

Garaventa Hill

The Owners Say They Won't Sell To the City

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE – Two city planners told residents opposed to a housing development at Garaventa Hill that the property’s owners intend to go forward with the project even if the city offers them millions of dollars to keep the land as open space.

Speaking at a public meeting Nov. 1, Community Development Director Paul Spence and his assistant director Steve Stewart said the two female landowners and their trustee have informed the city that they are in a contract with home builder Lafferty Communities, who plans to develop the 32-acre site off Vasco Road.

The Independent reported the same information in July after speaking with the elderly women’s real estate broker.

“The Garaventa Family has not been a willing seller to the city,” Stewart said, addressing about 50 people at Altamont Creek Elementary School. “We’ll ask them again. But it’s been our experience for years now that they’re in a contract with Lafferty and they’re not interested in selling to the city.”

Livermore held the meeting to update residents on the current status of the controversial project, which appeared to stall in 2022 following a court ruling, but was reignited earlier this year when Lafferty reapplied to the city to start the process rolling again.

Facing a mostly hostile crowd opposed to the project, Stewart and Spence explained that the city was required by law to process Lafferty’s application and had no power over the landowners’ decision to do what they wanted with their land.

Stewart and Spence’s statements did not satisfy many of those in attendance. Some said they did not trust the city and a firm hired to write an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and questioned why city officials would allow a development that so many residents oppose.

“We are very passionate about it, because we live here

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Master Pilot Bob Leuten, 79, of Pleasanton, finishes a flight check as he prepares to take off from the Livermore Municipal Airport as part of the Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagles Program. The veteran pilot recently flew a young passenger, Cyrus Patel, 13, over the foothills of Mt. Diablo. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Retiring Pilot Completes His 700th Flight with Young Eagles

By David Jen

LIVERMORE — Earlier this fall, a small red and white airplane climbed out from Livermore Municipal Airport on a short, but significant, flight over the foothills of Mt. Diablo. At the controls of the two-seater was Master Pilot Bob Leuten, 79. Flying shotgun was 13-year-old Cyrus Patel, part of the Experimental Aircraft Association’s Young Eagles program.

The flight would mark Leuten’s 700th flight with Young Eagles, a program in which he has participated

since 1999 in the hope of inspiring the next generation of aviators. The flight would also be Leuten’s last for the program. He retired as a Young Eagle pilot.

“I’m still at the top of my game as far as pilot skills are concerned,” said Leuten, a Pleasanton resident. “I have no known healthcare issues, but I’d rather quit on my terms, wishing that I had flown a few more Young Eagle flights than regret not having stopped sooner.”

Launched in 1992, the Young Eagles program organizes volunteer pilots and

aircraft to give free introductory flights to those between the ages of 8 and 17 who have an interest in aviation. The program has done at least 2.3 million flights in more than 90 countries, with 20,000 aviation professionals directly crediting the program for their inspiration.

“It’s very gratifying to know that I have introduced so many Young Eagles to love aviation (and) go on and get their private pilot certificate,” said Leuten.

Cyrus, for one, attributes his aviation passion to his Young Eagles experiences,

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Among Community Colleges

Las Positas College Recognized as 4th Best in the Nation

LIVERMORE – Las Positas College (LPC) has been ranked the fourth best community college in the country by a group that uses data from the U.S. Department of Education to grade colleges nationwide.

College President Dyrell Foster announced the new rating last Friday at the Las Positas Foundation Fall Welcome Reception on campus.

“This distinction represents Las Positas College’s continued commitment to academic excellence and student success,” said Foster in a statement. “LPC’s primary role is to support the academic and career goals of our students and to address the educational and workforce development requirements of our community. It is gratifying to witness the recognition our college community is receiving for our collaborative endeavors to advance student equity and promote academic success.”

The ranking, compiled by Niche using the most recent data from the U.S. Department of Education, evaluated colleges based on academic quality, affordability, student outcomes, campus facilities and student reviews. Niche also collected and analyzed feedback from students and alumni to gauge their satisfaction with the college.

Two years ago, Niche chose LPC as the eighth-best community college in the United States. Last year, it was selected as the sixth-best community college in America.

In addition to the Niche ranking, college officials said students are showing their support for the quality of education LPC offers. The college reported a recent spike in enrollment – a 10% increase for the summer semester and a 14% year-over-year increase for the current fall semester.

A college spokesperson

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Santa Rita Jail

Former Deputy Sues County Sheriffs Over Molestation Report

By Larry Altman

DUBLIN – A former Santa Rita Jail deputy is suing the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office (ACSO), alleging his superiors retaliated against him because he filed a report against a sergeant whom he suspected of molesting two minor girls.

ACSO, the deputy said in the lawsuit, never investigated his allegations.

The Independent is not identifying the deputy or the sergeant named in the case, because the disclosure could identify the girls.

The deputy contends in his Alameda County Superior Court lawsuit that because of his November 2020 report, ACSO rejected his application for range instructor, issued memos accusing him of using excessive force, and

assigned him to work without a partner in a jail wing full of sex offenders.

Lt. Tya Modeste, an ACSO spokesperson, said the department had no comment on the pending legislation.

The lawsuit said the deputy initially reported the allegation to the Brentwood Police Department. He accused a sergeant he worked with in the jail of sexually assaulting and molesting the two girls. According to the lawsuit, the deputy and sergeant were in-laws.

The deputy, the lawsuit said, obtained several text messages in which the sergeant sent inappropriate messages to one of the girls, including one that said, “Let me see your ass.”

Brentwood police investigated, the lawsuit states,

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Pleasanton Parade Honors Veterans

By Hannah Ferguson

PLEASANTON – In celebration of Saturday’s upcoming Veterans Day, Pleasanton held its 26th Annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade and Band Concert last weekend.

Red, white and blue filled Main Street as floats, cars, and groups of people showed their appreciation of veterans and their loyalty to their country.

The parade featured nearly 50 different groups, including grand marshals, the American Legion, the Quilt of Valor, the Amador Valley High School cheerleaders, the Foothill High School band and color

guard, law enforcement, multiple scouts organizations, and local politicians, along with several other veterans’ organizations.

These groups showed their honor and respect towards veterans by handing out small flags to participants, wearing red, white and blue, playing patriotic music, and displaying flags, for instance, the American flag, the prisoners of war flag, and others.

Gary Hall, a Vietnam veteran, said he has enjoyed the parade for several years as a viewer, amongst hundreds of others. He enlisted in 1967, and still remembers “how petrified [he] was” the

day that he enlisted decades ago. He served a total of 6 years in the air force doing the dog-handling. He continues to attend the parade because it is an event that “honors the veterans and all the people that served,” he said.

One of the most convivial and festive groups was the Daughters of the American Revolution, a worldwide organization. These women have direct lineage with someone who fought in or contributed money towards the American Revolution. Their group performs a large number of service projects for the community and military.

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Veterans make their way down Pleasanton’s Main Street during the 26th Annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade and Band Concert on Sunday, Nov. 5. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen) (See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia)

PETS OF THE WEEK



A HAPPY PAIR!

Meet this week’s dynamic duo: Little Miss Cheerful and Mr. Sunshine! These two pals are the perfect pair, and they prefer to do everything together! If you’re in need of some extra light in your life as the nights grow longer, adopt this adorable duo today, and let the sunshine in! Visit valleyhumane.org to learn more or email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption application process.

(Photo courtesy of Valley Humane Society)

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Livermore Group Brightens Others with the Power of Flowers

By Christina Cavallaro

Eighty-year-old Molly Fisher is wearing a purple velour zip-up jacket about the same color as a violet ranunculus, her favorite flower. But she is also surrounded by cut dahlias, marigolds, zinnias, and cosmos in just about every color of the rainbow that will make their way into floral arrangements.

She's seated at the corner of a large crafting table that's covered in newspapers and filled with empty vases, her black walker close at hand, while a handful of eager women dash between the flowers outside with gardening clippers. Buckets of water are nearby for the cut flowers and each woman takes care in placing the cut flowers into the water.

This frigid Monday morning is the final harvest for the Kindness Flower Project until next spring and there is a bounty of work to be done. Launched just a few months ago, the volunteer supported project grows, harvests, arranges and delivers bouquets of flowers weekly to senior care facilities, grief support groups, food pantries and women's shelters.

"I looked in my garden one day and thought, 'my God, why'd I plant so many flowers?'" Fisher recalled, adding that she slowly started giving away the flowers to friends, people in hospice and those in need of a cheery gift.

"I loved it. So, I planted more," she said. But when it came time to harvest the flowers, she knew she needed help.



Molly Fisher puts the finishing touches on a colorful flower arrangement. Fisher is the founder of the Kindness Flower Project, a non-profit organization that delivers fresh bouquets to senior health care facilities and other organizations. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

She turned to the neighborhood website Nextdoor, and posted an advertisement seeking help. "I just said, 'I like to garden with flowers and give them away to people. Would anybody like to help harvest, arrange or deliver? Or do you have vases?'"

Fisher received 63 responses. Livermore resident and volunteer Alicia Wistrand recalled seeing that post. "It was the way she asked," she remembered. "I just heard, 'I could use help.' And I thought, 'Yes, I can help you.'" Laura Lembo, who drives to Livermore from Mountain House to help out, had two reasons for signing up as a volunteer.

"It was the giveback," she said. "And I love flowers and know how much happiness they

bring me. And to be able to do that for others—I had to be a part of this."

But it's not just the volunteers who are getting joy from the Kindness Flower Project.

Service Coordinator Denicia Gressel of Satellite Affordable Housing Associates and Interfaith Housing has received flowers for residents at all three of their Livermore senior complexes: Vineyard Village, Arbor Vista and Hillcrest.

"We're so grateful because it's something that just makes people happy," said Gressel. "And when they know that people care and take the time to come out and do that. It's just an awesome thing."

And about Fisher she adds, "She does it with love and she has her own life circumstances

that are always happening and she still volunteers."

Fisher is not one to lead with those life circumstances defining her. But twice-weekly volunteer Wistrand shared that in the beginning of the season the doctor told Fisher, who has struggled with peripheral neuropathy since 2016 making it difficult to walk, she couldn't go in the garden anymore and was relegated to using a walker.

"She was bummed," said Wistrand. "She wrote to us all and said, 'I know what I can't do, but I definitely know what I can do.'" And she proceeded to make a list outlining everything she felt capable of replacing gardening with from seed propagation to organizing. She flipped the narrative. Wistrand, who has arthritis, says Fisher gives her hope for her own future.

"When I get to Molly's age, I'm going to start thinking about what I can do as opposed to what I can't, because of her impact."

And what Fisher has done amidst a whirlwind of various personal difficulties is to spread joy through flowers. "These ladies (and recently some men volunteers) have been remarkable," she said. "They have supported me every step of the way. And this project has given me purpose and meaning and something to get me through the hard times."

The harvesting frenzy continues. "Everything must go!" Fisher said. This is the last day till spring

Dublin Unified Newest School Name Down to Three Choices

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Last week, the Dublin Unified School District's TK-8 Naming Committee presented to the school board their three top choices for the new school's name: Shamrock Hills, Hacienda Meadows, and Martin Canyon.

The 12-acre school in central Dublin is scheduled to open in the fall of 2026 with a capacity for 1,100 students in transitional kindergarten through eighth grade.

The school board will consider and possibly vote on a name during the next public hearing on Nov. 14.

The process to find a name for the new school began in May, when the board directed the district to form a naming committee to include students, staff, parents, and community members.

Natasha Manuel, 12, is a student at Fallon Middle School and part of the naming committee. She said the process was fun and she enjoyed hearing from many unique perspectives. She also said the three names presented to the board each

represent Dublin in their own unique way.

While going through the process, the committee considered symbolic features, prominent landmarks, suggestions that celebrated the city's Irish heritage and influential Dublin historical figures.

They also had a list of items to avoid, including names of people who are still alive, names of people with global – but not local – significance, and names that are similar to other local schools or organizations.

"It was great to be part of the naming committee and to have an idea of what will make it over the finish line," said naming committee member Marin McElhany of Extended Day Childcare.

