Thursday,
JUNE 3, 2021
VOLUME LVIII, NUMBER 22

THE Independent

Your Local News Source Since 1963

SERVING DUBLIN, LIVERMORE, PLEASANTON, SUNOL

Climate Critic Calls Fossil Fuels "Too Important"

By Jeff Garberson

REGIONAL — A controversial critic of climate science spoke at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory last week, repeating longstanding claims that fossil fuels are vital to the U.S. economy and climate change poses little threat.

Cutting back rapidly on fossil fuel use, as the Biden Administration plans to do in transportation and power generation sectors of the economy, is likely to lead to unreliable new technologies and a "citizen backlash," in the view of the critic, Dr. Steven Koonin, director of New York University's Center for Urban Science and Progress.

In a charge that he has repeated often since 2014, when he published an opinion piece in the Wall St. Journal, Koonin said that alarms about an impending climate crisis are based on flimsy, if not deceptive, science.

These false alarms are amplified in the news media by "non-expert and activist reporters who have to get on the front page," he said.

LLNL's arrangement for Koonin to speak was itself controversial. Disagreement and debate are universally acknowledged to be an essential part of science, but many climate scientists who have criticized Koonin in the national media, as well as several for this article, consider Koonin not a serious dissenter but a critical gadfly.

He does not immerse himself in the research, they allege, but instead cherry-picks parts of technical reports that are easy to criticize but

(See CLIMATE, page 6)



A young boy celebrates Memorial Day with his family in Livermore May 31. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen) ***[See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia]***

Holocaust Center Hosts Youth Contest

By Dawnmarie Fehr

REGIONAL — The East Bay Holocaust Education Center (EBHEC) hosted an awards ceremony for its first art, writing and video contest on May 26.



Seen here is "Anne Frank," by Dublin High's Angela Chen, who took first place.

The contest included $3,500 in prize money awarded to 15 students from eight schools in the Tri-Valley and surrounding areas. The theme — "Why is it important to remember the Holocaust?" — inspired dozens of entries from local youth in a variety of forms and interpretations.

Raleigh Resnick, a rabbi at Chabad of the Tri-Valley in Pleasanton, served as one of the founding members of EBHEC. He was instrumental in organizing the contest and said the theme is an important one for today's young people to consider.

"This is an important idea," Resnick said. "I think for everyone to understand, to know, to realize, that everyone single human being has God-given rights no one can take away . . . no matter our gender, our race, our creed, we have all been endowed by our creator with certain inalienable rights, and when you recognize that and you raise a generation that way, then you can ensure these unspeakable acts won't be perpetuated."

The art portion of the contest was judged by Anne Giancola, professional artist and Visual Arts Manager for Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. Deborah Grossman — professional writer and journalist, and 2009-11 Pleasanton Poet Laureate — judged the written portion. Both women said they found the submissions intuitive and thoughtful.

"I was very impressed with the writing — it was generally very high caliber," Grossman said. "I had to really sit and think about the ranking . . . For the most part, these high schoolers put their hearts and minds into this contest . . . they put a lot of intensity into the words and in terms of why you should remember the Holocaust."

Giancola was likewise impressed with the submissions she judged. She said she was proud to be part

(See HOLOCAUST, page 7)

Ag Committee Pushes Ahead With Solar Policy

A Solar Expert's Warning: New Legislation Could Put Rooftop Solar Out of Business, Pave Path for Large-Scale Power Plants

By Tony Kukulich

LIVERMORE — The Alameda County Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) is working to create a countywide solar policy.

While doing so, the group must take into consideration legislation that could impact open space and rooftop panel installation companies. As reported during the AAC's May 25 meeting by Albion Power Company owner Charles Adams, buildings with rooftop panels (or distributed solar) are not being counted toward the state's renewable energy goals. He said this could lead to the development of more utility-scale facilities, which cover acres of open land with panels, and less rooftop panels.

Additionally, Adams said that Assembly Bill (AB) 1139 – authored by Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez and currently circulating in the assembly – would, if passed, change state policy and the economics "essentially ending rooftop solar."

During the meeting, Adams gave a presentation to expand on the state of solar power generation in California. He pointed out areas where the state's renewable energy goals are not aligned with legislation.

When former Gov. Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill (SB) 100 into law in 2018, he set the state on a path toward 100% reliance on carbon-free energy by 2045. Solar energy is expected to play a major role in the state's strategy toward achieving that goal, which isn't surprising as California ranks fifth on the list of states receiving the most sunshine according to data from the Centers for Disease Control.

"They're not counting rooftop solar toward (renewable energy goals), and that's leading to, and intended to lead to, all of these solar farms – Aramis and things like that – being built."

However, among the issues raised by Adams was the exclusion of rooftop solar panels in the definition of clean energy in SB 100. Calling the situation counterintuitive, he said most Californians with solar panels on their roof "would be shocked to find out that they don't count toward 100% clean energy."

"They're not counting

(See SOLAR, page 7)

Police Team Arrests Suspect In Possession Of a Firearm

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — A police special weapons team arrested a suspect Thursday, May 27, in Livermore in an action that sparked some false rumors on social media.

The action began when officers sought to serve an arrest warrant on a "known felon in possession of a firearm," Livermore police Officer Taylor Burruss said.

Burruss did not disclose the location.

"Due to the dangers associated with apprehending an armed subject, we utilized our special enforcement team to apprehend the individual," Burruss said. "Upon seeing the police, the subject fled on foot."

Officers, with the assistance of an Alameda County sheriff's helicopter, quickly found and arrested the suspect.

Although several people on social media correctly said they saw officers with guns drawn and a helicopter circling over the city, some said they heard gunshots and said the commotion was related to a robbery.

"At no point were firearms discharged during this operation," Burruss said. "This operation was not related to a robbery of any type. This operation was a pre-planned event for a known felon in possession of a firearm."

Bankhead to Reopen

Legendary Singer's Son to Perform Live

By Dawnmarie Fehr

LIVERMORE — The Bankhead Theater will celebrate a return to live shows in July, when A. J. Croce and his band break out their instruments on stage.

The theater has virtually aired performances of various types over the past year but has not seated an audience for a live show since March 2020. Roberta Emerson, marketing manager for the Bankhead, said this performance is a big deal.

"We have been closed since March 12 of 2020, and this is the first live show with a live audience and will be fully booked," Emerson said. "The very first week we put it back on sale, we sold 100 tickets. We were surprised, but people are clearly ready to be back at shows."

Currently, the Bankhead is showing movies in front of a limited audience, but once restrictions are lifted across the state on June 15 — as Gov. Gavin Newsom has stated — officials at the Bankhead feel there is nothing to stop them from filling the house.

"Masks will be required; we have the distancing lines and so on, but we are expecting people to come and wear their masks," said Emerson. "Newsom said we are opening in the middle of June, so we assumed as long as we require masks, we are good."

The inaugural live performance of Croce playing his and his father's music promises to be as unique

(See SINGER, page 7)

Baker Appointed as the New Library Services Director

LIVERMORE — Anwan Baker, library director at Lodi, has been named library services director by the City of Livermore.



Anwar Baker will join the Livermore Library System on June 28.

Baker, who joins the Livermore library June 28, has 19 years of experience with public library systems.

In addition to three years at Lodi, he spent six years as adult services supervisor at Berkeley and 10 years in various positions for the Live Oak public library system in Savannah, Georgia.

Baker is a graduate of Florida State University, where he received bachelor's and master's degrees in social work. He also earned a master's degree in library and information science with a concentration in systems administration.

Iconic Downtown Store Closes

By Aly Brown

PLEASANTON — Located in the heart of downtown Pleasanton, a little western wear shop — widely known for its life-size horse statue named Gus — will close.

Christesen's Western & Saddlery, started by Pete Christesen in 1929, is located on Main Street and has been an established pillar of the community for 92 years. During its lifetime, the store has survived the Great Depression, seen three owners and served several generations of customers.

"We appreciate everything that Pleasanton and the surrounding communities have done for us and hope that we've served the community well," stated owners Rory and Nancy Janes in a press release. "We look forward to the next chapters in our lives and to wherever inspiration takes us."

Rory went on to say he was proud of the business for its long and fruitful run, along with the accomplishments of his family and staff. Rory purchased the business in the 1980s from his father, who bought it in the 1960s from Christesen.

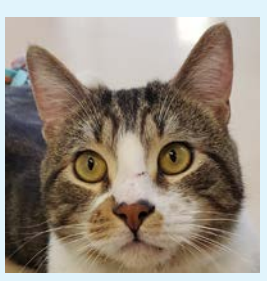
"We are also very blessed to have met and bonded with so many of our loyal and supportive customers," Rory continued.

The store is currently holding a liquidation sale, which Rory said will end depending upon the customer

(See STORE, page 9)



After 92 years of business on Main Street in downtown Pleasanton, Christesen's will close. Over the years, many families, kids and pets have taken photos with Gus the horse, who stands outside the shop. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)



GORDO

PET OF THE WEEK

Gordo is a svelte and handsome boy with an easy-going personality. At just one-year-young, he still has his nine lives ahead of him and he'd love to spend them with his best buddy, Kovu! Their previous owner lost her housing and surrendered her boys so they could have the best life possible. Please send an email to info@valleyhumane.org for more information. Valley Humane Society coordinates adoptions by appointment only.
(Photo - Valley Humane Society / E. Scholz)

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Classifieds.....11
Editorial.....4
Mailbox.....4
Obituaries.....9
Real Estate.....11

Seeking Answers in Unsolved Child Abuse Case..... 2
Pleasanton PD Welcomes New Personnel..... 2
Service Horse Retires..... 3
Residents Report Increased Coyote Activity..... 3
Grads on the Go..... 6
Community Sports..... 8

Family, School District, Police Seek Answers in Child Abuse Investigation

By Larry Altman

For more than two years, Amanda and Corey Harrington have sought an answer for what happened to their now 8-year-old son. Police and social workers investigated. Livermore Joint Valley Unified School District officials looked into the matter.

Although the Harringtons held meetings with school officials and police, none of the investigations have yielded any answers. Nobody has been found to blame. And, if they have, the Harringtons say none of the authorities have released that information to them.

Recently, they chose to take their questions public.

"It is very unnerving and always in the back of my mind that this mystery to what happened to my son is still unresolved," the boy's mother, Amanda Harrington, said during a recent interview. "There is no closure, and there is nothing I can do to protect him. It still haunts me. It really does."

On March 1, 2019, 6-year-old Radley Harrington came home from his Livermore school with what looked like cigarette burns on his back. A doctor said they looked like they formed a cross.

Radley, whose autism makes communication difficult, could not explain what happened to him. Could it have occurred at home? What about his classroom or a neighboring "sensory" room, where he spent 15 minutes with an aide? Why did no one hear screams from what doctors said would have been agonizing, even for a child with a strong threshold for pain?

And what caused those marks?

Although multiple people investigated, the case of what happened to Radley remains open. Police have not released a report to his parents, despite months ago telling The Independent they planned to do so.

If someone needs to be held accountable, his parents say they don't know who that should be.

During the two years, Amanda Harrington and her husband, Corey, have stood aside at the request of investigators, not pressing their son with questions to allow the professionals to seek the answers and not taint the responses. The Harringtons met several times with top Livermore Joint Valley Unified School District (LVJUSD) officials and a police detective. Alameda County Department of Social Services investigators examined their homelife, asking questions about how they discipline their children, whether they hit them, and whether they smoked. (His father did occasionally, but said he kept his smoking materials away from his family.)

In a recent interview, LVJUSD Deputy Superintendent Chris Van Schaack said the district's own probe found no evidence that anything happened to the boy at school. Van Schaack said he investigated but found nothing to put suspicion on an employee.

"If one of our employees did that they should go to jail," Van Schaack said. "We would never ever defend an employee who did that to a child."

No one, Van Schaack said, could ever determine what caused the wounds on Radley's back.

"We couldn't find anything that could have created that," he said. "For a child to have been burned in a classroom — burned with a cigarette lighter — how could that happen in a classroom setting? How could that happen and nobody know?"

Amanda Harrington said she did not see any marks on her son's back March 1, 2019, when she dressed him for school. Radley attended a class for special needs students at Lawrence Elementary School.

That afternoon, his teacher, Adrianna Schultz, texted the mother that "we noticed some odd marks on (the boy's) back today."

"They looked almost like rug burns?" Schultz wrote in texts shared with The Independent. "I'm not sure how/when. We didn't see anything strange happen at school, and then when he was at his desk this afternoon he said his back hurt."

Schultz continued that she examined his back and saw the marks.

"Do you have any clue what happened?" Schultz asked Radley's mother in a text. "I can't think of anything on the playground that would've done that. I know he can be clumsy, but we just couldn't figure out anything that would have caused it."

Harrington's husband, Corey, said he and his wife examined the six red marks on his back at home. The first layer of skin, he said, was scraped and began to scab the next day.

"My first thought was someone burnt him with a cigarette," the father said. "It almost looks like someone took a handheld torch and was lighting a cigarette."

School district officials, including special education director Frank Selvaggio, met with the Harringtons a few days later. Amanda Harrington called the meeting "pretty intense."

"We wanted them to do an investigation and figure out what happened," she said. "We were so confused. He left my house uninjured. He comes back home with these marks on his back."

Asked if they wanted police involved, the Harringtons said yes.

A Livermore police detective was assigned to the case. CPS also opened an investigation.

"It was clear in my mind this was not a schoolyard accident," Corey Harrington said.

According to the Harringtons, the authorities told them not to question their son, so as not to influence or taint their investigations. As the marks continued to become scabs, Amanda Harrington took her son to see a doctor at East Bay Pediatric Primary Care in Pleasanton.

In a report given to the parents and shown to The Independent, Dr. Elmer Jumig described the wounds on Radley's back as four raised red lesions on the spine area and two on his shoulder blades.

"Six raised hyperpigmented lesions that look like healing cigarette burns in a cross pattern suspicious for child abuse," Jumig wrote.

At the request of police, Amanda Harrington took her son for a second examination at Children's Hospital & Research Center in Oakland. Nurse practitioner Kelsey Merl wrote in her report that "these traumatic skin injuries are consistent with healing burn injuries."

"Of note," Merl wrote in the report shared with The Independent, "the pattern of these injuries is in the form of a cross and appear to be consistent with some type of branding."

Merl wrote that each mark would have caused significant pain, and the child would have had to be restrained to receive them.

"There is no medical condition that has been identified for this patient that could have contributed to these injuries," Merl wrote.

Merl wrote that she would send her findings to update police and Social Services officials, who began an investigation of Radley's homelife.

"I never got the feeling that we were considered a suspect even though I imagine when they start a report, everyone's a suspect," Corey Harrington said. "I was so focused on doing whatever we can to assist the police and assist the school to give us the best chance of doing something, I never stopped to think we were a suspect."

On March 7, six days after the injuries were discovered, social worker Karla Gonzalez visited Lawrence Elementary to speak with Radley and his older brother.

According to her report, also shown to The Independent, Radley rolled around on the floor and played as she tried to talk with him. His teacher, Schultz, assisted to clarify the boy's speech. Asked about the marks on his back, Radley said "I don't know." He told Gonzalez he was not afraid at home and no one smoked around him.

Gonzalez returned to the school a few days later to try again, but the boy ran in and out of the interview room, climbed on its couches and would not sit for an interview.

According to the report, social workers focused on the parents, questioning them about whether they hit their children or engaged in domestic violence with each other. Radley's grandfather was asked how he imposed discipline on his son, Corey, when he was a child.

"The mother and the father deny having hurt the minor," the investigators wrote. "It is unclear who caused these injuries to the minor, and the minor is unable to make a clear statement."

In a note about a month after the injuries, a social worker wrote that Radley had stated that his mother had hit him five times on the back with an open hand, apparently in another incident..

"Mommy mad at me, mommy hit me at home, my home," the social worker wrote in the report.

Amanda Harrington said she and her husband did not injure their child and would not have told their story to a reporter if they had.

"We wouldn't be fighting tooth and nail if we had something to do with this," she said. "There's no way I would have harmed my kids or any child for that matter."

The social workers ruled out Radley's older brother as causing the injuries.

Although Livermore police officials have not made information about their investigation public, the Social Services report indicates a detective asked the boy's therapist to question him. During that attempt, the boy told her "it was a girl; she is older; she is a teacher, and she has pink hair."

Van Schaack told The Independent that Radley had provided school officials a name during its probe, but it was not a school employee. Besides Radley's teacher, the classroom had at least one aide, who later moved to another class.

"The case was investigated by three different organizations," Van Schaack said. "All came to the same conclusion: That there was no evidence to suggest that a school employee was responsible for the injuries… (The parents') claim that something happened in the classroom is no more credible than something happened in the household."

Van Schaack said "it's completely untrue that the parents were not told the results" of the investigations.

"They were convinced the child was injured by an employee," Van Schaack said, adding that no evidence was found to support that. "That was not the answer the Harringtons wanted."

Livermore Police Department Sgt. Tim Lendman said the detective assigned to the case investigated but was not able to develop enough evidence to make an arrest. The case was in a "documentation phase" when The Independent first questioned police about the case. Lendman said the detective planned to finish her report and provide a copy to the Harringtons. The Harringtons said they have not heard from anyone.

"The detective was never able to find enough evidence for who was the actual suspect," Lendman said at the time.

Unable to keep waiting, the Harringtons recently asked their son's behavior therapist to help. Several weeks ago, as a reporter watched via Zoom, the therapist asked Radley "how did those booboos get on your back?"

Radley, now 8, lifted his arms above his head and laid down on his back. Simulating that his hands were held down, he identified a female school employee.

"I don't know what to do as a parent," Radley's father said. "I don't want to turn around and coerce him into saying 'it's this person.' We've done everything we could possibly do that was recommended to us in the district and the police department."

One day, perhaps when Radley is in his teens, his parents believe he will be able to communicate what happened.

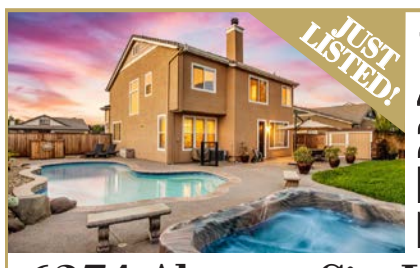
NEW ON THE MARKET!



Single story South Livermore duet, move in ready! Large backyard and detached two car garage. 2 Bed 1 Bath ~920 sq ft. Price at $650K



Linda Diaz Futral
Broker/Realtor
925.980.3561
linda@lindafutral.com
www.lindafutral.com
License #01257605
Linda Futral Real Estate Broker



1,932 SQ. FT. 4 BEDROOM, 2.5 BATHROOM. LOCATED IN NORTH VASCO

6274 Altamar Cir, Livermore



Tyler Moxley
4th Generation Realtor
Broker Associate
925.518.1083
www.tylermoxley.com
License #01412130
TYLER MOXLEY Real Estate, INC.
COMPASS

COMING SOON
VINSANTO BEAUTY



2136 SANTA CROCE DR., LIVERMORE
4 Bedroom • 3 Bath, 2906 Sq Ft 8,750 Sq Ft Lot
3-Car Detached Garage
Backyard Oasis Pool, Hot Tub, BBQ/Bar Island
It's Time To Invest In Your Future!



