

Mining Halted At "Lake A" In the Chain Of Lakes

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — The move to end mining in a Tri-Valley lake became official this week.

Alameda County planning commissioners on Monday approved plans for restoring the Eliot Quarry, where more than a century of rock mining in the unincorporated area between Livermore and Pleasanton will eventually be turned into lakes surrounded by open fields and recreation trails.

The panel's two 7-0 votes certified an environmental impact report and approved updates of 1987 reclamation plans to 2021 standards. Work will focus initially on the quarry's "Lake A" east of Isabel Avenue along Vineyard Avenue, where mining will no longer be allowed. Eventually, projects will begin to transfer Lake A and a second lake west of Isabel Avenue to the Zone 7 Water Agency, the Tri-Valley's water provider.

In the works for about seven years, the latest plan and environmental impact report was updated to allay the concerns of neighbors and officials in surrounding cities. Neighbors north of Lake A had organized to oppose further mining, citing truck noise, dust and the possibility of the ground becoming unstable beneath their homes.

According to county staff reports, mining was stopped in Lake A in 2003. Despite repeated attempts by CEMEX to restart, community pressure and planning commission worries about geologic instability would not allow it. CEMEX backed off in 2017, but the move to end mining in Lake A did not become official until the county's June 21 meeting.

Although mining will (See COMMISSION, page 7)

City Council Approves the 10x Genomics Expansion

By Ruth Roberts

PLEASANTON — The city council has unanimously approved 10x Genomics' redevelopment application for a new campus on Springdale Avenue and the expansion of its headquarters on Stoneridge Mall Drive.

"This is absolutely a priority for this council and the community to expand our life sciences industry, and this is a giant leap forward in doing that," said Mayor Karla Brown. "This is a dream project, and it is a perfect fit for Pleasanton."

10x Genomics is a life science technology company that builds products to advance human health. The company's integrated solutions include instruments, consumables and software for analyzing biological systems. Its products are used by scientists to make discoveries in areas ranging from oncology to immunology and neuroscience.

The Springdale Avenue site will include three new buildings totaling 381,000 square feet, as well as a

(See GENOMICS, page 7)



Seen second to left in front, Rep. Eric Swalwell (CA-15) invited the public out for a hike Saturday, June 19. The hikers started at the Pleasanton / Dublin East BART station and went north along The Iron Horse Trail to Alcosta Boulevard in San Ramon before returning. Participants joined to show support for the congressman, bring concerns to his attention and celebrate California's reopening. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen) [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia]

Parking Lot Killed, Local Park Saved

By Aly Brown

PLEASANTON — The city council's decision to abandon discussions on turning a grassy park into a parking lot recently granted the wishes of a neighborhood activist group.

During a June 21 workshop with the parks and recreation commission, the council offered direction to staff regarding plans for renovation and parking at the Century House, located off Santa Rita Road. One of those directions involved dismissal of the concept of turning a portion of the Bicentennial Park — directly behind the house, abutting Tanager Drive — into a parking lot.

In recent years, older concepts aimed at meeting the parking needs of the historic house, which has been used as an event center, suggested paving over a portion of the grassy park and removing heritage trees. In response, resident Jean Hazell started a petition, amassing nearly 900 signatures, and rallied her neighbors to speak out and provide input for future plans. They argued that the park with tall trees offered the only nearby outdoor recreation space for the densely populated neighborhood of houses and apartments.

Hazell said the mayor and councilmembers, along with parks and rec commissioners, have met in the park various times to have conversations with the con-

cerned neighbors.

"It seems like a lot of these people are beginning to hear the neighbors," she said. "I feel like the councilmembers and commissioners have been really responsive to resident input."

During the June 21 workshop, the council explored various plan options for parking and renovating the house.

"Should we abandon discussion of parking in Bicentennial Park? I would say absolutely," said Councilmember Valerie Arkin. "I don't think taking a piece of a neighborhood park is fair to that neighborhood. They

tion, such as the Community Farm site in Bernal Park. While Councilmember Jack Balch said he would be open to discussing this option, in the end, he agreed with his fellow councilmembers and Mayor Karla Brown to keep the house at its current site. However, they did conclude that renovations were needed.

"I do think it's important to renovate it," said Councilmember Kathy Narum. "We need to value our historic assets. If we think of our downtown, the reason we value it is because of our historic, eclectic buildings, as well as the homes sur-



The Pleasanton City Council and Parks and Recreation recently held a workshop to discuss plans for the Century House, located off Santa Rita Road. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

have come to enjoy and love that park, and I would not want to see that happen."

In terms of renovating the home, one option had been to move the house, situated on 2.7 acres, to another loca-

rounding it. It's part of who we are."

Depending on the final renovation plan — from minimal improvements to correcting all identified is-

(See PARK, page 7)

Ag Committee Sends Solar Policy to the Board of Supervisors

REGIONAL — The Alameda County's Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) this week sent a solar policy to the Board of Supervisors without a recommendation in two key areas. The AAC did not address a land-use policy that would provide different solar standards for agricultural lands compared to those for natural resource lands. In addition, the Committee was unable to provide a majority vote dealing with solar regulations on properties covered by the Williamson Act.

The policy change brought forward by environmentalists would have created a distinction between east county's three main land-use designations — large parcel agriculture, resource management and water management lands. They're currently all zoned the same: agricultural.

The policy that advanced to the Board of Supervisors

permits solar panels to go on any of them. Those who pushed for a land-use designation change said that solar panels should not be placed on water or resource management lands, since those are not used for intensive agricultural; they are for the protection of natural resources. However, the policy advanced to the board of supervisors did not make that recommendation.

In addition, the AAC members were unable to reach a majority conclusion on whether solar farms can be placed on agricultural land covered by the Williamson Act. The AAC voted 4 yes, 2 no, with 2 abstentions in regard to a solar policy option that would allow landowners to place panels on their entire property, but would also force them to cancel their land's Williamson Act contract — a state measure that

(See POLICY, page 7)

Ag Committee Approves FOL Recommendation on Equestrian Arena Size

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — Alameda County's Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) on Tuesday unanimously agreed with a Friends of Livermore (FOL) recommendation to put forward a potential ballot measure that would enable voters to decide how large equestrian arenas can be located on agricultural lands.

Following a lengthy discussion, the advisory panel suggested horse arenas could be as large as 60,000-square-foot, and agricultural buildings could utilize up to 2.5% of a farm.

The issue involves an ongoing controversy over the sizes of nonresidential buildings on farmlands in the unincorporated area near Livermore, and the effort required of farmers and ranchers to comply with the county's Measure D, passed in 2000 to preserve the area's open space and scenic beauty.

The commission, at the recommendation of AAC

Member Karl Wente, suggested supervisors implement the size recommendation in "the most expeditious way possible," whether with a technical adjustment to Measure D or a ballot measure put before voters.

In a statement to the panel, FOL — a grassroots group that supports the strict provisions of Measure D to protect natural lands — said it would support a specific ballot measure to amend Measure D as long as the measure was limited to the increase for equestrian riding arenas and that the 2.5% floor-area ratio (FAR) for buildings be required.

"During 2017-2019, approximately 18 Measure D stakeholder meetings were held to discuss amendments to Measure D," the FOL letter from member David Rounds stated. "At those meetings, only one specific change was identified and supported with quantitative

(See ARENA, page 7)

Garbage Rates on the Rise

By Ruth Roberts

DUBLIN — Residents will soon be paying more to put out their trash.

In addition, city officials are recognizing the need to create less of it.

In a unanimous vote on June 16, the Dublin City Council approved a resolution allowing for a 9.34% increase across the board for residential garbage rates. The rise in fees will be \$3.28 per month based on the required residential 32-gallon can — for a total of \$38.39 per month.

"Yes, it's another hit after a strange year, a COVID year, but hopefully, as the economy continues to reopen, (rates) won't be such an issue," Vice Mayor Shawn Kumagai said.

The terms of the new agreement with Amador Valley Industries (AVI), which collects the city's garbage, will extend through 2035. The contract stipulates that all residential

properties in the city must have a weekly minimum garbage service, which includes curbside collection of a 32-gallon garbage container; up to two organic waste carts, including food scraps (96 gallons each); and up to two recycling carts (96 gallons each). Residents can also participate in the recycling of used oil and filters; an annual household hazardous waste drop-off event; and three on-call bulky waste pick-ups per year. Residents desiring larger garbage carts are billed directly by AVI for the incremental rate difference.

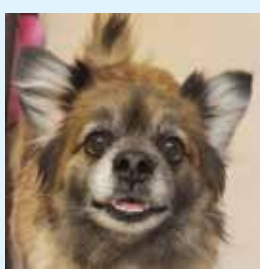
In the past, most cities did not charge for recycling, but as recycling became too expensive to process and dispose of, cities increased the rates to accommodate the cost.

Kumagai said that, in the end, rates are going to continue to rise unless cities find a way to make less

(See GARBAGE, page 7)



Local law enforcement officials participate in the Tri-Valley leg of the Special Olympics torch run, Monday, June 21. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



JACK

PET OF THE WEEK

Jack and his friend Lucy were surrendered to shelter care for a second time when their owner moved out of state. The two buddies are looking for a stable home yet again, but hopefully for the last time. Jack is a friendly and people-oriented boy; his previous owner showed him love by overfeeding, and his new family will want to help Jack with his fitness and diet plan. For more information, please send an email to info@valleyhumane.org.

(Photo - Valley Humane Society / E. Scholz)

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Chamber to Host State of the City Address June 24

The Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce (LVCC) will welcome Livermore Mayor Bob Woerner, who will present a State of the City address at its Wine Country Virtual Event on Thursday, June 24. This is Woerner's first address to the Chamber since being elected mayor in 2020.

"LVCC is looking forward to welcoming Mayor Woerner to the program in

his new role," said Dawn Aruga, LVCC CEO. "The City of Livermore and its leaders play an important role ensuring that progress is made on key issues affecting the local and regional economy."

Key topics Woerner is expected to cover include the city's efforts to meet housing goals at all income levels; progress on the current phase of revitalization of the Downtown District; the local

economy; local and regional transportation projects; and city initiatives, including the Community Asset Management Program, Climate Action Plan update, public safety, and the Equity and Inclusion Working Group.

LVCC continues to deliver its programs virtually as the economy recovers from the pandemic. Formerly a luncheon event, registered guests have the option of

purchasing lunch prepared by Garre Café for pick-up at the Chamber the morning of the event.

For information and to make reservations for the LVCC June 24 event visit www.livermorechamber.org or call 925-447-1606. Registration is \$25 for LVCC members and their guests and \$30 for "Not-Yet" LVCC members, lunch option for both add \$20.

Blood Drive Set for June 25

Stanford Blood Center will hold a community blood drive at the LifeStyleRx gymnasium, 1119 E. Stanley Ave., Livermore, from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday, June 25.

"The need for blood is constant, even during a pandemic," said Stanford Blood Center account manager Elisa Manzanares. "Currently, there are more than 200 surgeries per day at our partner hospitals, and blood donations are used to save about 12,000 lives a day."

Although walk-ins are welcome, the blood center is urging donors to make an appointment at stanford.io/3g49bxB or by calling 888-723-7831. Donors are also asked to eat and stay hydrated before giving blood and bring either their donor ID or a valid state-issued photo identification. Each donor will receive a \$10 Amazon.com gift card.

Livermore Teen Selected for Prestigious Grammy Camp

By Jesse Watson

Livermore resident Ryan Martinez plays three instruments, produced and released five songs, hosted two virtual concerts and played in one virtual music festival. And he's just 17-years-old.



Ryan Martinez

With these feats, it's no surprise that Ryan has been selected by the Grammy Museum to participate in its 17th annual Grammy Camp program this July.

The Grammy Camp program is a virtual summer camp that prepares high school students for a career in the music industry through classes and collaboration with those who share their interest in music.

"While the program will

be a virtual experience again this year, it remains one of the most immersive summer camps for high school students interested in a career in music and continues to give young people the opportunity to study with music industry professionals, resulting in a genuine learning experience about life in the music industry," said Michael Sticka, president of the Grammy Museum, in a recent press release.

Ryan, a senior at De La Salle High School from Livermore, is one of 81 high school students from across the nation who were chosen to participate in this year's virtual camp.

"This is a really great opportunity to network with people across the country and spend a week getting to work with people that share the same interest as me," said Ryan.

His interest in music stemmed from its prevalence in his life, from playing the trumpet in his middle school band to the songs he listened to in his house throughout his childhood. Now, Ryan is teaching himself guitar

and piano, and he releases music on all major streaming platforms under the name of Dj Doughboi, influenced by the styles of Taylor Swift and The Chainsmokers.

Participants in the Grammy Camp program choose a focus from seven music career tracks: audio engineering, electronic music production, music business, music journalism, songwriting, vocal performance and instrumental performance. Ryan will be studying music business as he hopes to pursue a career in that area of the music industry.

"We'll be working in conjunction with USC professors and industry leaders through the recording academy," said Ryan. "We're going to be studying trend patterns, studying what makes a good song and how to market it and studying concert production and tour production."

Blake Stokes, an alumnus of the Grammy Camp program, said that the skills and experience he gained from the program helped him get a start in the music industry.

"The benefits of Grammy

Camp were definitely expanding my network, learning about the industry side of music, and learning about songwriting on another level," said Stokes. "It taught me the skills to work with people professionally in the music industry."

Stokes attended the program in 2019 and 2020 on the songwriting track, and now he's living in Los Angeles, working on his own music and pitching songs to big names like Dua Lipa, Dixie D'Amelio and Madison Beer.

This year, Grammy Camp participants will also hear from guest artists All Time Low, Echosmith and The War and Treaty about their experiences in the music industry and their paths to success.

As Ryan prepares for the upcoming experience, he said, "I'm just really looking forward to meeting people and networking with them and understanding more in-depth about the music industry by getting to really have hands-on experience with it."

Pleasanton Cookbook Author Raising Funds for Education

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Pleasanton chef Carmen Delgado has published her first cookbook and is using sales to raise money for a local school.



Carmen Delgado

Valley Montessori School (VMS), her daughter's alma mater, will receive 15% of sales from the book – "Traditionally Rustic Food" – sold at Towne Center Books. Delgado said she was happy to use her dream project to give back.

