

On Affordable Housing

Dublin Hires Specialist to Meet State Requirements

By Ruth Roberts

DUBLIN — In response to the State Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) statement that the city has not done enough to meet low-income housing mandates, Dublin has hired a specialist to help the city streamline the state's requirements.

Under SB 35 standards, which requires cities to provide a clear-cut approval process for eligible multi-family developments, the city, according to HCD, has not made enough progress in accommodating those requirements.

Dublin has since retained RRM Design Group to assist staff with preparing objective design standards along with companion amendments to the Dublin Municipal Code. City staff presented a draft outline of potential

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Katerra Files Bankruptcy

Legacy Seeks New General Contractor

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — Construction on the 222-unit Legacy apartment complex in downtown Livermore could be delayed weeks or possibly months while its developer seeks a new general contractor to complete the job, city officials said.

Work on the Legacy Partners development came to an abrupt halt during the first week of June when its contractor, Katerra, an international construction firm, filed for Chapter 11 protection in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Houston. Katerra's sub-contractors — such as plumbers and electricians — were ordered to stop work, but could keep their jobs and return once Legacy hires a new contractor to replace Katerra, said Adam Van de Water, Livermore's director of innovation and economic development.

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City Eyes Plan To Improve E. Ave Traffic

By Tony Kukulich

LIVERMORE — The City of Livermore completed the first phase of its effort to enhance safety and mobility of multiple modes of transportation along East Avenue when it conducted a third community workshop last week.

Four alternative modifications to the roadway were proposed as the city looks to balance the varied needs of drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians. Bob Vinn, Livermore city engineer, said simply widening the road is not an option due to cost constraints. Without an option to widen the road, each alternative offers both benefits and drawbacks.

The city's active transportation plan (ATP) — approved in 2018 — identified the 2.5-mile-long segment of East Avenue from South Livermore Avenue to South Vasco Road as a priority corridor in need of improvements. The busy roadway connects downtown

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Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert hosted Race Amity Festival, Sunday, June 13, at Dublin's Emerald Glen Park. Amity Race Day is held on the second Sunday of June. It is a time for Americans to come together and celebrate the diversity of their communities. Seen from left are Sayeh Ahmari, Haubert's communication coordinator; Sherry Hu, Dublin councilmember; and artist and speaker Nana-Dicta Gravers. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)

Couple Opens Bakery to Honor the Life of Their Child Who Passed Away

By Ruth Roberts

LIVERMORE — When Bryan and Aimee Wingen opened the doors of their new downtown bakery on June 10, it was the culmination of a journey that began with a passion for baking and the love of a little girl.

"On our first day, there was a line out of the door, and we sold out of everything by 1 p.m.," said Bryan. "People had heard about our story and really wanted to be there to support us. We got ransacked in the best possible way."

The Wingen's daughter, Waylynn, was born in December 2020 and diagnosed a week later with Zellweger Syndrome, a terminal genetic disease. In March, COVID-19 lockdowns began, and the couple decided to open a cottage bakery. The home-based business allowed them to earn some extra income while providing full-time care for their daughter.

"We got to spend every day with our daughter, and we celebrated monthly birthdays with friends in our bubble and cherished every moment," said Bryan. "(Waylynn) became our inspiration for everything, and we started doing (contactless) pickups and marketing the business on social media. She gave us purpose and drove us to be better people."

The Wingen's quickly gained a following for their business but paused the bakery when Waylynn passed away at 8 months old.

Following the loss of their daughter, Aimee and Bryan took time off to grieve. They returned a few months later with a renewed drive and finding solace in the therapeutic process of baking bread.

In the fall of 2020, they joined the Livermore Farmers Market, selling out ev-

ery week. As their business quickly grew, the Wingen's began scouting out a storefront for their business and eventually took over the South Livermore Avenue location where they opened Wingen Bakery. Last year, the Wingen's participated in a global fundraiser for Zellweger Syndrome, raising \$20,000 through the sale of their baked goods for the foundation.



In memory of their late daughter, who died at 8 months old, Bryan and Aimee Wingen opened a bakery at 50 S. Livermore Ave. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)

Longtime friend and supporter Rachel Kleist, whose husband works at the bakery, said the strength and purpose the Wingen's have displayed throughout their journey has

been amazing. "It's been so inspiring watching Bryan and Aimee work tirelessly to build a business together," said Kleist. "Waylynn brought our community together during her short eight months, and I'm excited to see how her memory lives on in her parents' bakery."

For Aimee and Bryan, the bakery is more than a business, it is a community gathering place one that will eventually offer bread-making classes, pop-up businesses and a showcase for new artists in an area of the bakery named the Waylynn Room.

"The room is going to be filled with photos and have a play area for kids and really just be a beautiful place where families can come and gather," said Bryan. "We have met a lot of people in Livermore and throughout

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Alongside Colleagues

Swalwell to Open Investigation into Trump Subpoenas

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — Tri-Valley Congressman Eric Swalwell and his colleagues on the House Judiciary Committee will soon open a formal investigation into disclosures that the Trump Administration's Justice Department used secret subpoenas to collect his phone records, as well as those of journalists, U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff, and staff members and their families.

Swalwell's committee chairman, U.S. Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY), announced the investigation on Monday after news broke that two of Trump's attorneys general — Jeff Sessions and William Barr — allegedly abused their power to investigate people Trump perceived as his political foes.

Swalwell, who also serves on the Intelligence and Homeland Security Committees, will soon potentially have the opportunity to question the prosecutors who targeted him when the Judiciary Committee opens hearings.

Swalwell said the issue is bigger than his role in Congress.

"It's not (about) my phone," Swalwell told The Independent. "It's your readers' phones that can be targeted if this persists in our country."

Swalwell said Apple notified him in May that his

records were among those sought by and turned over to the Trump Administration. Published reports in the New York Times and other national media indicated the Department of Justice, in a search for leaks, sought phone records for Swalwell, Schiff, journalists including CNN's Barbara Starr, and Trump's former counsel Don McGahn.

According to the news reports, a federal grand jury issued the subpoenas in February 2018. Apple told Schiff and Swalwell about them when a judge lifted a gag order.

In initially responding to the reports, Swalwell said the conduct was unacceptable but "on brand for a president who has repeatedly shown he would cast aside our Constitution for his own personal gain."

"Presidents set the tone for the country and the tone that Donald Trump set was one of bullying and a phony tough guy persona," Swalwell told The Independent. "He weaponized law enforcement to go after his enemies."

From the time Trump was elected in 2016, Swalwell — who represents Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton, Sunol and 11 Contra Costa County communities — became a regular guest on cable news programs, criticizing Trump's behavior, policies and plans.

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Water Division Reports Supply Meets the Demand

By Aly Brown

LIVERMORE — Despite drought conditions, the City of Livermore is positioned to meet its water demand, according to the Livermore Municipal Water (LMW).

Yanming Zhang, technical programs manager for Livermore's Water Resources Division, reported that Zone 7 projects there will be supply surpluses in normal, single dry and multiple dry years, and that Livermore's demand can be met as well. LMW's drought risk assessment for 2020 through 2025 further found the supply can meet the demand. LMW, which obtains its water from Zone 7 and Livermore Water Reclamation plant, provides water to about a third of the population and

half of the city's territory. Cal Water supplies the remaining portion of the city with water.

"We know that Zone 7 will have more than enough water, but we're not sure how much water they will actually give us," Zhang said. "But the message we get from here is all the demand can be met by the supplies."

During its June 14 meeting, the city council unanimously approved adoption of its 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). The plan will be submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) on July 1.

Part of the approval adopted a 2015 UWMP addendum, which addressed a need for reduced reliance on the Delta — a requirement set

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Zone 7 Commits \$2 Million for PFAs Water Treatment Facility

By Ron McNicoll

REGIONAL — Zone 7 directors have approved spending \$2 million to design a facility to treat potential human health threats in Cope Lake's water should chemicals accumulate above legally acceptable levels.

Those chemicals are called per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAs and PFOAs), which are found in consumer products, such as cookware, food packaging and stain repellents. They make their way into drinking water sources. The National Cancer Institute continues to study their health impacts.

In an effort to protect the water quality of Cope Lake's three nearby wells,

directors during a May 5 meeting voted unanimously in favor of committing to spend \$2 million now for designing the facility.

Going ahead with the plan to spend \$2 million on the purification plant would also qualify Zone 7 for grant money and loans, once the design hits the 50% to 60% completion level.

The only risk in proceeding with the \$2 million design would be if future standards for toxicity of PFOAs and PFAs become even stricter, making the plant inadequate to meet them.

However, there would be several checkpoints along the timeline for designing

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Livermore High School seniors march along the track, ready to receive their diplomas Friday, June 11. See more photos of graduation on page 10.

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No injuries were reported in a collision involving a train and a car on St. Mary's Street in Pleasanton. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Train Collides with Car in Pleasanton

Units from the Pleasanton Police Department (PPD) and the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LPFD) responded to a collision involving a Union Pacific train and a vehicle Monday, around 3 p.m. this week. No injuries were reported.

Teri Yan, PPD public information officer, confirmed

that a train clipped a vehicle at the railroad crossing at St. Mary's Street in Pleasanton.

The driver of the vehicle, who went only by the name of James, said one of the gate arms was still up when he tried to cross the tracks and that he didn't see the other side was down. A press release from the PPD stated that "it appears the

railroad crossing signal was working correctly."

The vehicle was towed from the scene, and the PPD is still investigating the cause of the collision. The Pleasanton Police Department requests anyone with information concerning this incident to call the police department at 925-931-5100.

Grads Receive Rotary Scholarships

The Pleasanton North Rotary Club has awarded \$1,000 scholarships to three graduating seniors from Foothill High School, based, in large part, on their community service.

Allison Lourenco received the Rotary's annual Chuck Pickens Memorial Scholarship for her volunteer work with Amador Valley Assistance League, Culinary Angels, Diablo Day Camp, Sunflower Hill Gardens, and the Girl Scouts.

Aubrey Kim received the Robin Barnett Memorial Scholarship in recognition of her volunteer efforts on behalf of youth-oriented programs such as the Light and Salt Bible Studies Ministry, the Mariachi Music Program, and Empowering Youth in Business. With onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Kim also helped organize Design Pact, a student group that used their computer skills to help small businesses improve their online presence.

The third scholarship, established in memory of Stephen Parker, a 1978

graduate of Foothill and son and brother of the Rotary Club's past presidents Jack and Dave Parker, respectively, went to Alyssa Lam.

Lam's list of community service activities includes volunteering with a Cambo-

dia Medical Mission, Destination Imagination, Girl Scouts, the Pink Dot Club (which encourages students to join the California Organ and Tissue Registry), Safe Haven Club, and Students for Social Change.

Missing Man Ministries Celebrates 10 Years

By Ruth Roberts

Cherry Quintero lost her husband in 2019, leaving her a widow with three children and an uncertain future. For the Dublin resident, the emotional and financial challenges facing her seemed overwhelming.

"I was having a very hard time and didn't know what to do," said Quintero. "We didn't know if we needed to sell our house ... we had already moved out and were in an apartment. I reached out to (Missing Man Ministries), and David came by with other men who came and packed us up and moved us back to the house, changed out our garage door and helped with plumbing and electrical issues. They have been an incredible blessing to all of us."