Nicole Sweeney
Realtor
925.518.2142
nicole@nicolesweeneyhomes.com
DRE #01965816
Always There For You
LEGACY REAL ESTATE & ASSOCIATES

COMING SOON
RARE OPPORTUNITY
ONE OF A KIND DREAM HOME





1647 QUAIL COURT, LIVERMORE
Main House
5 Bedroom • Plus Office • 3 1/2 Bath • 3,921 Sq Ft
Guest House
2 Bedroom • 2 Bath • 1,490 Sq Ft
42,906 Sq Ft Lot • 4 Car Garage
RESORT STYLE PROPERTY



Nicole Sweeney
Realtor
925.518.2142
nicole@nicolesweeneyhomes.com
DRE #01965816
Always There For You
LEGACY REAL ESTATE & ASSOCIATES

Pleasanton Police Department Welcomes New Personnel

The Pleasanton Police Department has hired a new officer and support services manager.

Eric Mossi, a graduate of Rancho Cotate High School in Rohnert, California, and a former U.S. Marine, has joined the department as a sworn police officer.

He also graduated from the Alameda County Regional Training Center, where he earned awards for Top Performance and Outstanding Overall Achievement.

Megan Wilske has been named support services manager for the department.

She previously worked 22 years for San Leandro Police Department, starting as a dispatcher and working her way up to acting police business manager.

A Bay Area native, Wilske earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration from California State University, East Bay.





Eric Mossi, far left, recently became a sworn officer. Megan Wilske, third from left, was named support services manager.

Pleasanton Police Foundation Holds Canned Food Drive

The Pleasanton Police Officers Association Charitable Foundation sponsored a canned food drive at the new Grocery Outlet, 3550 Bernal Ave., on May 15 to benefit Tri-Valley Haven.

Donations were also accepted at the Pleasanton Police Department leading up to the one-day food drive.

As an incentive, anyone who donated 10 nonperishable food items was entered into a drawing for one of three $100 Grocery Outlet gift cards. The foundation also raised $2,000 by raffling off a PS5 gaming console raffle.

PAINT LIVERMORE
June 4-5-6
Plein Air Competition
ARTISTS PAINTING LIVERMORE



The Public is Invited
Judging & Sales
Sunday, June 6, 3:00 pm
Bandstand, Carnegie Park
4th & K Streets, Livermore

PURCHASE A PAINTING FROM ONE OF OUR ARTISTS!

Inquiries:
www.LivermoreArtAssociation.org
dp.rodriguez@icloud.com
or Norma Webb 925 828-9170

California Dermatology Care
Advanced Care with a Personal Touch



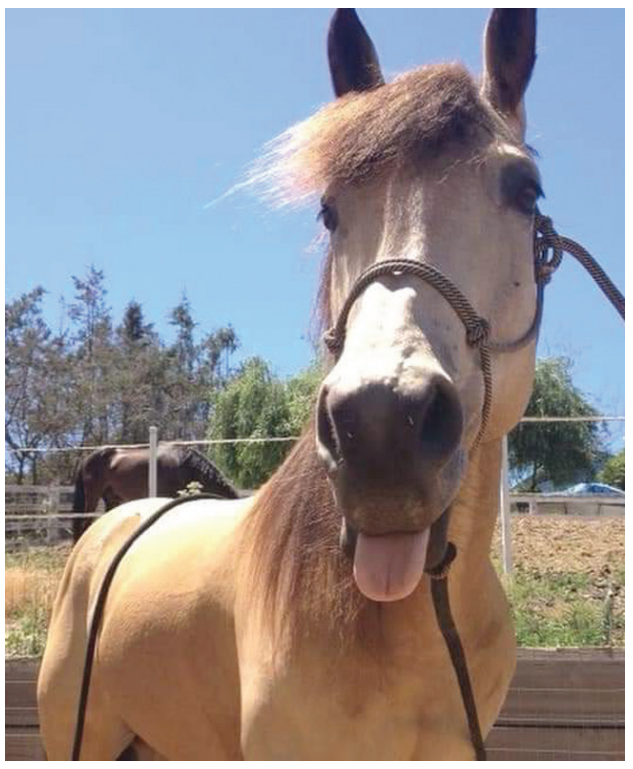
Call to learn about Sebacia, FDA approved laser treatment for nodulocystic acne instead of Accutane.

Center of Excellence for skin cancer, acne and psoriasis
NEW LIVERMORE LOCATION
Text/Call 925-328-0255 for APPT

A place where beauty and healthy skin meet.
We are dedicated to Medical, Cosmetic and Surgical Dermatology. A place for medical skin consultation, aesthetic rejuvenation and face & body contouring. Visit us online for an extensive list of procedures, treatments, product lines, lasers and therapies offered.
www.DrWilliamTing.com Schedule your consultation appointment today!



Dr. William Ting, MD
Board Certified Dermatologist and Mohs Micrographic Surgeon
Livermore, 48 Fenton Street
Text: 925-328-0255
Office: 925-359-6255
San Ramon, 2262 Camino Ramon
Text/Phone: 925-328-0255
Email: staff@CalDermCare.com | www.DrWilliamTing.com



After eight years of service, an East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) police horse named Dusty is hanging up his badge. A 14-year-old buckskin quarter horse gelding originally from Lazy K Ranch, Dusty was honored with a farewell retirement ceremony where he said goodbye to some of his favorite people and enjoyed two apples, a bag of carrots, and several cookies. During his time with the park district, Dusty has participated in hundreds of details, such as greeting park users while on patrol, Concerts at the Cove, Wellness Walks, park openings, police memorial processions, and special community events. Dusty will live out his life in peace and comfort at TS & KD Glide Foundation in Davis, which is a sanctuary farm for old and retired horses. (Photo courtesy of East Bay Regional Park District)

Animal Experts Offer Advice Following Coyote Sightings

By Victoria Lachnit

Following reports of wild animals entering Tri-Valley neighborhoods, experts are calling on residents to keep pets inside.

When Ruby Hill resident Ashley West posted a video on NextDoor of a coyote walking through her community – paired with a warning for others to keep their pets inside – her neighbors responded with photos of their own. They shared similar concerns that where once they only heard howls at night, the animals now seemed to prowl the streets.

Douglas Sousa, Livermore Area Recreation Park District (LARPD) supervising ranger, said he has not heard anything about the coyotes in Ruby Hill but that coyotes going after pets is not uncommon.

"The best thing to do is to keep your pets inside," Sousa said. He has cats himself and said that he keeps them inside for their safety.

Sousa said that given coyotes' high intelligence, they adapt well to human habitation. If they have been successful hunting pets in an area, they will continue to live and hunt there regardless of the human presence.

"In Ruby Hill, nature is right at your back door. I am shocked that this is not more common for (residents)," Sousa said.

The uptick in coyote sightings could be due to the fact that the coyotes have gotten used to humans and their pets living in this area, according to Sousa.

According to Humanesociety.org, coyote attacks are very rare.

"More people are killed by errant golf balls and flying champagne corks each year than are bitten by coyotes," stated the website.

This webpage also informs its readers that if a coyote bites a human, it is supposed to be removed from that coyote population. They are also known to carry rabies, so it is important to contact a doctor if an attack does occur, according to the Humane Society.

"Coyotes are probably the biggest animal you will get around here that is comfortable where humans are," said Sousa.

He reported that the Tri-Valley area does have mountain lions, but they are skittish. In his eight years on the job, he has never seen a mountain lion.

"Attacks by mountain lions are very rare," Sousa said.

Sousa went on to say coyotes will typically run away if you make a lot of noise. If they do not move or continue to approach, he suggests calling Animal Services.

"Every time I come across one, as soon as it sees me anywhere close it takes off in the opposite direction," Sousa said. "They are not super aggressive animals."

For safety, Sousa said to pay attention, do not leave trash out and bring your pets inside, especially at night.

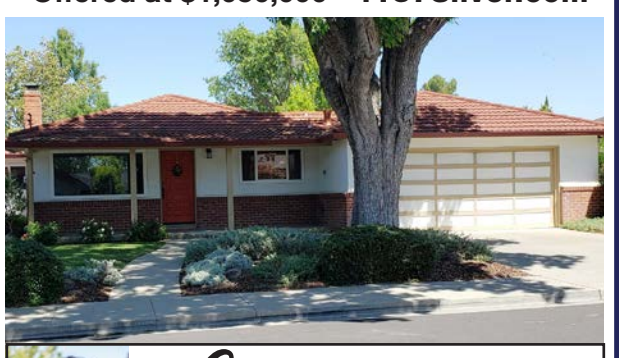
Frankie Ayers, an animal services officer for the City of Pleasanton, said he has not been contacted by anyone regarding a pet being injured due to a coyote attack.

"While animal services will respond to injured or sick wildlife, healthy wildlife attacking pets/people/livestock are actually referred to California Department of Fish and Wildlife," Ayers said.

Overall, the experts agree that when encountering wildlife of any kind it is best to keep distance and not approach the animals.

For more information, visit www.larpd.org/. To contact Alameda County Animal Services, call 925-803-7040.

"Sweet Silver"
4137 Silver Street, Pleasanton
3 Bed, 2 Bath,
1,291 +/- Sq. Ft. Home – 7,000 +/- Sq. Ft. Lot
Offered at $1,050,000 • 4137Sliver.com





Leslie FAUGHT
REALTOR®, CRS, SRES®
COMPASS
Service. Experience. Results.
925.784.7979
LeslieFaught.com
SellingEastBayHomes.com
DRE01027778
"I'll find a buyer for your home and a home for you to buy"

Pleasanton Arts Council Celebrates Reopening with Creative Signposts

With venues beginning to reopen and pedestrian traffic increasing, the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council (PCAC) is installing two artistic signposts to direct visitors to some of the city's public artworks.



Seen from left, Anne Giancola, Les Duman and Kelly Cousins of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Center recently became part of an effort to bring colorful wayfinding signs to the city. (Photo – Kelly Cousins)

"Now that the pandemic is subsiding, we are ready to celebrate the return of downtown vitality and the lively role the arts play in that awakening," said PCAC President Kelly Cousins.

The signposts will also serve temporary art installations during the summer and into early fall.

The first is at the corner of Division and Main streets, in front of the Museum on Main, with the second on Neal Street, between Wayside and Delucchi Parks, not far from the Firehouse Arts Center.

"The signposts are an artistic and creative play on signposts," said Anne Giancola, PCAC board member, who led the project. "They point to some of Pleasanton's many public art pieces but are also works of art in themselves."

Giancola, who coordinated a similar project for Livermore, is visual arts manager for the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center.

Giancola said the artists who created the unique signposts all live in the region, including Rhonda Chase, Antonio Morena, Lynda Briggs, Jen Huber, Steve Barkkarie, Meghana Mitragotri, Barbara Stanton, Melenie Llamas, Heidi Giancola, Leta Eydelberg, and Charles Simmons.

BE THE FIRST ONE TO OWN THIS EXCLUSIVE NEW LINE OF AUTHENTIC ITALIAN SNEAKERS.
Pre-order now. Free shipping directly from *ITALY*.
Use code AFPGFEMBZOY to take advantage of a *limited $30.00 discount*.



Xlsus ITALY
www.xlsus.com

Tri-Valley Water Users Urged to Conserve by 10%

Tri-Valley water agencies are asking customers to reduce their usage this year by 10% over 2020, after Alameda County was included in an emergency drought declaration issued by the state.

"The Tri-Valley has multiple sources of water supply storage, including its local groundwater supplies [that] allows us to withstand the occasional dry winter," according to Zone 7 Water Agency general manager Valerie Pryor. "However, after two especially dry years in a row, we cannot rely on storage alone. Since we do not know how long these dry conditions will last, we need to start saving water now so our community will have more water available next year."

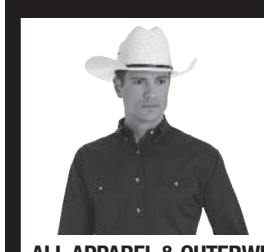
The Zone 7 Water Agency was joined in its request for customers to conserve water by California Water Service, the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, and the Dublin San Ramon Services District.

In a news release, the agencies said customers have "demonstrated a great ability to respond, adapt, and conserve water" since the drought conditions of 2014-2015. "This past response has encouraged Tri-Valley water agencies that the community will continue to show its commitment to water conservation this year," the agencies said.

The agencies said as much as 70% of residential water use is for outdoor landscaping.

"If you have a yard, this means the most effective way to reduce your total water use is through minimizing outdoor irrigation and only watering between 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. to reduce evaporation," according to the agencies. "If you do not have outdoor landscaping, the most efficient way to reduce your water use is by only running your washing machine and dishwasher when you have a full load. It is also critical to repair water leaks immediately."

ALL FIXTURES FOR SALE!
HUGE STORE CLOSING RETIREMENT SALE!
EVERYTHING MUST GO!
FREE GIFT EVERY WEDNESDAY FIRST 25 CUSTOMERS!
PRICES ARE BEING SLASHED!


ALL APPAREL & OUTERWEAR
20% OFF REG PRICE




ALL WESTERN DRESS SLACKS
30% OFF REG PRICE


ALL KIDS BOOTS
20% OFF REG PRICE

RETURN THIS COUPON FOR A SPECIAL BONUS OF 10 EXTRA DRAW TICKETS
NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE _____
ZIP CODE: _____
LIMIT 1 PER COSTUMER PER DAY EXPIRES 08/09/21


ALL MEN & WOMEN'S
BOOTS 15% OFF
THE ALREADY LOW PRICE

Christesen's
633 Main St, Pleasanton (925) 846-2169 Right next door to the Wine Steward

SALES TERMS: CASH, AMEX, MC/VISA, DISCOVER
STORE HOURS TUES-SAT: 11AM-6PM SUN: 11AM-5PM MON-CLOSED

Dublin Seeks Input on Bike, Walk Plan

Dublin is seeking community input for a planned update to its Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, designed to ensure that walking and biking in Dublin is safe, comfortable, and enjoyable for all ages and abilities.

To participate in the city's survey, go to www.dublinbikeped.org/survey/.

SAVE OUR VALLEY
NO Industrial Solar Plants
Support our GoFundMe campaign to stop the destruction of North Livermore Valley
Learn more & donate at:
www.SaveNorthLivermoreValley.com

Livermore's trusted independent insurance agency since 1953!
HOME AUTO BUSINESS HEALTH LIFE



Contact us TODAY for your free quote!
(925) 447-2565
or email us at:
save@genemorganinsurance.com
Keep your insurance premium dollars local!
Gene Morgan Insurance Agency
www.genemorganinsurance.com
LIC#0M28209

EDITORIAL

Follow the Money

American power companies have an interesting history. In the 1960s and '70s, commercial groups like PG&E or Southern California Edison could factor in the cost of construction as a billable item and pass that expense along to their customers. This ultimately led utility companies to reap more revenue from developing power plants across the countryside than they gained from actually operating them.

While legislation has changed over the years to eliminate a company's ability to factor in construction costs, power companies are still able to include the expense of transmission lines when framing fees for customers. The three investor-owned utilities in California PG&E, Southern California Edison, and San Diego Gas and Electric build, own and generate shareholder profits from the large electric power transmission lines that crisscross the state. This means miles — literally — worth of revenue for large utility-scale operations, which in turn pad election campaigns with funding.

Rooftop solar, which generates on-site energy and can power a home, doesn't generate a profit for utility shareholders, nor does it even count toward former Gov. Jerry Brown's Senate Bill 100, which passed in 2018 and put us on a path toward 100% carbon-free energy by 2045.

That's right — homes with rooftop solar are not counted toward our renewable energy portfolio standards.

Why not?

There are special interests driving efforts to eliminate distributed generation (aka rooftop) solar.

In comes Assembly Bill (AB) 1139, which is making its rounds in the state assembly. Those concerned about green energy should be just that: concerned. Because while it has become clear that our planet is in urgent need of renewable energy, bills like AB 1139 aim to appease politicians and large unions first, the environment second — all while promoting the self-serving narrative that only wealthy people who own homes can benefit from rooftop solar.

Our society has grown more aware of disproportionate socio-economic hardships facing communities of color. Through discussion and action, we've sought ways to deliver more balance and inclusivity — as we absolutely should. In our ongoing effort to address these inequalities, let's not put it past any politician or multimillion dollar company to exploit this progressive momentum for their own gain.

Make no mistake, AB 1139, promoted by power companies, offers no exceptions for low-income consumers. In fact, while making the claim that utility-scale solar helps low-income communities, it would actually harm 150,000 existing low-income solar users in the state by retroactively changing their contracts, adding fees and cutting savings. The bill would drastically cut net metering, which allows solar users to share extra energy with their neighbors. And it would eliminate the rooftop solar market. That would entail the demise of small solar businesses, which employ a local workforce and also place solar on the rooftops of low-income apartment complexes or rental homes throughout town.

When it comes to rooftop solar for low-income property owners, there are federal energy assistance funds that can go toward solar investments. Energy providers could create pricing systems to absorb costs for low-income consumers, all while maintaining open space and generating green energy. Again, why wouldn't this count toward our renewable energy goals?

Follow the money.

MAILBOX

Mailbox Guidelines: Opinions voiced in letters published in Mailbox are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Independent. Anonymous letters will not be published. All letters are required to have the name(s) of the person(s) submitting them, city of residence and phone number, for verification purposes. Abusive letters may be rejected or edited. Letters are subject to verification and may be edited for clarity at the discretion of the editor. We reserve the right to decide whether or not the letter will be published. Headings for all letters may be edited at the discretion of the editor to properly reflect their content. A headline will be added to letters received without one. Frequent letter writers may have publication of their letters delayed. Letters must be submitted by someone living in or from the Tri-Valley; they must not offer medical advice from unconfirmed professional sources or contain libelous or inappropriate content. Letters should be limited to 400 words or less and should be sent by email to letters@independentnews.com or submitted using the form below. To be considered, letters must be received by 10 a.m. on the Tuesday before publication.

The Racist Stereotypes of Low-Income Housing continued ...

Peter Buckley, Livermore

All of this just goes to show how out-of-touch these cultural Marxists and privileged academic elitists truly are with society, and with the overall demographics of our own community here in Livermore.

Looking at the world through the lens of their exclusively privileged bubble, they have no concept of the ethnically diverse and inclusive middle-class communities we all grew up in here, with the friendships we made, the teams we played on together, the fun we had together in school. They have no concept of the average middle-class person, of all ethnicities, who cannot even afford to attend college, while choosing, out of necessity, to jump straight into the workforce following high school.

