

Cemetery Plans Beyond the UGB Up for Approval

LIVERMORE — The meeting to consider approval of a 47-acre cemetery project in unincorporated North Livermore has been postponed to a tentatively scheduled Alameda County Board of Supervisors planning meeting on Thursday, May 11 at 10 a.m., according to an updated agenda.

The meeting had originally been slated for this Thursday, April 13.

If approved, Monte Vista Memorial Gardens would be built on nearly half of a 104-acre parcel near Interstate 580 between North Livermore Avenue and North First Street. Proposed by the Monte Vista Memorial Investment Group LLC, the development would include a cemetery, mausoleum, columbaria, a funeral home business building and event center, a crematory, and a parking lot. Five acres of the otherwise nondenominational burial site would be designated exclusively for Jewish families.

The Alameda County Planning Commission's December 2022 decision to approve the project was appealed by three different groups: Friends of Livermore (FOL) and Friends of Open Space and Vineyards (FOV), filing jointly; and the City of Livermore. The groups

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City Upgrading Its Plans for Future Large Scale Disasters

By David Jen

DUBLIN — With the COVID-19 pandemic and recent storms still fresh on the city council's mind, the council has enlisted outside help to better prepare for the next large-scale emergency.

John Stefanski, assistant to the city manager, explained that while the neighboring cities of Pleasanton and Livermore each have employees dedicated to emergency planning and training, Dublin allots only one day per week of Stefanski's time to those activities.

"Sometimes disaster preparedness falls by the wayside," said Stefanski.

The council unanimously voted at its April 4 meeting to enter into an agreement with Pasadena-based Tetra Tech, Inc. for on-call disaster-preparedness staff augmentation and support services.

The city will pay Tetra Tech up to \$450,000 through June 2026 for an initial program gap analysis, emergency operations center training and exercises, plan development and maintenance, grant management and support services.

Tetra Tech, an international consulting and engineering firm, provides a variety of emergency management and disaster recovery services to over 400 clients throughout the country, according to its website.

Stefanski said that the past few years have highlighted "the need for us to bring more focus to this as city staff to ensure that in the event of a large-scale disaster, our team here is ready to respond in the most appropriate way and (that) they have the knowledge and the skills to do so."

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Visitors to the Downtown Pleasanton Bunny Hop and Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, April 8, gathered their goodies and treats from participating businesses. The event was sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

City Considers Annexation of Land Outside Urban Growth Boundary

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — The city council on Monday authorized the city's staff to study whether unincorporated flat land beyond the city's urban growth boundary (UGB) on the city's eastern edge could be used for future industrial business development instead of agricultural use and environmental protection.

Any change in the UGB would have to go before Livermore voters as a ballot measure.

The council's 4-1 vote, with Councilmember Ben Barrientos dissenting, followed recommendations from the city's General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) to look at the land east of Greenville Road beyond the city's limits as a place for commercial growth. Most open land within the city's limits is

designated within the city's new state-mandated Housing Element for residential development to deal with the state's housing crisis.

Mayor John Marchand said the action was simply to examine whether pushing through the UGB and potentially annexing the unincorporated land between the 580 Freeway on the north and Tesla Road on the south, from Greenville Road to the South Bay Aqueduct was feasible, as the city writes its new 25-year General Plan to plot the city's future growth.

Any actual decision on doing so would be up to the city's voters. In 2000, voters approved Measure D and the UGB, which set a line on the city's border to prevent urban sprawl and to protect open space and agricultural land. Making any changes to the UGB requires a ballot measure such as November's

Measure P, which asked voters whether they approved extending sewer service beyond the boundary into the unincorporated area.

"Let's just take a look at this and see if it makes sense," Marchand said. "Then let's let the data create the conversation around this to see what does make sense as this process moves ahead. This is the time to talk about it."

The proposal arose from the GPAC, a group of residents appointed in 2021 to help the city and its consultants write a new 25-year General Plan to plot the city's future. The plan, required by state law, includes setting policies for everything from housing, public safety, infrastructure, traffic, job creation, business development and climate change.

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Park Storm Damage Repairs Underway

By David Jen

LIVERMORE — Repairs to area parks damaged by this winter's storms have begun, but major restoration projects will have to wait until next year before reconstruction is under way.

Repair projects that have been delayed include the portions of the paved Arroyo del Valle Regional Trail in Sycamore Grove Park that fell into the Arroyo del Valle River during heavy rains that began in January. The Arroyo Mocho Trail, the Holmes Undercrossing and trails at Holdener Park all sustained damage, and will also have to wait being fixed.

"The ranger team led by (Ranger) Doug Souza has

been working really hard to get the trails that have been closed due to some of the storm damage back and reopened," said Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) Community Outreach Supervisor David Weisgerber.

Facilities Manager Fred Haldeman estimated at a LARPD Facilities Committee meeting last month that repairs will cost around \$175,000 for damages throughout the district.

While the LARPD has already begun smaller repairs, such as sediment removal from trails, the park district will partner with the City of Livermore to address larger issues, such as trail rebuilding, as a single project in

2024, said Weisgerber.

Weisgerber went on to explain how environmental concerns around wildlife that might be affected by the construction warranted "proper steps as we do those repairs" and how it will take time to assess the full scope of the damage throughout the city.

The park district will work with biologists from Livermore's Stream Maintenance Program in its planning process.

The damages came as a result of a series of atmospheric rivers that have brought historic amounts of precipitation to California since last December.

Like rivers in the sky,

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Alameda County OK's Commission to Examine Reparations for Slavery

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — The Alameda County Board of Supervisors on March 28 approved the formation of a 15-member commission to address economic, social and legislative inequities facing Black residents as a result of slavery and racism.

The commission's "draft action plan" to be completed by July 2024 is expected to include a variety of proposals to achieve reparations, including community investment and education, as well as direct monetary payments potentially.

Proposed by Board President Nate Miley, the committee will come 12 years after the board of supervisors adopted a resolution formally apologizing for slavery and the segregation of Black Americans, and more than two years after the board pledged to develop a plan to address the inequities Black residents face in the county.

Once formed, the committee will hold public listening sessions and research reparation ideas already in progress in other cities and counties across the country

to form its own recommendations for Alameda County.

"There are still a lot of folks who are misinformed, who don't believe in the reason and the rationale for correcting historical wrongs (and) coming up with remedies," Miley said. "This is not proposing putting a check in the pockets of African Americans. That's something that could come out of this, but that's not what's being proposed. There are a number of possible directions this can go in."

During impassioned comments in support of Miley's committee proposal, Supervisor Keith Carson recounted hundreds of years of racism and discrimination against Black Americans, beginning with bringing 11 million Africans to this country in shackles to work as free labor in the cotton fields.

"We were left uneducated and, when educated, you placed us in inferior schools," Carson said. "The United States government put us in substandard housing. Today, we comprise the largest number of homeless

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Supervisors Require Financial Plans for Wine Country Sewer

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — Two Alameda County supervisors instructed county economic staff last week to come up with a plan to pay for a voter-approved multi-million-dollar project that will extend Livermore's sewer system into the region's wine country.

Nate Miley and David Haubert told Economic Development Department Director Eileen Dalton to return with a financing proposal by June.

Haubert, speaking during a supervisors' April 3 Transportation and Planning Committee meeting, said Tri-Valley Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore) was attempting to secure \$5 million in federal funding toward the project. Haubert represents the unincorporated South Livermore Valley area where wine industry leaders are hoping 5 miles of new sewers will trigger a business revival.

"The wine industry in the Livermore Valley is in grave danger," Haubert said, referring to a Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC) and UC Davis study released last year that suggested the region needed infrastructure to attract mid-

sized vineyards as well as hotel and spa resort operators to survive.

Vineyard owners, along with business leaders, believe agri-tourism cannot happen without sewer lines to replace the current septic system in the area.

Miley, whose district includes a portion of Pleasanton, said he looked forward to seeing a written economic plan.

"If we can have the overall budget and the portion that we're being asked to contribute toward the budget, and then the source, I think we can move this along," Miley said. "This also fits well with our commitment to enhancing and preserving agriculture in Alameda County. I can't wait to hear from the director of the department that we can move this ball down the field."

In November, 66% of Livermore voters approved Measure P, which allowed for changes to the city's General Plan to extend sewer service beyond the city's urban growth boundary into wine country. Homes and vineyards would link to Livermore's sewer lines and

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Longtime Baughman's Western Outfitters Under New Ownership

By Dawnmarie Fehr

LIVERMORE — Iconic Livermore store Baughman's Western Outfitters underwent a change in ownership on April 1.

Longtime employee and store manager Amanda Sanders took over the downtown clothier from owner Rory Janes, keeping the store locally owned and run, as it has been since opening in 1881.

"Rory just always said if ever I wanted to take it over, he would do the best he could to make that happen, and he did," said Sanders. "He said part of the reason

he made it attainable was my dedication, and the fact that I care about it and want to see it succeed and keep the legacy going. We have been here since 1881 and are the oldest operating business in the county and quite possibly the oldest operating western store in the nation, so I want to do the best I can to keep it a profitable, well-run business."

Sanders came to work for Janes in 1998 as a gift wrapper while still in high school. She stayed on as a sales associate once the holiday season was over, work-

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Baughman's owner Rory Janes, left, shakes hands with new owner and longtime employee Amanda Sanders, right. Sanders has taken over the downtown store, which has been open in Livermore since 1881. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

PET OF THE WEEK



CHESTER

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(Photo - Valley Humane Society)

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These little egg hunters got into the spirit of the season during the City of Dublin's Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 8, at Dublin Heritage Park and Museums. The springtime fun featured an egg hunt, photos with Peter Rabbit, and crafts and entertainment. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Repertory Theater to Present Musical Fairy Tale

The Tri-Valley Repertory Theater will celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May with "The Song of the Nightingale" at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton.

Based on a fairy tale by Hans Christian Anderson, the musical tells the story of Mei Lin, a Chinese kitchen maid, who learns that the emperor is searching for a nightingale whose song will bring hope to all the people

of the land. She offers to find and capture the nightingale in return for a promotion, only to discover that the emperor is a foolish ruler who cannot see beyond the bird's plain outer appearance.

The musical, written by Bay Area playwright and composer Min Kahng, stars Ann Warque as Mei Lin and Myles Wu as the emperor. Mercy Wu portrays the nightingale.

The play will open at 8

p.m. on Saturday, April 29, with evening performances also scheduled for Friday, May 5, Saturday, May 6, Friday, May 12, and Saturday, May 13. Matinees at 2 p.m. are scheduled for Sunday, April 30, Saturday, May 6, Sunday, May 7, Saturday, May 13, and Sunday, May 14.

Tickets begin at \$19 for children and \$25 for adults and are available online at firehousearts.org.

Dublin Holding Annual Poetry Walk

Dublin and the poetry website Viewless Wings are sponsoring the city's second annual Poetry Walk in recognition of National Poetry Month. More than two dozen businesses and other locations around Dublin are displaying original poems during April chosen by Dublin Poet Laureate James Morehead from nearly 100 submissions from Tri-Valley area residents. The city is urging residents and visitors to share selfies with the poems on social media using the hashtag #DublinPoetryWalk. A map and list of locations can be found at tinyurl.com/yc3v8ht8.

Three New Officers Join Pleasanton Police Department

Three new officers have joined the Pleasanton police force.

Corey Fernandez is a former middle school teacher and previously worked for Milpitas Police Department, according to the Pleasanton Police Department. He has a bachelor's degree in communications from California State University, Monterey, and a master's degree in education from National University in San Diego.

Chase Crawford is the son of a retired officer and a graduate of the 196th academy class at the Law Enforcement Training Center in Contra Costa County. He has an associate degree in arts and science from San Joaquin Delta College.

Also a graduate of the 196th academy class, Martha De Loza joins the Pleas-



The Pleasanton Police Department has sworn in three new officers. From left: Chase Crawford, Martha De Loza and Corey Fernandez. (Photo courtesy of the Pleasanton Police Department)

anton Police Department after previously working as a correction officer for the Sacramento County Probation Department. She has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Sacramento State University.

Pleasanton Police Chief David Swing said he is "confident our newest public servants embody our mission, vision, and values and will continue the high quality of service our community deserves."

Free Cultural Celebrations Set for Bankhead Plaza Beginning May 6

Livermore Valley Arts (LVA) will host three, free cultural events this spring at the Bankhead Plaza in Livermore, beginning with a celebration of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage (AANHPI) Month on Saturday, May 6.

The celebration will include food, crafts, and other activities.

The following day, Sunday, May 7, LVA will host a Hispanic Heritage Cele-

bration, including Hispanic music, dancers, artists, and vendors.

Then on Saturday, June 17, LVA will be hold its second annual Juneteenth celebration in partnership with Tri-Valley for Black Lives.

Juneteenth began as a celebration of the official end to slavery in the last of the former Confederate states following a proclamation by Union Major Gen. Gordon Granger in Texas

on June 19, 1865. June 19 became a federal holiday commemorating emancipation in 2021.

The Bankhead Theater and Plaza are at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. All the events are free, with financial support from Las Positas College, and will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LVA is a nonprofit organization that operates the Bankhead Theater and Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore.

Uncorked Wine Event Set for April 27

The public is invited to the 14th annual Livermore Valley Uncorked event on Thursday, April 27 at the Bella Rosa Event Center, Garre Winery in Livermore at 6 p.m.

The event features Livermore Valley wines and food including crudité and charcuterie platters, three main food stations serving a total of seven dishes and a dessert station. Wine tasting includes the 14 Best in Class wines. Individual tickets are \$125. Due to the service of alcohol, no one under the age of 21 is permitted. For more information, visit www.trivalleyconservancy.org.

STORM

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"the average atmospheric water vapor roughly equivalent to the average flow of water at the mouth of the Mississippi River," according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association's website. "Exceptionally strong atmospheric rivers can transport up to 15 times that amount."

Sycamore Grove Park took the brunt of the damages in Livermore because of its proximity to Lake del Valle.

"(Lake del Valle) had several releases as the storms continued and so what ended up happening was the creek essentially rerouted itself throughout the park," said Weisgerber. "A lot of (the damage) just came from water going where it hadn't normally been."

