

Judge Rules In Favor of Monte Vista

Opposition Contends The Use Violates UGB

LIVERMORE — An Alameda County Superior Court judge on Tuesday rejected a lawsuit that aimed to overturn the Board of Supervisors' approval of Monte Vista Memorial Gardens — a 47-acre cemetery and funeral facility project outside the urban growth boundary (UGB) on the city's northern border.

In his written ruling, Judge Michael Markman said the litigants, Friends of Livermore (FOL), failed to show how the cemetery's approval violated provisions of the East County Area Plan (ECAP) and Measure D, a ballot measure approved by voters to prevent urban sprawl and protect agricultural land.

"(FOL) has not identified a fundamental, mandatory and clear ECAP policy violated by the resolution at issue, nor has (FOL) established that the Board of Supervisors failed to consider the applicable considered policies and the extent to which the project conformed with those policies," Markman wrote. "The petition, therefore, is denied."

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Plastic Bag Ban Passes Assembly

Introduced by Asm. Bauer-Kahan

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — A bill by Tri-Valley Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan would ban grocery and convenience stores from packing their customers' purchases in thick, reusable plastic bags by 2026. If passed, the bill would close a loophole in the plastic bag ban enacted 10 years ago that allowed stores to sell thicker reusable plastic bags instead of the thinner single-use film bags.

Bauer-Kahan's Assembly Bill (AB) 2236 passed 51-7 in the Assembly on May 21 and was sent to the Senate.

An identical bill, Senate Bill (SB) 1053, by State Sen. Catherine Blakespear, D-Encinitas, and Sen. Ben Allen, D-Santa Monica, passed 31-7 in the senate chamber the same day.

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Pleasanton police handed out free ice cream cones at the downtown Meadowlark Dairy on May 29. The annual, family-friendly Cone With a Cop event encouraged conversations between the community and police department on topics such as public safety. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Bauer-Kahan Supports New Bill for Pornography Website Age Verification

Opponents Claim the Requirement Would Be Unconstitutional

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — Tri-Valley Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan recently announced her support of a bill that would require pornography websites to verify the ages of their users to make sure they are adults.

Bauer-Kahan, D-Orinda, joined two Republican colleagues on the Assembly floor May 16 to encourage her colleagues to vote in favor of Assembly Bill (AB) 3080. The bill passed 56-0 and was sent to the Senate.

"We may just think this is a purity issue, but it goes well beyond that," Bauer-Kahan said. "It is about the safety of our children. It is about making sure that they learn healthy behaviors, they learn it

from us, they learn it in school and that they're not learning from dangerous content on the internet."

Authored by Assembly Members Juan Alanis, R-Modesto, and Josh Hoover, R-Folsom, the bill would require that websites with pornographic content utilize "proven age-verification technology" to confirm that the user is of legal age.

According to Alanis, 17 other states have passed similar laws, and 19 are considering similar legislation. The bill, he said, is "about protecting our kids."

"For a long time, we have held retailers to the same standards for the sales of alcohol, tobacco, fireworks and dangerous items for children," Alanis said before the

vote. "I believe that the same standards should exist with the adult entertainment websites. We know there are serious negative effects on young people who are exposed to this type of material, who regularly consume it, and who become addicted to it at far too young of an age."

The bill is opposed by the Free Speech Coalition (FSC), a trade association for the adult entertainment industry in the United States, the Electronic Frontier Foundation, Woodhull Freedom Foundation, Netchoice, as well as an array of sex-ed, LGBTQ+ and reproductive rights advocates.

"This bill, though ostensibly well-intentioned, is unconstitutional, infringing on our right to access legal speech without government

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City of Livermore Shares Springtown Open Space Plans With Park District

Disc Golf, Pickleball and Community Park Among Features

By Ruth Roberts

LIVERMORE — City staff shared progress last week at a Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARP) board meeting on the Springtown Open Space Improvement project. The city plans to add, among other things, a disc golf course, community park and pickleball court to an 85-acre parcel northeast of Livermore.

Disc golf, also known as Frisbee golf, is similar to regular golf, but instead of using golf balls and clubs, players throw a disc into a basket or target.

City Engineer Joel Waxdeck offered the board updated information during their regular meeting on May 29. Cost estimates for the completed project are \$8 million. Funding would come primarily from park and developer fees.

"The purpose of tonight is to look at the project background and conceptual plans, amenities, budget and then next steps," said Waxdeck.

The Springtown Open Space parcel used to be a nine-hole golf course, but when the city closed it in 2015, the city decided to turn it into open space. Open spaces are pieces

of land without building or development, keeping the area available for recreation, conservation and scenic purposes.

In 2016, voters protected the land as open space through Measure FF, meaning any future changes to this designation would need another vote from the residents. Starting in 2016, the city engaged the community in the planning process, holding four workshops where residents attended or responded via email with comments. By 2017, a concept plan for Springtown Open Space was completed. Then in 2023, the city hosted a town hall event to gather

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Residents Question Added Land Uses Outside of UGB

Event Centers in Open Space Areas Proposed

By Larry Altman

ALAMEDA COUNTY — A proposal to allow event centers on land designated for conservation drew some negative responses from the public at a County Board of Supervisors subcommittee meeting on Monday.

Labeled an "action item," meaning it was up for a vote, the proposal at the Supervisors' Transportation & Planning (T&P) meeting did not include a staff report explaining its reasoning or purpose and caught several Measure D advocates by surprise.

The meeting agenda item read, "Amend East County Area Plan Resource Management (RM) Land Use Designation to include 'event

centers.'"

Approved by voters in 2000, the Measure D ballot measure defined an urban growth boundary in the county and protects open space from development outside that boundary.

"If you try to amend Measure D yet again, you will have to go to the voters again and do a full (environmental impact report) to address the numerous impacts of siting event centers on environmentally sensitive land," resident Tamara Reus said. "It would be a huge change in what is allowed. Resource management land is intended to be, by its own terms, mostly open space, low-intensity agriculture and very low-density residential."

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Downtown Pleasanton held its second annual Hot Rod Row car show on June 1 as part of the city's "First Weekends on Main" summer series, sponsored by the Downtown Pleasanton Association. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Developer Closes on 500 Dublin Centre Homesites

3.8 Acres Set Aside for Affordable Housing

By Ruth Roberts

DUBLIN — Dublin Centre, the city's newest planned development of 500 homes in East Dublin, is one step closer to fruition with the acquisition of property by Landsea Homes Corporation. The 79-acre site is located between Tassajara Road and Brannigan Street north of Dublin Boulevard.

Fifty acres of the property are slated for a mixed-use development project featuring residential units, 58,000 square feet of retail and commercial space, a

two-acre public park and a community center. According to the City of Dublin, Landsea has secured all its planning approvals and has applied for a grading permit.

"We look forward to seeing all those who will call Dublin Centre home and live in their element for years to come," said Tom Baine, California Division president of Landsea Homes. "Dublin is an ideal place to call home with its top-rated schools, shopping, dining and outdoor recreation."

Shari Jackman, communications manager for the

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Granada High's Matadors secured the NorCal title and finished the year 32-1, cementing themselves in NorCal Division I history. Above, the team celebrates after their 6-4 win against St. Mary's-Stockton on June 1. (See story on page 10.) (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Stockmen's Rodeo Association Provides Origins of Livermore Rodeo

LIVERMORE — The Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association wants people to remember the roots of the rodeo, which essentially began as a Red Cross fundraiser in 1918, while World War I was raging. In dire need of funds for the vital services of the Red Cross, California cities and towns were assessed quotas to help fill the coffers, and Livermore's share was \$1,200, a considerable sum for that time.

According to the Livermore Rodeo website, John

McGlinchey, then president of the Livermore Stockmen's Protective Association, proposed a rodeo to raise the money. They used a portion of the James Anderson ranch, near what is now Interstate 580 and the Portola Avenue overpass, to host the rodeo, as it had a natural basin for holding stock and a rim that served as elevated seating for spectators. A fence was constructed around the basin to form the arena. The grand entrance, featuring McGlinchey and Christine

Thiel on horseback carrying the American flag, joined by many other colorful riders, was indeed a spectacle worthy of film credits. In fact, Universal Studios did film the event, which made it to newsreels shown around the country.

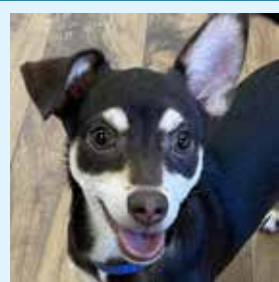
The next year, in 1919, the Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association was formed, and 15 acres of what was then Callaghan Vineyard, on what is now Livermore Avenue, was

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PETS OF THE WEEK



LORD FARQUAAD

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Leprechauns 'Keeping the Faith' Despite 6-0 Home Opener Loss

By David Scholz

Despite giving the defending Pecos League Pacific Division champions, the San Rafael Pacifics (5-0), all they could handle for much of the May 29 home opener, the Dublin Leprechauns still could not notch their first win five games into the 2024 season.

The cool evening had begun with such promise as the Leprechauns, clad in their crisp green jerseys and starched white pants, stretched and warmed up together in right field, looking like the part of the professional, world-beaters that Manager Dave Aceron had pledged his roster would be this season.

Angie Maserati, backed by a color guard from Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Post 6298 of Dublin and Pleasanton,

delivered an inspiring rendition of the national anthem ahead of the game's first pitch, thrown with authority by Roger Lee, president of the Dublin Historical Society, the evening's featured sponsor.

The Dublin offense in the game was led by Mike Sonn Jr., who recorded a pair of hits and stole two bases.

Aceron lauded Sonn's consistency to start the season, calling him "Steady Eddie" for the low-key approach he takes while still producing one or two hits each game.

"He's Mr. Consistency," said Aceron.

Also showing pop with the bat was Chase Evans whose drive to the right field fence earned him a triple. Doubles were also carded by Nicholas Antony and Angus Stayte, who just joined the club.

But there was no denying Pacifics starter Alex Valasek, who pitched a stellar game striking out 13 Leprechauns while walking just two and scattering six hits. He also helped himself at the plate with two hits, knocking in two runs. The big blast of the night for San Rafael came off the bat of John Bicos, who hit his second home run of the season to go along with six runs batted in.

The home game drew an intimate, albeit lively, crowd of about 50. Some donned Leprechaun jerseys and colors, all ready to root on the home nine. The mood remained upbeat despite what the scoreboard read with the help of a half-price beer promotion that took effect when the designated San Rafael Pacifics beer batter struck out.

Frequent reminders for a



Angie Maserati sings the national anthem at the Dublin Leprechauns' home opener on May 29. Embracing the second year for Dublin's professional baseball team, fans cheered on throughout the game. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

50-50 drawing, a chance to win the "Pot 'O Gold," and a mid-game race around the bases by two hardy youngsters all served as welcome diversions, as neither the home side nor the visitors were able to break the ice during the initial three innings.

This is Dublin's second season in the Pecos League of Professional Baseball Clubs. The team came into being quite by accident a year ago, when the league's commissioner experienced car trouble while traveling through the East Bay as he was scouting for potential host cities. He found himself in Dublin; one thing led to another, and the Dublin Leprechauns were born.

All 16 Pecos League teams are in smaller communities like Dublin, a throwback to the early 20th century small-town teams.

Aceron sees that raw spirit in his squad as they continue getting used to the style of play in the league and used to playing with each other. Aceron praised his starting pitcher, Tanner Fonoti, for his efforts to hold San Rafael to just two runs

through seven innings in the opener.

"Tanner pitched an amazing game," said Aceron, who saw matters slip away when the Pacifics pushed four runs across home plate in the eighth inning.

The inability for Leprechaun batters to deliver a clutch hit proved to be their undoing as nine runners were left on base in the contest.

"It is frustrating starting the season like this, but I have a lot of faith in these guys," said Aceron. "I believe in them."

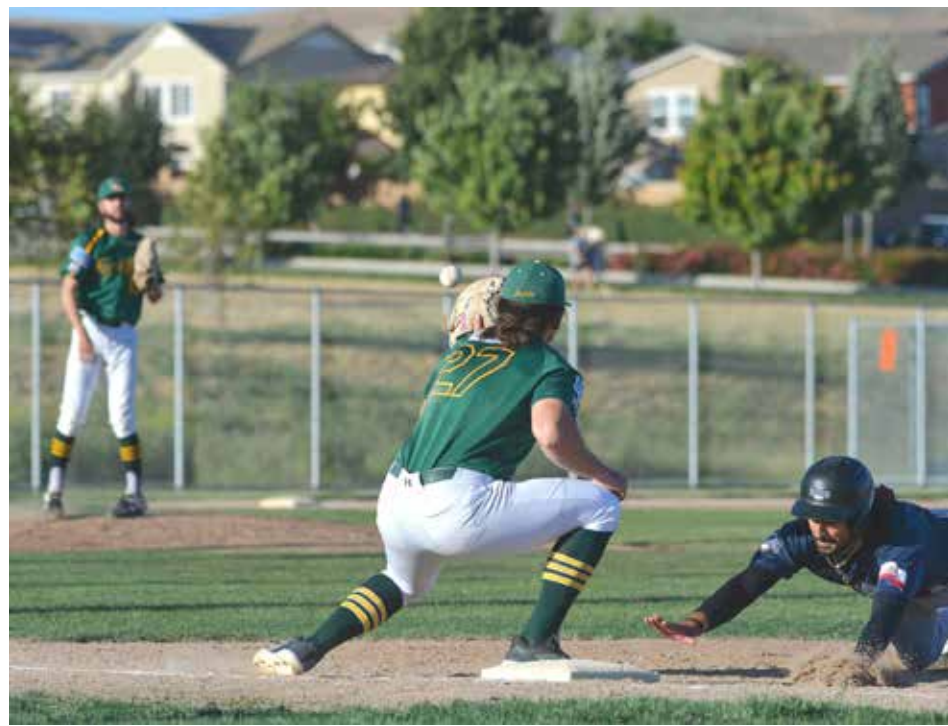
"These guys understand the game; it is a matter of us playing together," he continued.

A fan who had watched the entire home opener from the third baseline fence, just feet from where Aceron was

coaching, said to him, "You have a good team, you stay with it."

Aceron was touched by the post-game encounter, calling the kind gesture symbolic of the support the team is getting.

"We are still grinding and trying to get at it every single game," Aceron said. "We are keeping the faith."