The process of whittling down the 631 submissions – which included 237 unique entries after duplicates were removed – took time and discussion. Initially, non-serious names like Taylor Swift Elementary, Arnold's Academic Acres and Monkey Frenzy were eliminated, leaving 164 entries for consideration.

Then the committee was split into four groups, with each group selecting a top 10. After duplicates were removed, there were 29 names left. Committee members went through two rounds of voting that brought the list down to the top six. Research was then done on each of the six names, and the group agreed on the top three presented to the board for consideration on Oct. 24.

The name Shamrock Hills was chosen to represent the geographic area of Dublin: the shamrock is a symbol of the City of Dublin, and "Hills" refers to the hills surrounding the city.

Hacienda Meadows was also symbolic of local geography, with "Meadows" referring to the open grassy space surrounding the city. "Hacienda" refers to the estates owned by various Spanish settlers and landowners.

The committee chose Martin Canyon because Martin Canyon Creek is just three miles from the school site and is a notable geographic feature in the area.

Public Utilities Commission Meeting Postponed

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has moved its meeting on rooftop-solar costs from Nov. 2 to Nov. 16 at 11 a.m.

According to CPUC President Alice Reynolds, the postponement is to give the commission time for "further review."

The CPUC is considering how much rooftop-solar owners will be paid for the power they export to the grid. It could be less than before.

Known as virtual net energy metering, or VNEM,

the current compensation program allows electric customers with multiple meters — such as schools, apartment buildings and farms — to benefit from onsite solar without having to physically wire their solar panels to each individual meter. Instead, VNEM simply credits any power exported to the grid against the total power consumed by the property.

But in August, the CPUC proposed a VNEM successor that would compensate exported power at a rate

below what these properties would buy their power at, drawing criticism from farmers to school districts to renters' rights' groups across the state.

The change would also encourage battery-storage systems and improve grid reliability, as such systems would allow customers to avoid buying power off the grid, according to the CPUC.

Instructions for commenting on CPUC meetings can be found at bit.ly/indy_cpuc-meetings.

to pick these flowers and share them. As for what she'll plant for next year's giving, "I don't really care that much what things look

like. I just want a place to put it. No bare ground is going to be the rule!" she laughs.



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EDITORIAL

Las Positas College Deserves Its Recognition as The 4th Best Community College in the Nation

In California, nearly 2 million students are attending one of the state's 116 community colleges.

Joining a community college can benefit students who want to save money on college, earn an associate degree, or complete general education requirements before transferring to a four-year institution.

The Tri-Valley is especially fortunate to have Las Positas College (LPC) in Livermore right in our backyard. The 60-year-old college was just named fourth best community college in the country by Niche, a group that uses U.S. Department of Education data to rank colleges nationwide.

We believe that LPC has been recognized for this honor in great part for its innovation in two critical areas. The college showcases unique programs that benefit a broad range of students, including those seeking lifelong learning. In addition, it has built cutting-edge campus facilities that provide support for a host of in-depth study areas.

The college's mission exemplifies its first strength. According to college

staff, LPC's purpose is to provide an inclusive, learning-centered, equity-focused environment. As a result, the college has developed high school and community outreach programs intended to increase enrollment of students of all ages and backgrounds.

For instance, it has focused on increasing the representation of historically underrepresented groups on the campus, including Blacks and Latinxs. Of the students currently enrolled for the fall semester, 4.5% identify as Black and 30% as Latinx. Las Positas College is nationally recognized as an Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI). Because of its commitment, the college's Latinx and Black students find themselves surrounded by peers and supported with quality resources and support services. As a result, LPC is seen as a destination campus for students of color.

The two-year old President's Scholars Program provides another example of the college's mission. The program recognizes outstanding academic achievement, leadership potential and community involvement by covering

tuition, parking and laptop use and awarding a \$1,000 stipend for books and school supplies for 20 deserving students each year. In addition, students have access to leadership, service and mentorship opportunities, and public relations experience serving as student ambassadors for the college.

Las Positas is also focused on helping non-traditional students by making available a bevy of courses at night, as well as in the daytime hours. It provides a two-year curriculum for students seeking career preparation, transfer to a four-year college or university, or personal enrichment. The college offers a guaranteed transfer agreement with all University of California schools, except UC Berkeley and UCLA. Students who enroll at Las Positas can choose any of 22 occupational associate degrees, 16 transfer associate degrees, and 42 certificate programs.

The campus facilities highlight a second LPC area of strength. Buildings built in the past and those that have been constructed recently reveal in a physical form the creative spirit that

characterizes the college leadership. For instance, the newly opened Academic Support and Office Building, the Public Safety Complex and Advanced Manufacturing and Transportation Building have been designed to provide students with state-of-the-art facilities to support excellence in teaching and learning.

And LPC isn't stopping there. It is moving forward with a modern STEAM Building, an innovative center that provides for the convergence of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. It will include a renovation of the outdoor amphitheater adjacent to the Mertes Center for Performing Arts.

As Steven Mintz of Inside Higher Ed suggests, the significance of a community college is right there in the name – community.

We applaud Las Positas College for paving the way for so many in and near the Tri-Valley to be able to learn, grow and achieve, while enjoying a close-to-home campus, small class sizes and low or no-cost tuition.

MAILBOX

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Want County Land but Not for AG? Here's How Elizabeth M. Judge, Livermore

1. Buy 60 acres of county land at cheaper agricultural price.
 2. Try to get the county to make an exception for your non-ag use.
 3. Failing that, write a letter to the City of Livermore a year later to convince the city to expand its Urban Growth Boundary to include your new land.
 4. Failing that, send another letter to a newly elected mayor (see council packet for its April 10, 2023 meeting) to convince the city to expand its Urban Growth Boundary to include your land so you can do what you want.
- Whine in the letter about your having to wait two years to break ground on property you knew was not zoned for your purposes in the first place. Alas, a company which followed these above steps finds that the city's committee for updating the General Plan (members are appointed by city council) has included such an expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary as a distinct possibility!

Now citizens must weigh in on the idea of violating the boundary they so urgently set about twenty years ago. The city would have to pay for an election to get said expansion to go through and once the boundary is violated there is no stopping such

efforts. Just buy yourself some cheap land and follow above steps. Or put a stop to this obvious sham by stopping the change now.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Marcia S. Elchesen, President, Livermore

Ruth Gasten, VP and Co-Founder, Livermore Interfaith Interconnect of the Tri-Valley

Interfaith Interconnect was founded in 2011 with the mission "To enrich, inform, and educate ourselves and others about the great diversity of faiths and cultures in our valley." For over a decade, we have celebrated the richness that comes from getting to know one another and learning about the beliefs and practices of different faiths and cultures. As we see a rise in anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, we believe that the interfaith relationships we have built locally are more important than ever. Here is an opportunity to join us in this endeavor: Interfaith Interconnect, in collaboration with Livermore-Pleasanton Interfaith Clergy Association, is holding its 9th interfaith Thanksgiving service on Sunday, Nov. 19, 3:30-4:30 p.m. at St. Clare's Episcopal Church in Pleasanton, located at 3350 Hopyard Rd. All are welcome to attend the service and to stay on for conversation and light refreshments from 4:30-5 p.m. When we gather to express thanks for all that we have, we can also express a desire for peace, commit to support the freedom and dignity of all people, learn and appreciate what our diverse faiths and cultures have in common, and joyfully celebrate our diversity. Please join us. For more information, contact Interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com.

Why Not High-Rise Housing? Susan Mayall, Livermore

I agree fully with Jeff Kasky's letter in last week's Independent. One of the things that makes Livermore unique, and one of the reasons we chose to live here, was its enlightened UGB. This allows inhabitants to have easy access to the beautiful countryside, provides views from our homes and downtown, makes us plan our city more carefully so that we can include people of all income levels, whom we need and desire.

Therein lies the problem. Housing becomes more and more expensive. Livermore has been enlightened in building more and more types of dense housing. But when the space is gone,

where do we go? Before we get there, we should be looking at high-rise housing for people of all incomes.

My husband and I have thought that if the 'Legacy Building' had been high-rise so that one could see out and over the city, we would move into it. No way now would we choose the squat, square building that covers a whole block. Luxury high-rise housing has always existed in large cities – look at San Francisco and Chicago. Why not here?

There appears to be great resistance to having any building of over five floors in Livermore. Perhaps it will be considered irrelevant that there is a country which has long been planning and building high-rises to help solve the same problems that exist in Livermore.

The Netherlands, which has one of the densest populations in the world, has been preserving their beautiful old city centers, providing easy access to the countryside, and moving from terrace housing to high-rises for many generations now. These are surrounded by green spaces, have parking, laundries, sometimes stores, and other facilities in their basements. Students and young families live in them – so do professors, businesspeople, and people of lower incomes. Their inhabitants reflect the population. Parks and bike paths cover the cities.

California is not the Netherlands, with its hundreds of centuries to learn and adapt. But couldn't we adapt just a little? Or do we prefer to sprawl, and lose the things that many of us love about Livermore?

Supporting the Urban Growth Boundary Bernard Cabanne, Livermore

Do you enjoy the greenbelt that surrounds Livermore? This greenbelt or Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) protects and preserves our open space, agricultural land, and vineyards. The UGB creates and maintains our countryside atmosphere, beautiful scenic resources and vistas that can be viewed from all sections of Livermore. These scenic resources greatly add to our quality of life. Unfortunately, sections of the UGB to the North and East are now threatened.

If you support the UGB, there are two critical ways to express that support. First, the city will conduct a poll to see if maintaining a greenbelt between Livermore and Dublin is important to residents. Dublin wants to annex 180 acres of land north of

I-580 between Dublin and Livermore for commercial development. Please let the city know we want to safeguard this area as a much needed buffer. If you are not contacted, you can call the Livermore City Clerk's office 1-925-960-4200.

Second, the city is in the process of updating its General Plan and studying areas for future growth. The city is considering five focus areas including Midtown, Vasco Row, Laughlin Road, Las Positas, and an area east of Greenville that is outside of our city limits and also outside of our sphere of influence (SOI). The City would have to annex the East Greenville area, which would be expensive and time consuming. Why not target focus areas within the city limits? The other four focus areas offer enough space for housing, commercial and industrial development. Livermore has met and will continue to meet its Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for the next eight years. Reasons to expand beyond the UGB east of Greenville are not sufficient, given the many vacant commercial and industrial sites within city limits that could and should be developed before breaking the UGB.

The UGB protects and preserves the unique character of Livermore. Please attend the next workshop meeting on Wednesday Nov. 15th at 6 pm at Croce Elementary School, 5650 Scenic Ave. You can also access materials online at ImagineLivermore2045.org. We can thrive and grow without breaking our UGB to the North and East.

Let Them Grow Grapes Ann Giannini, Livermore

Hello Citizens, this letter is for us directed to the Topcon Developers. Sorry, Topcon — we all know you recently bought 60 acres of agricultural land for a very small amount of money. The plan is to persuade the county to change the Urban Growth Boundary for you to develop commercially. The citizens of Livermore voted long ago to prevent this from happening. Here is a solution for you — simply go into the agricultural business.

Updating Livermore's General Plan Jean King, Livermore

The City of Livermore is updating its General Plan that will guide for the next 20 years the City decisions on issues including housing and jobs.

Livermore citizens have

protected open space and agriculture since supporting both the County Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Measure D in 2000, Livermore UGB in 2002 and then defeating Pardee's effort to break the UGB in 2005. There is no need to break the UGB now.

There is enough space within our present area for projected residential and jobs growth for the next 20 years and beyond. We do not need to break the UGB by moving the boundary to the east of Greenville Road. Save our habitat, open space and agricultural areas.

In March 2023, the Council adopted the State required 2023-2031 Housing Element that includes the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for Livermore of 4,570 new housing units. Livermore already has residential capacity in the General Plan and Specific Plan site areas to accommodate a total of 5,077 housing units which is more than the required number of 4,570. (page 12).

Livermore has a ratio of 1.71 jobs to households which is higher than the County's ratio of 1.43.

Attend the community workshop on the GPAC 6:00 - 8:30 pm November 15 at Croce Elementary School, 5650 Scenic Ave.

Ask for a "No Change" option for East Greenville Focus Area.

