night Out was started by the National Association of Town Watch in 1984. It began by urging residents to leave porch lights on and has developed into neighborhood cookouts, parades, festivals and rallies, and community service events.

City, police, and Alameda County Fire Services officials will visit neighborhoods that register their events with Dublin police.

Tri-Valley Nonprofits Receive TVNF Grants

The Tri-Valley Nonprofit Fund (TVNF), a partnership between the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance (TVNPA) and the Community Health & Education Foundation (CHEF), both based in Livermore, has awarded a total of \$30,000 to 10 local nonprofit organizations.

TVNPA, which provides workforce development and organizational resources for other nonprofits, said the initial round of TVNF 2023

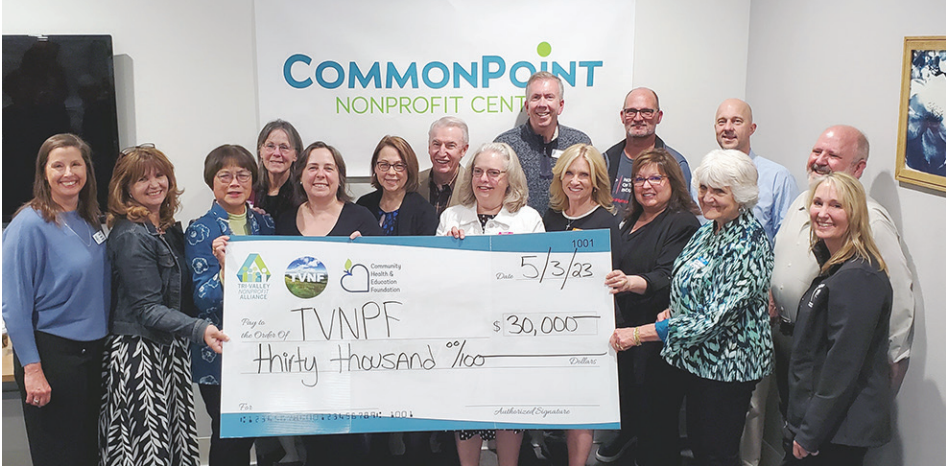
grants went to Allie’s Pals Cat Rescue, Culinary Angels, Eugene O’Neill Foundation Tao House, Hope Hospice, Little Miracles, Livermore Art Association, Robot Garden, San Ramon University Women AAUW, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and Sonrise Equine Therapy.

The amount each of the nonprofits received was not announced.

TVNPA began accepting applications for a second

round of grants this month.

“Each application cycle TVNPA receives more requests than we can fund,” said TVNPA CEO Kathy Young. “With all of the wonderful Tri-Valley organizations supporting the arts, education, health and human services, animal welfare, and the environment, it is becoming ever more challenging to make the selections.”



The Tri-Valley Nonprofit Fund (TVNF) recently awarded a total of \$30,000 to 10 local nonprofit organizations. (Photo courtesy of TVNF)

Miklos Receives DUSD Employee Award

Janice Miklos, a secretary at Dublin High School (DHS) and a Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) employee for 22 years, has been named the Teresa Harrington Memorial Award recipient for the 2022-2023 school year.

The award annually to a classified employee that

“exemplifies ... personal and professional integrity” and demonstrates “an unwavering dedication to the district and students of Dublin, tireless energy and enthusiasm, friendliness, being approachable and helpful in nature, and having a keen sense of humor,” according to a DUSD an-

nouncement.

“Janice is friendly, knowledgeable, capable, and always willing to jump in,” said DHS Principal Maureen Byrne. “She always has a smile on her face and greets every single person who comes to the office with kindness and respect. Students love her positive attitude. Staff love how friendly and helpful she is. [Administration] loves that she has connections with people all over the district.”

Miklos has been at DHS for four years. She started working for DUSD in Food Service in 2001 and worked in the district’s facilities department before taking on her current position.

The award is named for a former DUSD secretary who died in 2005.



Janice Miklos is the 2022-2023 Teresa Harrington Memorial Award recipient. (Photo courtesy of Dublin Unified School District)

4-H Members Create Hygiene Kits for Homeless

Members of the Dublin 4-H Club recently packaged 400 hygiene kits for the nonprofit CityServe of the Tri-Valley to distribute to local homeless residents.

As part of their Service Learning project, the 4-H

members held a book sale, bake sales, and a jewelry sale, and sold cans for recycling, to raise more than \$800, which they then used to buy personal hygiene products for the homeless. Each kit contained

a toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, hand wipes, body lotion, shampoo and conditioner, soap, and lip balm.

The 4-H members met on Friday, May 5, and Saturday, May 6, to create the kits, which took about three hours.

StopWaste to Accept Household Hazardous Waste

Alameda County residents can dispose of household hazardous waste for free, including batteries, motor oil, paint, and pesticides, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 21.

The one-day event is being sponsored by StopWaste, an agency of the Alameda County Waste Management Authority, Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board, and the Energy Council. Other materials accepted

for disposal include anti-freeze, solvents, herbicides, fluorescent lightbulbs, and pool chemicals.

For a complete list of materials and to make an appointment for disposal, go to stopwaste.org/hhw-pleasanton.

MAILBOX

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pdf) was commissioned by the Tri-Valley Conservancy and examines the history and prospects of the Livermore Valley wine industry.

The report describes that Livermore Valley wine industry is influenced by many factors beyond wine tourism. The authors point out issues such as the small amount of production relative to the rest of California (p. 38), the relatively low national recognition of Livermore as a wine growing region (p. 67), lack of a unique product relative to other wine growers in California (p. 113), and competition for tourism with other well-known wine-growing regions within a 2-hour drive from the Bay Area (p. 130).

The hotel will have only a small impact on direct-to-consumer sales. From Table 1.2 (p. 29), one can calculate the number of cases sold per year direct-to-consumer by Livermore wineries as less than 280,000 cases. A 30-room hotel that is booked fully for 365 days/year with each room purchasing 1 case gives less than 11,000 cases per year or less than 4% of the total, hardly enough to move the needle on direct-to-consumer sales.

Why then are the rules being changed to fit this hotel, rather than the hotel being changed to fit the SLVSP? What other developers are going to ask for exemptions to the SLVSP?

Please contact the Mayor and the City Council and ask them to not approve the SLVSP amendment: cityclerk@livermoreca.gov, mayormarchand@livermoreca.gov, bkick@livermoreca.gov, bbarrientos@livermoreca.gov, egbranning@livermoreca.gov, rwcaring@livermoreca.gov

God, Guns and Trump
Ramona Krausnick, Dublin

Recently I saw a photo in the national news showing a couple in a “red” state wearing a shirt with the words “God, Guns and Trump” while holding a rifle.

Amazing: to those who claim to be “God-fearing” and/or so-called “Christian,” where in the Bible (Old and/or New Testament) does the God of the Old Testament or Jesus in the New Testament tell people to carry a gun where and whenever they want and kill people?

Our daily shootings have turned this country into the Wild West of 200 years ago. The shootings will never end as long as the NRA exists, as long as Republican Congress persons accept money from the NRA and as long as certain governors say it’s OK to

carry a gun where and when one wants people will continue to be shot and it will be blamed on “mental illness.” Other countries have mental illness without the daily gun madness we have here. The NRA, spineless gun supporting Republicans and spineless certain governors are complicit in these murders. When will people wake up and realize who is actually responsible for the loss of those they love? “De Nile” (i.e., denial) is more than a river in Egypt.

Airport Policies Need to Change
Pam Alcaraz, Livermore

Your May 10, 2023 article, “Airport Policy Proposal Stirs Noise Concerns” by David Jen, highlighted some important Livermore Airport Citizen’s Group (LACG) concerns about the unrestrained expansion at the Livermore Airport. It also mentioned that Stephanie Egidio from the city manager’s office has been notified by concerned citizens having to live with the increased airport noise pollution every day and lack of transparency.

Here are some concerns, questions, and opinions for consideration:

Why not install noise monitoring equipment in areas with the most reported complaints and develop apps that allow residents, City Councils, and Livermore Airport to review the data for compliance. If an aircraft exceeds the agreed noise level, the Pilot and Livermore Airport are fined.

Regarding a lack of transparency, federal law does prohibit a city from denying airport access to aircraft. However, night flying restrictions or night-time

curfews are regulations or legislation imposed by a governing body to limit the ground-perceived exposure to aircraft noise pollution during the night hours, when the majority of residents are trying to sleep (e.g., 8:00am to 10:00pm). Airports publish their voluntary night-flying curfew hours.