"My daughter has just graduated from middle school from Valley Montessori, and I always get very involved with my daughter's school," said Delgado. "I talked to the principal and told her I would like to do a collaboration with Towne Center Books and do a fundraiser for the school and she was really supportive about it... so we are going to be doing an online fundraiser for the summer."

Towne Center Books and VMS have worked together in the past to host book fairs. Now, the school is using its local business promotion to encourage its families to shop local, and their newest partnership with Towne Center is

giving back.

"We are asking our parents to promote local businesses, and many people at this school own local businesses in town, so we want to support local businesses," said VMS Director of Advancement Elizabeth Brice. "Carmen so nicely is offering that percentage back through Towne Center Books... We are so grateful she is doing this for us."

Delgado grew up in Spain then moved to Australia to pursue her education. There she met and married her husband and lived there for 18 years before coming to the United States. Here, she has grown her culinary business, offering classes to a range of ages, from school-age children to adults. She has compiled a list of her 100 favorite recipes in the book and describes it as an eclectic mix of her family's cultural roots.

"In my cookbook, there is a mix of different food," she said. "There is a big influence from my Spanish roots. There's also a big influence from my husband's Argentinian roots, a bit of fusion from

the food in Australia – which is a melting pot of cultures – and my husband is also a little Italian, so it has that influence. So it's a fusion of cultures all together, but it's all based on very traditional recipes."

Delgado noted her recipes are all very simple, cooked from basic, clean ingredients to create a healthy, balanced diet without conforming to trendy diet fads. She urges her readers to get in the kitchen, "eat well and be happy."

Judy Wheeler, owner of Towne Center Books, said she was delighted to carry the cookbook and participate in the fundraiser with Valley Montessori.

"I can tell you, whatever page you open that cookbook to, you will want to cook what is on that page, or even more so, eat it," Wheeler said. "Carmen did a really good job producing a wonderful cookbook, and her photographer was great."

Wheeler is hosting an outdoor meet and greet with Delgado on Saturday, June 26, from 11 a.m. to noon, at the Pleasanton location,

555 Main St., in downtown Pleasanton. For more information, call 925-846-8826 or visit www.townecenterbooks.com.

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Thursday, September 9, 10-11:30 a.m.

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Livermore Schools Name Top Students for the Class of 2021

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) sent off its graduating high school class this month with in-person ceremonies and hopes for non-virtual college experiences.

Each of the high schools named their top academic achievers with the coveted title of valedictorian, and the future looks bright for these driven students.

Granada High School: Hriday Sheth

Hriday Sheth, 17, was Granada High School's valedictorian. He said he took advanced courses in every subject to make the most of his high school career.

"What motivated me to do this was I sort of felt an obligation to take advantage of what's given to me," Hriday said. "I feel like at a lot of high schools across the country, a lot of advanced courses aren't offered at least, not like at Granada — so I felt very privileged and blessed to be given the opportunity to take these different courses."

From AP English and history to honors science courses and everything STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), Hriday said he strove for advanced classes to beef up his GPA and give himself a well-rounded outlook. He said the administrators, teachers and counselors at Granada High encouraged him to reach for his dreams and push himself academically. He appreciated the support he received from all angles to navigate his high school career.

"I have nothing but positive things to say about the school administration, the counseling staff and the teachers," said Hriday. "They were always there, ready to help us."

Hriday will attend UC Berkeley in the fall to study

electrical engineering and computer science. He is also considering adding a business major so he can begin his own startup before earning



Hriday Sheth

his MBA and going into venture capital or private equity.

Hriday was an active member of the school's Math Club, Cyber Security Club and Science Bowl during his time at Granada. He also played on the tennis team, making varsity his sophomore year. He enjoys spending time with his family and reading about politics and technology.

(Granada High School does not name a salutatorian, which is the second-highest academic achiever.)

Livermore High School: Manvitha Nandamuri, Atticus Cummings

Manvitha Nandamuri, 17, earned the title of valedictorian at Livermore High School (LHS). She said she set the goal for herself her freshman year and was further motivated when her older brother made valedictorian for the Class of 2019.

"Freshman year, I had no idea what I wanted to do, so I took every AP I could so I could get a grasp on what I wanted to do," Manvitha said. "As I got toward my upper classes, I started to lean more toward the STEM subjects, and those pushed me toward my chosen college and major, molecular cell and developmental biology. I'll be attending UCLA in

the fall."

Manvitha said she felt the support of the school district and appreciated the help she received from counselors and



Manvitha Nandamuri

teachers. She chose UCLA because she plans to go to medical school, and UCLA's pre-med program is strong.

"Based on the number of resources they offer and research opportunities, it came down to UC Davis and UCLA," she said of her college search. "I ended up picking Los Angeles for the diverseness of its city, and I like that it's a hub for so many different fields. I thought it would be interesting not only to absorb my own field, but also computer science and other things. I think it will help me become a more well-rounded person."

Manvitha hopes to become a trauma surgeon, because they are often the first person to see a patient and create a medical plan in an emergency situation. She said she wants to be the friendly face her patients can trust when they are scared or upset.

During her time at Livermore High, Manvitha was part of the Science Club and appreciated the variety of topics and research she was exposed to during meetings. She said those topics sparked her love for science and shaped her goals. She said achieving the goal of being the Class of 2021's valedictorian has renewed her faith in herself and her

abilities.

LHS named Atticus Cummings its salutatorian, but The Independent was unable to speak with him prior to



Keaton Kapus

printing.

Vineyard High School: Kevin Hernandez, Keaton Kapus

Vineyard High School offers students an independent style of learning and working with teachers one-on-one. Like its traditional counterparts, Vineyard High named a valedictorian this year, Kevin Hernandez. The Independent was unable to speak with him prior to printing. Vineyard's salutatorian is 17-year-old Keaton Kapus, who transferred to the campus early in his freshman year. He said he appreciated the tailored education experience and quieter campus. He concentrated on taking as many science courses as could fit in his schedule, especially enjoying life sciences such as biology, environmental science and field biology.

"I did a lot of science classes, mainly; that's what I'm best at," said Keaton. "I can understand it, but I can't understand math for the life of me."

Keaton enjoys caring for his 16 pets, which include cats, dogs, guinea pigs and geckos. He plans to attend Los Positas College for two years, then go out of state for his bachelor's degree. He then aims to attend dental school.

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Horse racing started at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Friday, June 18. Races take place Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through July 18; and Monday, July 5. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Group to Host Town Hall on SB 9, Housing

In a virtual event sponsored by PleasantonVoters.com, Pleasanton Vice Mayor Julie Testa will host a Town Hall to discuss Senate Bill (SB) 9 and other state housing legislation, Tuesday, June 29, at 7 p.m., via Zoom.

The meeting will cover Pleasanton's upcoming cycle of unfunded housing requirements and a range of housing bills currently moving through the State Legislature, their purpose, and how their ratification would impact the suburban landscape of small cities.

SB 9 has passed the State Senate and is scheduled for a vote of the Assembly in coming weeks. The bill would allow for the subdivision of single-family home lots. Advocates of the bill say it will provide much-needed housing to the state, while the group set to speak June 29, in part, states that the bill is a gift to developers and will destroy neighborhoods without ensuring the availability of affordable housing.

"These draconian proposals will not solve the affordable housing shortage and will actually increase the problem," said Testa, who has played an active role in state housing issues for more than a decade. "School capacity, traffic impacts, and a dwindling water supply are not addressed, yet residents will have to fund and live with those realities."

The format of the June 29 meeting will feature a presentation by Maria and Jeff Kalban of United Neighbors, a California Coalition to Protect Single-Family Neigh-

borhoods. United Neighbors mission is to protect single-family neighborhoods while supporting affordable and equitable housing for all.

Also presenting will be Gab Layton, Co-Founder and

President of the Embarcadero Institute, a 501c3 nonprofit that supports local policy to incorporate resident interests into statewide legislation.

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EDITORIAL

We Still Need to Conserve

Officials in charge of making sure we have clean drinking water have worked hard to ensure that supply meets the demand in drought years. We commend them for this invaluable work.

Just last week, an official from Livermore Municipal Water shared a Zone 7 report, which stated that the wholesaler projects it will have sufficient supply to meet the demand for its customers in the Tri-Valley over the next five years. Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin all receive water from Zone 7.

But as some were quick to point out, how can we stress the importance of conservation if the drought seemingly won't have an impact on us? What about climate change?

It's important to understand that this forecast doesn't mean climate change is not a threat. It doesn't mean that we no longer need to conserve water. Again, it's only a forecast. Much like your financial budget, with certain variables factored in, a prediction of water reliability is an estimate, a projection. If you start spending frivolously, you

will no longer have what you thought you would have in the future. The same is true with water. It's a moving target.

And when it comes to climate change, Zone 7 in part relies on the state for ongoing information, which is then factored into water reliability projections. But even the meteorologists and atmospheric scientists — who have developed sophisticated technologies for capturing that data — are struggling.

According to a report by The Washington Post, NASA scientists say the heat the planet traps has roughly doubled since 2005.

"The magnitude of the increase is unprecedented," said Norman Loeb, a NASA scientist. "The Earth is warming faster than expected."

Loeb is also a lead author of a study published in Geophysical Research Letters, found here https://bit.ly/Indy_ClimateReport.

Conditions are changing rapidly. Summer arrives sooner and leaves later. The heat is intense. Other factors, like forest fires, completely change the at-

mosphere because large patches of scorched land have replaced greenery and trees.

So while we have only been placed in the 10% voluntary conservation phase — and it's not expected that in the near future anyone in the Tri-Valley will turn a tap and no water will come out — experts warn that if we have another dry year in which the reservoirs aren't getting replenished, the water situation will become much more serious.

The hope is that people take conservation seriously before we fall into the more severe phases of drought mitigation.

Considering that realistic drought predictions are unknowable, conservation still falls on everyone in the Tri-Valley to do their part.

Zone 7 offers suggestions on how to save water. Adding mulch to your garden will promote soil health and conserve moisture. Get rid of your lawn. Don't water if it's going to rain. For more tips on how to conserve water, visit http://bit.ly/Indy_ConserveH2O.

MAILBOX

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Erasing History continued... Peter Buckley, Livermore

Yet, here in America, this practice of creating cheap, high-density housing just for specific ethnic minority groups, instead of being representative of the actual demographics of a community, is widespread and a booming business for construction cartels and political leaders alike, who crave nothing more than money, power, and control of the people. Big City USA is literally the continuation of the same fascistic practices that destroyed Europe. Erasing Jewish history, all in the name of wokeness, enables the same failed and oppressive policies of the last 500 years to continue, here, in America today.

Little Town USA has it right; A place for families to plant their roots and grow, to live, to breathe, to thrive, to accumulate generational wealth to pass on. In other words, a humbled and peaceful life. No wonder the academic supremacists of Berkeley and Chicago are desperately attempting to erase Jewish history, because they don't want their citizens to realize that it's the same oppressive practices in-place today, keeping people in this perpetual cycle of poverty generation after generation, while the rich get richer, perched atop the Oakland/Berkeley hills, further widening the wealth gap while openly attacking the surrounding suburban and semi-rural way of life.

If you deny the past through erasing history and by changing the definitions to words, you will repeat the same mistakes over and over again. All life matters and segregation is evil. That's the real philosophy of inclusion that's been fostered here, in Livermore, for the past 150 years. An ethnically diverse community, and a healthy

"mix of people from different backgrounds and cultures" that drew Trish Munro to our community over 30 years ago. The environment that was fostered here for generations long before the arrival of this woman who openly claims to be just now building a diverse community in Livermore (quite a feat indeed!). A blatant lie and insult to the kind-hearted people of this community. Turning an argument of where to build everything to best suit the needs of ALL Livermore residents, and twisting it into political bullying, public shaming, and an attack on our community.

A must read on what's happening in California today. From the Jewish perspective: <https://www.tabletmag.com/sections/news/articles/california-ethnic-studies-curriculum>.

Campaign Donations and Council Decisions Jim Hutchins, Livermore

In 2018, the City Council removed campaign donation limits for Livermore elections, and the citizens are now suffering the result. Since then, developers, unions, and real estate companies have been making significant campaign donations to the Livermore Mayoral candidates. In 2020, Bob Woerner's campaign accepted over \$19,000 total from Gradetech, the Sheet Metal Workers Union, U.A. Local, Sprinkler Fitters, IBEW Local, Greenville Road Land Company, California Real Estate PAC, Shea Homes, and Ponderosa Homes. In 2018, John Marchand's campaign accepted over \$7,000 total from Shea Homes, Associated Builders and Contractors, Construction & General Laborers Local, California Association of Realtors PAC, and one from a real estate agent for Legacy Apartments.

Money from these companies is influencing how elected officials are making decisions that affect Livermore citizens, seemingly putting their financial supporters' interests over their constituents. Unions and developers give the candidates money, and construction projects are pushed through quickly and quietly. The Legacy project was approved by the City Council in June 2018, resulting in high-density housing in downtown Livermore, despite the Council's Placeworks report stating that citizens felt "Downtown Livermore should not have high density housing". Three months later, Mayor Marchand's campaign received a generous donation from Legacy via their agent. Now the city is pushing through the Eden Housing downtown project in the downtown's core, despite immense opposition.

The citizens deserve better. Livermore needs elected officials that work for the people, not big money.

Stop HB 1927 Madeline Brown, Livermore

Texas has just passed HB 1927, a law permitting anybody — over the age of 21

who has not been prohibited by the state to possess a firearm — to carry a handgun in public without a license nor any training.

This law, not protected by the U.S. Constitution, will only cause an uprise in shootings and serve to perpetuate gun violence. Even under the current laws — in which concealed carry applicants must undergo and complete training, submit fingerprints, prove their skill and proficiency, and pay a fee — there have been countless deaths and injuries.

In one year alone, 24 law enforcement officers were killed and 35 mass shootings, 62 murder-suicides, and 38 accidental deaths occurred at the hands of concealed carriers. This is proof enough to convince anyone and everyone that this negligent law would not only put guns into the hands of dangerous criminals but allow them to carry these guns in the midst of untold innocents.

It is imperative that we bring this cogent opposition to the attention of the Texas legislature, so I implore you to highlight this issue in your newspaper and to arouse public interest as well as you can. We must stop HB 1927 before more people are hurt.