While data from the U.S. Geological Survey showed Arroyo del Valle streamflows at about half a cubic foot per second (cfs) in early December, the arroyo was subject to at least four major dam releases in January, each exceeding 2,000 cfs and lasting several days, as the California Department of Water Resources sought to maintain the safety of the dam.

Reservoir levels sat around 41,000 acre-feet on April 7, down from the peak of 54,003 acre-feet recorded on January 16 and at about 111% of its historical average. Its flood-control zones — intended to temporarily store flood waters for later, controlled releases — begin at 40,000 acre-feet and extend to the top of the dam at 110,000 acre-feet.

Del Valle Regional Park remains closed to all visitors, according to a March 31 notice on the East Bay Regional Parks District website, but Sycamore Grove's Wetmore entrance reopened last month.

"The (Sycamore Grove) park is a really beautiful

place right now," said Weisgerber. "It's green and a really fun place to be, and we invite people to come out. But if they see a sign (marking) a section that's closed, just avoid that and we'll open that as soon as we can."

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EDITORIAL

New BART Funding Shows Potential for Change

Two leaders, BART Inspector General (IG) Harriet Nelson and Senator Steve Glazer, have recently resigned from their positions with the transit organization citing problems with fiscal oversight and claims of underfunding at the Inspector General's office.

Following the very public resignations, the BART Board has now announced a proposal to add \$1.7 million to the office's budget — the same amount the IG asked for a year ago, which the Board then denied.

The BART governing board has also unanimously agreed to support legislation authored by Glazer in February, Senate Bill 827, which would give the IG authority to access documents, records,

accounts, reports and communication as it relates to BART or third-party contractors.

It is generally positive news that the IG's office is receiving a significant infusion of funds to support its oversight and investigative functions. With additional resources, the office will be better equipped to identify and address issues of waste, fraud and abuse within the BART agency.

In addition, the increased funding may also allow the IG's office to conduct more thorough and comprehensive reviews of agency operations, policies and procedures. This could, and should, lead to changes and improvements in the way the agency operates, which could

ultimately benefit the public.

However, it is important to note that the effectiveness of the IG's office ultimately depends upon the independence and integrity of its leadership and staff. Simply providing more funding does not guarantee the success of the office. It is critical that the IG remains free from political influence and that its staff is committed to upholding the highest standards of professionalism and ethics.

It is unfortunate that the potential changes are coming only after the resignations of Nelson and Glazer, but hopefully the proper oversight will be implemented, and the new IG will be allowed to do their job. The Independent will continue to watch with interest.

MAILBOX

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Republicans Need To Stand with All Americans

Ward Kanowsky, Pleasanton

Donald Trump has been indicted by Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg for illegally concealing hush money payments to an adult film actor. The justice system is working — no one is above the law, and that includes a former president.

As Americans, we deserve leaders who act honorably in our interests and govern in our name. A Grand Jury of everyday Americans across race, background and party indicted the former MAGA President for bribes and corruption, weighing the evidence and deciding he must stand trial. Yet the MAGA Republicans who are currently in office and are trying to take away our freedoms supported, schemed and lied for him, and now want to

undermine and overturn our entire legal system to keep covering up for him. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy targeted the Manhattan District Attorney in a tweet, accusing him of "routinely" freeing "violent criminals to terrorize the public" and warning that the House will hold Bragg and "his unprecedented abuse of power to account," while House Judiciary Committee Chair Jim Jordan responded with a one-word tweet: "Outrageous." Former Vice President Mike Pence told CNN the charges are an "outrage" that will "only further serve to divide our country." Florida Governor Ron DeSantis who is expected to challenge Trump for the 2024 GOP presidential nomination, called the indictment "un-American."

These MAGA Republicans knowingly back this conman because they want to take away everything from Social Security, voting rights, and our freedom to decide what happens to our own bodies in order to rule for the wealthiest few. It's long past time for every Republican in office to declare they are with the American people in demanding he and his co-conspirators stand trial.

Score One for the Cows!

Eric Mills, Oakland
Coordinator, Action for Animals

Heartfelt thanks to the Livermore Rodeo board for dropping the brutal, sometimes fatal and blatantly sexist "wild cow milking contest" from this year's June rodeo. Here's hoping the rodeo board, the Livermore Rec and Park District, and the Livermore City Council will make this a permanent policy.

Thanks, too, to the Livermore Independent for the article by reporter Larry Altman and the supporting editorial -- much appreciated. It's said that people who care about animals comprise the single largest lobby in the country. This should be reflected in the State Legislature. A statewide ban on the cruel and non-sanctioned "wild cow milking contest" is in order. Let your state reps

hear from you!

Again, these are BEEF cattle, not dairy. As such, they are unused to being handled at all, much less this roughly. They are further stressed by being separated from their still-nursing babies. And all in the name of "entertainment," may God forgive us.

As Cesar Chavez wrote to me in 12/90, "Racism, economic deprival, dog fighting and cock fighting, bullfighting and rodeos are cut from the same fabric: violence. Only when we have become nonviolent towards all life will we have learned to live well ourselves." Words to live by.

Editor's note: This letter was submitted by the Action for Animals coordinator, an activist who worked to end wild cow milking at Alameda County's rodeos, including the one based in Livermore.

The 60's or Money?

John Cameron, Dublin

I don't write many letters anymore because frankly I don't see the point as once did. The papers and most media outlets are full of commentary on what is wrong with America. There's no shortage of blame, hyperbole and quotes that start with "we need to do this," or "this mess we're in is because..."

Well, I could be wrong about this, but you can track most of our societal problems on just one thing-one word-MONEY! In our country billionaire donors and large corporations are calling almost all the shots behind the scenes. They have bought our political system, and for quite cheap! People you've never heard of have agenda's that have nothing to do with helping average people.

In the paper last week, a writer blamed most of our problems on 60s youth, wow! Nothing about a senseless war, racial injustice, environmental damage, govt. corruption, or corporate injustices. At least the 60s had millions participating in democracy making a difference.

Power never relinquishes power on its own. Change is brought by shaking things up, getting into "good trouble." I wonder how different America would be if people back then never took to the streets?

Here are a few examples of why the influence of money is the real and biggest reason for problems in America...Did you know many corporate lobbyists now participate in or actually write legislation? Did you know one man with billions behind

him has picked the last 3 Supreme Court justices? Another is corporate consolidation; I always thought competition made America stronger. Now there's media consolidation, retail consolidation, banking consolidation, agricultural consolidation etc. The press uses to be a network loss, part of doing business on the public's airwaves. It's now a big money, trading "Cronkite" types for Tucker Carlsons. In America we use thousands of chemicals that are banned in Europe. Maybe it's because of all the former Monsanto and DuPont executives working for government agencies, and vice versa. These are just a few!

I was a kid in the 60s, but I wish for America to return to a time when millions rise up regularly in peacefully and persuading elected leaders to listen and act for us. Our system is malfunctioning not because of people in the streets putting fear in government officials seeking re-election, but because our politicians fear mega-donors turning off the money-tap or funding their challengers.

The Last of Livermore's Scenic Corridor

Greg Scott, Livermore

Between North Livermore Avenue and North First Street, north of Interstate 580, we see the last of Livermore's Scenic Corridor. By constructing buildings and a cemetery on "nearly half of a 104-acre parcel," Monte Vista Memorial Gardens will profiteer from the dead at the expense of a respite from development for the living. Is this the legacy the voters of Alameda County want for a disappearing Livermore Scenic Corridor? We want to emulate Dublin?

The Arroyo Las Positas ("the watering holes") runs through this particular land, which is situated just below the confluence of Arroyo Seco and Arroyo Las Positas that comes from Springtown. It is a beautiful location and cattle can often be seen grazing the hills.

With having just experienced an intense winter of atmospheric rivers, think of the atmospheric river of December 1861 through January 1862. It rained ten feet in much of Northern California. The proposed cemetery land was completely flooded. Have planners counted on that potential occurrence? Luckily, the deceased do not have to swim. Even in usual years, the water table is very high in the Scenic Corridor lowlands.

Access is via the Las Colinas ("the hills") freeway

overpass. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) located this bridge in the wrong location and has determined it should be moved. For adequate access to the cemetery, taxpayers will be on the hook for millions of dollars to rebuild the bridge.

Livermore High School students currently raise farm animals on a facility on Las Colinas in Livermore's Scenic Corridor. We continue to sacrifice the surrounding agricultural lands to non-agricultural uses. We are diminishing our food supply resilience with this, as we are losing 2,000 acres of agriculture land in the U.S. per day. These skills the students are learning are going to be more and more valuable. Why we forsake agricultural land in the Livermore Scenic Corridor is questionable. What is the foresight here of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors?

Natural gas infrastructure has already been installed under the freeway to the cemetery project site by Pacific Gas and Electric. Let me get this right: In 2030, California residents will not be able to install natural gas water heaters or furnaces, but there is plenty of natural gas to burn for the dead? Our community should focus on the living and the land, not the dead.

Be a Part of the Solution

Margot Platt, Livermore

We at Asbury United Methodist Church are considering building tiny homes on our back lot to provide housing and supportive social services for the chronically unsheltered. The problem of homelessness is big, complicated, and growing, but we want to be part of the solution, even if just a small part.

I have heard several other ideas: creating a tiny home community in the industrial zone of Livermore and/or near the freeway; expanding the Goodness Village of tiny homes; building an apartment-like complex that might house more people on less land; and converting a vacant office or commercial building into housing. Any of these ideas could possibly help, and one does not exclude the others.

I urge you to find a project that appeals to you and work to make it a reality. Become another part of the solution.

Not His Fault

Glenn White, Dublin

Greg Scott asks Christians why they support bringing children into a

world of pain and misery when abortion could prevent that. (Letters 4/6/2023)

"So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter. Wherefore I praised the dead which are already dead more than the living which are yet alive. Yea, better is he than both they, which hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun." (Ecclesiastes 4:1-3) "I should have been as though I had not been; I should have been carried from the womb to the grave." (Job 10:19) "Woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born." (Mark 14:21) The Bible and Jesus view abortion as merciful in some cases and never call it murder, because one cannot murder the non-existent who's never been.

The ones who want abortion to be murder are Children of the Devil and not Christians, as my Letters (3/23/2023-4/6/2023) explain. They blaspheme in the name of Jesus, so unbelievers will confuse Jesus with Satan to prevent their salvation. It's why blasphemy is the only unforgivable sin (Mark 3:28-30).

Both Gibeah (Judges 19:22-25) and Sodom (Genesis 19:5-9) practiced the prison rape of Drug Warriors, but only Sodom was destroyed because he practiced the selfish greed of Tea Party Republicans (Ezekiel 16:48-50) and not because they were LGBTQ, as the false prophets preach. When Jesus made paying taxes a Christian duty, He was the first in history to separate the Church, a thing of God, from the State, a thing of Caesar. (Matthew 22:15-21). Satan's Children calling abortion murder and taxes theft blaspheme Jesus: implying He's a thief and murderer instead of the Giver of Life (John 10:10).

Unbelieving Democrats, like Bill Maher, who ignorantly denigrate Jesus and the Bible to win their religious arguments, but also drive away voters in the process, are the biggest suckers and "useful idiots" for Trump. Jimmy Carter is a Christian. Trump is an antichrist (1 John 2:18) who doesn't believe in forgiveness. See the difference?

Please don't blame Jesus for what Satan and his hypocritical brood do. (Matthew 23:1-33)

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Barbara Stanton poses with her winning entry, "Self Portrait on an Old Brush," at the Livermore Art Association's Spring Art Show. The Livermore Commission for the Arts supports the show and chooses seven winning artworks to display at Livermore City Hall. The artwork will be on display on the first floor of Livermore City Hall until May 10. (Photo courtesy of Craig Varden)

CEMETERY

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say that the project violates provisions of Measure D, a voter-approved initiative passed in 2000 to protect and enhance agricultural land and open space in Alameda County. Measure D in part created the North Livermore Intensive Agriculture Area, which precludes urbanization in North Livermore in order to encourage cultivated agriculture and protect endangered species.

At the time of the county planning commission's approval Steve Stewart, planning manager of Livermore's planning division, said, "(Livermore) has maintained a consistent position that for any type of urban use or use proposed inconsistent with the North Livermore urban growth boundary, that we would be obligated and required to oppose it."

Those in favor of the project, however, contend that the estimated 40,000 Jews who live in Alameda County (and the 10,000 who live in the Tri-Valley) currently must travel outside the area for burial services.

In a previous interview with *The Independent*, Ronald Kahn, CEO/manager of the Magen David Memorial Investment Group and a director/board member of Monte Vista Memorial

Investment Group, said the applicant has attempted to address every issue that was brought up.

"To a certain degree, we feel that some of these appeals are based on 'no development,' (which) really is what they want," Kahn said. "But sometimes development is needed, and if it's done smartly and correctly and with the social responsibility attached to it, we feel this is an asset to the community, not a detriment."

Statement of Appeal Arguments

FOL and FOV's April 4 statement of appeal document submitted to the county highlighted three main arguments: 1) commercial use buildings are not permitted outside the urban growth boundary (UGB), unless they are directly related to agricultural use of property, 2) the buildings' proposed sizes are larger than the floor area limit permitted under the East County Area Plan (ECAP) and Measure D, and 3) the buildings are spread over more than 2 acres, exceeding the legal development envelope restrictions.

"The construction, on agricultural lands, of commercial buildings to house a funeral home business and event center is inconsistent

with the preservation of those lands for agriculture and open space," stated the groups' appeal. "Funeral homes and event centers are urban uses that do not advance agriculture and would bring urban sprawl to North Livermore. The Project would permanently convert agricultural lands to a non-agricultural use."

ECAP policy restricts building sizes for non-agricultural buildings developed outside the UGB in North Livermore to not exceed a floor area limit of 12,000 square feet. County staff material pertaining to the project indicated that the floor area ratio will be closer to 20,000 square feet without counting the floor area of the mausoleum and columbaria, which also are buildings under state law.

The appeal goes on to state that under Measure D, all buildings within the large parcel area (LPA) designation "shall be located on a contiguous development envelope not to exceed 2 acres except they may be located outside the envelope if necessary for security reasons or, if structures for agricultural use, necessary for agricultural use."