The statement that “Livermore Airport is part of a whole aviation ecosystem” is very misleading. Most of the corporate jets using Livermore Airport appear to be transporting individuals of substantial wealth for their personnel convenience, avoiding the use of local airports (SFO, OAK, and SJC). Additionally, some of these corporate jets fly so low over residential homes you could clearly see their landing gear and you must stop a conversation due to the aircraft noise. Why don’t these planes fly over I-580 as a landing approach or industrial areas?

There’s a current push to eliminate old gas-guzzling vehicles. Why doesn’t the City of Livermore break new “Green” ground and promote the use of new energy efficient-low noise aircraft, especially for pilots who enjoy making loud airplane engine throttling noise while circling residential homes.

Where are all the Livermore Green Activists for climate change, reducing air pollution, and noise pollution!

East Avenue Plan A Disaster
Violet Moore, Livermore

Ellen Raber is right (East Avenue Corridor Plan A Disaster, May 11, 2023, Mailbox). The traffic control bollards at East Avenue and Hillcrest will be the cause

of accidents. I travel that route occasionally. Turning right is particularly difficult when dozens of students on East Avenue legally cross Hillcrest on a red light for rides home in cars filling the Chardonnay Shopping Center. Most of those vehicles turn left onto Hillcrest. Then go right onto East Avenue where more students are crossing. I waited for groups of students crossing East Avenue legally, then cutting across Hillcrest on a red light. Make East Avenue safe again. Remove the bollards.

Creating Caring Communities
Trish Munro, Livermore

This past week, the ribbon cutting for Avance took place. Avance is an affordable housing community for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Built by Mid-Pen, which will also provide ongoing support services, it is the result of partnerships with the City of Livermore, Alameda County, the Regional Center of the East Bay, and community members. It is a model for how to create supportive communities by paying attention to what individuals need to flourish.

Avance consists of a ring of buildings surrounding a common green. Some of the buildings are small apartments, designed for ease of access and use. Some are community spaces for gathering, eating, exercising, and more. All are set up so that residents, caregivers, and guests can interact comfortably.

Avance is one example of how Livermore supports community members. Goodness Village and Vineyard 2.0 (still under construction)

are other examples of how considering the needs of specific communities, building spaces that speak to those needs, and providing appropriate, respectful support makes for a stronger, more caring society for us all.

Why? There is, of course, a benefit for the individual. In each case, individuals get the support and security necessary to be able to participate in society to the best of their abilities. In addition, the caregivers of Avance residents are able to share the responsibility of care, thereby giving them time to participate in the life of their communities.

There is another kind of broad cultural benefit, as well. These kinds of intentional communities look at what the individual needs to thrive and works to provide that care. People who live in these communities are given the support they need to grow and also the means to work and to give back to their communities.

Isn’t that what each of us needs as well: support to thrive and the ability to contribute? How would our community change if we worked toward building a society with those principles in mind?

Tired of Flags at Half-Mast
Keith Couls, Livermore

The American Flag in downtown Livermore is once again at half-mast. One again yet another mass shooting takes eight lives and wounds countless people last week in Texas. The shooter was kicked out of the United States Army after only 3 months due to mental health issues but was still able to purchase firearms.

I’m suggesting again we just leave the flag at half-mast and not waste the time and energy of raising and lowering this symbol until this country decides to do something about gun laws. I’m getting tired of figuring out what shooting is now being recognized each time the flag is lowered.

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Rotarian Foundation Awards \$200,000 in Grants

The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore has awarded almost \$200,000 this spring to 29 community organizations.

The foundation, which is supported by the Rotary Club of Livermore and the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley, said it was able to more than double the amount of its grants this year due to a bequest by the late Livermore veterinarian Martin Plone. Plone, who founded the Del Valle Pet Hospital, died last year at 81.

Bassant Abdelrahman, who co-chairs the grant program, said the foundation received 43 requests this year, the most ever, totaling more than \$320,000.

“We are proud to be recognized by our community as an organization that serves,” Abdelrahman said, “and we hope to be able to extend our support even fur-

ther in future years.”

Individual grant amounts were not announced, but the foundation said it awarded \$10,000 or more to Avance, Hope Hospice, Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District, Livermore Girls Softball Association, Livermore High School Instrumental Music Program, Livermore Valley Arts, Quest Science Center, Robot Garden, Spectrum Community Services, and Tri-Valley Haven.

Grants of less than \$10,000 went to Altamont Creek Elementary School, Ambassadors of Compassion,

American Association of University Women, Tech Trek, Assistance League of Amador Valley, Culinary Angels, Down Syndrome Connection, Granada Safe & Sober Grad Night, Las

Positas College Biotech Bootcamp, Las Positas College Veterans First Program, Livermore High School Baseball Program, Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge 2117, the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) Community Children’s Health Access Program, Monthly Miracles, Open Heart Kitchen, Reins in Motion, Shepherd’s Gate, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Tri-Valley REACH, and Vineyard Alternative School.

The foundation partners with the Livermore Valley Education Foundation for grants to LVJUSD schools.

“As Rotarians, we are honored to fulfill our mission of providing financial support to organizations whose services benefit the diverse residents of the Livermore Valley,” said foundation President Mary Anne Rozsa.

TEACHER

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the material and their peers in a way any teacher would be thrilled to see. This is a result of his constant examination of his practice and his

search for ways to help and encourage all his students to do their best work and get the most out of their experience with him in class.”

Kiyoi’s name will be submitted for consideration for the Alameda County Teacher of the Year Awards later this year.



From left, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Ahmad Sheikholeslami, Deputy Superintendent of Student Support Services Ed Diolazo, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Will Nelson, 2023-24 Teacher of the Year Kevin Kiyoi, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Julio Hernandez and Superintendent David Haglund. (Photo courtesy of PUSD)

HAZARD

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Alameda County most recently leveraged FEMA this winter, when on Jan. 14, President Joe Biden declared a county-wide emergency in response to the flooding, landslides and mudslides caused by severe storms.

Statewide, residents face before 2043 a 99% chance of a magnitude 6.7 earthquake or greater, and a 94% chance of a magnitude 7.0 or greater, according to the 2013 State of California Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

A closer look at fault lines locally reveals a 26% chance of a magnitude 6.7 earthquake or greater along the Calaveras fault — which

runs between Pleasanton Ridge and I-680 — before 2043, and a 16% chance of the same along the Greenville fault, which runs parallel to the Calaveras and sits just east of Livermore.

While the last significant vicinity earthquake — one of magnitude 6.0 or greater — occurred almost nine years ago near Napa, five events of magnitude 4.0 or greater have struck nearby since then, most recently a magnitude 5.1 event last October near Alum Rock.

The draft Hazard Mitigation Plan went on to identify key issues associated with a severe Tri-Valley earthquake,

including the performance of soft-story buildings — those with first-story parking garages or multiple garage doors, secondary hazard events, such as dam failures and landslides, and a need for individuals and families to remain self-sufficient for several days before more organized assistance arrives.

Mitigation measures ranged from the personal, to the corporate, to the government level. They included actions, such as households making a 72-hour self-sufficiency plan, businesses conducting employee training, and jurisdictions adopting higher regulatory standards.

FILMMAKER

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comedy, acted, worked as a musician, and gives music and voice lessons at Ingram & Brauns Musik Shoppe in Pleasanton.

She previously wrote a screen play entitled “Orson Welles Ashes,” which also won awards at multiple film fests in the screenplay category. That screenplay’s success motivated her to create “Hearing Voices.” Knox invested in lighting equipment and spent hours learning how to edit film on her MAC computer. Using her own vision, she shot scenes in Pacifica and spots around Livermore, from Carnegie Park to Sycamore Grove to Brushy Peak.

“I really didn’t know what I was doing, but I always wanted to film my own

films and see things a certain way,” Knox said. “I’m just one foot forward at a time.”

Sue Rarick Ebel helped produce “Hearing Voices” and took on the role of Becky, one of the voices in the main character’s head.

“Becky is pretty much who the main character fantasizes the perfect woman is,” Ebel said. “Becky encompasses all things all women want to be ... she is super confident and pretty and very sexy ... and a seductress. I’m not Becky in my daily life, but I think all women have an inner Becky, and it was really fun to step out of myself and take on that persona and pretend that I am all of those things.”

Ebel met Knox when her daughter, Sydney Ebel, took

guitar lessons from Knox at Ingram & Brauns Musik Shoppe. Here, Knox mingles with other artists and flexes her musical muscles. Co-owner Zack Ingram said Knox’s talent extends far beyond the film genre.