Second Chance to Comment Livermore's Updated General Plan Patricia Munro, Livermore

For a couple of years, the City of Livermore has been going through the complicated process of updating the General Plan, the document that, through the miracle of zoning, enables us all to plan for the next couple of decades. The process has been slow because it is a really big deal to plan for everything that goes into growing a city thoughtfully and carefully.

Based in part on previous community input, the city created three different land use scenarios for five focus areas around the city. Over the past month and ending in mid-November, the city has been asking for another round of community input.

On both Tuesday, November 14, from 12:00 to 1:00 pm and Saturday, Nov. 18, from 10-11 a.m., the city will host webinars that give an overview of three different land use scenarios that focus on updates to five Livermore areas. These webinars will discuss the differences among the scenarios and the consequences of

adopting one or the other.

Then, on Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 6-8 p.m., plan to attend a workshop at the Croce Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room (located at 5650 Scenic Ave) to share your input on which scenario you prefer and why. The initial part of the workshop will include information on the different scenarios. You can register for both webinars and workshop at <https://imagineLivermore2045.org/>.

Can't make the workshop? It is possible to provide online feedback at www.myinput.com/livermore-land-use-alternatives. But if you attend the workshop, there will be cookies.

Drinking the Sea and Drowning in the Arroyos Greg Scott, Livermore

"Palestinians need to act now to prevent further bloodshed and strive to create the life in Gaza they want and deserve!!" (Daniella Karo, Pleasanton, "Palestinians Should Act Now," Mailbox, 11/2/2023).

Where is our humanity? Where is our knowledge of historical facts?

An educational tour of the brutal and savage October 7 attacks by Hamas would include putting into body bags Israeli corpses and the decimated Israeli human remains we could gather and then continuing our tour by witnessing the aftermath of the genocidal Israeli bombings of Gaza through the placement of body parts of dead Palestinian children into bags. This is the "life in Gaza they want and deserve!!" This is the way of life wanted by Israel? When and how will the hatred stop? With more violence by Israel and Hamas?

For sixteen years Gaza has been under blockade, which collapsed the economy. The people of Gaza have been living, through severe oppression, like that of the squalor of rats. Gaza is 70% refugees and they're the descendants from the "Nakba" ("catastrophe") of 1948, when 750,000 Palestinians lost their homes to the Israelis and 250,000 of those refugees went to Gaza. With 2.3 million residents, Gaza, being 140 square miles, is the most densely populated area in the world. For years in Gaza, the inhabitants have had to drink sea water that has been inadequately desalinized. (Amira Hass, "Drinking the Sea in Gaza," 1996).

Since October 7 nearly 10,000, mostly civilians, in Gaza have lost their lives in

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Last week, while helping US Marshals arrest a wanted fugitive, Pleasanton police officers recovered various items in the suspect’s Pleasanton home. They collected two unregistered guns, over a kilo of cocaine and nearly \$3K in cash. Additionally, officers uncovered a large-scale ID theft and forgery operation with victims throughout the Bay Area. The suspect was taken into custody. (Photo courtesy of Pleasanton Police Department)

the Israeli bombings. More than 3,400 of these have been children and more than 600,000 have been left homeless.

“...what could be done if that million [dollars] were doubled, tripled, or more? How would we all thrive if we invested more in the most vulnerable?” (Patricia Munro, Livermore, “Human Services in Livermore,” Mailbox, 11/2/2023).

We are investing part of \$3.8 billion a year for Israel to make hundreds of thousands homeless in Gaza. Do we just pour money in all directions? First, we need to think how we are spending money on homelessness locally and globally. We will never have enough resources to cure homelessness by regular housing or war. By mostly money, homelessness will not be solved. We in the United States have to realize we do not have endless money.

We need to have the capability to understand and alleviate stupid suffering with more efficient, ethical, and moral financial expenditures.

We Cannot Be Complacent About Our Air
Donna Cabanne, Livermore
Sierra Club, Tri-Valley Group Ex. Comm.

“The science is clear; exposure to lead can cause irreversible and life-long effects in children. Now, small piston engine aircraft that use leaded fuel are the dominant source of lead emissions in our air.” (Environmental Protection Agency 10/23) Unfortunately, communities living near general aviation airports – such as Livermore – experience disproportionate exposure to lead from aviation fuel emissions. When measuring lead air pollution, Livermore Air-

port (LVK) ranks the 28th worst out of more than 5,000 municipal airports across the country.

We cannot be complacent. The Sierra Club submitted a letter urging the Livermore City Council to separate and fast track the Fixed Base Operator’s proposal for additional fuel tanks to sell 100UL for small piston aircraft. An additional fuel tank exists at the airport that could be used for the sale of unleaded fuel. The city council voted 4-0 to update minimal airport standards including the sale of unleaded fuel at the next city council meeting Monday Nov. 13th.

The Livermore Airport Commission has added a list of unleaded AV fuels that could be sold including UL94, 100Gami and 100UL. However, the unleaded fuel additions to the minimum airport standards do not in-

clude a timeline. Why? Further, modifications to the minimum airport standards do not include a requirement for the reduction of leaded fuel sales. Why? UL94 is currently sold at 35 airports in the US. Why don’t we have it for sale at the Livermore Airport?

The Sierra Club, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), Earthjustice, and Livermore Airport Citizen’s Group all view lead air pollution from aircraft as an urgent health issue. Please join us Monday November 13th and ask the City Council to fast track the sale of unleaded fuel. For the health of our children, and all Tri-Valley residents please contact the Livermore City Council members and ask for an accelerated timeline to sell unleaded aviation fuel at Livermore Airport.

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Saving The Hill Again
Doug Mann, Livermore
Secretary, Citizens for Balanced Growth

The city of Livermore held an informational meeting on Nov. 1 regarding the process associated with a new request to urbanize Garaventa Hill. Citizens for Balanced Growth attended the meeting, and we weren’t sure what to expect. Thankfully, it all seems to be playing out pretty well. In fact, we believe it is increasingly clear that there will be no feasible way to urbanize The Hill without doing environmental damage that is impossible to mitigate.

Decide for yourself. We are an educational 501c3 and it is our responsibility to present the facts on the ground. So, we took the opportunity to record the meeting and make it available to you. It’s on our YouTube channel and you can find it by going to citizensforbalancedgrowth.org/garaventahill. A full transcript is also available.

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and we’re raising our families and we don’t want this project to proceed,” one audience member said. “I want you, the city, to do whatever you can think of to kill it.”

Just as they did about five years ago, Lafferty Communities wants to build more than 40 homes at the site. Once a project with 76 homes, the developer dropped the number to 47. It now stands at 44 in the latest application.

Approved by the Livermore City Council in 2019, the Garaventa Hill project has spent years in litigation. Residents, calling themselves Save the Hill Group (SHG), sued in Alameda County Superior Court to stop it. Although a judge ruled against them, SHG appealed to the California 1st District Court of Appeal and won. A judicial panel agreed with their claim that city consultant Lamphier-Gregory had failed to include a “no project” alternative to construction in its EIR, a document required

in the permitting process to examine how a development will affect a community.

California law, SHG’s attorneys argued, required the EIR to include information that showed how much money the city had available in conservation funds that could be offered to the landowners as an alternative to what the developer would pay them. In this case, Livermore now has \$20.6 million, up from \$19.5 million available when the project was previously approved. The EIR did not include that information, prompting the higher court judicial panel to invalidate the document.

In late 2021, Livermore’s City Council rescinded its approval of the project. By March, however, Lafferty paid Livermore a \$16,826 application fee and \$56,797 to update the EIR with the no project alternative included.

Stewart and Spence explained that California law requires cities to process de-

velopers’ applications, making sure their plans adhere to city codes and ordinances.

“There’s a permit process and we don’t have the authority or ability to say, ‘No, I’m sorry, we don’t want to process your permit,’” Spence said.

The staff members explained that the city will offer the funds to the owners sometime next year, but the women don’t have to take it. They estimated the developer is paying them \$15 to \$20 million.

A few residents brought up other issues pertaining to the land, questioning why Lamphier-Gregory was again hired to write the EIR, and why PG&E began work last year to install a power line for the development even after the court ruling. Spence and Stewart said that Lamphier-Gregory already had the background to update the EIR, instead of another firm starting from scratch; and the city mistak-

enly had issued the permit for PG&E. Some residents had viewed that error as a sign the city was secretly working with the developer behind their backs.

Resident Carol Silva questioned whether the city could contact the Garaventa owners’ real estate broker to have a meeting to hear their concerns. Doug Mann of the Citizens for Balanced Growth followed up with a similar question.

The broker, Mary Anne Rozsa, declined their requests.

Not all of those in attendance were against the project. One man said the housing was needed. He said three of his children moved away because they could not afford housing prices in Livermore.

“I can’t afford to hire employees because they can’t afford to live here,” the man said. “Think about the people who are going to live here, who are going to be our neighbors, who are going to be great people.”

members, administrators, and classified professionals.

President’s Scholars Program expands breadth of student services

One of LPC’s innovative student support systems was featured at the Fall Welcome Reception. It was easy for audience members to conclude that along with the college’s carefully designed campus facilities, the focus on accessibility for a broad range of students contributed to LPC’s recognition as the fourth best community college in the nation.

Foster described the President’s Scholars Program, a comprehensive scholarship plan. The two-year program recognizes outstanding academic achievement, leadership potential and community involvement. Each year, 20 students are chosen to receive this award, which covers the full cost of tuition for up to two years, an annual stipend of up to \$1,000 for books and school supplies, complimentary parking permits each term and personal use of a new laptop computer. Students also have access to leadership, service and mentorship opportunities and serve as student ambassadors for the college.

“The President’s Scholars Program at Las Positas College represents our commitment to make a high-quality education even more accessible to families in our community,” said Foster. “These talented students exemplify an outstanding dedication to pursue their academic goals, community service, and leadership.”

The audience cheered Foster and the two students who spoke at the reception for their involvement in a program seen as inspiring.

His attorney, Denise Eaton-May, did not respond to a request for comment.

The case was assigned to Judge Karin Schwartz at the Rene C. Davidson Courthouse in Oakland.

PARADE

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“Both my uncles and grandfather served in the navy, so the military is very important to me,” said Jill Zollinger, the president of the organization, who is directly related to several patriots. She also added that it is crucial to “honor the Vietnam veterans because they never got that, and we need to.”

Paul Jensen was one of the youngest people to fight in World War II. He is now 97 years old and has been in

the parade for many years. He is passionate about attending the parade to commemorate all the service of the U.S. veterans.

Jensen is involved in many veteran groups, including the North Rotary club, which is an international organization which conducts humanitarian services all over the world, such as “(delivering) wheelchairs to different countries, as well as the polio vaccine” his daughter said.

PILOT

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and hopes to become either a commercial pilot or an aviation attorney.

“It was an amazing experience flying with Bob,” he said. “The time spent with the Young Eagles has ignited my passion for aviation and I hope to become a commercial pilot or aviation attorney someday.”

Leuten supports that goal.

“There is a pilot shortage,” said Leuten. “When you take a flight on an airline, you want to know that the pilot and the crew are motivated, interested, and they’re competent. That’s all part of the Young Eagle qualification and mantra.”

A Government Accountability Office report this year found airlines — particularly smaller, regional ones — struggling to find enough pilots to meet demand, leading to at least two failed attempts by airlines to increase pilot supply by relaxing certification standards.

MAILBOX

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Signature Gatherers Lie Alan Marling, Livermore

Don’t believe a word from people asking for your signatures. They’re not paid to tell you the truth. They’re paid to get you to sign, by any means necessary.

Now, if you have the time to read and research the issue, then feel free to come back to sign. Thanks to recently passed AB 421, veto referendums have to have clearer language and list the top three funders of the petition drive to repeal the law. Unfortunately, the same is not true for all petition schemes, including recalls.

I’m frustrated because this is another example of the corruption of our democracy. Gathering signatures is supposed to represent grassroots support and put a check on the powers at be. Instead, it’s being co-opted by those powers, which are paying to re-roll votes and legislation that don’t go their way. It’s not about public sentiment, or right and wrong, only money. Though I am disgusted by how Governor Newsom has let PG&E get away with murder, the recall campaign against him didn’t do any good and cost California taxpayers \$200 million. It

also wasted my time.