The groups further stated that the need for additional burial sites and funeral home

businesses was unsupported. The appeal writes, "The alleged need for a cemetery to meet the future needs of the County is also unsupported. In fact, there are already more than 40 cemeteries and mortuaries in Alameda County, including several in the Livermore area."

The City of Livermore's appeal argues the city's General Plan includes "smart growth principles" that prohibit urban uses beyond the UGB and focuses infill and mixed-used development within the city limits.

"The project sprawls beyond the city's Urban Growth Boundary and requires the extension of new infrastructure," Stewart wrote. "The project is contrary to the principles of smart growth and the city's General Plan goals and objectives."

To participate in the board of supervisors planning meeting on May 11, visit <https://bos.acgov.org/broadcast>.

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SEWERS

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wastewater would flow into Livermore's treatment facility.

The proposed sewer extension would start on South Livermore Avenue near Concannon Boulevard and flow under Tesla Road to Greenville Road. Buena Vista Avenue will also be included in the project.

The final cost of construction remains up in the air. Previously, proponents of the measure said during the election season that part of the sewer line's initial \$11.5 million price tag would be covered by \$6.5 million in Alameda County funding. The rest was expected to come from federal and state infrastructure funds and groundwater management grants. Haubert indicated during the April 3 meeting that the price might be much higher, having heard the cost could be between \$18 and \$20 million.

TVC chair Lori Souza, who spoke during the meeting, said post-pandemic labor shortages, supply chain issues and inflation, could potentially raise the price of the project.

"The viticulture industry in the East County is in danger with a very fragile economy," Souza said. "Our farmers will be making decisions over the next few years as to whether they will replant wine grapes on most of our cultivated acreage. Attracting further investment into our viticulture will rely upon providing the necessary infrastructure."

During the discussion, Haubert referred to the UC Davis study that showed the South Livermore Valley Area Plan called for 5,000 acres of vineyards but currently had just 2,800. Many vintners were facing decisions on whether to replant.

David Kent, a winegrower in the region since 1996, told Haubert and Miley the sewer extension was vital.

"There's approximately only 2,100 acres still bearing fruit," Kent said. "We never got to the 5,000 acres to achieve critical mass. We got to 4,000, but we couldn't get further, and the reason we couldn't get further is we

lacked the infrastructure."

Kent said the UC Davis study showed that without agri-tourism and mid-sized wineries moving into the region, "you simply won't have demand for local grapes."

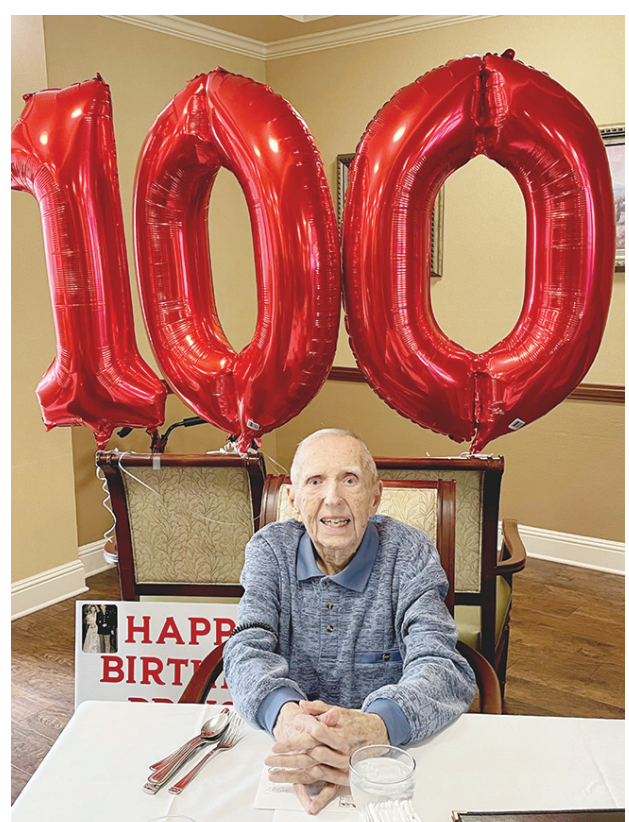
"The wine growers who need to replant don't have the confidence that there'll be a market there for them to replant into," Kent said. "That's where I think it's absolutely critical that we get this phase one sewer extension."

Kent noted that the initial cost rose because the project now includes replacing 110 failing septic systems on Buena Vista Avenue to preserve groundwater purity. TVC Executive Director David Epstein agreed the sewer system was necessary for the short-term and long-

term economic viability of agriculture and viticulture in the South Livermore Valley.

"We're all working hard to ensure that the South Livermore Valley returns to the premier wine producing center it had successfully maintained in the past," he said.

Miley and Haubert sit on the Board of Supervisors' Transportation and Planning Committee and would forward the economic proposal to the full board once they approve it.



Joe Poco was born and raised in Livermore and is a retired Livermore dentist who celebrated his 100th birthday on March 22. Joe currently lives in Brentwood near his daughter. (Photo courtesy of Joanne Poco Leete)

DISASTERS

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Mayor Melissa Hernandez said an existing contract with the Alameda County Fire Department provides publicly available disaster preparedness programs, in addition to emergency services.

"There's always room for improvement, and I think that's what John (Stefanski) is trying to bring forward," said Hernandez. "But I also feel that us having those contracts (with the County Fire Department) makes a big difference compared to other cities."

In response to questions from Vice Mayor Michael McCorriston about how to get the word out about the city's current resources, Stefanski urged residents to familiarize themselves with the AC Alert, Zonhaven and Nixle systems to receive emergency notifications.

"Everybody needs to be on AC Alert; everybody needs to be on AC Alert," said Stefanski. "How can we help get that word out to our residents and business owners?"

The city, in collaboration with Listos, an initiative of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, will next host a free disaster preparedness workshop on April 29, covering topics such as how to identify hazards and risk, communication plans and family reunification plans. Residents may visit the city website at bit.ly/indy_DublinDisaster-Workshops for workshop details.

Tetra Tech's initial analysis will run through the current fiscal year, with trainings, exercises and planning beginning next fiscal year.

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On Sunday, April 2, Boy Scouts from seven troops spent over 75 collective hours supporting the Livermore Mom's Group by helping to set up and run their local egg hunt. Cub Scouting and Scouting BSA is open to girls and boys ages 5 to 17. For more information, visit <https://goldengatescouting.org> or text JOIN to 1-855-912-1408. (Photo courtesy of Jeff Orthmann)

Foundation Awards Grant for Improved Security

The Fremont Bank Foundation has awarded a \$21,000 grant to improve security at the CommonPoint Nonprofit Center in downtown Livermore. CommonPoint offers workspaces for nonprofit organizations, including individual cubicles and shared desks, private offices, and meeting rooms. The site currently provides space for 15 nonprofits, with plans to double the number of groups over the next year.

Those groups often need 24-hour access, making security a concern for safety and the protection of supplies, equipment, and client data. "Fremont Bank recognizes the importance of having cutting edge security systems in place to secure property and private data," said John Gilmore, Sr., director of security at Fremont Bank. "Nonprofits are doing amazing work in the Tri-Valley to provide ser-

vices for health care, food, shelter and other community needs," Gilmore added. "We are honored to help them get the security they need to keep their operations secure." CommonPoint CEO Kathy Young said enhanced security would be "a huge draw for new nonprofits interested in using in this space." The grant was announced by the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance.

City Launches Shopping Rewards Program

The Superior Court of Alameda County is recruiting members for the 2023-2024 Civil Dublin is launching a program to reward shoppers who patronize participating local merchants. The Dublin Marketplace program offers shoppers an opportunity to earn Dublin CityDollars at more than 40 businesses, including specialty retailers, restaurants, fitness and recreational facilities, and service providers. The program is powered by ReachPlaces, an extension of the online Reach

marketing platform, and is now available for iPhone users in the Apple App Store. Shoppers can redeem their Dublin CityDollars at participating businesses using the ReachPlaces Reward Mastercard within the app. "The Dublin Marketplace benefits residents and businesses alike because the Dublin CityDollars that are earned stay right here in our community," said Mayor Melissa Hernandez. The Dublin Marketplace was approved by the Dublin City Council and will be paid for with funds the city received through the Amer-

ican Rescue Plan Act, the Covid-19 stimulus package approved by Congress in 2021. Hazel Wetherford, the city's economic development director, said the program is designed to "create a sense of loyalty and connection between the customer and the business, which can lead to increased sales and customer retention." Shoppers can enroll by downloading the free ReachPlaces app from the Apple App Store. For more information, go to dublin.ca.gov/Dublin-Marketplace.

Las Positas to Hold Auditions for 'Footloose'

The Theater Arts Program at Las Positas College will hold auditions for a summer production of the musical "Footloose" from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, April 24, on campus at the Mertes Center for the Arts. Music and vocal auditions are open to anyone 16 and older and no prior experience is necessary,

according to Theater and Performing Arts coordinator Titian Lish. Dance auditions will be held on Wednesday, April 26, by invitation only. The musical, based on the 1984 Academy Award-winning film starring Kevin Bacon, tells the story of a young man from Chicago who tries

to overturn a local ban on dancing when he moves to a small town. Rehearsals will begin in early June, with performances in late July. For more information about how to audition, go to laspositascollege.edu/theater/auditions.php or contact Lish at tlsh@laspositascollege.edu.

Livermore Police Captain Matt Sarsfield Retires

Livermore Police Capt. Matt Sarsfield is retiring after 29 years in law enforcement. Sarsfield joined the Livermore police in 2001, after

serving with the Los Angeles and San Mateo police departments and the U.S. Army Military Police. He was promoted to cap-

tain in 2014 and oversaw the Administrative Division, including dispatch, records, property and evidence, recruitment and hiring, and training.



Visitors walk through the Livermore Art Association's Spring Art show on April 1 and 2 at the Bothwell Arts Center. The annual event provides local artists with the opportunity to showcase their works. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Livermore Police Support Autism Acceptance Month

In support of Autism Acceptance Month, Livermore Police Department (LPD) patrol cars will display magnetic signs during April designed to promote awareness and understanding of neurodevelopmental disorders that can affect learning

and emotional control. About one in every 54 children suffer from some degree of autism, according to the Autism Society. Autism Acceptance Month, previously known as Autism Awareness Month, was first observed

in 1972. The LPD also maintains a voluntary and confidential registry for individuals with mental health issues who may require special attention during an emergency or interactions with police officers.

Alameda CattleWomen to Hold Dutch Oven Cooking Contest

The Alameda County CattleWomen will hold a

Dutch Oven Cooking Contest at the Alameda County

Fair in Pleasanton on Saturday, June 17.



The annual Dutch Oven Cooking Contest, above in a previous year, will be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 17. The event is hosted by the Alameda County Cattlewomen's Association. (Photo courtesy of the Alameda County Cattlewomen)

Dutch ovens are heavy pots, often made of cast iron, with tight fitting lids for slow cooking. They have short legs for outdoor cooking. Dutch ovens have been used since the 1700s. Paul Revere is credited with adding legs and designing a flat ridge on the lid for holding coals. Dutch oven cooking remains popular today among cast-iron enthusiasts, people living off grid, and campers and ranchers feeding their crews in remote locations. The CattleWomen's contest will use charcoal briquettes for fuel. There will be divisions for beef, side dishes, and desserts, with the winner in each category receiving \$50. To enter the contest, go to annual.alamedacountyfair.com/competitions and click on the Beef is King & Dutch Oven Entry Guide. The deadline to enter is Tuesday, June 13. For more information email entries@alamedacountyfair.com or call 925-426-7611.

Rookie Robotics Team Earns Invite to Championships

Mechanical Magicians, a first-year Bay Area community team of high school students, has qualified for the FIRST Robotics Championships in Houston later this month.

More than 600 teams are expected to compete in eight divisions in Houston. The 17 members of the newcomer Mechanical Magicians come from high schools in San Ramon, Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, Fremont, and San Jose.

their 4-foot, 24-pound robot, dubbed "Houdini," on the weekends in a community workspace at Livermore Airport operated by the nonprofit Robot Garden.

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is an international youth organization created in 1989 to encourage students to become involved in engineering and technology. FIRST robotics teams design, program, and build robots to complete assigned tasks. This year's challenge involved designing robots that could quickly and efficiently place cones and cubes in strategic locations to earn points.

They competed in the San Francisco regional, winning the Rookie Inspiration Award, and in the Monterey regional, where they received the Rookie All Star Award. They also received the wildcard FIRST Championship Qualifying Award at Monterey and an invitation to Houston. Led by team captain Pranav Bellannagari, the Mechanical Magicians built

In addition to Bellannagari, members of the team include Sanjana Veeramalla, Ananya Nakka, Sahana Veldandi, Andrew Chao, Dhruv Vootkuri, Adi Jain, Rishit Bujji, Sidharth Anand, Chaitanya Goli, Saketh Parimi, Madhav Malladi, Pooja Kanthala, Naisha Madugula, Adarsh Danda, Akash Danda, and Ishita Bhadra. The team has created a Go Fund Me page to help finance their trip to Houston. To contribute, go to gofundme.com/f/FRC-9125.



Members of the Bay Area Mechanical Magicians pose after qualifying for the FIRST Robotics competition. Back from left: Sanjana Veeramalla (San Jose), Ananya Nakka (Dublin), Sahana Veldandi (San Ramon), Andrew Chao (Pleasanton), Dhruv Vootkuri (Dublin), Adi Jain (Dublin), Rishit Bujji (San Ramon), Sidharth Anand (San Ramon), Pranav Bellannagari (San Jose), Chaitanya Goli (Dublin), Saketh Parimi (Dublin), Madhav Malladi (San Ramon), Pooja Kanthala (Fremont), Naisha Madugula (San Ramon). Front from left: Adarsh Danda (San Ramon), Akash Danda (San Ramon). (Photo courtesy of Wendy Chen)

LAVTA Increases the Frequency of its Route 10R Buses

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) will be making weekday schedule changes to Wheels routes 14 and 15 and Rapid bus route 10R effective Monday, April 17. Weekend schedules will not change. The transit authority said

the most notable change is that Route 10R buses will again operate every 15 minutes, from approximately 6 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on weekdays, returning to pre-pandemic frequency. Slight schedule changes will be made to Wheels Routes 14 and 15 to increase

transfer opportunities to the westbound Route 10R at the Livermore Transit Center. New timetables are available on the LAVTA website, wheelsbus.com, and all Wheels and Rapid buses. Additional information is available by calling 925-455-7500.