Legacy Thomas Soules, Livermore

I hope I am not the first person who noticed the irony of Legacy filing for bankruptcy, or the first person to realize the possibility this presents a win-win-win-win for the city and those who need affordable living. I just drove by the Legacy construction site - half finished buildings, huge wooden panels exposed to the elements, no one around and someone losing lots of money every day. The city could buy these Legacy buildings and finish them for affordable housing. Win (1) - There are 100 more affordable units than in the existing plan. Win (2) - The permits are already granted and construction started, so that folks needing affordable living places can move in at least a year or two ahead of the city plan. Win (3) - The city could probably purchase the Legacy buildings for a bargain price, have Eden housing finish them and negotiate to have the grants applied to this new affordable living project. Win (4) - Livermore wins! The damage done to the character of downtown by the proposed three- and four-story buildings, the increased traffic, the parking problem -- all gone and replaced by a park that will add to the desirability of visiting and patronizing downtown Livermore. Please tell me I am not the first person to see this as a win-win-win-win opportunity.

Rat Poison Kills Indiscriminately Kathleen Streeter, Livermore

Please stop putting rat poison out where squirrels and cats and dogs can get it. Rat poison kills indiscriminately.

Serious Contamination Donna Cabanne, Livermore

Serious contamination exists under the Eden Housing property. According to the city's interim remediation action plan---filed with the Water Board May 17th but not released to the public until June 15th---this property contains "arsenic, lead, and nickel in shallow soil, petroleum hydrocarbons in soil and groundwater, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in groundwater including tetrachloroethene(PCE)

and its breakdown product trichloroethene(TCE)." Interim Remedial Action Plan(IRAP p.6) These chemicals are known to cause cancer, learning disabilities and other serious health issues. Critical information regarding the testing and clean-up of this site has not been adequately explained to the public. We NEED a city-wide hearing to answer questions.

1. How long will clean-up last? IRAP states clean-up could be "continued after building construction " p16.

2. The city will use a soil vapor extraction (SVE) system to remove "subsurface VOCs and to mitigate potential vapor intrusion into the planned multifamily residential buildings" (IRAP p12) This system will use "vacuum blowers and extraction wells to create pressure gradients in the subsurface" to force contamination upwards to be "treated and discharged to the atmosphere" (IRPA p.9) Has the Air Board (BAAMQB) approved this ongoing release of treated contaminants into the air? If so, when?

3.How much will this SVE system cost? Who will pay for the clean-up costs? Will the costs be paid by current residents or Eden residents?

4."Soil excavation will be performed" if necessary. Soil would need to be taken offsite to a landfill specializing in hazardous wastes. What would the price be for this type of specialized excavation and landfill disposal? What risks would excavation of contaminated soil pose to construction workers?

5. A goal is to reduce current contamination by 50% (IRAP p12) Is that sufficient for residents' safety?

6. IRAP states "extensive source removal via SVE is less important since the ventilated underground parking is an engineering control that mitigates potential vapor intrusion." p16. Can the city explain HOW venting treated contaminants into the underground parking garage is considered an engineering control?

7. Is the safest solution to move Eden housing off this site? Email all city council members at cityclerk@cityoflivermore.net

Ask the City Council to hold a public hearing to answer unresolved contamination issues involving the Eden Housing site.

A Message to the City Council Roger Lake, Livermore

In my early days, I learned a valuable lesson: "The more that you are convinced that you are right, the greater chance that you are wrong." You become fixed on your position and lose all rationality. It is too bad that the city council has not learned this lesson concerning the Lucky site and Eden apartments. Their 5-0 vote also indicates that they are locked into a group think mode and cannot see past their position.

Then, there is the campaign to smear Joan Seppala. This is just too much. It shows how far they are out of touch with the situation and wishes of the community.

Yes, Joan is an activist. But before you slander her, you should look at what she has given Livermore. When I came to Livermore, in the late 60's it was right in the middle of the "Developer's Wars" and the resulting uncontrolled growth. You could find signs on the corners of First Street pointing to the latest development. It took years for Joan

and the controlled growth supporters to make Livermore what it is now. Without Joan's leadership today, Livermore would look like Dublin! Oh, and don't forget the work she and the Friends of Livermore did on killing the 2500 house development north of 580!

I would ask the present City Council to ask themselves: What kind of a legacy will you leave?

How We Could Reduce Water Use Nile Runge, Livermore

Every flush of my toilet uses 1.6 gallons.

A single urine deposit amounts to about a cup. One flush of 1.6 gallons is a lot of water to flush a cup! That's 26 cups of water to flush one cup of urine. So, what if we flushed urine every other time. That would save 26 cups or 1.6 gallons.

Now, consider if Livermore people were to flush less often. There are about 100,000 of us and every one of us pees at least twice a day. If each of us were to save 1.6 gallons of scarce water daily, that would save 1.6 x 100,000 = 160,000 gallons each day. In a week, that's 1,120,000 gallons no used.

I think that's worth us doing.

Time To Change Your Voting Preference Jim Huebner, Pleasanton

We have an overwhelming number of people voting for Democratic candidates in California.

Do not change your voting preference if you believe that a congressman "bumping" into a Chinese spy for seven years was not giving her any classified information. She was staying with him for love, and not for information that he receives from his position on the highly classified intelligent committee. China would not have left her with him for seven years if she were not producing. Maybe the FBI should be looking at his emails.

Do not change if you believe that poor people, including blacks, are not smart enough to get an ID for voting. We all feel insulted. Over 70 percent of us have no problem with having to show an ID to vote.

Do not change if you believe transgender boys should be allowed to compete against girls in all sports and shower with them!

Do not change if you believe that it is OK for people to make more on unemployment than working, and it is OK to hand out money to working people when the government has to borrow the funds from China.

Do not change if you believe we should defund the police, even if most black people say we need more police in their community.

Do not change if you believe that standing for the pledge of allegiance and national anthem is not a good way to express solidarity with all Americans regardless of race, creed, sex, or national origin.

Do not change if you believe that all white people should feel racist (sic) and Equity, Woke, and Critical Race Theory should replace Martin Luther King's "I have a dream."

Do not change if you believe we should eliminate all gender references in our speech and writings. You obviously do not speak Spanish.

Do not change your vote if you believe that \$4, \$5, \$6 a gallon gas will force

everyone to get a \$70,000 electric car.

Some Democratic Politicians may believe differently, but our own Congresswomen, Nancy Pelosi, forces them to vote with the extremist's left wing of their party.

Developers Play Fast and Loose with Housing Deborah McQueen, Livermore

The recent Kattera bankruptcy highlights an emerging trend within the housing construction industry. Housing developers are using business strategies honed from Silicon Valley tech start-ups to dominate a competitive housing market. Rather than focus on quality construction, they instead aim to "break down the walls of an industry, grow at all costs and figure out the metrics later." This has proved to be bad business for Livermore. The Legacy building on L St. has come to a near standstill.

Mayor Woerner's response to the Kattera/Legacy shutdown reveals a lack of sophistication in understanding complex financing. Woerner states "The project is fully bonded and construction will restart as soon as the requisite legal and contractual permissions are obtained." Anyone familiar with Kattera's downfall realizes that the requisite legal work ahead is daunting. Kattera, wanting the whole enchilada, is responsible for the "design and architectural work, construction management, general contracting, interior design, and materials supply" of the Legacy building. With so much of the heavy lifting being done by Kattera, one wonders exactly what Legacy provided other than labor. Kattera owns the material supply chain, but has shut down their 577,000-square-foot factory in Tracy, leaving 500 workers in a precarious position. With at least 20 unfinished projects across the United States, and several Federal and State lawsuits pending, the "requisite legal work" may take substantial time to resolve, potentially leaving the Legacy building on L St. unfinished for months to come.

Kattera is emblematic of the greed which has seized housing developers in California, who have leapt at the opportunity to take advantage of the so called "housing crisis".

Mayors Woerner & Marchand were quick to approve developers without appropriate vetting from the public. Both mayors received extensive campaign contributions from developers, unions, and construction and real estate related organizations. The Legacy building approval process took 14 weeks. The Eden housing "bait and switch" changes were rammed through in 24 weeks (and would have been less were it not for vociferous public outcry). These rushed timelines deny the public the opportunity to learn, understand, and fully engage in what is happening in their town. Worse still, residents' tax dollars are exploited as Eden Housing's lobbying firms continue to silence residents using social media and union muscle at Council meetings.

Climate Change Causes Kenneth Henneman, Pleasanton

The June 17 editorial "Facing up to climate change" implies Dr. Steven Koonin is a climate change 'denier,' a 'unbeliever,' in stark contrast to Dr. Benjamin Santer who is a 'believer.'

Methinks, actually, both
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scientists agree it's getting warmer, just not why.

They disagree on knowing the cause(s). Koonin's new book "Unsettled" says cause(s) are not yet scientifically known. I've read, followed and heard Santer, he indicates he knows CO2 is causing warming. I've read other scientists, such as Dr. Roy Spencer and Dr. Valentina Zharkova, who suggest other observed phenomena may be (or are) likely cause(s). They may be right - eventually science actually will understand causation factors.

Suggested causes, both cyclic and non-cyclic over short and long periods, include: the sun; solar winds; ocean salinity, currents and temperature; atmospheric circulation, clouds, water vapor; mass and massless energies including electromagnetic in or from - the earth, the atmosphere, the sun, the galaxy and the universe. The list goes on. Like ship travel during the 1700s, space travel information, coupled with new earth information, eventually will settle the unsettled - including the role of CO2 in climate. I trust The Independent will keep readers abreast of the now rapidly unfolding climate science.

Gratitude and Respect Don and Linda Milanese, Livermore

If only people would stop second-guessing Joan Sep-

pala's motives.

She has nothing personal to gain from persisting with her vision for downtown. It's a continuation of her long history of supporting what's best for Livermore. Her present battle for downtown is based on preserving the last piece of open space for citizens to enjoy. She's not against affordable housing—just the proposed location of it. She envisions more for Livermore than a solid 4 stories of Eden Housing across the street from that alarming, half-finished, deserted construction on L Street. Her priority is to support Livermore rather than developers.

Her endurance is remarkable—as is her optimism—despite her critics.

She has our gratitude and support.

Disappointed By Their Decision Kathy Pedrini, Livermore

What's the point of public comment and input by Livermore residents when it falls upon the deaf ears of the Planning Commission and City Council? The Eden Housing plan approved by the Planning Commission and City Council is NOT the plan promised to Livermore residents and voters. A significant percentage of Livermore residents DO NOT want the Eden Housing development to proceed as currently planned. Livermore residents have asked

the Mayor and City Council to please listen to the citizens of Livermore and CHANGE the Eden Housing plan. I feel misled by our local "leaders" and am truly disappointed by their decision.

Thank You Congressman Swalwell

Ron Sadler, Livermore

Congressman Swalwell, As your constituent and someone who is deeply concerned about the climate crisis, I want to express to you my sincere appreciation for your co-sponsorship of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, H.R. 2307.

A carbon fee and dividend such as H.R. 2307 is the single most powerful mechanism to help us rapidly and equitably transition away from burning greenhouse gas emitting fossil fuels and to clean sources of energy. The fee levied on fossil fuel producers will incentivize use of non-CO2 emitting sources of energy.

All of the net proceeds from the fees collected would be paid out equally to all Americans in the form of a monthly dividend and will more than offset higher costs for the majority of low and middle-income families.

The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act will also incentivize the development of clean energy here in our country and give us a competitive advantage as the rest of the world wakes up

to the reality of our rapidly warming planet. But most importantly it will help ensure that we leave our children and grandchildren a livable world.

Of course, there is much more that will need to be done to address this crisis. And to that end, I ask that you use voice to educate your fellow lawmakers on the seriousness of the Climate Crisis and motivate them to take action to address it. Advocating for the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act is an important next step in that endeavor.

Thank you again for your support of this very important piece of legislation.

Let's Learn From This Lisa Harris, Livermore

The Livermore core saga continues.... Wake up voters and look at the track records of candidates running for office before you vote for them! This is in reference to Mayor Woerner and his eager support of Eden housing on the "super block" when he stated pre-election that he would carefully assess that same housing north of Railroad Avenue. Historically, we should all know that candidates say what can get them votes, but what really matters are their track records. Mayor Woerner is from the previous council, so it should be no surprise that this has happened, but it is unfortunate just the same. Let's get informed, look at records,

and don't count on what we want to see happen in words easily spoken. Actions speak louder than words!

Livermore voters let's learn from this.

Code of Federal Regulations Owen Brovont, Livermore

The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) was established during the Franklin Roosevelt administration in 1937 with the passage of the Federal Register Act, ostensibly to

"codify" all rules and regulations created by the Executive Branch of the government every five years; CFR Title 34 deals with Education. The Department of Education was created in 1980 during the Carter administration.

On April 19, 2021, the Department of Education created a new rule titled Proposed Priorities—American History and Civics Education – it can be found here:

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Eden Housing: A bad plan that breaks the law.

In their rush to approve the flawed Eden Housing plan despite 4 out of 5 Livermore residents in opposition, the City Council broke the law.



Future Eden Housing building stretching for a block along Railroad Avenue from L Street to the extension of K Street. Source: City of Livermore Planning Document.

INCONSISTENT WITH THE DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN

The project approved by the City Council did not conform with many of the rules for development projects that apply to downtown Livermore, including rules relating to site frontage, massing, siting and orientation, window design, and open space. While affordable housing projects are given leniency for up to four development rules in the Downtown Specific Plan, Eden Housing and the City ignored the inconsistencies, and the City Council approved a project that did not comply with California's zoning and planning laws.

VIOLATES CEQA

The City Council ignored their duties under the California Environmental Quality Act when they approved the project. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board has raised concerns about several chemicals of concern in the soil and groundwater at the project site, including arsenic, lead, petroleum hydrocarbons, and volatile organic compounds, but the City ignored those concerns. The law required the City to update the prior EIR for downtown Livermore prior to approving the project to disclose the potential impacts of these chemicals on the environment and future residents.



It's not too late to Save Livermore Downtown!

We will be reviewing available options to remedy this terrible mistake.

We will not give up on trying to preserve the unique charm of the city we love.

