

Airport Policy Approved Amid Conflict

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — The city council on Monday adopted an updated leasing and development policy for Livermore Municipal Airport, ending a nearly year-long moratorium on new projects for the busy site.

The 4-1 vote to approve the policy occurred despite several residents' requests to postpone the decision to further scrutinize policies regarding noise, the danger to groundwater from "forever chemicals" for firefighting, and the impending transition of aircraft to unleaded fuels.

Councilmember Ben Barrientos voted against adopting the policy at the meeting, saying the community issues should be addressed first with an additional two-week delay.

"There's too many questions on it," Barrientos said in an interview Tuesday. "Too many people were

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Police Union And City Turn To Mediation

By David Jen

PLEASANTON — City police officers have now worked over 40 days without a contract, following the expiration of their previous contract on May 31 and a deadlock in negotiations between the Pleasanton Police Officers Association (PPOA) and the city.

The PPOA declared an impasse on May 22 after a unanimous vote to reject the city's latest offer, which included 15% and 18% pay increases for officers and sergeants over the next three years.

Both parties have agreed to enter mediation, scheduled for July 18, according to the PPOA, while officers continue to work at the salary and benefits of the previous contract.

"The city's last offer would have kept us in the bottom half (of comparable city salaries)," said PPOA President Brian Jewell. "Our association felt that they had no choice but to vote to go to impasse."

The city proposed on May 19 a 6.0% cost-of-

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Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert, at right, and Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez joined the Poppy Bookmobile for Reading in the Park on Thursday, July 6 at Emerald Glen Park in Dublin. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Grand Jury Censures County For Inaction on Santa Rita Jail

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — The Alameda County Grand Jury has recommended the Board of Supervisors establish the completion of a Mental Health Program Service Unit (MHPSU) at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin as "a top priority by all means to avoid further escalation of costs in monies and lives."

The suggestion included in the Grand Jury's 2022-23 annual report follows an investigation that found the county's inaction has allowed the price tag to increase significantly since the state's Board of State and Community Corrections

(BSCC) authorized \$54 million for construction in 2015. While that allocation hasn't

"There are no facilities in the new design to house or treat severely mentally ill persons or to stabilize patients in crisis."

— from the Grand Jury Report

grown, the county's proposed share has risen from \$7.3 million to nearly \$26.7 million because the project's total budget has increased from \$61.6 million in 2017 to \$81 million.

The report added that

inflation, labor costs and the price of materials continue to increase at a rate of 3.44% annually, meaning every three-month delay would likely add nearly \$700,000, and a continued toll on those incarcerated and in need of care.

"The impacts caused by the delayed construction of the MHPSU have had serious consequences for inmates struggling with mental health issues in Santa Rita Jail," the report said. "Since January 2023, Santa Rita Jail reported five suicides. With a best-case scenario targeted completion date of 2028, any further

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County Contribution Pushes Shelter Rebuild Project Closer to Fruition

By David Jen

LIVERMORE — Tri-Valley Haven, a confidential domestic-violence shelter, received significant support for its shelter-rebuild project on June 29, with a unanimous decision by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to provide a one-time capital contribution of \$2 million.

"Unfortunately the shelter right now — even though we have amazing staff, and people are safe — it is falling apart, and it's not an uplifting environment, to say the least," Tri-Valley Haven Executive Director Christine Dillman told The Independent. "That does not

represent who we are."

The Livermore building dates back to the 1950s, she continued.

Tri-Valley Haven operates seven sites: a homeless shelter, transitional home, food pantry, thrift store, counseling office and community building, in addition to its domestic-violence shelter. The domestic-violence shelter serves adults and children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault or homelessness in the Tri-Valley area.

"The clients that come to Tri-Valley Haven have so many insurmountable barriers in front of them," said Sarah Bariya, a Tri-Val-

ley Haven employee, at the budget meeting. "A lot of them have no support system; they don't know anybody but their abuser, who married and brought them into this country."

The shelter, at an undisclosed location, currently provides 16 beds on-site, down from its previous 30-bed capacity after structural and mold issues forced it to shutter one of its buildings last year. Although a temporary rental makes up for the missing 14 beds, at times, the shelter must turn away those in need because of capacity limits, said Dillman.

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City Eyes Acreage Outside of UGB for New Development

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — Livermore officials appear to be looking at potentially acquiring 1,139 acres of a 1,638-acre area in the East of Greenville Focus Area in a possible annexation plan. The goal would be to accommodate future job growth, provide a gateway to the region's wine country and add research facilities adjacent to the city's National laboratories.

In a process that could take years and that would require a public ballot measure, the city council met in a closed session with city staff members Monday night to discuss the possible purchase of three parcels east of Greenville Road that are listed for sale.

Following the closed

session, City Attorney Jason Alcala did not report what had occurred at the meeting. Although the subject of East of Greenville Focus Area's future has been a topic of discussion at Livermore's General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) meetings, no real estate deals appeared even remotely close.

Tri-Valley Realtor Daniel Buffington, who represents two of the Greenville landowners, told The Independent he only knew the city might be interested in his clients' properties because it was reported as a closed session topic on the Monday night city council agenda. Buffington said no one from the city had contacted him regarding the

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Councilmember Announces Candidacy for Dublin Mayor

DUBLIN — Councilmember Dr. Sherry Hu has announced her bid for the mayoral seat in the 2024 general election.

Hu touted her leadership and emphasized her priorities and vision for the City of Dublin in a recent press release. Current Mayor Melissa Hernandez, whose second two-term run expires in 2024, is unable to run for re-election. State law prohibits mayors from serving more than two consecutive terms.

"Safety is number one," Hu told a group of supporters at her campaign kickoff party in Dublin on July 8.

"Our quality of life depends on a safe community in our homes, schools and local businesses. I advocate a proactive approach that utilizes advanced technology, the most modern police practices and zero tolerance for violent crime. A successful police and fire department shall be visible and accountable to the citizens. Expansion of community watch and school resource officers in our schools will make our children safe."

"There are too many empty storefronts and vacant space in Dublin. I will make it a priority to bring jobs and prosperity to Dublin," Hu continued.

"Without a strong business community, Dublin will not have the resources to provide the best service to our residents. It is not good enough to say we want tech and clean jobs; leadership requires an action plan to make that happen. As an engineer in the tech industry and a small business owner, I understand first-hand how



Dr. Sherry Hu

we ought to support businesses to continue growing and thriving."

According to her website, Hu serves as an executive board member for East Bay Community Energy and a commissioner for Alameda County Library Advisory Commission; she also sits on the Dublin School Unified District Liaison

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Pleasanton Police officer Taft Bradley participated in the city's Salute to Service event on Saturday, July 8. The program was hosted by the Pleasanton Downtown Association and honored local veterans and service members for their contributions to the community and country. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Dublin School District Considering New Grading System for Students

By Dawnmarie Fehr

DUBLIN — The Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) Board of Trustees received a presentation from Superintendent Chris Funk on updating district student grading policies during the regular June 27 board meeting. The nearly four-hour presentation and public comment period included 37 comments, mostly negative, about the proposed changes to the district's grading system.

The presentation was informational only and no vote was taken, although the board did ask for additional materials at a yet-to-be-

scheduled special meeting later this month.

"What we're focusing on is standards-based grading with an equity lens, because the current grading system is not coherent across all our teachers, all our classrooms and all our schools," Funk told the board.

He defined the board policy on equity, saying it meant every student receives what they need to thrive socially, emotionally and academically. The district's policy calls for regular examination of grading practices, which have not been updated since 2019. A plan to look at current grading practices was presented to

the board in February 2020, but the plan was sidelined due to the pandemic and its associated challenges.

In May, DUSD staff presented an update from the grading task force, and this month, Funk provided a rationale for examining grading practices and how to develop more equitable practices by using standards-based grading to create an impartial, consistent reflection of the quality of students' work and their mastery of course content standards.

Suggested changes included moving from a percentage and letter grade

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Enjoy a Stroll Along the Caffeine Trail

By Christina Cavallaro

The Tri-Valley Caffeine Trail is another fun and interactive experience dreamed up by Visit Tri-Valley as a way to discover more of what the Tri-Valley has to offer to tourists and locals alike.

As if incentives were needed for sipping, snacking and caffeinating—there’s a prize for tracking five visits, a coffee mug.

Journeying along the Caffeine Trail gives coffee and tea lovers the excuse to explore a unique array of 17 participating cafés, coffee houses and tea rooms, each with their own specialties and vibe. Participation works a little like collect-

ing stamps in a passport but instead of stamps, visits along the trail are clocked by taking photos of a beverage, snack or making it a selfie. Five stops later, upload the photos gathered along the way and voilà! A cool custom Tri-Valley mug will be sent directly to the home of the caffeine trailblazer.

Robin Fahr, vice president of marketing at Visit Tri-Valley said they originally envisioned it as a specifically “coffee” trail but Dublin stood out as having more tea houses. “Boba really set it apart and reflected more of the culture of Dublin.” So, it became the “Caffeine” Trail.