The group's volunteer staff of skilled laborers and professionals provide transitional assistance to

widows and orphans in the form of home maintenance, financial planning, grief counseling and emergency support. Now celebrating its 10th anniversary, Missing Man continues to lift up those in need through a ministry of compassion and hope.

For President David Doyle, the calling to help is purely personal.

Both Doyle and his wife, Anita, lost their fathers at a young age and experienced firsthand the struggles of a single mother trying to raise her children alone.

In 2013, the DoYLES discovered Missing Man Ministries through a church group and knew they had found their home.

"This very much feels like a full-circle thing," said Doyle of his work with the organization. "I would never in a million years have known this was my path, and certainly, I would never wish (the loss

of a father) on anyone, but I am honored and humbled to be in this group."

Over the years, Missing Man Ministries has helped hundreds of families get back on their feet thanks to the generosity of local volunteers and a network of donors. The group is continuing to work on expanding outreach and growing its base through fundraisers and grants, monthly newsletters and updates to their website.

"No one on the board gets paid. We all have full time jobs," said Doyle. "No one is driving around in a Lamborghini or flying on a corporate jet. Everyone is just committed to helping, and 100% of all our donations go directly into the service of helping others."

And the need continues to be constant, Doyle said.

"Whether it be a client who needs their trees trimmed, plumbing fixed or some emotional support,

we do our best," he added. For those like Quintero, the blessings of the ministry have been many.

"They helped us through a really difficult time," she said. "And since they have helped me, I realized I could help people too, and now I volunteer and help out families in need anyway I can. My children help too. It's our way of paying it forward for someone else."

For additional information or to donate or volunteer, visit www.missingmanministries.org, or call 925-399-5473.

Nissan Dealership Planned for Dublin

The California Automotive Retailing Group, based in Dublin and owned by Inder and Jessie Dosanjh, broke ground May 27 on a new 32,000-square-foot Nissan dealership on the city's

east side.

One of the largest automotive dealers in Northern California, the family-owned business currently has 16 dealerships in Dublin, Concord, San Leandro, Fre-

mont, Gilroy, and Seaside, selling Chevrolet, Cadillac, Buick, GMC, and Infiniti products.

Executives from Nissan USA, based in Tennessee, attended the groundbreaking.

Students Plant Native Trees for Earth Week

Students at two Livermore elementary schools this year planted native California trees donated

Six trees were donated to Tri-Valley Citizens' Climate Education, which worked with the schools

to help students with the planting.



Students from elementary schools in Livermore helped plant trees in honor of Earth Week 2021. (Photo courtesy of Ann Brown)

by Western Star Nurseries for Earth Week Tri-Valley.

Anne Rosedin's third graders at Marylin Avenue Elementary planted a Coast Live Oak on the edge of the school's playing field, while Shani Shortridge's first graders at Emma Smith Elementary planted a pair of Western Redbuds near the school's entrance.

Students at three other Livermore schools -- Altamont Creek, Jackson Avenue Elementary, and Granada High School -- will plant donated trees in the fall.

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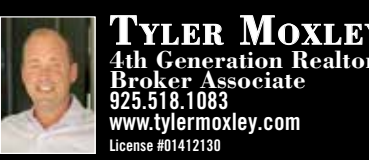


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Dublin Unified School District Honors Its Academic Achievers

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) celebrated the graduating class of 2021 with an in-person send off and honored its students who had shown excellence in their academic studies.

While DUSD moved away from the titles of “valedictorian” and “salutatorian” six years ago, the district offers the title of Gael Scholar.

“Anyone who has a 4.0 GPA has the distinction of being a Gael Scholar,” said Dublin High School (DHS) Principal Maureen Byrne. “We feel that anyone receiving a 4.0 or above has already gone above and beyond, and we wanted a way to honor them. The Gael Scholar distinction does that.”

Byrne said approximately 100 students qualify as Gael Scholars each year, with several competing to give the Gael Scholar Speech at graduation. She noted the pool this year was exceptional, with students who have exceeded in rigorous classes while isolated at home during a worldwide pandemic.

This year’s Gael Scholar speech was given by Rebecca Yee, 18, of Dublin. Earlier this year, she submitted a video to the panel, which selected her for the honor and said she enjoyed the experience. Her goal during high school was to broaden her knowledge and experience.

“I think a lot of my motivation to take a lot of these advanced classes was to get ahead in academics and to hone in on my abilities, and to prepare myself for college and be able to handle stress and balance,” said Yee. “I just wanted to learn more about different subjects.”

Yee said she enjoyed her time at Dublin High and appreciated the support she received from teachers and administrators alike. She will attend California Polytechnic State University in the fall and hopes to apply to veterinary school after graduating.

“I’m interested in anything along the way pertain-

ing to animals, but that’s the path I’m planning right now,” said Yee. My passion has always been with animals, which is ironic, because I was never allowed to have dogs or cats growing up . . . but the veterinary pathway is something I’ve always known I wanted to do.”



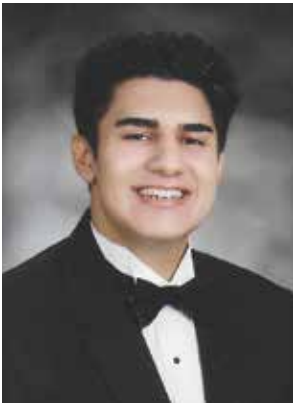
Rebecca Yee

During her time in high school, Yee was part of the California Scholarship Federation, the Blood Drive Club and Spanish Honors Society. She enjoys reading, roller skating and journaling.

The DHS senior class president also gives a speech at graduation, and this year the class president was

Dilsher Singh, 17. Dilsher also held the honor of Gael Scholar. He said his emphasis during high school was on the biomedical field, and he joined the school’s biomedical academy his sophomore year to focus on his studies.

“I either wanted to go into the culinary academy or the biomedical academy, and I decided STEM (sci-



Dilsher Singh

ence, technology, engineering and math) was a better fit for me,” said Dilsher. “My motivation was the satisfaction that I was growing as a person . . . I wanted to join the biomedical academy so I could help others and do more for other people.”

Dilsher will attend UC Berkley in the fall and plans

to study biology. He said one of the school’s attractions is the biology and business double major program, where he can add business and economics to his scientific studies. He plans to attend medical school and become a family care specialist.

“I feel like family care is good for me,” said Dilsher. “I don’t only want to work with adults or only kids. I want to work with a variety of ages, and I think family care will suit me. I want to build relationships and work with patients over the long term.”

During the past four years, Dilsher was part of the Sikh Honors and Service Society, a club focused on helping others, feeding the homeless and practicing selfless care. He was also part of the track and field team, competing in shotput and discus.

Byrne said she is excited to see the big things these students move onto in the future.

“Rebecca is a wonderful student,” said Byrne. “She is involved in our Biomedical Academy and has excelled as a student and

individual. Dilsher was new to student government this year and did a phenomenal job promoting class unity and spirit.”

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Facing Up to Climate Change

One of the essential questions facing the Biden Administration is how to combat the devastation of climate change. Effects are clearly visible in 2021. As average world temperatures climb, ice sheets are shrinking, oceans are rising at an accelerating pace, and storms and wildfires are growing more destructive. Atmospheric concentrations of heat-trapping greenhouse gases, already higher than at any time in human history, keep nudging upwards by 2 or 3 parts per million each year, promising still more severe damage to the future worlds of our grandchildren and their children.

Strangely, there remains in this country an argument about whether climate change is even a problem. On one side are the great majority of climate scientists, who are united in their concern about a clear and growing threat, even as they debate the complex details of how it is evolving. On the other are denialists, who claim that climate sci-

ence is murky but somehow know that there is no reason for alarm. This argument was highlighted three weeks ago in a talk at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory by Dr. Steven Koonin, a theoretical physicist who takes the denialist side of the argument. He also serves as a member of the Laboratory's Board of Governors. We must keep burning fossil fuels to keep our economy healthy, Koonin says. Future generations can simply adapt to the results of climate change.

It's a puzzle that the Laboratory should have given Koonin a speaking platform and the credibility that goes with it. He is not a climate scientist, and his message clearly contradicts the Biden Administration's goal of drastically reducing greenhouse gas emissions. It's also at odds with decades of findings by actual climate scientists, including the Laboratory's, who created today's clear picture of serious worldwide

danger. Whatever the reason, Koonin's talk might normally have gone unnoticed but for the courage of Dr. Benjamin Santer, the Laboratory's best known climate scientist. Santer was so dismayed at the Koonin invitation that he announced his resignation in protest. The climate research world expressed its support for Santer, and the ensuing publicity subjected the Laboratory to national criticism.

If there has been a silver lining to the episode, it is in reminding us that we cannot treat climate change as an academic debate. We can't go back to business as usual, while trusting that the world will somehow turn out well. Actions have consequences where climate is concerned. We must take steps now to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. What we do or fail to do in the next several years will help determine whether our grandchildren grow up in a healthy world.

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Starting the Water Games

Jorge Barrantes, Livermore

In recent moments, the article about saving water indicated the question: why do we use potable water to flush our toilets?

The solution to use potable water could have been a great solution at what age of time? Certainly not days where technology abounds. But here we are, flushing away our precious drinking water. Well, no so fast.

In past moments, we were part of the effort not to flush every time we pee pee. Funny word used for children, but not adults. As adults, we have the obligation to see that flushing the next time we use the toilet to relieve our self. In this respect, the other part of Plan B is to use mechanical flushing to be diverted to the main disposal line to the underground street lines.

An air pressure device will actuate to send pressure and assure that the waste will continue to move accordingly to other waste lines. Air pressure could be an amazing alternative, instead of using potable drinking water. The air pressure devices could be located every two or three blocks, as much as it could be possible to be effective to have clean waste lines.

I know this is not a nice subject to discuss on a weekend, but when would it be possible to safe drinking water. By starting the water games!

The Smear Campaign Has Not Worked

Maryann Brent, Livermore

My response to the Independent's June 11, 2021 editorial, 'Setting the Record Straight,' is to support Joan Seppala without hesitation. She has consistently backed

the best outcome and considered the long view for the Livermore community in the 50+ years since founding The Independent. Some examples are the city and county Urban Growth Boundary efforts and the Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Arts Center projects, among many others that do not bear specific project names. She is trying to do the same now: offer an alternative affordable housing plan near downtown, ensure adequate parking downtown, and safeguard the unique character that identifies Livermore.

The city council should be pursuing these very goals instead of setting up a smear campaign against Seppala. The smear campaign has not worked. It is time to get down to business and work with Save Livermore Downtown (SLD) for the city center that Livermore deserves. Isn't that how democracies behave?

It's a Sad Day

Vic Avila, Livermore

It assuredly is a sad day when people malign and discredit Joan Seppala for the various community benefit and open space positions she supports.

Without Joan's efforts there may not be a Bankhead Theater, a successful Bothwell Arts Center, and open space on the north, east, and south sides of Livermore. Her efforts have assured that Livermore is the last haven of open space in the Tri-Valley. In the vast area that makes up the Tri-Valley ... and only Livermore has open space!

That makes open space that much more valuable. Valuable to the human eye, spirit, and well-being, plus it also enhances property value. Joan Seppala has championed that effort for years, preserving the farmer, rancher, vineyard, and small-town nature of this city.