My 16+ years of experience working in real estate (I'm in my 30s, born and raised here), while serving our clients' needs, have taught me a lot about the actual demographics of our town and who actually needs low-income housing. Do you want to know who actually qualifies for low-income housing?

Our elementary and middle school teachers who are predominantly young single women and who cannot afford the rents here. The elderly living on fixed incomes, i.e., social security, who cannot afford to live in a desirable 55+ senior community. The injured who have removed themselves from the active workforce and are living on disability. Single working mothers who don't have the benefit of receiving alimony or child support. First-generation war refugees (like my own girlfriend) or people fleeing socialists nightmares of Central or South America. The young college student who works a low paying, full-time job while attending night school to create better job opportunities for their future.

No ethnicity is exclusive to low-income housing. Low-income housing is a subsidized safety net and a helping hand to people who are not fortunate enough to have a familial safety net around them, built up through generational wealth.

onflating low-income housing with ethnic diversity and inclusion is a racist stereotype. Sorry police and firemen, you start off at $90,000 a year, you don't even come close to qualifying for low-income housing.

Hopeful for New Candidates

Johnna Thompson, Livermore

I hope that there are some people who are disappointed enough in the current Livermore mayor and council to run for city office themselves. In the next election, I would like to be able to vote for candidates whose campaign promises are made thoughtfully and sincerely, and who will follow through on them once in office. I want candidates with the kindness of heart and generosity of spirit not to disparage publicly or privately those who care deeply about Livermore, but who have a different vision of what's best for the city. I want candidates who have the fairness to listen to the views of ordinary citizens with at least as much consideration as they give to downtown merchants, vintners, and the Chamber of Commerce, and who are not so avid to display their politically correct bona fides that they vilify a long-time public servant for an unfortunate, but misperceived turn of phrase.

I've been disappointed in our current officeholders with regard to these qualities. Maybe they'll learn to do better by November 2022, but if not, I hope there will be candidates who can.

Let's Hear Other Voices

Are Affordable Housing Developers Profiting from Poverty?

Deborah McQueen, Livermore

Last week's Council meeting regarding the Downtown Plan reverberates with many unsettling findings. Citizens opposed to Mayor Woerner's Eden Housing Plan were outnumbered through a carefully crafted plan of lobbying by Eden Housing and their paid lobbyists. Eden Housing hired EveryAction.com and CoUrbanize.com to promote their buildings and silence opposition from local townspeople. Eden Housing paid $1 million in lobbying fees last year.

CoUrbanize is a lobbying and public relations firm headquartered in Boston, whose founder Karin Brandt's net worth is $14 million. Their website boasts a five-point plan for developers to "overcome local town opposition" to increase urbanization. At last week's meeting, 23 identical form letters were submitted by union workers, and the first hour of the virtual meeting was dominated by the directors of local housing non-profits using their appeal to authority to sway public opinion (known as Elite Capture). Livermore residents needing to work the next morning (known as taxpayers) were pushed so late into the night that many were forced to leave before they could speak. The meeting was neither a fair nor democratic process. Mayor Woerner, well known for making disparaging comments about the public's inept engagement at City Council meetings, paid half-hearted lip-service to those who attended for finally being "articulate".

The Sacramento Bee, noted in a May 13, 2021 article, the disturbing practice of paying inflated salaries to management of affordable housing organizations. Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing paid its Executive Director $570K in one year, which is 12% of the company's gross income. Less staggering, but still impressive, Eden Housing also pays high salaries. Their Executive Director, Linda Mandolini received $415,998 in 2019, yet quoted inaccurate and exaggerated housing needs numbers during her hard-sell sales pitch to the Council, of 13,000 instead of 1,600 (Livermore Housing Authority Feb. 2021 meeting minutes) These incorrect numbers are listed on multiple Eden Housing and non-profit websites in the Bay Area. With an 800% error ratio, can the public trust the rest of their data? Affordable Housing development is big business with big profits. Eden Housing averaged $31 million in 'profit' in 2018-2019 (revenue less expenses). Eden Housings net worth in 2019 was $293 million. Before passing out laurel wreaths to developers for building low income housing, the public should take a closer look at the industry's practice of turning lead into gold, and who is fanning the flames of the housing crisis.

East Avenue Corridor Study - Make Sure Your Voice Is Heard

Felicia Ziomek, Livermore

Please register for the Zoom Teleconference to be held on Tues., June 8, at 6:30 p.m.

Register at www.eastavecorridorstudy.com. The city is conducting this study to enhance mobility and safety for all modes of travel on East Avenue.

The purpose of this workshop is to address concerns from the past outreach efforts, showcase the "Hybrid Alternative" (two lanes in one direction, and only one lane in the opposite direction), and introduce Phase 2 of the study.

Your input is important. Please register for this teleconference.

My most important message to them: do not conduct a 'test' of any alternative until after school resumes in the fall at East Avenue Middle School and Livermore High School. Otherwise, the 'test' will not yield accurate results.

"Collect data in a way designed to test the hypothesis."

If the hypothesis is that traffic won't be affected by cutting lanes on East Avenue, then the conditions for the test must include routine traffic after the school year starts in the fall at these two schools, not during the summer when the test conditions don't reflect school-year reality. And ensure you have a well-publicized way for citizens to report their experiences, so the citizens can decide whether cutting the lanes is acceptable to them.

If it doesn't matter what the citizens want, then please be transparent and don't waste our time. And I'm anxious to hear how the needs of the bike riders can be met, while keeping two lanes open in both directions, and how the daily fire engines, ambulances, UPS, mail and Amazon trucks, and transit buses making stops every few blocks will travel through the Hybrid Alternative (two lanes in one direction, and only one lane in the opposite direction).

Beautiful Thing, Hindsight

Teresa Miller, Livermore

I was at the meeting of CC on May 24 for quite a while with my hand up. I never got called on.

Now Marchand is plastering NextDoor with comments and the one I find most reckless is this statement.

"Over one hundred members of the public came out and spoke at the meeting. The people who spoke in favor of the project outnumbered those who were against by almost two to one." Is this a true statement or not?"

Now I think "they" were suppressing comments.

Why exactly does Eden housing get this perfect piece of land in Our downtown? This land belongs to all of us, not just a select few.

The downtown has enough dense housing; stop it now before it's too late.

What will we regret 5, 10, 15 years from now? It has been said:

"Beautiful thing hindsight, and totally useless."

Deception!!

Valarie Daum, Livermore

How could our Mayor and City Council vote 5-0 to confirm Eden Housing plans? Why do they continue to state the majority of Livermore residents support them when it is not true per evidence of the hundreds of letters and speakers who continue to write and talk against Eden? These elected officials continue to betray us as they were elected on promises, compromise and "win-win". Instead, they seek power, control and their own interests. The resulting downtown will be an architectural nightmare compounded by a hellish parking problem. A recall should begin!

EDHP Will Ruin Charm of Downtown

Yolanda Meider, Livermore

How convenient it was that from the start of the City Council Meeting to discuss the Eden Downtown Housing Plan, person after person called to speak was in favor of the Eden Downtown Housing Plan. Finally, a person spoke against the plan. Again, the same cycle occurred. Livermore residents who opposed the EDHP must have been very discouraged. I know I was because it was obvious that the city council stacked the individuals to speak in favor of the EDHP. This process must have discouraged residents from continuing to wait for their turn, which could well have been the city council's strategy.

I am opposed to the Eden Downtown Housing Plan, but not affordable housing. This is not the plan that was promised to Livermore voters. The EDHP will ruin the charm of our downtown.

What happened to a win-win solution for Livermore?

Eden Housing Downtown Plan

Richard Ryon, Livermore

By the time you receive this submission, the City will have decided the issue of housing in downtown Livermore. In all likelihood, the Livermore City Council will once again have decided against the will of the people they are elected to represent, and approve the "bait-and-switch" plan put forth by Eden Housing and the City for downtown Livermore.

I listened to the public debate at the Zoom City Council meeting Monday evening. There was a rosy presentation by City staff and Eden Housing representatives. There were impassioned and eloquent presentations by those who favor aiding those in need of low-cost housing. There were equally eloquent presentations by those who favor the "win-win" plan to move the housing to adjacent land north of Railroad Avenue in order to provide more housing and preserve and enhance our unique downtown for the benefit of all who now, and will in the future, call Livermore home.

I do not know anybody who questions that we have a housing crisis in California. There is no such crisis in Nebraska! Who would not rather live in beautiful California? The crisis is partly due to the desirability of our state and region. It is also due to economic forces beyond the control and comprehension of most of us. While we might alleviate the problem to some degree in Livermore, we will not be solving it by our actions.

Everyone I know who opposes the City and Eden Housing plan in favor of alternatives understands that the plan is a good one, but in the wrong place. The City plan is fraught with legal problems associated with the approval. Instead of having this settled in court, why not do as asked by the group known as "Save Livermore Downtown" and negotiate a "win-win" solution to benefit everyone? Nobody loses by having both housing and a downtown we all can be proud of and that enhances life in Livermore!

Save Livermore Downtown Should Cease Activities

Bob Johnson, Jr., Livermore

It is time for Save Livermore Downtown to cease its activities.

Efforts to further stall or stop the Eden Project should not go forth. Now that the city council has voted, it is time to lower the temperature and let the project proceed.

I have been a Livermore resident since 1989. This is my first letter to the editor. I was compelled to write because of the ad that Save Livermore Downtown ran in the May 27 issue of The Independent.

The ad proclaims that "They voted against Livermore" and includes photos of the mayor and city council members. The ad is disingenuous and false. What bothered me most is the inclusion of the photos. Whether intended or not, the ad's message could be taken to say that these people did something bad and here is what they look like. Inclusion of the photos was not necessary to get your point across.

In today's highly charged environment, greater care should be taken when putting the images of public officials with statements that potentially could incite anger. Please no more ads like this and please just stop all that you are doing.

I also want to thank the mayor and council members for their courage to approve the Eden Project. I hope this is just the beginning, because many more projects are needed to truly address the need for affordable housing.

Time for Change

James Hutchins, Livermore

In July 2015, the City Council put out a Request For Proposal regarding the development of the Old Lucky Site. Many citizens voiced their desire that the open space be retained for public use, such as a large park, and not be used to build a large high-density housing complex. When the city unveiled their plans in mid-2016, people were up in arms because it was clear that the Council had not listened to the citizens.

In a September 2016 letter to the editor, former Councilmember John Stein wrote "developing a plan for the Old Lucky Site in downtown Livermore seems to have gone awry." He said, "The two recent public workshops seemed designed to persuade not inform the residents." He was not wrong, and many people complained. After an outcry, the City Council stopped and engaged an outside firm, PaceWorks, to perform a community outreach to determine what the residents of Livermore wanted for their downtown.

After spending $500,000, PaceWorks published a report, and the Council used the results to create a list of priorities for the downtown, with the top three being Parking, Community Character, and Open Space. The report also found citizens 'common themes' included:

· "Housing is not appropriate in the center of downtown"

· "Downtown Livermore should not have high density housing or become 'like Dublin'"

· "Buildings should be low-rise, no more than 2- to 3-stories"

· "Downtown Livermore needs a central green space"

Once again, the City Council has not listened to what the people said. They first approved the four-story 222-apartment Legacy complex on the old Groth site, and now the two large four-story low-income housing buildings on the old Lucky site, both in violation of what the citizens said, and their own published priorities.

Bob Woerner was vice-mayor in 2016 when things blew up, in 2018 when Legacy was approved, and in 2020 when Eden Housing first presented the major negative changes for their downtown project. And Woerner was mayor when the council approved the further modified

(See MAILBOX, page 5)

Effective immediately, The Independent has consolidated their phone lines, and 925-447-8700 is no longer in service. To reach the staff, call 925-243-8000. For more information, visit bit.ly/3uAROIU

THE Independent

INLAND VALLEY PUBLISHING CO.
PUBLISHER: Joan Kinney Seppala
EDITOR: Aly Brown

ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER: David T. Lowell *(In Memoriam)*
EDITOR: Janet Armantrout *(In Memoriam)*

THE INDEPENDENT (USPS 300) is published every Thursday by Inland Valley Publishing Company, 2250 First St., Livermore, CA 94550; (925)243-8000. Mailed at Periodical Postage Prices at the Livermore Post Office and additional entry office: Pleasanton, CA 94566-9998. THE INDEPENDENT is mailed upon request. For more information or to sign up visit www.independentnews.com. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Independent, 2250 First St., Livermore, CA 94550.

Advertising and subscription rates may be obtained by calling (925)243-8000 during regular business hours or by emailing info@independentnews.com.
Editorial information may be submitted by emailing editor@independentnews.com

www.independentnews.com

MAILBOX

(Continued from page 4)

Eden plan. Woener has repeatedly pushed the Legacy and Eden plans forward, despite the public complaints.

The City Council has for years shown they are not listening to the citizens and voters of Livermore. We need a new Council and Mayor, ones that works for the people, not for themselves.

Start Over with Specs
Theodore Schaefer, Livermore

The Eden project is way too tall. It should be no more than 3 stories. With 4 stories, the project will create a canyon on L Street. Teachers, fire, police, will not be able to live in these units, which is a primary goal of the whole project.

City council, start over with your own proper, legal specs, and then bid it out to developers to build.

Greetings Citizens
Ann Giannini, Livermore

Don't you wonder why the City Council voted against the sincere desires of us regarding the Eden Development? What is in it for them …? Perhaps, they betrayed the Citizens for personal gain. Wined and dined monetary contributions for personal use. The attention they got from developers and such will soon forget them. However, we won't! WE WILL REMEMBER AND VOTE ALL OF THEM OUT OF OFFICE IN THE FUTURE. THEIR REPUTATION IS RUINED!

Protect Downtown
Michael Ferrucci

My name is Michael Ferrucci. My wife Pam and I have lived at the corner of Fifth and South Livermore Avenue for over 40 years, and approximately only 5 blocks away from the proposed Eden housing project of 130 low income and very low-income housing units. First of all, let me say, my wife Pam and I are not opposed to having low income and very low-income housing in Livermore. We certainly need much more! We do however oppose them being concentrated in our downtown core in the proposed area just a stone's throw from Stockmen's Park and the other cultural amenities yet to be built that are planned to enhance our downtown. We sincerely ask that you seriously consider an alternative plan to develop such housing along and North of Railroad Ave. Truth is, it only takes 3 of you on this Council to make a decision that truly respects the wishes and needs of the citizens who put you there. Please do the right thing and listen to the majority of the residents who are pleading with you and not cave to the non-resident developers and investors that have no need to preserve and protect our Historic Downtown from what many believe to be an irreversible mistake.

Tesla Park Not for Off-road Recreation
Nancy Rodrigue, Livermore

Tesla Park in eastern Livermore is beautiful.

There are panoramic views of Mount Diablo, the Central Valley, and the Sierra mountains. It has abundant wildlife, including a variety of rare, threatened, and protected species and rare and beautiful native plants. It also shares a rich historical and cultural relationship with Livermore and the Bay Area.

Tesla is so rich and biologically diverse that, for decades, it was a nature study area for University of California professors. Some of California's earliest naturalists, including John Muir, recognized the conservation value of the area.

As caretakers of our land, we must be mindful to tread lightly on places such as this. We cannot deny that any kind of motorized recreation is environmentally destructive. Carnegie SVRA on Tesla Road is evidence of this. It is our community's responsibility to identify and treasure any unique natural sites and keep them off-limits to motorized recreation; Tesla Park is one such place.

Although the state should preserve Tesla Park on its own, the local community has stepped up to fill the void. Thank you to the Altamont Landfill Open Space Committee that will pay State Parks OHMVR Division $9 million to permanently preserve Tesla Park.

OHMVR can then use the money to buy another location that is appropriate for off-highway motor vehicle recreation.

Back to the Table
Dennis Elchesen, Livermore

As the five members of our Livermore City Council assumed their duties, they took a solemn oath to uphold the United States Constitution and all applicable laws and ordinances of the State of California and the City of Livermore. They also tacitly pledged to represent the citizens who elected them and to carry out their wishes to the fullest extent possible. It is in this latter capacity that our Livermore City Council members have been derelict, in my opinion.

A recent survey has shown that approximately 80 percent of Livermore residents strongly oppose the huge Eden Housing low-income housing project as proposed and recently approved by a majority of the Livermore Planning Commission and the entire Livermore City Council. I've lived in Livermore for 52 years and I truly love our fine city. I'm well acquainted with many of my fellow residents, neighbors, co-workers, and parishioners. Everyone I've talked with agrees that more affordable housing is needed in Livermore. However, they and I agree that constructing enormous four-story, high-density structures, occupying a full city block in the heart of downtown Livermore, is not the right approach.

There has been some scuttlebutt about a recall election aimed to replace our mayor and other city council members. While that action might be satisfying at some level, I do not support it because it wouldn't do any good. I would much rather see our elected officials, all interested parties, and our concerned citizens work together to find a better solution to our serious dilemma. No one said it would be easy. Other viable approaches have been proposed. They involve moving the entire Eden Housing development north of Railroad Avenue or breaking the overall project into smaller parcels throughout Livermore.

No one wants to spend a lot of money to appeal and litigate the Livermore City Council's recent decision or to hold a special election. I strongly encourage the Livermore City Council, the Livermore Planning Commission, the Save Livermore Downtown group, the Eden Housing representatives, and my fellow concerned citizens, to hit the pause button, take a deep breath, go back to the conference table, and work together to find a good solution that we can all support.

Shame on the City Council
J. Cote, Livermore

I'm not entirely sure of their motives, but the City Council has destroyed what was once

(See MAILBOX, page 6)

New Patient Special
$29*
thejoint.com
Pleasanton
(925) 494-7512
4211 Rosewood Dr.,
Pleasanton, CA 94588
Livermore
(925) 275-5774
2050 Portola Ave,
Livermore, CA 94551
San Ramon
(925) 261-7800
21001 San Ramon
Valley Blvd.
San Ramon, CA 94583
*Offer valued at $39. Valid for new patients only. See clinic for chiropractor(s)' name and license info. Clinics managed and/or owned by franchisee or Prof. Corps. Restrictions may apply to Medicare eligible patients. Individual results may vary. THE PATIENT AND ANY OTHER PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO PAY, CANCEL PAYMENT OR BE REIMBURSED FOR ANY OTHER SERVICE, EXAMINATION OR TREATMENT WHICH IS PERFORMED AS A RESULT OF AND WITHIN 72 HOURS OF RESPONDING TO THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE FREE, DISCOUNTED OR REDUCED FEE SERVICES, EXAMINATION OR TREATMENT. © 2021 The Joint Corp. All Rights Reserved.
THE JOINT chiropractic

Livermore residents speak out:

The City Council voted against Livermore



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.



Future Eden Housing building stretching along Veterans Way. Source: City of Livermore Planning Document.