The Leprechauns held off San Rafael for three innings, but ultimately let six of the Pacifics' runners across the plate. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Large Wildfire Erupts Near the LLNL Campus

By David Jen

The state's largest wildfire of the season broke out on the afternoon of Saturday, June 1 close to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory campus known as Site 300 in the hills south of Tracy.

While initial Cal Fire reports estimated the blaze, named the Corral Fire, at 450 acres, strong winds and dry grasses made containment difficult. The fire grew to over 12,000 acres by the morning of Sunday, June 2, prompting evacuations for parts of Tracy.

With the smoke, Caltrans reported zero visibility along Interstate 580 and closed a segment from the Alameda County Line to Stanislaus County Line on Saturday before reopening the highway Sunday evening.

Cal Fire reported "good progress in constructing and improving control lines" at the Corral Fire Sunday evening, managing to contain the fire at 90% and 14,168 acres by Tuesday afternoon.

LLNL said, in a statement on Sunday, "Cal Fire is investigating the cause of the fire. LLNL recently completed a series of con-

trolled burns to eliminate dangerous dry grass areas and provide buffer zones around Site 300 buildings. The Corral Fire is not related to the controlled burns.

"There are no current threats to any laboratory facilities and operations, as the fire has moved away from the site. There was no on or offsite contamination. As a precaution, LLNL has activated their emergency operations center to monitor the situation."

About 15 miles from LLNL's main Livermore campus, Site 300 houses facilities where "researchers

can safely formulate, fabricate, and test high-explosive assemblies to assess the performance of nonnuclear weapon prototypes and components," according to the LLNL website. The 7,000-acre site includes some 200 buildings and bunkers.

While wildfires are possible in California year-round, the peak fire season lasts from June through November, according to the Western Fire Chiefs Association. Ninety percent of wildfires are started by humans, from ignition sources, such as campfires, cigarettes and car accidents.

Middle School Students Earn French Competition Medals

Students from Pleasanton's Harvest Park Middle School captured 47 medals in the annual Le Grand Concours, a nationwide language competition sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French, including three Platinum awards for achieving perfect scores in their division.

Prashast Bhatia, Ishaan Surapaneni, and Sohum Tavisala earned Level 1 Platinum awards, according to the school.

Gold medals, for scores in the 95th percentile and above, went to Mariajose Perez Bayona, Nicole Wang,

Claire Chen, Chelsea Ha, and Aleica Muljono in Level 1, and Suhavi Kaul, Kevin Su, Kavya Jain, Ian Lam, Mathias Tempero, and Chenyi Zhu in Level 1A.

Silver awards went to Varnika Duggirala, Elliott Fang, Amogh Gore, Shangyi jin, Sarina Lashkarian, Sophie Lashkarian, Riley Sarno, and Smriti Subbaraman in Level 1 competition, and to Lara Amstrup, Arnav Bhargava, Lala Pilch, Winter Schosser, Adithya Veeraraghavan, Travis Chiu, Aniruth Kannan, Katherine Lewis, Dakshesh Senthukraja, Tripti Sudarshan, and Sriya

Venkatesan in Level 1A.

Bronze awards went to Eugene Bae in Level 2; Usabella Baylosis, Jillian Loeser, Ajani Thompson, Mark Aprelev, Evan Chong, Rida Hussain, and Vishnu Sundaram in Level 1; and Sofiya Firer, Amishi Jain, Arjun Shah, Gillian Cumti, Milos Kalezic, and Samyukta Karthik in Level 1A.

Harvest Park Middle School teaches French at a high school level, with the middle schoolers competing against older students in Le Grand Concours.

French teacher Anne Marie Etesse "brings out the very best in our wonderful

students," said Harvest Park Principal Russell Campisi. "Her dedication is just incredible. Our students have risen to her high expectations, while experiencing the joy of learning."

The testing was conducted Feb. 14 through April 8.

July 4 Celebration to Feature 'Groove Objective'

Livermore's daytime Fourth of July celebration, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Livermore Municipal Airport, will feature The Groove Objective, a five-piece rock, funk, and blues band geared to get the audience energized.

"Groove is in everything we play," according to the band's website, "the dancing is our objective."

Livermore announced earlier this year that instead of nighttime fireworks, the city would host a joint day-

time celebration with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD).

Livermore said the traditional fireworks show had become a regional event, taxing the city's resources and its ability to ensure a safe, family event for residents, with more than half the 12,000 people who attended the event last year coming from outside Livermore.

The celebration will also include hands-on activities for kids, hosted by the

Quest Science Center and other organizations, as well as aircraft displays and remote-control demonstrations.

Amuse Kitchens will provide a variety of treats and comfort foods, according to event organizers.

Prior to the celebration, LARPD will sponsor an Independence Day Dash 5k and Kids' Fun Run at Sycamore Grove Park. The 5K run begins at 8:15 a.m.

The Fourth of July this year is on Wednesday.

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Arts and Music Funds Targeted in Dublin Schools' Budget Fix

District's Upcoming \$5.5 Million Deficit Result of the State's Overly Optimistic Tax Revenue Projections

By Eli Ramos

Gov. Gavin Newsom's proposed solution to the state's Proposition 98 funding shortfall, brought about by tax revenues coming in lower than the state's estimates, may cause the Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) to reduce its budget, leading to major cuts in its arts and music programs.

At the May 28 DUSD Board of Trustees meeting, Assistant Superintendent Chris Hobbs presented the budget for 2024-25, which described a need for the district to reduce its spending by \$5.5 million in the 2025-26 school year and beyond.

Although the board will reconvene in June to approve the budget, the potential effects hang in the balance and have caused major concern in the

community.

Prop. 98, the 40-year-old proposition that helps the California Legislature calculate the amount of its general fund that is designated for education, came into question in the past fiscal year. Each year, the amount of funds allocated shifts. But recently, the widening state budget deficit reached \$45 billion.

In the 2022-23 fiscal year, public schools received and spent \$76 billion, but state tax collections in that same period were 25% less than what the state predicted. Newsom said that this would retroactively affect the Prop. 98 calculations — meaning there would be a total reduction of \$8.8 billion in funds dedicated to education in 2024-25.

To repay this unexpected deficit, Newsom put forth the

"Prop. 98 maneuver," which would reduce public education spending for schools over the next few years. The California Teacher Association (CTA) has asserted that this, along with other moves, would reduce public school spending by \$12 billion in the next two years.

Recent negotiations have brought CTA to suggest a temporary suspension of Prop. 98 instead. This approach was used once previously during the height of the Great Recession in 2010-11. It would mean state funding through Prop. 98 will be lessened in order to pay off the deficit. However, for this to pass, there would need to be a two-thirds vote in the state Legislature.

In Dublin, Hobbs said that the district expects an additional \$6 million deficit following the

2025-26 school year, which means the district would need to make additional cuts in the future. The district will have to respond to changes in enrollment, needed staffing and cost of living adjustments at that time.

DUSD is proposing to address the coming shortfalls in two ways: through budget cuts and reallocating funds made available through a different proposition from Prop. 98 — Proposition 28, a voter-based initiative that ensures access to arts and music programs.

Instead of spending Prop. 28 funds as they come in, the proposal involves relying on a pandemic-era grant to fund arts and music in 2024-25 and withholding Prop. 28 funds for a year. This would allow the district to "use unrestricted general fund dollars elsewhere,"

said Hobbs.

This solution is deeply unsatisfactory to the arts and music teachers in the district.

Fallon Middle School band director Nick Garcia criticized the move, saying that the current budget usage has not allowed for a new band class and that the Prop. 28 funds were needed sooner. Without the new class, Garcia asserted he would either have to cut students despite the high demand for the class or combine classes with completely different skill levels.

"These are the poisons in which I am forced to pick," said Garcia. "It's an inappropriate, disrespectful and inconsiderate ask of a dedicated band director to be the one to look a kid in the

eye and say, 'Sorry, we have no room for you at Fallon.'"

Several parents backed Garcia's call to release the Prop 28 funds for this year, citing the positive effect that Garcia and the music program has had on their children.

Trustee Dan Cherrier suggested that the budget cuts should happen elsewhere — for example, the salaries of teachers. He claimed the budgetary deficiencies came from the board's previous decisions and "not having the backbone to stand up to labor unions," as there have been budgetary deficiencies for several years in a row.

The board will come back to vote on the budget proposal on June 11.

Pleasanton's Museum on Main Hosts Exhibit On Vietnamese Diaspora Through Sept. 21

The Museum on Main in Pleasanton will host "Textures of Remembrance: Vietnamese Artists and Writers Reflect on the Vietnamese Diaspora," a traveling exhibit that explores the lives of refugees and their families following the end of the Vietnam War, now through Sept. 21.

The exhibit, created by the San Francisco-based Diasporic Vietnamese Artists Network and the Oakland Asian Cultural Center, features work by 25 Vietnamese artists and writers and seeks to foster intergenerational and cross-cultural understanding of the Vietnamese immigrant experience.

"Understandably, much of

our framework in the U.S. for the Vietnam War has come through the experiences of Americans who served in it," said museum curator Ken MacLennan. "This exhibit gives us a unique opportunity to learn from the perspectives of those Vietnamese who had to flee their country at the end of the war and became refugees."

"We also hope that these reflections on the experience of flight, of seeking refuge from catastrophe, will resonate with a lot of people whose families came to America from elsewhere, or that they will spark empathy in people who don't recognize a personal connection to the refugee experience," MacLennan said.

Organizers said the exhibit reveals the personal struggles and memories of Vietnamese refugees and demonstrates the continuing effects of the war on identity, sense of family

and community, and representation.

The Museum on Main, 603 Main St., is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.



A new exhibit at the Museum on Main explores the Vietnamese immigrant experience through the works of 25 Vietnamese artists and writers. (Photo courtesy of Museum on Main)

Pedrozzi Foundation Names Young Scholars for 2024

The Pedrozzi Foundation has designated 13 fifth graders enrolled in the Marilyn Avenue STEAM Academy as Pedrozzi Young Scholars for 2024.

The Pedrozzi Young Scholars Program is designed to provide support for high-achieving students during their middle school and high school years with the expectation they will receive full Pedrozzi Scholarships when they graduate.

The Marilyn Avenue STEAM Academy is a Livermore Valley Joint United School District (LVJUSD) program that emphasizes

education in science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics. The program also stresses developing problem-solving skills, including creativity, questioning, and collaboration, so the students are better prepared to address real-world problems.

The newest class of Pedrozzi Young Scholars includes Alexandra Barbosa, Alan Buenrostro, Emma Hoang-Lu, Sofia Miranda, Byron Moctezuma, Diego Ortiz, Tonantzin Ortiz, Ricardo Ramos, Rosario Saligan, Emely Soriano, Xayden Torio, Edward Torres Jr., and Mary Zamora.

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EDITORIAL

Resource Management Land Is No Place for Event Centers

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors' Transportation & Planning Committee recently broached the idea of allowing event centers on parcels identified for open space uses outside the urban growth boundary in the eastern portion of the county.

Land designated as resource management has been recog-

nized for its conservation, recreation, wildlife, visual or cultural values. The East County Area Plan allows for agriculture, grazing, recreational and open space uses on these lands.

The agenda for the committee's June 3 meeting, however, proposed amending the plan to allow for event centers on resource management land.

We oppose the proposal.

Event centers are uses that can draw a significant volume of visitors and vehicle traffic. They impact wildlife ecosystems and potentially damage any scenic or cultural values previously identified for preservation. They are inconsistent with the goals of resource management.

Measure D, approved by county voters in 2000, governs land uses outside the urban growth boundary. Event centers are not allowed on resource management land. A change to allow such uses on resource management land would require the approval of county voters, because it would require amending Measure D.

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80th Anniversary of D-Day David Ott, Pleasanton

This week we pay honor to those brave servicemen who fought during D-Day, June 6, 1944, known as "the longest day". This battle was a very important strategic victory against the Nazis that ultimately led to end the war in Europe. Thousands of U.S. and Allied service men gave the ultimate sacrifice during this battle 80 years ago. We must always remember the sacrifice that these brave soldiers did for the free world to help keep it free. Freedom is not free, and we should always remember. If you get a chance, you should visit the cemetery in Normandy, France to understand the details of this historic mission (6,939 allied naval vessels, 156,000 troops, 11,590 aircraft, and 23,400 airborne paratroopers and a very large

sad number of casualties.) Thank you to those that served during WWII and to all who serve today. God bless America.

Crosswalk Project Misuse of Tax Dollars Marcus Crawley, Livermore President, Alameda County Taxpayers' Association

The supposed Alameda County "budget deficit" must be non-existent or not very serious.

The Alameda County Taxpayers' Association (ACTA) questions the use of \$400,000 of county general fund dollars, channeled through the Alameda County Health department, to construct a crosswalk in Dublin's commercial district (Item No. 25 on the June 4, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting agenda). ACTA objects to County Supervisors using the county general fund as their slush fund for pork barrel projects.

The Perch "transit-oriented urban village" (60 homes on 2.7 acres) recently opened next to where the \$400,000 crosswalk would be built. The City of Dublin could have required the developer to build the crosswalk as a development condition. Instead, the developer essentially shifted the cost to the city, which in turn is shifting the cost to Alameda County's taxpayers. This project is a good example of how local politicians are selling out to "stack and pack" developers and sticking everyone else with the bill.

Moreover, the City of Dublin is responsible for construction and maintenance of city streets with motor fuel excise tax and city general fund dollars. The Alameda County Transportation Commission, which imposes a one-percent countywide sales tax dedicated to transportation, has millions of dollars of funds available for projects just like this. The county's general fund doesn't need to be raided.

The Tri-Valley voted 67.6 percent "no" in the November 2020 Measure W sales tax increase election, which raised Alameda County's sales tax rate to the highest-ever in California history (10.25 percent). This \$400,000 crosswalk project demonstrates that voters' distrust of local governments' spending is well justified.

Losing Local Control Paul Stone, Dublin

On May 21, I watched the Pleasanton City Coun-

cil meeting via live stream. One of the items on the agenda was the review of a prior disapproval of a proposed housing development. The developers didn't want to go through the city's requirements to get their approval.

So, a lawyer representing the developers spoke trying to persuade the council to approve the project. He said he personally helped craft legislation in Sacramento to affect housing policies in our cities. He threatened the city with a lawsuit if they refused to approve. He said words to the effect that, "Like it or not, the state is taking over more and more local control of cities' planning." Mark those words, "the state."

This kind of interference in local affairs, thanks to overreaching state politicians, is permeating cities throughout California. It's time to curtail "the state's" power here in California. If it isn't curtailed, the politicians will continue to tax and regulate us until the golden goose is gone, gone, gone.