The Independent has concentrated its efforts to support what is good for the community of Livermore, delivering news. Joan has been a tireless warrior making every effort to preserve Livermore's status as a great place to live.

Richly deserved applause and an amen for Joan's lifelong efforts are in order here!

I Hope You Will Join Me

Kaylee DeLand, Livermore

Maternal deaths have decreased significantly over the past 25 years.

Despite this, around 800 people still die from preventable causes related to pregnancy or childbirth every day. The COVID-19 pandemic has also impacted patients' access to healthcare.

The Reach Every Mother and Child Act seeks to stop preventable deaths in developing countries by creating the position of Child and Maternal Survival Coordinator to be filled by an USAID employee, requiring a five-year plan outlining specific goals, and requiring an annual report to Congress to monitor progress. This is a bipartisan bill that could save lives.

I'm contacting Senator Feinstein and Senator Padilla to voice my support for the

Reach Every Mother and Child Act, and I hope that you will join me in this effort.

Council Should Come Up with New Plan

Mary Anne Rozsa, Livermore

I am very disappointed that the City Council approved the Eden Housing Project, which will occupy the last of available land in our core downtown. This should be reserved as open space with park, sitting areas with benches, playground for the community's children, picnicking, and just enjoying the ambience of a beautiful park nestled in the heart of downtown. Instead, we are going to have very tall housing units with not enough parking and a much reduced open area for a park. I am all for affordable housing, as everyone deserves a decent and safe place to call home, but surely with some critical thinking and additional planning, the Council could come up with a housing plan that does not take away the only downtown space available for a destination park to be enjoyed by the entire community and the many visitors to our wine country.

Wise to Remember That Little Truth

Donn Day, Livermore

The U.S. is certainly in danger, but it's not from people like Dr. Steven Koonin, who recently spoke at LLNL, it's from people like Alan Marling (June 10) who wants to "deplatform" any view he doesn't agree with!

Mr. Marling states "Often in journalism there is a misguided attempt to portray 'both sides.'"

I'm not sure what newspaper(s) Marling reads, but the days of papers presenting "both sides" have long been over!

Let's look at the article Marling criticizes. The article starts out with four paragraphs that give some light info about Koonin's background, then goes into 22 paragraphs of criticism of Koonin's views. This is what Marling thinks is presenting both sides?

Marling claims that Koonin pushes "conspiracy theories" and is a "reality denier," so the obvious question is did Marling reach these conclusions by reading Koonin's book? Doubtful, of course, if it was up to Marling the book would be "deplatformed" by Amazon and other book publishers ... this is what passes for scientific inquiry in Marling's world.

What passes for scientific consensus today, is sometimes consigned to the dustbin of history (in the 1970s the fear was a cooling planet, not a warming one). Marling (and others similarly inclined) would be wise to remember that little truth! Or he could try reading "Apocalypse Never: Why Environmental Alarmism Hurts Us All."

Support for Seppala and The Independent

Carol Silva, Livermore

The Independent's Editorial on June 10, 2021's edition, "Setting the Record Straight," brought back a few memories for me. During the early 1970s, I remember the big change in The Independent when it was a thick newspaper that was provided three times a week and then downsized to a weekly newspaper with just a few pages due to local businesses pulling their advertisements from the newspaper and opposing the 1972 SAVE Initiative. This Initiative was supported by Livermore voters and The Independent. It was probably during this time

when our young newspaper carrier looked scared when he came by to collect payment from my mom for subscribing to The Independent. Although we didn't give our carrier a hard time, I imagine that some customers were disappointed with the necessary survival changes to The Independent.

I respect Joan Seppala's perseverance to publish The Independent, especially when so many publications have recently ended their operations, and her strong desire to make Livermore a better place to live for everybody. I thank Joan Seppala and The Independent for the political fights involving Livermore's open space by supporting Urban Growth Boundaries, for supporting art and culture in Livermore, and for being involved in Save Livermore Downtown (SLD) and working on "A Downtown Alternative." A Downtown Alternative is an option to create a larger, beautiful central park while increasing the quantity of affordable housing units and include housing units for teachers and essential workers, increasing the number of parking spaces for Eden Housing residents, improving visitation to the area, and by accomplishing this in a fiscally responsible manner. A lot of effort and expense was put into this downtown alternative researching land acquisition, loans and grants, deadlines, legal issues, and creating a Plan.

Why can't the City Council respect and listen to the community that wants to improve our downtown? Why can't the City Council think outside the box to come up with an alternative to have Eden housing moved slightly away from the downtown footprint? Usually, managers want their employees to think outside the box. Instead, it seems like the City Council continues to disrespect anyone who has a different opinion from them and smear the reputations of Planning Commissioner, John Stein, and Publisher, Joan Seppala. Why can't the City Council work with members of SLD and Livermore residents to make Livermore a better community?

Look to Dublin Dennis Elchesen, Livermore

I don't consider the City of Dublin to be a model of great urban planning, but they are doing a much better job than Livermore with regard to affordable housing. Unlike Livermore, Dublin is adding many affordable housing units within their city limits without arousing the indignation of their residents.

In April, the Dublin City Council unanimously agreed to spend \$10 million for the development of a 308-unit affordable housing project adjacent to the West Dublin BART station. In June, the Dublin City Council unanimously voted to enter into a public benefit agreement to purchase the city's Waterford Place Apartments and convert 390 units into rent-restricted affordable housing units. I haven't heard about any objections to these plans from Dublin's residents.

One can only wonder why the Livermore City Council cannot find similar solutions to our city's affordable housing dilemma. There is more than ample space along the 580 freeway where Livermore was to have a BART station and will instead have a Valley Link light rail terminal. Why can't Livermore build affordable housing units near the Valley Link station? Livermore has many apartment complexes throughout the city. If Dublin

can convert existing apartments into affordable housing units, why can't Livermore?

The Livermore Planning Commission and the Livermore City Council need to get more creative in finding suitable locations for our much-needed affordable housing units. If they continue to needlessly oppose the ideal plan being advocated by the Save Livermore Downtown group, maybe they should look to Dublin for inspiration.

Give Him a Pink Slip

Anthony Beckett, Livermore

"Weaponized legalism" is a concept, usually employed in more totalitarian regimes, where the law is used to persecute and intimidate political opponents.

This is seen in full view by the continued and relentless attacks on anyone who dare support "conservative" ideas. Eric Swalwell has engaged in this behavior for years, producing from whole cloth a fabricated (and disproved) yarn about Russian collusion, whose entire purpose was to impeach President Trump (twice) while leaking "information" from the Intelligence Committee that he was a member of, which was not only false, but actual blatant lies in order to "legally" pursue the objective: defame and harass the president.

Now Eric is using the same tactics to harass and defame another opponent, Rep. Mo Brooks, to extend the false narrative that the breaching of the Capitol building on January 6 was an "armed and deadly insurrection". The only arms present were the Capitol Police, and the only deaths resulting from the breach were protestors.

Most sane observers saw it as a disorganized bunch of decent, if misguided, people who wandered into the Capitol, much less organized and far less deadly than the democrat-supported riots that consumed US cities all last year. Where are the investigations and harassment of those who engaged in that murder and mayhem? Crickets.

If Eric were to spend some time not chasing windmills for the Democratic Party and pay attention to rising inflation, housing shortages, homelessness and the crisis at the border, then he would be doing what he was hired to do by his constituents. But, given past performance, he won't, and he needs to be given his pink slip at his next performance review in 2022.

Stick to Verifiable Facts

Johnna Thompson, Livermore

The editorial in last week's Independent described a smear campaign against the Independent's owner, and referenced a May 25, 2021 article in the San Francisco Chronicle, in which former Livermore Mayor John Marchand characterized those who oppose the siting of the Eden affordable housing project as "a small group of wealthy elite", putting a class warfare spin on a disagreement about the aesthetics of Livermore's downtown. The Chronicle article stated that the Save Livermore Downtown group had spent "upwards of \$2 million to turn public opinion against the development", which the group says is a wholly made-up figure. Where did the Chronicle's writer, J.K. Dineen get such a figure? Could it have been from Mr. Marchand, who was interviewed and photographed for the article? In addition, Mr. Dineen uses incorrect data on teachers' salaries in Livermore, interestingly, the very same incorrect figures Mrs. Marchand used in her

comments to the Livermore city council before their 5-0 vote on May 24 to approve the Eden project. The salary levels given by both Mrs. Marchand and Mr. Dineen are at least 3 years out of date. Both used the data to imply that Livermore teachers would qualify to live in the Eden project, which is not true. A fully credentialed beginning teacher at the lowest rung of the 2020-21 Livermore School District's salary schedule would be making \$56,250 annually, whereas the maximum allowable annual salary for a single person to qualify for the Eden project is \$54,840. Even city staff in their presentation to the council at the May 24 meeting noted that school district clerical staff would qualify but made no mention of Livermore teachers. Mr. Dineen clearly did inadequate fact checking for his article, since the school district's salary schedule is publicly available on the district's website. One of Save Livermore Downtown's arguments in favor of moving the affordable housing project a block north is that more units could be built, allowing for a wider range of income levels to qualify, including beginning teachers, which is not the case with the Eden project.

Let's stick to real, verifiable facts to make our cases; there are no "alternative" facts.

They Just Don't Listen

Michael Fredrich, Livermore

I was the last speaker to make a comment at the Livermore City Council meeting at which the downtown Eden housing development was approved. I had raised my hand to speak and then lowered it multiple times. I attended the meeting with the intention to speak, but with only 1 minute to make my comments and with withering attacks by supporters of the project on opponents, I question the value of speaking.

There have been, and continues to be, supporters of the Eden project who expound on the workforce housing the project will provide to teachers, police and firefighters. The big lie is that few if any of that group will qualify. And you have to ask, are public employees being paid less than a living wage? Many local business interests also spoke seemingly arguing that because of the low wages they pay, the public must subsidize the housing costs of their workers.

In the end I did speak, but I felt anything I said, or that of any other opponent of the project, would not make any difference to the council's decision. This meeting, like many others related to the downtown development, has simply been political theater. A recent poll indicated the vast majority of Livermore residents are opposed to the Eden development at the Lucky site. People support low-income housing, just not on the proposed site. I have to ask, "Who does our city council represent"? Developers? Business interests? Outside special interests? They don't seem to be listening to the residents of Livermore. We are getting virtually the same project pushed by the city in 2017.

Support For Joan Seppala

Valarie Daum, Livermore

I support the June 10 article regarding Joan Seppala. She is an intelligent remarkable woman with conviction and energy to spare. She truly supports our interests and vision for our towns' future. Our Bankhead theater would not be the Tri-Valley art and

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entertainment center without Joan's leadership.

"Elitist" is NOT a word to describe Joan, rather she is inclusive, as she easily gathers others in support of her many forward- thinking projects. Joan has "spirit" and Livermore is lucky to have her be the publisher of The Independent newspaper and kind moderator of our town.

Erasing History

Peter Buckley, Livermore

The recent mental breakdowns of our very own "public servants" here in Livermore, brings to light an interesting trend; government employees and academic elites trying to erase Jewish history, thus minimizing their generations of struggle, which is an integral part of everyone's history and culture. Let's dig in a bit, shall we?