If you also feel angry, there is no need to vent at the petition gatherers themselves. They’re trapped in late-stage capitalism like all of us. Instead, I will be calling my California legislators. It’s past time they improved the recall system to make it less exploitable. You can also contact your Alameda supervisors and urge them to modernize our county’s recall procedures.

Closure of East Bound Lane of Stanley Blvd. John Clatworthy, Livermore

I recently wrote to The Independent twice, trying to get information about the construction work ongoing on Stanley Blvd., but got no responses. I decided to do some digging myself and found out, with help from both Livermore’s and Pleasanton’s Engineering Departments, that this is an Alameda County project. Alameda County’s Engineering Department informed me that they don’t have an estimated completion date yet, due to some unresolved environmental issues. So regular users of Stanley will just have to be patient with the project until the issues and construction are resolved.

COLLEGE

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Gianna Sandoval, left, and Jack Twisselmann, right, with Las Positas College President Dr. Dyrell Foster, center, last Friday attended the Foundation Fall Welcome Reception at the college in Livermore. The two students, recipients of the President’s Scholars Program, praised their experience with the scholarship plan. (Photo courtesy of Chip Woerner)

said the increased enrollment is due to several factors, including post-pandemic return to campus, word of mouth, increased outreach to students and campus open house events.

Advancing student benefits further, LPC has opened this fall two new campus buildings with innovative educational components, college representatives reported at the event. They add to the well conceived, learning-focused spaces already available.

Officials explained that the new Academic Support and Office Building and the Public Safety Complex and Advanced Manufacturing and Transportation Building were designed to provide students with state-of-the-art facilities. These new facilities would not be possible without the support of Alameda County voters in passing Measure A, a \$950 million bond for Chabot and Las Positas colleges in 2016.

The Academic Support

and Office Building is a modern facility that supports the English center, math center, computer science center, computer labs, classrooms, tutoring with study areas, networking, faculty offices, and expansion of library functions.

College officials said this building serves as a hub for academic support and fosters an environment where students can receive the assistance they need to excel in their coursework.

The Public Safety Complex and Advanced Manufacturing and Transportation building is a state-of-the-art facility with technology and machinery designed to prepare students for careers in public safety and the rapidly evolving fields of manufacturing and transportation.

The Public Safety project consists of an emergency medical services simulation lab and situation rooms, fire training areas, and fire training apparatus.

The Advanced Manu-

facturing project includes an automotive technology facility, welding lab, classrooms, and lab spaces to provide training in advanced manufacturing processes and faculty offices. This building boasts specialized labs and workshops equipped with the latest technology and machinery, providing students with hands-on experience in obtaining necessary skills needed for their careers.

Las Positas College is also planning to build a STEAM Building, an addition to its campus that will house an array of programs critical to the convergence of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. The building will accommodate chemistry and biology, studio arts, graphic design, digital media, interior design, photography, journalism, and media studies. It will feature modern classrooms, state-of-the-art laboratories, and dedicated student learning spaces, as well as faculty offices, an art gallery, podcast studio and numerous collaborative areas for students, faculty

SUES

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including listening to a call the deputy placed to the sergeant. During that call, the sergeant told him the girls “were not liars” several times and mentioned he had touched one of them inappropriately.

A Brentwood police spokesman said detectives investigated the case and turned their reports over to the Contra Costa County District Attorney’s Office. The lawsuit says prosecutors declined to file criminal charges “because of the potential impact this type of trial would have on the minors.” DA’s Office spokesman Ted Asregadoo, however, said the case was declined because of insufficient evidence to prove the case beyond a reasonable doubt.

The deputy, who worked in the intake, transfer and release section at the jail, told his supervisor about the report and was told to go to the ACSO’s Internal Affairs office. The deputy did so, expecting “that an investigation into his complaint would be conducted.” The lawsuit alleges that did not occur.

Months later, the deputy received a letter that told him his complaint was “withdrawn” and no further action would occur. The lawsuit said he then began to expe-

rience “retaliatory, adverse employment actions” and harassment.

At one point, the deputy’s case alleges, he ran into the sergeant while working an overtime shift. The sergeant, he said, “aggressively blurted demeaning and threatening remarks at him,” including an obscenity.

The deputy reported the sergeant to his supervisor, who contacted Internal Affairs, but “the matter does not appear to have been investigated,” the lawsuit states. The deputy alleges he went two months without another overtime shift, costing him income.

The lawsuit alleges that the deputy had applied for a range instructor job, but did not get it. He also was summoned to a meeting with a commander to discuss several reports of “unnecessary use of force.” The lawsuit contends the commander fabricated some of the reports.

“Thereafter, (the deputy) continued to experience more retaliation and disparate treatment,” the lawsuit states. “In the Spring of 2021, he was assigned to work in Housing Unit 25, a unit that is filled with sex offenders. Contrary to department regulations

and protocol, (the deputy) was required to work alone, without another deputy for 99% of the time.”

In May 2021, the deputy was transferred from the jail to the Alameda County Coroner’s Office, which is overseen by the ACSO. He filed another complaint alleging the move would cost him overtime income, but was told later the complaint was “withdrawn,” the lawsuit said.

“After contemplating leaving the department due to the disparate treatment he was receiving, (the deputy) was told that Undersheriff (Richard) Lucia indicated that he was glad (the deputy) was leaving the department because his ‘career is shot,’ implying that his career within the agency was over because of his complaint of sexual misconduct that he filed against (the sergeant),” the lawsuit states.

The lawsuit said the deputy has suffered mental and physical distress, anxiety, depression, heart palpitations and insomnia.

The deputy’s status with the ACSO was unclear. Transparent California, which lists all employees in public jobs, shows him as an ACSO deputy in 2021. He is not listed in 2022.

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Rotary Club of Livermore Presents a “Frets & Friends” Production



San Francisco Bay Area guitarist Teja Gerken is one of several artists scheduled to perform at the upcoming Rotary Music Scholarship Concert on Dec. 9 at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore. (Photo courtesy of Michael Ferrucci)

When thinking of great guitar pickers, many names come to mind – Chet Atkins, Jerry Reed, Glenn Campbell, Eric Clapton, Jimmie Hendrix, Jeff Beck, Tommy Emmanuel. There are so many!

For example, acclaimed guitar picker Richard Smith is coming to Livermore’s Bothwell Arts Center on Saturday, Dec. 9, to play a fundraiser for the Livermore Rotary Music Scholarship Fund.

Smith at age 11 was asked by Chet Atkins to come up on stage to play with him at Her Majesty’s theater in London. Now in his 40’s, he’s carved his place as one of the very best in the industry. Smith won the National Fingerstyle Guitar Championship in 2001 and the

National Thumbpickers Hall of Fame named him Thumbpicker of the Year in 2008 and 2021. This will be his second time Smith has come to Livermore to support music education in our community.

He will be joined by San Francisco Bay Area guitarist Teja Gerken. Gerken’s sets include original compositions, Celtic traditionals, classical pieces, jazz standards and some favorite tunes by his fingerstyle guitar peers. His latest release is 2020’s Duets, a collaboration with fellow Bay Area guitarist Doug Young, and third solo album, Test of Time, will be released in January 2024.

Michael Ferrucci, organizer of the event, is known for his acoustic music productions

throughout the S.F. Bay Area. Now retired from his previous incarnation as Livermore’s own “guitar guru” and owner of Fine Fretted Friends, a community music store in downtown Livermore, he remains an active Rotarian and founder of the Rotary Music Scholarship Fund.

The Rotary music scholarship has been suffering in the concert fundraising post pandemic.

“It is why I urge our community to come out and support these concerts” says Ferrucci. “The proceeds from these concerts provide the essential funds and ability for Livermore music students that need help ... scholarships are awarded to help repair or acquire a new instrument and also help

to support private lessons and tutoring.”

Bothwell Arts Center is located at 2466 8th Street in Livermore. The show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for seniors and students, \$30 in advance for general audiences and \$35 at the door. For additional information, contact Michael Ferrucci at frettedfriend@gmail.com.

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ITV Recognizes Youthful Innovators

Eleven young adults from the Tri-Valley area received DreamMakers & RiskTakers awards this week from the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group (ITV), a nonprofit collaboration of business and community leaders that promotes job growth and economic development in the region.

The awards recognize high school and college students “who are transforming their communities through innovation, creativity, and empathy.”

They were presented at ITV’s 13th annual DreamMakers & RiskTakers breakfast at the Shannon Community Center in Dublin on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Katie Marcel, chief executive officer for ITV, noted that “the region’s national research laboratories, top-tier school districts, and innovation-driven economy have nurtured a culture of curiosity, inspiring our students to take risks, think big, and to act locally.”

This year’s recipients were:

Arjun Karur-Parekh, Dublin High School

For the past three years, Karur-Parekh has led a group of students calling themselves Gardeners of the Galaxy in growing microgreens – smaller, nutrient-rich versions of common vegetables – in a licensed garage facility that received certification from Alameda County. The Gardeners of the Galaxy provided microgreens for school lunches and for two

local nonprofit organizations, Culinary Angels and Tri-Valley Haven.

Daniel Santoyo, Las Positas College

Santoyo developed data visualization platforms for the Las Positas College’s Tutoring Center, enhancing student retention and satisfaction. This summer, the Las Positas student and tutor conducted bioinformatics research on mice RNA sequences as a research fellow at the University of California, Merced.

Trenton Thomsen, Granada High School

Thomsen was recognized as a social innovator with a commitment to combating hate. His accomplishments range from participating in the ACLU National Advocacy Institute to leading the operations committee for the student-run 24-Hour Race movement against human trafficking. He also organized professional development sessions for Granada faculty on hate speech and intervention.

Yatin Bayya, Amador Valley High School

Bayya was recognized for his achievements in computer science. In 2020, he published “Python for Beginners; Learn it as easy as pie,” a guide to the program language, Python. He has also published a Google extension, Easy Account Marks, that has nearly 100,000 weekly users and is featured on the Google Webstore homepage as a Top Picks.

Youth Climate Summit Lead Planning Team

High school students Sahil Mehta, from Pleasanton, and Shrish Premkrishna, Thaarak Sriram, Darshini Binduraj, and Alexander Pepper, from Livermore, received the Tri-Valley 2040 Regional Visionary Award, which goes to an individual or group of students pursuing one of the goals in ITV’s 2040 Vision Plan.

In September, a group of Tri-Valley high school students organized Livermore’s first Youth Climate Summit to promote awareness of the changing climate and explore collective solutions. Mehta, Premkrishna, Sriram, Binduraj, and Pepper headed the lead planning committee. They also established partnerships with Quest Science Center and the Tri-Valley Air Quality Climate Alliance to produce climate literacy resolutions for the regional school districts, heat mapping in Livermore, waste-auditing in schools, and energy-efficiency research related to lighting and environmental restoration.

Gia Keiper, Middle College High School, Las Positas College

Keiper, who has pursued various projects in global health, engineering, design, and architecture, received the ITV award for Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program.

Among other projects, she designed an electric-powered vertical take-off and landing aircraft

(eVTOL) that provides performance with zero carbon emissions. She presented her design last month at the EAA Youth Aviation Fundraiser at Five Rivers Aviation in Livermore and has been invited, with five other students, to co-develop a research payload for an upcoming NASA mission to explore the moon.

Krishna Singhani, Monte Vista High School, Danville

Combining a drive for gender equity and her knowledge of diagnostics, Singhani developed FEMale: A Diagnostic and Evaluation System for Iron Deficiency and Anemia in Teenage Girls Due to Their Menstrual Cycle; a noninvasive, low-cost, at-home way to measure anemia. She is filing for a patent on FEMale and is in the process of establishing a partnership with the Red Cross Blood Donation Center to continue testing and development.

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FUEL

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in California. Additionally, the various unleaded fuels coming to market cannot intermix, requiring dedicated tanks and pumps for each type.

Last year, the Federal Aviation Administration launched its Eliminate Aviation Gasoline Lead Emissions (EAGLE) initiative that aims to phase out leaded aviation fuel by 2030. EAGLE partners, such as Chevron and Phillips 66, are working to create a new development standard for high-octane, unleaded fuel suitable for all piston aircraft.