So rise up, California! November cometh apace! Let's root up and boot out the communists in capitalists' clothing up there in Sacramento.

Six Months to Go Patricia Munro, Livermore

About a month ago, I visited one of the college encampments protesting the war between Israel and Hamas (although that is not how that war was described by those in the encampment). I did not want to argue about facts or definitions; that would have gone nowhere fast. Rather, I wanted to understand why these people were so engaged with this issue, rather than local, state, or national problems — those problems where they could effect change. It is not surprising that I received a long, articulate, and completely nonsensical answer. Or that much of that answer consisted of trigger words designed to distract me from my question. That those attempts at distraction were unsuccessful was only because over the past several years of practice, I've learned to recognize that tactic.

Which brings me to today's point: we are entering election season. In six months, it will be Nov. 6, the day after the election. At every level of government — local, county, state, and national — we face those proverbial challenges and opportunities that exist

in every situation.

Locally — in Livermore and in the Tri-Valley more generally — we face the ongoing challenges of how to manage growth responsibly for all, caring for vulnerable populations, responding to climate change locally, and much more. These issues and others dovetail with state concerns. Nationally, we face major policy issues as well as challenges to our democracy itself.

Six months to go. It is time to focus on electing decent people — those people who have demonstrated integrity, the ability to listen to all voices, the willingness to act with courage where they can effect change, and the ability to collaborate with others. It is time to identify those issues that matter to people here and now, and to focus on those problems where we can make a difference.

Six months to go. Time to start paying attention.

Housing: A President's and Nation's Moral Delusions Greg Scott, Livermore

"It's also true that Biden's failure to apply enough leverage over the last seven months has made the United States complicit in human rights abuses in Gaza, because it has provided weapons used in the mass killing of civilians, and because it has gone too far in protecting Israel at the United Nations." (Nicholas Kristof, "Thinking Through The Moral Tangle in Gaza," The New York Times, 6/2/2024)

So quaint for neoliberal Mr. Kristof to write that "the mass killing of civilians" in Gaza is mere complicity "in human rights abuses." It is not only "human rights abuses," it is genocide and ethnic cleansing.

"Good for President Biden for pushing a proposal on Friday 5/31/2024 for a temporary cease-fire that could lead to a permanent end to the war and a release of hostages." (Kristof, *ibid.*)

And for the plight of Gazans? In the "Three-Phase Proposal for a Durable Peace in the Middle East," in "Phase I," the fourth bullet point states, "Palestinian civilians can return to their homes in Gaza." Return to what homes while starving? What has not been destroyed in Israel's ecocide in Gaza? This is the nonsense of delusion and anyone who thinks otherwise hasn't been looking at the internet imagery out of Gaza.

Power has to create fantasies about the powerless and vulnerable. What does power care about the powerless if there is not power to be gained? It is as true in Gaza, the West Bank, Palestine, and Israel as it is true anywhere, including here in the United States.

What are the delusions in the U.S. on housing? We have, by the latest Point-In-Time Count, more than 650,000 homeless in the United States. The growth in national homelessness is 12% annually. That is a

doubling time of just more than six years, meaning that, at this rate, homelessness will be double the current amount nationally in 2030. We are solving the problem with this growth rate? We no more care about solving the homeless and housing crisis anymore than we care about Gazan housing.

We don't even go about solving these problems reasonably. We are trying to solve the housing and homeless crises by treating it as individual problems and applying expensive "band-aids," rather than treating the overwhelmingly structural causalities of the problems.

Where's the outrage? We are playing power games while doing positively little, or making the situations worse, for the vulnerable and downtrodden.

Decoration Day vs. Memorial Day Janet Buckley, Livermore

Ever since I can remember, my father took the family to our local cemetery to commemorate Memorial Day. In the early 60's, it was Memory Gardens in Livermore.

In the years, it was originally from the Civil War where graves were decorated and was known as Decoration Day, the last Monday in May. We no longer do that, but then as now, families took flowers to all their loved ones. It has changed and I don't feel for the better.

Yes, there will be lots of people at Stockmen's Park and if it was still at our local cemetery there would be maybe 75. But those at that commemoration knew what it was for. It is nice to showcase our downtown for socializing and eating at our restaurants, but is that what it is about?

This year, there was a request for help from the community for our scouts to place the cemetery flags. They do a wonderful job of placing then removing the flags. Our sons went to our local troop and now our oldest son in Seattle is part of their scout tradition with his sons placing the flags on the gravesites. The oldest grandson just got his Eagle Award and will be attending soon Santa Clara University. Of course, Seattle is a big military presence, but I have always felt so proud to see them carrying on what great grandpa instilled in our family.

My father Eldred Chance was a local business person and a decorated WWII combat pilot and husband Rich Buckley a decorated Vietnam fighter pilot. So obviously we try to always remember those who served and also our loved ones now gone, as do my brothers and their families in commemorating the day.

The picture I enclosed was taken in 1979 in The Herald at Memory Gardens of our middle son Tim, just 4 then, who was holding his ears at the firing of the Local VFW rifle commemoration. Tim is now grown,

an engineer out of CAL, who did get congressional appt to academies, but chose CAL and who well remembers what this day means.

I really wish we still had more remembrance, even if just 75 at our local cemeteries. There is time to be proud of downtown development and promote its relevance, but???? is it this ?? and not the local cemeteries???

Flagpole Rag Patricia Thorstad, Livermore

"...either you are with us or you are against us."

My two nephews, brothers, on Sept. 11, 2001, were youths. I guess I started putting my flag up in the morning and (either I or my husband) took it down at night with them in the back of my mind.

The eldest served two tours in Afghanistan and his brother, now in the Air Force, is in, by definition, harm's way.

I began leaving the flag up all the time during the Trump administration (heh!) also, because amidst adjacent homeowner trouble; I know flag protocol very, very well, but didn't want to put out the effort. Since October 2023, it's been hanging out a bedroom window at first, and now I rigged it up with PVC pipe to about 10 ft. due west on my property (back yard).

Recent winds have realized for me the flagpole rag I always envisioned, like some battle illustrated on television.

Well, mine has gone through a tumultuous time and aided and comforted me and my husband. An adjacent homeowner, an Army veteran, commented to me once how he liked seeing the flag go up, down and away every day.

Do I repair my flagpole rag? I love fixin' things. A split, naturally, appeared in two places at, of course, the stripes.

I always treated the flag as the State, as the prosecution in the Donald J. Trump campaign finance fraud case in New York represents the United States in their case against the former president of the United States.

Our individual 50 states, Washington D.C., and territories with states' rights and minority rule, have constructed Reconstruction Rev. 2.

I will take, someday, this and another flag in need of retirement to the local fire station.

Or maybe, I'll wait for a flag retirement ceremony.

My flag deserves it. A jury of his peers, in New York, convicted Donald John Trump, about 45 minutes ago, this day (Thursday, May 30, 2024, 87 degrees Fahrenheit, East Livermore), of guilt in 34 counts of charges for falsifying business records.

Their decisions, not mine. Do you believe/approve or disbelieve/disprove the results of the jury verdict of U.S. vs. Donald J. Trump?

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Corrections and Clarifications

Correction:

An article published on May 23 about the Stoneridge Shopping Center incorrectly stated that JCPenney left the mall. JCPenney remains open at Stoneridge.

Clarification:

An article published on May 30 about a bill intended to help the financially troubled local journalism industry should have said the Ojai Valley News and Ventura County Sun employs seven regular journalists who equal five full-time workers. The publication also employs stringers.

DUBLIN CENTRE
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City of Dublin, said 494 of the 500 planned units will be market-rate residential, with six units offered as affordable to moderate-income. The project also includes additional land for up to 100 affordable units. Jackman added that the developer is working with Sunflower Hill on that portion of the project.

“All of these affordable units will count toward our RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Allocation) numbers,” said Jackman. “In addition, the project includes the de-

velopment of 105 detached ADUs (accessory dwelling units), which will be deed-restricted to half in the moderate (income) and half in the low-income category.”

According to Landsea, the homes will offer several models, including single-family detached homes and attached townhomes. Amenities will include smart home automation, such as Wi-Fi-enabled entry door locks and thermostats, garage door opener controls, light dimmer switches and doorbell cameras.

Dublin Centre will also feature a large community swim center and water park, as well as a central gathering area. The community is adjacent to a planned entertainment district, close to Grand Paseo public park, Emerald Glen Park, Fallon Sports Park and within walking distance to several schools and the Iron Horse Trail.

Additional details will become available once the project gets closer to opening for sale in late 2025, said Annie Noebel on behalf of Landsea Homes.



When complete, the mixed-use Dublin Centre development will feature 500 residential units, about 38,000 square feet of retail and commercial uses, a public park and a community center. Developer Landsea Homes recently acquired the land for the homesites. (Photo courtesy of City of Dublin)

Harrington Gallery to Host Exhibit Capturing the Colors of Summer

The Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton will host “Colors of Summer,” a collection of paintings by members of the Santa Clara County-based group, Allied Arts West, through Saturday, July 27.

The gallery said the exhibit would “evoke the excitement and bright hues of a summer holiday.”

Close to a hundred paintings will be on display from 20 artists working with a range of media, including oil, acrylic, watercolor, and pastels.

The gallery hosted a reception for the artists, open to the public, from 1 p.m.

to 3 p.m. on opening day of the exhibit.

The Firehouse Arts Center is at 4444 Railroad Ave.



“On the Boardwalk” by Leslie Landers is on display at the Firehouse Arts Center. (Photo courtesy of The Harrington Gallery)

RODEO
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set aside.

The association sold stock or scrip for \$25 a share to purchase the land. Many local people, including ranchers and businesspeople, bought shares; some redeemed them later, but many have kept them to this day.

“The well-earned slogan ‘World’s Fastest Rodeo’ was first used in 1935,” according to the Livermore Rodeo website. “Speed had always been an important factor. There was a track around the arena where many events

were held. This included cowboy and cowgirl races, relay races where cowboys or cowgirls changed horses at each station, and Pony Express races, where saddles as well as horses were changed.”

This year’s 106th Livermore Rodeo will run on June 8 and June 9, and include bareback, tie down roping, local team roping, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, breakaway roping, Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association team roping,

barrel racing and bull riding events.

Visit livermorerodeo.com for more information.

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Tuesday Tunes Kicks Off With Matt Finders and Friends

The first free Tuesday Tunes concert of the summer, presented by the Livermore Cultural Arts Council, will feature local jazz favorites Matt Finders and Friends and Element 116, taking the Shea Homes outdoor stage at Livermore Plaza, adjacent to the Bankhead Theater, at 6:45 p.m. on June 11.

Finders, a Livermore na-

tive, spent 17 years with the Tonight Show band. During his professional career, Finders also performed with Benny Goodman, the Mel Lewis Jazz Orchestra, Toshiko Akiyoshi Jazz Orchestra, Clark Terry Big Bad Band, Blood Sweat and Tears, and Harry Connick, Jr.

He now directs the jazz programs at Mendenhall

and East Avenue middle schools. He also created a summer camp program for young musicians and helped form Element 116, a local teen jazz band.

Matt Finders and Friends is a five-piece jazz band with vocals by Karen Marguth.

The family-friendly Tuesday Tunes concert series, which will continue

through Aug. 20., is sponsored by Shea Homes with support from Fremont Bank, Uncle Credit Union, Uncle Yu’s at the Vineyard, The Independent, and Joan and Lynn Seppala.

Next up, on June 18, will be Sacred Fire, a Santana tribute band.

For more information, go to lcac.org.

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MAILBOX
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He who makes an exception is a fascist; not my words but that of a famous social scientist of the 20th century.

Realtors Still Play a Valuable Role

Barbara Clemons, Pleasanton

2024 President Bay East Association of REALTORS®

There has been a lot of misinformation in the news lately about pending changes coming to the real estate industry and what they mean for homebuyers and sellers. As a dedicated REALTOR® helping my clients buy and sell homes every day, I’d like to clarify any misunderstanding your readers may have.

Because of a recent settlement by real estate brokerages and the National Association of REALTORS®, two things are changing. First, properties listed on the multiple listing service (MLS) will no longer include an offer of compensation to buyer’s

agents. Second, homebuyers who want to work with an agent will need to sign a written agreement with that agent before touring a home. That means before homebuyers start their home search, they’ll need to discuss and agree with their agent what the agent will do on their behalf, and they’ll need to decide how much and how to pay that agent.

Historically, nearly nine in 10 homebuyers have opted to work with a real estate agent or broker in what is possibly the most important purchase of their lives. That’s because we help buyers and sellers navigate a maze of forms and complex paperwork; coordinate with lenders, inspectors, other agents, escrow companies, title companies, appraisers and other professionals; and ensure that our clients’ interests are represented in pricing, negotiation and closing.

Here’s what won’t be changing: REALTORS®

will keep playing a crucial and valuable role in helping people buy and sell homes. We will continue to be actively involved in our communities both individually and working together. The Bay East Association of REALTORS® Foundation will keep providing scholarships to students, our weekly marketing groups will continue to support community and charitable organizations, and REALTORS® will continue to be the voice at city halls, in Sacramento, and in Washington DC speaking in support of homeownership and creating housing opportunities for all.

The pending changes will not affect what makes REALTORS® valuable – a commitment to work in their clients’ best interests. REALTORS® throughout the state will continue to serve their clients every day and help make homeownership a reality for all Californians who aspire to it.