"Not listening"

"I do not appreciate the apparent deception of what the City Council is doing on this project. They are not listening to the current residents. This plan is exactly the opposite of what we had asked for."

– *Susan K, Livermore Resident*

"It makes me wonder"

"Our City Council must remind themselves of how their agreements with the Eden Housing Plan must follow the Livermore Downtown Specific Plan and follow state regulations for preserving environmental quality. It makes me wonder whom the members of the Livermore City Council represent. It should be the citizens of Livermore!!!"

– *Pat W, Livermore Resident*

"Does our City Council care?"

"Does our City Council care what our downtown will look like or does Eden Housing care? The residents of this town definitely do."

– *Carole W, Livermore Resident*

"Public input has been ignored."

"The council has been less than frank about its proceedings and intentions. Public input has been ignored."

– *Susan M, Livermore Resident*

"Please do what is right"

"'A Downtown Alternative' describes in detail an option to how the beauty of downtown can be increased...I ask the City Council members to do what is best for the Livermore community by seriously considering this alternative or a similar alternative. Please do what is right for this generation, for many future generations of Livermore residents and visitors, and for downtown businesses."

– *Carol S, Livermore Resident*

Save Livermore Downtown!

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.

Paid For By Save Livermore Downtown

Sign the Petition At SaveLivermoreDowntown.com



Foothill High School seniors clap during the 2021 graduation. This year, ceremonies were permitted to take place with health guidelines in place and a reduced crowd size. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen) **[*See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia*]**



Students at Amador Valley High School gathered in caps, gowns and masks for the 2021 graduation ceremony. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen) **[*See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia*]**



Graduation ceremonies for Village High School, an alternative school operated by the Pleasanton Unified School District, will be broadcast by Tri-Valley Community Television through July on TV28 and streamed at www.tv28.org. Graduation ceremonies were held May 26. For the broadcast schedule, visit www.tv28.org. (Photo – PUSD)

CLIMATE

(Continued from first page)

require context and detailed knowledge to defend.

Not being a climate scientist, their complaint goes, he publishes his criticisms in news media like the Wall Street Journal that are sympathetic to industry and skeptical of climate research. (Koonin once worked as chief scientist for BP, the British oil and gas giant.)

In this way, critics say, his views reach and mislead a wide segment of the public without being based on scientifically sound information.

As controversy percolated early last week before Koonin's talk, LLNL defended itself with a written statement that, "Throughout its history the Lab has invited guest speakers whose opinions differ from those of the Lab and its workforce. It does not mean the Lab endorses those opinions."

Nevertheless, the invitation rankled many, including the Laboratory's best known climate scientist, Ben Santer, who was so offended that he announced his intention of leaving the Lab when his present commitment ends on September 30.

Santer has reported receiving verbal abuse and physical threats as a result of his research over three decades.

While he was unhappy that the Laboratory would give a speaking platform to a non-climate scientist, he was especially angered that Koonin was posturing as a truth-teller forcing climate scientists to try to match the output of their computer models against observations from the real world. These kinds of reality checks have always been an integral part of climate science and Koonin has nothing to do with them, he insists.

To Mike MacCracken, a retired former LLNL division leader who helped establish the Laboratory's atmospheric sciences program, it is understandable that Santer should be upset.

In a fast-changing field, Santer's research has repeatedly produced results that proved correct over the long run, while the objections of his scientific critics have been found flawed.

In the public spotlight, because his research findings have pointed to the need to reduce dependence on fossil fuels, MacCracken wrote in an email, Santer has had to "endure unfairly harsh and intrusive scrutiny of his research."

Now, for a "non-climate expert and critic such as Koonin, who has simply not done his homework, to be given the podium at LLNL is akin to the situation in Arizona where a non-expert entity has been brought in to do a recount of the votes….

"It is thus not surprising that Ben has taken a strong stand in reaction to Koonin coming to argue that climate change is not really a serious issue."

Joyce Penner, a climate scientist who worked at LLNL from 1977 until 1996 and is now a distinguished university professor of atmospheric sciences at the University of Michigan, said in an interview that she believes it was "not in best interest of science to give somebody that kind of platform who's really not an expert, who doesn't publish (scientific articles) in the area."

Penner's professional focus has been the interaction of the sun's energy with aerosols, which are suspensions of fine particles or droplets in the air. Aerosols tend to reflect sunlight and cool the atmosphere, masking whatever warming is taking place from other causes, like the accumulation of greenhouse gases.

She said that until about 20 years ago, she wondered whether climate change would turn out to be real. Around 2001, she said, she saw a graph depicting atmospheric temperatures declining slowly over the past thousand years until about a century ago, when they began a steep rise that continues today.

"Since then, the evidence has gotten stronger and stronger and stronger," she said. "There are still uncertainties, like in my own area, how much do aerosols cool, but… observations of sea ice, sea ice depletion in the fall, warming in ocean near surface and at depth, declining snow and ice cover -- just a plethora of different aspects…make it clear that something is happening. The only explanation really is anthropogenic emission of greenhouse gasses."

Another prominent climate scientist with an early career at LLNL is Donald Wuebbles, now a distinguished professor of atmospheric sciences at the University of Illinois and a major contributor to international climate assessments.

Wuebbles worked at LLNL from the early 1970s through 1994, carrying out research and, like Penner, helping to make a name for the Laboratory's climate research program as it narrowed the wide uncertainties that existed in climate science decades ago.

"It's important to realize that (today's understanding of) climate change is built on a strong foundation of science," Wuebbles said in an interview. "It is not a house of cards, as Koonin likes to imply.

"The fact that his misinformation can confuse people has me really worried. It is time for us to get on to doing something about it, not debating whether it exists or not.

"Science is never fully settled, we all know that, but this is settled enough that we need to be getting to policies that make a difference for the world to slow this thing down and eliminate it."

MAILBOX

(Continued from page 5)

a quaint small town and turned it into an ugly, disgusting eyesore. They have totally ignored the wishes of its citizens time and time again, and it has truly become the dumping ground for low-income housing for the whole valley.

I wonder, how many of the council's members will actually live in one of these apartments? You have not served this community well, as you professed in your campaign rhetoric. You've destroyed it; shame on you.

Broken Campaign Promises

Tom Ramos, Livermore

I want to express my grave disappointment that the city council approved a plan to place a housing complex into what should be our vibrant, commercial downtown. Practically any alternative site in the city would be preferable, and the council seems to be unable to plan for one. The broken campaign promises are unethical, really despicable. Shame.

It's Not Too Late

Arthur Krakowsky, Livermore

My name is Arthur Krakowsky. I have lived and worked in Livermore for 54 years. I have worked hard to improve my town by volunteering in various organizations, like the Pedrozzi Foundation. I have also managed a group of retired scientists and engineers that volunteer to teach science in Livermore elementary schools.

I would be very disappointed if the vision I had for Livermore as a wonderful city was destroyed by placing an ugly building in a space that could be used to improve the character and beauty of my town.

I am very offended at the amount of time, energy, and talent spent on presenting a beautifully crafted sales pitch at the city council meeting.

There was no discussion about any study that addressed the possibility of moving the housing to an alternate location.

I am disappointed in the mayor's turn-around on the possibility of an alternate location.

It's not too late. Please rec4 onsider.

Mercier Will Be Missed

Lee Younker, Livermore

Friends of Livermore thanks Laura Mercier for her work with the Tri Valley Conservancy (TVC) to preserve the open space and agriculture in the Tri-Valley, particularly in the South Livermore Valley.

We appreciate her professionalism, integrity, and dedication.

The public has benefited from her leadership of TVC with its programs for the preservation and monitoring of the permanent easements on agriculture and wildlife lands; nature education for fourth graders; Livermore Uncorked to promote Livermore wines; construction of the Edward R. Campbell Bridge to connect the Sycamore Grove Park to the Arroyo Del Valle Regional Trail; and events such as "Jeans and Jewels" to unite and inform the community of the important work of TVC.

She will be very missed. She has bettered our region for decades to come.

Dublin-esque??

Vic Avila, Livermore

Dublin is not Livermore, and thankfully Livermore is not Dublin CA.....it's fortunately more like Dublin Ireland....spacious, has some country around it that's visible.... valuable vistas that are not INTERRUPTED by 4-story buildings.... buildings of historical interest, architecture, and history. Livermore CA has a small-town feel.... something that is priceless.... once it's gone, you can't get it back! The decision by city council in regard to Eden Housing will have impacts for the next 100 years, and more. City council is responsible to do what's right for Livermore today, and for the future. Get it right.....move the housing across Railroad Avenue....and your children, grandchildren will benefit for generations.

Mayor Misses the Mark

Susan Putnam, Livermore

In passing the Eden Housing Plan, Mayor Woerner and the City Council have silenced the voices of Livermore residents, who by a 4-to-1 majority, oppose the plan. From early input meetings on this project, Livermore residents expressed a desire for more open space to keep our downtown vibrant, attractive and accessible. The Mayor and City Council have refused to explore viable alternatives that meet the needs of all Livermore residents and that will build the future economy of Downtown. The massive, adjacent apartments now in progress, combined with the planned 4-story Eden buildings, will create a closed environment and take away forever the opportunity to have a beautiful downtown, attract residents and visitors to our restaurants and shops, while also addressing the need for affordable housing. The future of Livermore is dependent on an economically viable and vibrant Downtown. Mayor Woerner's leadership misses the mark.

Reps Vote for Less Parking, More People

Richard Andrews, Livermore

It is with total disgust I am writing you about the City Council's vote in favor of the Eden Housing developer's plan to ignore the approved plan and put their own plan in its stead. We have major parking issues downtown. And that area in particular is overwhelmed with congestion as it is.

So "our" representatives vote for less parking and more people. They vote for more congestion, worse parking, and ignore a petition FROM THEIR CONSTITUENTS! And the scheme will also decrease open space as another proposed plan would have provided. Mr. Mayor, you have failed us yet again. I wonder if it is about power instead of about Livermore.

Frankly their actions guarantee I will do all in my power to see that none of these people gets re-elected. And I do wonder at their motivation for rejecting the people in favor of a developer who chose to not follow what was approved.

AB1512 Preservation or Prejudice?

Estelle Miller, Livermore

In the Appropriations Committee for AB1512, the Alameda Landfill Open Space Committee (ALOSC) "expressed interest" in funding this legislation.

The ALOSC identifies high priority properties for preservation and, properties with nonmotorized recreation. It is interesting that at their July 24, 2020, meeting, Shawn Wilson explained why the N3 property was not on the high priority list.

He said, "Now that the property is available, the committee can have a discussion about it."

So once a property goes on sale, the committee can talk about it? I hate to tell the committee this, but the Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area is not on the market. There is no for-sale sign there. So why is ALOSC part of the legislation to confiscate it? The answer may lie in the approved minutes of its November 20, 2020, meeting.

The committee was asked by a caller "if the goal of this committee for Carnegie is based on a prejudicial position to eliminate motorized use at Carnegie."

There was complete silence as the answer. Why couldn't they say yes or no? You know the answer.

The crux of the matter is not preserving the property. Carnegie SVRA is complying and going beyond the state requirements for preservation and conservation. The most important part of this bill is the change from motorized to nonmotorized recreation.

The ALOSC in comments made by Dick Schneider says the Tesla property "does not have to be for a purchase, but for a redesignation of Tesla for nonmotorized recreation."

The ALOSC is trying to politically maneuver for taking over the property. The ALOSC should not be acting as a political action group to take the Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area by legislation. They act as if they are not supporting this bill, but the promise to the Appropriations Committee of $9 million to fund this bill would indicate otherwise.

These bills are being voted on this week. Oppose this legislation by contacting the bills' authors through their websites: AB1512 Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan or SB799 Senator Steven Glazer.

If You Do Something, Do It Right

Rick Nordyke, Livermore

For me, last Mondays council meeting featuring calls from "concerned citizens" was a microcosm of the whole process this downtown issue has been going through since its inception years ago. Second call from John Marchand, fourth call from his wife, soon after Chamber of Commerce, and various other City people. Business owners from around town, tradespeople- electricians, painters, carpenters, iron workers, etc., then many others all weighing in that Livermore needs this low-cost housing.

NO ONE is saying Livermore doesn't need it, just not on Veterans Way, but all the way, wait for it - across the street!

Normally, with a project of this size and scope, a City Council would have released detailed information with the pros and cons associated with said project in the interim, the why's and why nots for locations up for consideration: there are only two! Especially in light of the fact that there is such a large portion of concerned citizens expressing their preference for a Railroad Ave. location.

Instead, discussion by Council on the details were glossed over and the council TOLD us that the Eden plan was the best. It wasn't until about 2 weeks ago a detailed explanation was released by Marc Palajac. Why didn't the Council put THIS out a long time ago? For quite a while now these details have been the proverbial elephant in the room with Bob Woerner and the Livermore City Council sitting right on top. What were they afraid of?

Regardless, I'm convinced like so many others, the housing belongs on Railroad and a full "green" park should be planned for Veterans Way. I've always believed that if you are going to do something, do it right. 20 to 30 years from now, nobody will complain that it took an extra two years, if that, to complete, and those same painters, carpenters, electricians, and iron workers can still go to work downtown.

In Support of Council's Approval of Eden Housing

Laning Thompson, Livermore

I'm the president of Interfaith Housing, a nonprofit, volunteer-run organization that has provided apartments in Livermore for low-income seniors since 1971.

I strongly support the council's approval of the Eden Housing project, and I would like to respond to frequently cited objections to it in previous letters to the editor. I'm paraphrasing multiple opposing comments in italics, with my responses beneath:

The city could easily move the Eden project across Railroad Avenue or elsewhere.

Purchasing all the parcels in Save Livermore Downtown's plan would be expensive and time-consuming (the funding is iffy; not all owners are willing to sell), whereas the city purchased the "Lucky" site years ago with affordable-housing funds. The city doesn't own any equivalent properties, except one on Pacific Avenue that's already promised to Interfaith Housing.

The Eden project doesn't have enough parking; it will cause terrible traffic downtown.

Housing experts note that low-income tenants may not be able to afford as many cars as higher-income people, so they need fewer parking spaces.

We should replace the housing with a large "destination" park, which would attract patrons for local businesses.

If you actually succeeded in creating a unique park, wouldn't all those visitors exacerbate any traffic and parking problems?

The four-story buildings on both sides of L Street will create a canyon, and forever destroy Livermore's small-town character.

The Eden buildings will have varied heights, with open spaces at Veteran's Park and Veteran's Way. The market-rate Legacy rentals across L Street won't have blank concrete walls. A few four-story buildings won't result in the "Dublinification" of Livermore, however, we're a city of 91,000 now, not a small town.

In a recent survey of 300 residents, the majority supported moving the housing across Railroad Avenue.

Among the 219 respondents who ultimately supported the move, how many currently suffered from inadequate housing?

"Countless" letters in The Independent show that most Livermore residents oppose the Eden Housing plan.

There are many Livermore residents who may not read the Indy, and don't have the time and inclination to write letters. We just don't see their opinions.

The Eden project now excludes our teachers, firefighters, and police officers.

Depending on family size, some of those folks will still be able to qualify for the project, but we do need more apartments for households with moderate incomes. SLD, why don't you raise money to buy land and build them across Railroad Avenue?

Uncorked Crowns Occasio Malvasia Bianca "Best of Show"

By Laura Ness

The Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC) recently crowned its Best of Show winners at the annual Uncorked wine competition.

TVC Executive Director Laura Mercier kicked off the evening held outdoors at the Palm Event Center. Uncorked Coordinator Georgie Saucedo introduced each winner, giving them a chance to speak.

First up was winemaker Dave Hendrickson of Occasio, who won both Best Other White with his 2020 Malvasia Bianca and Best Chardonnay over $35. Hendrickson also received congratulations from Supervisor David Haubert for winning Best of Show for the Malvasia. Hendrickson admitted to being smitten by this grape and that this vintage was beyond doubt the best he'd ever made.

"I'm hoping this win will help spread the word about this grape since people are so often reluctant to drink wine that they are unfamiliar with," he said. "What is really fun about Malvasia is how you can play around with it to coax out its abundant aromas in different ways."

He's distilled it as an eau de vie for Sidewinder since starting at Occasio in 2015, and an MB-based Angelica is in the works, as is a Methode Champenoise sparkling. The wine scored 96 points, Double Gold, Best Dry White, Best White and Best of Show.

Rhonda Wood and her son, Harrison, got two chances to speak, with Rhonda sharing the story behind "The Pink Pearl" Best of Class rosé, a tribute to her girlfriends who'd get together for drinks at a bar of the same name. Harrison introduced the 2018 Wood Family "The Captain," the Best of Class Bordeaux Blend, which is named after his mom, who once piloted aircraft for a living.

Page Mill winemaker and owner Dane Stark was awarded Best Merlot for his 2018.

"I don't think my Merlot is necessarily the Best Merlot," he said. "There are so many great Merlots in Livermore. I am in awe of my peers and thank them and the judges for this honor. The best wine depends on the occasion. If I'm having a ribeye steak, I want Mark Clarin's McGrail Merlot. If I'm having duck confit, I want mine!"

He expressed gratitude for the opportunity to live and work in the wine community of Livermore, which sustains so many families and businesses.

Steven Mirassou, awarded Best of Class for his 2018 L'Autre Cote Cabernet Franc, directed everyone's attention to the hills outside, just beginning to twinkle in the evening light.

"The Livermore AVA has such a long rich history of making great wine," Mirassou said. "We're really just getting started. Cabernet Franc could be our future. I think our best days are just ahead."

Griffin Beemiller of Nella Terra seemed stunned to learn that his 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon from Smith Ranch, made by Collin Cranor (Nottingham Cellars) and aged in 40% new French oak, had been named Best Red of Show. This wine had some stiff competition in the running for Best Red, but it prevailed. Two of the professional judges in the final round declared it "very Napa-like in structure and tannins."

Could brawn over beauty enable the Cab to prevail over the Best Rosé or Best White, though? Not this time. The Occasio Malvasia Bianca took Best of Show, for its purity of expression and all around charm: definitely a "Miss America" wine in the classic sense of beauty, style, poise and grace.

SOLAR

(Continued from first page)

rooftop solar toward (renewable energy goals), and that's leading to, and intended to lead to, all of these solar farms – Aramis and things like that – being built," Adams said during an interview with The Independent following the meeting. "Most houses can produce 100% of their energy, meaning their annual kilowatt hours, with rooftop (solar). I'm not telling you Salesforce Tower can, because it cannot. But rooftop solar should be first, and solar farms should be subsidizing what can't be produced with rooftop solar or other technologies. Rooftop solar is kind of a slam dunk. It doesn't destroy more of the environment."

Entrenched energy interests are driving efforts at eliminating distributed generation, according to Adams. He stated that energy providers have created a false narrative by arguing that rooftop solar is only available to economically advantaged ratepayers.