In an age where any 8 yr old, with internet access and an iPad, can hop online and educate themselves on any topic, I find it shocking, if not depressing, that there's grown adults throwing tantrums spurred by their own ignorance to universally accepted definitions and very recent history. So, why did a Jewish man use the word ghetto (ghèto - it's a noun, not an adjective) and why did the 2 cultural Marxists of our city council have babbling mental breakdowns over his correct use of the word while openly attacking him in a coordinated public shaming, which is the definition of bul-

lying. Perhaps, to cover up his objections to their blatant violations of the very same parking laws they enforce onto everyone else with an iron-fist (especially the small-business owners in our Downtown Core)? Nope, there's much more to this.

The ghètos were created in the early 1600th century, Italy, as a fascistic control mechanism to openly segregate, control, and oppress the Jews. Literally, acting as an open-air prison to control an entire population, who's only crime was that of being an emigrant belonging to the wrong religion or ethnicity. All aspects of life to the Jewish inhabitants in the ghètos of Europe were controlled, from which which holidays they could celebrate, to which businesses they could operate, which led to the creation of "pawn shops" because the Jews were relegated to the buying and reselling of 2nd hand goods only and restricted from dealing with anything of value or importance to the surrounding community.

This newfound practice, and fascistic control mechanism, was exported across the whole of Europe as the official way to deal with the Jews, and unwanted immigrants in-general. This insidious practice culminated 400 years later with Hitler imprisoning the European Jewish population into thousands of ghettos across Central and Eastern Europe, just mere holding cells to await the horrors of

the concentration camps they were soon to be transferred to, ie The Final Solution. This is what our grandparents sacrificed their lives for to put an end to.

Create a True Win-Win

Chris Bronis, Livermore

I am very concerned that before his election last September, Mayor Bob Woerner stated that he would carefully assess moving the Eden Housing development across Railroad Avenue to the north. In his words, this was a win-win. Affordable housing would be provided in addition to a large park that would be created on the site that Eden had vacated. The Park would become a gathering place for the whole community. Many citizens voted for Woerner as a result.

However, before Woerner was sworn into office as mayor, he put together a workshop to discuss the Eden Housing project. He aggressively pushed for council members to support placing the housing units on the proposed Lucky site without investigating the relocation of this project across the street.

Having called Livermore our home for over 35 years, we've applauded the efforts of our previous administration's careful planning, which has transformed our downtown area as one of the most attractive in the entire Bay Area. The current administration's plans now threaten that as their plans will bring more traffic and gridlock to the

downtown area. The mayor and his friends want to build 3 and 4 story buildings where the welcoming park should be. This will forever change the landscape of our town.

There are alternative plans that need to be considered, as we believe a large majority of our citizens do not want the Eden Housing development to proceed as currently drawn up and we ask the Mayor and City Council to listen to the citizens of Livermore on establishing the affordable housing offsite and create a true win-win as

Mayor Woerner indicated.

It is the Latter

Rifka Several, Livermore

I would like to applaud the editorial of June 10, "setting the record straight" about Joan Seppala. I well remember her being honored in June just two years ago as the Livermore Lions Club Citizen of the Year in Alameda County. Fittingly, the Lions Club works to meet Helen Keller's challenge to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Throughout her long

engagement with Livermore's cultural and sustainably sound development, Joan has indeed crusaded against forces that would have irreparably changed the historic and dynamic city we all cherish today. Remember that just five years ago, Joan and her husband Lynn were the Livermore Rodeo Grand Marshalls, selected, as the Parade Committee stated, "because of their long-standing commitment to the community." So has Joan changed... or is she being

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Please don't be fooled. Here are the facts:

- ✓ **Livermore's politicians misled us about the Eden Housing plan**
They increased the height and mass of buildings, decreased parking, and eliminated housing for teachers, firefighters and police.
- ✓ **City residents oppose the new plan by a 4 to 1 majority**
This fact was established by a scientific survey conducted by nationally-respected polling firm David Binder Research.
- ✓ **The City Council approved the project anyway**
They refused to listen to residents or work with Eden Housing to improve the plan and consider alternatives.
- ✓ **Save Livermore Downtown stood up for Livermore**
They angered the City Council by speaking out and working to provide alternatives with a signature central park space, more parking, and more affordable housing.
- ✓ **The politicians then embarked on a misleading campaign**
In an effort to discredit the efforts of Save Livermore Downtown, some politicians put out fabrications about the organization and one of its members, Joan Seppala. The Independent said they "simply drum up their own 'facts.'"
- ✓ **Joan Seppala has a long history of standing up for our community**
She took on huge developers to create our city and county Urban Growth Boundaries, established the Bankhead Theater, and brought attention to the needs of farm workers, the homeless, the disabled and everyday Livermore residents. She continues to stand up for Livermore today.
- ✓ **Save Livermore Downtown will continue working toward a better 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.

It's not too late to Save Livermore Downtown!

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HOUSING

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new standards to the planning commission during its regular June 8 meeting.

“This effort is in response to SB 35, which has identified the city’s need to adopt clear and objective standards,” said Jamie Williams, with RRM Design. “As of July 2020, HCD determined the city has not made sufficient progress in meeting their lower-income RHNA mandate and is subject to an intervention process for proposed developments to have at least 50% affordability. It’s important to note that (current) zoning ordinances will remain in place, but will be provided with additional objectives.”

The purpose of the new standards is to remove nebulous terms and definitions from housing requirements for low-income residents in order to streamline eligibility

and home design mandates.

Dublin Principal Planner Michael Cass agreed that the standards in the past have been open to interpretation.

“I’m somebody who likes more specificity in these development standards, and I think locking in some of these (standards) could be beneficial, and so I think that maybe some of this will be good,” said Cass.

The city’s proposed multifamily residential (MFR) objective design standards would apply to all new multifamily developments within Dublin. Objective versus subjective language is the main sticking point of the standards and will require a move from language such as ‘should be’ or ‘could be’ to include “will provide” and “must include.” A firmer outline of the guideline language will provide,

staff believes, a more stringent and streamlined process for project approvals.

Projects that seek the SB 35 streamlined ministerial approval process would be required to comply with all the objective design standards. Existing projects would be subject to the multifamily residential standards through the city’s discretionary site development review process but would not be allowed to deviate.

In order to create an efficient plan that meets the state standards, RRM reviewed existing city plans; identified appropriate language that needed to be in place; took driving tours of local potential sites; and reviewed how other jurisdictions were working to meet mandates. Elements that must be added to the new plan include: specified levels of

affordability; located on an infill site; comply with existing residential and mixed-use provisions; and meet other requirements such as locational and demolitions restrictions. In accordance with SB 35, when it comes to construction, “the development proponent shall ensure that the prevailing wage requirement is included in all contracts for the performance of the work.”

Over the next few months, staff will develop a document for the planning commission and city council to review.

“I’m very appreciative of staff for bringing this to the forefront for us to chew on,” said Commissioner Jannine Thalblum. “It sets some standards, and I look forward to seeing the document as it grows and moves forward.”

For more information, visit www.dublin.ca.gov.

BAKERY



Bryan Wingen stacks bread in the bakery that he and his wife, Aimee, recently opened in Livermore. The couple held a soft opening June 10. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

the community who have experienced loss and are also mourning and grieving. We want this bakery to become something for the community — we feel this has all been a huge gift, and we want to give something back. We feel very blessed.”

Wingen Bakery is located at 50 S Livermore Ave. Store hours are Wednesday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.wing-bakery.com.

LEGACY

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“The bottom line is Legacy is still the owner,” Van de Water said. “Legacy is still the developer. The developer is still 100% committed to the project.”

The mixed-use project that includes 14,000-square-feet of retail space and four-story apartment buildings was well underway following its approval by the Livermore City Council in June 2018. Construction on First Street retail space, a restaurant and a parking structure already has made significant progress on the site that once featured a Groth Bros. auto dealership.

Katerra, a contractor, supplier and designer founded in 2015, announced June 6 that it had voluntarily filed for Chapter 11 relief while “the company takes steps to conduct a marketing and sale process to maximize value for its stakeholders.” Katerra said it had secured \$35 million in financing to fund its operations during the Chapter 11 process.

“The rapid deterioration of the company’s financial position is the result of the macroeconomic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the construction industry,

inability to procure bonding for construction projects following the unexpected insolvency proceedings of Katerra’s former lender, and unsuccessful attempts to secure additional capital and business,” Katerra said in a statement.

Katerra said the company would consolidate many of its United States activities, sell assets and secure debtor-in-possession financing.

In the Bay Area, besides shutting down construction for the time being at its Livermore project, the bankruptcy filing additionally affected a Legacy apartment project in Hayward, where Katerra also served as the general contractor.

According to its website, Katerra said it was delivering turnkey services including architecture, interior design, materials and construction services for the projects.

Legacy Partners did not respond to an email. A call from The Independent was referred to Ben Faoro, an official with the real estate company said to be handling the Livermore project, but he did not return a message prior to publication. Neither

Legacy CEO W. Dean Henry, nor the project’s architect, BDE in San Francisco, have yet returned a phone call.

Van de Water said the Legacy project was 100% insured and bonded, which would allow Legacy to identify a new contractor and continue the work. He said the city sees the stoppage as “an interruption and delay,” not an end to the project.

“It’s in Legacy’s interest to continue work as soon as possible,” he said.

The project had been slated for completion by the end of the year.

Besides housing, the Legacy at Livermore project is planned to include courtyards, a public path connecting South M Street with Railroad Avenue and a private rooftop terrace and swimming pool. The apartments will be rented at market rate.

It was unclear if any units already are rented.

It also was unclear how subcontractors will get by in the meantime. Calls to local union officials to determine what local companies might be affected were not returned at press time.



With its general contractor, Katerra, filing for bankruptcy, construction on Legacy Partners’ development in downtown Livermore is on hold. Work will recommence once a new contractor is hired. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

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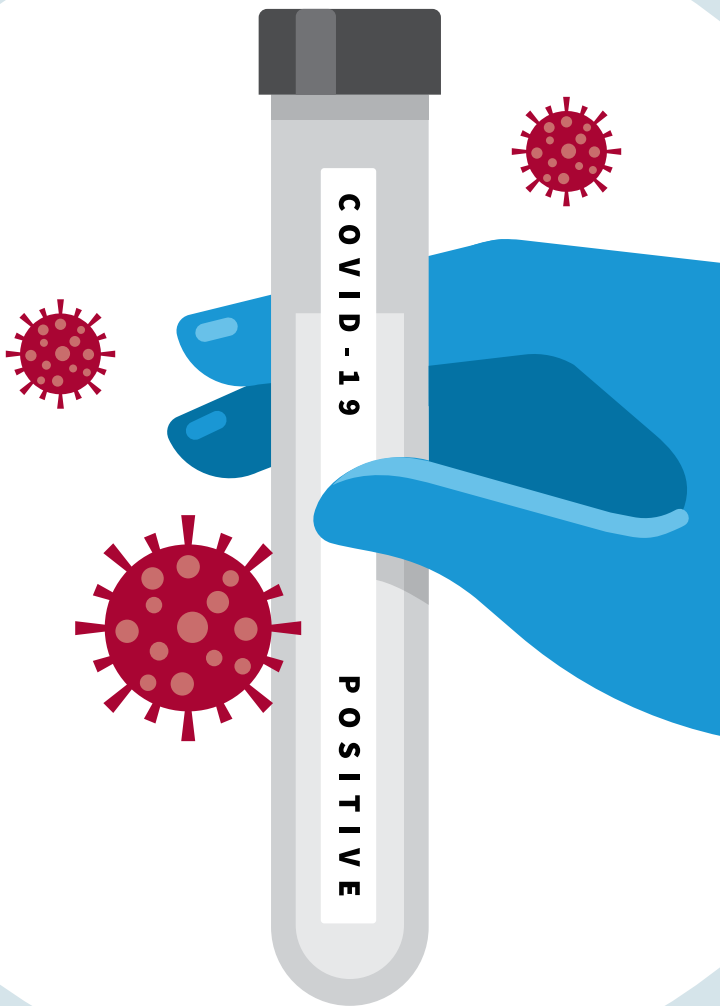
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Livermore Offers Grants for Tourism, Special Events

Livermore is accepting applications for five \$2,000 economic development grants to promote tourism and special events in the city.