“She’s one of the most talented people I’ve ever worked with,” Ingram said. “We are trying to build up a musical and creative community here in Pleasanton, and Debra has been successful with that. She’s also a talented songwriter. I love performing her vision and bringing the music to life.”

To learn more about Knox, visit www.debra-knox.com/home.html. To watch “Hearing Voices,” visit www.bit.ly/42PtODk_knox.

HOUSING

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associate planner Megan Campbell at the May 10 Pleasanton Planning Commission meeting. “All the other cities that are going through this process right now are experiencing similar feedback as well, making changes and will be resubmitting to them.”

While planning commissioners voiced criticism over some of HCD’s requests, they also felt that state certification was near, and therefore deferred some arguments about the process until later in the Housing Element cycle.

“Staff and HCD are collaborating well, and they want us to get over the finish line,” said Commissioner Ken Morgan. “It sounds like it’s going pretty well, all things considered.”

In response, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended 14 revisions to the Housing Element related to programming changes that further streamline projects, and more analysis to support the feasibility of the listed Housing Element sites.

DREAM

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of the pandemic, ONDM was able to feed over 6,800 people a week with the 1,700 care packages that were filled and delivered.

Forbes said that in the past, County Supervisor David Haubert and Livermore Mayor John Marchand have done much to support the cause and continue to do so, but the need to feed the hungry continues to grow.

Sandee Munroe, ONDM director of operations, explained, “We have partners that distribute the food we receive from the Alameda County Community Food Bank, many store partners (from whom) we go pick up recovery food, as well as our new partner, the Church of Latter Day Saints, which has been donating 24 pallets to us through the help of Bay Cities Produce receiving.”

She added, “We are serving the homeless, low-income seniors and local families.”

While assistance is on the way, ONDM’s day-to-day financial obligations still need to be met. The group has 10 paid staff members, trucks that need gas to make deliveries, and on the business side of things, heavy insurance and liability costs. Munroe noted that volunteers who help pack and distribute continue to be plentiful; it’s now just a matter of bridging the financial gap between funding.

“Our expenses are about \$90,000 a month, and every little bit helps,” said Munroe. “It truly takes a village. I know what we are doing here is good. I see the need, and I’m not just talking about homeless people. There are living paycheck to paycheck.”

John Sensiba, a volunteer who Forbes calls “Coach,” believes that food is medicine, and that the work Forbes and his organization are providing to people is critical. He is hopeful that the organization will survive, and thrive, despite its current shortfall.

ment sites.

Intended to guide Pleasanton’s housing development through the use of zoning and programming, the city’s sixth-cycle Housing Element will remain in effect from 2023 to 2031. The city submitted the first draft of the plan last August, followed by three revisions over subsequent months. The city also adopted and self-certified the plan on January 26, ahead of the state’s January 31 deadline.

The Association of Bay Area Governments assigned Pleasanton a target of 5,965 housing units for the 2023 to 2031 cycle.

Although the city must rely on developers to propose and build housing projects to meet the state housing quota, it will still bear the penalties, such as the loss of local project reviews, if the city’s housing numbers fail to meet targets during the upcoming eight-year cycle.

Commissioner Matthew Gaidos referred to a state-imposed 2026 deadline

for the city to start 50% of its planned projects as “something that’s almost out of the city’s control, given a potential recession, building material costs, and its inability to force developers to build. ... That’s a battle that’s going to have to be fought another day, I suppose.”

The planning commission instead focused on state certification, without which the HCD would consider Pleasanton as out of compliance with state law, according to a May 12 Housing Element report.

“Some of the frustration tonight from some of the commissioners that we’re having with the state over things that are coming down from them, as opposed to what’s reflective of this community, I think is a real issue,” said Chair Brandon Pace. “Nevertheless, we must comply with what the state is telling us to so that we can retain the local control that we all think is very important to us and our community of character.”

resources to continue their great work.”

For Forbes, the mission remains simple—to continue to feed and support those in need.

“I’m just the foot soldier,” said Forbes. “We are geared up, and we’re going to do this. A closed mouth don’t get fed, and I’m telling you right now that we have got to be fed. It’s been miracle after miracle, and I know it will continue.”

To make a donation or for further information, visit the ONDM website at www.onenationdreammakers.org or call Sandee Munroe at 925-570-0489.

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Artist Michael Ferrucci explains the history of guitars to a school group. (Photo courtesy of LVA)

Art of Rock and Roll on Display At Bankhead Theater Gallery

A free exhibit showcasing the “art” of rock and roll, including guitars, album covers, and photography, is on display now through July 9 in the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore.

“It’s Only Rock ‘n’ Roll (But I Like It)” offers visitors a visual tour of the history of rock and roll, including the evolution of the electric guitar and other aspects of the industry.

In addition, Livermore Valley Arts (LVA) will host a reception, open to the public, on Saturday, May 20; a Rock n’ Roll Roadshow, where visitors can learn more about a vintage or unique guitar in their possession, on Saturday, June 3; and an Air Guitar Contest on the Bankhead stage on Thursday, June 8.

Arthur Thompson, editor of Guitar Player magazine, will offer personal stories and anecdotes about rock

and roll greats during the reception, from 1 p.m. to 3:30.

The roadshow, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., will be hosted by Michael Ferrucci, former owner of Fine Fretted Friends in Livermore and founder of Audio Voyage, one of the first professional recording studios in the Tri-Valley, and Joe McNamara, owner of Real Guitars, a vintage guitar shop in San Francisco.

The Air Guitar contest will be at 7:30 p.m., with the winner receiving a pair of tickets to five Bankhead Presents shows and five guitar lessons from the Seeds of Music Academy in Pleasanton. There will also be prizes for second and third place.

The UNCLE Credit Union Gallery is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday through Sunday. The exhibit will also be open to patrons during Bankhead performances.

For more information, go to LivermoreArts.org.

Library to Host Free Poetry Reading

The Livermore Public Library will present a free poetry reading, “Verse on the Vine,” with Sarah Kobrinsky and David Alpaugh at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

Kobrinsky is former poet laureate of Emeryville, California, and the author of “Nighttime on the Other Side of Everything.”

Alpaugh has taught literature for many years at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes’ East Bay campus and poetry at the University of California Berkeley Extension.

The reading will be hosted by Livermore poet laureate Peggy Schimmelman.

Alpaugh’s first collection of poems, “Counterpoint,” won the Nicholas Roerich Poetry Prize from Story Line

Press. He has published more than 400 poems in literary journals and is one of the contemporary poets included in the Heyday Press anthology “California Poetry from the Gold Rush to the Present.”

His soon-to-be-published book, “Seeing the There There,” combines 89 short poems with the work of 118 photographers, painters, and other artists.

Kobrinsky’s poems and stories have appeared in “Magma Poetry,” “Red Light Lit,” “Eleven Eleven,” and “Monkeybicycle,” among other publications. She and her husband own Jared’s Pottery, a handmade ceramic dinnerware company in the Bay Area called Jared’s Pottery.

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

Winners Named in Photography Contest

Amit Srivastava was named Grand Prize winner in Dublin’s fifth annual Nature in Our Backyard photography contest for “Fawning Around.”

First Place went to Chris Begin for “Dublin Ranch Sunset;” second place to Ben Radhakrishnan for “Dublin Mini Alps” and fourth place to Monique Rardin Richardson for “The Ponderer.”

The winning photographs have been posted to dublin.ca.gov and are also on display in the lobby of Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza.

Dublin said it received 230 pictures of local landscapes and wildlife taken by 73 photographers in the past year. A panel of judges chose 10 entries, which were then posted on the city website for a final vote by the community.

The winners will receive gift certificates and metal prints of their photographs from Mike’s Camera.

Irish Pianist John O’Conor to Perform at Bankhead

Celebrated Irish pianist John O’Conor will join the Livermore-Amador Symphony for a concert at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, that includes compositions by Beethoven, Mozart, Lyadov, and Stravinsky.

“We are thrilled to welcome one of the most remarkable pianists of our time,” said symphony music director Lara Webber.

The “Drama and Fantasy” concert will include Beethoven’s Piano Concerto No. 3, Mozart’s overture for “The Abduction from the Seraglio,” Lyadov’s “The Enchanted Lake,” and Stravinsky’s “Firebird”

suite from the ballet based on Russian fairy tales.