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Amador Valley High School seniors celebrate their graduation on May 31 in the Amador Stadium. (Photos – Doug Jorgensen)



Left, Foothill High School's class of 2024 participate in the collective "Roller Coaster" arm movement meant to symbolize the twists and turns of their high school careers. Right, a Falcon senior embraces the moment during the May 31 graduation. (Photos – Doug Jorgensen)



Some seniors at Dublin High, left, received sunflowers as a symbol of their bright future ahead of their graduation on May 31. Dublin's traditional piper, right, led the ceremony into Gaels Stadium. (Photos – Doug Jorgensen)

MONTE VISTA

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FOL's attorney Susann Bradford said the group has 60 days to determine its next steps. "There could definitely be an appeal. We don't know yet though," Bradford said. "This is in the evaluation stage." Attorneys for the county did not respond to emails. Ronald Kahn, CEO for the group backing Monte Vista, said, "We're very pleased with the Superior Court judge's decision." "It basically supports what the Board of Supervisors — after a lot of work and consideration and back and forth — approved. It's time to move forward," Kahn said. "We believe that it's something that's beneficial for the community, and it's needed infrastructure, and the Board of Supervisors made a good decision

for their constituents." FOL filed its lawsuit in September, contending the supervisors erred in approving Monte Vista Memorial Gardens because it is located in the unincorporated area outside the county's UGB. The development on the north side of the 580 freeway at 3656 Las Colina Road is proposed to include a mausoleum, a funeral home, crematorium and mortuary. FOL alleged the permanent structures are not allowable land uses under the ECAP or compatible with Measure D's agriculture provisions. FOL also claimed the proposed buildings violated the ECAP's allowable size limits for buildings and a requirement that all non-agricultural structures be contained within a contiguous two-acre area. After filing its lawsuit,

FOL offered a compromise to allow the cemetery and its supporting structures, such as for landscaping equipment. However, that was not accepted by Monte Vista. County attorneys said the board acted within its powers to approve the cemetery and was not required to be "in perfect conformity with every policy." In their court filings, attorneys David Ivester and Lawrence Bazel said the board worked with the Monte Vista Investment Group to try to meet FOL's concerns. During public testimony, Kahn agreed to decrease the size of the buildings, place the mausoleum underground, and increase an open-space area to be consistent with the ECAP provisions. Following his remarks, the board approved the project. In arguing for the board,

the county's attorneys said FOL's "overarching argument" is that the ECAP restricts the county from approving non-agricultural development in areas, such as the project's location, which are designated as large parcel agriculture (LPA). "Despite its name, the LPA designation allows for a wide variety of non-agricultural uses, including solid waste landfills, quarries, wind farms, utilities and utility corridors, hospitals, research facilities, jails, parks, recreational facilities, schools, childcare facilities, other public and quasi-public facilities, and 'similar uses compatible with agriculture,'" the attorneys said. Markman sided with the county, saying FOL failed to establish that the project was inconsistent with "a funda-

mental, mandatory and clear ECAP policy." He agreed that the LPA designation allowed not only "agriculture uses," but also public and quasi-public uses. "The county contends that the project constitutes a quasi-public, or 'similar' use that is compatible with agriculture, relying on its findings that the project's use is 'required by the public need' and is similar in size and intensity to other uses 'permitted in the same general plan designation,'" the judge wrote. In addition, the judge ruled that the project's plans for burial plots, spread over 50 acres, along with buildings for gatherings did not constitute urban development. He ruled that the project's quasi-public use was consistent with agriculture, and that the project

met the size and spacing requirements for buildings. In the works for two decades, the cemetery plans to be open to all religious denominations and have five acres dedicated for Jewish burials. Bradford said a key issue is the buildings. Bradford said the Monte Vista group should have chosen another location not governed by Measure D. "This is the only county that has not seen a massive decrease in agricultural land in the last 20 years, because Measure D has been so effective," Bradford said. "The logic of the court could open the door to any number of projects that will find ways to put in a public use component, to say 'it's okay in this area.' I think the guardians of Measure D are rightly concerned."

SPRINGTOWN

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additional feedback from the community about Phase 1 of the improvement project. Based on comments from that event, the first phase of conceptual improvements will be highlighted by three major efforts: an 18-hole disc golf course, a new three- to four-acre community park and four pickleball courts. The proposed 18-basket course would sit in the open space area with accessible road crossings, kiosks to educate the public about the environment, and additional benches with shade structures. "This is a pretty noninvasive sport, really. We're just looking at a couple of paths and baskets that fit into a natural environment," said Waxdeck. At Marlin Pound Park in the north of the Springtown neighborhood, the plan is for four pickleball courts that fit

within the two existing tennis courts, making way for a new half-court basketball court. The most ambitious of the three plans is a park at the southern end of the Springtown Open Space between the Springtown Library and the Springtown Homeowner Association (HOA) facilities. It will cover around three to four acres and feature several play structures, including one for all-ability participants. The park will include a community garden, a multigenerational plaza, a picnic area, shade structures, a temporary parking lot, restrooms and a multipurpose field and lawn area. "This is the biggest area of improvement," said Waxdeck. "The centerpiece of the park would be a big picnic area. ... But the idea — the goal — is to have multiple picnic areas around the park

depending upon where the activity is." The area also aims to be a community park, not just a neighborhood park, he continued. "We want to get people here as a launch pad for the open space," said Waxdeck. "We are trying to leave room for an (eventual) 20,000- to 30,000-square-foot community facility library, but there is currently no budget for this." Director Philip Pierpont suggested taking a closer look at options for expanding the proposed playing fields into two smaller fields, which would allow soccer leagues to plan for more than one game at a time. He also discussed exploring the possibility of turning the 18-hole disc golf course into two nine-hole courses. Pierpont added that there

had been talk among the community that fences should be built, at the city's expense, around the homes near the course to avoid the discs coming into their yards. Waxdeck said there had been some discussion around creating two paths on the course to allow for an easier flow of play so that players aren't backed up waiting for their turns. Waxdeck added that the instances of discs flying into yards were low given the size and low weight of the discs. He also thought it unlikely the city would fund such a project. **Pool Collaboration** The Springtown HOA's pool, which sits within the project's boundaries, was brought up as a viable way to join the community with the project. According to Director

James Boswell, the pool is not well-used or maintained. He thought a partnership with the city and HOA might be a feasible way for the community at large to enjoy the pool. Waxdeck said, "There is a lot of potential with that HOA, I agree, (but) we don't have any legal connection with them at this point ... but possibly a collaboration to make the pool and general area more accessible to the public might be a good idea." He added that he would take that back to the city for further discussion. Boswell said, "Springtown has always been the red-headed stepchild, pardon the description, but that's the reality. It's about time we finally did something, and I am appreciative. My concern is the details. ... If not done correctly, we're going to end up assuming any problems.

Not to say the design can't be mitigated ... I do support it, and it's a good thing and long overdue." Pierpont also supported the project with a few caveats. "As a general matter, this is something we should support," he said. "My one thing is working together to come up with a design ... as long as we can come out with a finished project, I support it." Next steps include a community meeting next month, followed by the completion of California Environmental Quality Act requirements and project entitlements by the end of summer. Once those are in place, according to Waxdeck, the completed plans will go to the planning commission and city council. The golf course could be completed as soon as this fall, followed by the community park in the summer of 2025.

Granddaughter of Livermore Rodeo's Founder Named as Parade Marshal

Kathryn McGlinchey Laughlin, granddaughter of John McGlinchey, who was president of the Livermore Stockmen's Protective Association when the first Livermore Rodeo was held in 1918, will serve as grand marshal for this year's Livermore Rodeo Parade on Saturday, June 8.

The annual downtown parade, hosted by the Livermore Rotary Club, will kick off at 10 a.m., with the 106th Livermore Rodeo getting underway later that afternoon at the Livermore Valley Rodeo Stadium in Robertson Park, 3200 Robertson Park Road.

Ronnie Forbes, a disabled Army veteran and founder of the One Nation Dream Makers nonprofit organization, will receive the Livermore Rodeo Parade's Community Service Award for 2024.

Laughlin, a lifelong Livermore resident, was married to the late Ralph Laughlin, who was Livermore Rodeo President from 1987 to 1989.

She has been a member of the Alameda County Cattlemen for over 40 years and was Cattlewoman of the Year in 1995. She has also been on the Livermore Rodeo Foundation Board since its inception in 2008 and is the organization's historian.

That history includes her grandfather's proposal more than 100 years ago that the Stockmen's Association hold a rodeo to raise money for the

American Red Cross during World War I.

That first rodeo was a financial and community success and the Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association was formed the following year, in 1919.

Laughlin is also a longtime member of the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

One Nation Dream Makers provides food for needy communities in the Tri-Valley area.

After leaving the Army,

Forbes said he suffered from PTSD, left his family, was homeless in the Oakland area, and began abusing drugs and alcohol. After several arrests, Forbes said he vowed to turn his life around.

He returned to the places where he had been homeless and started ensuring that others in need had food. During the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the nonprofit he created was feeding more than 6,000 people a week.



Kathryn McGlinchey (Photos courtesy of Rotary Club of Livermore)

The Independent Shares the Results Of Its Community Poetry Event Contest

The Independent welcomed to its offices Livermore Poet Laureate Peggy Schimmelman for an afternoon of interactive poetry during the city's 32nd Downtown Street Fest the weekend of May 18 and 19.

Schimmelman offered all-age poetry sessions to celebrate the city outside the Bank of Italy building as newspaper staff gave tours and shared stories about the historic building and the paper.

Visitors to the building were asked to write with

Schimmelman about the places they love in Livermore as part of the first annual Community Poetry event.

"This is one of the most fun events I've had, actually," said Schimmelman. "It's so spontaneous. ... They're (visitors are) learning and we're teaching; we're collecting — it's fun. It's been awesome. I'd like to do it next year, too."

Of the entries, she said, "There were so many strong community poems."

Prizes were awarded to in-person submissions only.

For quatrains poems, Valerie Jonas took first place with her piece "Carnegie Park's Origin Name," while Charlene Barnel took second with "Trolley Treat", her ode to the Livermore Wine Trolley. Amoit Januar won best haiku for his "Story Coffee" poem. Winners will receive prizes ranging from free tickets on the Livermore Wine Trolley to the Alameda County Fair to movie passes at Cinema West.

Other examples from the weekend included:

Lap Swimming at the Parks and Rec Pool

Community pool in the early dawn
A sunlight dance in the day's first yawn
Early birds in both suits and feathers
Begin the day without stress's tethers.

— Julie Orvis

Livermore Farmer's Market

Juicy strawberries and berries that are blue
Yummy food and music too.
Jump in your car and go and park it
And head on down to the farmer's market.

— Loren O.

Livermore Luxury

In Livermore the rodeos are grand,
The tiny shops and restaurants are fine,
And science is the best in all the land,
Exceeded by only microbrews and wine.

— Alan Franz

UGB

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Supervisor David Haubert, who chairs the T&P committee and represents the Tri-Valley and East County area, said the agenda incorrectly identified the item as an action item and should have been listed as an "informational item" with no votes to occur. The T&P committee is composed of only Haubert and Supervisor Nate Miley, who hear proposed matters and decide whether they should be taken to the full board. No vote was taken.

The issue appeared to some as a possible push to develop RM land in the East County area, which is open space declared specifically for preservation and to protect animal and plant species.

Shawn Wilson, a spokesperson for Haubert, said Haubert's office has been asked by many property owners why some parcels are designated large parcel agriculture (LPA) and others RM, including contiguous parcels that are designated differently.

Under the current East County Area Plan (ECAP), event centers can only be built on LPA land.

"We decided to have an open discussion," Wilson said. "It has been 24 years since our East County Landowners have been under the guidance of Measure D.

Some landowners appreciate their limited land use values, while others would like to maximize their land values. Some landowners are okay with having 100 acres and only being allowed to have limited homes on their sites, while others would love their children to have homes on their same parcels so the elders can have day to day family and multifamily interactions, so, since we represent all, we decided to have an open discussion."

Nella Terra Cella Winery

As he introduced the discussion, Haubert cited a situation very similar to one involving property owned by Gerald Beemiller of Sunol. About 10 years ago, county officials gave authorization to Beemiller to build his popular Nella Terra Cella winery and wedding venue on 100 acres on Sheridan Road.

About three years after he planted vineyards and established his wedding venue, said Beemiller in an interview, former Supervisor Scott Haggerty informed him that an error had been made. Beemiller explained that he should not have been allowed to build the venue because his land was designated in the county as RM. When he received his conditional use permit to

operate, officials had misread their land-use maps.

Although no one is demanding Beemiller tear down his investment, which has cost him hundreds of thousands of dollars, the site is now officially deemed "legal, non-compliant." Beemiller said that means he cannot make improvements or changes.

"I think the supervisors should have more say in these kinds of nuanced issues," Beemiller said. "To suggest that everything needs to go to a vote of the people, to me, is not the way to govern. We elect our representatives to make these kinds of on-the-edge decisions and they should be allowed to do that. We need a little bit of flexibility."

Beemiller said that he did not know about the agenda item until shortly before the meeting. He said he had occasionally mentioned his situation to Haubert.

Measure D 2022

The suggestion to allow event centers on RM land follows voters' approval of Measure D 2022, which modified the original Measure D from 2000. Measure D 2022 increased the square-footage allowed for agricultural buildings on LPA sites. Advocates hoped the change would bring

mid-sized winegrowers to the East County to revitalize South Livermore's wine industry and improve agritourism with wine tasting venues.

But the idea that the Board of Supervisors could allow similar development on RM land did not sit well with open space advocates.

"When I saw the agenda for this meeting, and saw that it was an action item and there was no staff report, I wasn't sure what to say," said Dick Schneider, a co-author of the original Measure D. "The provisions of the ordinance may be changed only by vote of the people of Alameda County."

"Your action today will have devastating environmental impact," said Kelly Abreu, a frequent board critic. "Large parcel agriculture, which is the land of freedom, the land of event centers, of wine tastings — and it's already open to you. You want to build. Go. It's open. It's right there."

On the other side, Beemiller's son Griffin Beemiller, said during the meeting that he supported the amendment to "allow greater flexibility within these resource management properties." He said the county could put "guardrails" in place when making land use decisions that would

include public input and environmental studies.

RM designations, he said, were created long before Measure D was implemented.

"It does seem arbitrary," he said. "It's not clear exactly what evidence was used to draw these boundaries."

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PORNOGRAPHY

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interference," said Ricci Joy Levy, president and CEO of the Woodhull Freedom Foundation, a non-profit organization that advocates for sexual freedom as a fundamental human right.

The bill requires that pornographic sites take "reasonable steps" to verify a user's age, such as requiring the user to input or display a credit card or government-issued identification. The bill prohibits the site from "retaining, using, or disclosing" the information it receives to preserve privacy.

Alanis, a former Stanislaus County detective who investigated crimes against children, said he took concerns about privacy and constitutionality "very seriously" and held discussions with members of the body's LGBTQ caucus. He vowed to improve the bill as it continued in the Senate.

"You have my commitment to continue working on those concerns in the Senate," Alanis said. "I do not want this bill to harm your community at all. I have also heard from my colleagues who have First Amendment and privacy concerns. I do not want this bill to fail any constitutional tests."

Alanis cited a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision to enforce a more restrictive age-verification law in Texas, denying an emergency stay looking to temporarily block the law. The law was recently upheld by the 5th Circuit

Court of Appeals.