The grants will be awarded to organizations for events that meet one or more goals, including adding to the city's "unique art, history, diversity, or character," hold board appeal to audiences throughout the region, produce an economic benefit to the city by marketing Livermore as a tourist destination, and provide an opportunity for the community to gather as it emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The application form is available at www.cityoflivermore.net. For more information, contact the Office of Innovation and Economic Development by email at oied@cityoflivermore.net.

Bankhead Offers Weekend Films, Concert

A courtyard concert and two films are on tap at the Bankhead Theater this weekend.

On Thursday, June 10, the Bankhead will screen a National Theatre Live production of "Cyrano de Bergerac," starring James McAvoy. The adaptation of Edmond Rostand's masterwork by Martin Crimp was recorded in London's West End.

The showing will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students under 21.

On Friday, June 11, local

trumpeter Jeff Bordes and the Bay Area jazz trio Panthelion will highlight an outdoor Courtyard Concert at the Bankhead. Bordes has appeared on stage and recorded with such greats as Branford Marsalis, David Garibaldi, Tom Petty, and Stevie Nicks.

The early evening event, held in the courtyard adjacent to the theater, will feature a comedy opener at 5:30 p.m. followed by the performance. Tickets are \$20 and the audience will be capped at 44 seated at distanced tables.

At 3 p.m., on Sunday,

June 13, the Bankhead will present the second film in its "Travel Without Leaving Town" series, "Hermitage: The Power of Art."

Narrated by Italian actor Toni Servillo, the film which offers a tour of the State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia, along with the city's waterfront, statues, canals, and bridges.

Tickets are \$15, with \$10 tickets for students under 21.

For tickets to all Bankhead events, go to <https://livermorearts.org> or call 925-373-6800.

Pleasanton Lions to Host Scholarship Golf Tourney

The Pleasanton Lions Club will host the annual Matthew Yount Memorial Golf Tournament at the nine-hole Pleasanton Golf Center course at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in July.

Greg Yount, former Lions Club president, said the tournament will be held Thursday, July 15.

The tournament is named for Yount's son, Matthew, a Foothill High School graduate, who died in 2013 while

on a California Polytechnic State University study-abroad program in Spain. Proceeds go to the Amador Valley Scholarship fund, which provides scholarships to graduates of Foothill, Amador Valley, and Village high schools in Pleasanton, and to the Cal Poly study-abroad program.

Play is limited to 72 golfers, with two foursomes teeing off at each hole, in a shotgun start at 3 p.m. Golf-

ers will be allowed to use just three clubs and a putter during the round. Following the tournament, golfers will be provided a box dinner from Cabana Dave's, which they can take home or eat at the course.

The cost for golf, dinner, and on-course and refreshments is \$100 per person. To sign up, e-mail Yount at yountbz@yahoo.com, or call 925-200-9579.

Pleasanton Police Hire Dispatcher, Records Clerk

The Pleasanton Police Department this week announced the hiring of a new dispatcher and a records clerk.

Sydney Ruegsegger joins the department as a dispatcher after three years in the same capacity with the Oakland Police Department.

Ruegsegger, who grew up in Pleasanton and graduated from Amador High School, began her law-enforcement career in 2014 as a cadet with the Oakland police.

Dori Tafoya joins the Pleasanton after seven years records specialist and community service officer with the Foster City Police Department.

She also worked as a records clerk the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department and as a correctional officer for the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department.

Tafoya is a graduate of Westmont High School in Campbell, California.



Edith and Lee Asay of Livermore will celebrate their 80th anniversary, June 26. Congrats to the happy couple! (Photo courtesy of Connie Asay Lee)

COVID-19 Vaccinations End at Fairgrounds

Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare and Sutter Health are no longer offering COVID-19 vaccinations at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

Both healthcare providers will continue to offer vaccinations at their regular care sites.

Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare operates a walk-in clinic for children and adults at 1119 E. Stanley Blvd. in Livermore.

For appointments through Stanford Health Care, go to <https://stanfordhealthcare.org/discover/covid-19-resource-center/patient-care/>

safety-health-vaccine-planning.html or call 650-498-9000. For appointments through Stanford Children's Health, go to www.stanfordchildrens.org/en/landing/covid-vaccine.

Sutter offers vaccinations at several locations throughout the county, including walk-in clinics. To schedule an appointment, patients can log into My Health Online, enroll through their doctor's office, or call 866-978-8837.

Since mid-February, Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare and Sutter Health had administered 140,000 doses of the COVID-19 vac-

cines at the fairgrounds to more than 75,000 people, including 50,000 county residents.

"This site has been an important part of Alameda County's vaccine strategy," said County Supervisor Nate Miley. "I appreciate the extraordinary impact this incredible partnership has had. Together we have quickly vaccinated thousands of seniors, essential workers, and residents 12 and older."

EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Baker Named to Dean's List at Austin Peay

Shannon Baker, from Livermore, has been named to the Dean's List at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee, for the spring semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Cayton Makes Dean's List at Baldwin Wallace

Tess Cayton, a graduate of Amador Valley High School majoring in instrumental performance at Baldwin Wallace University in Berea, Ohio, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester. To qualify for the Dean's List a student must earn a grade point average of 3.6 or higher.

Cerutti Named Presidential Scholar at Clarkston

Giordano Alessandro Cerutti, a sophomore from Pleasanton majoring in aeronautical engineering, was named a Presidential Scholar for the spring semester at Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York.

Stolken Presents Project at Baldwin Wallace

Miles Stolken, from Livermore, was among more than 100 students whose academic work was showcased during the Baldwin Wallace University Ovation 2021 Day of Excellence.

Stolken, a nursing major, presented a project titled "Pender's Health Promotion Model and HPV Health-Promoting Behaviors among College-Aged Males: Concept Integration." The Day of Excellence, held each spring, recognizes student success in research, scholarship, experiential learning, and the arts.

Tri-Valley Students Graduate CSU, Stanislaus

Six students from the Tri-Valley graduated this spring from California State University, Stanislaus.

Graduating Summa Cum Laude were Majesty Scott, from Dublin, with a bachelor's degree in nursing, and Kalyn Krummen-Ganz, from Livermore, with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

Christina Bahls, from Pleasanton, and Ilesia Sanders-Holloway, from Dublin, also received bachelor's degrees in psychology.

James Carney, from Livermore, graduated with distinction, earning a master's degree in business administration.

Rosario Cornejo-Gonzalez, from Dublin, graduated with a Multiple Subject Credential in education.

Gowen, Bennett Graduate Grove City

Two students from the Tri-Valley have graduated from Grove City College in Pennsylvania.

Josiah Gowen, from Livermore, earned a bachelor's degree in physics, while Nathaniel Bennett, from Pleasanton, earned a bachelor's degree in history and political science.

Local Students Earn Degrees at Georgia Tech

Five students from Dublin and Pleasanton have earned advanced degrees from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Brian Khau, from Pleasanton, received a doctorate in chemical engineering. Mani Narasimhan, also from Pleasanton, received his master's degree in computer science.

Abhishek Jiwankar, Charu Saksena, and Shrey Satpathy, from Dublin, received master's degrees in computer science.

Honor Society Inducts Tri-Valley Students at San Jose State

A dozen Tri-Valley students attending San Jose State University have been inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Inducted from Dublin Tracy Hunter and Feroza Solaiman.

Inducted from Livermore were Margaret Boquet, Jessica Jaswal, Judy Kim, Taylor Lobb, Christopher James Manalili, and Samuel Walter.

Inducted from Pleasanton were Kate Hatch, Rebecca Holley, Saumya Monga, and Neha Nanda.

Forward Earns Degree in Sports Management

Troy Forward, from Livermore, has received a bachelor's degree in sports management from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. He was also named to the Dean's List for College of Business at Ohio University for the spring semester.

Cayton Graduates Cum Laude in Music

Tess Cayton, from Pleasanton, graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in music (instrument performance) from Baldwin Wallace University in Berea, Ohio.

Robles-Chavez Named to Dean's List

German Robles-Chavez, from Dublin, was named to the Dean's List in the College of Health Sciences and Professions at Ohio University for the spring semester.

Cring Named to Dean's List

Maddie Cring, from Pleasanton, was named to the Dean's List at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York, for the spring semester.

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 LARP

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.

Monday, June 21
LEVEL 2 GALACTIC SCRATCH

Do you know how Scratch works but don't think you're ready for intense projects yet? No problem! Through this camp, you will be utilizing the program of Scratch with the ability to create projects themed to Space. Utilizing some of Scratch's more complex settings and ideas, you are able to create more exciting games and projects to show off to your friends. Students must have a laptop or computer with video and audio capabilities so they can see and speak with the instructors. PREREQUISITE: Experience with Scratch (or has been in one of Code to the Future's coding classes for this school year). Tickets are \$200. For more information, call Dublin Partners in Education at 925-587-5613.

Monday, June 21
EAST BAY SPCA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

As a non-profit organization, East Bay SPCS operates entirely on donations, fees, and grants. They have a very limited amount of scholarship funds available to distribute each season. Scholarships will be awarded based upon need with respect to the overall applicant pool and cannot be guaranteed. For more information, contact East Bay SPCA at 510-569-0702.

Monday, June 21 to Friday, June 25
"VIRTUAL" YOUNG REMBRANDTS- AFRICAN SAFARI WORKSHOP

Go on a Safari adventure with Young Rembrandts this summer!

We will explore the exciting land and many animals that inhabit Africa. In five days we will draw a variety of animals in various scenes with different media. To keep things exciting, we will explore the African Safari through the fun technique of cartoon as well. We will even challenge our artistic talents by creating 2 large scenes – one in a graphic style filled with a variety of animals and another focusing on the twists and turns of an African snake completed with pastel chalks. Our exploration through Africa allows for a bounty of adventure and creativity. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/3xj752N>. For more information, contact the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District at 925-373-5700.

Friday, June 25 to Friday, July 30
CLUB V.I.P. OUTDOOR GIRLS' BEACH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Participating in Club V.I.P.'s Beach Volleyball League, players will get a chance to work on beach skills and receive conditioning due to playing on the sand. This is for intermediate indoor players who want to play beach volleyball. The league will be 6v6 format. Included are practices, 2 hours, once a week the first 3 weeks. Scrimmages will be held at different cities within the tri-valley during the last two weeks of the 5 week league. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/3pPfdFx>. For more information, contact the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District at 925-373-5700.