Concurrently, General Aviation Modifications, Inc. (GAMI) began selling its own high-octane, unleaded fuel — G100UL — last year. Although the company planned to begin California deliveries this year, logistics have delayed that timeline, with Acting Airport Manager Benny Stuth expecting first deliveries in 2024 or 2025.

Stuth also said the city will meet with GAMI to discuss the availability and prioritization of its fuel next week.

Although thankful for the city’s progress, residents continued to press for faster results.

“Do whatever you can, but do it,” said Dublin resident Shirley Lewandowski.

And as an alternative to mandating a new tank, Livermore resident Donna Cabanne suggested that the city cover the tank’s costs with its Airport Enterprise Fund to fast track a UL94 offering.

“That money is there; it’s not an enormous amount,” she said.

If approved, the revised minimum standards would allow Five Rivers up to 24 months to plan, design and install an unleaded-fuel service at the airport.

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Sunflower Hill to Receive “Giving Tuesday” Donations from Community Foundation

The Community Health and Education Foundation (CHEF) will provide a 50% match for donations earmarked for the Pleasanton-based Sunflower Hill, up to \$10,000, from Giving Tuesday, Nov. 28, through Tuesday, Dec. 5.

CHEF, based in Livermore, is a nonprofit foundation that provides resources for other non-profits promoting health and well-being in the Tri-Valley area, including a contributions-match program.

Sunflower Hill sponsors programs and develops affordable residential communities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Giving Tuesday, also known as the Global Day of Giving, was cofounded by a community and cultural center in New York and the United Nations Foundation in 2012 and encourages community involvement and generosity.



Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown, right, and guests enjoyed a recent evening at the Blackhawk Museum in Danville to celebrate Sunflower Hill's 10-year anniversary. The nonprofit organization co-develops affordable residential communities and creates programs and activities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

(Photo courtesy of Chuck Deckert)

Sunflower Hill also reported raising \$270,000 at its 10th anniversary Moonlight at the Museum gala in September.

The fundraiser was held at the Blackhawk Museum in San Ramon. Next year's fundraising gala will be held Sept. 21.

Pleasanton Receives A Mental Health and Quick Response Award

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Pleasanton was recognized for its new Alternate Response to Mental Health program at the League of California Cities (LCC) annual conference in September.

The city was awarded the Helen Putnam Award for Excellence for the development of the program, which has lessened uniformed police response to mental health incidents. Developed by the city and modeled after similar programs, the Alternate Response Unit responded to over 360 calls for service this year since its January launch. Only 96 of those calls required uniformed police assistance, and the program has resulted in a 47% reduction of emergency psychiatric holds.

Pleasanton City Councilmember Julie Testa advocated for the program and said it has boosted the community's overall behavioral health resilience.

"This program has resulted in dramatically beneficial results for our community," Testa said. "And the program has been very effective with our unhoused population as well."

Testa said clinicians who are part of the response team can also treat the city's unhoused population with appropriate resources, leaving police officers free to respond to other types of calls.

The program was initially funded in November 2021 by the city council for a two-year trial. It was developed over 2022 and launched this year. During

development, cross-training between police officers and licensed clinicians on the response team allowed for insight into each other's expertise and cohesive teamwork. Ongoing costs are estimated at \$1 million per year, split evenly between non-city personnel and city personnel. Pleasanton spokesperson Heather Tiernan said the program will move out of its pilot phase and be incorporated into the police department's ongoing program.

The LCC Helen Putnam Award for Excellence is named for the organization's first female president, elected in 1978. Putnam served her Petaluma community as a teacher, principal, mayor and country supervisor and viewed success as meeting one's potential. According to the LCC website, Putnam "defined excellence"; the award is given in her memory for outstanding achievement. Cities recognized with this award have made unique contributions to community residents and businesses resulting in lower costs or more effective delivery of services. The award's purpose is to recognize and promote outstanding efforts and innovative solutions by city governments.

Pleasanton also partners with multiple organizations throughout the Tri-Valley to provide mental health services to the community – Axix Community Health, Hively, CityServe, and Tri-Valley Haven.

Conservation District Receives Grant to Plan Wildlife Crossings

The California Wildlife Conservation Board has approved a \$7 million grant for the Alameda County Resource Conservation District to plan and design three wildlife crossings over or under portions of I-680, I-580, and State Road 84.

The conservation district said the funding would be used to identify viable locations for the wildlife crossings, followed by environmental documentation and engineering.

Along with barrier fencing, the wildlife crossings would restore habitat connectivity while reducing the risk of

vehicular collisions with wildlife, according to the district.

The East Bay Wildlife Crossings project is expected to benefit mountain lion, bobcat, and tule elk populations, along with the locally endangered California red-legged frog, tiger salamander, and Alameda whipsnake.

The California Department of Fish & Wildlife has identified portions I-680, I-580, and SR-84 in Alameda County as Priority Barriers to wildlife movement.

The planning phase is expected to take 3.5 years, according to the conservation district.

TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Now through Nov. 30

TRAVEL BLUES INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOW

The Livermore Art Association presents its second solo artist exhibit at the Robert Livermore Community Center at 4444 East Ave. in Livermore. The theme is "Travel Blues," an international photographic show. On display are photos taken from around the world dominated by the color blue. Photographer Craig Varden has extensively travelled with family, the Navy, and with international business. The show is up all November at the Senior Center area Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 11

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Livermore Eagles will be hosting their annual Holiday Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 527 N. Livermore Ave. Visit with local artisans displaying and selling their handmade crafts for those extra special gifts. Crafters interested in taking part should call Evy Barr at (925) 980-7216 for additional details. The fair will also feature a bake sale with proceeds to benefit the local humane society.

Sunday, Nov. 12

TRINITY CONCERT SERIES FEATURES EUROPEAN CLASSICS BY FATHER-SON DUO

Concert pianist Markus Pawlik and his 16-year old son, violinist Ariel Pawlik-Zwiebel, will perform a program of European classics ranging from baroque through modern on Nov. 12 from 4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church on 1225 Hopyard Road in Pleasanton. For more information, contact Dwight Stone, Music Minister, 510-512-2623; stonemusique@gmail.com or see trinitypleasanton.org. Tickets cost \$20 general; \$5 student; children free; no one turned away! Proceeds support the artists and our ongoing concert series.

Monday, Nov.13

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS MARY KIRCHER RODDY

In this free presentation, Mary Kircher Roddy will talk about discovering Charles Olin's alias. Olin disappeared from his Nebraska roots about 1908. The DNA in the descendant of an out-of-wedlock child born in 1919 points to Charles as the father, but no records place him there. Case study proves the alternate identity Charles used for 40 years. This fascinating presentation highlights how persistence can win out even when faced with brick walls at almost every turn. See more about Mary Kircher Roddy here: www.mkrgenealogy.com. The lecture will be held on Zoom from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Tom Mathews at program@L-AGS.org

Saturday, Nov. 18

HOLIDAY CRAFT BOUTIQUE

The City of Dublin's annual Holiday Craft Boutique will be held on Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dublin Senior Center, located at 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. You'll find unique and handcrafted items such as jewelry, pottery, soaps, lotions, clothing, and more, created by local senior artists, artisans, and crafters.

Saturday, Nov. 18

TRIVALLEY WRITERS' SPEAKER

Nina Schuyler, an award-winning novelist and short story writer who teaches creative writing at UCSF and Stanford Continuing Studies, will present "Making Metaphors and Other Stylish Moves" at the Tri-Valley Writers meeting 2 p.m. at Tri-Valley Writers meeting at Las Positas College, Room 2470 at 3000 Campus Hill Dr., in Livermore. Check-in begins at 1:30 p.m. To RSVP payment, email treasurer@trivalleywriters.org by Oct. 19. Tickets are \$10 for CWC adult members; \$12 for nonmembers; \$5 for CWC student members ages 14 to 22; and \$8 for student nonmembers.

Sunday, November 19

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Interfaith Interconnect and Livermore-Pleasanton Interfaith Clergy Association will hold their annual interfaith Thanksgiving service Sunday, Nov. 19, 3:30-4:30 p.m., at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. All are welcome. The service will feature a variety of ways different faiths and cultures express gratitude, followed by a simple reception until 5 p.m., offering light refreshments and the opportunity for attendees and presenters to converse. There is no cost to attend, but donations will be accepted to benefit Goodness Village, a local nonprofit. Interfaith Interconnect comprises over twenty Tri-Valley congregations. Its mission is "to enrich, inform, and educate ourselves and others about the great diversity of faiths and cultures in our valley." See more information at interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com and www.facebook.com/InterfaithInterconnect.

Sunday, Nov 19

THE LIVERMORE JAZZ SOCIETY HOSTS THE LISA B SWINGIN' BAND

Hosted by the Livermore Jazz Society, the Lisa B Swingin' Band presents Poems & Tunes:

Book Launch for God in Her Ruffled Dress, plus original songs and holiday favorites. This return to performance by singer and poet Lisa B (Lisa Bernstein) and her Bay Area all-star band is the launch

of her second poetry collection, "God in Her Ruffled Dress" (What Books Press). Lisa B will perform poems from the book, solo and with music. Then she and her band will offer selections from her seven albums, including some holiday-season favorites. Details available on the LJS website: livermorejazzsociety.org. To request a seat, email info@livermorejazzsociety.org, or use the web form at: www.livermorejazzsociety.org/reserve-seats. If seats are available, you will receive an email with the concert address. Seating capacity is limited, so advance notice is highly recommended. For livestream info, refer to the 'Events' page of our website listed above. Suggested donation: \$20 per person. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

STATE OF GIVING GATHERING & COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT AWARDS

In honor of Giving Tuesday, Three Valleys Community Foundation (3VCF) is pleased to present an annual impact report on giving in the Three Valleys region. Join in from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for an early evening reception and program at the Mertes Center for the Arts, Las Positas College, where the 2023 Impact Grants to nonprofits working to improve mental health and wellness will also be awarded. All are welcome. For more information or to pre-register, email info@3vcf.org or visit 3vcf.org.

Friday, Dec. 1

VALLEY CONCERT CHORALE ANNUAL SING-IT-YOURSELF MESSIAH

The Valley Concert Chorale, the Tri-Valley's premier chorus for over 60 years, announces its 2023-2024 season "Music to Soothe Your Soul," filled with a rich variety of choral treasures. The first concert of the series will be the Annual Sing-It-Yourself Messiah, held on Friday, Dec. 1, at 7:30 pm at the Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. Tickets are \$15. Students K-12 are free. More information about the Valley Concert Chorale is available at www.valleyconcertchorale.org or by calling (925) 866-4003.

Saturday, Dec. 16

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS DECEMBER WORKSHOP

Members of Tri-Valley Writers are offering four distinct presentations which will share tips of the writing trade. Each attendee will receive a handout packet. Workshop topics include: "Engaging Openings: Hook Readers from the Beginning" (B. Lynn Goodwin-Brown), "Choosing a Theme or Period of Time for Memoir Writing" (Connie Hanstedt), "Cutting the Excess: Honing Your Writing for Impact" (Linda Todd), and "Options in Publishing" (Jordan Bernal). The workshop will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. at Las Positas College, Room 2470, in the Multi-Purpose Building. (Directions: from Campus Hill Dr. in Livermore, park in Lot E and enter Building 2400). Check-in begins at 1:30 p.m. RSVP to treasurer@trivalleywriters.org and remit payment online by Thursday, Dec. 14, at www.trivalleywriters.org/speaker-meeting-registration-and-payment/

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TOPSCIENCE

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

ONGOING EVENTS

SATURDAY PLEASANTON FARMERS MARKET

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

SUNDAY LIVERMORE DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

Open year-round on Sundays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in downtown Livermore, on Second St. between J St. and L St.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (DAR) CHAPTER MEETING

The local Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter meets on the first Saturday of the month from September to May, with a short business meeting and a program. The DAR was founded in 1890 and is headquartered in Washington, DC. DAR is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children. Its members are descended from the Patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. For more information, visit jhl.californiadar.org or email jane.everett@sbcglobal.net.