For some uniquely Dublin discoveries there’s Tea Heart (4288 Dublin Blvd. Ste 104, Dublin) for bubble tea (fruit and milk varieties) and savory snacks that run the gamut from Japanese takoyaki (octopus balls served with takoyaki sauce and mayo) to mozzarella sticks. Boba Bliss (8945 San Ramon Road, Dublin) leans into its passion for boba with a commitment to using only organic teas steeped in-house for their colorful offerings. With infinite drink flavors to choose from, Café Tapioca claims the title of “first tapioca beverage shop in the Tri-Valley” (7160 Regional St, Dublin). For a truly global experience there’s Amazing Basil for not just boba but food offerings like noodles and BBQ from Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand.

Fahr noted that the trail is a favorite with locals not only because it means not having to hit the requisite five spots in the span of a weekend as a visitor might, but it leads to new learning and discovery right in one’s own backyard.

“Some people have said they didn’t know that Danville was part of the Tri-Valley” until they saw trail mentions like Medleno Coffee Shop & Roastery (480 San Ramon Valley Blvd, Danville), known for their Turkish coffee with cardamom spices.

Livermore and Pleasanton are duly noted on the trail as well. Inklings Coffee and Tea (530 Main Street, Pleasanton) have developed quite a following for their Caramel Bourbon Latte and local fave, Lavender Latte. The Press Pleasanton fuels with their “handcrafted with love” drinks but also their solid roster of “toastinis” (basically bread piled high with

everything from smoked salmon, goat cheese and pasture egg to “street corn” with housemade ricotta). A visit to Rosetta Roasting (206 S J St, Livermore) is as much a visual treat located in a stunning historically protected building in downtown Livermore that gives cool European vibes to match barista mastery. Story Coffee (124 Maple Street, Livermore) skews a tad more chill LA vibes but all local when it comes to gifts and souvenirs as add-ons to espresso drinks and pastries. Espresso drinks aside, Steamhouse Coffee & Kava Bar (1935 Second St, Livermore) is recognized as the Tri-Valley’s first kava bar. Kava is an alternative supplement to help reduce tension and promote relaxation. Connected to Joya Yoga and Cycle next door, it’s fitting that there is an emphasis on health and wellness in their offerings, everything from coffee with MCT oil or collagen add-ons to jackfruit tacos and CBD infused products.

Fahr commented on the overall purpose of Visit Tri-Valley and experiences like the Caffeine Trail to entice visitors to come visit and stay the night and show them why the Tri-Valley is such a beautiful destination.

“Visitors that come from crowded places or places without good weather just marvel at our open spaces and the beauty of our region.”

Want a chance to sip from the one-of-a-kind custom Tri-Valley mug? Well, you have to earn it. To do so visit <https://visittrivalley.com/caffeine-trail/> for guidelines and a full list of participating businesses.

“There’s only one way to get the mug,” Fahr said. “We don’t sell them. You have to get drinking.”



The Ranch at Birch Creek recently won several gold medals for their local olive oils. (Photo courtesy of Birch Creek)

Local Olive Oil Producer Wins State Honors

The Ranch at Birch Creek in Livermore has received Gold Medals for its estate and Italian blend extra virgin olive oil from the California Olive Oil Council.

Birch Creek also received the annual competition’s Best of Show award for its Italian Blend.

The ranch’s owner, Linda Marshall, began planting olive trees in 2013, with the

first harvest in 2017. The estate olive oil is a blend of hojiblanca, picual and arbequina olives and the Italian blend is made of frantoio and coratina olives.

There are now about 700 olive trees lining the front of the ranch along Patterson Pass Road.

To purchase the locally produced olive oil, contact the ranch at theranchatbirchcreek@gmail.com.



“The Press” on First Street in Livermore, above, is one of the locations on the Tri-Valley Caffeine Trail. The Caffeine Trail is a collection of cafés, coffee houses and tea rooms in the Tri-Valley. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

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Foundation Partners with Pleasanton Elementary School for Give Back Program

Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation has partnered with Donlon Elementary School and the AbbVie Gives Back program, to provide recreational spaces on campus and provide new books for each student when they return to campus in the fall.

Over 70 volunteers from AbbVie Inc.’s new location in Pleasanton came together on June 29 on the Donlon campus for the official ribbon cutting to signal the new partnership.

Donlon Principal Janet Gates said she is thrilled to

have Dolon chosen for this project, which has been in the works for several months. “When PPIE approached us about facilitating this project ... the wheels began to turn. Through our collaboration with the AbbVie team, we will be able to create some exciting new surprises for when our nearly 750 students return in August.”

Andrea Wilson, Executive Director for PPIE, says “This project is very exciting for our district, and Donlon Elementary. We welcome AbbVie to Pleasanton and look forward to continuing

to partner with them. They are excited to jump right into their new community.”

Each June the AbbVie global Week of Possibilities unites AbbVie employees and their partners around the world with a single purpose: to give back to local communities through volunteering. Their employees are excited to help enrich the communities where they work through community service. They believe that great things happen when people come together with a common purpose to get things done in their communities.



Volunteers from AbbVie Inc.’s new location in Pleasanton joined with staff from Donlon Elementary School on June 29 for a ribbon cutting ceremony marking their new partnership. (Photo courtesy of AbbVie Inc.)

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Firefighters from the Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department responded to a structure fire at the V&E Club on First Street in Livermore, Friday, July 7. No injuries were reported. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia/] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Foundation Launches New Community Grant Program

Three Valleys Community Foundation (3VCF) is accepting applications for a new grant program to support local nonprofits addressing mental health and wellness issues. The foundation said it is seeking applications that address the issue of mental health from a diversity of perspectives, with

both broad and targeted approaches and is encouraging collaboration by two or more organizations. The inaugural Community Impact Grant Program is being funded by contributions to its Power of Collaboration Campaign. A selection committee, comprised of mental health

professionals and community members, will evaluate and award grants this fall for programs that begin in January 2024. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, Aug. 30. For more information, go to 3vcf.org. The foundation will also hold a virtual information session via Zoom on Monday, July 24.



Co-owner Mercy Schneider poses in a 1920's flapper dress as part of Rosetta Roasting's Flapper Friday party on J Street in Livermore. The Friday night speakeasy is one of several customer events hosted by the coffee café each month. The next Flapper Friday event will be held on Friday, Aug. 4 from 6 to 11 p.m. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Business Magazine Honors LLNL Director for Creativity

Fast Company, a monthly business magazine, has named Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) Director Kim Budil one of the Most Creative People in Business for 2023 for "leading the team that achieved nuclear fusion ignition."

Fast Company annually recognizes individuals for "inventive yet practical solutions to real-life conundrums" in their chosen fields, from high-tech and design to healthcare. Fifty-four honorees were selected by the magazine for 2023.

In December 2022, researchers at LLNL conducted the first controlled fusion experiment that produced more energy than the laser energy needed for ignition.

The Department of Energy (DOE) called the experiment "a major scientific breakthrough decades in the making that will pave the way for advancements in national defense and the future of clean power."

LLNL's National Ignition Facility had been experimenting with lasers to ignite fusion since 2009.

Budil has worked at LLNL since 1987, when she was a grad student, and was named to head the organization in 2021.

As director, she is responsible for the overall development and implementation of LLNL's scientific vision, goals, and objectives, in concert with DOE, National Nuclear Security Administration, other federal agencies, and collaborators in the corporate and academic sectors.

She called it an "honor to be recognized alongside other leaders who strive to make a difference."

"At LLNL, more than 8,300 people are dedicated to harnessing leading-edge science and technology to

address some of the most significant challenges in national security and global stability facing our nation and the world," Budil said. "This work requires exceptional creativity and real technical innovation – "Big Ideas" – to enable meaningful impact."

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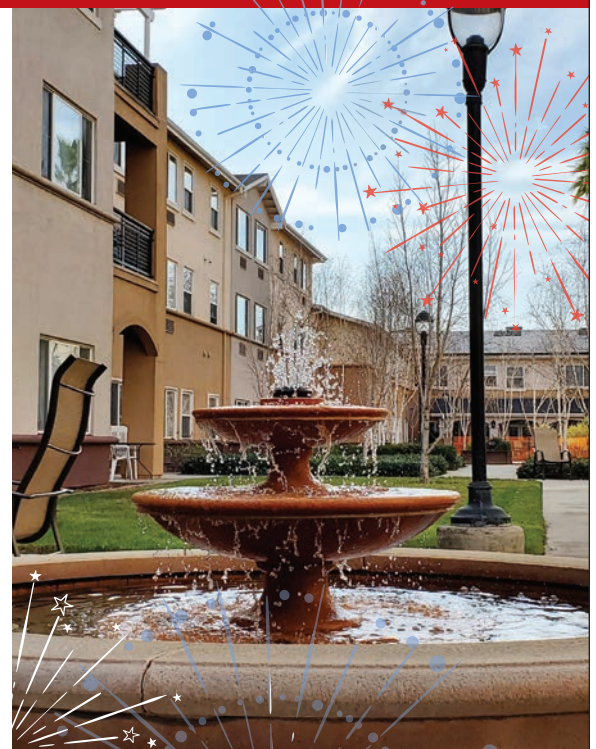
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EDITORIAL County Must Act Quickly on Mental Care for Inmates

The Alameda County Grand Jury recently headlined a report: “The Santa Rita Jail Mental Health Building: Will it ever see the light of day?”