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Sign the Petition at SaveLivermoreDowntown.com



Dublin's The Wave Waterpark at Emerald Glen Park last week opened its waterslide tower and Splash Zone, just in time for triple-digit weather. (Photo—Doug Jorgensen) [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia]

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<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-04-19/pdf/2021-08068.pdf>

Go to: Purpose of Programs.

In the document, you will find the requirement that both the 1619 Project and the Critical Race Theory must be included in American History and Civics curricula in elementary and secondary education programs. The 1619 Project and Ibram X. Kendi, the most often cited proponent of CRT, are found in the foot notes.

Even with the COVID-19 pandemic dominating social media, the issues of slavery, equity, and "social justice" have shared center stage in most presentations of national news and in social media. However, education is now becoming more prominent in the news because of growing public awareness of federal government coercion in the implementation of Critical Race Theory and Project 1619 curricula by threatening to withhold any federal funds in support of scholarships, school construction, special programs, student loans, etc., from any school district if these topics are not taught!

Both the Project 1619 and the Critical Race Theory are heavily criticized as obvious expressions of racial prejudice built upon gross distortions of history. As with myths, there are kernels of truth which provide seed for the growth of a severely biased version of history and our contemporary reality. That blatant discrimination occurred in our history cannot be denied, but it also cannot be denied that society has persistently, if unevenly, combatted racial prejudice since the civil war.

It is clear that we are living through a masterfully designed effort to dismantle America as a nation of free people including ignoring and eventually replacing our Constitution with something that will superficially mimic the same structure. The country is now deeply involved in a non-shooting revolutionary culture war, but most of the population appears to be blissfully hooked on social media apparently unaware of or refuse to recognize its use by the enemies of freedom that are taking over their country.

Replace Swalwell Daniella Karo, Pleasanton

Congressman Eric Swalwell's persona is most pathetic.

The lying mouthpiece for the daily Democratic Party "soup du jour" pronouncements during much of Trump Administration is now outraged at the Trump Justice Department. I wonder if he was outraged to find that he was "very friendly and close" with the enemy!

He is a patent liar (sic), falsely claiming to have proof of Trump's "Russian collusion," a claim now entirely debunked. He has lost credibility with many of his constituents as he continues to practice identity politics that split the country. It's a wonder that he is still a member of Congress and most importantly still a member of the House Intelligence panel.

The House 2022 elections couldn't happen too soon! Replace him with a smart and seasoned candidate who will be able to represent all the constituents of this amazing community!

We Truly Appreciate You Rose O'Brien, Livermore

I am trying to understand "why" the city council is so adamant about having the Eden project in the middle of the downtown area. I honestly believe that most of the citizens of Livermore still oppose such a poor decision.

We all need to unite in voicing our opinion to support those who are working so hard on our behalf to stop this from happening.

We all love Livermore and feel it is important to keep our city a place where families and visitors can enjoy themselves — let's work together to keep it that way.

I would also like to express my admiration for Joan Seppala and others who have been working so hard for all of us. I know that Joan's passion is to keep Livermore a "happy" place for the residents, and that she works day and night to assure it stays that way. Thank you, Joan, for all that you do for everyone in Livermore. We "truly" appreciate you!

We Deserve Better Anthony Beckett, Pleasanton

It was with no loss of irony reading the headline in The Independent last week about Rep. Swalwell's indignation (and usual lawsuit), about having his phone records seized by the DOJ.

Most ironic was his claim that this "isn't about me, the DOJ could seize any of our phone records".

The problem with that statement is, most of us haven't been suspected of leaking secrets from the House Intelligence Committee to the press, in order to breathe life into a false construct to impeach the president. Nor have we used the DOJ to seize the phone records from the opposition party's ranking member on that same committee (Devin Nunes, among others) during that very same impeachment circus, as Swalwell did.

I don't think this is simple hypocrisy as much as cynical political dirty tricks.

From The Washington Examiner (June 15, 2021) "Democrats on the committee said at the time that they did not subpoena records from Nunes and Solomon and that those records showed up in other subpoenaed material. That differs from what the New York Times reported last week that members of Congress's records were directly subpoenaed by the Department of Justice."

Again, the use of misinformation to further his political aspirations is the smokescreen of the day. Obviously, I am not a fan of Eric Swalwell. I'm even less a fan of political dirty tricks, hypocrisy and lies.

We deserve better.

Is There No Win-Win? Ken Ball, Livermore

I attended the virtual Livermore City Council meeting several weeks ago discussing the downtown Eden housing development. I listened to the presentation by the city council and wished they had provided it many months before. I have wanted to know for the last 6 months what the City Council's reasons were for changing what I thought had been a compromise solution to the downtown plan. However, they said nothing, nor could I find anything on the Livermore City web page. I think much of the angst of this whole process could have been avoided by the council communicating with the citizens of Livermore.

I am all for affordable housing. I would like to see more of it. Even on that spot would be fine if it was built above space for shops, stores and "affordable commercial and cultural space". The viable downtown business space in Livermore is one street and about 3-4 blocks long. Pretty small space for a town this size. (I've never been able to figure out why the Chamber of Commerce is supporting a project that contains no commerce). The downtown

will be locked into that size once that downtown block is finished because everything else that goes up will most likely be "market rate" housing, just as it has been in the recent past. Too bad more of the housing that has been built in the greater downtown area over the last 10-15 years hasn't been affordable housing. The saddest thing about this process has been how polarized it has become and the seeming need to attack each other's character. Does there have to be a winner and a loser. Are there really no win-win uniting possibilities?

We Need A Park Marlene Brown, Livermore

I would like to start by acknowledging the Coopers from Pleasanton and William Zagotta from Livermore, and thanks for sharing their thoughts in the Independent newspaper on June 17th supporting Joan Seppala's SLD committee. I am very disappointed with the City Council for approving the Eden Housing Project, which will occupy the last available land, and this land could be used for a park, and a parking garage, because we need more parking space. The Eden Housing Project could be built across Railroad Avenue, opposite side from where the City Council chose to build. We need affordable housing for teachers, police and first responders. And we need a new Park downtown, for people to enjoy and our children to play in, and families to get together.

Fascism in Action Ginger Iglesias, Livermore

Last week's Independent had a brilliant letter from Glenn White explaining the difference between socialism and fascism.

The similarities between what happened in Germany in the 1930s and what happened with the election of Trump through the Jan. 6 insurrection are frighteningly similar in so many ways. I guess we can be thankful Hitler didn't have a Twitter account or boot-licking television and radio stations to keep the vasals aggrieved and compliant. He only had Goebbel's radio station and look what he did with that.

Luckily, Trump isn't a "stable genius" by any stretch and surrounded himself with incompetent toadies, or we might now be in a dictatorship.

Interestingly, there was another letter ranting about Eric Swalwell from someone who shall remain nameless - I don't want to encourage him - proving Glenn White's point. It was rife with lies and fantasy scenarios that one can only believe if one never exposes oneself to the real and free press, and instead completely isolates in a bubble of bigoted and hateful propaganda. It would be laughable if it weren't so scary to think there are trumpies out there saying the insurrection was just a bunch of decent people who wandered into the Capitol, and that the vastly peaceful protests which happened when George Floyd was brutally suffocated to death by a white policeman were murderous riots - sponsored by the Democratic Party - that consumed US cities all last year.

By the way, I'm sure Brian Sicknick's family would be appalled to hear that he was a protestor at the Jan. 6 insurrection, and not a Capitol policeman. This kind of mendacity is jaw-dropping in how far the extreme right will go to cover up their own appalling offenses. Jewish lasers, anyone?

I'll finish with a quote that encapsulates what the radical right and their media stooges are trying to accomplish. See

The Wave Waterpark Reopens with Limited Hours

The Wave Waterpark at Dublin's municipal aquatics center is now opened with limited hours.

The outdoor Splash Zone and the indoor pool at the natatorium will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

However, the outdoor Slide Tower and Sports Pool will be open only from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

In addition, the Dublin Screamer waterslide is temporarily closed, while the Emerald Plunge waterslide is

closed for the summer.

Tickets must be purchased in advance at www.DublinRecGuide.com. Children under 13 must be accompanied by someone 17 or older.

Boomers Amusement Park Welcomes Back Patrons

All attractions at the Boomers Park amusement center in Livermore are now open, including the indoor arcade and laser-tag. Outdoor activities include go-karts, bumper boats, and miniature golf.

The amusement center also announced last week that visitors who have been vaccinated against COV-

ID-19 will no longer be required to wear facemasks but urged that all children 12 and younger continue to wear masks indoors, except when eating.

Social distancing and capacity limitations are also being lifted, although sanitizer stations will remain in place throughout the park.

"Boomers has complied

with the governor's safety protocols during this unprecedented year," said Tim Murphy, CEO of Boomers Parks. "However, we are looking forward to hosting our guests with these new safety requirements. We are looking forward to everyone unleashing fun in a safe, clean environment."

if you can guess who said it. "By propaganda even heaven can be palmed off on a people as hell and the most wretched life is Paradise." If you guessed Adolf Hitler in "Mein Kampf" you get a gold star and sleepless nights waiting for the jackbooted thugs to bang on your door.

Transparency Encouraged Anthony Pangelinan, Livermore

I keep reading about a survey of Livermore residents with a 4-1 result for the downtown development. Where was this survey published? Who conducted the survey? What were the questions? How many people were surveyed? Was the survey statistically significant? And the most important question of them all, who paid for the survey?

I find the general lack of transparency very disturbing when special interest groups refuse to disclose financial information and results of surveys conducted in private. Repeating a ratio of surveyed people does not validate the results. Validation and credibility only come with full disclosures.

Health Responsibilities Greg Scott, Livermore

Contrary to Ramona Krausnick's letter, "Your health is Your Responsibility Not Mine". (The Independent, 6/17): Your health is not only a personal responsibility, it is the responsibility of us all. It is an invincibility fallacy to think we are free of COVID-19 with a mythical 100% efficacy vaccine to mutations.

Few individuals have a valid reason not to be vaccinated. They are not only a danger to themselves, they are a danger to us all. Not being vaccinated leads to greater incidences of COVID-19 in non-vaccinated individuals and greater transmissibility of SARS-CoV-2 strains to others not vaccinated. It also increases the chances for a vaccine-escape strain. A person has the liberty not to get vaccinated; unfortunately, they thusly have the liberty to make others sick. The nightmare is that the irresponsibility of not being vaccinated could lead to the moot point of being vaccinated at all.

It would benefit everyone to be vaccinated and to take the responsibility to encourage others to get vaccinated. The dominant SARS-CoV-2 strain in the United States is Alpha, B.1.1.7, or the UK strain. It is 50% more transmissible than the D614G strain - where aspartic acid, "D", is substituted with glycine, "G", at the 614th amino acid position in the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein that attaches to the host cell.

The most notorious of the mutations in Alpha is lovingly called "Nelly" by the Brits for N501Y - the amino acid asparagine is replaced with the amino acid tyrosine at the 501st amino acid position in the spike protein. Metaphorically, this is like the SARS-CoV-2 acquiring a new powerful formula of super glue and a blow torch to attach to ACE2 (angiotensin converting enzyme 2) and enter the host cell (endocytosis).

The vaccines are highly effective against the Alpha strain because they are polyclonal. This means the vaccines are creating antibodies for parts of the spike protein that have not mutated, making the spike protein dysfunctional. Less so, but still with high efficacy, the vaccines work against Beta, Gamma and Delta strains, especially with two doses of the mRNA (messenger ribonucleic acid) vaccines.

It is a citizen's responsibility to encourage as many as possible to get vaccinated.

Only in some kind of non-viral bubble that does not exist does your health does not affect mine. It is of less value to our community and to me for you to be sickened, contagious or dead.

What is Happening to Livermore? Jan Brovont, Livermore

I, too, like many other upset residents in Livermore, find it hard to believe how Mayor Woerner and our City Council can continue on with their own "plans" when so many residents don't like or want Livermore to have stack and pack 4-story buildings downtown. The center of town should NOT be the place for high density, 4-story housing which would close up the area, and make it look like anything but a wine country town/city.

The majority of the residents attending the Place-work's workshops several years ago had housing at the bottom of the list. Public open space, buildings only 2-3 stories and the hotel should use building materials such as red brick, rustic beams etc. (to match) the Blacksmith's Square, not overshadow it.

Four-story buildings on the old Lucky lot, plus 4-5 story public parking garage and 4-story housing across L St. will overpower our once quaint downtown. How can we advertise Livermore having a wine country destination? How will large 4-story buildings give Livermore a wine country feel?

The public parking garage which is scheduled to be built where KFC was on L St. is being promoted as "public" parking. Most likely, it will be full of overflow from residents and visitors of Legacy Homes, shoppers in the 14,000 sq ft of retail. With a small unit of Eden housing only having 1 parking space, where will their second car be parked? Where will their visitors park? In the "public" parking garage. Right??

Other ridiculous parking ideas they have for downtown, (include) just adding a few more parking spaces. It's likely a lot more cars (yours and mine if we go downtown) will likely get scraped or dented doors and bumpers, since they are making parking spaces smaller and shorter.

Like many others, I don't see our mayor and city council working for "us", the residents. If they have good reasons, why don't they make them known; then maybe both sides could work together.

AB1512/SB799 Unethical or Politics as Usual? Estelle Miller, Livermore

After inactivating SB799, Senator Steven Glazer has now attached a budget trailer bill to the 2021 Budget for the State of California due by June 30.

The trailer bill reads: Approve \$9 Million General Fund one-time and trailer bill language to preserve the Carnegie State Vehicular Area known as "Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area" for conservation purposes.

Why a budget trailer bill instead of a regular bill? And why now, when regular bills are going through the legislature? Is this how politics is played? Sneak past your opposition? A trailer bill does not need to be discussed, only a simple majority is needed to pass it, and it goes into effect immediately upon the governor's signing.

Is substituting this budget trailer bill for SB799 or AB1512 unethical? It's legal. It's expedient. It's a way to get around the normal legislative process and Senator Glazer is taking that route.

The simple truth is Sena-

tor Glazer, and his backers want to take land, owned by the California State Parks, already protected under intense conservation rules and regulations, from the OHV recreation public.

The trailer bill is a way for Senator Glazer to get what he wants by bypassing the public. No public input. No public scrutiny. No dealing with the public affected by its provisions. It's strange, considering Senator Glazer is a public servant.