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

DUBLIN FARMERS MARKET OPEN FOR THE SEASON

Open Thursdays, 4 to 8 p.m.,

at Emerald Glen Community Park, 4201 Central Parkway.

LIVERMORE DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET OPEN FOR THE SEASON

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

PLEASANTON FARMERS MARKET OPEN FOR THE SEASON

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

VIRTUAL ONLINE EVENTS -AVAILABLE ANYTIME

PACIFIC CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OFFERS MUSICAL PODCAST

During this time of challenge, PCO continues to bring every-one 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.pacificchamber-orchestra.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



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Keep up the excellent work in representing us in the Tri-Valley area.

Seek Out Good People Ben Barrientos, Livermore

Sometimes I wonder if the whole world is crazy except you and me, and sometimes, I wonder about you.

There are libertines, robbers, cads, spalpeens, etc. Some of us elect them to positions of power and entrust them to do good in our name. But some put on a smiley face, and they beguile people. They make promises they know they cannot keep.

Once upon a time, a person's word and handshake was gold. Today, people who attain power when caught in a falsehood will try to lie, mislead, and destroy a person's reputation. They despise truth tellers, and as the saying goes, they want to throw them under the bus.

Many of our elected may have begun with a bag of honesty and self-integrity, with the moral compass to help our community. I guess the bag may have developed a hole in the bottom, and the good stuff was replaced with ways to deceive, lie, mislead, and do whatever it takes to get what they want. Their ears hear what the black hearts tell them.

We have in our community folks that lead and think with their good hearts. They want to listen to and do what is good for all, in spite of forces that are self-centered.

Think ahead! Envision the future, as things being done now will last far into the future. Take care of the good people. Seek out good people for elected positions.

The Fascist Big Lie Glenn White, Dublin

Marjorie Taylor Green, upon leaving the Holocaust Museum, still refused to walk back her comments comparing the Democratic Party, a center left coalition, to Hitler's National Socialist Party.

National Socialists and fascists are right wing nationalistic militaristic law and order types who have no respect for the rule of law. Fascists promise to make Germany and America great again by building up the military because they don't believe Germany and America win any more. Fascists constantly rail against liberals, socialists, and pacifists, as well as racial and religious minorities.

Fascists claim the free press is the "enemy of the people," because it criticizes their leader, whom they believe can do no wrong, because he and he alone can solve the country's problems. Therefore, they have their own right wing networks spewing propaganda 24/7 on AM radio and other media, similar to the Joseph Goebbels radio networks of the 1920s and 30s. Fascists are not socialists, who are identified by nationalizing industries, but are, instead, identified by privatized camps and prisons operated by private organizations like the SS, a private, right-wing militia.

Hitler explained his National Socialism was the opposite of left-wing socialism, which revolves around collective solutions, because his National Socialism was like Mussolini's Fascism, where common people, the weaker sticks in the bundle or "fascies", revolve around an autocratic leader, the strong axe in the center of the "fascies", making the bundle stronger than its parts.

Right wing fascism is a repudiation of both Western democracy and Marxist socialism as the World War II Alliances clearly demonstrated. Fascism appears similar to communist totalitarianism but is conservative, capitalistic and often supported by religious organizations. Extreme nationalism, sometimes to the point of ethnic, racial and religious bigotry, is the opposite of the Marxist message to unify the workers of the world and is a hallmark of right-wing fascism.

Modern neo-fascists can be identified by their false claim that Hitler and his party were left wing socialists. The fascist Big Lie technique is to repeat the lie over and over again, until folks believe it. Right wing fascism relies upon ignorance as much as bigotry and fear to succeed.

Save Us Money Rich Buckley, Livermore

Acquire the housing stock we need downtown through eminent domain (condemnation) from the 50% to 60% completed Legacy Partners Project. It's located west just 150 feet across South L Street from the Eden Housing proposal. Do not build the Eden Housing project and its experimental inadequate parking

ratios.

Keep the larger open central park as a destination location that will attract activities, families and children, including those in acquisition of units acquired from the Legacy Partner Project.

A community of 100,000 residents can afford to do this if we have the leadership on the City Council.

Hyperinflation in our economy will bring us back to this prospect allowing us to acquire at today's prices what otherwise will seem a bargain 3 to 5 years from now, saving us money, not costing more.

419 Parts-Per-Million Greg Scott, Livermore

With water, carbon dioxide and light of certain wavelengths in the visible spectrum with sufficient intensity (photons) - through a special process called "oxygenic photosynthesis" that occurs in most land plants, some bacteria and some algae - you get a six-carbon sugar - glucose - and oxygen. This is essential to most life on Earth. The opposite: metabolizing glucose and oxygen, in an organism that may use oxygen, is called "aerobic respiration".

The majority of land mass on Earth is in the Northern Hemisphere. Most land plants incorporate, that is "fix", carbon in the greatest amount in the Northern Hemisphere summer. This removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, via carbon fixation, and the minima for the annual global atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations are in August.

These plants and organisms then die and respiring microorganisms decompose them and release carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. The maxima for annual global carbon dioxide concentrations in the atmosphere are in May.

This curve, with these maxima and minima points, is called the "Keeling Curve" named for Dr. Charles Keeling's discovery in the late 1950's. I do not know why I mention this, however, Dr. Keeling was a Republican. He did not understand what his science revelations had to do with politics. The maxima and minima are increasing from year to year. This increase is accelerating. Last May the maximum was a bit over 419 parts-per-million carbon dioxide. This is the highest concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere in 4.1 to 4.5 million years.

Each year humans emit just under 40 billion metric tons (2,205 pounds) of carbon dioxide largely from combusting "fossil fuels," but also significantly from agriculture (e.g. tillage) and other processes. This is probably not going to change significantly any time soon, for coal is critical globally for electricity generation, oil for transportation and natural gas for heating - though it is used greatly in the United States for electricity generation.

So what? One big so-what is that the floating ice shelf that holds the Pine Island Glacier on land in Antarctica is accelerating in its melting and breakup. The Pine Island Glacier has 160 trillion tons of ice - enough to raise the mean global sea level by 1.6 feet.

Only an enormous amount of effective carbon sequestration through carbon fixation will help us avoid dire consequences: the "tipping point" is already here. Solar-electric panels "fix" zero carbon.

Editorial is a Joke Nate Mollat, Livermore

Your "editorial" in the June 10 edition of The Independent was an absolute farce.

Did Joan Seppala write the glowing review about herself? This woman has tried to railroad her own personal agenda on the City of Livermore for years now. The fact a newspaper publisher has such a looming presence in city politics is a serious conflict of interest, and yet she and her small cadre of minions continue to try to frame the city the way she wants to see it.

Setting the record straight? More like another propaganda piece for a woman who doesn't want to play nice with others.

The Independent editor-in-chief should be embarrassed for this joke of an editorial.

AB1512-A Trojan Horse Estelle Miller, Livermore

The Livermore City Council agreed to send letters of support for AB1512 at the March 22, 2021, council meeting. Two things are interesting about this action.

1. No discussion, no comments, no actual vote was taken. Councilmember Carling asked that since the council's previous letter of support was for similar legislation, could the city staff "dust off the letter we prepared last time and resubmit?" The city

manager said yes and noted that the councilmembers were nodding their heads in agreement. Why did the two new councilmembers agree to this request without asking for any information? The previous legislation was a full two years ago.

When the city council takes an action that speaks for the residents of Livermore, the least they can do is to have a five-minute discussion about it and require a vote, so we know who voted yes or nay. On Zoom, we couldn't even see who was nodding their heads.

2. The city's letter of support only mentions preservation and giving \$9 million to the OHV Trust Fund. Why doesn't the support letter mention that AB1512 changes the Expansion Area from motorized recreation to nonmotorized recreation? The letter is like the Trojan Horse. All you see is the word "conservation." When you realize it's about taking the land from those who bought and paid for it and giving it to another recreation group, it's too late.

While I applaud the City of Livermore for advocating conservation, while the Expansion Area is in Alameda County, while Corral Hollow is mentioned in Livermore's General Plan, the Expansion Area is not within the city limits or in Livermore's jurisdiction. The only reason a letter was written was at the request of special organized interest groups and thus the letter represents their views.

I guarantee you that if I had asked the city council for a letter opposing AB1512, there would have been five minutes of discussion and a vote.

Grateful for Trailblazers Christine Thompson, Livermore

After reading the overview of Joan Seppala's life, I was so inspired by the message she shared to our community. Be vigilant, be strong, be faithful to your mission. Livermore is blessed to have her a part of our community. I am grateful for her trailblazing missions.

Congrats to Swalwell Ann Brown, Livermore

I am thrilled to share with your readers that Rep. Eric Swalwell has joined 68 other representatives in co-sponsoring the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, H.R. 2307.

I want to thank him for his leadership for a fair, fast, and least costly strategy for lowering the greenhouse gas emissions that are igniting the climate crisis.

Many of us have joined Tri-Valley Citizens' Climate Education in support of carbon pricing and a dividend as an essential policy for climate solutions. This bill has been carefully crafted and vetted by top economists and scientists. Readers can learn more about it at energyinnovationact.org. Here is why it is so important to the Tri-Valley:

As so amply demonstrated by Innovation Tri-Valley's Vision Plan, our region is poised to lead the country on technology innovation. With this policy, the government sets the direction, and businesses respond to provide abundant, affordable, and reliable clean energy. This clean energy innovation will drive us faster toward reducing America's carbon pollution by 50% by 2030, putting us on track to reach net zero by 2050.

By meeting this target, we can avoid the worst impacts of climate disruption on our agriculture, biodiversity, oceans, forests, and cities.

The Tri-Valley is subject to some days with poor air quality. To learn more, visit tvaqca.org. This policy will improve health and save 4.5 million American lives over the next 50 years by reducing pollution Americans breathe. It will also lower the rising number of high heat and smoky days that can also threaten vulnerable members of our community.

This policy is affordable for ordinary Americans because it puts money in your pocket. The money collected from the carbon fee imposed on polluters is paid out as a monthly dividend, or "carbon cash back" payment, to every American to spend with no restrictions. Most low-and-middle-income Americans will come out financially ahead or break even.

This dividend provides a cushion for any increased costs that fossil fuel companies may impose.

These are just some of the reasons why I congratulate Rep. Eric Swalwell in stepping up to co-sponsor the Energy Innovation Act and become one of our region's climate leaders. Please join us at citizensclimatelobby.org. Our Tri-Valley Chapter page is community.citizensclimate.org/groups/home/1766.

OBITUARIES

Charles "Chuck" Vinson Rice

April 29, 1953 – Feb. 18, 2021



Charles "Chuck" Vinson Rice, 67, passed away peacefully at home from a heart attack.

Chuck went to elementary school in Livermore and graduated from Livermore High School in 1971.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Rose Smith, the love of his life since 1984. Chuck has three children, Whitney Smith-Gibson, David Smith, and Keith Rice. Chuck has four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Chuck is also survived by two sisters and one brother. Chuck was a loving husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend to many. Chuck Rice was a bright light for so many family and friends.

Chuck served his country

in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a machinist mate on all the ships he served on. After serving in the Navy, he began his successful, 36-year career at Lawrence Livermore Lab.