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BAUGHMAN'S

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Jack Baughman and Morris Victor in front of the Baughman's Livermore storefront in 1915. (Photo courtesy of Baughman's Western Outfitters)

ing her way up through the ranks and taking on responsibility until she worked directly under Janes.

As manager of the store for the past 15 years, Sanders said she has things as she likes them, and doesn't want to change the way the

store operates. Customers won't notice a difference with Janes gone.

"It runs pretty well as it is," Sanders said. "I've been purchasing the merchandise for the last 15 plus years, so I pretty much have it mapped out the way

I want it and won't change much."

The business has always been run by employees who, if they aren't technically related, consider each other family. Sanders and Janes were close, and Sanders met her future mother-in-law, who worked at Janes' Pleasanton location, Christesen's, before meeting her future husband.

"Now my family keeps everything going with me," she said. "My mom does the books; my sister will move up to replace me as manager, and my husband and brother and dad come in and help, so we are taking care of the place."

Sanders and her husband ranch in the Livermore Valley Morgan Territory area, near the land where her husband's family originally homesteaded two generations ago. Sanders

grew up in Livermore and looks forward to continuing to manage a community and historic gem.

"I'm so excited about all of this," she said. "Being able to say it's mine, just that the dream came true. This is what I've always wanted and that's it."

To facilitate the transfer of ownership, Janes said he sold Sanders the inventory of his store, and therefore the business. It was similar to the offer Janes received from his father to purchase both Baughman's and Christesen's in 1983. Christesen's closed in 2021 after 92 years in business due to a lack of retail shopping downtown, especially equestrian activity, and the pandemic. But Livermore's Baughman's will continue to grace the city's downtown.

"Because Amanda has

been with me for so long, and been so loyal, I made her the same offer my dad made me," said Janes. "We made her the kind of offer that a relative or family member would get, because that's what she was like after all these years."

Janes said handing the store to Sanders allows it to remain locally owned and operated by Livermore residents. The store was originally called Victor and Harris, then Victor and Baughman's, then just Baughman's. Janes' father purchased it as Baughman's in the 1960s, declined to change the name, and ran it until selling to his son in 1983.

As the former owner of two Tri-Valley icons, Janes involved himself in the local community. He was a member of Rotary Club and employed many local

youth. He said the 49 years since he began working in his father's store have been "an interesting ride" and he is ready to retire.

"My wife has a charity that she is really involved with, and I'll help her with that," he said when asked what he'd do with his free time. "Being a part of the community and seeing the support the community continued to give that business to keep it a vital part of Livermore for 142 years was pretty amazing to me, and it was rewarding to connect with the community as well. We hope that people will still find it an interesting part of Livermore's western heritage and enjoy supporting it for the unique mix of merchandise, apparel, footwear, and headwear it offers under the continued stewardship of a local family."

ANNEXATION

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Andy Ross, the city's senior planner, said the committee that began with 19 community members was down to 13, but continuing its work, most recently meeting in February. The committee members provide suggestions on what they want to see in the city's future, including positions on keeping Livermore as a leader in science and technology, conservation and cultural amenities.

Ross said the committee objectives so far include expanding investment in the region's wine country to establish a tourist destination; ensuring adequate infrastructure; pairing an increase in housing with job opportunities for residents to work locally; improving higher education; and finding land in the city for commercial use to replenish land rezoned for housing.

One idea included going beyond Greenville Road into an area under Alameda County control to develop industrial campuses.

Of the seven residents who addressed the council remotely or in person, five expressed concerns against expanding the UGB to develop the land.

Resident Jean King said Livermore had resisted urban sprawl for decades and "instead has a vibrant downtown and is surrounded by vineyards, agricultural lands, protected habitat and open space."

"East of Greenville should be kept as ag areas and open space, not industrial areas," King said. "County Measure D and Livermore's UGB are very important in preserving agriculture and open space in our valley. Once a UGB is moved, it may be hard to stop from moving it again and again."

Separately, Carol Silva warned that the city should not break the UGB. "It sets a precedent." David Rounds echoed the concern. Referring to changes in the UGB, he asked, "Where does it stop?"

Donna Cabanne said she saw no need to even study the area east of Greenville Road, which should remain agricultural land.

"We don't have infinite supply of lands that can be used for agricultural production, and we should protect those lands," Cabanne said.

In a letter to the council, Richard Ryon suggested the discussion about including the land east of Greenville in General Plan discussions was a ploy by the TopCon company to encourage Livermore to annex acreage it purchased beyond the UGB.

"TopCon wants the city to annex their land east of Greenville Road because they can't get what they want from the county," Ryon wrote. "Alameda County is withholding approval because the land is protected by countywide Measure D, the voter-approved establishment of urban growth boundaries. It would take a countywide vote to permit the land, now designated Large Parcel Agriculture, to be changed to industrial use. That's why they're going to the city."

Others saw opportunity in studying whether to annex the land. Wine grower David Kent, who serves on the GPAC, said the city was working to fulfill its state suggested 4,500 residential units over the next eight years, but also needed land to develop businesses to create jobs. He said the GPAC wanted to "refine the line" of the UGB, not eradicate it. "There are areas inside

the urban growth boundary that are absolutely better off as open space, as parkland and as habitat preservation," Kent said. "If we want to restore the inventory of light industrial land, we're going to have to look at some of this county land, which has had toxic levels of commercial development, poorly planned, poorly permitted, if permitted at all, and the city can really step in and fix this."

Alan Burnham said he supported studying the Greenville area. He credited King with her involvement in establishing the previous UGB protections in the early 2000s and said it could be done again.

"There can be a plan comparable to that to the east of Livermore protecting some areas permanently, in exchange for other things," Burnham said. "All these things should be on the table to be discussed."

During a council exchange, Councilmember Evan Branning pointed out that the land east of Greenville is under county control and Livermore has no say in what happens to it.

"I do think it's an important area for us to look at," Branning said. "I agree with Mr. Burnham; there's nothing wrong with the thought experiment of whether or not this is a good idea. And as the mayor pointed out, this is not something that could be a council action. We can't simply decide to move the urban growth boundary. However, it does give us a lot of opportunities if we were to move the urban growth boundary to have better control over the land."

Vice Mayor Brittni Kiick took issue with those against even looking at the UGB, which was created two de-

cadecades ago, she said, when she was a child.

"When I was 12 years old, I would not have imagined that we would have lived through a global pandemic, that we would have lived through multiple housing, recession, all these different crises," she said. "The world is different than it was in 2002. I'm not suggesting that we strip away the urban growth boundary. I am suggesting that we make decisions based on data about how the world is today, not how it was when I was a preteen."

Councilmember Robert Carling thanked the GPAC committee for the Greenville idea and criticized those who spoke against even discussing it.

"I am very much in favor of taking a look at this," Carling said.

As the lone dissenting vote, Barrientos said once the UGB is broken "it's going to be like a snowball going downhill" and more development will occur.

GPAC Members Reduced
In a separate matter, the council accepted the staff recommendation to reduce the GPAC from 19 members to 13, a decision that would not require the appointment of new members to replace the six who have left.

In answer to Branning's question as to why the members who have left the committee would not be back-filled to bring the committee up to its original size, staff stated that GPAC is far along in the process. The catch-up for new members would be difficult.

Consultant to Address New State Housing Laws
In other council action, the panel unanimously approved hiring the consultant

Shute, Mihaly and Weinberger LLP to advise the city on design standards to implement new state housing laws and the city's Housing Element.

The Housing Element, which provides a listing of where the city could develop 4,500 residential units to help the state meet its housing crisis, includes policies to update the Livermore Development Code to conform with state laws. The Development Code includes local laws that govern land use, development and redevelopment in the city, including details such as height and setback limitations.

The consultant will also work with the city to "draft new objective design standards that will address topics such as site planning, building massing, building frontages, entrances, exterior materials, landscaping, utilitarian/mechanical elements of building design, and be complementary to, and not replace, the existing 2004 Design Standards and Guidelines."

Police Department Aims To Purchase Drones
During a discussion about the Livermore Police Department's military-style equipment and vehicles, Capt. Jason Boberg told the

council the agency would return to the council at some point with a proposal to purchase nine Urban Aircraft System (UAS) devices, which are commonly referred to as drones. Boberg said the department relies on Alameda County Sheriff's Office drones, but the agency might soon start charging for the use of them and the equipment is not always readily available.

The drones, which come in various sizes for different situations, would be used in situations involving barricaded suspects, active shooters, search and rescue efforts, disaster responses and crime scene investigations.

Boberg said the department would return with its proposal to the council at a later date.

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REPARATIONS

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individuals in this country."

Carson continued saying the U.S. Government conducted medical experiments on thousands of Black men and women, never provided Black residents with equal protection in the criminal justice system, made drugs available to the community and built bigger prisons to house offenders.

"Government put us in prisons for long periods of time," Carson said. "Government gave us three strike laws. I can go on and on. Let me say this today: 'We as black people live under the shadow of slavery.'"

Each supervisor will appoint three commission members. Ten of the 15 will come with specific backgrounds, including someone from a media outlet or historian who is a "storyteller of African American stories"; an Alameda County resident displaced by gentrification; an expert in private equity and fundraising; a resident over 55 years old who lived in a predominantly Black community; someone who was incarcerated; someone who experienced workplace discrimination; someone with experience in the corporate world and with high-level contacts; someone experienced with the impact of redevelopment on Black communities; a small business owner principally servicing the Black community;

and someone employed by, or leading, a charitable, social or religious organization that serves Black residents.

Two supervisors will form an Ad Hoc committee to work with the commission and bring their findings to the full board.

During a presentation to the board, Miley's aide Caleb Matthews said reparations could come in various forms, including compensation; reversing an injustice such as returning confiscated property; providing mental health and medical treatment, legal and social services to those who need it; and establishing policies that remove slavery language from the state constitution and requiring public apologies from officials.

Matthews identified a number of ways Blacks faced discrimination in the county since the 1940s, including "redlining" restrictions on where Blacks could live and establishing Black communities in environmentally hazardous areas.

"We're all very much aware about police violence and its history in the United States," Matthews said. "Alameda County is no exception. Historically, African American communities have been over policed and discriminated unfairly against."

About 30 people spoke during the board's meeting, most in support of the committee's formation.

Alan Dones said the racism and inequities that continue to exist affect not only Black residents, but "every single taxpayer in the County of Alameda and every person in this country."

"When you look at the cost of mass incarceration, health care costs, welfare dependencies, the things that come after the vestiges of discrimination, of slavery, that is something that not only impacts me, it impacts my white neighbors," Dones said. "It impacts people of every color."

Resident Barbara Howard thanked the supervisors for "uplifting our people," saying the commission would serve as their legacy.

"Thank you for standing on the front lines," Howard said. "Thank you for doing what needs to be done to encourage, to promote, to help our youth and our seniors and our people."

A few people who called into the meeting opposed reparations, calling them a "new affirmative action." One caller, John Guerrero, played clips from Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I have a dream" speech, then came on the line and said, "This reparation doesn't make any sense," before his time ran out.

The supervisors voted 4-0 to approve the commission, which will join others look-

ing into reparations, including one established by California Gov. Gavin Newsom. Other cities, including Los Angeles; Asheville, North Carolina; and Evanston, Illinois, also have formed reparation committees.

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Renowned Photographer to Discuss Storied Career at Bankhead Theater

San Francisco native and portrait photographer Michael Collopy will discuss his career photographing some of the world's most influential leaders, including seven U.S. presidents, in a Rae Dorough Speaker Series presentation at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore on Thursday, May 11.

Collopy has also been commissioned to photograph such movie stars and musicians as George Clooney, Penelope Cruz, Paul McCartney, B.B. King, the Rolling Stones, and Frank Sinatra, and his iconic photos of Mother Teresa in her Calcutta mission have come

to symbolize her work and humanity.

His latest published collection of photographs, "Courage," profiles people who "have exemplified bravery through specific acts of courage," including poet and civil rights activist Maya Angelou, South African Anglican bishop Desmond Tutu, and primatologist Jane Goodall.

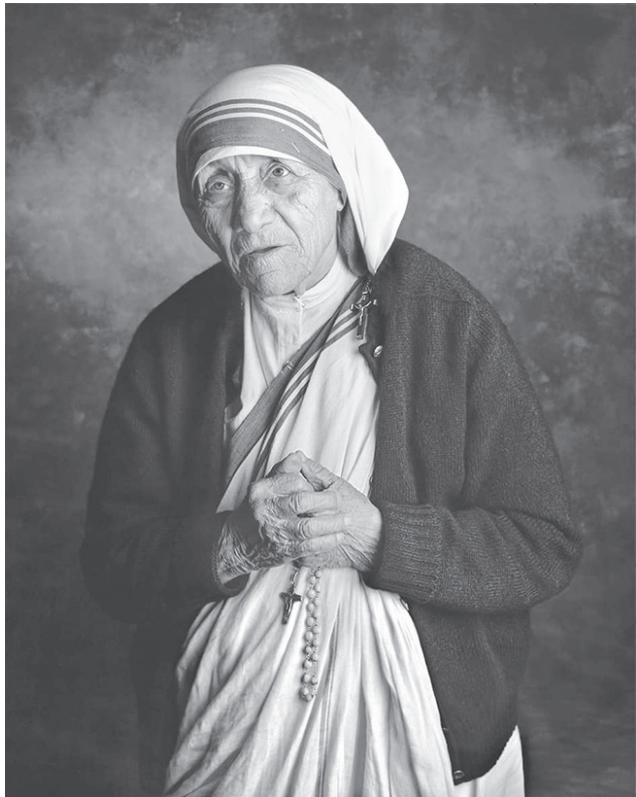
In his presentation, Collopy will discuss the art of portrait photography, the power of photojournalism to move an audience, and how he has been inspired by the people he has photographed.

Sponsored by the non-profit Livermore Valley Arts, the speaker series honors the late Rae Dorough, a Livermore resident and supporter of cultural events.