Papers Can Contribute Ann Giannini, Livermore

Greetings Citizens. Without a doubt, I'm certain we all truly feel fortunate to have our very own newspaper, The Independent. We are benefiting because of publisher Joan Seppala and her devoted staff. The importance of our newspaper reminds me of the Alameda Times Star newspaper when they opposed the overdevelopment of the Alameda Bay Shoreline and to save the historic Alameda High School slated for destruction. Fortunately, Alameda High School survived, has been restored and is still a high school. The beautiful Kaufman auditorium part of the school is named in honor of Abe Kaufman the TimesStar publisher. Miles of public beach and Crown Park were made possible. Isn't it amazing how much a town newspaper with the support of its readers and others can contribute to help the community they serve?

Gosselin - A Conflict of Interests Michael Fredrich, Livermore

Larry Gosselin is one of key members of the Alameda County Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) tasked with developing recommendations to the Board of Supervisor on a policy for solar facilities in Alameda County.

In March 2021, it was revealed that Gosselin has been serving as a consultant for Intersect Power, the developer of the massive Aramis industrial solar project in North Livermore Valley. Gosselin has refused to recuse himself from deliberations by the ACC on the solar policy.

Gosselin has now been pushing to include the concept of "agrivoltaics" in the county's solar policy. This unproven concept purports to allow agriculture under solar panels. In reality it is an excuse to install industrial scale solar facilities on agricultural land by conducting trivial levels of agriculture. Gosselin maintains that the Aramis project is agrivoltaic because a handful of chickens and honeybees may be located on the property. Gosselin version of agrivoltaics replaces agriculture, not enhances it. More disturbingly, by his definition of agrivoltaics, solar plants would be allowed virtually everywhere, including on his own land, which might be the ultimate goal.

The county's approval of Intersect Power's Aramis project is now the subject to a lawsuit filed by Save North Livermore Valley and other parties. The presence of a consultant for Intersect Power on the AAC, who is actively working to shape the county solar policy in a manner that advances Intersect Power's and his own interests over that of the public, poses an untenable conflict of interest.

The County should exclude Gosselin from all future discussions of a solar policy by the ACC. For more information go to <https://www.savenorthlivermorevalley.com/> or search for Save North Livermore Valley.

Library Urges Summer Reading and Doing

The Alameda County Library is turning its traditional summer reading program into a Summer Adventure this year with additional activities encouraging patrons to tell their own stories as well as read about others.

"We all have stories to tell, no matter how young or old we are," said librarian Cindy Chadwick. "Sharing stories is a powerful way to connect and cultivate kindness in our communities. You can write a story, make a video, do a dance; create in your own way."

The Summer Adventure program is open to all ages. An adventure guide with suggested activities is now available at the Dublin library.

POLICY

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gives property tax breaks to landowners who agree with local governments to keep their land agricultural or open space.

Environmentalists argued

that it's unclear whether the Williamson Act tax benefits will continue even when solar panels are placed on the land. By failing to gain a majority, the ag committee

left the decision to the Board of Supervisors without a recommendation.

Check online at www.independentnews.com for the full coverage.

EQUESTRIAN

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information, namely, the need for equestrian facilities to have enough allowable building square footage to accommodate covered arenas, in addition to the boarding stables, hay barns, offices and other buildings that equestrian facilities require."

FOL said the organization would support either a reasonable maximum square footage for covered arenas or a separate FAR for those buildings, similar to the 0.025 FAR allowed for

greenhouses under the East County Area Plan.

AAC panel members, including Chairman Chuck Moore, said they appreciated FOL's suggestions. They agreed with fellow member, Larry Gosselin, that arenas 200-by-300 feet were a standard size for a large arena.

Dick Schneider, a co-author of Measure D, said he believed a ballot measure was the best route and that voters likely would approve it.

"I think it has a good chance," Schneider said. "I would argue that it should be supported."

Rounds said later he was pleased that the panel agreed with FOL's suggestions.

The commission's recommendation will first go to the county board's Transportation and Planning Committee — consisting of Supervisors Supervisor Nate Miley and David Haubert — who would later determine what to take to the full board.

GARBAGE

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trash.

"Garbage disposal is going to continue to be more expensive," said Kumagai. "The only way it will flatten out is if we throw away less, recycle more ... it's a huge problem, and one that we are not going to be able to solve alone in Dublin."

Dublin's residential rates are competitive, if not a bit lower, than their Tri-Valley counterparts. Based on the standard 35-gallon residential can, Livermore charges

\$39.24 per month; Pleasanton is \$27.33; and San Ramon's fees are \$42.05 a month.

"All of these contracts are very complicated and very different, and it's because the communities are very different," said Gordon Gavin, with AVI.

Comparing rates among cities can be challenging as each city charges different percentages for their services based on factors including the number of

households, variety of residents who use the recycling and green waste cans, and the amount of commercial customers in the city.

"It must be noted that the comparison is no longer an apples-to-apples comparison," according to the staff report. "For example, Livermore now charges recycling at 75% of the garbage, Pleasanton at 80% and San Ramon at 50%, where Dublin charges 25%."

Councilmember Michael

PARK

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sues — staff projected the cost to range from \$500,000 to \$3.5 million.

"The city is not necessarily in the business of turning a profit or making money," said Balch. "I hope it's in the business of enhancing the quality of life for its residents and providing safety as well as other services."

With regard to creating off-site parking options, the council agreed that staff should continue conversations with the neighboring community to address concerns about creating limited parking on Tanager Drive with a pedestrian connection to the house. Some public speakers during the workshop had objected to additional traffic in the neighborhood from such an option, but the council wanted to consider possibilities for parking in that location for special events only. In addition, staff was directed to explore another off-site visitor drop-off facility on Santa Rita Road.

For on-site parking — and foregoing the Bicentennial Park parking plans — the council agreed that

the front of the Century House would not be a good place to add parking, as the aesthetics of the rose-lined grounds would be compromised. Instead, they asked to see plans where parking was incorporated along the side of the driveway, which might entail the removal of some trees.

Vice Mayor Julie Testa was the one to initially propose the driveway be widened to create parking off to the side. She also wondered during the workshop if similar parking couldn't be added along the other side of the house to increase the spaces without covering the front.

"Over the past 35 years, every time I've driven by that beautiful historic home, I've felt joy looking at the setting," Testa said. "I do think it's a community-wide asset."

Brown offered some his-

toric background on the house, which was once a hunting lodge on the outskirts of town.

"The Century House is something that's very special," said Mayor Karla Brown. "It's a 150-year-old house in a 127-year-old town, so that means it's older than the City of Pleasanton. That's something really special."

Hazell reported that neighbors are making plans to organize free yoga classes and a celebratory barbecue at Bicentennial Park.

"Really cool things are happening," she said. "I think the real positive side of this is that we've gotten to know our neighbors better. And we've all, in the act of coming together to stand up for supporting this neighborhood, we've all come to appreciate it and each other even more. So that's a really good thing."

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COMMISSION

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continue in parts of the Eliot Quarry property that has supplied sand and gravel for Bay Area construction projects since the late 1800s, the planning commission will now allow CEMEX to go forward with a long-planned reclamation project, starting with the most southern of the so-called Chain of Lakes.

The plan calls for realigning the Arroyo del Valle stream alongside the lake, restoring natural plants and habitats, and creating more than two miles of public trails along Vineyard Avenue. Pipes will be installed to carry groundwater from one lake to another west of Isabel Avenue for eventual use.

"All of this work we are hoping to have done in the next couple of years," said Yasha Saber, managing Partner at Sacramento-based Compass Land Group, which consulted on CEMEX's plan. "We truly believe we have a perfect plan. We think it's better for your neighbors."

Saber said the project will include the planting of native trees and shrubs,

creating passages for fish, and reducing the amount of groundwater lost to San Francisco Bay by deepening the lake so it can hold more water. In years to come, when mining ends as its supply is depleted, other areas of the site will be backfilled to become open space.

As he presented the CEMEX plan to the commission, Saber said the years of planning and community outreach ultimately resulted in support for the project. He cited a number of organizations as backing the plans, including Associated Buildings and Contractors, California Water Service, Dublin Chamber of Commerce, Dublin San Ramon Services District, Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group, Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, Peterson CAT, and the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce.

CEMEX wrote on its website that construction will occur during the day to avoid noise and light at night and will meet dust control rules, including the use of water trucks.

According to the planning commission's reports, the Eliot Quarry is a "regionally important source of high-quality construction aggregate material that has contributed to the building and infrastructure needs of Alameda County and the San Francisco Bay region for over 100 years." Its gravel and sand was used in the Bay Bridge, other infrastructure projects and homes and businesses.

CEMEX's plan for Lake A will allow the company to use its other lakes and ponds to continue "meeting demand for aggregate construction materials and associated jobs in the region, while meeting reclamation objectives," the commission's report said. It further stated that "aggregate construction materials are essential to modern society, both to maintain existing infrastructure and to provide for new construction."

The report said that California projects that the South San Francisco Bay Production Consumption Region, which includes Alameda County, has only 38% of permitted aggregate

supply remaining to meet a projected 50-year demand of 1.3 billion tons.

Although Planning Commissioners Andy Kelley, Jim Goff and Marc Crawford voted to approve the reclamation project, they questioned why the public will be kept from the water by a fence. A project attorney told them that public access to the lake would eventually be a decision for Zone 7 district officials, and that the fence was needed for safety as CEMEX continues to mine other areas of its property.

"It will be beautiful to at least walk near the water or dip a toe in it," Kelley said.

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GENOMICS

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parking garage. The first building, slated to open next year, will be contemporary in design with LED lighting and abundant natural landscaping. It will also include office space and sanitized rooms for labs. A new plaza will connect the campus to the Stoneridge Mall, West Dublin-Pleasanton BART station and neighboring office and residential communities.

During construction of the second campus, 10x Genomics will expand its current operations to another building at Pleasanton Corporate Commons, located at 6210 Stoneridge Mall Road. This facility will be enhanced to accommodate the company's research and development needs. The buildout will take place in phases, with completion scheduled for 2023.

Community benefits to the project include increased sales and property tax revenue and transportation improvements. 10x Genomics is also donating \$1 million for improvements to fire station No. 2. According to the staff report, a six-level parking structure with

1,172 parking spaces and 80 ground level spaces will be added during Phases 2 and 3 of the project, which is also expected to bring another \$5 million from impact fees to the city.

"We see this relationship as a social pact with you to better the community's progress and improvement," said Serge Saxonov, 10x Genomics CEO and co-founder. "We want to make things better; we want to make good stuff happen."

The planning commission unanimously approved the project in May and submitted its report to the city council for review.

"We love 10x Genomics in the city and everything you bring, along with the potential future of tax benefits and employment and the quality of character you bring to the city. We appreciate the work you have done to answer commissioners' questions and to bring it to this point," Planning Commission Chair Justin Brown said during the May meeting.

In recognition of the company's expansion and continued investment in the city, Pleasanton will create a new

street name. Fabian Court, which connects 10x Genomics' buildings on Stoneridge Mall Road to the new campus on Springdale Avenue, will be renamed to 'Genomics Place' later this year.

For more information, visit www.cityofpleasantonca.gov.

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As part of its summer program, the Livermore Library invited children and adults to create chalk art and drawings at the Main Library, Monday, June 14. Euen Tan, 5, prepares to play hopscotch on his chalk drawing. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Victoria, Cowan Place in Wrestling Invitational

Julian Victoria, wrestling at 147 pounds for the Livermore Elite Wrestling Club, went 4-2 last week to finish fifth at the unofficial California State Finals Invitational in Fresno, while Timothy Cowan went 3-3 to finish sixth at 154 pounds.

The tournament was organized after the California Interscholastic Federation decided against sponsoring a state high school wrestling championship this year because of the COVID-19

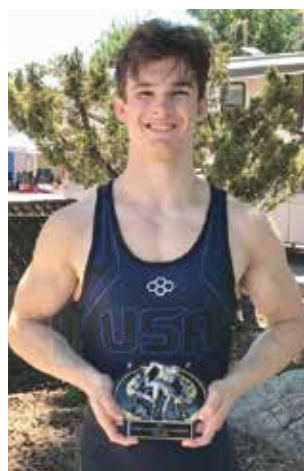
pandemic. The top 24 wrestlers at each weight division were invited to compete.

Victoria was a senior this year at Dublin High School and plans to continue wrestling at William Jewell University in Liberty, Missouri. Cowan was a junior at Livermore High School.

Two other Livermore Elite wrestlers competed at 128 pounds, Tallon Chambers and Jayson Victoria, but did not place.



Julian Victoria



Timothy Cowan

LVPAC Reports Record First-Day Sales for the Bankhead's Events

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) last week reported record sales in the first 24 hours after tickets for the "Bankhead Presents" 2021-2022 season went on sale.

LVPAC announced June 2 that 60 live performances had been scheduled for the Bankhead Theater from early next month through May 2022.

Member pre-sales began that night, with sales up 30% by the end of the following day, compared to first-day ticket sales in 2019.

Tickets went on sale to the public this week.

"We're very encouraged by the interest our members have shown in buying events across the entire season," said LVPAC Executive Director Chris Carter. "With such a range of shows, people are sure to find something that appeals to them."

Some shows that had gone on sale early are largely sold out, Carter said.

LVPAC said "Croce Plays Croce," the first live performance scheduled at

the Bankhead since the COVID-19 pandemic shut down the 2019 season, will play to a sold-out crowd on July 9. Appearances by ukulele virtuoso Jake Shimabukuro on July 28 and comedian Paula Poundstone on Aug. 28 are also on track to sell out.

Among the more recently announced shows, LVPAC said the three hottest tickets are the Wailin' Jennys, a bluegrass trio, on Oct. 4; Pink Martini, with its Big Band sound, on Dec. 13; and former U.S. senator and humorist Al Franken on Jan. 8, 2022.

Box office windows at the Bankhead, 2400 First St. in Livermore, are open from noon to 6 p.m., Thursday through Saturday. Tickets are also available online at www.LivermoreArts.org or by calling 925-373-6800.

The nonprofit LVPAC operates the Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Arts Center, which together are home to eight resident performing arts companies and over 40 studio artists and cultural arts instructors.

Senior Center Located in Dublin Reopens to the Public

The Dublin Senior Center, located at 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., has reopened to the public.

The facility will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Measures will be in place for the health and safety of

our patrons," stated a Dublin Senior Center press release.