Calvin Henry Gillespie

June 12, 1938 – Nov. 30, 2020

Calvin Gillespie passed away on Nov. 30, 2020, at the age of 82, after a brave battle with lung cancer.

He was born in Medford, Oregon, to Dick and Bernice Gillespie, graduated from Crater High School in Central Point, Oregon, and earned an AAS degree from the Oregon

Institute of Technology. Calvin joined the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory in Livermore in 1959 and worked there 42 years to his retirement.

He was preceded in death by siblings, Clinton and Dinice; and is survived by his wife, Lidwina; his sons, Brent and Walter; and five grandchildren.

Earl Jackson Strain

Jan. 10, 1927 – June 2, 2021



Earl Strain passed away June 2, 2021.

Laura was born in St. Louis, Missouri, to Andrew and Bertha Strain, on Jan. 10, 1927. After his father died in 1933, his mother moved the family to Gerald, Missouri, where he went to grammar school. That's where he was nicknamed "Shorty."

He graduated from Union High School in 1944m where his basketball team won the league, conference, and third in the state. He spent his early years traveling around the world as an erchant Marine, and was then drafted into the Army. In 1948, he and his brother, Andy, moved to Salt Lake City to attend the University of Utah.

While waiting for the fall semester to start, they decided to get a job to pay for room and board and were hired as section hands on the Salt Lake and Garfield Railroad that runs from Salt Lake City to Salt Air Amusement Park on the Salt Lake. They were paid \$.90 and hour to replace railroad ties and learned the meaning of the term, "Gandy Dancer." While working as Gandy Dancers, they were offered jobs to work on the roller coaster at Salt Air

Beach for \$.95 an hour, so they took the jobs. The old wooden roller coaster was one and a half miles long and provided them with stories you wouldn't believe!

Earl graduated early on the G.I. Bill with a bachelor of science degree in physics. Earl was hired by California Research and Development (CR&D), Livermore, in 1952, as a theoretical physicist. There he met, and later married, Mary Tolle. In 1956 the draw of a nuclear Vallecitos Boiling Water Reactor (VBWR) being built at Vallecitos Nuclear Laboratory, enticed him to apply at General Electric, where he worked for 35 years.

Sandra (Sandy) Pearce

Oct. 24, 1943 – April 21, 2021

Sandra Lee (Milroy) Pearce, known to her family and friends as "Sandy," passed away peacefully with her loving husband by her side.

She was born in Rock Island, Illinois, to Kenneth and Gladys Milroy. She married her long-time sweetheart, Craig Pearce, on July 15, 2006, in Discovery Bay, California, and they moved to Lake Havasu City in 2008.

Sandy is most remembered for her love for her family and friends by her profound support to them

throughout their lives. She is survived by her husband, Craig; children, Pattie (Michael) Luna of Livermore, Joe Monger of Livermore, and Jana (Terry) Snipes, of Poolville, Texas; sister, Barbara (Pat Duncan) Freitas of Lake Havasu City; and six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews. Sandy wished for no services to be held.

The family extends their deepest appreciation to all who knew and loved her.



Mike A. Lopez

March 15, 1958 – June 10, 2021



It is with broken hearts that we share that our beloved Mike A. Lopez, passed away on June 10, 2021, at the age of 63 with his wife by his side and surrounded by family in Walnut Creek.

Born in Livermore at St. Paul Hospital to Tony and Carol Lopez, Mike and his siblings were raised and went to school in Pleasanton. During Mike's senior year of high school, he started to work for DeVor Nurseries. This is where he learned to appreciate plants and flowers and his love for roses, he could name any rose by sight.

In 1987, Mike made his home in Livermore after marrying his longtime childhood friend, Gloria Chavarria. He instantly became not only a devoted husband, but also a loving father to her two daughters. Soon after, they would welcome a son together.

Mike loved spending time with his family and extended family with gatherings, listening to music and dancing, BBQs and laughing together. After DeVor Nurseries moved in 1989, Mike began working with his father, Tony, and brother, Ray, at Pleasanton Plastics and Cabinets until it closed in 2009. Following the closing of "the shop," he worked for

Chuck had a great love and passion for all animals and was a kind hearted man. Chuck loved gathering with family and friends. He loved swimming, archery, and playing pool. Chuck was an avid reader of mysteries and science fiction. He loved traveling with Rose, his wife. His most favorite vacation of all was taking his grandson, Smith Winchester, to Disneyland.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to the Kristina Chesterman Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 3265, Fremont, CA 94539. Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Rice family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

A memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 24, 2021, at St Michael's Catholic Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Knights of Columbus Council 4588 at PO Box 1007, Livermore CA 94551-1007.

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

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

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

with a treat.

Ever since he was a young child, Mike loved the outdoors. He found joy in taking walks, fishing, hunting, and annual camping trips. His illness restricted him from doing these things the past few years. Mike's lungs ultimately failed him, but we found solace in knowing he is now free!

Isaiah 40:31 "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint." Mike is survived by his wife of nearly 35 years, Gloria Lopez; his children, Laura LeRoy, Monica Hutchins, and Michael Lopez (Stephanie Ojeda); and his loving grandchildren, Sierra Hutchins, Katelyn LeRoy, and Sophia Austin. He is also survived by his brother, Ray Lopez (Mila); and a host of nieces and nephews. Mike also leaves behind many extended family members who loved him dearly. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Tony and Carol Lopez; sister, Kathy Funderburk; sister, Debbie Kane; and brother, John "Johnny" Lopez.

A Celebration of his life will be announced. You can contact Monica for more information at 925-594-1935.



Three Livermore High School ladies snap a quick selfie to remember their graduation ceremony day, June 11. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen) [\[See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia\]](http://www.independentnews.com/multimedia)



Granada High School graduates donning caps and gowns survey photos posted in celebration of the Class of 2021. Granada held its graduation ceremony June 11. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen) [\[See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia\]](http://www.independentnews.com/multimedia)

TRAFFIC

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Livermore with the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

“What started out as just a bike lane study turned out to be an entire corridor study looking at a bunch of different aspects,” Vinn said. “Of course, the controversial piece of it is the reallocation of the right-of-way to try to accommodate bike lanes. Everybody is in agreement that we should have more lighting, that we should have better safety at the (pedestrian) crossings.”

Currently, East Avenue runs east to west and consists of four lanes with intermittent turn lanes, medians and a bike lane, which extends from Vasco Road to Madison Avenue. It passes by residential areas, parks, schools, light industrial locations, offices and community centers.

“The feature of mixed land use makes it a really attractive

corridor for people living and working close by to commute by walking and biking,” said Ruta Jariwala, principal with TJKM – a Pleasanton-based consulting firm contracted to guide the project's first phase.

The study kicked off in April 2020; the first community workshop was held in August. Notices were mailed to more than 9,500 homes, with an online survey drawing 880 responses. Primary concerns identified by the public outreach were the need for congestion relief near the schools and improved lighting.

Public feedback from the April meeting led to the presentation of three alternatives during the second community workshop in November.

Alternative 1 retains four lanes of traffic but eliminates all but eight of the 215 parking spaces along East Avenue to accommodate the creation

of bike lanes from Madison Avenue to South Livermore Avenue.

Alternative 2 eliminates one lane of traffic in each direction from South Livermore Avenue and Madison Avenue. It retains 198 parking spaces while accommodating the extension of the bike lanes. Converting auto traffic lanes for other uses is referred to as a “road diet.”

Alternative 3 eliminates one lane of traffic in each direction for the entire 2.5 mile stretch of East Avenue. It retains 109 parking spaces while allowing the extension of bike lanes and adds features to improve pedestrian safety.

A survey found a preference for Alternative 1 among respondents, with 70% saying they found the option either somewhat, very or extremely desirable, while 55% of respondents answered the same

way for Alternative 2 and 37% of responders answered in kind for Alternative 3.

A hybrid alternative was developed based on public input and presented during the June 8 workshop. It employs elements from the three alternatives and utilizes two, three or four lanes of traffic at different points along the roadway.

With multiple objectives, varied interests and limited options, attendees of the June workshop had little trouble finding aspects of each plan that were unpalatable. Many questioned why so much effort was being made to accommodate bicyclists when alternate bike routes on less congested roads were available. In an interview with The Independent after the meeting, Vinn pointed out that city planning calls for the accommodation of bicyclists along all major thoroughfares.

education.

“Our young people are oftentimes the ones who surface the needs related to mental health and social issues, bringing their creative ideas and energy to the conversation,” Bowers said. “Solutions then come from the networking and collaboration of our city partnerships and beyond. Our partners have always been supportive of including youth in the conversation.”

Two other students -- Miraya Choudhury from Granada High and Manav Patel from Las Positas College -- joined community member Misty Rose in representing the city's Equity and Inclusion Group during the presentation. The working group has been meeting with the Livermore Police Department to share and discuss ways to improve conditions in the city.

Las Positas College interim Dean Erick Bell also discussed the college's new Law Enforcement cer-

tificate focused on crisis intervention, bias awareness, mental health issues, and situational decision-making.

The city's presentation concluded with a look at efforts to address food insecurity, homelessness, and affordable housing in the community.

New to this year's All-America City Awards program was a virtual Cultural Entertainment Showcase that provided the public an opportunity to vote for their favorite submissions. Out of 23 videos from the finalist communities, Livermore Shakespeare Festival's “Kids Teach Shakespeare” program received top honors.

Livermore's virtual presentation can be viewed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=1aDmprX8vM4. The “Kids Teach Shakespeare” video can be seen at www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhi83hILC_w.

CITY COUNCIL

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forth by the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009. LMW's analysis stated that the city meets the Act's requirement by benefiting from Zone 7's non-Delta water supplies and LMW's water-use efficiency. The vote also authorized the city manager to take necessary actions to incorporate any necessary amendments as stipulated by the State Department of Water Resources.

UWMPs are intended to provide a guide to manage urban water demands efficiently and to provide long-term water resource planning to ensure adequate and reliable water supplies over a 20-year planning horizon considering normal, dry and multiple dry years. They are required to be submitted every five years per California UWMP Act.

Zhang said LMW reviews four components when putting together a UWMP: water use by sector, supply sources (imported, surface, recycled and groundwater); water quality; and water supply reliability (ability to meet current and future demands).

“Based on the review of historical trend and current usage, and also based on our future projection of development ... we project our population to be a fair amount of increase. This is largely due to the development of Isabel Neighborhood,” Zhang said.

From 2020 to 2045, Zhang said the projection of residents within LMW's service area to grow from 30,000 to 45,000. Cal Water will send a UWMP before its board for adoption; Zhang said Livermore will receive a report for review.

To review the complete UWMP, visit http://bit.ly/Indy_UWMP.

2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan

Zhang also presented a water shortage contingency plan, which gained unanimous council approval. The plan will go to the DWR on July 1 alongside the UWMP.

The plan allows the city to prioritize mitigation actions when water shortage conditions or natural disasters occur. Zhang said the major difference between the 2020 shortage plan and the last one conducted in 2011 is that there has been a change regarding the different stages of drought. There are now six stages, instead of four. The stages offer a plan for conditions ranging from minimal to critical and the prescribed reduction goal.