Great question that needs not just words, but action.

The Grand Jury’s 2022-23 report issued in June said the county has wasted so much time to develop a mental health wing at its Dublin jail, the cost has risen from its \$61.6 million estimate in 2017 to \$81 million now.

In that time, the state’s \$54 million allocation for the project in 2015 hasn’t changed. The price increase means the county’s \$7.3 million share has gone up \$19 million because of inflation, labor expenses and costs for materials. Every day the county goes without a mental health wing, the price keeps rising and tragedies keep occurring.

“Since January 2023, Santa Rita Jail reported five suicides,” the report states. “With a best-case scenario targeted completion date of 2028, any further preventable delays would be disastrous.”

The report comes a year after a federal judge imposed a Consent Decree that enables him to monitor progress at the jail. A federal lawsuit filed on behalf of inmates in 2018 was settled in 2022 with the county agreeing it would implement procedures to improve the delivery of mental health care to inmates and make other changes, including suicide prevention, to improve conditions behind bars.

According to the report, the renovation project for such a unit, which was supposed to be completed in 2019, stalled years ago. The Grand Jury blamed incompetent management in the county’s General Services Agency (GSA), which it said has a problem getting projects completed. The panel also faulted staff shortages and slow recruitment, along with the Board of Supervisors failure to conduct a performance audit and provide the necessary oversight to get the job done.

Some design work has been completed since the Consent Decree was imposed. The process, however, is moving too slowly for such a vital need.

Let’s get this done. Those placed in custody in the Santa Rita Jail might be accused of or convicted of crimes, but they are granted due process under the Constitution and deserve to be treated with dignity. As mental health becomes more of a crisis in society, the county must complete its mental health unit as soon as possible to provide some inmates the help they require.

According to the American Psychological Association, mental health care and treatment are critical for inmates not only on an ethical and moral level but also as a practicality. Inmates who are given tools for treating their mental health stand a significant chance of reentering society better prepared, thus limiting the number of recidivism cases. Thereby reducing costs to the taxpayers and rehabilitating the prison population.

Why can’t our supervisors, David Haubert and Nate Miley, assume their responsibility? Every future death will be a reminder of the county’s failure to act, along with the heavier cost to taxpayers.

MAILBOX

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Abortion Bans

Grace Clark, Livermore

Abortion bans arise from the misguided belief that a fertilized egg is a person, and abortion is murder.

Spontaneous abortion (also called “miscarriage”), is the spontaneous loss of a fetus before the 20th week of pregnancy.* If a woman has a timely first period after fertilization, she generally assumes she is not pregnant. However, she can easily be mistaken.

About 50% of all fertilized eggs die and are aborted spontaneously, usually before the woman knows she is pregnant.* Among women who know they are pregnant, about 10% to 25% experience a spontaneous abortion.*

Clearly, Mother Nature is the world’s most prolific abortionist - by far. Must we lock Her up for genocide?

Must women prove that their spontaneous abortions were not induced?

How can physicians deal with life-threatening pregnancy complications that call for abortion?

Extreme abortion bans are absurd, cruel, and wrong.

*National Institutes of Health (NIH): Search “MedlinePlus Miscarriage”

Binary God

John Miller, Livermore

Kudos to Letter writer Elizabeth M. Judge for her cogent and mostly accurate critique of the notion of a male God. It is nonsense and a construct of patriarchy. Didn’t St. Paul say the Christ was neither male nor female? If you are married to the notion that Jesus is God, then non-binary is not farfetched. For more of that notion please read any of religion writer Bart Ehrman’s books on the subject.

Transitioning Land for Enclosed Commons for Homeless

Greg Scott, Livermore

Where do we expect the homeless to go? What do the politically powerful really care about the desperate powerless? Would the powerful be willing to live alongside the homeless?

For a better pathway to solving homelessness, we need to understand what we are doing wrong. We need a place for more homeless to go. We falter in this endeavor by using too many resources for too few homeless.

For example, Asbury Church proposes to build sixteen tiny houses for approximately sixteen homeless. When the seventeenth homeless person knocks on one of those doors, what would we say? One response is equivalent to: “There’s no room in the inn.” Is the wait list more than 2,000 years?

Each Asbury proposed tiny house is to run \$175,000 to \$225,000, plus more costs. If we could, adding a seventeenth house would cost the same or more. What we are doing by expending so many resources for so few is to limit the extensibility of the solution when homelessness is increasing exponentially.

What is needed is a far less resource-consuming solution. To put tiny houses and homeless next to million-dollar houses is not fair to those house residents, no matter how unsound the residents’ reasoning against the homeless. Community consensus is critical.

We need land that is appropriate for an enclosed homeless commons. The idea is not to make a slum, but to use far fewer resources to shelter homeless. This land needs to be a hybrid of tiny houses and tents. The tiny houses would be subsidized housing for police officers and social workers. The tents would be for the homeless. This is a modified version of what San Francisco did after buildings collapsed and burned in the 1906 earthquake.

A \$2,000 tent, a \$3,500 Incinole electric toilet, and a \$4,500 electric generator,

plus \$10,000 for the rest to make it workable, is still far less expensive than a \$175,000 to \$225,000 tiny house – something like a Burning Man encampment. This land needs to be under the ownership of a non-profit 501(c)(3). It would be financed by both private and public money. It needs to be in an appropriate land-use area. The extensibility of adding homeless residents is extremely important.

We have three basic modes of organization to govern this land: authoritarian, hierarchical, and consensus. We need a balance of all three.

Spending \$17 billion on homelessness in four years hasn’t worked, California.

Airport Noise, Pollution Steven and Margot Rego, Pleasanton

Thirty years ago, my family and I moved to the City of Pleasanton, in the Pleasanton Meadows section. From Mayor Tarver then to Mayor Karla Brown now, we have been most thankful for the responsible way the city has monitored/regulated its growth, thus providing a high quality of life.

Back then, the Livermore Airport was considered a small recreational and educational experience that comported itself adequately, as our real estate agent had explained would be the status quo going forward.

That has all changed. Somewhere along the line, that good neighbor program has ended. An elitist attitude of “our way or the highway” corporatist ethic has replaced it. Noise, air and land pollution are the new matrix, morning, noon and night, not to mention a disclosure to prospective buyers having to be implemented. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE to all folks in areas anywhere near the flight paths. I hope this readership and the population at large demand much more from the City of Livermore and Livermore Airport. Please attend the meetings and make sure your thoughts are expressed.

First Amendment’s Purpose is Clear

Pierre Biere, Pleasanton

One question I have about the 1st Amendment after studying many episodes of gov. using PsyOps to dupe the American people (Iraqi WMDs, Covid-19 origin, Hunter’s laptop, etc.):

Freedom of the press is universally understood to mean government cannot censor (prohibit publishing of information), and the Courts have extended this to gov. working clandestinely with private firms.

But, what about gov. pushing out a big lie that SUPPLANTS the information they don’t want people to believe? This is one of the major PsyOps techniques (info warfare). FBI and CIA folks like Mike Morrell are trained experts in how to craft a false narrative and plant it in sympathetic media.

Does the 1st Amendment “free press” guarantee prohibit gov. from using media to dupe (opinion-shape)

the public into accepting falsehoods? Use of public frauds accomplishes belief-control even better than older and cruder censorship -- therefore, I interpret the 1st Amendment’s meaning as “government is prohibited from intentionally duping the public, by any means”.

Judge Doughty cites the government’s response to the Hunter Biden laptop revelations (3 weeks before 2020 election) as an example of the bad behavior justifying his injunction. It seems he agrees that public frauds waged by gov. with the tacit cooperation of sympathetic media are likely violations of the 1st Amendment.

But wait ... don’t government officials have free speech rights? Yes, but do they go so far as the power to knowingly, willfully deceive the public for personal / partisan gain ... to cover up corruption? Most would agree that’s a bridge too far.

In other words, the Bill of Rights precludes any government attempt to mind-control the public, no matter how clever the tradecraft. Public frauds knowingly pushed out by government to overpower the truth are therefore an advanced form of censorship, violations of the Constitution, and grounds for filing a federal lawsuit against the actors involved.

I hope this is the outcome of the lawsuit.

Garden of Eden Dispensary

George Wilson, Livermore

After reading Gary Mansfield’s letter to the editor in which he disparages Darcie Kents’ pot store, Garden of Eden, I decided I had to check out this enterprise for myself. It turns out it’s one of many structures and buildings at the Darcie Kent Winery that is located on the north side of Tesla Rd about a half a mile past Greenville Rd. The pot store itself is a single-story unit with a shaded patio entrance and subdued landscaping, very clean and well maintained. A friendly Security greeted me at the entrance, where another pleasant employee helped me register and answered a few questions I had. The interior space appeared clean enough to conduct surgery and was uncluttered and tasteful. As a cashier/bud tender and I went over to purchase options of their comprehensive edible selections, I could hear that some other customers had come in. Turning to look, they were a man in his sixties, a couple that appeared to be in their fifties and two young women that I would guess between 25 to 35 years of age. Visiting this pot store turned out to be a very pleasant experience and though it was my first, it will not be my last.