Bauer-Kahan, who heads the Assembly's Privacy committee, said she decided to support Alanis' bill as a legislator and as a mother of children in the digital age. She said another mother recently alerted her about middle-school aged children looking at pornographic sites on their phones on the school bus.

"It is really critical that we think about this," Bauer-Kahan said. "When we were growing up, the only way to get this was to go into a store where they would make you show an ID. We made sure that people who are accessing this material were of age."

Bauer-Kahan cited a New York Times article that reported that a recent study showed that 40% of college age girls said they had been choked during sexual encounters, which they attributed to seeing violent pornography and thinking it was normal activity.

She also thanked Alanis for working closely with her Privacy committee to make sure the bill was constitutional. Bauer-Kahan said she appreciated his efforts to find ways to ensure people's privacy will not be violated when they provide age-verification information. She cited technology that is used in Europe that allows users to verify their ages without providing "personally identifiable information." Methods are still

being examined.

"The member from Modesto has gone forth to the committee to work hard to make sure those are the technologies that we're pursuing through this," Bauer-Kahan said. "I think that it isn't surprising that you have people from opposite sides of the aisle standing up in support of this, because at the end of the day, if anything is going to bring us together on this floor, I hope it is protecting our kids."

During recent committee hearings in the Assembly, FSC Executive Director Alison Boden said online age verification creates a multitude of technological, constitutional and privacy related issues. She said most site users move on to another website when asked to complete age verification.

"This is a terribly flawed bill that never should have advanced out of committee, especially not one focused on consumer privacy," Boden said in a statement. "If we're going to defeat these dangerous, unconstitutional bills, we're going to need to be there to make sure all of our voices are heard. We have a strong base in this state, and we need all Californians to reach out to their legislators to let them know the issues with AB 3080."

Levy added that the "the landscape of age verification laws is complex and requires careful consideration of the

privacy, practical, and ethical implications in their design and implementation."

"That hasn't happened with this bill. We have urged the Supreme Court to find a similar law in Texas unconstitutional, and this bill, like the one in Texas, threatens the anonymity, privacy, and security of adult internet users," Levy said.

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BAGS

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The bills may merge during the legislative process.

“These plastic bags are polluting our waterways and filling our landfills, even though California decided to eliminate those years ago,” said Bauer-Kahan, whose 16th district includes Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin. “It’s time to eliminate plastic bags once and for all.”

Blakespear said that although intended to be reusable, almost none of the thick plastic bags are reused, and they end up in landfills, polluting the environment.

“California’s original ban on plastic bags hasn’t worked out as planned, and sadly, the state’s plastic bag waste has increased dramatically since it went into effect,” Blakespear said.

The American Recyclable Plastic Bag Alliance (ARP-BA), however, opposes the legislation, saying the bills will not reduce plastic. If the bills become law, they will “merely shift Californians to other plastic bags that result in significantly more plastic consumption,” said the organization, which represents manufacturers and recyclers of plastic retail bags.

“I can’t emphasize enough that this bill is structured not to reduce plastic, but to substitute one form of plastic for another,” Phil Rozenski, the ARPBA’s interim director, recently told the Senate’s Environmental Quality Committee. Rozenski fears the ban would increase the use of nonwoven polypropylene tote bags, which use even more plastic and release more greenhouse gas emissions than the bags in question.

“While we urge you to vote against it, we invite collaboration to create a more effective solution,” he continued.

CalRecycle said the amount of grocery and merchandise bags disposed of by Californians grew from 157,385 tons the year the ban went into effect in 2015 to 231,072 tons in 2022, a 47% increase.

Plastic bags have an average lifespan of 12 minutes

before they are discarded, but last up to 1,000 years in landfills. They also spread toxic microplastics in oceans.

“We need to do better,” Blakespear said. “Shockingly, some 18 billion pounds of plastic waste flow into the oceans every year from coastal regions alone. California must do its part to eliminate this scourge that is contaminating our environment.”

The bills would tighten standards for reusable bags and require stores to use paper bags that are made of 50% post-consumer recycled content. Customers also could use their own reusable bags.

“Plastics are the next front in our fight against big oil,” Bauer-Kahan said. “By 2050, plastic production will exceed 20% of global oil production. AB 2236 is a critical step to eliminate plastic pollution and eliminate an opportunity for the oil industry to continue destroying our planet.”

Plastic bag production uses petroleum as a raw material.

According to the legislators, the bills are supported by a broad coalition of groups, including the California Grocers Association (CGA), Ocean Conservancy, Azul, National Resources Defense Council, International Paper, Kroger, Sierra Club and Californians Against Waste.

The CGA said the bill will prompt shoppers to bring reusable bags they already own from home when they shop. They will be able to purchase paper bags as well.

“Consumers are calling for sustainable practices from California businesses, but still value a convenient shopping experience,” CGA President Ron Fong said in a statement.

Supporters of the bills cite a similar ban in New Jersey enacted in 2022. The New Jersey Food Council estimated that 5.5 billion single-use plastic bags and 110 million single-use paper bags were eliminated from entering the waste stream and environment by its 2,000 grocery store members from May to December 2022.

Writing Coach to Discuss Building Suspense

Author and writing coach Margaret Lucke will discuss building and controlling tension and suspense in a presentation for the Tri-Valley Writers on Saturday, June 15.

The Tri-Valley Writers will meet at 2 p.m. in the Multi-Disciplinary Education

Building at Los Positas College in Livermore.

Lucke is the author of two paranormal thrillers, “House of Desire” and “House of Whispers,” and two mysteries, “Snow Angel” and “A Relative Stranger.”

She also edited “Fault Lines,” a short story anthology published in 2019 by the Northern California chapter of Sisters in Crime, and has published two books on writing, “Schaum’s Quick Guide to Writing Great Short Stories and Writing Mysteries.”

She has been an instructor for the University of California, Berkeley extension writing program since 1994.

Tri-Valley Writers, a chapter of the California Writers Club, has a two-step process for registering for the meeting.

The meeting is open to club members and the public.

To register, go to tinyurl.com/yc292a73.



Margaret Lucke, novelist, editor and writing coach, will share the essential aspects of successful storytelling on June 15, 2024 (Photo courtesy of Tri-Valley Writers)

TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 3 – 9

LIVERMORE RODEO

Join the Livermore Stockmen’s Rodeo Association in celebrating Livermore’s rich ranching history and warm western heritage during Rodeo Week, June 3–9. See the world’s top cowboys and cowgirls competing in bronc riding, barrel racing, roping, bull riding and much more. Information about the rodeo, mixer, cowgirl luncheon, the rotary club’s rodeo parade and tickets for the 106th Annual Livermore Rodeo on June 8 and 9 are now available at livermorerodeo.com. Tickets are NOT sold through any other sites. A limited number of parking passes and mixer tickets are also available online.

Thursday, June 6

LIFE BEHIND BARBED WIRE IN THE U.S. DURING WORLD WAR II

This is the powerful story of one family’s life in World War II internment camps. During the war, the United States forcibly relocated and imprisoned over 120,000 Japanese-Americans, which created a devastating impact on many families and individuals. Yukio Shimomura will share his family’s experience of being forced to leave their San Francisco home to enter incarceration camps first in San Bruno, California, and then in Utah. Learn about the social dynamics within the camps and explore the impact of incarceration on those involved, from grandparents to young children. On June 6 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Dublin library, 200 Civic Plaza. For more information, contact the library at 925-803-7252.

June 6 – Aug. 1

DUBLIN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The eight-week Dublin Summer Concert Series, held on Thursday evenings in the Emerald Glen Park Amphitheater (4201 Central Parkway) during the Dublin Farmers’ Market, returns with a wide variety of musical acts beginning Thursday, June 6. (There will be no farmers’ market or concert on Thursday, July 4.) The concert series, sponsored by DUBS, a Dublin-based drum shop, will feature:

June 6: Mercy and the Heartbeats: classics from the ‘70s, ‘80s, and ‘90s

June 13: Sky Kings: classic music from the Byrds, the Eagles, Jackson Browne, Steely Dan, Billy Joel, John Mayer, Radiohead, and more

June 20: Aki Kumar: vintage Bollywood meets American blues and rock ‘n’ roll

June 27: The Peelers: “top 40” mashups and medleys cover band

July 11: Notorious: current hits along with classics from the ‘70s, ‘80s, ‘90s, along with Motown, disco, R&B, soul, and classic rock

July 18: The Big Jangle: Tom Petty tribute band

July 25: Carnaval: Santana tribute band

Aug. 1: Wonderbread 5: current hits to classics from the ‘70s, ‘80s, ‘90s, and beyond

Friday, June 7

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the City of Dublin will host an American Red Cross Community Blood Drive in the Bray Community Room at the Dublin Civic Center at 100 Civic Plaza. Each donation collected can save up to three lives. There are still over a dozen spots available for blood or “power red” donors. Appointments can be made at www.RedCrossBlood.org.

June 7 – 9

PAINT LIVERMORE 2024

Join Bay Area artists for Paint Livermore 2024, Livermore Art Association’s annual plein air competition. There will be a good crowd and more potential buyers at the judging and sales event on June 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. The new location for the judging and prizes is Livermorium Plaza, 116 S. Livermore Ave. Lisa Burns of San Francisco is this year’s judge. Her painting, The Grove, won Best of Show at Paint Livermore 2023. For Paint Livermore information, go to livermoreartassociation.org.

June 8 – 9

FAMILY CAMPOUT AT JORDAN RANCH PARK

Come to a campout in Dublin! There will be a variety of games and activities planned to keep everyone active and entertained throughout the evening, including a campfire, entertainment, arts and crafts, active group games, and, of course, s’mores! A hearty dinner and breakfast are provided for all campers. Participants must bring a tent and sleeping bags, in addition to chairs, flashlights, snacks, clothing, and personal items. Arrive at 4 p.m. on Saturday; depart at 10 a.m. on Sunday. At Jordan Ranch Park, 4299 Jordan Ranch Dr., in Dublin. Residents \$27; non-residents \$30. Reservations are open at DublinRecGuide.com.

Sunday, June 9

RACE AMITY FESTIVAL

Come celebrate the 4th annual Race Amity Day in the Tri-Valley. Listen to local artists, quotes, and inspirational stories as participants gather to rejoice and honor our collective diversity. Light refreshments will be served. June 9 from 1 to 3 p.m., at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore, Building 2400, Lecture Hall Room 2420.

June 10 – 14

DUBLIN POLICE TO PRESENT THE 2024 YOUTH ACADEMY

The 2024 Youth Academy will take place June 10-14, from 9 a.m. to noon. This free, week-long course is designed for students ages 14-18 who have an interest in the field of criminal justice. Taught by law enforcement personnel, the Youth Academy offers participants the opportunity to learn about specific elements of the law enforcement profession. Participants also tour local law enforcement agency stations and participate in interactive and physical training exercises. The deadline to apply is Friday, May 24, at 5 p.m. See <https://dublin.ca.gov/civilalerts.aspx?AID=4884>.

Tuesday, June 11 (start date)

TRI-VALLEY EXECUTIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Tri-Valley Executive Education Program combines a mix of group meetings and speaker workshops used to help members improve collaboration, increase alignment, and cultivate professional growth. Held by Vistage Inside group, a unique skills development program designed to support emerging and established growth focused leaders within the Tri-Valley, delivered by Steve Lanza, Tri-Valley Advising Principal and Vistage Group Leader. A six-class series will be held at Hawthorn Suites by Wyndam in Livermore from June 11, 2024, through April 2025, classes are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To learn more about the program, contact Steve Lanza 510-734-4070 or steve.lanza@vistagechair.com. To sign up, contact Sherri Souza at ssouza@livermorechamber.org.

Tuesday, June 11 (start date)

TUESDAY TUNES FREE CONCERTS

Tuesday Tunes are family-friendly concerts on the Shea Homes Stage in front of the Bankhead Theater, hosted by the Livermore Cultural Arts Council. The free shows, scheduled for 6:45 to 8:15 p.m., include:

June 11: local jazz Matt Finders & Friends w/Element 116
June 18: Sacred Fire – Santana Tribute Band
June 25: Evan Thomas Band – funky, soulful, blues
July 2: Death & Taxes Swing Band – 1940’s big band swing
July 9: The Chris Bradley Band – traditional New Orleans Jazz
July 16: Frankie Bones Project – acoustic, folk, rock
July 23: Audio Illusion – classic rock, pop, blues
July 30: Jeff Bordes & Friends – jazz roots
August 6: East Bay Grooveline – funk, groove, Motown, R&B
August 13: LunaFish – classic rock 60’s & 70’s
August 20: The Hurricane Band – classic rock, R&B, country, and pop

Wednesday, June 12

INTERFAITH INTERCONNECT IN-PERSON RELIGION CHAT

All are welcome to attend a religion chat on June 12 at 7 p.m., “When bad things happen to good people: How does your faith/congregation help someone to recover following a significant loss, emergency, or tragedy?” At the Muslim Community Center East Bay, Conference Room, Suite #100, 5724 Las Positas Blvd., Pleasanton. Optional breakout discussion groups, 8–8:30. Doors open at 6:45. There will also be a live-stream option: <http://mceastbay.org/live>. Religion chat is a free interfaith forum presented by Interfaith Interconnect on the second Wednesday of most months. More information at Interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/InterfaithInterconnect.

Thursday, June 13

PRE-CANDIDATE WORKSHOP

Are you interested in running for public office? The City of Dublin will host a Pre-Candidate Workshop on June 13 at 7 p.m. in the Bray Community Room at the Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza. City Clerk Marsha Moore will provide an overview of the election process. City Manager Linda Smith will discuss the responsibilities of the Mayor and City Council and the role of the City Manager. For additional information, contact City Clerk Marsha Moore at city.clerk@dublin.ca.gov or 925-833-6644.

Friday, June 14

FLAG DAY CEREMONY

Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge No. 2117 will be presenting a flag day ceremony on June 14 at 6 p.m. This ceremony is open to the public and has been an Elks’ tradition since the early days of the organization. A short presentation will be given describing the flag and its meaning to Americans. Additional elements of the ceremony will include singing the national anthem and “America” and serving refreshments. Call the lodge for reservations at 925-455-8829. The lodge is located at 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore.