Affordable Housing Requirements

In a 5-0 vote, the council also amended the city's municipal and development codes to reactivate on-site affordable housing requirements for rental projects and make administrative updates to the Affordable Housing Program and the Affordable Housing In-Lieu Fee.

Management Analyst Grace Streltsov presented the staff report. She noted that under the current Affordable Housing Ordinance, the General Plan requires 15% of units for sale be made available to low- and moderate-income families, 7.5% for each; the Downtown Plan requires 10% of for-sale units to be for low-income. Low income is considered those who earn 80% of the Area Median Income

(AMI); moderate income is 120% AMI.

The update pertaining to rental requirements adjusted the General and Downtown plans. The General Plan will now set aside 7.5% of rental units for low income (80% AMI) and 7.5% for very low income (50% AMI). The Downtown Plan will require 10% of rental units for low income.

The amendment to the development code regarding affordable housing fees codifies that all alternative methods of complying with Livermore's affordable housing requirements, including the in-lieu fee, must be economically equivalent to building the required units on-site.

Administrative changes included codifying the affordable housing requirements established in the Isabel Neighborhood Specific Plan that the council approved on Nov. 9, 2020; clarifying what ongoing city-incurred administrative costs developers are responsible for paying; adding provisions regarding the comparability of units and treatment of affordable housing unit occupants; and updating terminology and process descriptions to reflect current practices.

On Eden Housing Site Contamination

During the Matters Initiated portion of the meeting, Mayor Bob Woerner said there are “bizarre claims out there that need to be addressed,” regarding contamination at the Eden Housing project site in downtown.

Three public commenters earlier in the evening had

criticized Save Livermore Downtown (SLD) for its ad in The Independent. They said the ad — which stated that the “city council ignored newfound concerns regarding toxic waste at Eden Housing site” — aimed to stoke fears. Of those speakers, John Marchand, a former Livermore mayor, said the use of the recognizable radioactive symbol was part of a “carefully crafted misinformation campaign.”

In response to the criticism for the use of the symbol, Jean King, a spokesperson for SLD, stated in an email to The Independent that the city and its supporters “are simply trying to distract people from their failure to disclose the update to the toxic contamination at the site.”

“It contains chemicals considered as hazardous waste under federal and state environmental laws, including lead, arsenic, petroleum hydrocarbons, and perchloroethylene,” King continued. “The symbol that we used in our ad was purchased from a stock agency that listed it as a toxic waste symbol for general use. There was no intention on our part to imply that the site is radioactive. The hazardous chemicals at the site clearly pose dangers to people.”

The ad was published last week after SLD's attorney pointed out that the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Water Quality Control Board had identified metals in the site “soil, petroleum hydrocarbons in soil and groundwater, and volatile organic compounds, including tetrachloroethene (PCE) and its breakdown

products, in groundwater and soil vapor.”

According to Bob Vinn, the city's engineer, the Water Board sent a letter to Livermore Feb. 19, 2021, calling for the city to provide a data gap assessment work plan and an interim remedial action plan to address chemicals found on-site from previous uses.

The Tri-Valley Sierra Club shared its resolution on the matter with the council during public comment. Speaker Donna Cabanne, who sits on the executive committee for the Tri-Valley Sierra Club, said that the Club supported delaying Eden's development until the Water Board concludes its investigation into the chemicals “including but not limited to arsenic, lead, petroleum hydrocarbons, tetrachloroethylene (or PCE), dichloroethane (or DCE), benzene, and other volatile organic compounds; chemicals that are known to cause cancer, learning disabilities and other serious health issues.”

“According to an intermediate remedial plan filed by the city to the Water Board May 17 — but not released to the public — the city plans to clean up the site by venting treated contamination into the air,” Cabanne said. “The city needs to release all clean-up plans including the May 17 intermediate remedial plan to the public and to hold a hearing after a 30-day review period so the public — and future residents — can better understand and comment on the contamination issues covering this property.”

Regarding the letter sent to the city from the Water Board,

they actually experience it. The opposite may be true. We may find that people find impacts they weren't even thinking about.”

A draft report summarizing the phase one study is due next month, with the final report expected in August. Community outreach will be part of the next phase as well.

Emphasizing that the alternatives presented to date are not final, Vinn said, “We're not anywhere close to coming to a decision. We're still collecting information from the community. Ultimately, at the end, we'll be going back to the city council with a report and a recommendation. The council will get to weigh all of the input, the data and the public comments, and decide what they want to do. That's probably at least a year and a half or two years away.”

Woerner went on to ask staff a series of questions. Woerner confirmed with Vinn the content of the Water Board's letter, the letter's purpose and requests made by the board, the basis for the requests, plans going forward, whether or not the letter was unusual in nature as part of the process for remediation, among other items.

“Have we had any communication — recent or otherwise — with the Water Board that would lead us to believe there are unusual contaminants that would not be possible to adequately mitigate?” Woerner asked.

In response, Vinn said that the communications with the Water Board indicated that cleanup of the site will be routine in nature. He said the next step is to finalize a mutual understanding of possible contaminants and draw a detailed remediation plan.

Woerner asked staff to ensure that all communications related to remediation of the site are readily available on the city website. The city currently hosts a webpage dedicated to the Eden Housing project, which can be found at http://bit.ly/Indy_Eden_Info.

Expressing frustration with SLD and opponents of the Eden plan, Vice Mayor Trish Munro added that the council has asked city staff too many times to “debunk a nonissue.”

“It distracts us from working on the real problems and solutions that we could be working on,” she said. “City staff and city council have been and the facts repeatedly, but ... facts have no impact on those who do not want to hear.”

SWALWELL

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In 2019, Swalwell and Schiff played significant roles investigating Trump's conduct with Ukraine that resulted in Trump's first impeachment. In February, Swalwell served as a House Manager during Trump's second impeachment trial following the Jan. 6 insurrection on the U.S. Capitol.

Alleging they should be held responsible for the rioting that injured and killed police officers trying to fight off the angry mob, Swalwell is suing Trump, Donald Trump Jr., former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Congressman Mo Brooks (R-Ala.)

In March, the House rejected a Republican-led resolution

to remove Swalwell from the Intelligence Committee because of reports that a Chinese spy targeted him six years ago. Swalwell had said that he cooperated with the FBI when he learned the woman who worked at his field events was a Chinese operative trying to cozy up to politicians. The FBI, he said, determined he did nothing wrong. Still, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Bakersfield) called Swalwell a threat to national security and introduced the vote, which lost on party lines.

Now the revelations about Trump's Attorneys General Barr and Sessions targeting Swalwell put him back on the front pages.

Barr and Sessions have denied knowing about the subpoenas.

“The best thing I can do is make sure this is not about me,” Swalwell said. “I don't want Joe Biden's Department of Justice going after Joe Biden's critics.”

Swalwell said that it would be proper for investigators to surveil him legally if he had done something wrong.

“The only thing I did was speak about the president,” the congressman said.

In his statements about the subpoenas, Swalwell said Trump acted like “many of the world's most despicable dictators, showing “utter disdain for our democracy and the rule of law.”

The conduct, he said, was unacceptable.

“It's not going to stop me,” Swalwell said. “It didn't stop me when he was Tweeting at me ... It didn't stop me when a mob came to kill me and others at the Capitol. But I think my job is to make sure that we harden what we always believed were the guardrails that would protect against a corrupt president.”

In addition to the Judiciary Committee probe, the Department of Justice's Inspector General Michael Horowitz and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-New York) also announced investigations into the matter.

Swalwell said the answers will be important, not just for the presidency but all government officials down to the local level.

“What would we think if the mayor of Dublin turned on a political proponent and asked the local police chief to investigate,” Swalwell said. “(Nixon White House Counsel) John Dean said there was a cancer on the presidency 50 years ago. In this case, Donald Trump was the cancer. He has destroyed everything around him from the rule of law to the system of justice. My fear is that it could really metastasize and affect state and local governments.”

Swalwell likened Trump's bullying tactics to having a “trickle down” effect on future presidents and local governments, just as his behavior set the tone for a “breakdown of decency” on the house floor and in public attitudes, such as passenger behavior on airlines and fans throwing objects at NBA players during basketball games.

“Donald Trump fears nothing more than being a loser,” Swalwell said. “What we've learned now is he was the biggest loser America has ever known ... He tried to test our rule of law and our Democracy, and he failed. He barely failed, but he still failed.”

ZONE 7

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the facility to see how design of the \$2 million plan is coming along. That could give Zone 7 reason to pull back on financing the design, and save money, said director Dennis Gambis.

Wrong Path Expensive in Past

Board Vice President Angela Ramirez Holmes said she recognized the risk of taking the wrong path and investing the \$2 million on a facility that could become obsolete. She reminded the board that Zone 7 built a facility in Patterson Pass, paid for it, and no lon-

ger uses it. Ramirez Holmes later explained to a reporter that she was referring to an old Ultra Filtration (UF) Plant building constructed in about 2002 to house a UF membrane system, which is no longer in use at the Patterson Pass Water Treatment Plant. Ultra Filtration filters out solids, but Reverse Osmosis, which Tri-Valley water agencies are eyeing, filters out most of the chemical residues in water.

But Ramirez Holmes voted for the \$2 million design phase, because it would put Zone 7 in a po-

sition to possibly obtain grants to assist with the costs of solving problems meeting the standards.

The vote was 5-0, with Board President Olivia Sanwong and Director Sandy Figuers absent.

How Cleanup Works

Zone 7 would treat the PFAs and PFOAs by finding a suitable medium between two types on the market to use as a cleaner. Think of the medium as a broom. Just as brooms get dirty, so do cleanup mediums. Scrubbing with them would transfer the

PFOA and PFA toxicity to the mediums. Then the mediums would have to be disposed of as toxic waste at an appropriate facility, at a cost to be paid by Zone 7. Pleasanton faces the same problem in dealing with PFAs and PFOAs in its own water, which is pumped independently of Zone 7 water. Jarnail Chahal, Zone 7 engineering manager, told The Independent that Zone 7 staff meets with Pleasanton staff quarterly to share information about both agencies' significant projects to help with coordination.

"Since both agencies are working on planning for PFAS and PFOAs treatment at their wells, the treatment-related discussion helps with sharing information and coordination related to that effort," he said.

Remembering Steve Kalthoff

The board also heard a report from Director Sarah Palmer about the death of former Trustee Steve Kalthoff, who served on the board from 1994 to 2010. He had some small vineyard holdings between Pleasanton and Livermore

for a few years and liked to speak up about matters affecting businesses.

Palmer, who was elected to the board in 2006, attended a funeral for Kalthoff on April 23 at St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church in Pleasanton. Palmer said that while on the board, "Steve did not speak much, but when he did, everything was incredibly well thought out."

"I wanted to recognize Steve's passing, and what a fine board member he was for many years," she added

The board adjourned in Kalthoff's honor.

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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner:
Akiyoshi Kawamura
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(415) 319-0312
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filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name:
Nha Minh Kawamura
Proposed Name:
Minh-Nha Kawamura
THE COURT ORDERS
that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the

objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 7/23/2021
Time: 11:00 AM
Dept: 17
The address of the court is: Alameda County Administration Building 1221 Oak Street Oakland, CA 94612

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579821

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the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/1/21. Signature of Registrant/s/: Eric Hill, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 8, 2021. Expires June 8, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4894. Published June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 2021.

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