"They're making it a binary decision," said Adams.

He offered a solution: providers could apply a higher rate to those who consume more energy; this charge would help to subsidize energy bills for low-income individuals.

"Those who use more would pay more to make sure that low-income (families have) a baseline," he continued. "It doesn't have to be a choice between the environment and low income ... Some people use 6,000 kilowatt hours (kWh) per year. Some people use 20,000 kWh per year. High-end users can afford to subsidize low-income users ... Surely a kilowatt hour produced without destroying our remaining wilderness and farmland is of greater value than a solar farm (produced) kilowatt hour that does destroy these irreplaceable items."

When drafting the solar policy, AAC Chair Chuck Moore said the objective will be to determine how to meet the renewable energy goals set by the state.

"The goal of the committee has been to take a look at mapping and identify some of the less productive lands," Moore explained. "We want to get some policies in place so that when developers of solar power plants come into our area and they want to put a solar field in, that we've identified that, and we don't get behind the curve like we are now with this Aramis project. I believe that if we would've had our policy done some time ago, things may look a little bit different."

Dick Schneider, AAC Solar Policy Subcommittee member, said his group is working on the policy because utility-scale facilities would be sited on agricultural lands and would "therefore have an impact of agriculture."

"Those power plants will also have impacts on protected species, views, etc.," he said. "But it's their potential impact on agriculture that puts the issue before the Agricultural Advisory Committee."

Alameda County first attempted to create a solar policy after several solar projects were approved on an ad-hoc basis in the early 2000s, Schneider explained.

"By the end of that decade, it was pretty clear that the county needed to have a solar policy to guide decisions," he added.

Soon after, solar projects dried up, and the effort to create a policy languished until the next wave of projects surfaced in 2018. In October 2020, David Haubert, while still a candidate for the Alameda County District 1 Board of Supervisors' seat, agreed to a statement supporting the creation of a countywide solar policy before proceeding with approval of a project like Aramis. He later approved Aramis in March 2021 before a policy had been implemented.

The solar policy subcommittee will now attempt to strike a balance between rooftop solar — distributed generation — and utility-scale solar generating power stations. The recommended policy will identify tracts of land suited to the construction of large-scale solar farms.

"The top policies are to use less energy and to put (solar) in the built environment," Schneider explained. "Almost all the rest of the policies are what you do with generating renewable energy on open lands."

The AAC expects to deliver a set of recommendations for a solar policy to the Board of Supervisors Transportation and Planning Committee in July. That committee, after making any changes it sees fit, will make the policy available for public input. From there, the policy will advance to the full board of supervisors for their consideration. Their input will be integrated, and an environmental impact report will be ordered.

"This whole thing is probably going to take a year to wrap up," said Schneider.

HOLOCAUST

(Continued from first page)

of EBHEC's project and the significance it brings to today's society.

"I feel like it's so valuable," she said of the theme. "It's difficult enough for my generation — and my father fought in World War II — let alone this next generation to see this huge significance and relate it to history. A couple of pieces related it to modern day issues . . . I thought everyone had very thoughtful interpretations."

Amber Belk, a freshman at Livermore High School, was awarded first place for her prose poetry piece, "Family Legacy." The piece recalls a story from her family history of escape from Nazi Germany.

"I am honored that my great-aunt passed down this amazing, true family history about her great-uncle's escape and unexpected reunion with his young daughter while fleeing Nazi Germany," 15-year-old Amber said. "I tried to connect the lessons from the past with my hopes for the future."

The EBHEC was founded in January of this year by Resnick and Larry Lagin, who is Jewish. Lagin had created an exhibit of 20 paintings based on photographs from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. He began offering the exhibit to area high schools as part of their 10th-grade world history curriculum. The exhibit received positive responses and had a full calendar when the pandemic brought its progress to a halt. Now, the exhibit is available on EBHEC's website for viewing, along with educational information.

"I'm Jewish, and the Holocaust is part of my history," Lagin said. "The exhibit started out when I created this series, because I came upon the Holocaust Memorial in San Francisco and got really interested in sculpting and painting, and I decided to go on and create this series."

EBHEC's mission is to create a center for Holocaust education for people of all faiths in the East Bay and to honor the victims of the Holocaust. The organization is sponsoring a dozen programs and events this year — a majority of them free and geared to high school students and teachers. Resnick said the timing of these events is important, because there are not many survivors left to share their stories.

"The fact is the generation of the Holocaust survivors is dwindling," said Resnick. "We are in a unique time period where these are the last few years, we will be able to have firsthand accounts. In five years, we may not be able to. This is a window of opportunity right now to bring survivors to the community and offer a firsthand account. The kids who see this are going to grow up and say, 'I saw someone from the Holocaust.' What we are doing now has an impact on the generations to come."

For more information on EBHEC, call 925-400-9830, email info@ebhec.org, or visit www.ebhec.org/.

SINGER

(Continued from first page)

as it is exciting. Croce's father, Jim Croce, was the creator of multiple Billboard hits, including "Bad, Bad Leroy Brown," "Operator," "You Don't Mess Around with Jim," and "Time in a Bottle." Croce will cover these and other classics, along with some of his own creations. During his 30-year career, Croce has written, recorded and performed all over the country, touring with Willie Nelson, Lenny Kravitz and Earth, Wind and Fire.

"At first it was strange, because there were limitations on how many people could be there, and it was very surreal. It was strange to be in a 1,000-seat venue and only have 200 people there. But just being able to play live again is just a thrill. It's what I do."

Growing up in the shadow of his father's posthumous fame, Croce said he was inspired by many of the same influences, from classic 1960s soul and Ray Charles to R&B hits.

"I've played all kinds of music, written all kinds of genres, so I don't fit into a box too easily," he said when describing his musical style.

Croce was 2 years old when his father died in a plane crash, and 4 when he lost his sight. Motivated by stories of Ray Charles and Stevie Wonder, Croce learned to play the piano and was only 16 when he landed his first paying job to open for blues artist Floyd Dixon. From there, he began making connections and started touring.

Croce now has his own hits to play, owns two record labels and spends time performing on the road.

"I've had all different kinds of roles in this business over the years," he said. "First and foremost, as an artist and also as a music publisher ... I play different roles to make a living as a musician, and I am grateful for all of it and it's all been wonderful."

Croce said he used his time during the past year to write and practice his music. He appreciated the break in his routine but looks forward to stepping onto a stage once more.

"I think it feels great just to be performing again," he said. "It's been a long time for me. I've had three or four shows in front of an audience in the past couple months. At first it was strange, because there were limitations on how many people could be there, and it was very surreal. It was strange to be in a 1,000-seat venue and only have 200 people there. But just being able to play live again is just a thrill. It's what I do."

A. J. Croce will perform "Croce Plays Croce" on Friday, July 9, at 8 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., in Livermore. For more information, call 925-373-6800 or visit livermorearts.org.

For more information on A. J. Croce, visit ajcrocemusic.com or facebook.com/ajcrocemusic.

Reed Plumbing Company
Livermore, CA
(925) 371-5671
davidreed@dareedplumbing.com
LIC #601931

MILLER'S AIR CONDITIONING and HEATING
925-447-3000
www.millersacandheating.com
SERVING TRIVALLEY SINCE 1960
License #253756

$39 EXAM, X-RAY & CLEANING!
-ASK FOR DETAILS-
SMILES by Design
(925) 443-4182
RICHARD D. HOWES, D.D.S.
www.smilesbydesigninlivermore.com

TIRED OF NO BURN DAYS?
BurnGreen™
MENDOTA®
WE SELL AND INSTALL FIREPLACE INSERTS*, AND FIREPLACES.
SAVE UP TO $400.00 ON SELECT UNITS.
*Gas, Wood and Pellet
JERRY'S FIREPLACES
Locally owned by Livermore resident, happily servicing the Tri-Valley since 1982
23585 CONNECTICUT ST # 15, HAYWARD
510.471.5601 www.jerrysfireplaces.com



Your local news source is delivered free to readers in the Tri-Valley.
We are asking readers, who are able, to make a voluntary contribution of $10 a month, or $100 a year.
You can sign up online at www.independentnews.com/contribute/ or mail a check to 2250 First St., Livermore, CA 94550
THE Independent
independentnews.com | 925.243.8000 Follow us on

Granada High Baseball Stars Share History and Bond That Have Spanned Years

By Matt Schwab

Granada High senior baseball stars Logan Mock and Alex Zambrano have a bond that goes back a ways.

Years before the dynamic duo was wowing Matadors fans with clutch hitting and inspired play this spring, they were tearing it up in Tracy Babe Ruth and Tracy Little League.

"I've known Logan since, like, second grade," said Zambrano, a Granada third baseman who inspired his teammates during a comeback season. "I always knew him, but I never got to play with him until high school, and we were just good teammates."

Both Mock and Zambrano were devastating in the clutch in their high school swan songs.

Mock, also a rock at catcher, was selected as Granada's MVP after batting .417 with 15 RBIs, seven doubles and a home run.

Zambrano, who batted .410 with six doubles, eight RBIs and a home run, won the Matador award, which goes to the player who represents the program to its fullest.

"They both did awesome," said Granada coach Corrigan Willis, whose team finished 10-8-1 overall, 4-3-1 against East Bay Athletic League competition. "Logan, he's the guy you want up any time the game's on the line. You know he's gonna come through. Alex, the ball was like a beach ball to him for like six weeks. He was hitting everything hard. I mean the guy weighs probably 150 pounds, but he was hitting the ball with authority."

Mock was recently selected as first-team All EBAL, and Zambrano made second-team all-league.

Adding to his success story, Zambrano worked his way back onto the field after having surgery for a torn labrum on his throwing arm. Thus, Willis calls him the team's "unsung, unanticipated hero."

"I didn't know if I was going to be able to play or not," Zambrano said of his rehabilitation process. "Coach let me play third and then toward the middle of the season, he started letting me hit, and I just did really good from then until the end of the season."

As for the two players' hometown connection, Willis said he had no idea before this year that Mock and Zambrano have known each other since they were 7 years old as Tracy natives. Now the two Matadors are ready to move on to different community colleges. Mock is headed to Delta College in Stockton, and Zambrano is weighing his options.

Mock described being picked as team MVP as "awesome. I wasn't really expecting it after the year Alex had, but I was very honored to take that."

Zambrano tips his cap to Mock.

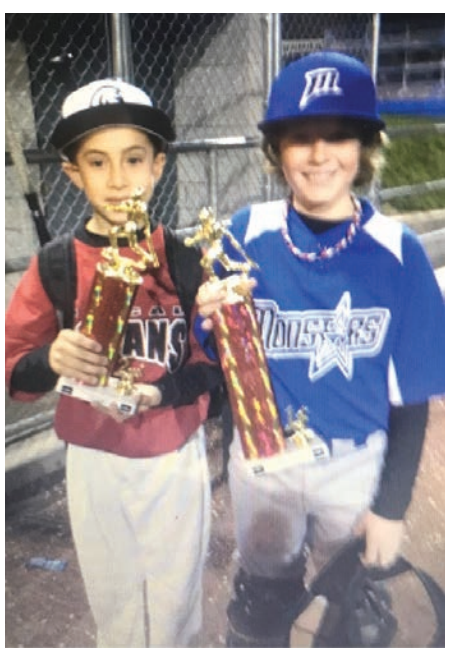
"I think we both had really good seasons, but he definitely deserved it," Zambrano said. "He was the catcher all year; he's been catcher for three years on varsity, so he definitely deserved it."

With a revamped team, the Matadors earned a bunch of quality wins this season, including beating highly ranked De La Salle 6-5 in extra innings, sweeping both San Ramon Valley and Monte Vista, and splitting games with California.

Granada capped off the season with a 3-3 tie against rival Livermore, in a heated contest.

"We had a good year," Willis said. "We lost 17 seniors last year, and I was unsure how we would perform this year. I felt like we could beat anybody, but there were days when we didn't play so well. We lost some games that we shouldn't have."

Mock said the team "started off really well. We didn't really know how good we were gonna be without much returning varsity talent after the heavy senior class of last year, but we actually turned a lot of heads. It was a good year all around — good for the program and good for the guys as well."





Then and now, from left, Alex Zambrano and Logan Mock have grown up playing baseball together. Both will go on to play ball in college. (Photo - Rebecca Mock)



On April 27, Gable Heart Beats teamed up with the City of Pleasanton and Pleasanton RAGE Girls Soccer Club to place an automated external defibrillator (AED) at Val Vista soccer fields and another for Pleasanton Rage to have at Ken Mercer Sports Park. The Gable Heart Beats Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to save lives by early detection of heart issues through heart screenings and by placing defibrillators in places where kids are present. The organization sends a thank-you Mayor Karla Brown, Pleasanton Rage, and Erin Sharpe for accepting the AEDs. Together, they are making soccer fields a safer place to play. (Photo courtesy of Gable Heart Beats Foundation)

Local Athletes Receive National Football Foundation Scholarships

Anthony Molleson, a senior at Granada High School, and Kaleb Branscomb, a Pleasanton resident who attends Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland, have received $1,000 scholarships from the Northern California County Chapter of the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame.

The annual scholarships are based on academic achievement, athletic accomplishments and leadership and citizenship in the school and community.

Milleson, who was captain of the Granada football team this year, has a 3.9 grade-point average. He plans to attend California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo in the fall.

Branscomb, named a first-team linebacker this year by the Bay Area News Group, has a 3.56 GPA. He plans to attend San Jose State University.

Registration Open for Dublin Summer Basketball

Dublin is now accepting registration for the city's summer Lightning Youth Basketball League, which is open to boys and girls from kindergarten through eighth grade.

There will be a skills evaluation the week of June 21, with practices starting the week of July 12. The first games will be played Saturday, July 24, at the Stager Community Gymnasium, 6901 York Drive.

The registration fee for Dublin residents is $208; the non-resident fee is $250. To register online, go to https://apm.activecommunities.com/dublinrecguide.

Amador Valley Water Polo Perfect in League Play

The Amador Valley High School girls water polo team wrapped up its season in convincing style last week with a 15-1 win over the Foothill Falcons.

Led by co-captains Sophie Keegan and Lauren Reilly, the Matadors finished with a perfect 6-0 record in East Bay Athletic League (EBAL) competition and 12-3 overall. With Erin Brown at goalie, they outscored their competition 96-4.

"I'm so proud of the girls and what they accomplished," said Coach Tim Reilly. "Training for a season that may never happen took true discipline. As a coach it was very special to watch the girls support each other throughout the school year. Mental and physical health during the pandemic is so important and these girls were there for one another."

Lauren Reilly was named to the EBAL first team. Brown was named to the second team, while Evelyn McLaughlin was an honorable mention.



The Amador girls' water polo team ended its season with a win over Foothill, 15-1. (Photo - Katy Reilly)

Dublin Teams Get Imaginative

Recently, 14 kindergarten through high school teams from Dublin competed in the Destination Imagination program, on both regional and state levels. Of the teams, nine placed in the top three of their categories and earned the right to present at the Virtual Global Finals event in June. Teams included Gigantic Teddy Bears (DHS), Narwhal Noobs (DSH), Lightbulbs (FMS), Living Organisms (FMS), The Dinamites (FMS), BOB The Destroyers! (FMS), Polaris (JDS), Puppy Power (AES), Awesome Kids (MES), The Pink Cracker Flamingos (MES), Rainbow Crayons (MES), You're Muted (MES), Imagination Cheetahs (MES), Super 1st Grade Cougars (MES), and Team Rainbow (FES). Congratulations to all who competed and to all the teachers and parents who supported them.

Tri-Valley Haven Sets Run/Walk for Oct. 2

Tri-Valley Haven will host its annual fundraising Pace for Peace 5K/10K run/walk through scenic Livermore Wine Country on Saturday, Oct. 2. Tri-Valley Haven provides services, including temporary shelter, to children and adults who have been affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, or homelessness.

The run/walk, with age-group awards, will start at 8 a.m. from the nonprofit's community building at 3663 Pacific Ave. in Livermore. To register, go to www.trivalleyhaven.org.

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.

Thursday, June 3
Free Webinar: Gardening for the Good Bugs

Encouraging beneficial insects is one of the best ways to effectively reduce the number of pests in your garden. In this session from 5 to 6 p.m., you will learn about the most important beneficial insects in the garden and how to attract them. Offered as part of a series in association with Our Water Our World (www.ourwaterourworld.org) and presented by Suzanne Bontempo and Charlotte Canner, both certified Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Advocates. Follow @CleanWaterProgram to learn about upcoming webinars. Space is limited, so register now at https://bit.ly/3hOsVGN.

Sunday, June 6
Paint Livermore - Call for Artists

Livermoreartassociation.org The Livermore Art Association is calling for artists to the event on June 4 to 6. This is a free, judged event. Artists will gather at the Carnegie Park Bandstand for judging and art sales on Sunday, June 6, at 3 p.m. Visit livermoreartassociation.org for more details or email dp.rodriguez@icloud.com.

Monday, June 7
Community Education Course-- Grammar 101—Online

Do you need help constructing sentences with proper grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure? Whether you are a current college or high school student, a returning student, an English language learner, or just want to brush up on your grammar skills for school, work, or fun, this class is for you. No matter your age or background, you will learn how to write more efficiently and effectively. These are open access courses and online, and there are multiple sessions available. The cost is $49, and the course starts at 10 a.m. For more information, visit https://bit.ly/2TahMpv. .

Monday, June 7
Computer Science for Innovators and Makers

This class will allow students to discover computer science concepts and skills by creating personally relevant, tangible, and shareable projects. Throughout the class, students will learn about programming for the physical world by blending hardware design and software development. Students will need access to a computer and may use a desktop, laptop, or Chromebook (either windows or mac) to complete the assignments. While iPads and tablets will likely work, they are not recommended.

Schedule is June 7 to June 25, every Monday through Friday, from 9 to 11 a.m. Price is $299. For more information, call Dublin Partners in Education at 925-587-5613. For tickets, visit https://bit.ly/3c3kRhW.

Saturday, June 12 and Sunday, June 13
East Bay Open Studios

Recent and vintage paintings, sketches, drawings, block-prints, and etchings will be featured by East Bay Open Studios in Livermore, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event is free and handicap accessible. Refreshments will be available, and organizers will be following state and county pandemic guidelines. For more information, visit https://bit.ly/3vtGgbP.

Saturday, June 12 and Sunday, June 13
East Bay Open Studios

Recent and vintage paintings, sketches, drawings, block-prints, and etchings will be featured by East Bay Open Studios in Livermore, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event is free and handicap accessible. Refreshments will be available, and organizers will be following state and county pandemic guidelines. For more information, visit https://bit.ly/3vtGgbP.