Saturday, June 15

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS PRESENTS: SUCCESSFUL STORYTELLING

Tri-Valley Writers Chapter of the California Writers Club will host Margaret Lucke, novelist, editor and writing coach, who will share the essential aspects of successful storytelling on June 15, at 2 p.m., at Las Positas College, room 2470, in Livermore. Check-in begins at 1:30 p.m. Please email your RSVP to treasurer@trivalleywriters.org by June 13, and register at www.trivalleywriters.org/speaker-meeting-registration-and-payment. CWC adult members, \$10; nonmembers, \$12. CWC student members (ages 14-22), \$5; student nonmembers, \$8.

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TOPSCIENCE

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

ONGOING EVENTS

FARMERS MARKETS

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

Sunday Livermore Downtown Farmers Market

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

Thursday Night Livermore Farmers Market

Now through to Oct. 10 at Carnegie Park, 2155 Third St., downtown Livermore, from 4 to 8 p.m. See www.livermorefarmersmarket.org.

Thursday Evening Dublin Farmer’s Market

The City of Dublin partners with Pacific Coast Farmers’ Market Association to operate the weekly market on Thursdays, 4 to 8 p.m., through Sept. 26 at Emerald Glen Park. The Summer Concert Series will run from June 6 through Aug. 1, 6 to 8 p.m. Themed nights will be held the first Thursday of each month. Arts and crafts for kids will be available at the City of Dublin booth.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

GRIEF WORKSHOPS

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Although there is no right or wrong path, these are stepping stones that are part of each grief journey, and we will explore them in this eight-week series workshop. This will be held at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton April 4, 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 9 and 16 at 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Space is limited. A one-time \$20 donation is requested. For more information and to register you can call Barbara at 925-846-3904, or see catholicsofpleasanton.org and scroll down to Grief Ministry and tap on the box. This workshop is open to all, regardless of religious affiliations.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (DAR) CHAPTER MEETING

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

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Asbury United Methodist Church invites the community to join for worship at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. There, discover a church that believes that all people are children of God and are of sacred worth. This community practices loving neighbors in daily life. The church has Sunday School and nursery care, and worship is followed by a fellowship time with bagels, beverages, and great conversation. The church is located at 4743 East Ave., in Livermore. For more information, visit asburylive.org.

WINGS-WOMEN IN GOD’S SPIRIT

WINGS-Women in God’s Spirit is a faith enhancement group of multi-generational Catholic women who meet Oct. through May on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Ave., in Livermore. The organization now includes the Catholic women of both Livermore and Pleasanton at St. Charles Borromeo, St. Michael, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Augustine. Attendees can enjoy a variety of engaging speaker presentations and topics, small group sharing, fellowship and more. All are welcome. For more information, visit stcharleslivermore.org/wings.

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OBITUARIES

Stan Kueffer 1947 – 2024



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Stan Kueffer.

Stan was born to Harold and Olive Kueffer on St. Patrick's Day, 1947, along with his twin sister, Susan. He was born in Oakland and raised in the hills of Hayward. He graduated from Hayward High School in 1965. He served in the United States Navy from Feb. 7, 1968, through March 12, 1972. He had a successful career with Pacific Bell for over 30 years. He moved to Livermore with his family in 1976, where he lived out his remaining years.

Stan was also a member of the Free Masons and Native Sons of the Golden West. But the service he was most passionate about were his years volunteering with the Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association. John Greci introduced him to the Livermore Rodeo, and he never looked back. He spent countless hours working

on rodeo projects and just hanging out at the barn with the best of friends.

Stan became an associate director and quickly became a director in the LSRA. He attained the titles of LSRA President and Secretary. For many years he ran the VIP tent for VIP sponsors, which he took great pride in.

While on the Board, he enjoyed and advocated for the sport of rodeo, especially working for the longevity of the Livermore Rodeo.

Stan loved living the ranch life, hunting, fishing, camping, and most of all his dog, Teagan, who preceded him in death by exactly a year. He lived for BSing with his friends and family in his shop, with a cold

Coors Light in his hand.

Stan passed away peacefully with all three of his daughters by his side. He will be sorely missed by all that knew and loved him, especially his daughters, Kimberly, Tami, and Lisa, as well as his sons-in-law, Brian and Eric, his grandchildren Tristan, Paige, Brent, Ariana, Allie, Brooke, Reese, Blake, and great-grandson, Colter.

Though our hearts are broken, we know Stan is enjoying Heaven with his family and best friends that left him too early.

Stan is preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Olive Kueffer, as well as his twin sister, Susan Kueffer.

Stan is survived by his daughter, Kimberly Johnson (Brian) and grandchildren Brent and Ariana of Palo Cedro, California; daughter, Tamara Taylor (Eric), grandchildren Tristan, Paige, Allie, Brooke, Blake, and great-grandson Colter of Harriman, Tennessee; daughter, Lisa Kueffer and granddaughter Reese of Livermore, California; and half-sister Janice Maddox.

A memorial service will be held at the Livermore Rodeo Grounds, Friday, June 7, 2024, at 5 p.m.

ing family gatherings. Laurie was a strong, caring, loving and funny woman who was adored by all who knew her.

Laurie is survived by her husband of 50 years Luigi Greco, daughters Andrea Powers, and Alicia Endean, and her pride and joy, her grandchildren Rylee, Avery and Jackson Powers and Gianna Endean, along with many nieces and nephews and two dear sisters-in-law, Maria Mabardy and Roseanne Steffes.

Family and friends are invited to a celebration of life at Graham-Hitch, 4167 First St., Pleasanton, on Sunday, July 7, at 3 p.m. Laurie's favorite holiday to celebrate with family and friends was the 4th

of July. Please come dressed for the occasion.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Bruns House of the Hospice of the East Bay. Their unwavering love and support for Laurie and her family helped our family through this difficult time.

hospiceeastbay.org/campaign-for-bruns/

Mary Ann Zagotta Aug. 15, 1935 – May 14, 2024



Mary Ann Zagotta (née Donofrio) passed away peacefully on May 14, 2024, in Livermore, California, at the age of 88. She was surrounded by her beloved family, with her husband of 65 years holding her hand.

Mary was born on August 15, 1935, in Chicago, Illinois to Antoinette and Donald Donofrio. She grew up steeped in Italian cooking and lots of family, with an older brother Johnny and a younger sister Donna, both of whom survive her. On June 27, 1959, Mary married the love of her life William (Bill) Ernest Zagotta. They started their life together in Chicago, Illinois and soon thereafter purchased their first house in Calumet Park, Illinois. Their first child, Michelle Therese, was born in Nov. 1960, followed by William Nicholas in Dec. 1961. With the birth of Maria Lynn in June 1963, they had three kids under the age of 3!

In 1968, Bill was hired at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and so the family of five moved to California. After nearly a decade of making a home in Livermore, raising their children, and volunteering in the schools, Mary was asked to become the office manager at Resources for Family Development, a childcare resource and referral agency. She was an invaluable member of that team for the next twenty years, retiring shortly after their first grandchild was born. Mary and Bill were blessed with five more grandchildren in the following eight years.

Mary loved spending time with her family and friends. She will especially be remembered by her friends for their annual Christmas Eve party, where nearly 40 guests were treated to Mary's delicious homemade lasagna. Mary always made an effort to be present for every event and accomplishment, not just for their own children but for their grandchildren as well. From horseback riding shows, dance performances, water polo matches, baseball and soccer games to birthdays and graduations, Mary (Mom, Grandma) was always there to help with the celebration. She was even entrusted with the role of devoted grandma within Maria's kid's playgroup in Livermore. All who were close to Mary knew she had more energy than ten people put together and was always the first to help anyone in need. Her sister Donna would always say, "She's a tough act to follow."

In the three decades after retirement, Mary was a woman

of service. She was a devoted volunteer to the hospital auxiliary, first at Valley Memorial Hospital and then at Stanford's ValleyCare Medical Center and Oncology Center (where her lemon bars were legendary), as well as to many other organizations. When Mary wasn't volunteering, she and Bill were traveling all over the world, including Europe, Costa Rica, Mexico, Alaska, Hawaii, just to name a few. In Namibia, they were especially touched by the centuries-old culture of the extended family they visited, where Mary happily played peekaboo with the lively joyful children.

Mary is survived by her husband, three children and their spouses, six beloved grandchildren, an older brother and a younger sister, and countless friends; she will be dearly missed. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Hope Hospice, Mara Elephant Project or Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

We will forever remember Mary's joyful spirit, kindness, and dedication to finding good in every person she met. In the words of the German poet Ludwig Jacobowski, "Do not cry because they are past; smile because they once were!" Please join us for a Mass celebrating the life and legacy of Mary on Saturday, June 29, at 1 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Livermore, followed by a reception in the adjoining Borromeo Hall.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Laurie Ann Greco (Cox) Nov. 25, 1951 – May 20, 2024



Laurie Ann Greco (Cox), age 72, passed away peacefully after a long battle with cancer on May 20, 2024, surrounded by her loving family.

Laurie was born on Nov. 25, 1951, in Des Moines, Iowa to Laverne and Marjorie Cox. She was raised in Des Moines and graduated from North High School in 1970. She attended and graduated from Des Moines Area Community College with a degree in Medical Assistance.

Laurie married her high school sweetheart Luigi Greco in 1973 in Des Moines and lived in Ankeny until they moved to California in 1978. She was an accomplished administrative assistant in the food industry, along with her husband, for over 30 years. After she retired, she enjoyed working at Gene's Fine Foods and meeting new people and sharing in the community.

Family was everything to Laurie. She enjoyed shopping for antiques, taking care of animals, spending time with friends and host-



ing family gatherings. Laurie was a strong, caring, loving and funny woman who was adored by all who knew her.

Laurie is survived by her husband of 50 years Luigi Greco, daughters Andrea Powers, and Alicia Endean, and her pride and joy, her grandchildren Rylee, Avery and Jackson Powers and Gianna Endean, along with many nieces and nephews and two dear sisters-in-law, Maria Mabardy and Roseanne Steffes.

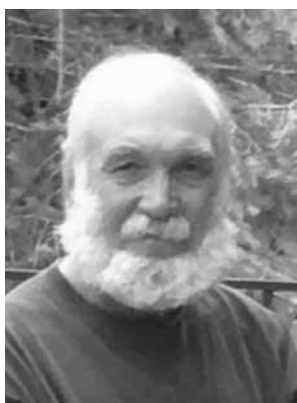
Family and friends are invited to a celebration of life at Graham-Hitch, 4167 First St., Pleasanton, on Sunday, July 7, at 3 p.m. Laurie's favorite holiday to celebrate with family and friends was the 4th

of July. Please come dressed for the occasion.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Bruns House of the Hospice of the East Bay. Their unwavering love and support for Laurie and her family helped our family through this difficult time.

hospiceeastbay.org/campaign-for-bruns/

Wilbert Brown Sept. 8, 1945 – April 8, 2024



Wilbert (Will) Brown left this life on earth to be with his Lord for eternity on April 8, 2024, in Hayden, Idaho.

Will was welcomed into this life on Sept. 8, 1945, by his parents Hubert and Esther Brown of Haxtun, Colorado. Will's first home was a 600-square-foot two-room farm house east of Haxtun.

Will was the oldest of three boys. He was joined on the family farm by brothers LaVern in 1948 and Milton in 1955. The family moved into a new home their father had built while not farming. Growing up on the family farm gave Will a great work ethic and a love for anything mechanical.

Will was baptized and confirmed in the Immanuel Lutheran Church. He attended the Haxtun school system and graduated with the class of 1963.

At the age of 17, Will enlisted in the Navy. While in the United States Navy, he was stationed in many locations including Memphis, Tennessee, Midway Island and finally Alameda Naval Air Station. In 1965, he completed his training as an aircraft mechanic. While completing his training he met his future wife, Nona, and her daughter Tamara (Tammy). As Tammy's step-father, he did everything for her. The role he played was bigger than the wonderful things he did for others. Giving 100% of his love as her father. Spending the next 57 years in their love. During their time together, Nona and Will were blessed with two beautiful grandchildren, Kelley Villa who

was her Papa's little girl even after 30 years and Stephen Villa who was a parter in the love of mechanics. Will looked forward to their many visits to Idaho. Winters in the snow, summers bike riding the Hiawatha Trail. Will always planned something special for his grandchildren, like trips planned to Mt. Rushmore, Devils Tower and the Grand Coulee Dam.

Will took great pleasure in his extended family. Christopher, son of brother Vern and Nancy Brown, won Will's heart at an early age and Chris enlisted him in filming his activities and becoming an umpire for his baseball games. To Sharnay, daughter of Milton and Nancy Brown, he became a second father while she was attending college in Moscow, Idaho. Will tracked many swimming events of Keaton Browns, son of Milton and Nancy, from the time he was a young boy through college.

After the Navy, he worked a variety of jobs until settling on his future career with Matson Industries in the Port of Oakland, California, as a master crane mechanic. Will's boss said,

"He could always find a way to fix anything." He was greatly respected in his field.

After his retirement from Matson, Will and Nona moved to Hayden, Idaho and built a life of his dreams including a home he and Nona designed. Retirement meant 20 acres of green trees. After the construction of their home, Will spent his retirement days building barns, restoring tractors, using his new John Deere and planning another hunting trip with his hunting companion and friend of 50 years, Ed Gilmore. Will loved every day, feeding the deer, birds and any animal who wandered onto his property. Maybe not loving shoveling the 18 inches of snow that might fall overnight or shooing a pesky bear.

Will was preceded in death by his parents, Hubert and Esther Brown; aunt and uncle, Clemens and Beulah Einspar; nephew, Christopher Brown.

Wilbert leaves behind wife, Nona; daughter, Tammy Villa (Chip); granddaughter, Kelley Villa; grandson, Stephen Villa; brother, LaVern Brown (Nancy); brother, Milton Brown (Nancy); niece, Sharney Wegar (Travis) and son Grayson; nephew, Keaton Brown (Annie) and many loving cousins and friends in California, Idaho and Colorado. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Memorial service will be held Saturday, June 15, 2024, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Haxtun, Colorado at 10:30 a.m. Luncheon at the church to follow.

Barbara Ellen Pinto-Choate May 31, 1956 – May 6, 2024



Daughter, Sister, Wife, Mother, Grandma (Nonna), Family, Friend, Teacher, Musician, Minister of God. Many more titles must be out there for a woman that gave so much.

Born the second child of three to Frank and Ellen Pinto of Alvarado in Union City, she has two brothers, Ed Pinto the eldest and Manuel Pinto the youngest. Together, this Portuguese/Italian household was a family.