O’Conor, who has performed in concerts and recitals around the world, including the United Kingdom, Canada, Japan, and South Korea, was originally scheduled to perform with the Livermore-Amador Symphony in 2021, but the appearance was cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to his concerts and recordings, O’Conor is regarded as one of the most sought-after piano teachers in the world today. He is the Distinguished Artist in Residence at the Shenandoah Conservatory in Virginia; profes-

sor of piano at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto; Distinguished Visiting Artist at the Technical University of Dublin Conservatoire in Ireland; and a visiting professor at Japan’s Showa University.

The Bankhead Theater concert will begin at 8 p.m. There will also be a pre-concert talk with Webber from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and a reception for O’Conor in the lobby of the theater following the performance.

Tickets begin at \$27 and are free for youths and young adults under 22. Tickets are available at livermoreamadorsymphony.org; the Bankhead Theater

box office at 2400 First St., Livermore; or by calling 925-373-6800.



John O’Conor

TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Now to Wednesday, May 31 CELEBRATE WOMEN, ART THAT HONORS WOMEN

Celebrate Women, Art That Honors Women, is both a photography competition and an exhibition of all 2-D art honoring women. Submissions are still being accepted. To participate, visit livermoreartassociation.org. Celebrate Women will be up in the gallery (hallway) at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., in Livermore. All are welcome to the Awards and Art Reception on May 7, at 3:30m in Conference Rooms A & B at the library. For more information, email celebratewomen2023@gmail.com.

Now to Tuesday, June 27 UPCOMING SUPPORT GROUPS

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

Thursday, May 18 TRI-VALLEY GERMAN STAMMTISCH

Do you speak German and miss the opportunity to socialize with other German speakers? The Tri-Valley German Stammtisch welcomes people who can hold a conversation in German! The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at various local restaurants. We also get together occasionally on weekends and celebrate special events with a German food-oriented potluck. Our April event is on a Sunday at lunchtime. For more information or to be placed on the email list, email trivalleystammtisch@gmail.com.

Saturday, May 20 DRAMA AND FANTASY, O’CONOR PLAYS BEETHOVEN

The Livermore-Amador Symphony performs music of Beethoven, Mozart, Liadov, and Stravinsky in its “Drama and Fantasy” concert, Saturday May 20, 8 pm at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. We are thrilled to welcome one of the most remarkable pianists of our time. John O’Conor, an exceptional interpreter of the music of Beethoven, will perform Beethoven’s Piano Concerto No. 3. O’Conor is an internationally renowned pianist from Dublin, Ireland. The program also includes Mozart’s overture to “The Abduction from the Seraglio, Liadov’s The Enchanted Lake, and concludes with the Firebird Suite from the ballet based on Russian fairy tales of the Firebird, which projected Igor Stravinsky to international fame. Prelude Talk at 7 pm. Concert starts at 8 pm. After-concert reception. FREE youth tickets. Tickets available at the Bankhead box office and website www.livermorearts.org.

Saturday, May 20 TRI-VALLEY WRITERS CHAPTER OF THE CALIFORNIA WRITERS CLUB HOSTS AM LARKS

AM Larks, editor, author, and book critic will present “Published! Tips and Tricks from an Indie Editor” on May 20, 2023. Larks will share advice on submitting to blogs, journals, agents, and publishers. Her lecture will include an overview of submission and publication processes. Join at 2 p.m., at Tri-Valley Writers’ new meeting location, Las Positas College, room 2470, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, in Livermore. Check-in begins at 1:30 p.m. To RSVP and pay, email your RSVP to treasurer@trivalleywriters.org by Thursday, May 18, then register at bit.ly/3CpD0UC. CWC adult members are \$10; nonmembers are \$12; CWC student members ages 14 to 22 are \$5; and student nonmembers are \$8.

Saturday, May 20 and Sunday May 21

COME AND BE REFRESHED WITH PACIFIC CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Revitalize the soul with Handel’s Water Music, celebrate composer Joseph Haydn’s last and most famous Symphony #104 “London,” appreciate the bold, romantic power of Sir Edward Elgar’s beautiful May Song and Love’s Greeting, and delve into the expansive melodies of Gordon Jacob’s lively A Little Symphony for Orchestra. For one week only, get a special offer of 25% discount off best seats. Use promo code PCO25%NOW at checkout. The events take place on May 20, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Stephens Episcopal Church, in Orinda; and on May 21, at 3 p.m., at the Bankhead Theater, in Livermore. For more information, visit pacificchamberorchestra.org.

Sunday, May 21 CCOP GRAD MASS

At 6 p.m., at St. Augustine Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., in Pleasanton, all high school seniors and their families are invited to the CCOP Grad Mass for special recognition by the Catholic Community of Pleasanton. Seniors are asked to wear their graduation gowns and will receive special red cords to attach to their gowns. Seniors will be able to sit together in a reserved section. A pastoral blessing will be bestowed upon the graduating class during Mass, followed by a photo op in the outdoor grotto and a light reception in the hall. This Eucharistic Celebration is open to all seniors and family members. Attendees are asked to wear church clothes or graduation gowns with no graduation caps. For more information, contact Lien-Thi de la Peña at ldelapena@catholicsofpleasanton.org or Jim Garber at jgarber@comcast.net.

Sunday, May 21 “JAZZ, SHE WROTE”

From 2 to 4 p.m., this all-star quartet of Bay Area jazz women originally came together to celebrate Marian McPartland’s 100th birthday, with a sold-out show at Piedmont Piano. This time, the group will perform a wide range of captivating music by of a host

of brilliant jazz composers, including Melba Liston, Tia Fuller, Emily Remler, Anat Cohen, Blossom Dearie, Mary Lou Williams, Laura Nyro, and others. The event will take place with in-person attendance and livestream. To request seating, email info@livermorejazzsociety.org or fill out an online form at livermorejazzsociety.org/reserve-seats. If seating is available, organizers will reply with a formal invitation including the performance location. For more information, visit livermorejazzsociety.org. Suggested donation are \$20 per person, but donations of any amount are most welcome.

Sunday, May 21 SHAVUOS AT CREEKSIDE PARK

At 10:30 a.m., join Tri-Valley Cultural Jews for Shavuos Book Fest in Pleasanton. Celebrate Shavuos by sharing the best book each person read this year. Iced tea and cookies will be provided. Bring your favorite snack to share! Email culturaljews@gmail.com or call 925-399-8029 for an Evite. For more information, visit trivalley-culturaljews.org. The event is free to members, with a suggested \$15 donation per non-member adult if able.

Tuesday, May 23 CRIME PREVENTION, NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Dublin Police Services will host a Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Watch meeting from 6 to 7 p.m. Neighborhood Watch aims to bring together the community’s interests in crime deterrence, volunteerism, and neighborhood preparedness. Neighborhood Watch is a “team” approach in which residents work with each other, with city staff, and with police services to reduce crime in Dublin. When neighbors organize, the opportunity for crime is drastically reduced.

Saturday, May 27 WAVE WATERPARK OPENS

The Wave waterpark opens for the summer season on Memorial Day weekend, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Daily operations begin June 3. Presale tickets for the season will be available online starting April 4. Presale reservations for cabanas and loungers for the season will also be available to reserve online starting April 4. Recreational swimming is ongoing through April 30, in the natatorium on Saturdays and Sundays, from 1 to 4 p.m. Fitness swimming and water walking are also available. For more information, visit dublinrecguide.com.

Monday, May 29 MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

The Pleasanton American Legion Post 237 in conjunction with the Pleasanton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 will hold a Memorial Day Celebration at The Pleasanton Senior Center Centennial Park, located at 5353 Sunol Blvd., in Pleasanton. The ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m., with patriotic music played by Pleasanton Community Band. The Memorial Day program will begin at 11 a.m. There will be parking in the Senior Center parking lots. For more information, visit americanlegionpost237.org/home.html.

Saturday, June 3 FREE COMMUNITY PAPER SHREDDING

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

Saturday, June 17 TRI-VALLEY WRITERS PRESENTS KATE FARRELL

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

Friday, June 23 2023 JUNETEENTH CONCERT SERIES

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

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES TOPSCIENCE

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

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OBITUARIES

Gwendolyn Faye Spicer Nov. 28, 1932 – April 30, 2023

Gwendolyn “Faye” Spicer went home to be with Jesus surrounded by her family after a short battle with cancer. She was 90 years old.

Faye was a sweet little old southern lady born in Talladega, Alabama. She was raised by her maternal grandparents. There wasn’t much money back then, but there was plenty of love.