July 10 Airport, Council Meeting

Trish Fuzesy, Pleasanton

The latest revision of the Airport Leasing and Development Policy is an encouraging step in the right direction, for it now incorporates specific guidelines from the 2010-058 Resolution. City

of Pleasanton leaders must be thanked for writing to Livermore to raise serious concerns about significant omissions in earlier drafts of this policy, and thanks go to the Livermore City leaders for taking some of the input suggested.

I share the same frustration expressed by others about how public comments on earlier policy drafts were ignored and dismissed by airport staff. Reviewing the public’s comments shows that many people made the same suggestions as made by Pleasanton leadership, but these same suggestions from the public were dismissed with “Comment noted. No specific alternative language or deletions provided.”

This is a dramatic example of how the public voice is being ignored. In the very process claimed to provide for public input, what actually happened was minimizing and inaction. This is consistent with how staff handles noise complaints: minimizing and inaction (another huge issue for another time).

My biggest concern with this policy draft is that public participation is still missing in airport development planning until too late in the process. As written now, the public is kept in the dark and will not learn of any new development plans until an MOU is presented to the Livermore City Council at a meeting for approval. There is no requirement for public notice or participation until a plan is largely a done deal. Staff will have spent many weeks or months negotiating development details without public knowledge or input.

Livermore airport operations directly impact all residents living in the Tri-Valley. Airport noise and safety concerns are regional issues affecting everyone who lives and works here. Why is airport development planning being done behind closed doors and kept secret from the nearly 250,000 residents living in the Tri-Valley area?

This must change. I urge you to return this Policy to staff and instruct them to continue working on it until requirements for public notification and opportunities for participation are added earlier in the process.

Swalwell Will Pay for His Student Loans

Tom Murphy, Pleasanton

It was refreshing and reassuring, to see the statement that Eric Swalwell made in the June 8 article in the Independent explaining why he voted in favor of the debt ceiling bill. Swalwell stated “I voted to pay America’s bills. When you rack up a tab, you pay for it. Republicans were willing to dine and ditch on the American economy leaving Social Security and Medicare recipients and our veterans with the bill, I was not.” Although his partisan and divisive slant on the Republican intentions was not accurate, his point about paying for what you owe and not passing it onto others was commendable. In an August 2022 article in the Los Angeles Times, it was stated that Swalwell

still owed about \$85,400 in student loan debt. He has said that he does not favor student loan forgiveness which would be unfair to all Americans who would have to pay for the debt college students have decided to incur. However, he has led an effort to pass a “No Student Loan Interest Act” which seems to contradict his statement of “When you rack up a tab, you pay for it.” The interest on a loan is part of what you agree to when you sign the contract, and the lender should have the right to benefit from the loan. Perhaps Swalwell and his fellow Representatives should lead an effort to educate students at the high school level to understand the cost of a college education and the implications of taking on student loans that will be offered to them. That education should include how to budget loan payback based on potential earnings. College students need to understand that all loans they agree to are an obligation to pay the loan back. Swalwell needs to be a role model and demonstrate leadership for students to understand this important principle. They should never be giving the impression that someone else should eventually be required to bail them out of a commitment they made. If they are intelligent enough to earn a college degree, they should be intelligent and responsible enough to meet their financial obligations.

No City is an Island, Part One

Trish Munro, Livermore

From national to state to county to city to the individual, we are all connected and how we behave affects others. The goal of government at whatever level is to provide the best possible communities for people to thrive. This is always aspirational: resources are limited, the needs of individuals must be balanced with that of cities; the needs of cities with those of the region, and so on. So where does Livermore fit in? Cities are bound by state and federal law, both of which take precedence over city ordinances. So, it behooves Livermore to pay attention to how these laws will affect city resources—money, time, and effort.

Livermore has been doing that in a formal way since it adopted its first State and Federal Legislative Platform ten years ago, in 2013. It is updated on a yearly basis as Congress and the State Legislature propose bills across a wide range of topics. That Platform helps staff and council organize and prioritize federal and state bills and decide which of them to support and which to oppose.

How does that happen? The Platform is developed through reviewing City needs, goals, and issues (including paying attention to the General Plan, the Climate Action Plan, and similar policy statements), gathering staff input, and considering League of California Cities priorities and strategies. The resulting Platform then goes

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to the City Council to discuss and approve. When approved, the Platform gives staff direction on priorities. It allows staff, on the City Council's behalf and with the mayor as designated signatory, to communicate on behalf of Livermore and take quick action to support or oppose time-sensitive legislation.

This year, the City of Livermore Platform categories include Community-Focused Governance, Fiscal Stability, Affordable Housing and Homelessness, Planning, Climate and Environment, Building Safety, Infrastructure, Job Creation and Economic Development, Libraries, Public Safety and Emergency Management, Science, Technology, and Innovation, Transportation and Parking, and Water. Want to learn more? Here's the link to the relevant city website: <https://www.livermoreca.gov/departments/city-manager/legislative-efforts>. Or wait for a letter on each of the topics, starting with Community-Focused Governance

Religious Arguments
Glenn White, Dublin

I would like to thank Greg Scott for correcting me for sloppily attributing the quote, "insanity is repeating the same thing over again and expecting a different result", to Einstein (7/6/2023). Greg's story about Einstein's stubborn discounting of Quantum theory for years is a great example of "Stupid is, stubborn does", where stupidity isn't about intellect, but stubbornness, as Greg illustrated.

Continuing in this spirit of Reinforcement Learning (learning from mistakes), the 6/15/23 Asbury mockery of Jesus living with the homeless is confusing, since Jesus never asked anyone to live with the poor or homeless. Mocking Jesus for thinking mammon is the grand panacea to homelessness is also confusing, since Jesus's commandments regarding generosity and compassion are acts of individual faith, not acts of social justice. Ironically, it was Judas who faithlessly expressed mammon to be a panacea for the poor (John 12:1-8).

Elizabeth Judge's mockery of monotheistic male gods for being anti-choice (6/29/2023) appears to be based upon the blasphemous lie perpetuated by blasphemous churches that abortion is murder. As I explained in my letters (3/23/2023-4/13/2023), the Bible says life begins at birth (Genesis 2:7, Job 33:4) and the unborn are neither alive nor dead, but "never been"; non-existent (Ecclesiastes 4:1-3, Job 10:19). That's why Jesus said Judas' abortion would be good for Judas (Mark 14:21). Some abortions are good. None are murder. The mockery pretends it would be easier to convert peoples' religion to support pro-choice rather than simply asking folks to choose between abortion not being murder, accept-

ing what Jesus and the Bible say, or abortion being murder, therefore, rejecting what Jesus and the Bible say.

Perpetuating ignorance based on what appears to be religious bigotry with mockeries of Jesus and other peoples' religion only entrenches the opposition and does not advance the cause. Mocking Jesus and, by extension, religion, abandons all other arguments for a religious argument, as I've previously stated.

I personally find it much easier to acknowledge inconvenient facts and truth, rather than pretend to be a very stable genius. It appears Einstein finally came around to that realization also, as Greg's story explained.

Regarding Indian Human Rights

Ajay Dhillon, Pleasanton

This is in response to Mr. Ward Kanowsky's recent letter expressing disappointment with Congressman Eric Swalwell's refusal to sign the letter to President Biden. I fully support the Congressman's decision. What knowledge does Mr. Kanowsky have about India? He is going on with this mission on the communication he received from an old friend who may have his own biased opinion. India is a vibrant democracy with multiple political parties and a growing economy. Mr. Modi's government is doing its best for its people. He leads a nationalist party and there may be issues with his party base but who are we to judge him? He is answerable to the people who have overwhelmingly elected him and not to the American Congress. We as a nation have violated human rights all over the world and thousands of innocent civilians have lost their lives in the wars we have waged. We have violated the human rights of millions of African Americans during slavery and segregation till the Equal Rights Act was passed. So, what right do we have to lecture freely elected leaders in other countries? How would we feel if leaders of China, India or Russia would lecture President Biden on these issues on a state visit to their country? It was wrong for the 75 Congressmen to write that letter. One should look within before lecturing the world. Thanks

The Truth About Airport Complaints

Frank Doljack, Pleasanton

The recent letter in The Independent newspaper with proposals to "AGGRESSIVELY foster reduction of aircraft noise..." is not well thought out. "(a) require annual pilot training..." There are 460 tenants at LVK. Where and when will this annual training take place? Who are the trainers? Who pays for it? Many tenant airplanes are registered to LLCs and rented to multiple pilots who are not the lessee. How can all be trained? And

does not the training consist of instruction regarding the use of the airspace? Such training involving the use of airspace is strictly regulated by the FAA with certificated instructors and training content. See FAR Part 141 and Part 61. Therefore, the proposal is for the city to engage in an activity in violation of the FARs. Furthermore, this training requirement subterfuge does not escape interpretation as a restriction in violation of the Airport Noise and Capacity Act (ANCA) of 1990. "(c) publish monthly lists identifying pilots who violated these hours or exceeded 65 dB noise level." Where will these lists be published? How will the pilot doing the actual flying be identified? The name of the lessee cannot be accurately associated with the actual pilot flying during the time of complaint. And who is going to do the noise level measurement along with the follow-up policing? But probably the most important point, this proposal amounts to asking the City of Livermore to engage in public shaming with potential for follow-on harassment. Even most social platforms do not permit this. And what about all of the transient pilots, many from Concord, Hayward, San Carlos, Reid-Hillview, Palo Alto, as well as the hundreds of corporate jets that use the airport? Are they included or is this only for Livermore Airport tenants? Lastly, let us not be fooled by the annual number of complaints cited. For example, analysis of the April 2022 complaint register shows that just 9 households were responsible for 63 percent of 254 complaints registered. The total number of individual households complaining that month was 58. Fast forward to March 2023. Just 5 households were responsible for 80 percent of 172 complaints! Total number of complainers was just 34. An estimate of the number of residences under flight paths and possibly affected by airport noise is perhaps 2000, and only 58 complained that month of April 2022!