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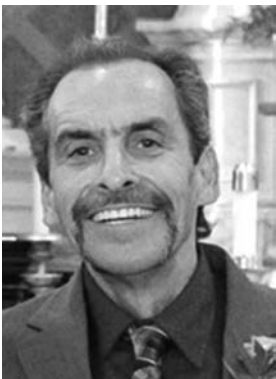
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OBITUARIES

Frank Agamau
Nov. 21, 1958 – Oct. 24, 2023
In Loving Memory of Frank Agamau



It is with heavy hearts and sadness that we announce the passing of Frank Agamau, a beloved father, brother, and son who departed from this world on Oct. 24, 2023. Frank was a man who loved a good laugh, his rock and roll, and had a passion for the simple joys in life. He was 65 years old at the time of his passing.

Frank's love for the outdoors and animals was a defining part of his life. He found solace and contentment on the banks of the delta and in various lakes and rivers where he could indulge in his favorite pastime: fishing. Whether it was the stillness of dawn or the beauty of a sunset, Frank cherished those moments by the water with a fishing rod in hand.

Frank also loved animals. Frank was always rescuing an animal in need or rehabilitating an injured animal.

Frank was also known for his dedication to the art of tinkering and fixing things. His hands

had a magical touch, capable of reviving even the most broken of machinery. Friends and family could always count on him for help with repairs or advice on how to get things running again. His knowledge and willingness to lend a hand were just a few of the qualities that made him an invaluable resource to those who knew him.

Above all else, Frank's greatest love was his children. His children Megan Sousa and Ryan Agamau held a special place in his heart, and their memories

together will forever be cherished. Frank's love for them was known by all.

Frank Agamau is survived by his mother, Violet Leverne Nourse, sister Deborah Fleming, brother Duane Agamau, daughter Megan Sousa and son Ryan Agamau. While his passing leaves a void in the hearts of those who loved him, we know he has found peace and eternal rest.

Frank Agamau leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and a genuine passion for the things that brought him joy. He will be remembered as a father who loved his children and had a love for the outdoors. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him.

As we say our final farewell to Frank Agamau, let us remember the love, laughter, and cherished moments he shared with us. His memory will live on in our hearts, and his spirit will forever be a part of our lives. May he rest in eternal peace.

Marie Paisley
1944 – 2023



Marie Paisley (Briggs) of Livermore passed away on Oct. 23, 2023, at the age of 79. She will be dearly missed.

Marie was raised in Livermore, attending St. Michael's School and Livermore High School. She grew up on the outskirts of town and throughout her life would rarely forget to mention the long walks to school or to go to town.

She was still in high school when she married her first husband, and together they had three daughters. Marie was dealt a lot at a young age due to health issues of two of those daughters. She was still very active in their schooling, becoming PTA President and running a Friday night movie program for Marilyn Avenue School showing Disney movies.

Marie got remarried in 1974 and had her only son. She invested in a restaurant with her second husband in Mokelumne Hill. They would often find themselves working there on weekends, but eventually decided

it was too far away to manage.

She then remarried again in 1985 and also gained a step-daughter. She was married to her third husband until his passing in 2022.

Marie had many small jobs making ends meet as an occasional single mom before finding her final place of employment at Helgeson Scientific Services. This is where she spent the majority of her career and where she stayed until she retired. She made many lifelong friends there and was known to be a great boss but also the life of the party at

company gatherings. She was a great cook and baker and was known for her delicious appetizers and treats.

Marie is survived by her four children, Ginamarie Cardoza (Glenn), Bobbi Maestas, Julie Maestas, Eric Schaaf, her step-daughter Andi Frederiksen, her sister Enid Billia (Richard), her brother Tim Briggs (Sandi), her brother-in-law Fred Barrett, and many nieces and nephews and other family and friends who loved her very much.

She was preceded in death by her husband Michael Paisley and many family members and friends.

Services will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 11 a.m. at Callaghan Mortuary, located at 3833 East Ave., in Livermore. We will miss her love, her smile, her sense of humor and her delicious Christmas treats.

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

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Roxanne Springer
May 9, 1955 – Oct. 26, 2023
In Loving Memory of Roxanne Springer



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Roxanne (Barnett) Springer, 68, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend to many. She departed this world on Oct. 26, 2023, surrounded by her family's love.

Roxanne was born on May 9, 1955, in Oakland, California. Growing up in San Lorenzo, the family moved to Castro Valley and eventually Livermore, California. She graduated from Livermore High School in the Class of 1973. Starting what would be a life-long career in 1977, she dedicated an impressive 32 years with the payroll and human resource departments at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Her work ethic, commitment and tenacity were a continuation of her innate personality. Retiring in 2009, it marked the end of a chapter leaving behind a legacy of hard work and enduring friendships that she held close to her heart.

She was destined to be a mother, just like her mother Billie. Marrying her high school sweetheart Steve Springer, they had three children: Sara, Katie and Chad. In a later chapter of her life, Roxanne remarried, joining her life with Ray Gravel welcoming two more daughters into her family, Theresa and Amy. A large family made her a proud grandmother of seven and great-grandmother to two. She is survived by her sister Cindy Dee and brother Bill Barnett. She was preceded in death by her parents James and Millie "Billie" (Dee) Barnett, brother Bob Barnett and grandson Aaron Jennings.

Roxanne's life was de-

fined by her unwavering love and compassion. Her family meant everything to her, and her home was a sanctuary of warmth and comfort. She had a remarkable ability to make everyone feel welcomed and cherished. Her children remember her as a beautiful soul with unconditional love, always ready with a listening ear and a comforting embrace.

Roxanne's selflessness was a hallmark of her character. She had a heart that always put others first, exemplified by her leadership of the Neighborhood Watch committee for the Shadowbrook neighborhood, to which she dedicated a full decade. Roxanne organized National Night Out events and generously volunteered with the Livermore Police Department, demonstrating her deep commitment to the safety and well-being of her community.

Roxanne was full of life and never stopped moving. From gardening to working out, lunch with friends to volunteering, love of adventure and travel, her calendar was always full. If there was music, you could surely find her dancing and encouraging anyone to

join. Her warm and vivacious spirit was contagious and her inherent ability to uplift those around her, combined with her thoughtful demeanor, earned her the love and admiration of many. She lived her life to the fullest, always with a smile on her face, beautifully exemplifying the joy of living.

Roxanne's legacy of love, selflessness, and boundless kindness will forever remain in the hearts of her family and friends. While we mourn her loss, we also celebrate the beautiful life she lived and the enduring impact she had on those lucky enough to be touched by her grace and generosity. Roxanne will be deeply missed but will continue to inspire us to be better, kinder, and more selfless, just as she was throughout her remarkable life.

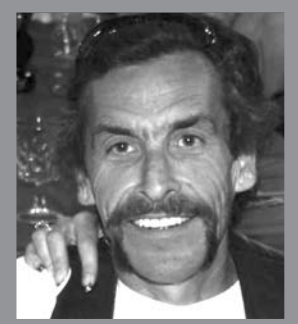
A celebration of Roxanne's life will be held on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023, from 1-4 p.m. at Robert Livermore Community Center, Cresta Blanca Room, 4444 East Ave., Livermore, California. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to The Salvation Army in honor of Roxanne's lifelong spirit of giving and her family's generations of charitable work and service for The Salvation Army. <https://give-do.salvationarmy.org/give/515300>

Roxanne has touched many lives and the family welcomes everyone's presence at her celebration. Please bring your stories and memories to share.

Roxanne's Memorial Website: <https://memorial-source.com/memorial/roxanne-springer>

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Frank Darrell Agamau
Nov. 21, 1958 – Oct. 24, 2023



Frank Agamau passed away on Oct. 24, 2023, in Vallejo, California after a long illness. Frank is survived by his mother, Violet Leverne Nourse, sister, Deborah Fleming, brother, Duane Agamau, son, Ryan Agamau, daughter, Megan Souza, nephew, Shaun Fleming, niece, Stephanie Moeller, five grandchildren and three great-nieces and great-nephews.

A celebration of life will be held for family and friends to honor Frank's life and share their stories at Pine Street Bar, 875 Rincon Ave., Livermore, on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023, at 2 p.m.

Howard Lee Mendenhall
Nov. 9, 1936 – Sept. 25, 2023



Howard Lee Mendenhall, affectionally called Mendy, passed peacefully with family at his side on Sept. 25, 2023, at the age of 86, in Pleasanton, California.

Howard Mendenhall lived his life to serve others. His kind and caring nature extended to everyone he met, and he was active in his community as well as around the world. He was patient and kind, anticipating the needs of others and taking care of them without being asked.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton.

Born in Hurley, Missouri to Harry and Nellie Mendenhall, he was the youngest of nine children with a 25-year span between oldest and youngest. Howard, the baby of the family, attended kindergarten with his nieces. He was raised in a farmhouse with a well and a pump in the kitchen and with no electricity until he was 12 years old. Stone County is known for being rocky, and Howard would joke to his children that his family's crop was rocks because they spent so much time each year clearing out the rocks in the pastures and fields.

Howard joined the Air Force at the age of 18 after graduating from Hurley High School. He played basketball for the Air Force and traveled throughout Europe. After his tour of duty, he attended Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and landed a mechanic position with United Airlines. This began his 40-year career, moving up to management and operations before ending as a contract negotiator. He met his wife Diana in San

Francisco while she was a flight attendant. Diana's roommate told her, "You have to meet this man, I think you'll like him," and that started a 60-plus-year love affair.

While working at United's headquarters in Chicago, he served on the Buffalo Grove, Illinois City Council and Planning Commission, and as a trustee for Kingswood United Methodist Church. He also volunteered for the Countryside Center for the Handicapped. Howard was a friend to all and coached local sports teams and refereed basketball. He was the first to build a treehouse, a backyard ice skating rink, and Pinewood Derby cars for neighborhood kids.

In 1983, Howard accepted a promotion and moved the family back to Pleasanton, California. He became even more active in volunteering, starting with Habitat for Humanity East Bay in 1985. He loved to work with his hands and serve others that way. He and Diana built homes in the Bay Area as well as internationally as far away as Nepal and Mongolia. He traveled down to New Orleans as a team leader with five different teams to assist in the rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina, as well as to Romania

six times to build an orphanage with Assist International. He worked on rebuilding after the fires in Calaveras County and the tornadoes in Joplin, Missouri and Moore, Oklahoma.

Locally, he served at Open Heart Kitchen and the Alameda County Foodbank. Howard was a recipient of the First Community of Character Award in Pleasanton in 2008. But Howard did not give so he could receive rewards or accolades; it was about creating a better world through love and support. It was about his belief that the world is a great place and people are inherently good — some just need an extra hand. Howard's giant hands were sometimes just what they needed.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Diana, daughter Laurie Fraser, son Matthew Mendenhall and daughter-in-law Shelly Husbands, goddaughter Michelle Smith Napier and her husband Jack Napier, great-nephews Gregory and Trevor Smith Napier, brothers Mark Burnley and Allen Scott and sister Joan Webb, nieces Jackie Flood, Shelby Ullom, and nephews Lynn, Jim and Bill Mendenhall, Stephen Raper, and niece Mary Evelyn Wright.

The family prefers donations in his memory to East Bay Habitat for Humanity, <https://secure.habitat.org/site/Donation> (2619 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612) or Assist International/Cameel Felix project, <https://assistinternational.org/donate> (800 South Stockton Ave., Ripon, California, 95366); Lynnewood United Methodist Church (4444 Black Ave. Pleasanton, California, 94566)

Pauline Margaret Floyd
Feb. 3, 1927 – Oct. 10, 2023



Pauline Margaret Floyd passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, in her Livermore home of 66 years. Pauline was born the last of nine children to Lucio and Isabelle Duran in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Pauline studied piano from age five and became a concert pianist in her high school years. After high school, she traveled to Washington D.C. where she studied business and finance. Soon she was hired to work at the Pentagon for the Department of Defense. Later, Pauline moved back to her home state of New Mexico to continue working for the government at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. There she met her husband of 44 years, Jesse Floyd, an army sergeant stationed at the Sandia Laboratory.