She came to California in 1955 and soon after married Raymond Spicer. Faye was married to Raymond for 60 happy years.

They moved to Livermore in 1971 where she raised three daughters Kathy Huntsman, Sandra Jackson and Judy Schwichtenberg.

She had a great smile and loved to laugh. She was a great southern cook, cared for her kids, grandkids and great-grandkids. She loved plants and flowers, big family meals together and her favorite time of year was Christmas. She would always over-buy gifts



and laugh about it.

Faye worked for many years as a housekeeper at Valley Memorial Hospital. She then moved to Pleasanton, where she worked at Nordstrom’s as a custodian. She enjoyed earning her own money and spending it on her grandkids.

She is survived by two

daughters, Kathy Huntsman and Sandra Jackson (Joe); six grandchildren, Jennifer Hildreth (Steven), Callie Parker (Josh), Travis Schwichtenberg, Justin Schwichtenberg, Adam Schwichtenberg, Sara Schwichtenberg; eight great-grandchildren, Isaiah Hildreth, Natalie Hildreth, Noah Parker, Mathiew Nickell-Schwichtenberg, Greyci Schwichtenberg, Dalton Schwichtenberg, Ashton Nickell, Rowan Thompson.

She is preceded in death by her husband Raymond, her son-in law Jeff Huntsman, her brothers Walter and Jerry Harris and recently her daughter Judy Schwichtenberg.

No more pain or sorrow for sweet Faye. We will love and miss her forever. Callaghan will hold services on May 23, 2023 at 11a.m.

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

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

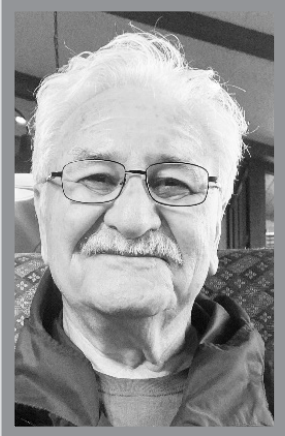
Yevgeni Philipovitch

Yevgeni Philipovitch passed peacefully surrounded by family and friends on April 1, 2023, at the age of 85. Yev, as he was affectionately known by friends and loved ones, was born in Bandargaz, Iran. He grew up on a family farm and learned the value of hard work at an early age. Coming to the United States as a foreign student to study at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, Yev knew very little English and had little money. He was married in 1964 to Dorothy (Sachs) and graduated from Cal Poly in 1966 with a degree in Agricultural Engineering. He became a licensed Professional Agricultural and Civil Engineer in California, Idaho and Nevada. Employed by Johns Mansville as an engineer out of college, Yev and his family initially resided in Stockton, and later lived in Modesto as he went to work for Stanislaus County. In 1984 the family moved to Pleasanton, where Yev worked and owned various civil engineering firms. Yev worked as a civil engineer for over 50 years in the design and management of all types of infrastructure projects. Later in life and continuing until close to his death, he worked for AECOM. Through hard work and professional success, he was able to achieve the American Dream.

Yev was a lover of life, he traveled the world and made friends everywhere he went. Those friendships continued throughout his life. He was involved in the Pleasanton Sister City Program with Tulancingo, Mexico, and devoted much time to public service as a life-long Rotarian. Earlier in his life, he enjoyed hiking, fishing, camping and coaching his kid’s soccer teams. Every summer the family would go to Cal Camp for UC Berkeley Alumni, where Yev enjoyed fishing and hiking around Pincereest Lake. He was a life-long soccer fan and started an adult soccer league in Modesto. He spoke several languages, was interested in all cultures and was liked by all who met him. Yev embraced becoming a naturalized US citizen and also remained very proud of his rich cultural heritage. He enjoyed family gatherings and was the head chef, cooking traditional dishes of shish kebabs and rice.

Yev is survived by two children, Karl Philipovitch (Catherine) of Santa Cruz, Sara Owen of El Dorado Hills, and grandchildren Daniel Owen, Kelly Philipovitch, Ryan Philipovitch and Andrew Philipovitch. He is preceded in death by his granddaughter Hana Owen.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Pleasanton Veterans Hall, 301 Main St. on Saturday, May 27 at 11 a.m.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Ernest “Ernie” Caldwell Daughtrey Sept. 3, 1929 – April 1, 2023

Ernest (“Ernie”) Caldwell Daughtrey, best known to the community as the Vice President of the Daughtrey’s Department Store chain in Northern California, passed away peacefully at his home in Hayward on Saturday morning, April 1, 2023. He was 93 years old.

Born in Santa Maria, California, on Sept. 3, 1929, to Keller and Juanita Daughtrey, the family moved to Willits, California in 1936, eventually settling in San Leandro in 1938. Ernie graduated from San Leandro High School in 1948, attended San Jose State, and was in the Naval Reserve for seven years, receiving an honorable discharge.

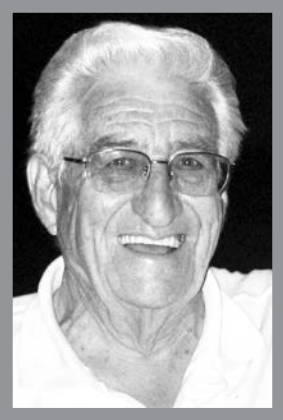
Ernie started working in the Daughtrey family’s Castro Valley store in 1951 and became manager of the new Daughtrey’s Pleasanton store in 1959. In the early 1970’s, Ernie moved back to the Castro Valley store, taking over leadership of the entire Daughtrey’s chain around 1975, and managing it until the Daughtrey family sold the business in 1991. In 1993, Ernie and his wife Sharon opened Kids Are People Too, a children’s specialty store, in Pleasanton, with subsequent stores in Piedmont, Niles and Castro Valley, which they operated until 2018.

Ernie was an avid fisherman and outdoorsman, spending many summers as a youth with his family in Yosemite, roaming the Castro Valley hills, and, in his words, “having a ball.” He greatly enjoyed spending time at his family’s mountain cabin in Arnold, California, as well as on many fishing trips to his favorite spots in California, Oregon and British Columbia. “One more cast!” was a favorite exclamation of his as a day of fishing drew to a close.

Perhaps most of all, Ernie had an overwhelmingly positive attitude and outlook on life. His enduring spirit and passion – along with his absolutely amazing memory – burned brightly until the very end. He was well-spoken, looked upon nature and the world with childlike wonder and curiosity, and treated others with great respect and humility. He will be greatly missed by his family, as well as the community.

Ernie was preceded in death by his mother Juanita, his father Keller, his sister Joyce, his son Steven, his stepson Stanley, and his granddaughter Jennifer. Ernie is survived by his wife Sharon, his children Randy, Rodney, and Jana, his stepdaughter Sharry, his sisters Sue and Debbie, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Ernie’s life will be held at Trinity Christian Fellowship Church of Castro Valley (20307 Marshall Street, Castro Valley, California, 510-581-2480) on June 3 at 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations to be made in Ernie’s honor, either to Trinity Christian Fellowship Church of Castro Valley or to the organization of your choice.



It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Jennifer “Red” Rose-Nelson on April 20, 2023, surrounded by her family.

Jennifer was born in San Jose, California on October 14, 1970, and was a long-time resident of Livermore and Pleasanton. She was a selfless person who loved to be in service to her family and friends and her customers at Jim’s Country Style Restaurant. A passionate 49er and Giants fan, she could fill the room with her contagious laugh. She loved her flower garden, and now with every butterfly and hummingbird that visits, she is with us.

Jennifer is survived by her beloved husband, Lorin, and



their two sons, Austin (Monica, son Henry) and Michael Nelson; sisters-in-law Cindy Nelson (partner, Elena Varela), parents John and Linda Annett;

her sisters, Terri Rose-Baldwin (husband, Chris Baldwin) and Erin Rose-Hull (husband, Jason, and sons Grant and Beckett) and beloved nieces Kattie Waggoner-Bailey, Jessica Waggoner-Williams, Layne Waggoner and nephew Colton Waggoner.

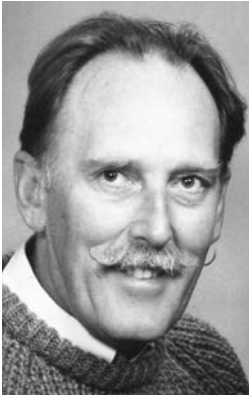
Jennifer is preceded in death by her sister, Stephanie Rose-Waggoner, and brother-in-law, Mark Waggoner. Peace to a woman who was loved by so many and who will be missed for a lifetime by her family and friends.