Sunday, June 13
LARPD Movies in the Park - "Sandlot"

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District will be hosting Movies in the Park this summer at the Robert Livermore Community Center Baseball Fields. Concessions will be available throughout the evening for purchase. Participants can arrive to the park at 7 p.m., and the movie will start around 8:30 p.m. Preregistration is required for all participants attending the event. To ensure the health and safety of our community, all guests 2 years and older are asked to wear a mask except while eating and drinking, and families are asked social distance themselves from others. If you or a family member are experiencing COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 on the day of the event, organizers ask that you do not attend. For more information, call 925-272-5700.

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.

Sunflower Hill Online Activities

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

Enter events online at www.independentnews.com/calendar or email calendar@independentnews.com for print.

STORE

(Continued from first page)

reaction. He noted that there is no firm deadline to vacate the building and anticipated the closure to take a few months. There will be significant discounts on all merchandise in addition to contest prizes no purchase necessary.

When it comes to the iconic stationary equine figure out front, Rory reported that Gus will continue to live on at the Museum on Main next door.

"Literally hundreds of people offered to buy the horse to keep him in Pleasanton," he said. Probably 700 or 800 people have mentioned, 'You know, I bought my first pair of boots here when I was X number of years old,' or 'I bought my kids' boots here' … Everybody has their story."

When it came to the reason behind the closure, Rory said three factors had a hand.

"For years, Pleasanton's planners have wanted a downtown with a dining destination. And that's pretty much what they have now; there's very little retail left down here, so that's number one," he said. "Number two, Pleasanton has become, over the years, more urban. There's very little equestrian activity. The racetrack is lumped into that. There used to be 300 or 400 horses or more boarded at the racetrack year-round. That's not in the equation like it used to be, so all of the horse products that we carried have suffered. Then the third and final piece of the puzzle is, of course, COVID. That sort of pushed us over the edge."

The family continues to operate its Livermore store, Baughman's Western Outfitters, which Rory said also sees support from surrounding equine-centric communities, such as Byron, Knightsen and Brentwood.

"We appreciate the loyalty that has kept us in business for over 92 years," Rory said. "We're grateful for that."

Christesen's is located at 633 Main St. For more information, call 925-846-2169.

OBITUARIES

Evelyn Larain DiMercurio

Nov. 11, 1938 - May 23, 2021



Evelyn Larain DiMercurio passed away May 23, 2021, after fighting a chronic illness.

Evelyn was known as Larain by all of her friends and was born in Hiawatha, Utah, on Nov. 11, 1938. Shortly after her birth, she contracted double pneumonia. She was not expected to recover, yet through the prayers of her mother and grandmother, she miraculously survived.

Larain grew up in Hiawatha, a small mining town in Utah. Shortly after her eighth birthday, she was stricken by another life-threatening condition, wherein she developed rheumatic fever. Bedridden for the following two years, she fully recovered one morning after praying for a full night. She was miraculously cured and through God's grace, she was able to continue her education.

Larain received her diploma from Carbon High School in Price, Utah, graduating with honors. She represented her area at the prestigious Girl's State Legislature held at the state capital.

After graduation, Larain ventured to Oakland, California, she began working for the Oakland Airport as a bookkeeper. She took a night job at the Airport Auto-Movie, where she met the love of her life, Matthew DiMercurio. Soon after, the owner of World Airways offered Larain a job as one of the company's first flight attendants, which she gladly accepted, yet her relationship with Matthew continued to blossom and he soon proposed. She loved to travel for work, but desired to remain home with her new husband. In Concord, California, she found work as a dental assistant, and three years later, they moved to Livermore.

Larain loved art almost as much as she loved being a mother, and this led her to open Stay N' Play Ceramics in Livermore, which stayed in business for 12 years. She worked there while her children were in school until beginning her career at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as a laser Technician.

Her team received the R&D 100 best technologies Award of 2002 for their work on the cooled laser diode array and the silicon monolithic microchannel (SiMM). Larain enjoyed 20 years

of challenging employment and retired in 2009. Throughout her life, she showed great compassion by opening her home and heart to friends and family in need. Her home was a place to heal physically and spiritually.

During retirement, she enjoyed gardening, traveling, and visiting her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, while remaining deeply in love with her husband, Matthew. She was an active member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

Larain is survived by her husband, Matthew DiMercurio Sr.; her remaining devoted children,

Antoinette "Toni" Hibbs (Dennis) of Livermore, Matthew DiMercurio Jr. (Patricia) of Livermore, and Thomas DiMercurio (Cindy) of Antioch; her loving grandchildren: Christopher, Jonathon and Heather DiMercurio, David De La Rosa, Michelle Davis (Bill), Chardonnay Summerville (Dustin), Phillip McGill (Tami), Michael McGill, Amber Hayes (Aaron), Cole Lodge (Jessica), Celeste Funke (Marchus), Cameron Lodge (Kassandra), Autumn Taylor (David) Serena, Joshua, and Gracie Lodge; her great grandchildren, Joseph and Jacob Davis, Hunter and David Atteberry, Payton Summerville, and 12 more with one predeceased. She also leaves behind a sister, Dixie Link of Dallas, Texas; in addition to many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Her daughter, Elizabeth (Lisa) DiMercurio predeceased her in 2005.

Friends and family are invited to attend:

- Rosary Vigil: Wednesday, June 9, at 7 p.m., at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, in Livermore
- Funeral Mass: Thursday, June 10, at 11 a.m., at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, in Livermore
- Graveside Burial Service: Friday, June 11, at 12:30 p.m., Queen of Heaven Cemetery, in Lafayette, CA

Donations may be made to St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, in Livermore, or to Guadalupe Pregnancy Outreach, 217 East Lake St., 2nd floor, Watsonville, CA 95077.

Barbara Jean Dyer

June 24, 1942 - April 20, 2021





Barbara Kiser Dyer, 78, of Colusa, California, lost her battle with cancer on April 20, while in her home with both her daughters at her side.

She was born to Robert Kiser and Mildred (Cross) in 1942 and was raised in Forsyth, Montana. She was still very close with many of her childhood friends. After graduating from Forsyth High School in 1960, she went to college in Billings, Montana, where she met George Edwin Dyer whom she married in 1962. They had two daughters and found their home in California's Bay Area, where Barbara worked as a buyer for Carl Zeiss of Pleasanton for over 30 years until she retired in 2016.

Upon retiring, Barbara moved north and made Colusa her permanent residence. She loved being a wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She enjoyed traveling often with friends, attending school reunions, family reunions, county fairs, boating, floating the river, bar hopping, happy hour, reading, word searches, chocolate malts from Jeff's, swim parties, BBQs, dinners with friends, road trips long or short, Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune, and her daily 5 o'clock Club on her porch, always welcoming with a smile and a beverage, cookies for the children, and dog treats for the pets. She had a great love for her family.

After losing her husband in 2001, she took on the role of matriarch; always supporting her girls, helping raise her grandchildren, doting over them and the great grandkids, never missing their important events, celebrating holidays together, and providing strength and advice during hard times, and to pick up the pieces when they fell. The love for her family was deep and unconditional. We will remember hearing her say "love you more" and the wisdom and courage she taught us will forever be a part of our lives.

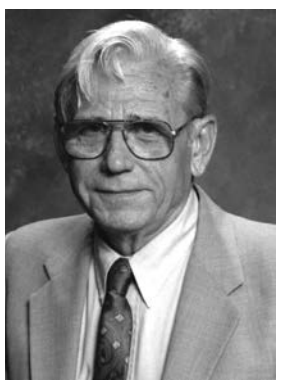
Barbara was loved by all who knew her. Her outgoing personality was infectious, her presence was always enjoyed, and her life admired. She will forever live on in our hearts and memories. She is survived by a large family of two daughters, a son-in-law, nine grandchildren, six great grandchildren, her brother and sister-in-law, five nieces, a nephew and all their extended families.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 39 years, her parents, and sister, Marge (Kiser) Wheeler. She may have lost her battle with cancer, but is now forever free, spreading her butterfly wings.

A celebration of life will be held at Colusa Golf and Country Club, 2224 Highway 20, Colusa, California, 95932, on July 10, at 1 p.m. Everyone who is able to attend is welcome. Let this day be filled with gratitude and love as we celebrate this wonderful woman.

Charles B. McFann

Feb. 8, 1926 - May 22 2021



Charles B. McFann, Jr., 95, died on May 22, 2021, in Livermore, California.

He is survived by four sons and their wives, Gregory and Josephine, Brian, Garret and Julie-Ann, Kent and April; a brother, John McFann, and his wife Shelby; and five grandchildren, Steven, Caitlin, Donovan, Aidan and Mark McFann. Charles was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia E. McFann; and sister, Joan Dougherty.

Charles was born on Feb. 8, 1926, in Mishawaka, Indiana, to Iva (née Jackman) and Charles B. McFann, Sr, but spent most of his childhood in southern California. He graduated from the University of Denver in June 1952, with a degree in mechanical engineering with honors. He began his engineering career in the southern California aerospace industry before moving to Livermore in 1962, where he worked at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for more than 20 years.

After retirement from LLNL, he was a consultant for several companies in Silicon Valley. Charles was a WWII veteran who enlisted in the Navy on his 17th birthday. He saw action in the South Pacific as a turret gunner in a torpedo bomber. He was on the same ship as one future president, Gerald Ford, and in the same task force as another, George H. W. Bush. He took part in the atomic bomb testing at Bikini Atoll.

McFann was an active member in the Livermore Art Association and the Livermore Heritage Guild. He singlehandedly renovated his historic home in Livermore, and an old cottage on South K Street, plus restored old cars and photographs. He was instrumental in the restoration of the antique fire engines at the Duarte Garage and Lincoln Highway Museum in Livermore.

The family would like to give special thanks to his longtime caregivers, Zakia Hazrati and Renata Ortloff for giving of themselves so selflessly during his long illness. Memorial arrangements are pending. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to either the Livermore Art Association or Heritage Guild

Mary Jane Spletter

Nov. 28, 1946 - May 6, 2021



Mary Jane Spletter died at home in Oakland on May 6, 2021. The cause of death was complications of Parkinson's disease.

Mary was born in Appleton, Wisconsin, on Nov. 28, 1946 to Mary Elizabeth (Kelly) Spletter and Norman Julius Spletter. She is survived by her husband, Jeff Robbins of Oakland; brother, Dan Spletter of Irvine, California; sister. Sally (Dave) Schoenke of Appleton, Wisconsin; brother-in-law, Greg Robbins (Nancy Moll) of Dover, New Hampshire; niece, Debbie (Lee) Quesada of Newman, California; nephew, Steve (Stacey) Schoenke of Victoria, Minnesota; niece, Kate (Brian) Mitchell of Forest Lake, Minnesota; nephew, Jesse Robbins of Burlington. Vermont; nephew, Seth Robbins (Susan Allard) of Medfield, Massachusetts; and her beloved dog, Magoo. In addition, she had 10 grand nephews and nieces.

Very early on, Mary developed a love of writing, journalism in particular, and served as the editor of her high school newspaper. She graduated from Xavier High School of Appleton, Wisconsin, in 1965, and went on to the University of Wisconsin, Madison. At UW, she joined the professional journalism sorority, Coranto Sigma Iota, served as its president in her senior year, and graduated with a BS in journalism in 1969. She was a reporter for the Milwaukee Sentinel between 1969 and 1973.

Mary moved to Berkeley, California, in 1973, and began there a long career in public information and technical writing. She wrote for many Bay Area institutions, including UC Berkeley, UCSF Medical Center, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and the UC Office of the President.

After suffering from breast cancer in 1972 and recovering, Mary took time off to write "A Woman's Choice, New Options in the Treatment of Breast Cancer." The book was an early milestone in women's efforts to guide their own medical treatment rather than leaving decisions to doctors. In 1995, she also served as editor of a brochure on breast cancer that was mandated by the state to be in the office of every physician who could make a diagnosis of breast cancer. She also volunteered for several years with Reach to Recovery, an organization that provides one-on-one support for breast cancer patients.

Upon retirement in 2002, Mary began to study playwriting, but she was also diagnosed with a second breast cancer. She was a model of resilience and strength, even after being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease on the last day of her cancer chemotherapy. She kept a positive attitude, exercising daily, working with a personal trainer, and taking classes in water aerobics and yoga.

She wrote a play, "The White Pelican," that dealt with her cancer experience. It was stage-read at the Playwrights' Center of San Francisco. Another play, "Unfinished Business," was stage-read at the Bellevue Club in Oakland. Her "Arches, Balance, and Light", a fictionalized account of the life of architect Julia Morgan, was selected by the Ross Valley Players of Marin County to be their "Ross Alternative Work" of 2016. The production drew some very large audiences into their small theater. (On at least one occasion, there was quite a last-minute scramble to find folding chairs for an overflow audience.)

Mary and Jeff met on a blind date at the University of Wisconsin in 1968. After enjoying the concert by Harry Belafonte, they took a walk along the shore of Lake Mendota, during which Jeff slipped and pulled Mary a step or two into the water. Mary later said that she didn't write Jeff off because she wanted to see what he would do to make it up to her. Ultimately, they were married for almost 48 years.

Mary had a great love of travel. Her interest in visiting far-away places was intensified by her shockingly early encounter with breast cancer. She was not about to wait until an old age she might never reach before seeing the world. She and Jeff enjoyed trips to Alaska, Mexico, many European countries, Australia, and New Zealand. Once, she even took off for Ireland without Jeff to explore the land of her mother's ancestors.

Mary was a skier, an avid tennis player (who just loved to pick off opponents' shots at the net when playing doubles), a good friend to many, and a loving wife.

Instead of giving flowers, please make donations in Mary's name to research on Parkinson's disease, for example, to the Michael J. Fox Foundation.

Jeannette T. Dupre

Feb. 17, 1941 - May 27, 2020



Jeannette T. Dupre was born in Baltimore, Maryland, at the John Hopkins hospital, and was raised in Barstow, California.

Mojave Desert daughter of Roy T. Hill and Carmen/Bill Pense. She graduated Barstow High in 1960, the Ruffians. She was married to Charles Dupre Jr., USMC 1962.

She is survived by her daughter, Deborah Dupre. and her best friend, Tom Cox; half-sister, Carrie Ephgrave, her husband, Ed Ephgrave; Kathy Johnson; her half-brother (Richard Beauchamp) wife; and her half-brother, John Gresham Beauchamp, and his wife, Ilze. She was a mother, community organizer, friend.

My mother enjoyed sewing and selling Amway and Princess House Crystal. She loved cats, and always had a cat to keep her company. She was divorced in 1984, and she moved to Barstow to spend some time with her adopted mom, Carmen Pense, as she was ill and she passed on. She then returned to Pleasanton in 1985, where she found the love of her life, Bob Burke, who treated her well until he was diagnosed with cancer and passed away in 1986.

My mother threw a wake at the local pub, because she believed in celebrating the life someone lived, not the brooding. She met a wonderful man who became her best friend in 1986, Tom Cox. Tom and her were like two peas in a pod. They were together every day for over 30 years before he was diagnosed with dementia.

She became part of the transportation board and was the captain of neighborhood watch in Livermore for Gardella Plaza. She was their captain for over 10 years. She helped a lot of people with transportation needs and worked with elderly to get them a van to take them to the stores, etc. She liked to go explore new places, she enjoyed museums and crafts, sewing, and she loved to take photographs. There were many outings and luncheons that she organized.

She liked visiting with people, either by sending out cards or by phone calls. She was a beautiful soul, she did creative memories and created scrapbooks, and she was avid reader of books. She liked James Patterson, who was one of her favorite authors, as well as who-done-it novels like "Murder, She Wrote," by Angela Lansbury. She loved cooking shows and collecting recipes. It was one of her favorite things to do, and one of her favorite chefs, Jaques Pipen, Paula Dean, Bobby Flay and Julia Child.

She was raised Catholic and went to mass, but as years passed, she became more spiritual than religious. Her spirit was raised when people would stop by, call her or send her cards. She enjoyed getting out and talking to people, and I always teased her she should have her own radio show. She didn't put on airs, she basically told you what she thought, and if you didn't like it, oh well. You always knew where you stood with her, because she wasn't fake. She would tell you how it was, and matter of factly. I'm saddened by her loss and will miss her very much.

There was a year of COVID-19 before I could put this together, and now looking back on the year, so much has happened, and I think about her a lot more.

Tom fell ill with dementia October 2019, and he's now with his family. I know how difficult it is to try to remain focused on the day-to-day tasks when you're grieving the loss of a loved one. Sometimes, the days go quickly, and others very slowly, and sometimes you'll open up something and you're reminded, or you hear a song or driving along, you find yourself thinking, "I should call and tell her that," then you realize you can't because she isn't here anymore.

There's a lot of things this last year I would have told her, but sometimes I just write them down and let it go. I know she's in a better place and isn't suffering anymore. The health issues were complicated and over time, we tried to make the best of it.

I love you and always will.

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

Writers Group Names High School Winners

Angelina Ge, Claire McNerney, and Emma Ka received first place honors in the 10th annual High School Writing Contest sponsored by the Tri-Valley Writers.

Ge, from San Ramon High School, received first place in the Literary Nonfiction category for her entry "The Inferior Complex." Ka, from Amador High School, received first in the Short Story Fiction category for "Floating Candles." McNerney placed first in the Poetry category with "possum poem."

The Tri-Valley Writers, which announced the winners at an awards ceremony May 16, said it received 142 entries this year from 96 students – the highest participation ever – including 21 nonfiction pieces, 42 short stories, and 79 poems. Entries came from students at 13 area high schools.

The first-place winners will be published in the group's next anthology.

Second place for Literary Nonfiction went to Juliana Muegge (San Ramon), with Ananya Iyengar (Dougherty) and Jessica Bakar (Foothill) tied for third. Honorable mentions went to Rohan Chandran (Monte Vista), Natalie May (Granada), Anusri Saraf (Granada), Risha Chakraborty (Dougherty), Michelle Liu (Foothill), and Awva Bashiri (California).

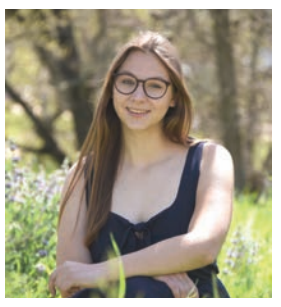
Second place in the Short Story category went to Miranda Duarte (California), while third place went to Brian Guan (Dublin). Meghan Boyle (California), Lisa Levinson (Dublin), Aiden Rim (Amador), Setareh Salkhi (Monte Vista), Brenna McCord (Amador), and Mia Garcia (Monte Vista) received honorable mentions.

In Poetry, second place went to Amala Rao (Foothill) and third place to Christopher Pak (Granada). Honorable mentions went to Musa Sayed (Dougherty), Mikayla Marinko (Livermore), Sydney Gong (Dougherty), and Angelina Ge (San Ramon).