Tickets for the 7:30 p.m.

program, "An Evening with Michael Collopy," begin at \$20 and are available at livermorearts.org, by call-

ing 925-373-6800, or at the Bankhead box office, 2400 First St., Livermore 400 First St., Livermore.



Iconic photos, such as Michael Collopy's portrait of Mother Teresa, will highlight a discussion at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore on Thursday, May 11. The event is part of the Rae Dorough Speaker Series. (Photo courtesy of the Bankhead Theater)

Actor to Portray Nikola Tesla For Ed Kinney Speaker Series

Actor Duffy Hudson will portray the forgotten genius Nikola Tesla, whose discoveries led to the development of the modern alternating current electric power system, for an Ed Kinney Series presentation at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton on Tuesday, April 18.

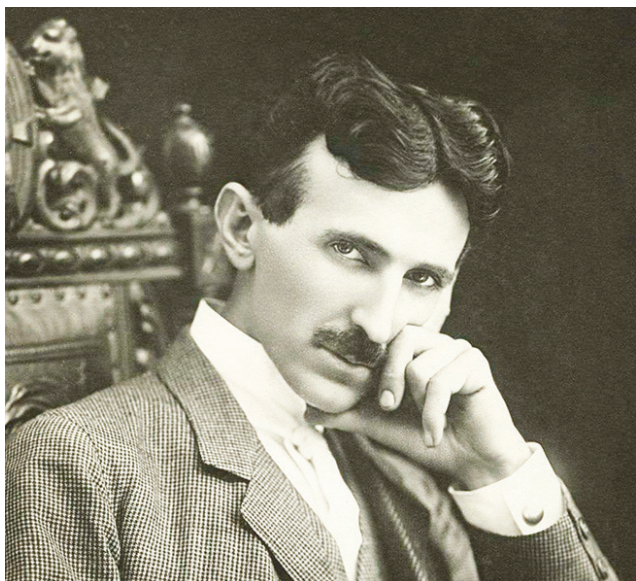
Tesla was a Serbian American inventor and rival to Thomas Edison, who promoted a direct current electrical system. At his death in 1943, Tesla held more than 300 patents.

The Ed Kinney Series is a monthly program of his-

torical character portrayals and speakers sponsored by the Museum on Main in Pleasanton. Hudson will portray Tesla in character, including a Q & A session following his presentation.

Hudson will give an afternoon performance at 2 p.m. and an evening performance at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$25, with discounts for museum members, students, and senior citizens. Tickets can be purchased online at museumonmain.org, at the Museum on Main, or by calling 925-462-2766.



Nikola Tesla, above, will be played by actor Duffy Hudson at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton on April 18. (Photo courtesy of Firehouse Arts Center)

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TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 15 TRI-VALLEY WRITERS CHAPTER OF THE CALIFORNIA WRITERS CLUB

Connie Post will present "Finding your creativity in the Between Places" at the Tri-Valley Writers April meeting. She will explain how to find creativity by going beyond descriptions to find hidden meaning in unexpected places. Join in at 2 p.m. at Tri-Valley Writers' new meeting location, Las Positas College, room 2470 at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, in Livermore. Check-in begins at 1:30 p.m. TO RSVP and pay, email treasurer@trivalleywriters.org by April 13, and register at bit.ly/3CpDOUC. Tickets for CWC adult members are \$10; nonmembers are \$12; CWC student members ages 14 to 22 are \$5; and student nonmembers are \$8.

Sunday, April 16 A SAXOPHONE SPECTACULAR

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will present "A Saxophone Spectacular," featuring Mr. Ricardo R. Martinez. Martinez is the assistant professor of practice in saxophone at Conservatory of Music at University of the Pacific. He was selected as grand prize winner of the 9th Plowman Chamber Music Competition and first prize winner in the 2017 Chicago Woodwind Ensemble Competition, has played concerts internationally in France, Scotland, and Japan, and has performed at the International Saxophone Symposium, North American Saxophone Alliance, American Single Reed Summit, and World Saxophone Congress. The free concert will be held at 2 p.m., at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., in Pleasanton.

Sunday, April 16 THE TOM REYNOLDS CONSPIRACY

The Tom Reynolds Conspiracy will present a diverse musical program including multiple group configurations, vocals, instrumentals, originals and standards. A link to a recent performance can be found at bit.ly/3ZeNwq1. A link to a recent recording can be found at youtu.be/wK5v0Xqwa-c. For more information, visit livermorejazzsociety.org. To request a seat, email info@livermorejazzsociety.org or use the web form at livermorejazzsociety.org/reserve-seats. If seats are available, organizers will email a written invitation with the concert address. Seating capacity is limited, so advance notice is highly recommended. For Livestream information, refer to the "Events" page. Suggested donations are \$20 per person, but donations of any amount are most welcome.

Saturday, April 22 HAPPY 150TH BIRTHDAY, RACHMANINOFF!

At 7:30 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., in Livermore, experience a special musical event when concert pianist Daniel Glover performs musical selections of Rachmaninoff in celebration of his 150th birthday, as well as waltzes, marches and more by equally well-known composers representing four periods of music: Baroque, Classical, Romantic and 20th Century. Tickets are \$30. Advance tickets may be purchased at valleyconcertchorale.org. Proceeds from the performance will benefit the Valley Concert Chorale. For more information about the Valley Concert Chorale performances, ticket purchases and auditions, visit valleyconcertchorale.org or call the general information line at 925-866-4003.

**Sunday, April 23
TRINITY CONCERT SERIES THE VERVE TRIO: CLASSICS**
Founded in 2019, the Verve Trio is comprised of pianist Chia-Lin Yang, violinist Elbert Tsai, and cellist Brady Anderson. The trio has engaged audiences throughout the San Francisco Bay Area with innovative programs featuring familiar masterpieces as well as lesser-known works highlighting the influence of tango and jazz. The concert takes place at 4 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road, in Pleasanton. Suggested contributions are \$20 for general admission; \$5 for students; and free for those age 12 and under. Proceeds support the artists and ongoing concert series.

**Sunday, April 23
TRI-VALLEY GERMAN STAMMTISCH**
This opportunity to speak German and socialize with other German speakers is open to people who can hold a conversation in German. The group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m., at various local restaurants in the area or occasionally on weekends. Special events might include a German food-oriented potluck. For more information or to be placed on the email list, email trivalleystammtisch@gmail.com.

Saturday, April 29 TWIN VALLEY BSA SCOUTS' LIVERMORE LUAU FUNDRAISER

From 5 to 8 p.m., at El Sol Winery, located at 8626 Lupin Way in Livermore, the Twin Valley BSA Scouts' present the Livermore Luau Fundraiser. The event will feature kalua pig, shoyu chicken, teriyaki beef, lomi-lomi salmon, rice mac salad, green salad, and haupia, as well as music, wine, auction, and raffle. Tickets are \$70. For more information, call 925-577-0724 or email tvdistrictchair@gmail.com.

**Saturday, April 29
25TH ANNUAL MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY FUNDRAISER**
The Assistance League of Amador Valley presents the 25th Annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party Fundraiser, starting at noon. Members uniquely set tables, each featuring a different theme, such as Spring Garden, Easter, Fourth of July, Halloween, Floral Abundance, and much more. Come out and have a blast trying to win great prizes while supporting the community during the famous hat contest, raffle drawing, and silent auction featuring special guest Jan Wahl, an Emmy-winning producer, entertainment reporter, and film

critic. The event is a fundraiser for vital community programs benefiting the Tri-Valley. For more information, visit bit.ly/3JJ4DSW.

Monday, May 1 to Wednesday, May 31 CELEBRATE WOMEN, ART THAT HONORS WOMEN

Celebrate Women, Art That Honors Women, is both a photography competition and an exhibition of all 2-D art honoring women. Submissions are still being accepted. To participate, visit livermoreartassociation.org. Celebrate Women will be up in the gallery (hallway) at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., in Livermore. All are welcome to the Awards and Art Reception on May 7, at 3:30m in Conference Rooms A & B at the library. For more information, email celebratewomen2023@gmail.com.

Saturday, May 6 and Sunday, May 7 TRI-VALLEY ARTIST STUDIO TOUR

The Tri-Valley Artist Studio Tour (TVAST), organized by Alliance for Visual Arts (AVA), a non-profit organization, will showcase the works of local artists and provide a platform for them to showcase their talent to the community. AVA will welcome the general public to visit a selection of public art studios, pop-up artist venues, private home studios, and other art collectives at various locations in Dublin, Pleasanton, Danville, San Ramon, and Livermore. For more information, visit bit.ly/3KLXtj.

Monday, May 8 to Tuesday, June 27 UPCOMING SUPPORT GROUPS

When grieving the loss of a loved one, people may feel overwhelmed by the ebb and flow of emotions. Hope Hospice's grief support services help adults and youth learn to process these feelings and find ways to move forward in a positive direction. Hope's grief support services are free of charge, but registration in advance by phone is required at 925-829-8770 on weekdays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A brief assessment is required. Support groups are currently being conducted online by Zoom video conference, and services for young children are temporarily paused until in-person group gatherings can continue. General Grief runs May 8 to June 26, on Mondays, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.; Spousal and Partner Loss runs May 9 to June 27, on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. or Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m.; and Loss of a Child runs from May 8 to June 26, on Mondays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For Teens Group, call for dates. Groups are offered once per quarter. Those who cannot make the next sessions should call the office to put your name on the interest list for the following quarter.

Saturday, May 13 DUBLIN TO HOST YOUTH HACKATHON, START-UP PITCH EVENT

The City of Dublin's Youth Advisory Committee will host a Youth Hackathon and Start-Up Pitch Event for youth in grades five through eight from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Dublin Senior Center. In teams of two to three, participants during this competition will create mobile applications, websites, and/or 3-D models. After brainstorming and building, each team will give a five-minute presentation and "pitch" their idea. No experience or advance preparation is required. Join with a friend, or staff will pair registrants up at the event. Mentors will be on site all day. Please bring a laptop. There is a maximum of 80 participants at this event. To registers, visit bit.ly/3McHUcY.

Saturday, May 20 TRI-VALLEY WRITERS CHAPTER OF THE CALIFORNIA WRITERS CLUB HOSTS AM LARKS

AM Larks, editor, author, and book critic will present "Published! Tips and Tricks from an Indie Editor" on May 20, 2023. Larks will share advice on submitting to blogs, journals, agents, and publishers. Her lecture will include an overview of submission and publication processes. Join at 2 p.m., at Tri-Valley Writers' new meeting location, Las Positas College, room 2470, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, in Livermore. Check-in begins at 1:30 p.m. To RSVP and pay, email your RSVP to treasurer@trivalleywriters.org by Thursday, May 18, then register at bit.ly/3CpDOUC. CWC adult members are \$10; nonmembers are \$12; CWC student members ages 14 to 22 are \$5; and student nonmembers are \$8.

Saturday, May 27 WAVE WATERPARK OPENS

The Wave waterpark opens for the summer season on Memorial Day weekend, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Daily operations begin June 3. Presale tickets for the season will be available online starting April 4. Presale reservations for cabanas and loungers for the season will also be available to reserve online starting April 4. Recreational swimming is ongoing through April 30, in the natatorium on Saturdays and Sundays, from 1 to 4 p.m. Fitness swimming and water walking are also available. For more information, visit dublinrecguide.com.

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.

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OBITUARIES

Alan Kieth DeClue

Jan. 25, 1963 – March 24, 2023



The checkered flag was waved for the last time for Alan Keith DeClue when he unexpectedly passed away on March 24, 2023. Alan was born and raised in Livermore and spent much of his life working, living, and driving his hot rod cars around the town. If you drove a fast muscle car and remember cruising up and down First Street Livermore in the 80s, then chances are good you lost a race or two to Alan. With a wrench in his hand, he passed away in his automotive repair shop in Oakley, California at the age of 60 in the company of his beloved customers and lifelong shop buddies.

Alan had a passion for fixing things and realized early on that he wanted to spend his life around cars. While he never graduated from Granada High School, he nevertheless successfully found his way in life. With an intense enthusiasm for figuring things out on his own, he became a self-taught master mechanic who was able to repair anything on wheels, or anything else he set his mind to fixing. Starting his career before finishing high

school, Alan spent nearly his entire life living his dream in automotive repair and classic car restoration.

At a very young age Alan fell in love with 1960s muscle cars and became especially fond of a 1967 Ford Mustang fastback that he converted into a Shelby replica. After acquiring the Mustang in his teenage years, the car became his lifelong passion that he hot-rodged all over town and in the backroad hills around Livermore. He loved everything Carroll Shelby created and eventually owned every major car produced by the man, including a GT-40 and an AC Cobra. Later in life he moved the race off the streets and opened up the throttle at vintage racing events at the likes of Thunderhill, Laguna Seca and Sears Point. He showed off his entire car collection, which also included a Ferrari 308 and an early 70s Corvette, at numerous car shows all around Northern California.

Alan lived a very full life engaging himself in many other passions in addition to exotic cars. As a child he was a very competitive kid playing all kinds of sports like soccer, tennis and baseball. He raced BMX bicycles, scaled the Livermore hills on dirt bikes up around Carnegie, and skied the world over from the slopes of the Sierra Mountains to the Delta River waterways. He loved flying and racing remote controlled airplanes, especially fast and acrobatic slope gliders above Lake Del Valle, and he attended numerous Reno Air Race shows

throughout his life. He loved loud rock and roll music and wore his brilliant blond hair long like a 70s rock star, never really updating his cut after coming of age in his teenage years. In fact, to his last day he looked a lot like his earlier self, only with more wrinkles.

Alan also cared deeply about his personal relationships and family. He departs leaving countless indelible memories of his eccentric lifestyle and unconventional behavior on his customers, newfound friends and lifelong buddies. He leaves behind his cherished and loved daughter Danica DeClue, long term girlfriend Amy Ferguson, mother Merry DeClue, father Jerry (Amy) DeClue, brother Mike (Denise) DeClue, Aunt Donna DeClue (Thea Moore), nieces and nephews Christopher (Sara) Kurtzer, Laura (Bryan) Wilkins, Julian DeClue and Sophia DeClue. Sadly, Alan was preceded in death by his dear sister Nancy Melanson. Funeral services will be held at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore on April 15, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Arnold R. Clobes

Aug. 8, 1939 – March 22, 2023

Arnold passed away peacefully with family and friends present at Stanford Health Care Medical Center in Pleasanton, California after a long illness.