Ethics Policies Needed for Alameda County And the City of Dublin

Laura Smith, Deb Brown, Dublin

I echo the sentiments in your July 6, 2023 editorial. Unfortunately, the conflicts of interest in Supervisor Haubert's office and the past performance of Supervisor Miley (who represented Dublin at one time and ignored documents showing gross misconduct within his district) make them unlikely and unsuitable champions for ethics reform.

Dublin politics has long been plagued by cronyism, nepotism, and corruption. Our elected officials and our electorate have failed miserably to address and remedy the situation. The former general manager and his management team at our water retailer (DSRSD) abused their authority for

years. With the possible exception of Dan Scannell, the elected board did nothing. This is why current DSRSD directors Richard Halket and Georgan Vonheeder-Leopold and current Zone 7 director Dawn Benson should not be holding public office. Historically, we have had problems with the police department. This is why many of us would like to see Dublin have its own police department one day. Of course, the current City of Dublin management wouldn't recognize a scruple if it had a name tag on it. The abuses of authority extend over several administrations. The current city manager and her immediate team, the city attorney (champion of no-bid contracts and corrupt Dublin officials), and many employees in Community Development need to go and need to go now.

Without decent representation or ombudspersons, Dublin residents who have had legitimate complaints against the City of Dublin and agencies within Dublin have had virtually nowhere to go to have their issues addressed. There are no pro bono or low-cost legal services within Alameda County. Complainants end up complaining to the very people who are doing the harm/acting unethically. Malicious retaliatory actions usually are the result. Complainants and witnesses who can corroborate the bad acts are not afforded protection. If you must file your complaint with the Dublin police, be aware that the chief was hired by and reports to our horrible city manager. Although they should be there to protect us, the police answer to the city first and—in cases of city corruption—may not be aware of what really is going on. If you are a complainant/victim with a disability, you are really out of luck. That is why we need ADA compliance officers/coordinators within the city and county.

Let's take action! Contact us at forabetterdublin@hotmail.com.



Former Livermore resident Mary D. Benitez marked her 105th birthday with family and friends on June 23 in Camarillo, California. Mary's six living children, Raymond, Mary, Jim, Sara, David, Sallie and a few grandchildren, gathered to celebrate Mary. She is the last of a family of nine siblings and was born in Utopia, Texas on a ranch where they grew their own fruits and vegetables, as well as raised cattle, pigs and chickens. Mary keeps herself busy with sewing, embroidering, puzzles and continuing to attend Golden Circle.

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living adjustment for officers in the first year of the three-year contract, below the 10.5% increase asked for by the PPOA. The two parties have also disagreed on special-assignment pay and on whether to establish a master officer/sergeant program.

Pleasanton has historically gauged its police compensation against those in Milpitas, Fremont, Concord, San Leandro, Hayward, Livermore, Antioch, Union City and Walnut Creek, continued Jewell. Starting police officer salaries range from \$103,440 to \$126,017 annually in those cities, while Pleasanton's latest offer would bring its starting pay to \$111,056 per year.

During public comment at the June 6 city council meeting, Pleasanton Police Department (PPD) Sergeant and PPOA Vice President Chris Lewellyn tied staffing shortages, reduced hiring standards and the disbandment of specialized units to the insufficient pay offered by the city.

At the June 20 city council

meeting, PPD Sergeant Jason Hunter, PPOA board member, said, "Currently, we have 58 officers and sergeants working, fulfilling the work of 75 positions. That's not sustainable and the problem has persisted for approximately two years."

Out of the 16 positions currently unstaffed in the PPD, 11 are the result of either workers compensation or family leave. These employees are expected to return to work, said City Manager Gerry Beaudin at the June 20 meeting. And of the remaining five vacancies, the city has earmarked two for people currently working through the police academy and one for internal promotion.

"We're not experiencing a shortage of staff," he continued. "All 75 positions are funded. This is really just (a) routine transition of employees."

But the PPOA claimed, in a May 26 press release, that the city lowered its recruitment standards from a Peace Officer Standards

and Training score of 50 to 42 in order to fill vacancies.

"This community deserves and expects the highest level of service, and it is unfathomable that the city would lower its hiring standards to attempt to mask the crisis unfolding at the police department," wrote Jewell.

The PPD also disbanded three units in May amid the negotiations.

"What many residents are unaware of is that due to staffing shortages, there's currently no dedicated traffic enforcement unit," said PPD officer Rebecca Rodriguez.

The city, however, has maintained that the reassignments have not affected service levels.

"The city is not cutting units within the police department," wrote the city in a statement. "The department has reallocated personnel to meet the department's and our community's most critical needs. The levels of service provided by the police department, and response times have remained the same."

California Rangeland Trust Celebrates 25 Years

25 years ago, the California Rangeland Trust was born out of need—a need to keep ranchers on the land and a need to keep working lands productive in Cali-

ornia. The year was 1997—land prices were rising, taxes were becoming more burdensome, and the threat of development loomed over California’s rangelands. Feeling the pressures, some ranchers got out of the business altogether, while others moved across state lines to continue their operations. It seemed like the sustainability of California’s ranching industry was in jeopardy.



A group of early California Rangeland Trust Board and staff members. (Photo courtesy of the California Rangeland Trust Board)

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After networking and learning from groups like the Colorado Cattlemen’s Association who had created the Colorado Cattlemen’s Agricultural Land Trust (CCALT) a few years earlier, CCA determined there was enough traction to bring this proposal forward for a vote by its membership.

At the annual CCA Convention in December of 1997, the resolution was made by Jerry Hempstead, First Vice President of CCA, to create a committee of individuals to research and form a 501(c)3, later to be known as the California Rangeland Trust.

“It was a real close vote to pass the resolution. Ranchers feared that it would take away their property rights,” Hempstead recounted. “But once we explained that this was going to keep land in private enterprise, there was more of an acceptance.” Ultimately, the resolution passed, and that is when the real work began.

Getting Off the Ground

By mid-1998, CCA had appointed the first Board of Directors to govern the new organization.

Within the first year, the group outlined goals and laid a solid foundation. They sought to provide real tools, common vision, and collaborative opportunities for ranchers.

“This board was a trail-blazing board,” reflected original CCA Board Member Nita Vail. “This group of individuals was willing to problem solve and take risks to do this right because it is what they had to do in their everyday operations.”

Building Credibility

Credibility was one of the greatest challenges the organization faced. It presented itself as a classic chicken and egg situation: to build credibility, funding was needed, but funding required established credibility.

The first big break came when current U.S. Representative John Garamendi and his wife, Patricia, donated a conservation easement

on their Calaveras County ranch. Suddenly, there was a gaining interest in conservation easements from ranchers all over the state, which meant the organization need-

ed additional bandwidth.

In 2001, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation awarded a two-year capacity-building grant to assist in meeting this demand. With Macon ready to step down, the grant afforded the Trust the ability to bring on a new leader, which it found in Nita Vail.

Gaining Momentum

Historically, there has long been a division between agricultural and environmental interests. Vail recalled when she and a group of fellow Rangeland Trust members attended a Land Trust Alliance Rally (a national convention that brings together land trusts of all kinds) in the early 2000s. While standing in a coffee shop line dressed in

denim jeans, leather boots, and cowboy hats, the group overheard a person behind them scoff: “What are cowboys doing at a conservation convention? What an oxymoron!”

The Rangeland Trust spent many years countering stereotypes and working to establish itself as a bridge organization between ranchers and environmentalists. It developed relationships with government agency partners, worked to generate a broad base of philanthropic support, educated people from all walks of life on the public benefits of rangelands, and most importantly, it let the conservation impact of the ranching community speak for itself.

To strengthen the effec-

tiveness of its advocacy efforts, the Rangeland Trust joined forces in 2004 with four other state-wide agricultural land trusts to form an alliance. Known today as the Partnership of Rangeland Trusts (PORT), the coalition now has nine members which have collectively conserved nearly three million acres across the U.S.

By the end of its first 20 years, the Rangeland Trust had accomplished more than anyone had initially dreamed possible. It had worked with differing groups to establish common ground, and in doing so, it became the largest statewide land trust in California, having conserved over 320,000 acres of pristine rangeland for the benefit of all Californians.

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Firehouse Audience to Enjoy Mama Cass

Storyteller Karen Vuranch will take the audience at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton back to the 1960s for a “conversation” with Cass Elliot,” Mama Cass of the legendary folk-rock group The Mommas & the Poppas, on Tuesday, July 25.