Staff and volunteers will be on-site to welcome back seniors, give tours, answer questions, and help visitors register for classes, which will resume on July 6.

Temperature checks will

be required upon entry, and masks must be worn inside the facility at all times. The lounge, library, computer area and other common areas will be available for use, and furniture will be spatially distanced. Ongoing cleaning of high-touch areas will take

place throughout the day.

The senior lunch program will remain a drive-thru and walk-up takeout operation through the end of the year.

For more information, visit www.dublinseniorcenter.com or email seniorcenter@dublin.ca.gov.

Tri-Valley Community TV Airing High School Graduations

Tri-Valley Community Television is currently broadcasting 2021 graduation ceremonies from Dublin, Pleasanton, and Livermore high schools.

The graduation ceremonies are available on Comcast channel 28 or AT&T U-Verse channel 99, as well as streaming at www.tri-valleytv.org.

The graduations will be rotated and broadcast multiple times through the summer.

"Tri-Valley TV is proud to be able to support the 2021 senior high school

graduating classes of the Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton school districts by sharing their graduation exercises on TV28," said Melissa Tench-Stevens, Tri-Valley Community Television executive director. "We felt it was a way to show how amazing these students have been with their resolve to keep pushing on this past year. We congratulate and celebrate their accomplishments with this programming."

For program times, go to www.tri-valleytv.org.

Library Introduces New Online Catalog

The Livermore Public Library launched a new online catalog this week designed to make searching the library's collections easier.

The library said the new software includes support for natural-language searches, auto-complete suggestions,

and "did you mean" functionality.

The software also allows patrons to interact with library staff, create themed lists, review books, and share recommendations with the other members of the library community.

Livermore Schools to Try New Recipes

School lunches in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) may have a more home-cooked taste in the next school year with the nutrition staff creating some original recipes that make use of fresh, locally sourced food.

The district recently received an \$8,500 grant from the California Department of Education in a Taste of California Standardized Recipe Challenge. LVJUSD was one of 20 school districts statewide, and the only one in Alameda County, to receive recipe challenge grants.

The grant will allow the district's Child Nutrition team to develop entree or side dish recipes using locally California-grown products such as avocados, cauliflower, corn, kiwi, lentils, lemons,

zucchini, and parsnips.

"The first recipe to showcase in our school kitchens will be Brentwood corn, roasted and brought to life with seasonings such as cilantro and panela cheese and served in our Calimex bowl," said Dana Dodge, the district's director of Child Nutrition Services.

For the recipe to qualify as a USDA Certified Standardized Recipe, the LVJUSD Child Nutrition team will prepare the recipe three times to standardize the process and yield. The team will then ask students to taste test the recipe before offering the entree as part of the school menu.

"I am thrilled to put some real culinary details into a dish that will bring scratch cooking principles into the schools," Dodge said.

Restaurant to Donate to Catholic Charities

Strizzi's Restaurant in Pleasanton will donate 20% of all lunch and dinner receipts on Tuesday, June 29, to charities and scholarships supported by the Italian Catholic Federation (ICF), including research for Cool-ey's anemia, Gifts of Love

for Special People, and the Providenza Fund.

The ICF is a nonprofit fraternal organization. The fundraiser is sponsored by the local ICF branch 285, and diners need to mention they want to support the organization.

STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lehigh Names Two from Pleasanton to Dean's List

Two students from Pleasanton, Nolan Jetter and Kairan Gu, were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Lehigh University. To be named to the Dean's List, students at the private university in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, must achieve a 3.6 grade point average or better.

Bennett Receives History Prize at Grove City

Nathaniel Bennett, from Pleasanton, received the Phi Alpha Theta History Prize this year at Grove City College. The award recognizes a senior at the private college in Grove City, Pennsylvania, for scholarship, historical research and writing, and contributions to the historical discipline on campus.

Honor Society Inducts Local Students

Three students from the Tri-Valley were recently inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi honor society at the University of California, Davis. Accepted into the 124-year-old honor society were Andy Li, from Dublin; Grace Choe, from Livermore; and Vishal Haroor, from Pleasanton.

Wheaton Inducts De Pretis into Honor Society

Matteson De Pretis, from Pleasanton, has been inducted into the Wheaton College Scholastic Honor Society. De Pretis was recognized by the private Christian university in Wheaton, Illinois, for her academic excellence in anthropology. She also received the college's Ivan J. Fahs Student Paper Award, an annual student competition sponsored by the Sociology and Anthropology Department.

Madera Named to President's List at Alabama

Melissa Madera, from Dublin, was named to the President's List at the University of Alabama after achieving a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the spring semester.

Sydow Named to President's List at Charleston

Patrick Sydow, a biology major from Pleasanton, was named to the President's List at the College of Charleston for the spring semester. To be named to the President's List at the college in Charleston, South Carolina, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.8 or better.

Fairfield Makes Dean's List at Lewis University

Briana Fairfield, from Livermore, was named to the Dean's List at Lewis University for the spring semester. To be named to the Dean's List, students at the private Catholic university in Romeoville, Illinois, must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better. Fairfield is majoring in forensic criminal investigation.

Tri-Valley Students Earn Honors at Georgia Tech

Three students from the Tri-Valley earned Faculty Honors for achieving a 4.0 grade point average for the spring semester at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. Recognized for their academic achievement were Pranav Datta, from Pleasanton; Megan Fannin, from Dublin; and Ananth Kumar, from Pleasanton.

Brandt Named to Dean's List at Community College

Parker Brandt, from Livermore, was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at West Kentucky Community and Technical College. To be named to the Dean's List at the college in Paducah, Kentucky, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Now Until Friday, July 23 Art History in Action

A creative and varied monthly curriculum introduces some of art's major periods, artworks and architecture, as well as the impact of different cultures, theories, materials, processes, techniques and audiences. The instructor will be Thomasin Dewhurst. There are multiple class dates. For more information or to register, visit <https://sforce.co/3ktrnkY>.

Now Until Thursday, Aug. 19 Twilight League

Join other Dublin Chamber members for some fresh air, exercise and friendly competition. Chamber Board of Director, Les Jacob, with Select Imaging, is looking for interested golfers to form a team to play in the Twilight Golf League at Dublin Ranch Golf Course on Thursday evenings. Shotgun start goes at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Jeff Hazelwood, director of golf, Dublin Ranch Golf Course.

Now Until Wednesday, Aug. 25 Senior Walk with LARPD

Do you enjoy socializing as you walk? These weekly gatherings are designed for all levels for walkers

to walk at their own comfortable pace. Groups leaves from the RLCC Courtyard to walk the perimeter of Robert Livermore Community Park, with the focus is on time, not distance. The goal is to walk a minimum of 15 minutes at your own pace at 9:30 a.m. Ongoing registration. The address is 4444 East Ave., in Livermore.

Now Until Dec. 26 Vintage Aircraft Display

Every weekend during 2021, the Livermore Airport will display vintage aircraft, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visitors can view the aircraft from the Elevations Restaurant balcony. The airport is located at 680 Terminal Circle, in Livermore. For more information, call 925-960-8220 or visit <https://bit.ly/3agpbQs>.

Friday, June 25 to Friday, July 30 Club V.I.P. Outdoor Girls' Beach Volleyball League

Participating in Club V.I.P.'s Beach Volleyball League, players will get a chance to work on beach skills and receive conditioning due to playing on the sand. This is for intermediate indoor players who want to play beach volleyball.

The league will be 6v6 format. Included are practices, two hours, once a week the first three weeks. Scrimmages will be held at different cities within the Tri-Valley during the last two weeks of the five-week league. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/3pPfdFz>. For more information, contact the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District at 925-373-5700.

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

Dublin Farmers Market Open for the Season

Open Thursdays, 4 to 8 p.m., at Emerald Glen Community Park, 4201 Central Parkway.

Livermore Downtown Farmers Market Open for the Season

Open Sundays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Second Street between J Street and L Street. Open Thursdays, April 15 to Nov. 18, from 4 to 8 p.m., at Carnegie Park, 2155 Third St., between J Street and K Street.

Pleasanton Farmers Market Open for the Season

Open Saturdays, from 10 to 1 p.m., at Main Street and West

Angela Street. Seniors 60 and over are welcome for specialized shopping from 9 to 10 a.m.

VIRTUAL ONLINE EVENTS -AVAILABLE ANYTIME

Pacific Chamber Orchestra Offers Musical Podcast

During this time of challenge, PCO continues to bring everyone beautiful music made insightful. Conductor Lawrence Kohl is pleased to announce the launch of a series of podcasts of musician interviews and conversations about the music. Subscribe to listen at www.pacificchamberorchestra.org.

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Sunflower Hill posts new Online Activity videos created for people with developmental disabilities each week. Our archive includes over 140 free videos on yoga & meditation, movement exercises, cooking activities, scavenger hunts, arts & crafts activities, and more! Visit www.sunflowerhill.org/onlineactivities

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OBITUARIES

Earl Jackson Strain

Jan. 10, 1927 - June 2, 2021



G.I. Bill with a Bachelor of Science degree in physics. Earl was hired by California Research and Development (CR&D), Livermore, in 1952, as a theoretical physicist. There he met, and later married, Mary Tolle. In 1956 the

draw of a nuclear Vallecitos Boiling Water Reactor (VBWR) being built at Vallecitos Nuclear Laboratory, enticed him to apply at General Electric, where he worked for 35 years.

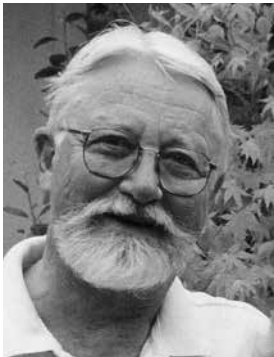
He is survived by his three daughters, Sandra Jackson, Laura Dunkerly (Bill), and Maria Strain (Dave Weaver). He was the exceptionally proud grandpa (Pop) of seven grandchildren, Russell Jackson (Karlie), John Garrett Jackson (Amanda), Holly Parker (Jake), Julie Mancini (Brian), Wyatt Dunkerly, Georgia Dunkerly and Crystal Geronimo (Randy); 12 great-grandchildren, a group he never thought he would live to see; many nieces and nephews; his sister Virginia; and his neighbor who was like a son, Alan Madsen.

Earl loved to play sports, volleyball, basketball, handball, racquetball, and bowling. He was the family and neighborhood tutor for math and driving, always helping someone learn something new. Although only 5'6", he was a giant among men and wanted nothing more than the happiness of his family.

Earl was preceded in death by his brother, Andrew, in 2014. He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Mary, on Feb. 15, 2021. There will be no services for Earl, per his request. In lieu of flowers please donate to the charity of your choice.

Allen De Grange

July 2, 1931 - June 16, 2021



designed. He was very interested in sustainability, decades before it became an everyday word. He maintained his architectural license and was active at his drawing board for more than 60 years.

If architecture was his passion, painting was his hobby. He especially enjoyed painting the Santa Cruz and Capitola coastlines where he and Ann moved in the mid-1990s. He contributed images for the Capitola Begonia Festival and for Mission San Antonio du Padua, his favorite California Mission. He thought it was great that The Parkview Assisted Living Facility in Pleasanton, where he later lived, offered painting classes and provided frames for the residents' finished paintings.

Allen was interested in local history and authored several books, including, There Was More Here Once about the Ione-Jackson area. He co-authored

A Place Called Sunol with his daughter, Connie. His favorite part of writing these books was interviewing old-timers and sharing their stories. Allen was engaging and loved conversation and hearing others' points of views.

Allen is predeceased by his wife, Ann; his parents, Marjorie and John Elmer De Grange; and his brother, Ronald David De Grange. He is survived by his five children and their spouses, Connie and her husband, Conover Smith of Sunol; Allen John of Sunol; David of Campbell; Jill and her fiancé Larry Hampson of Marina; and Paul and his wife Kelly of Fort Bragg; seven grandchildren, Erica, Martin, Sherry, Shannon, Adam, Lauren and Deryck; two great grandchildren, Elliott and Deckard; his sister-in-law, Ginger; niece, Shawna; and nephew, Tye.

A memorial service will be held July 3, at 10 a.m., at the Little Brown Church of Sunol in Sunol. Charitable donations in Allen's honor can be given to Charm's Place, Cloverleaf Ranch, 3892 Old Redwood Highway, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. Charm's Place is a non-profit organization that provides scholarships for young people to experience traditional camp activities in a ranch setting. They teach life and leadership skills, empathy and an appreciation of the outdoors. For more information, visit cloverleafranch.com/charms-place.

Timothy Sean Thien



basketball, baseball and softball, making sure that everyone played and grew from the experience.

He enjoyed working with his hands, building everything, from large structures like decks and storage huts to small items like model ships and doll houses. He loved being in the outdoors from an early age, enjoying Boy Scouts and family camping. He had an

abiding passion for music, playing a deft clarinet, singing in choir, and listening to big band and doo wop music to lull him to sleep. He was a dedicated family provider, often working two jobs to ensure all was provided. He was beloved for his "dad humor," warm smile and kind words.

Tim was preceded in death by his mother, Marilou. He is survived by his wife, Kim; his children, Andrew and Lindsey; his father, Bernie; his brother, Mike; and his sister, Katie.

Tim's visitation and funeral service were held at the Callaghan Mortuary and Livermore Crematory on June 17 and 18, respectively. Donations can be made in Tim's honor to the Giants Community Fund at jrgiants.org. Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Thien family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

Ellen Johnson



smile, kindness toward all, and renowned spaghetti feasts will be missed by many.

Ellen's lifelong passion for cooking led her to join the Del Valle Home Economists Club. She had the pleasure of working with numerous honored chefs, and in due course, she applied her extensive skills as a culinary instructor at the Livermore and Pleasanton Senior Centers. She was an avid collector of kitchen tools and had a massive collection of cookbooks. She and Don traveled frequently to culinary destinations around the world, and she loved going out to eat, as well as having meals with her family and friends to celebrate any occasion.

In addition to the Home Economists Club, Ellen was an active member of the AAUW, the British American Club, and the Livermore Women's Investment Club. After Don retired, she joined the women's offshoot of SIRs, as a SIRette, and was a member of the local senior center travel groups.