Arnold was born on Aug. 8, 1939, in Wadena, Minnesota to Harold and Agnes Clobes. After graduating from Fairfax High School in Fairfax, Minnesota in 1957 he attended South Dakota State University for two years and later graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1962 with a BS degree in electrical engineering. He attended Brooklyn Polytechnic from 1964 to 1966 where he earned an MS degree in electro physics.

His career working in scientific research took him to many different parts of the United States. His first job was at Bell Labs in upstate New York from 1962 to 1964 where he met his future wife, Carol Collins, in the church choir in 1963. Arnold and Carol were later married in 1967. After their marriage, they moved to Connecticut where he worked at United Aircraft Research and Development in East Hartford, Connecticut for 10 years from 1966 to 1976. In 1976 he moved west to Richland, Washington to work for Exxon Research and Development at Hanford from 1976 to 1981 on the AVLIS program. In 1981 he moved to Livermore, California where he worked for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) until his retirement in 2004. After a short period of retirement, he resumed work at LLNL and officially retired from LLNL in 2011 after working on the AVLIS program and on the NIF project as an operations manager.

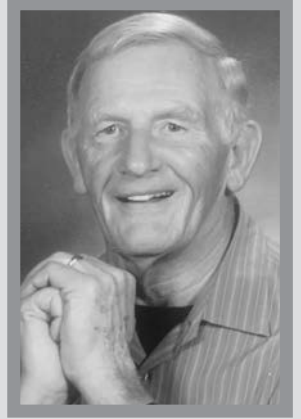
Arnold always had an interest in nature and the outdoors and enjoyed many different activities such as bicycling, camping, fishing, flying, gardening, mountain climbing and skiing with family and friends. He climbed several of the volcanic peaks in the Cascade Mountain Range including Mt. St. Helens before its eruption in 1980. One of his favorite outdoor activities was road cycling. He traveled across the United States twice from coast to coast on his bike and would consistently ride 4,000+ miles per year.

Arnold had a lifelong passion and interest for education and learning. He loved to read books and he completed several certificate programs at UC extensions. He had an interest in astronomy and even built his own telescopes and mirrors. In addition to his own self-education, he had an interest in educating others. He taught science to elementary school children through the TOPS program in Livermore as well as physics to high school students in Tanzania through the Asante Africa Foundation Program. Arnold also always helped with, and encouraged, education for his children and family members.

Arnold also had an interest in traveling not only domestically but internationally as well. He loved to take long road trips to camp at many of the national parks throughout the United States. Arnold and Carol also liked to travel internationally and visited many different countries including Australia, Canada, China, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand and many different European countries.

Arnold is survived by his wife of 55 years Carol Clobes, son Scott Clobes in Denver, Colorado, son Todd Clobes and his wife Dawn in Sacramento, California, granddaughter Sabrina Clobes, sister Lila Panek, brothers Armin Clobes and Don Clobes, and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life service will be held at Our Saviors Lutheran Ministries (OSLM) at 1385 S Livermore Ave, Livermore, California on June 24, 2023, at 3 p.m. Charitable donations can be made to the OSLM school scholarship fund or to a charity of your choice.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Stephen Michael Roberts

Oct. 2, 1951 – March 30, 2023

Stephen Roberts, 71, of Pleasanton, California passed away peacefully on March 30. Stephen was a kind, loving soul who loved singing in choirs, played basketball, loved the Warriors and 49ers as well as the U of A Wildcats. He also loved cars and trains and enjoyed listening to a wide variety of music, walking, gardening, running, lifting weights and greeting others with his gentle 'hello' wherever he went. On daily walks, he even looked forward to greeting the neighborhood animals which always came running to him.

Stephen comes from a large family and is survived by his wife Rebecca, his son Chad (Tina), his daughter Michelle (Dave) and his two grandsons Makai and Neiko; his brothers and sisters Diana (Jim), Danny, Vernon (Marge), Ron (Debbie), Suzette (David), Laura, John (Jodi), as well as his mother-in-law Nancy and brothers-in-law Glen (Rita, James, and Matthew), and Douglas, along with several nieces and nephews.

Stephen was preceded in death by his father Daniel Paul Roberts and his mother Dorothy Marie Roberts.

Stephen was born in Bloomington, Indiana. As a young boy, the family moved to Tucson, Arizona where he went to school and graduated from Palo Verde High School and later attended some years at Simpson University. He worked in the family roofing business and later served in the US Navy for two years. In the 1980's, Stephen was hired by Bank of America as a technician and moved to Livermore, California and retired in 2017.

Stephen was a beautiful Christian man who attended and served churches all his life. He started going to Trinity Baptist church in the late 1990s where he met his future wife, Rebecca. They were married over 20 years and lived in Pleasanton, California. Stephen was a loving husband and made their house a home.

Thank you to pastors, friends and families for your phone calls, prayers, and visits as well as to the staff at Bethany Homes in Livermore, Kaiser and Hope Hospice as Stephen peacefully entered into heaven.

A celebration of life service will be held on Friday, April 21, 2023, at New Beginnings Church, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore, California at 11 a.m.



Nonila "Nancy" Duenas

Dec. 25, 1930 – March 26, 2023

Nonila "Nancy" Duenas passed away at the age of 92 on March 26, 2023, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on Dec. 25, 1930, to Secundino and Frances Gonzalez in Jackson, California. After graduating from Jackson High School, she moved to the Bay Area where she met and married Juan Duenas.

Nancy's most important job was being a mother and grandmother. She also worked as an interpreter at the East Oakland Family Health Center and as a secretary at St. Louis Bertrand Catholic Church. She sang in the church choir and worked endlessly caring for her family. She was a devout Catholic and loved the traditional Latin Mass. Her favorite pastimes were reading, cooking, and family vacations to Disneyland and the casinos. Her greatest joy was being with her children, grandchildren



and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Juan Duenas, her parents and her siblings, Dino, Olympia and Dario Gonzalez and Rose Mora; her daughter Mary Catherine, and her grandson Michael. She is survived by

her children John (Lucy), Jean, Vicki, Liz (Rick), Ellen, Teri, Maggie (Carl) and Paula (Bob), her fourteen grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild. She loved and was loved by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Family and friends are invited to attend visitation at Callaghan Mortuary, Livermore California on Thursday, April 13, 2023, from 5 to 8 p.m. Recitation of the Holy Rosary will begin at 6 p.m. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Oakland on Friday, April 14, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., followed by interment at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Oakland, California.

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

Charles P. (Chuck) Anderson

Sept. 4, 1964 – March 23, 2023

Chuck passed peacefully after a heroic battle with cancer. His unwavering courage, bravery and strength was an inspiration. He devoted his life to providing for his family. He was admired and loved by many for his kindness, thoughtfulness and caring ways. Everyone he met became a friend.

Chuck graduated in 1982 from Livermore High, played baseball and travel ball with Randy Johnson and softball on many Tri-Valley teams. He was an avid golfer, A's fan and grill master to his family and neighbors. He managed Livermore's Big O Tires for a

time, and sold HVAC for 25+ years, recently receiving an award for one of the nation's top salesmen.

Preceded in death by his mother, Shirley Mae Cupp, Chuck leaves behind his loving wife Diane and son Jeffrey, brother Keith (Candice) Davenport, sisters Kim (Jesse) Slivkoff, Tammy Bostok, Debbie and Diane Anderson; brothers-in-law Dominic (Cheryl) Martos, John (Mary) Martos and many nieces, nephews and friends. For Tribute Wall visit www.altavistacfs.com. Donations gratefully accepted to help his family and can be made

via Zelle at chuckanderson@pacbell.net



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Patricia Mary Catherine Zalesny Bayon

Patricia Mary Catherine Zalesny Bayon, 70, passed away at home surrounded by family on Friday, March 10, 2023, in Livermore, California, after a short battle with cancer. She was born in Hoopa, California to Chester "John" and Virginia Zalesny. She grew up in Hoopa and Redding, California before meeting her husband of almost 50 years, Brent Bayon. They were married in 1973, in Redding, five years later they had their daughter, Beth Johnson.

They moved to Livermore when her husband had a career opportunity in the cable industry. They had their son, Jason Bayon, while in Livermore. During their short stay in Livermore, they attended First Baptist Church. While there, they made lifelong friends. Brent's career took them to Snohomish, Washington for eight years before returning to Livermore, California for the last 31 years.

Pat lived a life full of laughter and joy. While in Livermore, Pat was a loyal church member at Cedar Grove Community Church for over 30 years. Leading women's bible study groups, being the prop lady at several plays, teaching Sunday school for over 20 years, and running the Harvest Party with her husband. She was an avid fan of professional bull riding, attending the World Finals events in Las Vegas and many events around the West Coast.

With her husband, she enjoyed travelling around the US exploring new cities, National Parks and restaurants. Her daughter introduced her to card-making and machine embroidery. They had many fun weekends of crafting together in the past 10 years.

Her greatest joy this past year was spending time with her granddaughter, Kinslee, each week. While taking care of her, Pat would read, play, and enjoy being with her granddaughter. She found so much pleasure in watching Kinslee grow up the first year of her life.

She is survived by her husband Brent, daughter Beth (Derrik) Johnson, son Jason (Jessica) Bayon, and granddaughter Kinslee; sisters Ann (Lane), Lori (Scott), Tim (Kathleen), Terry (Hillary), David (Judy), Paul (Nesha), and Matt; brother-in-law Bill, sisters-in-law Ginny, and Sue (Denny), as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents John and Virginia Zalesny, brother Thomas Zalesny and nephews Jeremy and Timmy.

A celebration of life will be held at Cedar Grove Community Church, April 18, 2023, at 11 am. Reception to follow at the church.

Burial and graveside service at St. Joseph Cemetery in Redding, California. Flowers can be sent to the church or donations made to missionary Camille Jackson at LaunchGlobal.org (Cammy Jac Acct 233).

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



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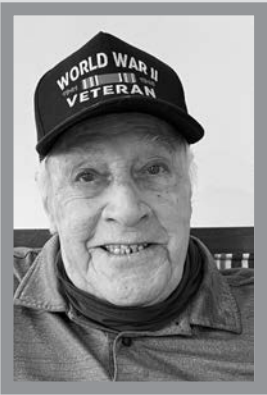
Leonard Lawrence Gregory (Greg)

Sept. 1, 1925 – Jan. 19, 2023

The family of Leonard Gregory (Greg) will be gathering to celebrate his life and they would be honored if you would join them on Saturday, April 15, 2023.

Mass - St. Michael's Church, Livermore, noon.
Burial - St. Michael's Cemetery, Livermore - 1 p.m.
Celebration of life - VFW Hall, So. L St. - 2 p.m.

As a longtime resident of Livermore, Greg touched many lives. His legacy is the difference he made.



Thomas R. Leonard

April 12, 1933 – March 22, 2023

Thomas R. Leonard (Tom) was born and raised in New Jersey. He graduated from Colgate University and moved to San Francisco where he married his wife, Sally. Tom obtained a California Teaching Credential and taught middle school in Castro Valley and Vallejo winding up in

Pleasanton where he taught English and World History for 23 years. He was an avid reader of history books, especially those on WWII. Tom played the drums in high school and college marching bands as well as in jazz combos during those years and later in San Francisco. He made a point

of attending the Las Positas College and Livermore and Pleasanton Library jazz concerts. He was also a devoted 49ers fan and followed both college and professional football season games on TV. He loved animals and the many dogs and cats in his life brought him great joy.

During his 56 years in Livermore, Tom was a member of Writers Bloc, founded two investment groups, volunteered for the Friends of the Livermore Library and library book sales and was a tutor for the Livermore Library Adult Literacy Program. He thoroughly enjoyed the LARPD

Quest and senior walking groups where he developed some close friendships and looked forward to sitting around and talking after the walks. Tom was known for his dry wit and outrageous puns. Tom was predeceased by two brothers, two sisters and one niece. He is survived by

his sister Mary Bonn (Ray), wife of 64 years Sally, his daughter Caroline Totah (Joe), daughter Nancy Day (Rick), four grandchildren and numerous nephews, nieces and grand- and great-nephews and nieces. He is dearly missed by his family. There are no services planned.



Amador High's shortstop tags the runner from Mountain View's St. Francis High School for the out at second base during the Livermore Stampede softball tournament on Saturday, April 8. St. Francis won 10-0. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Amador Valley Makes Dramatic U-Turn at Livermore Stampede Softball Tournament

By Phil Jensen

The Amador Valley High School softball team entered the Livermore Stampede tournament on a three-game losing streak and lost 2-0 to Benicia in its first Stampede game Thursday to fall to 3-8 overall.

Then the Dons made a huge U-turn.

Amador Valley won three of its next four games over the weekend, including a big upset of Archbishop Mitty-San Jose, and placed third in the elite tournament at the Ernie Rodrigues Softball Complex.

"They've been building and building and building, and I think they just have clicked," said Teresa Mayes-Borchard, the Dons' co-head coach this season, about the team. Mayes-Borchard also said she will be stepping down at the end of the season to spend more time with her grandchild. The highly successful Mayes-Borchard has an overall coaching record of 186-59-1 since becoming the Dons head coach in 2013. That overall record includes three North Coast Section Division I titles and a 27-0 season in 2014.

At the Livermore Stampede last weekend, Amador Valley started a great day on Friday by edging Carondelet 2-1. Then the Dons defeated Mitty 3-2. Both Amador Valley and Mitty had 2-1 records in their pool, but Amador Valley's head-to-head win helped advance the Dons to the championship flight on Saturday.

A 10-0 loss to a powerhouse St. Francis-Mountain View team, the eventual champion, on Saturday moved Amador Valley to the third-place game. The Dons broke open a close game against Livermore with two runs in the fifth inning and three in the seventh, as Amador Valley won 6-2.