Over four years, from 1965 to 1968, the band released five studio albums and 17 singles, including six Billboard Top 10 hits.

After the band broke up, Elliot, went on to release five solo albums, before the hard living singer died of a heart attack in 1974 at age of 32.

Vuranch is a writer, actress, and co-owner of VW Enterprises, a historical reenactment company in Fayetteville, West Virginia, with her husband, Gene Worthington.

Her presentation about Mama Cass is part of the Museum on Main’s monthly “An Afternoon with ...” and “An Evening with ...” Ed Kinney Series.

“Although it was cut

short, Cass Elliot had a fascinating life as the lead singer of the popular ‘60s band,” said Rachel Brickell, the museum’s director of education. “She was incredibly talented and vibrant as a singer and performer. In terms of her time with The Mamas & Papas, it will be interesting to hear about the tumultuous relationship dynamics and romantic entanglements within the folk-rock group.”

The afternoon presentation at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., will begin at 2 p.m., with the evening performance scheduled for 7 p.m. There will also be an online virtual presentation the following week.

Tickets for both the live and online performances begin at \$25, with discounts for seniors, students, and museum members, and are available online at nuseummain.org or by calling 925-462-2766.



Karen Vuranch will portray Mamma Cass Elliot of the folk-rock group The Mommas and the Poppas on Tuesday, July 25, at the Museum on Main in Pleasanton. (Photo courtesy of the Museum on Main)

GREENVILLE

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properties for sale, and he had no idea about the city’s intentions.

“I really don’t know,” Buffington said. “I just heard that they’re looking to do stuff like that, but not yet.”

The East of Greenville Focus Area is located outside the city limits, but within Livermore’s Sphere of Influence, a term meant for land on the border that could be annexed. The entire area of about 1,638 acres is outside Livermore’s Urban Growth Boundary, east of Greenville Road, west of the aqueduct, and between the 580 freeway to the north and Tesla Road to the south. Mostly undeveloped, it includes utilities and a few large lot rural residential homes, a city report stated.

As the city works on writing a new General Plan to direct growth through 2045, the East of Greenville Focus Area drew the attention of the city council earlier this year. The council directed the staff to look at it as a potential for job growth, but limited any development that would occur there to non-residential uses.

In May and June, the city’s GPAC met and discussed several ways the land area could be utilized. Those involved believe the East of Greenville Focus Area could be used for business to generate 4,800 to 5,100 jobs by 2045; aid the city’s economy; increase sales, property and business

license tax revenue; create a way to permanently protect the Altamont Range for agriculture, ranching and wildlife movement; expand parks; connect trails; lead to educational facilities with degree programs; and provide a more attractive entry to eastern Livermore and south Livermore Wine Country.

So far, GPAC has talked about balancing agriculture and the needs of the South Livermore area with employment generation. The body’s members have discussed limiting commercial development, identifying the benefits of changing land uses and adjusting the city limits.

Whatever plan eventually goes forward, the GPAC committee has recommended the area south of the aqueduct be preserved for agricultural uses; the Department of Water Resources Patterson Reservoir and the Western Area Power Administration substation remain unchanged; a public or private research campus or college be located adjacent or close to the national laboratories; and industrial land be used for technology campuses and manufacturing facilities. The panel rejected all residential uses.

For any of this to happen, Livermore residents would have to pass a ballot measure to allow the city to expand beyond the Urban Growth Boundary, and the city would have to buy private property and

annex unincorporated land currently under Alameda County’s jurisdiction. A staff report said it could take “many years” before any development could occur and spill beyond the targets in the 2045 General Plan.

Buffington said county land surrounds some of his clients’ properties, making accessing it somewhat difficult.

Since the land became available for purchase before the pandemic, Buffington said he has received a number of calls from out-of-state developers, including some who wanted to place solar farms on the land. Nothing panned out.

One of Buffington’s client’s, Mike Fuller Motorsports, Inc., has listed 125.5 acres for sale at 18 Greenville Road. Another client, Doris E. House and Beverly J. Brooks Trust, has two parcels totalling 32 acres listed at \$1.5 million on US Highway 50 East north of the 580 Freeway and south of Altamont Road.

In addition to the Greenville sites, the council also discussed a fourth property in northwest Livermore during its closed session. The property in Doolan Canyon, north of the I-580 Freeway and west of the city limit, is owned by the city. The agenda item indicates it could be sold or leased to East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD).

According to the Alameda County Assessor’s Office, the site is nearly

138 acres at 5658 Doolan Road. A 3,654-square-foot barn that includes a 1,512-square-foot living area with a kitchen and bathroom is on the property, along with a 2,142-square-foot garage. It last sold in December 2018 for \$1.775 million.

Although the GPAC committee’s June staff report said the panel had stressed the importance of preserving open space and beautifying the area, possible changes to the land have already drawn concern from residents who advocate for open space and agriculture.

“The South Livermore Valley Area Plan vision was very clear — to ensure the survival and enhancement of this century-old wine region,” 60-year Livermore resident Jean King told the GPAC panel on June 14. “It was four years in the making and provided the framework for the county to work with local cities, landowners, citizen groups, developers and viticulturists to rejuvenate the South Livermore Valley as a premium wine producing region.”

She pointed out that one of the methods of protecting the lands from development was establishing agricultural easements in perpetuity.

“Encourage cooperation and consultation with all the interested parties when considering the area east of Greenville. This is not a quick and easy decision,” King concluded.

MAYOR

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Committee, East Bay Regional Park District Liaison Committee, Zone 7 Water Agency Liaison Committee and Liaison Committees for San Ramon and Pleasanton.

At her event, Hu explained her motivation for running for mayor. “I believe in giving back to the commu-

nity,” said Hu. “In the past, I volunteered in their schools as a classroom parent at Kolb Elementary school and was vice president of the Fallon Middle School PTA. As a co-founder of Above Beyond Leadership Education (ABLE), recognized as the City of Dublin 2023

Organization of the Year, I have developed a leadership program for students and parents, generating resources for local schools and churches. I have the energy and ideas to effectively lead our community.”

“Dublin has had an impressive list of strong lead-

ers in our city’s history,” said Hu. “I want to take the City of Dublin to the next level for our citizens. I enjoy a wide band of support in the community. I want to translate that energy into action.”

For more information, visit www.sherryhu.com.

AIRPORT

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questioning it. I don’t know what the hurry was.”

But Councilmember Evan Branning said it was time to end the building moratorium imposed last summer following KaiserAir’s decision to move on from an unpopular 2.5-year proposal to house three 737 jets at the site.

Branning said further delays in a written development policy might invite a “determined developer” and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to force unwanted airport projects on the city. He believed that more discussion of residents’ concerns related to noise and pollution can occur later in policies on how the airport operates.

“I believe what we have in this policy is something that really gives us the opportunity to choose what we build at the airport,” Branning said. “The most important thing to me as a former planning commissioner was that I did not want to end up in a situation where we are told what to build at the airport. I wanted to make sure that along the way, in this policy, we’ve always had a choice.”

The “City of Livermore Leasing and Development Policy” sets in place application and processing procedures for businesses hoping to operate at LVK. It also includes provisions to enable the public and city officials to scrutinize proposals that could impact neighborhoods around the airport.

“An applicant proposing to develop a project that would noticeably increase aircraft activity, vehicle traffic, noise to surrounding neighbors, and/or significantly intensify existing land use(s), will be required to develop a comprehensive Public Engagement Plan (PEP) designed to inform the public as to the scope and scale of the proposed project,” one policy states.

“The PEP shall be prepared by an independent

third-party consultant paid for by the applicant and contracted by the city and is subject to review and approval by the city,” the policy continued. “PEP scope will be required to include details on how community engagement will occur and provide opportunities for public input and questions.”

Besides setting application and approval procedures, the document contains provisions for building design, including size and appearance, the length of setbacks, landscaping allowed, and even where flagpoles and garbage cans are placed.

“It is the goal of the city to ensure airport property is leased and developed in a high-quality manner consistent with sound fiscal management and best operational practices while ensuring the provision of essential infrastructure, improvements, and amenities that support the overall operation of the airport,” the policy states.

Among its key points are conserving natural resources and minimizing impacts of noise, air and water pollution on the environment; fostering voluntary noise reduction efforts at night; taking action to prevent PFAS, so-called “forever chemicals” contained in firefighting foam that have been found in groundwater in many cities, including Pleasanton; and maintaining transparency with surrounding residents.

The policy also states that the city must encourage development to respond to aviation demand to prevent aircraft from moving on to other airports.

The council’s approval came two weeks after postponing their decision following some last-minute revisions and suggestions for improvement from residents during a lengthy public hearing. Many speakers believed the policy was not strong enough on noise and environmental issues, including

pushing for the phase out of leaded fuel, which spews harmful particles into the air. Airports across the country are slowly working toward phasing out leaded fuel, but unleaded products are continuing to be developed with pilot safety concerns at the forefront.

Pete Sandhu, who operates River Rivers Aviation, the lone fuel seller at LVK, indicated he would like to sell unleaded fuel but indicated FAA bureaucracy is delaying the move.