In 2010, Ellen and her beloved dog, Iris, moved to the Rosewood

Gardens Retirement Community, where she continued to make new friends and enrich her life as a truly invincible senior, with a zest for life and always open to new discoveries.

Ellen's legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of everyone she interacted with. In these moments of deep heart-breaking grief, we remind ourselves how fortunate we were to be blessed by a person who loved us all so greatly that she will always occupy a huge part of our soul. One of the most important things a mother can do is pass on their exceptional traits, and we can only hope that the kindness, compassion, strength, and generosity she has shown us, over the years, remains within us as we mourn her passing and celebrate her life.

Ellen was preceded in death by her parents, George and Olah Styles; her husband, Donald Martin Johnson; her grandson, Kyle; and her brother, Scott Styles. She is survived by her daughters, Jean Price (Mike) of Danville, Lois Laza (Paul) of Brentwood, and Mary Dugan (Randall) of Montana; as well as five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Ellen is also survived by several family members overseas in the UK and many loving friends.

Ellen will be celebrated by family and friends in July. Please contact the family at CelebrateEllen@gmail.com for more details, or Callahan's Mortuary at 925-660-7098. Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Johnson family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

Juanita (Nita) Ruth Hickey nee Newton

Nov. 5, 1956 - June 11, 2011



Nita was preceded in death by her parents, Sherman and Opal (Reasoner) Newton of Livermore,

Nita was born and raised in Livermore.

She attended Livermore schools and graduated from Livermore High. Shortly after graduation, she began working for Curry Company in Yosemite. From there, she spent many years working in accounting and bookkeeping at different General Motors dealerships in California and Washington.

Upon retirement and ultimately disabled, she and her retired firefighter husband, Matt, RV traveled throughout the western states, at times with family and friends.

Richard Clayton Mayo

Feb. 3, 1932 - June 16, 2021



From Livermore, he and his wife, Jann, moved to Murphy's, California. After their adventures there, they ultimately ended up in Stockton, California for

Richard Clayton Mayo, retired Livermore teacher and former Catholic Priest, passed away June 16, 2021, in Stockton, at the age of 89, with his family at his side.

Richard had been battling a number of health issues in the last couple of years, but primarily Parkinson's disease, which he handled with grace and an endless sense of humor.

Richard was born in Glendale, California, on Feb. 3, 1932, to Richard Sr. and Clara Kann. The family moved to Oakland, and Rich attended St. Joseph's College. Upon graduation in 1952, he entered St. Patrick's Seminary, where he became an ordained Catholic Priest in 1958. His assignments as a young Priest included the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Belmont and St. Gabriel's in San Francisco.

After leaving the priesthood, Rich earned a teaching credential and began teaching at Livermore High School in 1968. From there, he taught at Del Valle Continuation High School until his retirement in 1990. Upon retirement, he continued his own counseling service in Livermore after earning an MFCC license, and for many years he had an office on 2nd Street.

Donald W. King

Sept. 27, 1944 - June 10, 2021

Shirley; sister Shirley and her husband Ira Stafford; children, Lori McLean and her husband Michael, Licia Shultz and her husband Jerry, Dion Cracraft (predeceased in death), Andrea Doyon, Paul King and his wife Beth, Samantha Zehnder and her husband John, Michael; his grandchildren, Lucas, Rose (John), Shane, Benjamin, Jonathan and his wife Allie, Amand, Mattie, Hope, Jamie, John and Jeff.

A gathering will be held on June 26, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the ranch.

the "Cool Hawaiian breezes," as he informed us. During this stage of his third retirement, he became restless and volunteered to drive patients to their medical appointments through Stockton Social Services. He also served as chaplain to Branch 46 of Sons in Retirement (SIR) Stockton.

During his marriage to Jann, they traveled extensively throughout the country and overseas. Europe was a favorite, with many trips there. They also enjoyed Vietnam and cruising from San Francisco to Australia.

Richard leaves behind his wife, Jann Mayo. They were happily married for 43 years. His step-children include Michael (Jeanette) Henry and Alicia (Jason) Boyd. In addition, he had three grandchildren, Katrina, Mikayla, and Jared. He's also survived by a brother, Ron, and his wife, JoAnn in Moraga; and a sister, Kay, in Pleasanton. He leaves behind numerous nephews and nieces, and a lifetime friend, Tony DiMaggio, who got one last chance to say goodbye, just hours before Richard died.

Services will be held at St. Bernadette's Church in Stockton, on Thursday, June 24, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity or a Parkinson's Disease Research Fund.

Jackie Fitzgerald

Oct. 9, 1940 - May 21, 2021



shaped by Jackie's vision and steadfast presence.

She coordinated LPC's Early Childhood Education Program for almost 30 years. She chaired the Curriculum Committee, was co-creator of Teachers Teaching Teachers, and coordinated the Child Development Training Consortium and the California Early Childhood Mentor Program for Las Positas College, and was the regional coordinator of the Mentor Program for the state, which supported professional development within the field. Jackie worked to influence state legislation through her membership on the Alameda Childcare Planning Council. She coordinated the LPC ECD Advisory Board until her retirement. She was highly respected within the Las Positas Community and received the prestigious Reed Buffington Award for excellence in teaching upon her retirement.

Everyone loved Jackie's gentle manner as she diplomatically advocated and accomplished goals for her students, the program, the college, and the early childhood profession. The Child Development Center at Las Positas College is a testament to her work and dedication to providing students with the knowledge and skills to prepare them to best serve children and families within our community. Her dream of a children's center at Las Positas came to fruition, after almost 20 years of advocacy to create this program.

An active volunteer, Jackie devoted energy to her own children's enrichment programs like Camp Fire, 4-H and Soccer. She

gave generously to charities, sponsored families and children in third-world countries, and invested in those communities through farm animal gifting programs.

She loved to travel, frequenting Kauai. She also took many international trips with her husband and daughter that were coordinated by Bill Paskewitz (RIP) with fellow colleagues and students from Las Positas.

Jackie's love and compassion toward animals is legendary. She was a volunteer docent at Sunol Regional Park in the late 60s and 70s. She was a strong advocate for science and nature to be a major part of every child's life, and no child's preschool years would have been complete without creek-walks and silkworms. Her family home by the vineyards was a veritable petting-zoo with goats, ducks, geese, rabbits, chickens, a llama, a cow, a pig, snakes and lizards, pond turtles and a desert tortoise. There was an aviary full of birds and peacocks, always several family dogs, and a feral colony of cats which she lovingly tended. She was infamous for rehoming kittens every spring. If you found an injured anything, you took it to Jackie. She would nurture it back to full health.

Jackie Fitzgerald was a woman who truly commanded respect and admiration. She was gracious, eloquent and confident, light, fun and sociable. She was also a very stoic person. An English father taught her to keep a stiff upper lip. Most people would be surprised to learn that Jackie beat cancer while she was still working. It goes without saying that, had she stayed in Livermore, many friends would have been by her side throughout her battle with Alzheimer's, but Jackie preferred you to remember her in full vibrancy, hard-at-work, by your side. Rest easy knowing that even in Jackie's last days she still had that sparkle in her piercing blue eyes.

She had too many life-long connections to mention here, but some special appreciation is due for the love and kindness of these in-laws, caregivers and friends who were there for Jackie and the family through the end - Min, Valency, Valerie, Michele, Bonnie, Suzanne, Diana, Karen, Nancy, Zina, Christie, John, and Gail. As well to our family the Campbells, the Wolds, the Careys, and the Moens, they will share in our grief and our relief that Jackie is at peace.

A Celebration of Life event is being planned for the evening of Aug. 7, at Las Positas College. For additional information or to RSVP contact Kathleen at Kat.Fitz@gmail.com.

Researchers Develop Precision Scale for Extremely High-Pressure Experiments

Scientists from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), Sandia National Laboratories (SNL), and the University of Hyogo in Kobe, Japan, have developed a way to more precisely measure high-pressure compression in the laboratory up to 10 million atmospheres.

LLNL said pressures exceeding 1 million atmospheres can alter how atoms are packed together, which can lead to new chemical bonding. Testing the quantum theory of condensed matter under enormous pressure has produced such discoveries as helium rain, a transparent sodium metal, and the transformation of hydrogen into a metallic fluid.

But, until now, most extremely high-pressure experiments — as much as 1 terapascal, or approximately 10 million atmospheres — relied on theoretical models or extrapolation of low-pressure measurements to determine just how much pressure was being applied.

The researchers changed that by using the National Ignition Facility laser at LLNL in Livermore and the Sandia Z Machine pulsed-powered laser at SNL in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to determine how gold and platinum compress when they are squeezed to 1 TPa. The data was used to derive precise high-pressure scales.

“The NIF and the Z machine are really unique facilities,” said Dayne Fratanduono, LLNL physicist. “We really pushed their capability to perform the most precise measurement possible.”

“To do shockless compression, we use either several laser beams or the pulsed-power source to gradually squeeze our sample,” Fratanduono explained. “But the key is to very carefully control the rate at which we increase the pressure on the sample, to avoid forming a shock wave which would ruin the experiment. “And keep in mind that the whole experiment lasts much less than a

millionth of a second.”

The research was recently published in Science.

LLNL anticipates that the new pressure scales will allow scientists around the globe to easily and precisely determine the pressure used in their experiments by measuring the density of a piece of gold or platinum compressed with their sample of interest.

“This is a huge step forward because with much better pressure determination in the experiments, we will be able to really test theoretical predictions and benchmark quantum simulations made with the world’s most powerful computers,” Fratanduono said.

He added, “This will provide a solid foundation for future discoveries using static and dynamic compression as we continue to test our understanding of the quantum theory of condensed matter, an area of active research at the conjunction of condensed-matter physics, material science and quantum chemistry.”

Fiber Artists Interpret California Through Quilts

Pleasanton’s Museum on Main will host a traveling exhibit that interprets California through a collection of artists’ quilts from June 23 to August 14.

“Stitching California: Fiber Artists Interpret the State’s People, Life, and Land” showcases the work of more than 40 artists working in California and neighboring states.

While many of the quilts reflect the beauty of the state’s natural environment, darker themes also emerge, including the impacts of climate change, the lasting detrimental effects of the Gold Rush, and the persecution faced over time by California’s indigenous peoples, Hispanic population, and Japanese Americans who were interned during World War II.

“We’re really looking

forward to this show,” said Museum on Main curator Ken MacLennan. “It’s a great opportunity to show contemporary takes on art forms that are usually seen as very traditional. In addition, the breadth of ideas and visions assembled under the theme of ‘California’—all of it relevant, all of it beautiful—is just astonishing.”

“Stitching California” originated at the Grace Hudson Museum in Ukiah, California. The traveling exhibit was made possible by Exhibit Envoy and Studio Art Quilt Associates.

During the exhibit’s run, the Museum on Main will also host a one-day show and demonstration by local fiber artists, a fiber-art inspired crafts program for children and families, visits by exhibiting artists, and a virtual installment of the “A

Discussion With...” speaker series.

For program details, go to www.museumonmain.org.

Wheels to Resume Some Weekday Routes

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (Wheels) will resume pre-pandemic weekday service this week on some routes.

The transit system plans to restore services from 6-9 a.m. and 3-6 p.m. on Routes 1, 3, 8, 10R, 14, and 30R. Route 15 will return to all-day, pre-pandemic service levels.

Schedules are available at www.wheelsbus.com.

Pleasanton Appoints Teen Poet Laureate

Nikita Jayaprakash, an incoming senior at Amador Valley High School, has been appointed Teen Poet Laureate for the next school year by the Pleasanton Civic Arts and Library commissions.

The appointment was confirmed last week by the Pleasanton City Council.



Nikita Jayaprakash

As Teen Poet Laureate, Jayaprakash will promote an appreciation for reading, writing, and listening to poetry at events around the city.

The position is open to Pleasanton high school juniors and seniors and Jayaprakash

was one of four students who interviewed with the two city commissions.

Jayaprakash, who has had her poetry published in two anthologies, was previously a Kid Power volunteer for the Pleasanton Public Library’s Summer Reading Program, a leader-in-training at the Pleasanton Senior Center, and a California State PTA student ambassador for the arts.

Paint Livermore Winners Announced

Plein air paintings by Najeed Abdulrahman, Daryl Hosick, and Mark Monsarrat received top awards in the second Paint Livermore competition sponsored by the Livermore Art Association.

The competition focused on the city’s historic homes and building, vineyards, and natural landscapes, with the artist working outdoors the weekend of June 4-6 to produce their paintings.

Abdulrahman received a merit award for “Salon 2152,” Hosick for “Sycamore Grove,” and Monsarrat for “First Street and Liver-

more Ave.”

Leta Eydelberg received a special First Street Award for her painting, “Independent Building.”

Honorable mentions went to Aina Clotas for “St. Michaels Church;” Joseph Altwer, who also painted St. Michaels Catholic Church; Carolyn Lord for “Livermore House;” and David Gates for “Kaltoff Road.”

Livermore resident and local artist Ozell Hudson Jr. served as judge for the competition.

Nearly 50 artists participated in the weekend event.

Livermore Resident Designs New Corkscrew

Barbara Maroney, a Livermore resident with 25 years in the hospitality industry, has developed a new corkscrew she says provides a “faster, easier, and healthier way of opening a bottle of wine.”

Maroney received a patent on her CorkBoss in February and launched the

product this month at the First Street Wine Company in Livermore.

She will be working with Franmara, a Salinas, California, distributor of wine accessories, to market the corkscrew. The CorkBoss is also available at <https://thecorkboss.com>.

Work to Begin on the Livermorium Plaza

Construction of Livermorium Plaza at Mills Square Park is expected to begin in July and last about 10 months, according to the City of Livermore.

The plaza will commemorate the discovery of the synthetic element Livermorium, created by scientists from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, in collaboration with the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research in Russia.

Livermorium, a highly radioactive element with an atomic number of 116, was first detected and then confirmed in experiments conducted from 2000 to 2006. The element was named Livermorium by the Inter-

national Union of Pure and Applied Science in 2012.

The plaza, at the corner of First Street and Livermore Avenue, will feature a granite water feature, seating areas, shade trees, and “special lighting for all to enjoy,” according to the city.

The \$4.5 million project also includes the environmental cleanup of Mills Square Park, which was built in the late 1970s on the site of a former gasoline station that had operated from 1959 to 1974.

The park was also the site of the original Livermore Valley Mill, which was destroyed by fire in 1881.