"I knew that they had everything in their power to win. It was a matter of

if they believed it," said Amador Valley co-head coach Courtney Hennings about the Dons. "They came out with all the confidence in the world second game (against Carondelet), and I think at that point we didn't have anything to lose. They gave it all, and I just couldn't be more proud. I think they're learning to work as a team."

Against Livermore, Amador Valley took a 1-0 lead quickly in the top of the first inning. Mai Falcone led off the game with an infield single, went to second on a wild pitch, third on a groundout by Kaylee Davis, and home on a single to left field by Lauren Tran.

That lead stood until the fifth, when a two-run single by McKenna Charbonneau increased the advantage to 3-0. Livermore rallied in the bottom of the inning, as a run scored on an error then a single by Sophie Gerochi narrowed the score to 3-2.

But Amador Valley increased its advantage in the seventh. Davis doubled down the left-field line, moved to third on a groundout by Tran, and after a walk by Aleena Helms, Charbonneau ripped a line drive off the centerfield fence to drive in Davis. Emily Bull followed with a two-run single for the final runs of the game. Charbonneau finished 2 for 4 at the plate with three RBI and a run scored.

Falcone, Davis and Tran were named all-tournament. For Livermore, Elizabeth Ruiz, Jae Cosgriff and Savannah Froke were selected all-tournament.

Livermore had quite a run itself in its pool play. The Cowboys won its pool with a 3-0 record, defeating Dublin 3-1, Liberty-Brentwood 7-3 and Sheldon-Sacramento 5-0. In the championship flight, Livermore fell to San Ramon Valley 2-1 and Amador Valley.

Livermore scored four

runs in the top of the first inning against Sheldon and Iowa-bound pitcher Jaylee Ojo. Anne Polaski finished the game 3 for 3 with two runs scored and an RBI for Livermore.

"Sheldon knocked us out last year of the championship round," said Livermore coach Andy Paulazzo about the Sac-Joaquin Section power. "To beat them means something. ... Our team plays with a lot of heart."

Granada placed seventh after perhaps the best match-up of the tournament in its final pool play game. The Matadors faced St. Francis in a battle between two of the best teams in Northern California. Despite an impressive six-hitter by Granada pitcher Alex Mello, St. Francis won 1-0 behind a no-hitter from Texas A & M-bound pitcher Kate Munnerlyn, who was later named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament. St. Francis won the championship game 3-0 over San Ramon Valley behind a two-hitter from Munnerlyn.

On Saturday, Granada lost 5-3 to Mitty before beating College Park-Pleasant Hill 2-1 in the seventh-place game on a four-hitter by Mello. Aleccis Phillips and Maliah Castro drove in runs in the second inning against College Park. Granada opened the tournament with victories against Monte Vista (8-0) and Freedom-Oakley (9-5). The Matadors had to face St. Francis immediately after playing Freedom.

"Our defense in the second game (Saturday against College Park) played much better (than against Mitty)," said Granada coach Johnny Heinz on Saturday. "We've just got to be ready to hit all kinds of pitching."

In pool play, Foothill fell to College Park 8-3, Whitney-Rocklin 15-1 and San Ramon Valley 3-0. Dublin beat Liberty 4-0 but lost to Sheldon 5-1 and Livermore.

High School from Fresno. In a hard fought game, the Dons came out victorious with a 4-2 win.

Amador was led by excellent pitching once again as senior pitcher Brady Lederer pitched all seven innings, allowing just six hits and two runs.

In the third game of the tournament, the Dons faced Highland High School from Bakersfield, California. Amador once again shut out another team, winning over the Scots 8-0.

A four-run second inning gave the Dons control of the game as they amassed a 5-0 lead at that point of the game.

De la Torre came up big again for the Dons, this time on the offensive end. The

senior recorded two RBI's for Amador. In this game, seven different batters recorded an RBI.

The Dons' final game of the tournament came against Madera High School. The Dons easily took their final game in Fresno 8-1.

Senior Tyler Kubo had a near-perfect day, batting 4 for 4 with three RBIs and a triple. Junior pitcher Matthew Foley pitched all seven innings in the win while striking out four batters and allowing just two hits.

With the four wins in Fresno, the Dons extended their winning streak to eight and are currently 11-1 on the season. They will face Dublin High School on April 14 at home.

Coach Lands Pro Deal in Mexico

By Matt Schwab

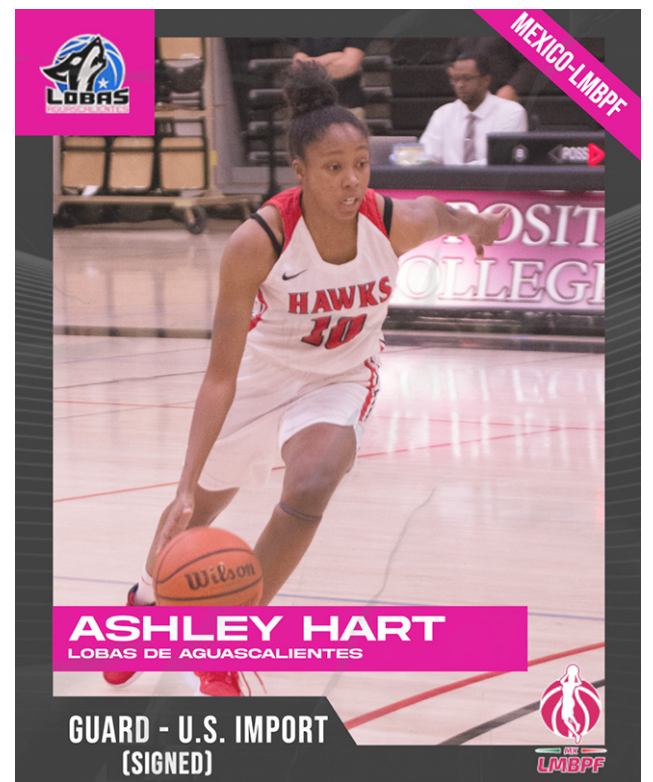
Las Positas assistant women's basketball coach Ashley Hart has become the first former Hawks' player in women's program history to sign a contract to play professionally.

Hart, a First-Team All-Conference player at Las Positas in 2018-19, will compete in Mexico for Club Lobas de Aguascalientes.

The Lobas play in the Liga Mexicana de Baloncesto Profesional Femenil (LMBPF).

"Ashley Hart is deserving of this moment," Las Positas head coach Caleb Theodore said. "She made history as a player at Las Positas, now she is making history as an alumni becoming the first player ever to play professionally. Las Positas College and the City of Livermore couldn't be more proud."

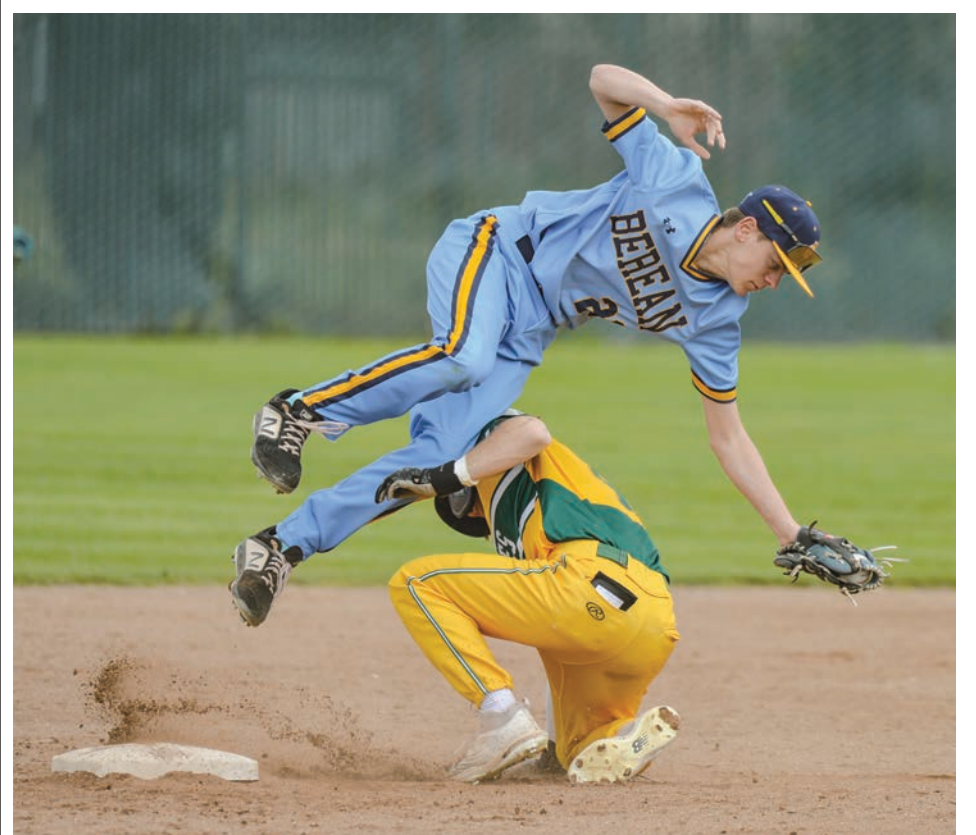
Hart, a former star at Millennium Charter School (Tracy), led the Hawks with 21 points, 7 rebounds and 4.3 assists a game in 2018-19. She had another successful run at San Francisco State, playing all 25 games for the Gators in 2021-22, leading



Ashley Hart, the Las Positas College assistant women's basketball coach, has signed a professional contract to play for a club in Mexico. (Photo courtesy of Las Positas College)

them in blocks with 17, and was second in points (237) and assists (44). She also made CCAA All-Academic, earning a bachelor's degree in psychology.

"With pride, we applaud Hart for making history stamping your name in the LPC WBB Hall of Fame," Theodore said.



The Livermore High Cowboys hosted the Berean Christian Eagles on Friday, April 7, as part of the Service Champions Classic baseball tournament. Livermore won 3-0. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Foothill Sees Success in Champions Classic

By Nathan Canilao

The Foothill High School baseball team went 2-1 in the Service Champions Classic at home from April 6-8.

In the first game of the tournament, the Falcons faced the Redwood High School Giants from Larkspur, California. Foothill dropped the game 5-1.

The Giants took control of the game early, scoring two runs in the first and third innings. In the fifth innings, Redwood gained its biggest lead of the game to go up five.

It was too late for the Falcons and they would drop their first game of the tournament at home.

In the second game of the tournament, Foothill faced off against Santa Rosa High School. The Falcons held off a Panthers' comeback to win 4-3.

Foothill took a 2-0 lead in the first inning, but Santa Rosa came back to take a 3-2 lead in the third inning. The Falcons tied the game in the sixth and won on a walk-off in the seventh inning.

Senior Brendan Comerford led the Falcons, batting 2 for 2 while recording one RBI.

In the consolation championship game, Foothill

faced the Berean Christian Eagles. Foothill again dented another comeback and won 5-2.

Sophomore Take Sato-Kreis led the Falcons, batting 2 for 2 with three RBI's. Senior pitcher Jackson Flora pitched five in-

nings, striking out eight batters while allowing just two runs.

Foothill improved 9-4 overall after its performance in the Service Champions Classic. The Falcons will face Granada High School at home on April 14.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham, 1700 N. Livermore Ave, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Livermore Hotel Corp., 1700 N. Livermore, 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: 4/16/2002. Signature of Registrant/s/: Prakash Babu, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 9, 2023. Expires March 8, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5425. Published March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596249

The following person(s) doing business as: Twisted Sisterz Motorcycle Club, 1250 Aaron

Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sharon Aurora-Foster, 430 Silvertail Place, Tracy, CA 95376; Kaitlyn Haze, 2038 Parker Street, Apt# 110, Berkeley, CA 94704; Carina Anselmi-Harrigan, 1250 Aaron Street, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Unincorporated Association - other than a Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/19/2019. Signature of Registrant/s/: Carina

Anselmi-Harrigan, Treasurer, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 13, 2023. Expires March 12, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5426. Published March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 595481

The following person(s) doing business as: Kara Investments Inc., 265 Mortimer Ave, Fremont, CA 94536, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kasa Investments

Inc., 265 Mortimer Ave, Fremont, CA 94536. 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/: Xian Zhou, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 9, 2023. Expires February 8, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5427. Published March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596295

The following person(s) doing business as: Blue Star Truck Wash, 4025 E 16th St, Oakland, CA 94601, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Karen Ramos, 482 Pomoma 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: 3/14/23. Signature of Registrant/s/: Karen

Ramos, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 14, 2023. Expires March 13, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5428. Published March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596359

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. The Busy Bee Activity Center; 2. The Busy Bee, 2202-N South Shore Center, Alameda, CA 94501, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Busy Bee

Educational Services LLC, 3006 Ferside Blvd., Alameda, CA 94501. 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/: Anna-hita Rad, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 15, 2023. Expires March 14, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5429. Published March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2023.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596338

The following person(s) doing business as: Annunziato And Associates, 525 Estudillo Ave, STE C, San Leandro, CA 94577, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Joseph Annunziato, 654 Paradise Valley CT S, Danville, CA 94526. 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: 5/5/1974. Signature of Registrant/s/: Joseph Annunziato, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 15, 2023. Expires March 14, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5430. Published March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2023.

following owner(s): Jonathan Court, 3819 East Ave Apt # 30, 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/: Jonathan Court, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 24, 2023. Expires March 23, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5436. Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2023.

CA 94538. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/6/1995. Signature of Registrant/s/: Joe Villarreal, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 24, 2023. Expires March 23, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5441. Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2023.

by the following owner(s): Tyler Kelly Consulting, LLC, 253 Kyle Common, 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: 3/29/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Julie A. Moreno, Managing Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 29, 2023. Expires March 28, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5446. Published April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

Inc., 397 Ray St., Pleasanton, CA 94566. 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: 1/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Linda Fox, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 13, 2023. Expires March 13, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5450. Published April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

Oakland, CA 94621, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): ACC Environmental Consultants, Inc., 7977 Capwell Drive, Suite 100, Oakland, CA 94621. 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: 1/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mark Sanchez, President/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 31, 2023. Expires March 30, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5454. Published April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 5965791 The following person(s) doing business as: Nicolas' Handy Services, 6864 Hyde Court, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nicolas Hoarau, 6864 Hyde Court, Dublin, CA 94568. 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: 1/16/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Nicolas Hoarau, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 24, 2023. Expires February 23, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5431. Published March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2023.