“While (unleaded fuel) is available, each and every operator needs to buy a license to legally use it,” Sandhu said. “That’s something that Congress is putting pressure on them right now to resolve and that would be fantastic. We would like to offer the 94 octane to anybody that wants to use it, and eventually the 100 octane unleaded to anybody who wants to use it and when that’s available, there’s no need to have leaded fuel.”

Sandhu said he hopes to install solar panels at the airport and use them to power electric and hydrogen fuel-cell aircraft, whose electric motors create far less noise than their gasoline counterparts, “about the same as a normal conversation heard from across a football field.”

Some residents suggested postponing the policy approval for up to two months to strengthen language in the document, primarily for environmental concerns and to curtail noise. Jean King, a 60-year Livermore resident, suggested more information on unleaded fuel and PFAS be included. King criticized when officials released an updated version of the document before Monday’s meeting.

“The last time a new edition was sent out to the public was at 4:41,” King said. “This time, a new edition was sent out I believe at 5:10 or 5:20. I think that is still too

late to bring new information to the public. I would ask you to again continue the airport development policy to a future date.”

But in the end, the council said enough time had passed.

“I’m not interested in continuing this further. We’ve been on a moratorium now for nearly a year,” Council member Robert Carling said. “I think it’s time that we make a decision this evening about moving forward with a policy that I think is much better than what we had a year ago.”

Carling credited city staff for writing the document and said the policy is needed to implement some of what residents want, including unleaded fuel.

“If we don’t have a policy, we can’t develop some of these new exciting technologies,” Carling said. “We

can’t implement unleaded fuel. We can’t consider what we might look to the future in terms of electric vehicles, evergreen fuels, electric airplanes, and any potential fuel cell airplanes as well. So I’m ready to move on with this.”

Following the council’s approval, the council voted unanimously to have City Attorney Jason Alcalá look into a policy to ensure compliance with airport operations, such as terminating lease agreements for hangars for those who violate noise

rules, violate curfew or fly low over the city.

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Livermore Resident Set to Perform Outdoor Concert at Bankhead

Jack Quigley, a local resident who performs as a solo artist and with Bay Area bands, will present a mix of acoustic rock and soul music in the Madden Courtyard of the Bankhead Theater in Livermore on Friday, July 14.

Quigley is also music director for the Valley Montessori School in Livermore, where he teaches more than 450 children from preschool through eighth grade, and was co-founder at the Center for Spiritual Living Livermore Valley.

The outdoor courtyard concert will begin at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

The Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., will lead off August with Japanese pianist and composer Keiko Matsui.

Matsui, who made her U.S. recording debut in 1987 with "A Drop of Water," has released 20 albums, including seven that reached Billboard's Contemporary Jazz Top 10.

In 2021, the album "Deep Blue," reached No. 1.

Matsui, whose latest album is titled "Euphoria," will bring her smooth jazz, along with some rhythm and blues, to Livermore as part of the Bankhead Presents series on Friday,

Aug. 4.

The performance begins at 8 p.m. Tickets begin at \$63.

The following day, Saturday, Aug. 5, the Bankhead will host actress and stand-up comic Maria Bamford.

Known for her self-deprecating comedy and jokes about her dysfunctional family, late-night talk show host Stephen Colbert once called Bamford his "favorite comedian on earth."

In addition to her stand-up comedy, Bamford has appeared in dozens of movies and television shows, including the 2016 Netflix original series, "Lady Dynamite," where she played herself in the title role.

The performance is scheduled for 8 p.m., with tickets starting at \$45.

The last Bankhead Theater courtyard concert of the summer, at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 11, will feature the local group Matt Finders and Friends,

A Livermore resident who spent 17 years playing trombone with the Tonight Show Band, Finders also performed with Benny Goodman, the Mel Lewis Jazz Orchestra, Toshiko Akioyoshi Jazz Orchestra, Clark Terry Big Bad Band, Blood Sweat and Tears, and Harry Connick, Jr.

Since 2013, he has directed jazz programs at Mendenhall and East Avenue Middle Schools in Livermore. He also started Jazz Lab Music Camps and formed the teen jazz band, Element 116.

Matt Finders and Friends includes Noel Catura on saxophone, John Whitney on guitar, Kelly Fasman on drums, John Burr on piano, and vocalist Karen Marguth.

Tickets are \$20. The following week, on Saturday Aug. 19, the all-female quintet, Mustangs of the West, will make an appearance at the Bankhead Theater.

The group, then known as the Mustangs, first appeared on the West Coast music scene in the late 1980s.

After breaking up in the mid 1990s, three of the

original members recently reunited, including guitarist Sherry Rayn Barnett, vocalist and guitarist Suzanna Spring, and vocalist and bassist Holly Montgomery. New members include Aubrey Richmond on the fiddle and Suzanne Morissette on drums.

Tickets to the 8 p.m. performance begin at \$25.

Then, right before the school year starts, on Friday, Aug. 25, the Bankhead Theater will present "Mike Super: Magic and Illusion."

In 2007, Super was named the winner among 10 mentalists on the NBC competition TV show "Phenomenon."

He also appeared on "America's Got Talent" in 2014, when he was named Entertainer of the Year by Campus Activities Magazine, and has received two Merlin Awards from the

International Society of Magicians.

Tickets to the 8 p.m. performance begin at \$84.



Artist Jack Quigley will perform a mix of acoustic rock and soul music at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore on Friday, July 14. (Photo courtesy of the Bankhead Theater)

ComicCon Event is Coming to Livermore

Livermore Valley Arts will host ComicCon Livermore at the Bankhead Plaza from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 22.

ComicCon is free and will include comic books, toy anime, collectibles, costume contest, and food vendors.

In addition, the UNCLE Credit Union Gallery inside the Bankhead Theater will be exhibiting a multimedia display of artwork from comics, illustrations, and graphic novels.

The exhibit, "Comic Crossing: The Art of the Graphic Novel," will run from July 13 to Oct. 8.

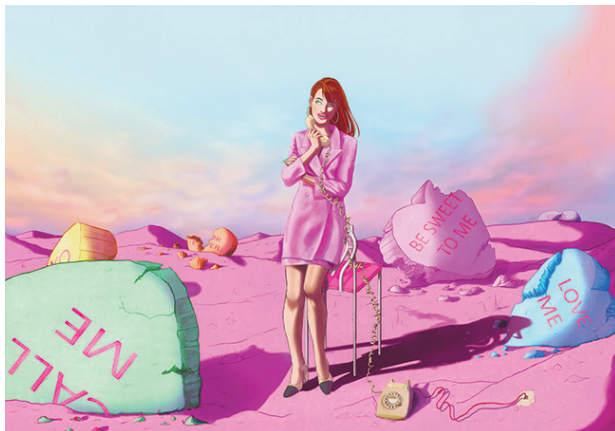
It will include video of Jessica Nagel and her work on a graphic novel and an artificial intelligence display created by retired

software engineer Thom See that allows the public to extend a four-frame storyboard by responding to prompts.

The exhibit will also include works by Livermore resident Doug Sandelin, who weaves flora, fauna, fungi, and humanity into his art, digital artist Christine McCall, and San Francisco-based artist Magué Calanche, who gives a Latin America narrative to her 2-D and 3-D works.

The Founders Room at the theater will showcase fantasy art.

The UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery, 2400 First St., is open to the public 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday through Sunday, and to theater patrons during performances.



ComicCon is coming to the Bankhead Plaza in Livermore on Saturday, July 22 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature a variety of activities and exhibits including this one from local artist Ney Hoato. (Photo courtesy of Livermore Valley Arts)

'Encanto' Showing at Emerald Glen Park on Friday, July 14

Dublin's free outdoor movie series, Picnic Flix, continues this week with a showing of "Encanto" at Emerald Glen Park, 4201 Central Parkway, on Friday, July 14.

"Encanto" is a 2021 animated musical fantasy from Walt Disney Studios about a Colombian family who live in a magic house.

Every member of the family also has a magical power, except Mirabel, a teenage girl who must save her family when they begin losing the powers.

The movie is rated PG and will begin at dusk, between 8:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Families are encouraged to bring blankets or low-back chairs for seating and to dress warmly. No pets allowed.

Food and snacks will be available for purchase beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will also be games and other activities for children.

Remaining movies in the series are:

July 21 - "Rumble" (PG) at Don Biddle Community Park.

July 28 - "Turning Red" (PG) at Dublin Heritage Park and Museums.



TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Now to Aug. 22 TUESDAY TUNES

The Livermore Cultural Arts Council will host concerts on the Shea Homes Stage in Livermore Plaza by the Bankhead Theater, from 6:45 pm to 8:15 p.m., on Tuesdays from June 13 to Aug. 22, with no 4th of July concert. The family-friendly series continues June 20 with "Dirty Cello," and "Frankie Bones Project" on June 27. Restarting July 11, the lineup is "LunaFish," "John and Lynn Take 2," "Chris Bradley Band," "The Hurricane Band," folk singer songwriter "Michael McNevin," "Sacred Fire," and "Jeff Bordes & Friends w/ Matt Axton." For more information, visit lcaac.org.

Saturday, July 15 2ND ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Mark the calendars for the 2nd Annual Car Show with cool cars, a bounce house, sensory-friendly activities, games, and more, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at Valley Community Church in Pleasanton. This is an adaptive and inclusive event for people of all ages with disabilities/special needs and their families.