The Alameda County Department of Environmen-

tal Health, working with the city and the Chevron Environmental Management Company, will oversee the removal of soil containing lead and petroleum in conjunction with the redevelopment of the park.

The city said local residents and businesses near the park should expect some disruption from vehicles entering and leaving the site, along with the possible impact of noise and dust from the environmental cleanup and construction.

The city hired Robert Bothman Construction for the project, the same contractor that completed Stockmen’s Park in downtown Livermore.

Mendenhall Dominates MathCounts Competition

Mendenhall Middle School dominated the annual MathCounts competition for middle school students hosted last month by the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD).

Forty-three students from the five Livermore middle schools participated in the grade-level competitions at Granada High School, with sixth grader Tanay Deka, seventh grader Issac Lee,

and eighth grader Audrey Manley, all from Mendenhall, taking first place.

Mendenhall sixth graders Arshia Mittal, Anaya Menon, Matthew Parr, and Dar- rick Tran finished second through fifth, respectively, while Mendenhall seventh graders Charles Hertz and Brian Zhang finished second and third.

Hastin Chen, from Christensen Middle School, and Shrish Premkrishna,

from East Avenue Middle School, took second and third among the eight graders to keep MathCounts from being a clean sweep for Mendenhall.

Video of the seventh and eighth grade “lightening rounds” and the awards presentation are available at www.facebook.com/LivermoreSchools/videos/837722136823550.

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Pleasanton, CA 94566
925-292-2663
Cantabella.org

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5424 Sunol Blvd. Suite 10-15
Pleasanton, CA 94566
chezanami.org

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P.O. Box 1586
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925-421-1351
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Livermore, CA 94550
CitizensForBalancedGrowth.org

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Pleasanton, CA 94566
925-223-6947
cityservetrivalley.org

Community Health Education Fund

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C/O Maria Mancini
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Livermore, CA 94551

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4435 First St., #142
Livermore, CA 94550
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Livermore, CA 94551
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Larpd.org/larpd-foundation

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Livermore, CA 94551
925-449-9927
Livermoreartassociation.org

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Livermore, CA 94551
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925-449-9927
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925-453-9382
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Paws-In-Need.org

Pleasanton Art League

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Pleasanton, CA 94566
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Pleasanton, CA 94566
info@pleasantonband.org
PleasantonBand.org

Quest Science Center

P.O. Box 2129
Livermore, CA 94551
925-292-8099
Quest-Science.org

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579341
The following person(s) doing business as: Crossroads Specialty Foods, 3300 East Castro Valley Blvd, Suite B, Castro Valley, CA 94552, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Crossroads Specialty Foods LLC, 3941 Alstead CT, 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: Joseph Haddad, Owner Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 21, 2021. Expires May 21, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4880. Published June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579207
The following person(s) doing business as: Alissas Tea, 220 Wood ST. Unit 604, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Alissa Egorova, 220 Wood ST. Unit 604, 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: Alissa Egorova, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 17, 2021. Expires May 17, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4881. Published June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579172
The following person(s) doing business as: 1) TL Network 2) Technology and Lifestyle 3) Healthy Travel Forecast, 1970 Chalon Glen CT, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Roadway Intelligence, Inc., 970 Chalon Glen CT, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/20/21. Signature of Registrant/s: Pallab Chatterjee, President & CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 14, 2021. Expires May 14, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4882. Published June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579277
The following person(s) doing business as: 1) North Berkeley Wine, 1005 Camelia Street, Berkeley, CA 94710, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): NBI Acquisitions, LLC, 1005 Camelia Street, Berkeley, CA 94710. 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: 1999. Signature of Registrant/s: William U. Weiss, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 19, 2021. Expires May 19, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4883. Published June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 59402
The following person(s) doing business as: 7G Small Town Boutique, 121 Kilkare Rd, Sunol, CA 94586, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lorri Gronley, 121 Kilkare Rd, Sunol, CA 94586. 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: Lorri Gronley, Sole Proprietorship. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 25, 2021. Expires May 25, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4884. Published June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579533
The following person(s) doing business as: Enigma Blanks, 3354 Vittoria Loop, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Daniel Wearsch, 3354 Vittoria Loop, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Daniel Wearsch. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 28, 2021. Expires May 28, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4885. Published June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579461
The following person(s) doing business as: Project Fitness, 27492 Hemlock Ranch Road, Hayward, CA 94544, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tololope Anyanwu, 27492 Hemlock Ranch Road, Hayward, CA 94544. 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: Tololope Anyanwu, Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 26, 2021. Expires May 26, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4886. Published June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579476
The following person(s) doing business as: PYF Services, 2725 Oregon Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sahana Sridhar, 2725 Oregon Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: May 1, 2021. Signature of Registrant/s: Sahana Sridhar, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 27, 2021. Expires May 27, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4887. Published June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579572
The following person(s) doing business as: Nth Power Studio, 1726 College Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Neal Pann, 1726 College Ave, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Neal Pann, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 1, 2021. Expires June 1, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4888. Published June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579519
The following person(s) doing business as: Shed Mania, 1578 Allen CT, Castro Valley, CA 94546, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): 5X Construction Inc., 1578 Allen CT, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/15/21. Signature of Registrant/s: Insang Song, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 28, 2021. Expires May

28, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4889. Published June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579903
The following person(s) doing business as: Metro Security Services, 5820 Stoneridge Mall Rd, Suite 201 Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Metro Security Services, 5820 Stoneridge Mall Rd, Suite 201 Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Waseem Latifi, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 1, 2021. Expires June 1, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4890. Published June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 2021.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. HG21095379

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Akiyoshi Kawamura 434 School St. Livermore, CA 94550 (415) 319-0312 akiyoshi.kawamura@gmail.com filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name: Nha Minh Kawamura
Proposed Name: Minh-Nha Kawamura

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING Date: 7/23/2021 Time: 11:00 AM Dept: 17
The address of the court is: Alameda County Administration Building 1221 Oak Street Oakland, CA 94612
A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation printed in this county: The Independent Newspaper 2250 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550 Dated: May 7, 2021 /s/ Judge Tara M. Desautels. The Independent Legal No. 4892. Published June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579734
The following person(s) doing business as: All Core Designs, 3604 rocking Horse CT, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jensen Luis, 3604 rocking Horse CT, Dublin, CA 94568. 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: 6/4/21. Signature of Registrant/s: Jensen Luis, Sole Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 4, 2021. Expires June 4, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4893. Published June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579613
The following person(s) doing business as: Fast Print, 2411 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Campus Copy Partners, LLC, 2411 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579821
The following person(s) doing business as: First Class Recording Service, 3196 Constitution Dr. Livermore, CA

94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): First Class Signing Service, 3196 Constitution Dr. 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: 6/1/21. Signature of Registrant/s: Eric Hill, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 8, 2021. Expires June 8, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4894. Published June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 2021.

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CITY CONTACT: Yulia Kukuzyuk at (510) 208-9615 or via email: yulia.kukuzyuk@acgov.org. Attendance at Vendor Outreach and Networking Conference is non-mandatory. Specifications regarding the above may be obtained at the Alameda County GSA Current Contracting Opportunities Internet website at www.acgov.org. CNS-3484073# The Independent Legal No. 4895. Published June 24, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579936
The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Charles R. Vineyards - 2. Charles R. Estate - 3. Charles R. Cellar - 4. Charles R. Vintners, 8195 Crane Ridge Rd, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Quail Nest, LLC, 8100 Crane Ridge Rd, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Co. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/26/2006. Signature of Registrant/s: Bonnie Bartlett, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 25, 2021. Expires May 25, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4896. Published June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579980
The following person(s) doing business as: Boltz Building Maintenance & Repair, 2264 High Street, Oakland, CA 94601 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Michael R. Boltz Jr., 2264 High Street, Oakland, CA 94601. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/7/2021. Signature of Registrant/s: Michael R. Boltz Jr., Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 14, 2021. Expires June 14, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4897. Published June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579613
The following person(s) doing business as: Fast Print, 2411 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Campus Copy Partners, LLC, 2411 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which

the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s: Craig Fairbanks, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 2, 2021. Expires June 12 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4898. Published June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579527
The following person(s) doing business as: Leslie Appraisals, 642 Ravenna St, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tyrone Leslie, 642 Ravenna St, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Tyrone Leslie, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 28, 2021. Expires May 28, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4899. Published June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579596
The following person(s) doing business as: Resolve Conflict Management Services, 836 45th Street, Oakland, CA 94608 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Odilla Sidime, 836 45th Street, Oakland, CA 94608. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 3/1/2016. Signature of Registrant/s: Odilla Sidime, Sole Proprietor/Founder. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 1, 2021. Expires June 1, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4900. Published June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579894
The following person(s) doing business as: Camino Press, 1452 North Vasco Road #167, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Patrick Gordon, 10860 Cougar Chase, San Antonio, TX 78251. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/18/2021. Signature of Registrant/s: Patrick Gordon, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 10, 2021. Expires June 10, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4901. Published June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579786
The following person(s) doing business as: A & E Design Service, 2157 Fourth Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bishop Associates Engineering, LLC, 4435 North First Street, Suite #101, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s:

Robert Bishop, Member/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 7, 2021. Expires June 7, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4902. Published June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579999
The following person(s) doing business as: Holistic Sustainability, 1072 60th Street #7, Oakland, CA 94608 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ana C. Galvis-Martinez, 1072 60th Street #7, Oakland, CA 94608. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Ana C. Galvis-Martinez, Founder. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 14, 2021. Expires June 14, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4903. Published June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2021.

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Livermore School of Dance taped a ballet performance Thursday, June 17. The recording was for a future showing at the Bankhead Theater. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen) [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia]

Bankhead to Host Travel Through Art

The Bankhead Theater will open a new gallery art exhibit, “Take Me There: Travel the World through Art and Photography,” on July 1. The exhibit will include a special display of plein-air watercolors by Pleasanton artist Charlotte Severin in the Founders Room, sponsored by the Alliance for the

Visual Arts. There will also be a reception for Severin from 1-3 p.m., Sunday, July 11, followed by a presentation of “The Prado: A Collection of Wonders.” The film, narrated by Academy Award winning actor Jeremy Irons, highlights many of the masterpieces in the famed museum

in Madrid, Spain, including works by Velazquez, Goya, and El Greco. The “Take Me There” exhibit is free and will run through Aug. 29 at 2400 First St., Livermore. The gallery is open to the public from 1-5 p.m., Thursdays through Sundays.

Nirajara Dungwatanawanich, 18, will present an online piano recital of Chopin and Brahms at 5 p.m., Saturday, June 26. Taught by Livermore music instructor and pianist Kim Luty, Dungwatanawanich is a graduate of Livermore High School and a National Merit Scholar who will be attending UCLA this fall to study computer science. The recital will be presented via Zoom. For information on how to log in to the performance, contact Luty at lutytones@gmail.com.



New Principals Appointed to PUSD Schools

By Ruth Roberts

The Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) Board of Trustees welcomed two new staff members to the school community during its regular June 10 district meeting.

Gerardo Guzman-Rico, the former vice principal at Valley View Elementary will be taking the reins as principal of Valley View when the new school year begins. Guzman-Rico, a resident of Stockton, received his BA degree in liberal arts and sciences from California State University, Stanislaus, where he also received a master’s degree in educational leadership and administration. Rico holds a second master’s degree from California State University, Sacramento in Spanish literature and linguistics.

“I would like to thank the board,” said Guzman-Rico during the meeting. “It is exciting to begin my new venture here at Valley View and look forward to this wonderful, wonderful opportunity.”

Guzman-Rico replaces Soraya Villansenor who has taken a position in the district office as the coordinator of equity and access.

Russell Campisi is the new principal of Harvest Park Middle School. Campisi is the former assistant principal at Oakland Technical High School and comes to the new job with enthusiasm.

“Thank you so much for the opportunity,” said

Campisi. “I look forward to collaborating with all of you and will work to make sure our students are safe and joyful when they come to school each day.”

Campisi replaces outgoing Principal Terry Brenner.

High School Upgrades

The board unanimously approved three new restoration projects for Amador and Foothill high schools. As part of ongoing improvements to the turf fields at the two high schools, the district has entered into an agreement with Westside Landscape and Concrete for restoration at Amador Valley High School for \$119,819.11 and at Foothill High School for \$97,481.45. Improvements to Hart and Harvest

Park middle schools, as well as Hearst and Vintage Hills elementary schools, will be reviewed at a future date.

Painting and surface repairs at Foothill High School will soon be underway with the board approving a contract with Selway Construction for painting projects across the campus for a total of \$249,700. The site was chosen as a priority in order to accompany the construction of the new classrooms, which will replace the portables.

Various Projects

The city and school district recently inspected three middle school gyms and created an action list for needed repairs and upgrades. The board addressed a variety of

plumbing issues across the district, specifically dealing with the constant breakage of underground water pipes; mold issues at two schools; and the need to renovate Donlon Elementary’s administration building, which was damaged by flooding.

The board also approved the construction of a play yard on the preschool day program site at Harvest Park Middle School. The yard will accommodate students with disabilities. The project will cost \$693,554 and will be paid for with a combination of funds from a grant, monies from Measure II and Fund 40 capital improvements.

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Sunflower Hill To Host Gala

Sunflower Hill, a local nonprofit organization that develops residential communities and provides life-skills and enrichment programs for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, will host a fundraising gala at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore on July 23.

The Sunflower Showcase, described as a visual and performing arts event, is open to the public and will feature several Sunflower Hill residents and program participants.

“We are very excited for this unique, inaugural event,” said Sunflower Hill Executive Director Edie Nehls. “This [will be] our most important fundraiser of the year and will provide critical financial support so that we can carry on with the meaningful work of our organization.”

Local comedian Regina Stoops will emcee the program, which will also include a performance by “America’s Got Talent” season 14 winner Kodi Lee and a short film on “Inclusion” produced by students from Futures Explored Film and Media Studio in Livermore.

The evening will also include games, raffles, and both live and silent auctions.

Tickets cost from \$85 to \$220 and can be purchased through the Bankhead Theater.

The Sunflower Showcase will also be livestreamed for those who wish to attend virtually. Virtual tickets are free with a suggested donation of \$50, and can be reserved on the Sunflower Hill website, <https://sunflowerhill.org>.

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