We also have adult cats & ranch cats for adoption.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Mena Kuchi Handy Services, 6864 Hyde Court, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mena Kuchi, 3574 Calandria Ave, Oakland, CA 94605. 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: 2/3/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mena Kuchi, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 7, 2023. Expires March 6, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5438. Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596540 The following person(s) doing business as: YAY! Fat Birds, 22506 Princeton Pl, Castro Valley, CA 94552, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Krafty Karen Makes Things, LLC. 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: 3/14/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Karen Chaw, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 22, 2023. Expires March 21, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5437. Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596525 The following person(s) doing business as: Dogtopia of Dublin, 8000 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Black Noses LLC, 3541 O'Conner Dr., Lafayette, CA 94549. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 3/5/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Andrew Nguyen, Owner/Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 23, 2023. Expires March 22, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5442. Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596681 The following person(s) doing business as: Bookkeeping Buddy, 905 Venus Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bookkeeping Buddy, LLC, 905 Venus 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: 9/18/2018. Signature of Registrant/s/: Joe Castorena, Owner/President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 23, 2023. Expires March 22, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5443. Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596679 The following person(s) doing business as: Gabyanalia, 20549 Morva Dr., Hayward, CA 94541, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Gabyanalia, 20549 Morva Dr., Hayward, CA 94541. 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: 2/24/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Roberto G. Nunez, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 24, 2023. Expires March 23, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5452. Published April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596846 The following person(s) doing business as: Izote Arts, 680 Junction Ave, #107, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jessica Torres, 680 Junction Ave, #107, 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/: Jessica Torres, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 4, 2023. Expires April 3, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5455. Published April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 2023.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 581164 The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Zarrri's Delicatessen, 1244 Solano Ave, Albany, CA 94706. Registered Owner(s): John Robert Fealy Trust, 173 Kendall Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94595. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 8/2/2022 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Trust. Signature of Registrants: /s/ John Fealy, Trustee. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 29, 2023. The Independent Legal No. 5459. Published 13, 20, 27, May 4, 2023.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596618 The following person(s) doing business as: Bookkeeping Buddy, 905 Venus Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bookkeeping Buddy, LLC, 905 Venus Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jennifer Sauls, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 21, 2023. Expires March 20, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5443. Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2023.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596846 The following person(s) doing business as: Izote Arts, 680 Junction Ave, #107, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jessica Torres, 680 Junction Ave, #107, 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/: Jessica Torres, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 4, 2023. Expires April 3, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5455. Published April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 2023.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596618 The following person(s) doing business as: Bookkeeping Buddy, 905 Venus Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bookkeeping Buddy, LLC, 905 Venus Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jodie Vy Nguyen, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 20, 2023. Expires March 19, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5439. Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2023.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 547263 The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Belle la Vie "The Nail Place," 889 Airway Blvd, Suite A, Livermore, CA 94551. Registered Owner(s): Jodie Vy Nguyen, 411 Highland CT, Concord, CA 94520. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 7/17/2018 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by an individual. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Jodie Nguyen, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 10, 2023. The Independent Legal No. 5444. Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596625 The following person(s) doing business as: S & J Landscaping, 866 Almaden Court, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sergio Morales, 866 Almaden Court, 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/: Sergio Morales, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 22, 2023. Expires March 21, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5448. Published April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596681 The following person(s) doing business as: Feirie Craft, 6450 Rablewood Pl., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Agnes Stoll, 6450 Rablewood Pl., 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/: Agnes Stoll, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 4, 2023. Expires April 3, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5453. Published April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596955 The following person(s) doing business as: Star Beauty Salon, 1360 Railroad Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Frieshta Latfy, 1360 Railroad Ave, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Frieshta Latfy, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 2, 2023. Expires March 1, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5457. Published April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 2023.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596618 The following person(s) doing business as: El Sur Spirit Co., 2821 Cherry St, Berkeley, CA 94705, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Torre Forrest, 2821 Cherry St, Berkeley, CA 94705. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 3/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Torre Forrest, Owner/Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 7, 2023. Expires March 6, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5440. Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596625 The following person(s) doing business as: Dogtopia of Dublin, 8000 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Black Noses LLC, 3541 O'Conner Dr., Lafayette, CA 94549. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/18/2018. Signature of Registrant/s/: Joe Castorena, Owner/President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 20, 2023. Expires March 19, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5445. Published April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596680 The following person(s) doing business as: Belle La Vie "The Nail Place," 2723 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Biv Nails, Inc, 2723 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 12/17/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Chai Duong, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 23, 2023. Expires March 22, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5449. Published April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 596761 The following person(s) doing business as: HydroCon, 7977 Capwell Drive, Suite 100,

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Dozens of protesters gathered at the west gate of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory on Friday, April 7, for the annual Good Friday protest. For nearly 30 years, residents have met there to voice their opposition to the lab's involvement with nuclear weapons. Groups in attendance included the Ecumenical Peace Institute, the Livermore Conversion Project and Tri-Valley CARE's. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Pleasanton Library to Close for Window Replacement

The Pleasanton Library on Old Bernal Avenue will be closed from Monday, April 17, through Monday, May 15, for the replacement of roofline windows, the final phase of a \$550,000 roofing project. The 10-month-long project was necessitated by water leaks in the 34-year-old building's roof and included the replacement of water-damaged sheathing and the installation of 36,000 square feet of new concrete roof tiles, 2,000 square feet of membrane roofing, and new gutters and down-

spouts, along with the new energy-efficient roofline windows. The library will remain open while the old roofline windows are removed the week of April 10, according to a city announcement, but areas directly below the windows will be blocked off, limiting access to some library materials and resources. The library will also be running programs online and at offsite locations during the full building closure. Library staff will host

Storytimes at the Cultural Arts Building on Black Avenue, while the Book Club, Film Club, and Coding Club will continue to meet online. The library will also offer sidewalk-pickup at the mail library during the closure. Patrons can reserve items online or by calling 925-931-3400. Checked-out books and other materials can be returned using the book drop outside the library, and due dates will be extended on all materials until the library reopens.

Pandey is Rotary Speech Contest Winner

Simran Pandey, a student at Amador Valley High School, won the 2023 Richard D. King Youth Speech Contest, sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Rotary Club, on March 25. The Rotary International theme this year was "Imagine Rotary." Pandey's five-minute

speech incorporated the service organization's Four-Way Test for personal and business relationships: "Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?" Pandey, who received

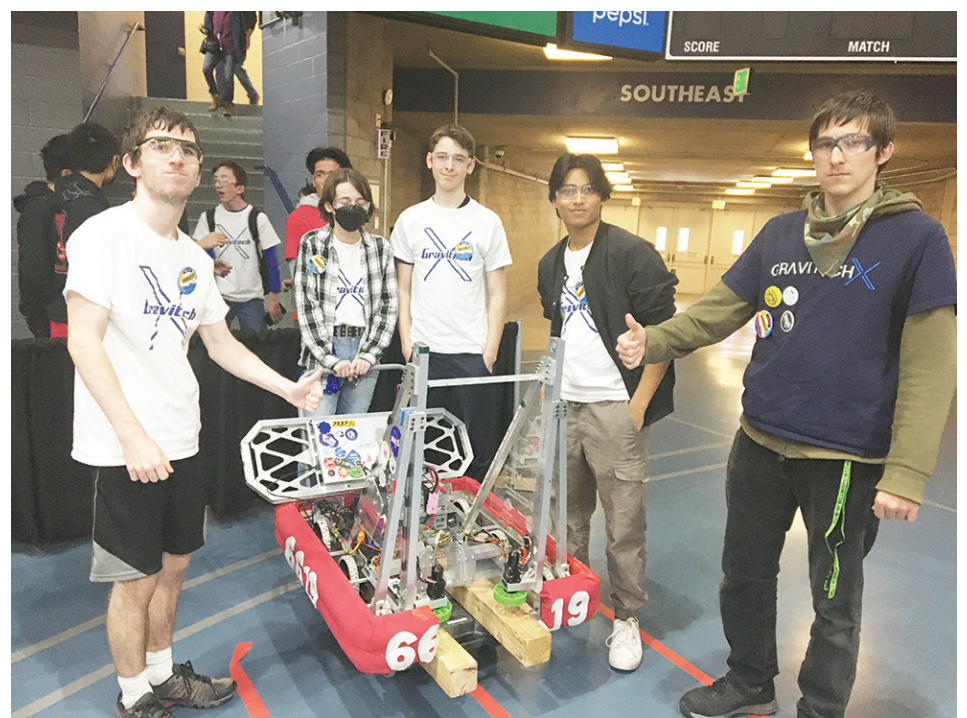
\$100 for first place, now advances to the District 5170 Area 4 Speech Contest, where she will compete against the winners from eight other Rotary clubs in Alameda County. Sophia Stomhagen finished second and Maya Mithani finished third.

LHS Robotics Team Reaches Semifinals

The GravitechX Robotics Team from Livermore High School (LHS) made it to the semifinal round of the Sacramento Regional FIRST Robotics Competition in March, the club's best finish yet in the annual event. Forty-six teams from high schools in China and Northern California competed in the regional, with seven moving on to the FIRST Championships in Houston later this month. "After losing all our experienced team members during the 2021 season, we had to rebuild from scratch," said LHS senior and GravitechX team lead Annika Armstrong. "The fact that we competed at our highest level to date is everything I could have wanted for our

team." GravitechX is a student-led, after school club with about 40 members. For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) is an international youth organization created in 1989 to encourage students to become involved in engineering and technology. The first robotics competition was held in 1992. There were more than 160 regional events held around the world this year. During the competition, students work with professional mentors over a six-week period to design and build a robot that solves a specific problem. Once the challenge is revealed in early January, students meet

daily for up to 15 hours per week. This year's challenge involved robots from different teams placing cones and cubes in strategic locations to earn points. Each team was provided a drivetrain base, and then had to design arms, intakes, and other manipulators for the robots to grab and move game pieces. GravitechX team leaders included Annika Armstrong, Shrish Premkrishna, Justin Blanton, Thaarak Sriram, Josh Armstrong, Rohan Samtani, Cody Jackson, and Ronan Tolla. The student group is advised by Karen Fletcher, who has a master's degree in aerospace engineering from Virginia Tech and teaches engineering at LHS.



Members of Livermore High School's GravitechX Club, pictured with their robot, made it to the semifinal round of the Sacramento Regional First Robotics Competition (FRC) on March 23 - 26. (Photo courtesy of Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District)

LPD Accepting Applications for Youth Academy

The Livermore Police Department (LPD) is accepting applications for its summer Police Youth Academy, a free two-week program for Livermore youths 13 to 17 to meet the officers who serve the city and learn about policing, including patrol, dispatch, crime scene investigations, and other procedures. The program will run 9 a.m. to noon, from Monday, June 19, to Thursday, June 29. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 28. For more information, contact Officer Rich Hill at rhill@livermoreca.gov.

Axis Offers Help with Renewing Medi-Cal Eligibility

Axis Community Health in Pleasanton is urging patients enrolled in Medi-Cal, the California agency responsible for administering the federal Medicaid program for low-income families and individuals, to respond quickly to notices they may receive about maintaining coverage. Medi-Cal, which provides medical coverage for more than 14 million California residents, requires an annual redetermination of eligibility. However, that requirement

was suspended by the federal government during the COVID-19 pandemic. But with the state Public Health Emergency declaration expiring on Feb. 28, and the federal declaration due to expire on May 11, Medi-Cal is resuming its normal redetermination process, including verification of income and residency and other criteria. Medi-Cal beneficiaries who fail to complete the redetermination process on time risk losing their

coverage. Axis said it is offering assistance to anyone who needs help with the process by calling 925-462-1755. "At Axis, we want to make sure you and your family's healthcare needs are covered," said Axis CEO Liz Perez-Howe. "It is so important that we ensure our patients and the Tri-Valley community are aware of this change. Whether you are new to Medi-Cal or joined many years ago, Axis is here to help."

Annual Livermore Heritage Guild Auction to be Held April 15

The Livermore Heritage Guild will hold its annual auction "where folks acquire treasures they never knew they needed" at the historic Duarte Garage and Lincoln Highway Museum, at the corner of North L and Pine Streets, on Saturday, April 15. The auction this year will include a pump organ from the late 1800s, an antique copper samovar, fine china and crystal, turquoise jewelry, vintage art, and an origi-

nal painting by local plein air artist Nancy Roberts. The guild will also auction off a ride on an antique fire truck or hay wagon in a Livermore parade and use of the Duarte Garage as the venue for a private party. Items available for auction can be viewed at www.lhg.org. The bidding will begin at 3:30 p.m. Admission is free and light refreshments and beverages will be available. To ensure a seat at the

auction, register at www.lhg.org. Celebrating its 50th year of preserving Livermore history, the guild is a nonprofit organization that maintains a history center in the Carnegie building and manages the historic Hagemann Ranch, Duarte Garage, and Lincoln Highway Museum properties. It also operates the HistoryMobile, which it takes to Livermore elementary schools every spring.

New California State Website Explains Renters' Rights

The California Apartment Association (CAA) has launched a website to inform renters of the rights and protections afforded to them by state and local law. The website was launched in advance of the April 29 expiration of Alameda County's eviction moratorium imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Sacramento-based association said the moratorium was adopted to help renters who were financially affected by the pandemic, but it failed to include any eligibility requirements or proof of COVID-19 impacts. As a result, according to the association, many renters with the ability to pay their rent refused to do so for months, and even years, "putting significant strain

on housing providers who are demanding the county help them recover the losses they've suffered." Meanwhile, proponents of stricter housing regulations worry that lifting the moratorium will leave renters without any rights or protections. "It is completely misleading to say that renters don't have any rights when California and many cities in Alameda County have some of the strongest renter protections in the country," said CAA Executive Vice President Joshua Howard. "This is irresponsible fear-mongering on the part of some unscrupulous advocacy groups, whose job it is to provide factual information to tenants about their rights." Howard said the goal in launching the website was

"to ensure that all renters in Alameda County are aware of the many laws that protect them, including the California Tenant Protection Act of 2019, which has been heralded as the nation's strongest statewide tenant protection law." The website is AlamedaRentersRights.com.

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