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

Robert Allen Powers Nov. 12, 1936 – April 13, 2023

Bob was born in San Francisco on Nov. 12, 1936, a birthday he proudly shared with the opening of the San Francisco Bay Bridge. He died peacefully in his sleep from Glioblastoma at 86 years old.

Bob was married to his wife Bonnie for 61 years and together they have two sons. He retired from Pacific Bell after 35 years. As a co-founder of the Valley Spokesman Bicycling Club in 1971, Bob enjoyed many years of planning club events and touring the world on his bicycle and will always be remembered as one of the original Price Charming’s. While this was his main source of entertainment, he also devoted over 25 years as the Head



Quartermaster of the Dublin High School Marching band. He truly enjoyed donating his time and helping others.

Although a quiet guy, if

asked the right questions, you could get him talking and he would love to share stories of places he had seen while riding down the road, adventures of travels with Bonnie or stories about that granddaughter that held the key to his heart. He also loved coffee, red wine, reading, crossword puzzles, cribbage and watching the Oakland A’s.

He is survived by his loving “bride” Bonnie, his two sons, Jon (Carie) and Randy (Kimberly), his two granddaughters Hailey and Amy and his sister Catherine Ferreira. Services will be held on May 20 at Danville Congregational at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

STRATEGY

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Now, the trend is in the opposite direction, a dramatic increase in tension and insecurity brought about in Europe by Russia’s aggressive war against Ukraine and in Asia by China’s military assertiveness in the South China Sea region.

China is rapidly modernizing its military, and Chinese President Xi Jinping has said that the goal of this process is to put China “at the center of the world stage in the dominant position,” Roberts said.

This kind of talk worries American allies in both Europe and Asia and leads them to seek assurances of U.S. commitment to their defense.

To deter attacks against ourselves and to protect our allies, “We’ve only historically had one major power

to worry about” Roberts told the Laboratory audience.

China releases no information about its nuclear arsenal, he said, but commonly accepted estimates suggest that it has around 400 nuclear weapons now and will have about 1,500 by 2035.

By a treaty now expected to expire in 2026, the U.S. and Russia each have about 1,550 deployed nuclear weapons, so China’s buildup will make it a full military peer little more than a decade from now.

The implications of China’s rise to power are much more complicated than is revealed by counting weapons, however.

The background of the Two-Peer study is the general belief that the U.S. let

down its guard in the optimistic glow of improved relations following the end of the Cold War.

Its strategy for deterrence remains based on the idea that only Russia is a serious potential nuclear threat.

It withdrew all its nuclear weapons from Asia and nearly all from Europe. While Russia and China have been modernizing their nuclear weapons systems, the U.S. has been reluctant to do so.

All U.S. nuclear weapons have aged beyond their design lifetimes. So have the missiles, bombers and submarines that carry them.

Russia and China are aware of these facts and believe the U.S. is in decline.

The Two-Peer study offers more than 40 observa-

tions, called “findings,” and more than 50 recommendations for future actions.

For one example, it advocates planning for a “secure reserve force,” so that the U.S. is never without nuclear weapons “even after a nuclear exchange.” Creating and maintaining such a reserve force would be a greater challenge if both China and Russia were adversaries than when Russia alone was the potential threat.

For another example, it recommends making and exercising plans to re-load nuclear weapons onto delivery systems that don’t carry them now, but that are designed for either conventional or nuclear operations.

For a third, it urges the U.S. to engage with allies in both Europe and Asia

CLIMATE

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visors declared a climate emergency, which a county report said has exacerbated heat waves, wildfires, poor air quality, storms and flooding. Its adoption, the county said, follows a winter of “record-setting rainfall where California saw 12 atmospheric river storms.”

“From blocked roads to health issues, the communities we serve as well as our workforce are affected by climate change,” County Administrator Susan Muran-

ishi noted. “By investing and preparing, we can continue to increase resilience and reduce future risks.”

County officials touted their previous climate plan written in 2010 for exceeding its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions more than 30% from 2003 levels by purchasing carbon-free electricity. The goal had been 15%.

Developed since 2021, the new plan points out transitioning from natural gas to

electric-powered equipment in the county’s buildings; locating new buildings near public transportation; using equipment with refrigerants with lower emissions; and using lower-carbon construction materials. The plan also aims to use landscaping that aids in taking carbon out of the air.

In addition, the plan states that county officials must help residents deal with wildfires, rising sea levels and changes in weather patterns, including preparing

for emergencies and by providing mental health care. The plan calls for county vendors and contractors to recover and reduce food waste; support farmers in how they utilize their land; and improve the economy with job programs.

About 100 county employees from 16 departments took part in a survey to collect suggestions for the plan. County officials also held public workshops and gathered public comments.

The county’s earlier climate action plan aimed to achieve a reduction of 80% of 2003 emissions by 2050. The new plan proposes 2045 as the new target to align with California’s carbon neutrality goals.

Absent from the meeting, Miley submitted a public statement ahead of time in support of the plan’s passage. His four colleagues approved it with a 4-0 vote on May 9.

According to a staff report, the plan is consistent

with plans in other Bay Area counties, including Marin, San Mateo, San Francisco and Santa Clara.

In December, Livermore adopted a plan to reduce carbon emissions by 2030 and to achieve neutrality by 2045. Pleasanton adopted its similar plan in February. Dublin approved its plan in 2020.

The plan can be read at <https://tinyurl.com/yf-nbdrwk>.



The Amador Varsity Boys' Volleyball team proudly displays the NCS Championship plaque following their victory against the Foothill Falcons in the North Coast Section Division 1 Varsity Boys' Volleyball championship on Thursday, May 11. Amador won 3 matches to 1. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Amador Valley Wins Boys' Volleyball Crown

By Phil Jensen

The Amador Valley High School boys volleyball team found itself at a crossroad on May 11 in the North Coast Section Division I championship match at Foothill.

The Dons, who were seeded third, and No. 1 seed Foothill were tied 22-22 in the second set. Foothill won the first set, and the Dons didn't want to fall into a 0-2 hole in the match.

Amador Valley scored the final three points of the second set and didn't lose a set after that to win 22-25, 25-22, 25-23, 25-20.

"I was telling them the whole time that we just had to knock (the Falcons) off their game a little bit, and winning that set gave us confidence," said Amador Valley coach Erin McFall.

It was a different result than on April 25, when Foothill swept visiting Amador Valley 25-17, 25-19, 25-20. Foothill won the EBAL title this season.

"We served better, we didn't give up, we had a lot of long rallies tonight, we won a lot of those long rallies," said McFall with the differences between the April 25 match and the NCS championship match. "My guys are just really determined."

Amador Valley has competed in five straight NCS Division I championship matches, winning in 2017, 2019 and this year. There were no NCS boys volleyball playoffs held in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic.

The Dons are the No. 4 seed in the California Interscholastic Federation NorCal Division I playoffs and hosted No. 5 St. Francis-Mountain View on Tuesday after this article went to press. Foothill is the No. 8 seed in Division I and traveled to face No. 1 Clovis East on Tuesday. The semifinals are 6 p.m. today and the final is Saturday at 6 p.m.

"We battled," said Foothill coach Dusty Collins about his team's performance in the NCS championship match. "They had too much offense and points for us. ... It looked like maybe we could take that second set, and once we didn't do that and once that momentum flipped, we had a really tough time getting back in there."

Amador Valley's Nate Clinton, who is headed to Stanford, had a match-high 17 kills and also had four blocks. Clinton was the Player of the Year in the EBAL this season. "Nate stepped up big-time for them and came up with a lot of big plays," Collins said.

McFall said after the NCS championship match that he will be retiring at the end of this season, and he made that decision two years ago. His son Luke played for Amador Valley and graduated two years ago, and McFall wanted to see this year's seniors through this season, he said. McFall currently has a 98-26 overall coaching record and a 53-10 EBAL mark since taking over as head coach

in 2019.

In the NCS championship match on May 11, Foothill went on an 8-4 run after the game was tied at four in the first set and never trailed in that set. Amador Valley closed to 20-19 on a point by Aiden Husejnovic, but a kill by Foothill's Kayan Vohra got the serve immediately back to his team, which led by at least two points the rest of the set.

In the last pivotal three-point run of the second set, Amador Valley's Luke Melvin had a kill and a block for points before a block by Nick Nayak ended the set.