Barbara graduated from Washington High School in 1974 and California State University, Hayward with a Bachelor of Arts in Vocal Performance in 1980. She was known during this time as a fun, loving person that got along with everyone. She was also a perfectionist, which many classmates could attest to. After getting her teaching credential in 1981, she went to Livermore to build a choral program. Even to this year, Barbara was still in contact with multiple students from this time.

Barbara, while at Granada High School, met her future husband, Jeff Choate. He would leave simple gifts or snacks on her desk to show his affection for her. Opposites attracted, and they were married July 12, 1986. After moving from Fremont to Livermore in 1990, they had

their son, Christopher.

Music ministry was very important in Barbara's life. She started singing during her teen years and continued her ministry with music until 2022, with over 45 years of ministry and many lives touched. Her influence with music has affected countless lives, even to the point for others to go into the field and continue music excellence.

Her biggest love was her family and friends. She was always willing not only to help, but to go beyond what was asked, so you could have the easiest path of success in whatever you were doing. She showed love by example; taking care of both of her parents in their final years and supporting her brothers in their endeavors, being the willing ear to all of her

friends and helping them with job searches and other points of life.

There is so much more that could be said about her life, but Barbara loved each and every one of you!

Barbara leaves behind Jeff, her loving husband. Chris and Jhoana (son and daughter in-law). Three grandchildren that was her greatest joy, Amanda (Lala), Adeline (Looloo), and Abigail (Layla). Her brothers Ed (Randy) Pinto and Manuel (Christy Fong) Pinto, and Manuel's children, David (Emma) Pinto, and Casera Pinto.

Barbara Ellen Pinto-Choate cared for all and kept her friends and family very close to her heart – from this world and to the next. You are invited to come to her funeral services at St. Michael Parish in Livermore California:

June 11, vigil, 4-8 p.m.
June 12, mass, 11 a.m., followed with reception.

At St. Michael Cemetery in Livermore, California:

June 14, burial, 10:30am
Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Pinto-Choate family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

Dr. William Lussie 1940 – 2024



William Lussie, PhD, passed away peacefully on May 25, 2024, at the age of 84.

Bill was born in 1940 in Norwalk, Connecticut to William H. and Vivian M. Lussie. He grew up in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. He attended the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, where he met the love of his life, his wife, Judy.

As a nuclear engineer, he lived in Idaho Falls and worked at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory from the late 1960's. In the late 1970's, he was invited to Japan to work with the Japan Atomic Energy Commission. Upon returning

to Idaho, he won the top performance award.

In the late 1990's, Bill moved to Dublin, California,

where he worked at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

We will miss Bill. He was extremely caring, had a wonderful sense of humor and loved fine dining and traveling.

He was preceded in death by his sister Barbara, and brothers Ken and Rick. He is survived by his wife Judy, sons Steven and Kevin, and grandchildren Alexandra and Nikolas.

Bill's memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 22, at 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore. For more information on the service, see <https://fpcl.online.church>.

Livermore Library to Host VA Medical Team

The VA Palo Alto Health Care System's Mobile Medical Outreach Unit will be at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 20.

Medical providers will be on-site to provide ex-

aminations, consultations, and referrals for veterans enrolled in the health care system. No appointment is necessary.

Veterans who have not enrolled or are uncertain about their eligibility for medical or mental health

services are also encouraged to meet with the outreach team. Veterans not enrolled in the VA system should bring a copy of their DD-214 form.

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

Granada Baseball Squad Wins the NorCal Title, Lays Claim as One of Northern California's Best Teams Ever

By Phil Jensen

When Granada High School's Parker Warner squeezed the final out in left field of the California Interscholastic Federation NorCal Division I championship game on June 1, it secured what is one of the greatest seasons in Northern California high school baseball history.

The Matadors finished the year 32-1 with a 6-4 victory over St. Mary's-Stockton, becoming the first public school to win a NorCal Division I title in the three-year history of the tournament.

"So many emotions going through my head right now," said Warner after the game. "Grew up with these guys ... it's a great feeling."

The Matadors ended the season with a 16-game winning streak. At this article's deadline, Granada was ranked 13th in the nation and third in California — first in Northern California — by MaxPreps.com. It started the season by also winning its first 16 games before its only loss, 5-2 to Amador Valley on April 10. In Granada's next game, it beat the Dons 8-2.

On June 1, Granada scored five runs in the second inning, then watched St. Mary's cut the lead to 5-4 before an RBI single by Tommy Brown drove in the final run of the game in the bottom of the sixth inning.

"I think good teams make their own breaks," said Granada coach Corrihan Willis. "We got a lot of breaks. We made plays in key situations."

Willis pointed out a play third baseman Mikey Boyd made in the top of the seventh. The junior snared a tough bouncer and fired a great throw to first base to retire the opening batter of

the final inning.

"That's a championship-winning play. ... That happened all year, things like that. There were so many huge, monumental moments, high-leverage moments this year that we just figured out how to make the play either defensively or get the hit," Willis said.

One of those plays occurred in the bottom of the second with the bases loaded and two outs. Nathan Brown, Granada's No. 9 hitter, sent an RBI single up the middle to drive in the first run of the game, and another run scored when the St. Mary's centerfielder was unable to cleanly field the ball.

"I'm in the nine hole. I know I'm going to see fastballs, (the pitcher's) going to try to get ahead, and he grooved me one," said Brown, a senior.

Two pitches later, Peyton Richards scored on an error for a 3-0 Granada lead. Warner drove in two more runs on the next pitch with a double down the right-field line.

But St. Mary's (30-6), the No. 2 seed, made a huge cut into the lead with three runs in the top of the fourth, then placed runners on first and third with no outs in the top of the fifth. Willis replaced starting pitcher Jake Sekany, who struck out the side in the first inning and had five strikeouts through two innings, with senior lefthander Luke Palma, who induced a pop-up by Michigan-bound first baseman Michael Quedens. A.J. Hattaway, another Granada senior, then entered as pitcher and retired the next two Rams hitters, including a sacrifice fly, and finished up the game with two shutout innings.

"It was extra sweet, having Palma and Hattaway finish it off, two seniors that have been ... great team-

mates, hard workers, accepted their roles," Willis said.

"I think it is the best in NorCal," said Granada catcher Tommy Brown about the team's pitching staff. "It's so fun catching those guys."

When asked what made this Granada team special, Willis said, "Talent, for one. Great senior leadership. Guys accepting lesser roles than maybe they're used to. And when you put all those things together, good things are going to happen."

The crowds that have been watching Granada baseball games the past couple weeks have been huge. Matadors athletic director David Moore said that there were approximately 50 people waiting to get into the stadium in the morning before the 2 p.m. game on June 1, and the stands were quickly packed.

"Livermore is a baseball community, and they're really proud of these guys, not just because they're good, but they're good kids," Willis said. "They're a group you want to stand behind and root for because it's not just the fact that they win games, but how they win games, the way they go about their business."

In the semifinals, No. 1 seed Granada beat No. 4 De La Salle 5-0 on May 30. It was the third straight time the Matadors defeated the Spartans this season. Warner threw a complete-game four-hitter with no walks for the victory. "I'm trying to get as many outs as I can early in the count, and I feel like I did that today," said the Stanford-bound Warner after that game. "It's great having a defense like I have behind me. They've been solid all year, playing great behind me."

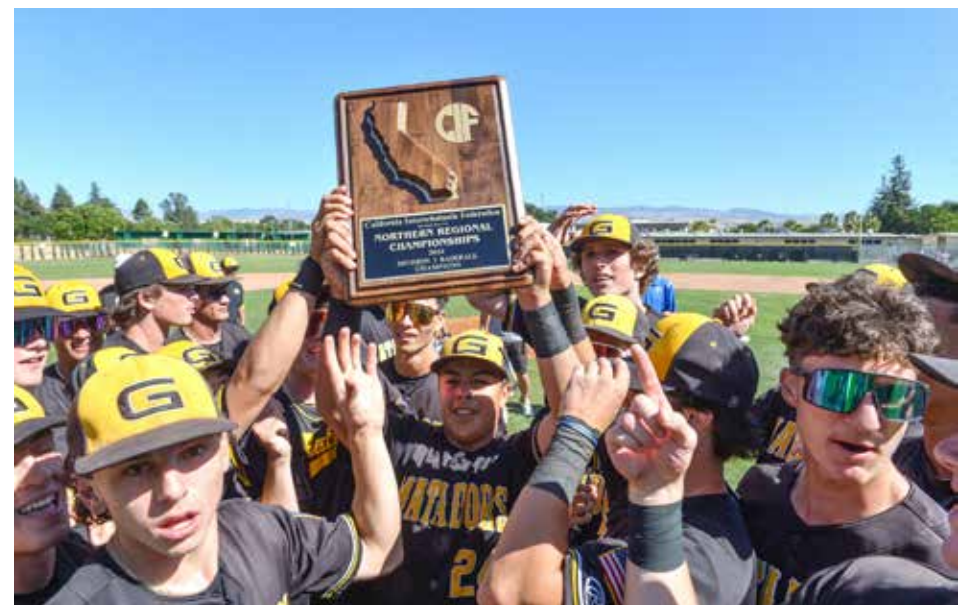
The Matadors took a 1-0 lead in the third when

Tommy Brown tripled, then scored on a fielder's choice. Granada took a 2-0 lead in the fourth on a sacrifice fly by Nathan Brown, then broke the game open with three runs in the fifth

inning. A.J. Martinez was 2 for 3 at the plate with a run scored, and Tommy Brown was 2 for 4 with a run scored.

Martinez was the hero of a 2-1 eight-inning win over

No. 8 Clovis West-Fresno on May 28, as he doubled in the tying run in the bottom of the seventh. Nathan Brown was 2 for 3 with a run scored, and Boyd was 1 for 3 with a run scored.



The Granada Matadors became the first public school to win a NorCal Division I title after its victory over St. Mary's-Stockton on June 1. The Livermore team finished the season 32-1 with a 16-game winning streak. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)



The Matadors also beat No. 4 seed De La Salle 5-0 on May 30. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Amador Valley Softball Team Shocks State With NorCal Title

By Phil Jensen

The Amador Valley High School softball team's journey to the California Interscholastic Federation NorCal Division I title is the stuff that screenplays are made of.

After ending the regular season and East Bay Athletic League playoffs by losing five of their last six games, the Dons didn't lose again. After claiming the North Coast Section Division I crown with victories over the No. 1

and No. 3 seeds — the Dons were seeded fourth — in the semifinals and final, Amador Valley was given the eighth and last seed in the CIF NorCal Division I playoffs and would have no home games.

The Dons responded by upsetting the No. 2 team in the nation at the time — St. Francis-Mountain View — 4-1 in the first round on May 28. Then Amador Valley defeated No. 4 Clovis North-Fresno 7-2 in the semifinals two days later before a jaw-dropping 13-11

extra-inning win over No. 6 Oak Ridge-El Dorado Hills in the NorCal final on June 1.

"I'm so proud of them. They've really come together," said Dons coach Courtney Hennings about her team in a phone interview on June 2. "They fight until the very end."

That was evident in the NorCal final against Oak Ridge.

Amador Valley took a 4-1 lead in the top of the fourth inning, but Oak Ridge tied the score in the bottom of the

frame. In the top of the next inning, the home plate umpire had to leave the game with a heat illness in the high 80-degree weather, Hennings said. The game was postponed for approximately 20 minutes.

Oak Ridge took a 7-4 lead in the fifth inning, and in the top of the seventh, Amador Valley was one strike away from a loss. But Taylor Oxe hit an RBI double and pinch hitter Emily Bull singled. Lauren Tran singled to load the bases before Kaylee Davis drove in all three runners with a double to give Amador Valley an 8-7 lead.

"I noticed in the post-season they've been on this trend ... They extend the two-out inning as long as they can, and that's when they fight back," Hennings said. "We've approached the postseason with a winning mindset. It's a whole different season. ... I think confidence is the biggest factor with these girls."

Oak Ridge scored a run in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game at 8-8 and force extra innings. But Amador Valley again grabbed the lead in the top of the next inning, as a two-run home run by Mai

Falcone followed by a solo shot by Oxe made the score 11-8 in the Dons' favor.

But Oak Ridge tied the game again in the bottom of the inning. Amador Valley's determination wasn't dented, however. Davis slammed a two-run home run in the top of the ninth, and those runs stood up for the championship victory.

"I think the biggest factor, our lineup one through nine, I truly believe we have a one-two-three punch all the way through," Hennings said. "There's not a dead spot in our lineup."

Riya Sharda and Tran both had three hits in the victory, and Tran added three runs scored and an RBI. Davis was 2 for 5 with a run scored and five RBI. McKenna Charbonneau, Oxe and Falcone also had two hits.

Amador Valley started the tournament with perhaps the biggest upset in the state this season. Davis fired a five-hitter in the pitching circle, and offensively was 2 for 3, including a double and two RBI, as the Dons shocked previously undefeated St. Francis 4-1. Emmerson Giles added two doubles in the

victory, and Tran was 2 for 3 with a run scored and an RBI.

"I think putting up three runs in one inning against a team like St. Francis really shuts that momentum down," said Hennings, whose squad scored three in the third inning to take a 4-0 lead. "I think the biggest thing was Kaylee Davis on the mound. She really commanded the mound. She shut them down."

The Dons had to travel more than two hours for their semifinal matchup on May 30 against Clovis North. But Amador Valley was focused, scoring three runs in the third inning and four more in the fourth on its way to a 7-2 victory.

Charbonneau hit a two-run home run in the win and finished 2 for 4 at the plate with a run scored and three RBI. Sharda was 3 for 4, including a double, with two runs scored and an RBI. Ava Davis also had a double and two RBI.

Amador Valley finished with an overall record of 19-11, including an 8-5 EBAL mark. Entering last weekend, it was ranked 27th in the state by MaxPreps.com. That should be changing soon.