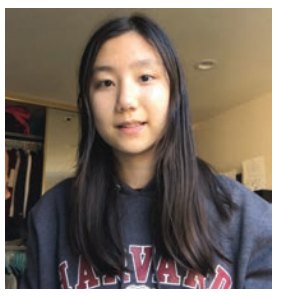
The Tri-Valley Writers is a branch of the California Writers Club.



Angelina Ge



Claire McNerney



Emma Ka

Teen Selected 4-H STEM Project Leader



Sudharsan Gopalakrishnan

Sudharsan Gopalakrishnan, an incoming junior at The Quarry Lane School in Dublin, has been selected as a Teen STEM Project Leader by the National 4-H GIS/GPS Leadership Team.

Gopalakrishnan will serve as a "geomentor" for a nationwide 4-H GIS program.

4-H clubs across the country have implemented Geographic Information Systems programs to promote science and technology.

Gopalakrishnan is also a Teen Project Leader/STEM Educator for the Contra Costa County 4-H program and won a Platinum Award this week for his Science and Engineering Design demonstration at the 4-H State Field Day competition.

Charity League Honors First 6-Year Program Graduates

The Livermore Chapter of the National Charity League (NCL) is honoring its first graduating high school seniors to have completed the full six-year program of the mother-daughter service organization.

The NCL offers a six-year program for mothers and their daughters from seventh grade through high school that emphasizes leadership development, community service, and cultural experiences.

The Livermore Chapter was founded in 2015 and over the last six years the inaugural class of mothers and daughters has contributed more almost 1,700 hours of volunteer service to 30 local charities.

The 2021 Livermore Chapter NCL graduates include Corinna Bartolotto, Grace Boyd, Audrey Fenner, Shae Hill, Hillary Huff, Cassandra Matchett, Bella Murphy, Emily Silva, Katie Stromgren, Mina Thompson, Lydia Vance, and Camille Wigginton.

Pleasanton Unified Names Classified Employee of Year

Kay Dorp, a budget analyst, has been named Classified Employee of the Year by the Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD).

"Kay is truly one of PUSD's unsung heroes," said Donlon Elementary administrative secretary Adrienne Herz, one of several district employees who nominated Dorp. "Her job is not flashy, and it isn't one of those that is out there for all to see. However, I assert that what Kay brings to the Fiscal Services office is critical to the functioning of not just her department, but the work that happens out at the school sites as well."

Dorp has worked for the district for nearly 20 years.

Barbara Maroney Receives New Patent

Regardless if it was famed Greek philosopher Plato or some obscure writer in 1600s England writing Proverbs who coined the phrase, "Necessity is the mother of invention," it is just as applicable in the 21st century as it was back then.

Specifically, during a fall evening in late 2016, longtime local Livermore resident Barbara Maroney created the concept that would eventually become the CorkBoss. Over four years later, in January 2021, Barbara was notified the United States Patent Office had awarded and will be issuing a utility patent for her new waiter's corkscrew invention.

On Feb. 9, 2021 patent # US 10,913,644 B2 was awarded. The single best innovation to a corkscrew in over 30 years, as evidenced by a new 20-year patent being issued.

After a stellar, more than 25-year career with Marriott International and becoming a Quarter Century Club member, Barbara had opened thousands of bottles of wine and strongly believed there was a better, easier and faster way for Sommeliers, bartenders, waiters, and the average wine connoisseur alike to open a bottle of wine. Helping people with hand and arm strength issues was a high priority, and leverage was the key.

Instead of utilizing the centuries-old method of stressing the wrist by repeatedly twisting to open a bottle of wine, Barbara's invention would use a retractable roto-handle that transfers the torque from the wrist to the arm and shoulder. This new sleek adaptation improves the speed and ease for opening wine and is physically less demanding. Utilizing leverage as a change in motion innovation creating an ergonomically more appealing process.

With this patent award, Barbara elevates herself to rarified air and joins a very elite group of female inventors in United States history. Unfortunately, there is much work to be done for our society in this area.

According to a major study in February 2019 prepared by the Office of the Chief Economist at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office reported "through the mid-1980s, women comprised less than 5% of all patent inventors. The women inventor rate only reached 10% in 2000. And in 2016, more than a decade and a half later, only 12% of patent inventors were women. In addition, just slightly more than 10% of all patents issued in United States history are held by women."

Although this dramatic under representation of female inventors was not known by Barbara at the time of her effort, she has led and mentored hundreds of young Livermore girls over 30-year leadership roles in both the 4-H Valley Vista Club and Girl Scouts troops. This effort in developing a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) related product should be an inspiration for all young people to dream big and maybe one day they too could be a patent holder.

"Just slightly more than 10% of all patents issued in United States history are held by women."

In parallel with the wine opener, Barbara went back to school and completed the introductory course (level 1) and certified sommelier (level 2) accreditation from the Court of Master Sommeliers Americas. In addition, she was very excited to graduate from Las Positas College Viticulture and Winery Technology Program led by Faculty and Program Director David Everett and supported by Occasio Winery founder John Kinney.

After a couple of years and having a great time in David's program, she completed her associate of science in enology. It adds to her other associate of arts degrees in general studies and business.

In addition, Barbara is proudly a founding member of the Alameda County Fair Wine Competition held annually and has supported that effort for over 30 years. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Barbara could be found staying busy working a couple of days a week at Campo di Bocci in Livermore (and it is there her idea came into focus), where she loved the interaction with the customers and associates set in a warm inviting family environment.

With a target U.S. market in the tens of millions, with everything from professionals in the adult beverage trades like wineries, bars and restaurants, to the average wine connoisseur it was essential for the success for the product to have an industry leader as a partner in the effort. Fortunately, Northern California based Franmara, Inc. was selected and will be responsible for the sales, manufacturing, and distribution of the CorkBoss.

Since 1970, Franmara, Inc. has manufactured and served as a master distributor of corkscrews, barware, wine and cheese accessories, and much more. Several decades ago, Franmara moved and is situated in its own state-of-the art, solar-powered, headquarters building in Salinas, California. Franmara does not sell directly to the public. Its products are available through food service distributors, advertising specialty dealers, wineries, wine distributors, wine and liquor stores, gourmet shops, mail order catalog houses and other wholesalers and retailers. Any company interested in joining the Franmara network can go to www.franmara.com for more information. For updates and information on how to purchase the product from a retailer you can go to www.thecorkboss.com.

As she travels the country promoting this exciting invention, Barbara is absolutely committed to letting the world know the CorkBoss was imagined and developed in the middle of one of a great legacy American Viticultural Area (AVA) wine region in the United States - Livermore, California. With a robust, vibrant and enthusiastic Livermore Valley Wine Country Association, this product is expected to be a big hit locally as it is a natural fit for the viticulturalist vibe of Livermore and will be launched nationwide from Linda and Mike Allen's First Street Wine Company, located at 2211 First St., in Livermore, on June 5, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Visit www.wineco.com for the latest information.

Library Challenges Community To Read for 500,000 Minutes

The Livermore Public Library is challenging the community collectively to read for 500,000 minutes this summer.

"Reading Colors Your World," the library's summer reading program, has four levels, all free of charge.

As registered readers track the minutes they spend reading and participating in various activities, they will earn digital badges and prizes, and the community's overall reading will be automatically updated.

The summer reading program begins June 1. Pre-readers can play with the help of a reader in the home. For details, go to www.LivermoreLibrary.net.

Filipino-American Group Awards Four Scholarships

Four graduating seniors have received scholarships this year from the Livermore Filipino-American Organization based on their academic achievement and extracurricular activities.

The group's top award of $1,000 went to Feoden Soriano, a five-time North Coast Section Scholar-Athlete in cross country and track and field and president of the Robotics Club at Granada High School. Soriano is also a National Merit Scholarship award winner and an AP Scholar with Distinction.

Feoden plans to attend the University of California, Irvine, to study computer science.

Ronel Vasco, an honors student and varsity football player at Livermore High School, received a $750 scholarship. Ronel plans to attend the University of California, Santa Cruz to study engineering.

Destiny-Ciara Yano, a standout in mathematics and music at Granada High School, received a $500 scholarship. Yano plans to attend Los Positas College and major in aerospace engineering, physics, or astronomy.

The Livermore Fil-Am this year also awarded the first Crisanta Gallardo Legacy Scholarship in memory of the first female president of the organization and funded with a $1,000 contribution from an anonymous donor.

That scholarship went to Jeremy Barinque, from Granada High School, based on his volunteer involvement with the organization, including performing two Filipino folk dances, the Subli and Tinikling, at the Filipino Barrio Fiesta at the Bankhead Plaza, the Filipiniana/Flores de Mayo, St. Michael's Parish Fall Festival, and other events.

Founded in 1967, the organization is dedicated to promoting Philippine culture through cultural, social, and community-oriented programs.

Livermore Library Offers Outdoor Early-Learning Classes

The Livermore Public Library will offer outdoor, early-learning classes this summer to help prepare young children for school.

Sessions will run through Aug. 14 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. The classes are free of charge.

Facemasks will be required for everyone over age 2 and the library is asking families to observe social distancing.

Sing and Learn Babies classes are for children from birth to 12-months-old. The classes will meet at 10 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday, on the lawn near the Storytime Room, and will include stories, songs, and playtime designed to provide an opportunity for babies to hear language and encourage young families to get to know one another.

No registration is required, but families are asked to attend only one session per week.

Music and Movement classes are designed for children from 1-5, but all ages are welcome. The sessions are designed to build motor and social skills, as well as language skills, and increase independence.

Classes will be held on the front patio of the library at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., Monday and Wednesday, and 10 a.m. on Saturday. Registration is required and families are asked to attend only one session per week.

Cuentos y Canciones classes – stories and songs in Spanish that support early literacy skills – will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday. Registration is required.

For further information, call 925-373-5505 or go to www.livermorelibrary.net.

Foothill Presents Spring Concert Online

The Foothill High School's choral program – including the Concert Choir, Treble Choir, Chamber Choir and Rhythm in Blue – is presenting a virtual spring concert on YouTube.

The concert, "It Takes a Village," features eight songs including "Kwaheri," "Pure Imagination," and "Make Someone Happy."

With help from the Pleasanton Partnership in Education, the students had access this year to a cloud-based digital audio workstation that allowed them to stay safe during the pandemic and record music remotely.

In addition, the Foothill PTSA funded purchase of a notebook computer capable of handling the editing required to turn the student recordings into a polished product.

"After this year, we have all realized the magical parts of choir that are so easily taken for granted," said Katrina Brekke, Foothill's director of choral music.

"I am so proud of the resilient students who put their hearts into continuing to make music this year, in spite of all the challenges," Brekke said, "and now we have an incredible, shareable snapshot of what we can still accomplish, together, even at a great distance."

The concert can be viewed at www.pusdedu.info/foothillspringconcert.

Christian Youth Theater to Present 'Peter and the Starcatcher' Outdoors

Christian Youth Theater Tri-Valley (CYT) will present a free, outdoor production of the Tony Award-winning play, "Peter and the Starcatcher," at the Field at Sunset Church in Livermore from June 17-19.

With branches nationwide, CYT is an after-school program for students ages 4-18 and the largest youth theater program in the country.

"Peter and the Starcatcher" provides a backstory to J.M. Barrie's well-known story of Peter Pan.

In the play, based on a 2004 novel by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson, Peter and two mates are sold by the schoolmaster of St. Norbert's Orphanage for Lost Boys to serve aboard a weather-beaten ship, The Neverland, captained by the greedy Captain Bill Slank.

CYT is building a 40-foot stage at the Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Road.

The play will be performed at 6 p.m., Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 17-19. There will also be a 10:30 a.m. matinee on Friday and a 10 a.m. matinee on Saturday.

For more information, go to www.cyttrivalley.org/shows.

Dublin Names Winners in Photo Contest

Dublin has named Rahul Guha Ray grand prize and first place winner in the city's "nature in Our Backyard" photography contest for his images "Hummingbird" and "Northern Harrier."

Second place went to Liz Crane for a photograph won second titled, "Stagecoach Turkeys," while third place went to Monique Richardson for "When I Look to the Sky."

More than 159 photographs, all taken in Dublin between Apil2020 and April 2021, were submitted for the contest. A panel of judges selected 10, which were then posted to the city's website and voted on by members of the community.

The winning photographs can be seen at www.dublin.ca.gov/photocontest.

Trio 180 to Perform Works by Rebecca Clark

Trio 180, the resident faculty piano trio at the University of the Pacific Conservatory of Music, will perform works by British-American classical composer Rebecca Clarke in an online concert sponsored by Del Valle Fine Arts at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 5.

Sarah Waltz, associate professor at the conservatory, will provide an introduction to Clarke's music, and will join members of Trio 180 after the performance to answer question from the online audience.

The concert is free. To register go to www.delvallefinearts.org.

Joya Yoga to Host Nonprofit Fundraiser

Joya Yoga will host a "Wine It Up!" fundraiser for two Livermore nonprofit organizations, Reins in Motion and the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance, at the Dante Robere Vineyards from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 27.

The fundraiser, presented by Mony Nop Real Estate and All Pro Premium Builders, will include stationary cycling classes, wine tasting, Foosball tournament, raffles, and food from Your Taco Guy.

Reins in Motion is a volunteer, therapeutic equestrian program for children with special needs or life-threatening illness. The Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance provides organizational support for other nonprofit groups.

Joya Yoga has studios in Livermore, Dublin, and Pleasanton.

To register, or for more information about the fundraiser, to go www.joyayoga.com/wineitup.

Other sponsors include East Bay Perinatal Chiropractic, Elation Real Estate, Goosehead Insurance, Jake Fahnhorst Realtor, Morgan Insurance, Murphy's Paw, Next Level Fitness Repair, Paramount Residential Mortgage Group, Rinetti Realty, Swirl on the Square, and Terry's Tree Service.

Pleasanton Library to Host VA Medical Outreach

The Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Medical System mobile outreach team will provide free examinations, consultations, and referrals for veterans from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, June 14, at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Road.

Veterans' spouses, caregivers, family members, and survivors are also welcome to attend the drop-in event.

Representatives from Veterans Affairs will be on hand to provide information or answer questions about enrolling for care.

Veterans should bring their military discharge papers (Form DD-214) and a list of current medications. Those who need to obtain proof-of-service documents can find instructions at the library's online Veterans Resource Center www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/lib/services/vets.asp, by contacting the information desk at 925-931-3400, or by email at information@pleasantonlibrary.zendesk.com.

The Pleasanton Library has been a member of Veterans Connect@the Library, a statewide outreach to veterans sponsored by the California State Library, since 2013.

Interfaith Discussion to Focus on Faith, Health

Tri-Valley Interfaith Interconnect will host an online discussion on Wednesday, June 9, to address the question, "How does your faith approach health issues?"

Interfaith Interconnect is a group of community members and clergy from Alameda County who represent a variety of faiths and cultures.

The group typically hosts monthly "religion chats" at temples, churches, synagogues, and faith centers in the Tri-Valley, but has been holding its meetings virtually during the pandemic.

The June meeting will look at cultural and religious traditions and rituals involving such issues as nutrition, addiction, mental health, and contagion.

The discussion, from 5-6:15 p.m., is free and open to the public. To request the Zoom link, email Interfaith.Interconnect@gmail.com.

Garden Club to Look at Changes Over Time

Local gardener Dolores Bengtson will discuss "Garden Change Over Time" at the June 10 online meeting of the Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club.

The Zoom-based meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 7:00 p.m. To access the meeting, email president@lavgc.org.

Bengtson will discuss the reasons and the process for the most recent changes to her garden, which included the removal all turf and hardscape and the addition of Mediterranean mounds for drainage and a drip watering system, with the goal of providing better habitat for backyard critters while establishing a pallet of plants in a more natural setting.

Sh will demonstrate how a major change still be "low tech" with no heavy equipment, a small crew, and a plan that relied on pencil sketches, with many of the changes made on site during construction.

For more information, go to www.lavgc.org.

LEGAL NOTICES/CLASSIFIEDS www.independentnews.com

LEGAL NOTICES

FOR INFORMATION
PLACING
LEGAL NOTICES
Call 925-243-8000

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 478448

The following person(s) doing business as: Fullfeel, 8048 Golden Eagle Way, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Zoomifier Corporation, 8048 Golden Eagle Way, 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: 3/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Chetan Saiya, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 27, 2021. Expires April 27, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4862. Published May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 578506

The following person(s) doing business as: Andersen Bakery, 31097 Courthouse Dr., Union City, CA 94587, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hans Bakery, Inc., 30703 San Clemente Street, Hayward, CA 94544. 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: 10/15/20. Signature of Registrant/s/: Arthur Kao, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 28, 2021. Expires April 28, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4863. Published May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 578381

The following person(s) doing business as: Judith Cimino, Wise Choice VA, 389 Basswood Cmn. #12, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Judith Anne Cimino, 389 Basswood Cmn. #12, 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/: Judith Anne Cimino, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 26, 2021. Expires April 26, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4865. Published May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 578146

The following person(s) doing business as: Tha Moxie, 604 E 17th ST. Oakland, CA 94606, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ericka McCoy, 604 E 17th ST. Oakland, CA 94606. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ericka McCoy, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 14, 2021. Expires April 14, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4866. Published May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 578531

The following person(s) doing business as: Amvicious Lashes LLC, 16183 Ashland Avenue #108, San Lorenzo, CA 94580. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 3/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Danielle Adona, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 28, 2021. Expires April 28, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4867. Published May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 578280

The following person(s) doing business as: Crystal Smiles Dental, 3028 West Jack London Blvd, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Colin Young DMD, Inc., 842 31st Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94121. 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/: Colin Young, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 20, 2021. Expires April 20, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4868. Published May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 2021.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. HG 20098388 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner:
Veronica Nubia Metante
P.O. Box 2596
Dublin, CA 94568
(925) 325-4972
vmetante@ymail.com
filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name:
Veronica Nubia Metante
Proposed Name:
Veronika Nubia Metante
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: 7/2/2021
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. 4870 Published May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 578505

The following person(s) doing business as: Andersen Bakery, 2033 Stoneridge Mall Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hans Bakery, Inc., 30703 San Clemente Street, Hayward, CA 94544. 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: 11/06/20. Signature of Registrant/s/: Arthur Kao, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 28, 2021. Expires April 28, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4871. Published May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 578749

The following person(s) doing business as: New City Locksmith Inc., 6994 Village Parkway, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): New City Locksmith Inc., 6994 Village Parkway, 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: 1/11/21. Signature of Registrant/s/: Kuldeep Singh, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 5, 2021. Expires May 5, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4872. Published May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 578642

The following person(s) doing business as: WorkSHIFT, 1689 Arrowhead Avenue, Livermore, CA, 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Crisabel Monterola Thomas, 1689 Arrowhead Avenue, 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/: Crisabel Monterola Thomas, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 4, 2021. Expires May 4, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4873. Published May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 578321

The following person(s) doing business as: Catastrophe Cat Grooming, 383 South I Street, Livermore, CA, 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Devin Frankland, 3884 Harvard Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: April 1, 2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Devin Frankland, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 21, 2021. Expires April 21, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4874. Published May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579019

The following person(s) doing business as: C.P. Delivery , LLC, 3541 Kings Canyon CT, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): C.P. Delivery , LLC, 3541 Kings Canyon CT, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 3/1/2011. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ronald N. Potter, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 12, 2021. Expires May 12, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4875. Published May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 578421

The following person(s) doing business as: 1) 2 Chicks Fundraising LLC, 2). Custom Fundraising Solutions, 6985 Spencer Court, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): 2 Chicks Fundraising LLC, 6985 Spencer Court, 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/: Shana Trias, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 27, 2021. Expires April 27, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4876. Published May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 578780

The following person(s) doing business as: Honee Bee Beauty, 6599 Dublin Blvd, Ste H, #230, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sarahi Carrillo-Martinez, 2311 Ivy Hill Way #932, San Ramon, CA 94582. 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/: Sarahi Carrillo-Martinez, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 6, 2021. Expires May 6, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4877. Published May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579248

The following person(s) doing business as: 1) Barrel Down Wine Services 2) Eat. Drink,Jet!, 2356 Palm Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Che Figo Ventures, LLC, 2356 Palm Avenue, 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: 2/15/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Meredith Sarboraria, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 19, 2021. Expires May 19, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4878. Published May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579293

The following person(s) doing business as: L & R Trucking, 26 Rollingstone Cmn, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): L & R Trucking, 26 Rollingstone Cmn, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: 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 Egovora, 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 Imports 2) 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.