Amador Valley scored three straight points for a 7-3 advantage early in the third set and eventually led 20-15 on its way to a 25-23 third-set victory.

In the fourth set, an ace by Foothill's Zach Seraj tied the score at six. But Amador Valley immediately went on a 5-1 run and led by at least three points the rest of the match.

"I'm just very happy that we did get the job done," Clinton said. "We've put in a lot of work throughout the season to get us to this point."

In addition to Clinton, Melvin and Nayak also had double-digit kill totals with 13 and 12 respectively. Melvin added five digs and Max Riter had three aces.

For Foothill, Vohra produced nine kills and Landen Meonske had eight service points, seven digs and 29 assists. Noah Mitzenmacher had a team-high 14 digs for the Falcons.

San Ramon Valley Baseball Defeats Amador High

By Nathan Canilao

The Amador Valley High School baseball team was defeated 4-3 in the first round of the East Bay Athletic League Playoffs by San Ramon Valley High School on May 10.

Dons' senior Ross Kobayashi batted 1 for 3 with two RBIs. Senior Braden Whitworth recorded a hit and an RBI.

The Wolves struck first, scoring a run in the first

inning. The Dons responded in the third inning by scoring three consecutive runs to take a 3-1 lead going into the fourth inning.

In the later innings, San Ramon Valley slowly started to creep back into the game. The comeback for the Wolves started in the fifth inning as they scored a run to cut the lead to 3-2.

At the top of the seventh inning, the Wolves scored the tying run and shutout

the Dons in the bottom of the seventh to force extra innings.

In the top of the eighth inning, San Ramon scored the decisive run to take a 4-3 lead. The Wolves closed out the Dons in the bottom of the eighth to take the win.

Despite the loss, the Dons were able to obtain the No. 4 seed in the North Coast Section Playoffs. They will look to compete for a championship in the coming weeks.

West Coast Soccer Club to Hold Tryouts for New Season

West Coast Soccer Club is holding competitive soccer tryouts for boys and girls born in 2013 through 2010 beginning May 8-18. For boys and girls born in 2009 through 2005, tryouts begin May 22 and go on until June 1. These tryouts are for Norcal Premier Teams and Girls Academy League teams. For more information and registration go to www.westcoastsoccerclub.com.

West Coast Terremoto '13 (U10 Boys) won the NorCal Premier State Cup Championship (B2) last fall, going undefeated in its nine (9) State Cup games. The brand-new team had improved well over its seasonal play, finishing 3rd in the Dublin Shamrock tournament, then 2nd in the Brentwood BooFest, before finishing with the State Cup Championship. The team had finished second in league play, earlier.

Heading into the Spring League, the 2013 age group added a number of new players and grew to two teams. The Terremoto team is undefeated in that league, and now sits in 1st place (Silver division) while the second (new) team sits in 3rd place (Bronze division).

The teams' great successes are attributable to the all-positive coaching and development philosophy countenanced by the club and practiced by the teams' coaches and training staff.

One coach reported, "We are blessed to have a great group of people surrounding our team, and with the positive coaching philosophies we practice, the players can improve greatly with better form that results in winning more games and having

more fun." Another coach then added, "If you play smart, you win!"

The 2013 age group expands to 9 versus 9 on the field in the fall, rather than the current 7 versus 7, which has opened up a few more slots for available players who try out asap. Again, at least two teams are expected in that age group to play in the gold and bronze divisions. All positions are welcomed, from goalkeeper on out to the field positions.



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Local Baseball Teams Open NCS Playoffs

By Phil Jensen

The East Bay Athletic League dominated the seeding for the North Coast Section Division I baseball bracket on Saturday, nabbing six of the top nine spots.

The Mountain Division of the league has the top two seeds. The local teams from the Valley Division in the bracket include Amador Valley (seeded fourth), Granada (fifth), Foothill (sixth) and Dublin (ninth). Livermore is the No. 12 seed in Division II.

De La Salle, the No. 1 seed in Division I, lost 6-0 to Granada on Wednesday in the EBAL playoff semifinals. But entering this week, the Spartans had only lost twice to NCS opponents this season (including Dublin on April 11), and beat Granada 2-1 on April 19.

San Ramon Valley, the No. 2 seed, won the EBAL championship game 3-2 in nine innings over Granada on Friday. Clayton Valley Charter, the Diablo Athletic League Foothill Division champion, was 1-1 against the EBAL during the regu-

lar season, beating Monte Vista 10-1 on March 18 and falling to De La Salle 8-3 on March 7.

First-round games occurred Tuesday and Wednesday after press time. Quarterfinal games will occur on Friday (Division I) and Saturday (Division II). Semifinal games are on May 23 (Division I) and 24 (Division II) and the championship games will be on either May 26 or 27.

Granada suffered a heartbreaking loss to host San Ramon Valley on Friday in the EBAL championship game. The Matadors forced extra innings in a great pitcher's duel, but San Ramon Valley pushed ahead the winning run in the ninth in the 3-2 game.

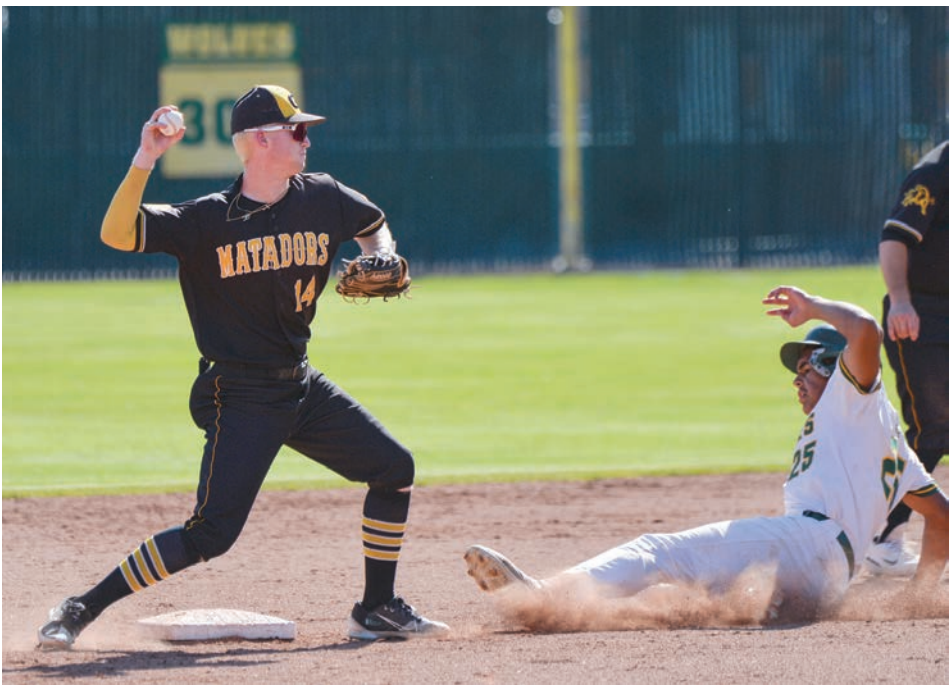
Matadors starting pitcher Parker Warner pitched eight innings, allowing only two runs on five hits with five strikeouts and one walk. It was the second straight outstanding starting pitching performance by Granada. On May 10, Joshua Morano hurled a two-hit shutout with six strikeouts and three walks as Granada upended De La Salle 6-0.

On Friday, Granada took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on an error, and the score remained that way for five-and-a-half innings. San Ramon Valley pitcher Hudson Aber had a no-hitter until Peyton Richards ripped a triple with two outs in the fifth inning, but Richards and Tommy Brown, who followed with a walk, were left stranded.

With one swing, San Ramon Valley's Luke Baker gave his team a 2-1 lead with a two-run home run in the sixth. But Granada tied the score in the top of the seventh. Warner led off with a double that hit the left-field fence, and pinch runner Nathan Brown eventually scored on a fielder's choice. Warner was 2 for 4 in the game.

In the bottom of the ninth, the first two Wolves batters reached base. After a Granada error, an RBI single by Blake Jacobs plated the winning run.

"I love the way we competed," said Granada coach Corrigan Willis after the game. "Our pitching's been phenomenal. Parker was very good today."



The Matadors' short stop Colin Johnston throws to first base after a forced out at second during the Friday, May 12 EBAL Division 1 Varsity Baseball Championship at San Ramon Valley High School. San Ramon won in extra innings 3-2. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Granada High Edged Out of League Playoffs

By Nathan Canilao

The Granada High School baseball team lost in the second of the East Bay Athletic League Playoffs 3-2 to San Ramon Valley High School. The Matadors defeated De La Salle High School to advance in the second round, but were edged out by the Wolves in the second round.