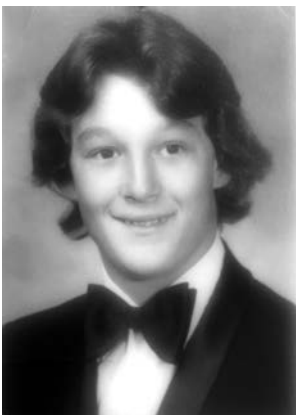
After a short time in Colo-

rado Springs, Jesse and Pauline continued their work in defense and moved to Livermore, California where Jesse worked at Sandia Laboratory and Pauline at the then-titled Livermore Radiation Laboratory (now Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory). She retired in 1978, just ten years prior to Jesse's passing in 1988.

She attended Cedar Grove Community Church in Livermore for over 35 years where she volunteered wherever she was needed. She extended her volunteer work into the community, where she won a local award for her volunteer work for Shepherd's Gate, in Livermore. She remained active until shortly before her passing.

She is preceded in death by her husband Jesse Floyd of Livermore, and daughter Linda Spears of Nevada City, California. She is survived by her daughters Pat Alexander of Sparks, Nevada, Ann Gomez of San Ramon, California, and Janie Pyle of Rogersville, Missouri, and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. We were fortunate to have her in our lives for so long.

Kevin James Voelker
March 14, 1958 – Oct. 12, 2023



Kevin James Voelker, born on March 14, 1958, and passed away on Oct. 12, 2023, in Temecula, California. He was 65 years old.

Kevin was raised in Livermore along with his older sister, his twin brother, and three younger brothers (six kids total). His sister Debbie was the oldest sibling by two years, but Kevin was the oldest boy by 26 minutes over his twin Keith. As a boy, Kevin (along with Keith and brother Mark,) began working as a paperboy for The Independent in Livermore. He also mowed lawns and raked leaves to earn extra money.

Kevin played little league baseball as a skilled center fielder. By the time 7th and 8th grade rolled around, Kevin began to wrestle and was extremely strong for his size. He once held the record for pull-ups at Junction

Avenue School in the 8th grade. In high school, Kevin continued to wrestle, made the varsity team, and began winning tournaments and medals. Throughout this time, he worked as a dishwasher at the Emperors Garden restaurant. Kevin loved going to music concerts and attending "Day-on-the-Green" festivals in the Bay Area. After graduating Livermore

High in 1976, Kevin worked at a custom van shop called "Classic Vans" in Fremont, California. Kevin loved to make people laugh, often imitating famous lines from well-known movies. In the early '80s, Kevin got a job in the tile industry, joined the union (Local 3) and began learning the craft of tile installation. He spent the next 30 years of his working life in the Bay Area as an accomplished tile setter with an impressive portfolio of work.

He is survived by many loving individuals including his twin brother Keith Voelker of Livermore, his younger brothers Mark Voelker of Tracy, Matthew Voelker of Oakley, and youngest brother David Voelker of Temecula. Kevin was predeceased by his mother Betty, his father Loren and his older sister Debbie. Plans for a celebration of his life will be announced in the near future.

Foothill Girls' Volleyball Team Wins NCS Championship

By Phil Jensen

Before the fourth set of the North Coast Section Division I girls' volleyball championship match, Foothill High School coach Dusty Collins had a very important talk with his team, which was trailing Marin Catholic two sets to one.

"I tried to just calm them down and try to make them realize that we've been in some tough situations before," Collins said. "We were down 0-2 twice in a row in our league playoffs and had to come back and win three in a row, so I said, 'That was worse than this. At least it's just 2-1.'"

Revived, the Falcons took the lead on a four-point run in the fourth set and eventually won it by five points. Then Foothill, the No. 1 seed, thrived in the fifth set to win the school's first section volleyball title since 2010 with a 25-23, 25-27, 17-25, 20-15, 15-7 victory on Nov. 4.

"Huge win. So happy," said Foothill's Paige Bennett, who had tears in her eyes after the victory. "I think we just started playing smoother and being more confident with ourselves. We dialed in

our serving a little bit more and we got some blocks too, that helped a lot. ... We had to work really hard for that (victory) and I'm so proud of our team for pulling it off."

The victory was the 33rd in a row this season for the Falcons, as they improved to 36-1 overall. They are the No. 3 seed in the elite California Interscholastic Federation Northern Regional Open Division. Foothill started the tournament with a home match against No. 6 St. Mary's-Stockton on Nov. 8 after this edition went to press. The Open Division regional semifinals are Nov. 11 at 6 p.m., and the regional final is Nov. 14 at 6 p.m.

In the NCS championship match, Foothill had its hands full with the third-seeded Wildcats. The first set was tied at 23 before kills by Kaycie Burdick and Paige Nelson lifted the host Falcons to a 1-0 set lead.

But Marin Catholic came back from a 22-20 deficit in the second set to tie the score at 24. A block for a point by Nelson gave Foothill a set-point situation at 25-24, but the Wildcats produced three

straight points to even the sets at one. In the third set, Marin Catholic's lead grew to 20-11 on its way to a 25-17 victory.

"We played kind of frantically in that second and third set, but they played a lot better too," Collins said. "We knew we could play better in our serving and passing games."

Collins gave props to Marin Catholic. "They're a great team ... I knew they had some good offensive things going, but defensively, they blew me away," he said. "It was a great Division I final."

In Foothill's critical run in the fourth set, a kill from Nelson gave Foothill a side out and a 6-5 lead. Bennett then went on a three-point serving run, including an ace, and Nelson had a kill and a block for a point. Foothill didn't trail in the set after that, holding at least a two-point lead on its way to a 25-20 victory.

The fifth set was tied at five before a kill by Bennett started a 5-0 run that gave the Falcons the lead for good. Included in that run was four service points by Bennett, a kill by Burdick and blocks for points by Nelson and Lulu



Foothill Falcon outside hitter Kaycie Burdick jumps for a spike during the North Coast Section Division 1 girls volleyball championship on Saturday, Nov. 4. The Falcons hosted Marin Catholic High School. Foothill won 3 matches to 2. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia]

(Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Hoenninger, who led the team with 10 blocks in the match.

Bennett produced a team-high 13 service points and 22 kills. Burdick added a team-leading 19 digs.

Foothill reached the NCS Division I championship match last season, but fell

to San Ramon Valley 25-21, 25-20, 25-20.

Collins said that this squad is "one of the tops" in his 27 years coaching at Foothill. "To win the amount of wins we've got in a row ... we lost in the very first tournament we had of the year to Amador

and since then we've been able to pull them out," he said.

He also said that what makes this team special is "mainly the experience level that they've got, and they've built trust with each other. ... They're an unbelievable group."

Granada Football Team Beats Livermore

By Phil Jensen

The Granada High School football team held a slim 14-13 lead at halftime against Livermore before a standing-room-only crowd at the Cowboys' stadium on Nov. 3.

But the Matadors produced touchdowns on their first three drives of the second half and held off Livermore to win 35-25.

"We knew we were going to be able to drive down the field," said Granada quarterback Quinn Boyd, who completed 19 of his 30 pass attempts for 304 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions. "Knowing we were going to play (Livermore star running back Kamarri Robinson), the offense knew we had to bring our A game this week."

Robinson scored both of Livermore's first-half touchdowns and had 167 yards rushing before being carted off the field with a knee injury at the 5 minute, 56 second mark of the second quarter. But Robinson was soon running near the Livermore sideline, and he re-entered the game for the last play of the first half, which he ran for 18 yards.

The junior finished with a game-high 228 yards rushing on 21 carries. He gave credit to the team trainer and chiropractor for helping him get back on the field.

"It just felt better, so I came back in and tried to help my team out," Robinson said. Livermore coach John Wade said Robinson finished the regular season with a jaw-dropping 2,141 yards rushing in nine games.

Granada's offense was stalled by fumbles on two of its first-half drives.

"We eliminated our mistakes (in the second half)," Granada coach Marc Moses said. "We started in that first half kind of shooting ourselves in the foot ... As we move forward next week, we've just got to clean that all up."

Granada (7-3 overall) is the No. 3 seed in the North Coast Section Division II playoffs



Granada High School running back Payton Richards straight arms the Livermore Cowboy's corner back Joel Indrebo at a packed Livermore High School stadium on Friday, Nov. 3. Granada won 35-25. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia]

(Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

and hosts No. 6 Rancho Cotate (6-4) on Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. Livermore ends its season with a 5-5 overall record and 2-2 mark in the East Bay Athletic League Valley Division. Granada was 3-1 in the EBAL Valley Division this season.

In the Nov. 3 game, Livermore's Wyatt Watson-Bird recovered a Granada fumble on the Matadors' 17-yard-line with 8:50 left in the first quarter. On the next play, Robinson bolted into the end zone with the ball for a 6-0 Livermore advantage.

Later in the quarter, Granada's Christian Clouser sprinted down the left side of the field on an end around for a 62-yard touchdown to tie the score, and a point-after-touchdown kick by Brandon Niemeyer gave the Matadors a 7-6 lead.

But Livermore answered a couple minutes into the second quarter with an eight-yard touchdown run by Robinson and a point-after-touchdown kick by Grant Vonheeder.

Granada grabbed the lead back about three minutes later. Boyd found Peyton Richards open by a step at around the

five-yard-line and fit the ball into a tight receiving window for Richards to haul in for a 39-yard touchdown. Niemeyer's PAT kick provided Granada a 14-13 lead. The Matadors were also inside the Livermore 2-yard-line late in the second quarter, but a fumble was recovered by Cowboys linebacker Andrew Cordero to end the drive.

The Matadors took care of business on the opening drive of the second half, marching 54 yards to score on a one yard run by Estevan Duarte. The touchdown was set up by a 21-yard pass from Boyd to Clouser.

Livermore came back with an impressive 80-yard drive, capped by a five-yard touchdown run by Matteo Lortie to narrow Granada's lead to 21-19 with 3:22 left in the third quarter. But the Livermore defense stopped Robinson on a direct snap on a two-point conversion run.

Granada then had an 80-yard drive of its own, ending with a 37-yard touchdown pass from Boyd to Richards on the last play of the third

quarter. Richards, a junior, finished with six receptions for a game-high 149 yards.

The Matadors moved their lead to double digits with a five-yard touchdown run by AJ Martin. The touchdown was set up by an interception by Haven Hahn, who then ran to the Livermore 35.

Livermore moved to within 10 points at 35-25 on a 35-yard scoring pass from Lortie to Matthew Benson with 7:25 remaining. But a two-point conversion pass failed. The Cowboys drove on their next possession to the Granada 10 but were unable to get a first down on a fourth-and-7 play with 2:16 to go in the game.

"They're a great group of kids. They battled," said Wade about his squad. "If a few things go a little bit differently, we're back in the game."

Besides Richards, Granada also received good receiving performances from Clouser (six catches, 87 yards) and Mikey Boyd (six receptions, 54 yards).

For Livermore, Joey Williams led the team in receptions with six for 91 yards.

Open Heart Kitchen Seeks Funding for Food Bank

Open Heart Kitchen (OHK), a Tri-Valley organization that provides hot meals to seniors and others in need, is soliciting contributions to open a regional food bank in Livermore.

The nonprofit currently operates out of a 19,000-square-foot warehouse on Marathon Drive that also includes its administrative offices and Street Outreach program.

Executive Director John Bost said the goal is to "expand that operation to serve as a redistribution site for Dublin, Pleasanton, and Livermore where we can support other small

and local food pantries with fresh produce and grocery items."

OHK is hoping to raise \$3 million, beginning with a commitment from the Community Health & Education Foundation to donate up to \$75,000, contributing \$1 for every \$2 from individual donors.

Open Heart said it has also received commitments from the Alameda County Community Food Bank, Livermore Valley Wine Auction, Tri-Val-

ley Nonprofit Alliance, and Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley.

"This buildout will require the support of Open Heart Kitchen's donors and community partners to invest in the organization's growth and the launch of the Open Heart Food Bank," Bost said, adding that the expanded food bank could serve as a receiving and distribution center "in the event of a disaster-related emergency that would affect the Tri-Valley region."

Denise Boulter, OHK development director, agreed.

"The Open Heart Food Bank will create an infrastructure for large-scale food distribution in the Tri-Valley," Boulter said. "Right now that does not exist, and we are still experiencing the devastating impacts of cuts to food assistance programs and the end of emergency COVID funding."