CLASSIFIEDS

ANIMALS

2) CATS/ DOGS

ADOPT A DOG OR CAT,
for adoption information contact Valley Humane Society at (925)426-8656

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue

Adopt a new best friend
TVAR
Tri-Valley Animal Rescue
Our current weekly adoption events include:
Saturdays - Dogs & Puppies at Farmer's Market in Pleasanton. The location is Delucchi Park, 4501 First St. Hours: 10:00am to 1:00pm.
Saturdays & Sundays - Kittens at Dublin PetSmart, 6960 Amador Plaza Rd. Hours: 11am to 3pm.
Visit our website, WWW.TVAR.ORG, to see adoptable animals, volunteer opportunities, and how to donate.
Follow TRI-VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

FERAL CAT FOUNDATION
Cat & kitten adoptions now at the new Livermore Petco on Saturdays from 10:00AM to 2:30PM. We have many adorable, tame kittens that have been tested for FiV & FELV, altered & vaccinated. We also have adult cats & ranch cats for adoption.

EMPLOYMENT

65) HELP WANTED

57) SERVICES

BE WARY of out of area companies. Check with the local Better Business Bureau before you send money or fees. Read and understand any contracts before you sign. Shop around for rates.

TO PLACE CLASSIFIED ADS Call (925)243-8000

MERCHANDISE

114) FOR SALE

115)ESTATE/ GARAGE/ YARD SALES

Fabulous Estate Sale
June 4-5 and 11-12
from 8:00-2:00
3871 Hillside Ave.
Livermore
Amazing collectibles, carousel horse, jukebox, English organ, china/crystal & Much More!!!

18) FREE SECTION

Free Pine & Oak Wood
You cut & haul it
Lots of Pine cones, too
Please call
(408)897-3156

127) LOST/ FOUND

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

155) NOTICES

"NOTICE TO READERS: California law requires that contractors taking jobs that total $500 or more (labor and/or materials) be licensed by the Contractors State License Board. State law also requires that contractors include their license numbers on all advertising. Check your contractor's status at www.cslb.ca.gov or (800)321-CSLB (2752). Unlicensed persons taking jobs less than $500 must state in their advertisements that they are not licensed by the Contractors State License Board."

REAL ESTATE

170) LAND FOR RENT

157) OFFICE/HOUSE/CONDO / DUPLEX / APT RENTAL

165) HOUSE/ROOMS/RENTALS TO SHARE

160) BOAT / RV / RENTAL SPACE

Inland Valley Publishing Co.
Client Code:04126-00001
Re: Legal Notice for Classified Ads
The Federal Fair Housing Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and state law prohibit advertisements for housing and employment that contain any preference, limitation or discrimination based on protected classes, including race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin. IVPC does not knowingly accept any advertisements that are in violation of the law.

Professional's Choice Real Estate Directory
Local guide to the Valley's Leading Real Estate Professionals & Services

MIKE FRACISCO
(925) 998-8131
Fracisco Realty
Residential • Commercial • Property Mgmt
MikeFracisco.com
DRE #01378428
REALTOR®

Sandee Utterback
(925) 487-0524
CalBRE#00855150
WWW.SANDEEU.COM
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HomeServices | Drysdale Properties
Specializing in Livermore's Finest Homes

DENNIS SERRAO
Broker Associate /REALTOR
Serving Livermore & Tri-Valley since 1999
dennis.rebroker@gmail.com
TriValleyHomeSellers.com
(925) 876-3756
Cal BRE#01251442
COLDWELL BANKER

MARTI GILBERT
IRON HORSE REAL ESTATE
550 MAIN STREET, PLEASANTON
marti@homesbymarti.com
DRE 01520061
925.216.4063
IRONHORSE REAL ESTATE

Cindy Greci (925) 784-1243 GRI DRE#01323804
Dominic Greci (925) 525-0864 GRI DRE#01707140
VINTAGE REAL ESTATE
www.GreciGroup.com

Linda Newton
REALTOR®, GRI, SRES
(925) 216-2015
Linda@ElationRE.com
ElationRE.com
Elation REAL ESTATE DRE #01312631

CalBRE #01256255 / #01741240 / #01943073 / #01193347
THE KRISTY PEIXOTO TEAM
Luxury homes, Ranches & Land Realtors
(925) 621-1210
TheKristyPeixotoTeam@gmail.com
TheKristyPeixotoTeam.com

CHASE
Mortgage Banking
Serving Livermore and Danville areas
Michelle Elliott
Senior Home Lending Advisor
925-212-6907 | Fax: 866-378-1616
michelle.d.elliott@chase.com
homeloans.chase.com/michelle.d.elliott
NMLS ID: 694685
EQUAL HOUSING LENDER

Gail Henderson
Broker Associate, MPA
Commercial • Residential
(925) 980-5648
homes@gailhenderson.com
www.gailhenderson.com
DRE 01709171 sereno—

Gordon Corsie
Real Estate Broker
Scotsman Realty Group
CA DRE Lic # 0091100
Call/Text:
925.202.5497
www.thescotsman.com
SCOTSMAN REALTY GROUP (925)290-8410

To Place Your Ad, Call or Email:
925.243.8010 kim@independentnews.com



Saturday, May 28, Livermore Boy Scouts, Explorers and Cub Scouts placed American flags on more than 1,700 graves of veterans buried in the city's cemeteries. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen) **[*See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia*]**

Agency Seeks Proposals to Reduce Emissions

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is now accepting grant proposals for $34 million in funding from California's share of the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust.

The $3 billion trust was created in 2016 to settle a federal lawsuit alleging that Volkswagen illegally installed devices in some of its diesel vehicles to defeat nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions testing. California's share of the trust is $423 million.

The Air Quality Management District said funding is available for projects that replace airport ground-support and port cargo-handling equipment with zero-emission technology. Funds are also available for all-electric or fuel-cell engines for ferries, tugboats, and towboats, and for the installation of shore power at port berths for ocean-going vessels.

Applications are being accepted online at www.CaliforniaVWTrust.org.

Proposals will be evaluated based on their ability to reduce NOx emissions, and at least 75% of the funding is to benefit disadvantaged and low-income communities.

Dublin Honors Pride Month by Raising Flag

The Dublin City Council raised a Progress Pride flag at the Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza, on June 1, in recognition of LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

The council proclaimed June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month to recognize the importance of fostering acceptance for all residents and preventing discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Altamont Corridor Express 05, 06 Rail Services Resume

The San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission has resumed daily westbound Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) 05 and eastbound ACE 06 train service.

"We have been watching our ridership, the pandemic environment, and funding resources to determine the best time to reintroduce our suspended trains," said marketing manager David Lipari. "With a slight increase in ridership, vaccine distribution progressing, and vital federal relief funding, we're excited to reintroduce ACE 05 and ACE 06."

The rail commission has also resumed onboard Wi-Fi service.

ACE commuter trains run from Stockton to San Jose with stops in Lathrop/Manteca, Tracy, Vasco, Livermore, Pleasanton, Fremont, Great America, and Santa Clara.

For more information on the ACE schedule, go to www.acerail.com/schedules/.

RETZLAFF Estate Wines
NOW OPEN FOR WINE TASTING AND PICNIC TABLE RESERVATIONS
FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND MONDAYS 11:30 – 5 THRU SEPTEMBER 30.
LIVE MUSIC EVERY SUNDAY
FOOD FOR PURCHASE EVERY WEEKEND.
Make your online reservation at
RetzlaffVineyards.com

EBCE to Use EPA Grant to Assess the County's Brownfields

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has awarded $1.5 million to East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) and the cities of Richmond and Vallejo to identify and prepare contaminated properties known as "brownfields" for redevelopment.

EBCE, a not-for-profit provider of renewable energy, will use its $300,000 share of the grant to complete environmental assessments of brownfields in Alameda County and the city of Tracy, in San Joaquin County, with the goal of developing electric vehicle (EV) charging hubs.

EBCE said the charging hubs, which would include solar-energy arrays and battery storage, could also provide electricity during blackouts.

Created by Alameda County and several municipalities in 2018, the agency currently serves Albany, Berkeley, Dublin, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Oakland, Piedmont, Pleasanton, San Leandro, Tracy, Union City, and unincorporated areas of the county.

Vallejo received $600,000 to fund redevelopment efforts on Mare Island and along the city's downtown waterfront. Richmond will use its $600,000 share of the grant to repurpose brownfields close to transit in central and northern parts of the city for affordable and workforce housing.

Bankhead Theater Lobby Viewing Hours Expanded

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) has expanded the viewing hours for the free art exhibitions in the lobby of the Bankhead Theater.

The lobby is now open from 1-5 p.m., Thursday through Sunday.

LVPAC will also host a free reception for the current exhibit, "Composing the Future," from 1:30-4:30 p.m., on Saturday, June 5.

This exhibit, a member show from the Northern California Women's Caucus for Art, features artworks from 61 women from the Bay Area. Matt Finders & Friends will be playing outside the Bankhead. Masks are required inside the theater.



The lobby at the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center is now open 1 - 5 p.m., Thursday through Sunday. (Photo courtesy of Roberta Emerson)



For Daily Online Local News.

independentnews.com

Follow us on

OUR LOCAL NONPROFITS NEED YOUR SUPPORT,PLEASE DONATE IF YOU ARE ABLE!

Amador Questers
1089 Geneva Street
Livermore, CA 94550-5661
925-292-8123
www.CalQuest.org
www.questers1944.org

Amador Valley Lions Club
P. O. Box 1764
Pleasanton, CA 94566
(925) 290-7592
Amador.valley.lions@gmail.com

Assistance League Amador Valley
P.O. Box 11843
Pleasanton, CA 94588
925-461-6401
Assistanceleague.org/Amador-valley/

Axis Community Health
5925 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 100
Pleasanton, CA 94588
925-201-6068
Axishealth.org

Big Bay Ray, Inc.
Bigbayray16@gmail.com
925-523-3133
Bigbayray.com

Blankets For Kids
7580 Driftwood Way
Pleasanton, CA 94588
925-846-6155

Cantabella Children's Chorus
P.O. Box 131
Pleasanton, CA 94566
925-292-2663
Cantabella.org

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

Christian Youth Theater Tri-Valley
P.O. Box 1586
Pleasanton, CA 94566
925-421-1351
cyttrivalley.org

Citizens for Balanced Growth
661 S. N St.
Livermore, CA 94550
CitizensForBalancedGrowth.org

CityServe of Tri-Valley
P.O. Box 1613
Pleasanton, CA 94566
925-223-6947
cityservetrivalley.org

Community Health Education Fund
CHEF/TVNF
C/O Maria Mancini
P.O. Box is 420
Livermore, CA 94551

Culinary Angels
4435 First St., #142
Livermore, CA 94550
CulinaryAngels.org

Exceptional Needs Network
P.O. Box 3149
Livermore, CA 94551
925-215-2281
ennetwork.org

Fertile GroundWorks
4743 East Avenue
Livermore, CA 94550
925-344-9090
Fertilegroundworks.org

Friends of the Livermore Library
P.O. Box 2483
Livermore, CA 94551
www.friendsoflivermorelibrary.org

Friends of Open Space and Vineyards
P.O. Box 1191
Livermore, CA 94551
fov.org

Goodness Village
1660 Freisman Rd.
Livermore, Ca 94551
Goodnessvillage.community

Hively
6601 Owens Drive, Suite 100
Pleasanton, CA 94588
925-417-8733
BeHively.org

Hope Hospice
6377 Clark Ave.
Dublin, CA 94568
925-829-8770
HopeHospice.com/donate

Interfaith Sharing Inc.
678 Enos Way
Livermore, CA 94551
925-366-5567
saintbartslivermore.com

Las Positas College Foundation
3000 Campus Hill Drive
Livermore, CA 94551
925-424-1010
LPCFoundation.org

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society
P. O. Box 901
Livermore, CA 94551
l-ags.org

Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild
P.O. Box 1049
Livermore, CA 94551
925-447-6454
Livermoreamadorsymphony.org/guild

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Foundation
P.O. Box 3403
Livermore, CA 94551
925-373-5730
Larpd.org/larpd-foundation

Livermore Art Association
P.O. Box 216
Livermore, CA 94551
925-449-9927
Livermoreartassociation.org

Livermore Filipino-American Organization, Inc.
P.O. Box 172
Livermore, CA 94551
Livermorefilam.org

Livermore-Granada Boosters
2117 Fourth St.
Livermore, CA 94550
livermoregranadaboosters.org

Livermore Heritage Guild
P.O. Box 961
Livermore, CA 94551
925-449-9927
Lhg.org

Livermore Homeless Refuge
4743 East Ave.
Livermore, CA 94550
925-895-4167
HomelessRefugeLivermore.com

Livermore Lab Foundation
c/o UC Office of National Labs
1111 Broadway, Suite 2130
Oakland, CA 94607
925-453-9382
Livermorelabfoundation.org

Livermore Lions Club
P.O. Box 975
Livermore, CA 94551
805-405-8743

Livermore Pleasanton Fire Fighters Foundation
4847 Hopyard Road
Suite 4, PMB 303
Pleasanton, CA 94588

Livermore Valley Education Foundation
849 East Stanley Boulevard
PMB Box 143
Livermore, CA 94550
LVEF.org

Livermore Valley Opera
P.O. Box 1002
Livermore, CA 94551
925-321-6964
Livermorevalleyopera.com

Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center
2400 First St.
Livermore, CA 94550
925-373-6100
LivermoreArts.com

Monthly Miracles
5211 Demarcus Blvd
Dublin, CA 94568
Monthlymiracles.org

Movements For The Mind
MovementsForTheMind.com
movementsforthemind@gmail.com

Museum on Main
603 Main Street
Pleasanton, CA 94566
902-462-2766
Museumonmain.org

NAMI Tri-Valley
P.O. Box 5563
Pleasanton CA 94566
925-980-5331
www.nami-trivalley.org

Open Heart Kitchen
1141 Catalina Dr. # 137,
Livermore CA 9 4550
(mailing address only)
925-580-1616
OpenHeartKitchen.org

Pacific Locomotive Assoc., Inc. Operators of Niles Canyon Railway
P.O. Box 515
Sunol, CA 94586-0515
(510) 996-8420
NCRY.ORG

Partners for Change Tri-Valley
4743 East Ave.
Livermore, CA 94550
650-474-9962
pfctv.org

Paws In Need
Info@Paws-In-Need.org
925-551-1877
Paws-In-Need.org

Pleasanton Art League
P.O. Box 23
Pleasanton, CA 94566
Pal-art.com

Pleasanton Community Concert Band
P.O. Box 135
Pleasanton, CA 94566
info@pleasantonband.org
PleasantonBand.org

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

Reins In Motion
Therapeutic Riding Program
P.O. Box 1001
Livermore, CA 94551
reinsinmotionca.com

Rotarian Foundation of Livermore
P.O. Box 2181
Livermore, CA 94551-2181
http://www.rotarianfoundationlivermore.org

Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation
5890 Stoneridge Dr., Suite 104
Pleasanton, CA 94588
866-862-7270
HealingTherapiesFoundation.org

School Of Imagination & Happy Talkers
9801 Dublin Blvd.
Dublin, CA 94568
925-829-9555
Schoolofimagination.org

Senior Support Program of The Tri-Valley
5353 Sunol Blvd.
Pleasanton, CA 94566
925-931-5378
SSPTV.org

Shakespeare's Associates, dba Livermore Shakespeare Festival
P.O. Box 2616
Livermore, CA 94551
(925) 443-2273
LivermoreShakes.org

Shepherds Gate
1660 Portola Ave.
Livermore, CA 94550
925-443-4283
ShepherdsGate.org

Sleep In Heavenly Peace Alameda Co.
Daniel.curtis@shpbeds.org
510-827-7033
Shpbeds.org

SPECTRUM Community Services, Inc/Meals on Wheels
2621 Barrington Ct.
Hayward, CA 94545
510-881-0300
SpectrumCS.org

Sunflower Hill
info@sunflowerhill.org
925-800-1042
SunFlowerhill.org

The Taylor Family Foundation
P.O. Box 2450
Livermore CA, 94551
925-455-5118
TTIF.org

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue
P.O. Box 11143
Pleasanton, CA 94588
TVAR.org

Tri-Valley Conservancy
1457 First St.
Livermore, CA 94550
925-449-8706
Trivalleyconservnacy.org

Tri-Valley Haven
3663 Pacific Ave.
Livermore, CA 94551
925-449-5842
TriValleyHaven.org

Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance
P.O. Box 2467
Livermore, CA 94550
TVNPA.org

Tri Valley Reach
P.O. Box 5564
Pleasanton, CA 94566
TriVallyReach.Org

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre
P.O. Box 1445
Pleasanton, CA 94566
info@trivalleyrep.com
Trivalleyrep.org

ValleyCare Charitable Foundation/Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare
1111 E. Stanley Blvd.
Livermore, CA 94550
925-373-4560
GiveValleyCare.org

Valley Concert Chorale
P.O. Box 286
Livermore, CA 94551
Valleyconcertchorale.org

Valley Dance Theatre
2247-B Second St.
Livermore, CA 94550
925-243-0925
Valleydancetheatre.com

Valley Humane Society
3670 Nevada St.
Pleasanton, CA 94566
925-426-8656
ValleyHumane.org

FREE NONPROFIT LISTING FOR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.
If you would like to be added please email kim@independentnews.com