In the first round of play, the Matadors defeated De La Salle High School 6-0. In a dominant victory, Granada's three-run sixth inning helped the Matadors take a commanding lead.

Junior Riley Winchell batted 3 for 4 with an RBI and a homerun. Senior Jason Krakoski batted 2 for 4 with two RBIs and a triple.

Senior Joshua Morano pitched a shutout that included six strikeouts and two hits in all seven innings in the win.

In the next round, the

Matadors faced San Ramon Valley High School.

In the first inning, the Matadors scored a run to take an early 1-0 lead. Granada's pitching was solid for the first half of the game until the sixth inning where it gave up two runs to the Wolves.

Heading into the seventh inning, the Matadors were down 2-1. At the top of the seventh, Granada scored a game-tying run and closed out the Wolves in the bottom of the inning to force extras.

The Granada bats went silent in extra innings as they were not able to get runners to get past home plate. The Wolves scored the game-winning run in the

bottom of the ninth inning and won the game.

Even with the loss, the Matadors earned the No. 5 seed in the North Coast Section Playoffs. They will compete for an NCS title in the coming weeks.

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Boosters Announce Finalists for Olympian Scholarships

The Livermore-Granada Boosters have announced 12 finalists for the organization's 2023 Olympian scholarships.

The booster club awards scholarships annually to one male and one female senior student-athlete from both Livermore and Granada High Schools.

This year, the four winners will each receive \$2,500. The remaining eight finalists will each receive \$700.

The winners will be announced at the Olympian Award Banquet at Livermore High School on Monday, May 15.

The finalists from Granada High School are:

Samantha Callahan, with a grade point average of 4.4, who served as team captain for three years and earned four varsity letters in volleyball.

Alexandra Mello (4.12 GPA), who earned four varsity letters in softball and two in water polo, where she was also team captain.

Alexa Pletschette (4.0), who earned four varsity letters in basketball and was team captain twice.

Erik Anderson (3.69), who earned six varsity letters in wrestling and football, despite being injured during his junior year.

Jack Davis (4.3), who earned eight varsity letters in swimming and water polo, where he was team captain.

Jack Hendrick (3.0), who earned four varsity letters in swimming and was a twice named to the National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association's All American Swim Team.

The finalists from Livermore High School are:

Angelina Guzman (4.23), who earned four varsity letters in cross country and four in track and field.

Zoe Franks (4.1), who earned four varsity letters in soccer and was team captain in her junior and senior years.

Alizabeh Ruiz (4.2), who earned four varsity letters in softball and was team captain for two years.

Ashton Baswell (3.95), who earned three varsity letters in football and was team captain.

Owen Omweg (4.4), who earned a varsity letter in track and field and three in basketball, where he was team captain for two years.

Daltin Silva (3.9), who received four varsity letters in wrestling, including an undefeated year as a sophomore, and two in football.



Seen here are the 2023 Olympian finalists from Granada and Livermore high schools. Back row: Daltin Silva, Ashton Baswell, Owen Omweg, Erik Anderson, Jack Davis and Jack Hendrick. First row: Alizabeh Ruiz, Zoe Franks, Angelina Guzman, Samantha Callahan, Alex Mello and Alexa Pletschette. (Photo courtesy of Adam Clark)

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The following person(s) doing business as: Premium Insulation, 6712 Preston Ave, Suite C, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Anthon Inc., 6712 Preston Ave, Suite C, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/28/2013. Signature of Registrant/s/: Lesley Anthon, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 28, 2023. Expires April

27, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5474. Published May 4, 11, 18, 25, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 597408

The following person(s) doing business as: Sumsaara Plants and Gifts, 3295 Castro Valley Blvd, Castro Valley, CA 94546 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sumsaara LLC, 7179 Calistoga Lane, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mini Bansal, Co-Owner/Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 24, 2023. Expires April 23, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5475. Published May 4, 11, 18, 25, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 597110

The following person(s) doing business as: Tradex, 19895 Mission Blvd, Hayward, CA 94541 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tradex Corp, 1675 162nd Ave, San Leandro, CA 94578. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Roger Gebrael Tohme, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 12, 2023. Expires April 11, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5476. Published May 4, 11, 18, 25, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596746

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Illuminar Shop; 2. Botanica Illuminar, 3607 Del Monte Way, San Leandro, CA 94548 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Illuminar Enterprises LLC, 3607 Del Monte Way, San Leandro, CA 94548. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 3/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Roger Debbie Giron, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 31, 2023. Expires March 30, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5477. Published May 4, 11, 18, 25, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 597686

The following person(s) doing business as: Mighty Media Partners, 1024 Hansen Rd., Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Quantum Imaging Solutions, LLC, 1024 Hansen Rd., Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/19/2009. Signature of Registrant/s/: Scott Pietro, CFO & LLC Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 5, 2023. Expires May 4, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5478. Published May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 597594

The following person(s) doing business as: Jess Wynn-Grant Psychotherapy, 5738 Kingsley Circle, Oakland, CA 94605 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): JWG Licensed Clinical Social Worker Inc., 5738 Kingsley Circle, Oakland, CA 94605. 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: 3/27/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jessica Wynn-Grant, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 2, 2023. Expires May 1, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5479. Published May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 597543

The following person(s) doing business as: Cloco, 1085

Murrieta Blvd, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Cloco LLC, 3400 Cottage Way, STE G2, Sacramento, CA 95825. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Hailey Duckworth, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 28, 2023. Expires May April 27, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5480. Published May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 597532

The following person(s) doing business as: Chennai Tiffins, 5970 Mowry Ave Suite #E, Newark, CA 94560 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Annachi Inc, 2672 Tulipree LN, Santa Clara, CA 95051. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Johny D. Taboada, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 2, 2023. Expires May 1, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5486. Published May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 597785

The following person(s) doing business as: Berger & Co., 8531 Bancroft Ave, Oakland, CA 94605 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Berger LLC, 6959 Sayre Dr, Oakland, CA 94611. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/7/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: David Berger, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 11, 2023. Expires May 10, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5487. Published May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 597505

The following person(s) doing business as: Bulls I Halal Custom Meats; 2. Bulls I Halal, 39899 Balentine Drive Suite 200, Newark, CA 94560 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mission Hospice Services of East Bay, LLC, 5976 W. Las Positas Blvd., Ste. 118A, Pleasanton, CA 94588. 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: 4/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Virginia Pinerio, Director of Contract and Licensing. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 18, 2023. Expires April 17, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5483. Published May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 597758

The following person(s) doing business as: Club Moto, 7727 Altamont Pass Rd., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): MTS Racing Inc., 524 Soda Rock Pl, Oakley, CA 94561. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2/11/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Traci Sexton, Vice President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 10, 2023. Expires May 9, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5484. Published May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596998

The following person(s) doing business as: Abesha Ethiopian Products, 4927 Shattuck Ave., Oakland, CA 94609 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Amesiyas A. Wube, 2124 Parker St., #200, Berkeley, CA 94609. 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/: Amesiyas A. Wube, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 10, 2023. Expires April 9, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5485. Published May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2023.

menced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Amesiyas A. Wube, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 10, 2023. Expires April 9, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5485. Published May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 597623

The following person(s) doing business as: Toboada Racing Stables, Marenta Stables, Johnny D. Taboada, Taboada racing Stables LLC, 8032 canyon Creek Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Taboada Racing Stables LLC, 8032 Canyon Creek Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588. 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: 4/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Johny D. Taboada, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 2, 2023. Expires May 1, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5486. Published May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 597785

The following person(s) doing business as: Berger & Co., 8531 Bancroft Ave, Oakland, CA 94605 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Berger LLC, 6959 Sayre Dr, Oakland, CA 94611. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/7/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: David Berger, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 11, 2023. Expires May 10, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5487. Published May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 597505

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Bulls I Halal Custom Meats; 2. Bulls I Halal, 39899 Balentine Drive Suite 200, Newark, CA 94560

is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Imraam Mohammed, 38129 Geranium St., Newark, CA 94560. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Imraam Mohammed, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 27, 2023. Expires April 26, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5488. Published May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 597823

The following person(s) doing business as: Los Moreno Hauling, 423 Dover Way, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Armando Moreno, 423 Dover 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: 5/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Armando Moreno, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 12, 2023. Expires May 11, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5489. Published May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2023.

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