OHK said it hopes to open the food bank next summer.

To donate, visit chefgivingcommunity.org/BringTheHope.

Interfaith Interconnect to Hold Thanksgiving Service

Interfaith Interconnect of the Tri-Valley, in collaboration with Livermore-Pleasanton Interfaith Clergy Association, will hold its annual interfaith Thanksgiving service at St Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton, at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 19.

All are welcome.

The hour-long service is open to all and will feature a variety of ways different faiths and cultures express gratitude. There will be

a reception following the service, with light refreshments and an opportunity to meet with the presenters.

There is no cost, but donations will be accepted for Goodness Village, a nonprofit, Livermore-based tiny home program.

The nonprofit Interfaith Interconnect includes more than 20 Tri-Valley congregations, representing different faiths and cultures, that sponsors monthly Religion Chats and other interfaith events.

Park District Completes Work On Storm-Damaged Trails

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARP) said last week that it has completed trail rehabilitation projects to address the damage caused by winter storms in January.

The projects included restoring a section of the paved path in Sycamore Grove Park that was washed away, a ruptured pipeline and clogged culvert along the multi-use trail at Holdener Park, and a severely eroded section of trail near the Wetmore entrance of Sycamore Grove.

The district said the Sycamore Grove Park pathway

was damaged by flood waters flowing through the Arroyo Del Valle at an estimated 3,000-cubic-feet per second. Pieces of asphalt had to be removed from the streambed and the path rerouted.

LARP said it also coordinated with private property owners north of the Holdener Park trail and the Wente Vineyards south of the trail to complete the restoration at Holdener Park and worked with the city of Livermore to restore the trail at Sycamore Grove. The district's collaboration with the Livermore also included clean up and

repairs along the Arroyo Mocho Trail last summer.

"We're excited to complete the rehabilitation of these trails, particularly the damage to the paved path at Sycamore Grove, [which] is a heavily used trail" said LARP General Manager Mat Fuzie. "These repairs have been vital to maintaining the accessibility of our parks and ensuring that our community can continue to enjoy Livermore's open space safely."

LARP manages parks, sports fields, and trails throughout the eastern half of Alameda County.



The Fusion 2012 girls pre-NPL Toadettes, with some help from Yoshi, Mario and Luigi, recently took home the 1st place trophy in the Ghouls and Ghosts soccer tournament at the Robertson Park fields in Livermore. The team went undefeated over the two-day event, and it is the team's third year in a row winning the annual tournament.

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The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Logostak; 2. ADCO Marketing, 3922 Valley Ave, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Logoboss LLC, 3922 Valley Ave, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Timothy Joseph Smith, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 4, 2023. Expires October 3, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5653. Published October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 2023.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Inspirational Creations by Lleana, 2110 Wedgewood Way, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lleana Hernandez Leal, 2110 Wedgewood Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Lleana Hernandez Leal, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 18, 2023. Expires October 17, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5655. Published October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 2023.

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The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Zenful Juice; 2. Zenful Health & Wellness; 3. Zenful Nutrition; 4. Zenful Spa & Wellness Center; 5 Zen and Fit; 6. Zenful Fitness, 377 17th Street, Oakland, CA 94612 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Zenfull LLC, 1830 Springs Road, Ste 418, Vallejo, CA 94591. 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/: Zenfull LLC, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 16, 2023. Expires October 15, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5656. Published October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 2023.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Aiken Underground, 1152 Stealth St, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Platinum Underground, Inc., 1152 Stealth St, 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: 9/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Van Lisa De Freitas Sundberg, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 17, 2023. Expires October 16, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5660. Published November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Hipot Capital, 25568 Crestfield Circle, Castro Valley, CA 94552 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Diya Zhao, 25568 Crestfield Circle, Castro Valley, CA 94552. 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: 11/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Diya Zhao, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 2, 2023. Expires November 1, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5672. Published November 9, 16, 23, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 601811

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. WWW Express; 2. WWD, 1035 Mission CT, Fremont, CA 94539 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Vince Truong, 696 San Ramon Valley Blvd # 128, Danville, CA 94526. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 3/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Vince Truong, Owner. This statement was filed with

the County Clerk of Alameda on November 2, 2023. Expires November 1, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5673. Published November 9, 16, 23, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 601782

The following person(s) doing business as: Serpico, 1764 National Ave, Hayward, CA 94545 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Serpico Landscaping Inc., 1764 National Ave., Hayward, CA 94545. 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/: Roshan Bhakta, CFO - Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 1, 2023. Expires October 31, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5674. Published November 9, 16, 23, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 601200

The following person(s) doing business as: Refined Autos, 5285 Irene Way, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Refined Innovations LLC, 5285 Irene Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Chaudhry Ahmed, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 3, 2023. Expires October 2, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5675. Published November 9, 16, 23, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 601403

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Accounting by Brian and Stephen for Property Management; 2. ABS4PM, 7038 Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Brian Conway, 8075 Bethel Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94588; Stephen Conway, 8075 Bethel Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/16/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Brian A. Conway, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 16, 2023. Expires October 15, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5676. Published November 9, 16, 23, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 601662

The following person(s) doing business as: Alta California Agave, 4462 Mines Rd., Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Michael D. Harris, 4462 Mines Rd., Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/26/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Michael D. Harris, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 26, 2023. Expires October 27, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5677. Published November 9, 16, 23, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 601808

The following person(s) doing business as: Fused Permanent Jewelry, 102 Daisyfield Drive, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Anna Richardson, 102 Daisyfield Drive, Livermore, CA 94551; Laurie Hoyt, 32 Vintage Circle Unit 1143, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 11/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Anna Richardson, general Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 1, 2023. Expires October 31, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5678. Published November 9, 16, 23, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 601653

The following person(s) doing business as: 911 Restoration Bay Area, 6841 Village Parkway, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): World-wide Restoration LLC, 6841 Village Parkway, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Rajat Mohan, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 26, 2023. Expires October 25, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5679. Published November 9, 16, 23, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 601685

The following person(s) doing business as: A1 Enterprises, 105 Rd. 12, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bay Area Sanitation, LLC, 3744 St. Francis Dr., Lafayette, CA 94549. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Kurt Winter, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 27, 2023. Expires October 26, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5679. Published November 9, 16, 23, 2023.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 569129

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Lavender Valley Ranch, 4462 Mines Rd., Livermore, CA 94550. The fictitious business name statement was filed on March 2, 2020 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by an individual. Signature of Registrant/s/: Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 26, 2023. The Independent, Legal No. 5680. Published November 9, 16, 23, 2023.

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Bestselling Author Wins Prestigious Military History Prize

By Christina Cavallaro

New York Times best-selling author and former Independent journalist, Bruce Henderson has been awarded the prestigious Tenth Annual Gilder Lehrman Military History Prize. An event celebrating the winner and shortlisted authors will take place on Dec. 4 at the New York Historical Society.

Henderson is being recognized for his recent book, “Bridge to the Sun: The Secret Role of the Japanese Americans Who Fought in the Pacific in World War II.”

“I set out to write the little-known history of the several thousand US Army Japanese American soldiers who fought in the Pacific during World War II. Their service as translators, interpreters and interrogators was among the best-kept secrets of the war with Japan,” Henderson wrote in a statement.

As Americans of Japanese descent, they were, in effect, fighting two wars simultaneously. One overseas against their ancestral homeland, and the other, against racial prejudice at home, where their families, facing suspicion and racial hatred, were rounded up and held in government internment camps.

“The story of the courage and patriotism of these Nisei soldiers comes, I believe, at a pivotal time in our history, as too often people are



Bruce Henderson

pre-judged based on race and ethnicity,” he said in the statement.

Henderson, who now lives in Menlo Park, began his career as a journalist at The Independent newspaper in 1970, which helped him prepare for his career as an author of more than 20 nonfiction books.

He also taught reporting and writing courses at Stanford and at USC’s Annenberg School of Journalism.

His book “Sons and Soldiers” is being considered in Hollywood for a potential mini-series, he said.

In a first-person story for The Independent’s 60th Anniversary Magazine, Henderson reflected on what he calls his

“golden age of journalism” as a young reporter at The Independent newspaper from 1970-1976 and the writing and research skills he learned at the newspaper.

“I took everything I had learned and practiced at The Independent—getting the facts right, interviewing all kinds of people about all kinds of things, distilling every story to its essence so the readers will care, and doing it all by a deadline,” he explained in the magazine excerpt.

These are tools he says that served him well as a magazine writer in the 1980s and are still being used by him today in his book-writing career. They have now contributed

to this latest honor from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

Recently, Henderson passed along the knowledge he has picked up throughout his career to an audience in the Tri-Valley. Last May, he spoke over Zoom with Las Positas College English instructor Jim Ott at the college’s Literary Arts Festival, an event that brings together authors and prospective authors to discuss creative writing and how to get published.

To those gathered to hear them, the two talked about Henderson’s book, which has now earned him a \$50,000 prize bestowed in recognition of the best English language book published in 2022 in the field of American military history.

Finalists for this year’s prize were chosen by a three-member jury chaired by Craig L. Symonds, Professor Emeritus at the United States Naval Academy and historian of the American Civil War, the Second World War, and naval history.

In his report to the prize board, Symonds wrote, “No one ... has looked into the ... complex issue of Japanese-Americans who fought against the country of their parents or grandparents, and for many of them the country where they attended school. It is a story with many facets and one that is difficult to

tell, since the author has to maintain a dozen story lines, while providing sufficient context for their actions. Yet, Mr. Henderson brings it off magnificently.”

This is the first year in which the focus of the prize is on American rather than global military history, in keeping with the mission of the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History to promote the knowledge and understanding of American history.

As of 2022, the institute amended its submission requirements and only books with a primary focus on American military history are now considered. Previous years had allowed for a broader scope of global military history books in the English

language, a holdover from the award’s previous title prior to 2016, the Guggenheim-Lehrman Prize for Military History. The narrowed prize lens is more in keeping with the mission of the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History to promote the knowledge and understanding of specifically American history.



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To make an appointment with an enrollment counselor, call 925-462-1755.

Other languages are also supported.

“Health insurance is confusing,” said Diego

Alonzo, Axis community engagement manager. “Our enrollment counselors can help determine your eligibility for Covered California, Medi-Cal, or CalFresh.”

Covered California includes plans from private insurance companies that are available to U.S. citizens and documented immigrants.

Applicants cannot be denied coverage due to preexisting conditions and many applicants are eligible to receive financial assistance to help cover the cost of plans and services.

Individuals with an income of \$58,320 or less qualify, as does a family

of four with an income of \$120,000 or less. For 2024, even those who do not qualify for financial assistance may qualify for a federal tax credit to help lower their premiums.

Plans purchased during the current open enrollment period will be honored through the end of 2024. Applicants must enroll by Dec. 31 for coverage to start Jan. 1, 2024. For coverage beginning in February, applicants must enroll by Jan. 31, 2024.

Axis can also assist with Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal renewals.

New for 2024, Alameda County residents 26 to 49

may be eligible for full Medi-Cal, regardless of immigration status.

Axis is a nonprofit community health center that offers medical, dental, behavioral, and nutrition services at locations in Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin.

For more information, call Axis or go to axishealth.org.

VFW to Hold Veterans Day Remembrance

Livermore VFW Post 7265 will hold an Armistice and Veterans Day Remembrance at Carnegie Park, 2155 Third St., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11.

Nominated veterans will

be awarded a Quilt of Valor and a certificate from Livermore Mayor John Marchand and thanking them for their service.

Quilts of Valor is a national nonprofit organization. A group from the Amador

Valley Quilters meets weekly at Veterans Memorial Hall in Livermore to sew handmade quilts for local nominees.

For more information on the Quilts of Valor program, go to amadorvalley-quilters.org.

Library Will Host VA Medical Outreach Team

The VA Palo Alto Health Care System’s medical outreach team will be at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30.

Medical providers will be on-site to provide flu shots,

examinations, consultations, and referrals for veterans enrolled in the VA Palo Alto Health Care System. No appointment is needed.

The outreach team can also answer questions for veterans who have not enrolled or are uncertain about

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