Livermore Police Officer Cheyanne Longo helps Sam with a vest as part of a Sunset Elementary School fundraiser this month. Officers also played basketball, four square and shared lunch. (Photo courtesy of Livermore Police Department)

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The following person(s) doing business as: Biopharma Data & Manufacturing Systems Consulting, LLC, 3917 Portola CMN, Unit 2, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Biopharma Data & Manufacturing Systems Consulting, LLC, 3917 Portola CMN, Unit 2, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 02/18/2014. Signature of Registrant/s: Robert M. Dvorak, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 1, 2024. Expires April 30, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5945. Published May 23, 30, June 6, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606192

The following person(s) doing business as: Infamous Mobile Detailing, 2271 Prosperity Way, San Leandro, CA 94578 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Infamous Mobile Detailing LLC, 2271 Prosperity Way, San Leandro, CA 94578. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/13/2014. Signature of Registrant/s: John Suon, Officer/Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 8, 2024. Expires May 7, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5946. Published May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 605818

The following person(s) doing business as: Barber Shop Don Luis Jr., 857 E. Stanley Blvd, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ma De La Luz Chavez Aguilar, 857 E. Stanley Blvd, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Ma De La Luz Chavez Aguilar, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 25, 2024. Expires April 24, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5947. Published May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606438

The following person(s) doing business as: A&J Unlimited, 162 Coleen St., Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jason Nagamine, 162 Coleen St., Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Jason Nagamine, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 16, 2024. Expires May 15, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5948. Published May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606132

The following person(s) doing business as: Oakland DBT and Mindfulness Center, 4179 Piedmont Ave., Ste. 210, Oakland, CA 94611 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Individual Couples and Family Therapy Inc., 4179 Piedmont Ave., Ste. 210, Oakland, CA 94611. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/4/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Christine Bernuotto, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 6, 2024. Expires May 4, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5949. Published May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 605864

The following person(s) doing business as: Feather & Vine Farm, 5648 Lydia CT, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Dena Webb, 5648 Lydia CT, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business

under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Dena Webb, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 28, 2024. Expires April 27, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5950. Published May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606417

The following person(s) doing business as: TG Electrical Consulting, 842 Loyola Way, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Timothy Chandler, 842 Loyola Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/15/24. Signature of Registrant/s: Timothy Chandler, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 17, 2024. Expires May 16, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5951. Published May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606279

The following person(s) doing business as: Surfacehaus, 1549 Oregon St., Berkeley, CA 94703 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Roju Surface Works, LLC, 1549 Oregon St., Berkeley, CA 94703. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/2/2018. Signature of Registrant/s: Christian Jusinski, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 10, 2024. Expires May 09, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5952. Published May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2024.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 571730

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Deluxe Inn, 21172 Mission Blvd, Hayward, CA 94541. Registered Owner(s): Bhagu Bhai, Inc, 21172 Mission Blvd, Hayward, CA 94541. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 7/30/2020 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Corporation. Signature of Registrant/s: Mohan Patel, CFO/Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 3, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 5953. May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606506

The following person(s) doing business as: Aerial Plant, 3216 Colebrook LN, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lauren Yang, 3216 Colebrook LN, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/6/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Lauren Yang, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 16, 2024. Expires May 16, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5954. Published May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606433

The following person(s) doing business as: Happy Lamb Hot Pot, 34396 Alvarado Niles Road, Union City, CA 94587 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hot Pot Union City Corp, 34396 Alvarado Niles Road, Union City, CA 94587. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Wei Zhang, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 16, 2024. Expires May 15, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5955. Published May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606530

The following person(s) doing business as: Azotea Cocina & Cocktail Club, 2470 First Street #300, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the follow-

ing owner(s): Aviation LLC, 2470 First Street #300, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 01/01/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Theresa Dobbs, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 17, 2024. Expires May 16, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5956. Published May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 605794

The following person(s) doing business as: Jet Restoration, 24547 Amador St, #7, Hayward, CA 94544 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Aviation LLC, 2470 First Street #300, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Melanie Dominguez, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 24, 2024. Expires April 23, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5957. Published May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 605560

The following person(s) doing business as: Guezip the Korean Place, 2041 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Choizj, Inc, 535 W. Warren Dr., Mountain House, CA 95391. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Jean Cho, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 15th, 2024. Expires April 14, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5958. Published May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 605931

The following person(s) doing business as: Shop with a Smile, 1665 Chesnut ST, Apt 410, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Zameer Nabi, 1665 Chesnut ST, Apt 410, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Zameer Nabi, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 30, 2024. Expires April 30, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5959. Published May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606419

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Biciolata Brew, 2. Twin Arrow; 3. TWN ARW, 1040 Laguna St., Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Twin Arrow LLC, 1040 Laguna St., Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Andrew Christopher Lopez, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 15, 2024. Expires May 14, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5960. Published May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606680

The following person(s) doing business as: Berevino, 4590 Dublin Blvd, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Rincon del Pino LLC, 4590 Dublin Blvd, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Jatinder Singh Grewal, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 22, 2024. Expires May 21, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5961. Published May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606844

The following person(s) doing business as: TruAspire Solutions, 4673 Richmond Ave, Fremont, CA 94536 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Trushar Patel, 4673 Richmond Ave, Fremont, CA 94536. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Trushar Patel, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 29, 2024. Expires May 28, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5962. Published June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024.

NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606519

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Sloppy Seconds; 2. Sloppy Jo's; 3. Lants on Fire, 2515 Cowan Way, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lance Kuempel, 2515 Cowan Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 01/01/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Lance Kuempel, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 17, 2024. Expires May 16, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5962. Published May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2024.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 24CV073481

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Mary Noble-Tolla 6985 Hillstone Court Livermore, CA 94551 filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: **Present Name:** Margo Miriam Goodall Tolla **Proposed Name:** Thyme Miriam Goodall Tolla **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: 07/19/2024 Time: 9:30 AM Dept: 14** The address of the court is: **Alameda County Administration Building 1221 Oak Street Oakland, CA 94612** A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation printed in this county: The Independent Newspaper 2250 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550 Dated: 4/29/2024 /s/ Thomas J. Nixon, Judge of the Superior Court. The Independent, Legal No. 5963. Published June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606844

The following person(s) doing business as: TruAspire Solutions, 4673 Richmond Ave, Fremont, CA 94536 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Trushar Patel, 4673 Richmond Ave, Fremont, CA 94536. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Trushar Patel, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 29, 2024. Expires May 28, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5964. Published June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606858

The following person(s) doing business as: Sister's House, 218511 Mission Blvd, Hayward, CA 94541 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): JC-MJK Corp, 2040 Fairbanks Street, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Minho Kim, Director. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 29, 2024. Expires May 28, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5965. Published June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024.

May 29, 2024. Expires May 28, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5965. Published June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606841

The following person(s) doing business as: Well Animal Hospital, 2267 Las Positas Rd, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): G. Park Veterinary Corporation, 2267 Las Positas Rd, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/28/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Giyoung Park, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 28, 2024. Expires May 27, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5966. Published June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606604

The following person(s) doing business as: Moore Communication Speech Therapy, PC, 1263 Hollyhock Street, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Moore Communication Speech Therapy, PC, 1263 Hollyhock Street, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Jordan Moore, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 21, 2024. Expires May 20, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5967. Published June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606122

The following person(s) doing business as: Colorful Films, 2500 Market St, Oakland, CA 94607 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Blind Films, 2500 Market St, Oakland 94607. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2019. Signature of Registrant/s: Maria Karpoukhina, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 6, 2024. Expires May 5, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5968. Published June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606638

The following person(s) doing business as: Cut Once Construction, 1315 Lambaren Ave, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Cut Once Construction, 1315 Lambaren Ave, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced

to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/25/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Jordan Moore, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 22, 2024. Expires May 21, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5969. Published June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606794

The following person(s) doing business as: SoloVoice, 1175 Killamey St, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sol Studio Productions, 1175 Killamey St, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 05/22/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Robert Solari, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 22, 2024. Expires May 21, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5970. Published June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606675

The following person(s) doing business as: Perla Nutrition, 1569 Olivina Ave, # 137, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Perla Rivera Lugo, 1569 Olivina Ave, #137, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Perla Rivera Lugo, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 20, 2024. Expires May 19, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5971. Published June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606599

The following person(s) doing business as: Erik Khan MFT, 1017 Ashmont Ave, Piedmont, CA 94610 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Erik Kahn, 1017 Ashmont, Piedmont, CA 94610. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/13/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Erik Kahn, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 21, 2024. Expires May 20, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5972. Published June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 548754

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Maggie's Skincare Y Eyelashes, 869 E. Stanley Blvd,

Livermore, CA 94550. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 8/24/2018 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by an individual. Signature of Registrant/s: L. C. Fealy, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 30, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 5973. Published June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606856

The following person(s) doing business as: Performance Motors, 2135 S. Vasco Rd, Unit K, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Terry Tinney, 2135 S. Vasco Rd., Unit K, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/1/1999. Signature of Registrant/s: Terry Tinney, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 29, 2024. Expires May 28, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5974. Published June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606446

The following person(s) doing business as: These Men Are Professionals, 820 Aggar St., Oakland, CA 94608 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Arborland, LLC, 820 Aggar St., Oakland, CA 94608. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 3/1/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Alexander Pagliere, Owner/Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 16, 2024. Expires May 15, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5975. Published June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024.

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Retired Police Officer Running For Pleasanton Council Seat

Craig Eicher, a longtime resident who spent 32 years on the Pleasanton Police Department, announced last week that he is running for the District 2 seat on the Pleasanton City Council. Eicher joined the department as a volunteer reserve officer in 1988, before becoming a fulltime paid officer in 1991. He retired in 2021 with the rank of captain. At the beginning

of the COVID 19 pandemic, he also served six months as interim police chief. In his announcement, Eicher said he is running for a seat on the council because “the community deserves transparent leadership, responsible development, and innovative solutions to the challenges we face.” “I am committed to working collaboratively with all stakeholders to en-

sure Pleasanton remains a great place to live, work, and raise a family,” Eicher said. District 2 encompasses



Craig Eicher

the northeast area of the city, including Fairlands, Birdland, Gates, and neighborhoods along Stoneridge Drive. The seat is currently held by Valerie Arkin, who was elected to the city council in 2020, before the city transitioned to district seats in 2022. Arkin has also announced that she will seek a second four-year term in November. Raised in Pleasanton,

Eicher graduated from Foothill High School. He has a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice administration from California State University, Hayward, and a master’s degree in organizational leadership from Saint Mary’s College of California. He also attended the FBI National Academy. He currently serves as president of the Pleasanton

Community of Character Collaborative Board of Directors and is a past president of Hope Hospice, a nonprofit organization that provides support services for patients with terminal illnesses and their caregivers. He also founded the Pleasanton Police Officers Charitable Foundation. For more information, go to eicherforpleasanton.com.

Charlie Jones Will Run for Pleasanton Unified School Board

Charlie Jones, a Pleasanton resident and social studies teacher at Tennyson High School in Heyward,

has announced his candidacy for the Area 4 seat on the Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) Board of

Trustees in the general election next November. Area 4 represents the southeast sector of the school district. The seat is currently held by second-term trustee Steve Maher.

Growing up in Pleasanton, where his mother worked as a substitute secretary for PUSD, Jones attended Vintage Hills Elementary School, Pleasanton Middle School, and Amador Valley High School. He later attended Las Positas College, before transferring to Arizona State University, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in history. He returned to Pleasanton after graduating from Arizona State and has been

teaching at Tennyson High School since 2017. In a campaign kickoff at Amador Valley Park last month, Jones said he is running to stabilize PUSD’s budget, strengthen student services, and ensure that community and family engagement remain at the core of district policy. “There is so much that is great about our schools, but we need to finally balance our budget after five years of deficit spending, so our students no longer have to worry about important programs being cut,” Jones said. “And when our district makes decisions, I will listen to every stakeholder – from parents, to

teachers, to support staff, to community members – instead of treating them like an afterthought in a survey.” Also speaking in support of Jones’ candidacy at his campaign kickoff were Cheryl Arkin, president of the Association of Pleasanton Teachers, Angela Norman, an Alameda County Board of Education trustee, and Tracy City Councilmember Dan Arriola.

Jones’ campaign website also lists endorsement from the Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda County, the Sheet Metal Workers Local Union 104, and the California Young Democrats, along with support from other

individual community and school leaders. According to the Jones campaign, he also would be the “first openly LGBTQ+ elected official in Pleasanton’s 130-year history.” For more information, go to charlieforschoolboard.com.



Charlie Jones, center front, launches his campaign for the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees on May 26. (Photo courtesy of Charlie Jones)

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Zakiya Hooker Will Perform a Tribute to Her Father on June 7

Singer-songwriter Zakiya Hooker, the daughter of blues legend John Lee Hooker, will present a tribute to her father at the Almost Famous Wine Lounge in Livermore on Friday, June 7.

recorded. The single, recorded in 1948, became the



Zakiya Hooker, daughter of blues musician John Lee Hooker, will perform a tribute to her late father at the Almost Famous Wine Lounge. (Photo courtesy of Zakiya Hooker)

best-selling record marketed to African Americans in 1949. Hooker, in his 80s when he died in 2001, was inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame in 1980 and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1991. He received a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2000.

Zakiya Hooker made her professional debut with her famous father in 1991 at the Kaiser Center Theater in Oakland. She has also performed at the San Francisco Blues Festival, Monterey Jazz & Blues Festival, Avignon Blues Festival in France, the Co-

penhagen Blues Festival in Denmark, and The Chicago Blues Festival. Her latest single, “Bluesman’s Journey,” was written as a tribute to her father. Prior to the 7 p.m. show, the Almost Famous Wine Lounge, 2271 S Vasco Road, will offer a Cajun dinner prepared by A Cut Above Catering at 5 p.m. For ticket information and reservations, go to almostfamous.wine.

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Garden Parties to Raise Funds for SPARC

Supporters of the Livermore-based Shakespeare & Performing Arts Regional Company (SPARC) will host two fundraising garden parties this week, on Thursday, June 6, and Sunday, June 9.

theater staff to learn more about the behind-the-scenes process of producing community theater. “We’re keeping the ticket price to \$50, rather than hosting a large gala with a three-figure buy-in, so more people can come out and play with us,” said SPARC Artistic Director Lisa Tromvitch.

course it’s also a fundraiser. Which means it’s a chance to be part of sustaining the SPARC in our city.” Best known for its outdoor Shakespeare Festival, now produced at Darcie Kent Vineyards, SPARC also hosts readings of contemporary plays and commissions new work at its downtown Livermore studio. In addition, the 20-year-old theater group sponsors educational programs for students in second through eighth grades and intern and apprentice programs for high school and college students. Tickets for the garden parties are available online at SPARCtheater.org or by calling 925-443-2273. Addresses will be provided after registration.

Mony Nop and Sophie Mao will host “Garden Gathering Act I: Party Like It’s 1599” at their home in Livermore from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, with “a snippet of acting and song, and party games with a 16th century twist,” according to a SPARC announcement. Trish and David Munro will host “Garden Gatherings Act II: Cultivating Curiosity,” also at their Livermore home, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, including brunch, a short artistic program, and interactions with actors and

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