Saturday, July 22 COMICCON LIVERMORE!

Join in on a day of adventure, creativity, and family fun at ComicCon Livermore! From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., this free event is an incredible day of fun and excitement featuring toy anime, face painting, a comic exhibition at the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery at The Bankhead Theater, vendors with items for sale, comic creators, science-fiction and fantasy displays, and hands-on projects to make-and-take. There's something for everyone at ComicCon Livermore! Livermore Valley Arts is located at 2400 1st St., in Livermore. For more information or tickets, visit rb.gy/o8eq0.

Sunday, July 23 HOUSE CONCERT

Saravá is a Brazilian Jazz Quartet that combines the Brazilian songbook with an American jazz sensibility. The group visits different corners of Brazilian music, including bossa nova and samba, as well as styles from the Brazilian Northeast. The event is in-person attendance and on livestream from 2 to 4 p.m. For a recent recording, visit facebook.com/SaravaGroove/videos. To request seating, email info@livermorejazzsociety.org or fill out the form at livermorejazzsociety.org/reserve-seats. If seating is available, attendees will receive a formal invitation, including the performance location. For more information, visit livermorejazzsociety.org. Suggested donation is \$20 per person, but donations of any amount are most welcome.

Monday, Aug. 7 to Tuesday, Sept. 26 HOPE HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUPS

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. The services are offered at no charge to the local community, even if your loved one was not on the hospice service. Hope's grief support services are free of charge, but registration in advance is suggested by phone 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. Services for young children are temporarily paused until in-person group gatherings can be resumed. General Grief runs from Aug. 7 to Sept. 25, on Mondays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Spousal and Partner Loss runs from Aug. 8 to Sept. 26, on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Single-Day Class takes place on Monday, July 10, from 2 to 3 p.m. Introduction to Grief and Loss is a short program open to both the bereaved and friends of a grieving person who want to learn about the grief process. Loss of a Child support group runs from Aug. 8 to Sept. 26, on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Teens Group attendees are asked to call for dates. These groups are offered once per quarter. For those who cannot make these dates, call (925) 829-8770 to be placed on the interest list for the following quarter.

Thursday, Aug. 10 LIVERMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS: BIRDING IN PANAMA

Armchair Travelers will take place at 1:30 p.m. in the

Civic Center Library Storytime Room, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. Dave Yeamans will present a slideshow entitled "Birding in Panama." Yeamans will share stories of his recent trip to Panama and show 100 photos of the incredible birds and animals he saw there. Registration is not necessary to attend this free program.

Saturday, Aug. 19 to Oct. 6 JOYFUL CANVAS SHOW

Together with the John Muir Auxiliary and the Livermore Art Association present Joyful Canvas, a juried show open to all. Art will be on show at the gallery at John Muir Health Auxiliary, Aspen Gallery, Walnut Creek. For more information or to register, visit livermoreartassociation.org. Participants are asked to register by Aug. 1.

Sunday, Aug. 20 ART IN THE PARK

Art in the Park takes places from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Carnegie Park, 2155 Third St., in Livermore. Registration and information are available at livermoreartassociation.org. Attendees are asked to register by Aug. 12. For more information, contact Peggy Kervin at gallery@livermoreart.org.

Sunday, Aug. 27 TOUR HAGEMANN RANCH

Take a self-guided walking tour of historic Hagemann Ranch at your own pace, without the crowds, and view the renovated buildings dating from 1869. During the tour, attendees can speak with knowledgeable docents and learn the history of this unique historic site. The horses and goats will be available for visits from 2 to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 16 AMADOR CLASS OF '73 REUNION

Amador's Class of '73 will celebrate their 50th reunion from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Amador Recreation Center, behind the Aquatic Center, at 4333 Black Ave., in Pleasanton. There will be an all-you-can-eat authentic taco-bar picnic, games, music and more. Cost is \$55 per person via Venmo to [lividavispavich](https://venmo.com/lividavispavich), or write and mail checks to Lori Pavich ~ '73 Reunion, 640 Ruth Way, Livermore, CA, 94550. Include maiden name and guest's name if applicable. This event is limited to classmates only and one guest per classmate. For more information, contact Lori Davis Pavich at lpavich@aol.com; Maureen Morley at mblmlover@aol.com; or Monica Mitchell at Monsub@yahoo.com.

Tuesday, Sept. 21 and Tuesday, Sept. 28 CACTUS CORNERS SQUARE-DANCING LESSONS

Cactus Corners is a local nonprofit offering free square-dancing lessons on Sept. 21 and 28 to new dancers. Then, they continue with learning new steps through the rest of the year. Anyone age 8 and up is invited to this great activity for the entire family, where they can have fun and make new friends. The meets take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at 2253 5th St., in Livermore. For more information or to be placed on the class notification list, email mmiller1435@gmail.com or call 925-447-6980.

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES TOPSCIENCE

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

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS PLEASANTON FARMERS MARKET

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

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

The Unitarian Universalist Church is welcoming to all. Join in on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for music, singing, and conversation. The church is located at 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore CA 94551. For more information, visit uucil.org.

Email non-profit events to calendar@independentnews.com for newspaper calendar and visit our website www.independentnews.com to promote all events online.

OBITUARIES

Lorene Brown Jellinghausen March 19, 1928 – July 5, 2023

Lorene Brown Jellinghausen, beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend, passed away peacefully at home on July 5, 2023, at the age of 95. Lorene was born on March 19, 1928, in Lovell, Wyoming to Effie Vilate Averett Brown and Ruel Elgen Brown.

Lorene received her college education at Brigham Young University, majoring in Business Education. She taught school in Cowley, Wyoming and Richfield, Utah before moving to Concord, California where her two sisters resided to teach in West Pittsburg.

She met and married her husband, Karl in 1959, settling in Livermore, California, where she and Karl raised their family together.

Lorene was a very active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She served as an organist and pianist in the church for over 70 years. She was very musically talented and felt that music was her calling in life. Lorene loved serving with her husband, Karl as a Temple worker in the Oakland Temple. Performing that service together brought them both a great deal of joy.

Lorene was a gifted seamstress and cook. Not only did she delight her family



with her delicious meals and desserts but won many blue ribbons and Best of Show at the Alameda County Fair for her delectable faire. Lorene loved to sew clothing for her girls as they grew. She also enjoyed making all types of quilts and enjoyed taking classes to learn many of the new quilting techniques through the years. Many of her other interests were cross-stitching, painting and making ceramic dolls. Lorene was an active member of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

Lorene is survived by her daughters, Peggy Jellinghausen, Lori Cummings (Jay), and Staci Johnson

(Daron), 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, as well as her siblings Ethel Stan and Edward Brown. She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Karl Jellinghausen and their baby daughter Kari, as well as her parents, siblings, Norman Brown, Ruel Brown and Elva Shaw.

Lorene was excited to be reunited with her husband and daughter, whom she missed dearly, along with the rest of her family and friends. We know it is a joyous reunion.

Services for Lorene will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, July 14, 2023, at 950 Mocho Street, Livermore, California.

Services will also be broadcast via zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/2533957925?pwd=R2Iwb0EwamhqQUppenFTm5ETTlFQT09> (https://zoom.us/j/2533957925?pwd=R2Iwb0EwamhqQUppenFTm5ETTlFQT09)

Meeting ID:
253 395 7925
Passcode: 839429
Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Jellinghausen family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

Silvia Miranda Castro Dec. 24, 1948 – March 23, 2023 Resident of Livermore

Surrounded by her loved ones after a long battle with cancer, Silvia Miranda went home to God and the loved ones that preceded her on March 23, 2023. She is survived by her husband, Anastacio, and her children, the light of her life: Angelica (Jose) Somoza, Michael Castro, Silvia (Brett) Neal, Roselynn (Darryl) Nixon, Anthony Castro; four grandchildren: Rafael, Isabella, Violet and Jazia. She is survived by her father, Enrique, brothers Mario and Henry and sisters Alicia and Caroline, countless cousins, many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends who are forever grateful for the gifts of time, love, wisdom and support she offered to her family. A private service to celebrate the life of Silvia was held on July 8, 2023, at her home in Livermore. Please contact any family member for information.



Patricia Bascon Bacol Mendoza



Patricia Bascon Bacol Mendoza, 86, surrounded by her loving family, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 29, 2023. She was a loving wife, steadfast life partner and helpmate, nurturing mother, and adoring grandmother.

Pat is survived by Benjamin, her husband of almost 62 years; daughters Alicia Mendoza (Stephen Franaszek), Monica Casey (John Casey), Margaret Mendoza; and grandchildren Matthew Franaszek, Thomas Franaszek, Jonathan Franaszek, Serafina Casey, Brodan Casey, and Belisse Casey.

Livermore, CA, 94550.

A memorial Mass will be held on July 21, 11 a.m., at St. Michael Catholic Church, 458 Maple Street, Livermore, California, 94550. In lieu of gifting flowers, you may consider a donation to The American Diabetes Association, The Diabetes Research Institute, The National Kidney Foundation, or to Stanford Hospital in Palo Alto, California.

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

A Rosary will be held July 20, 6 p.m., at Callaghan Mortuary and Livermore Crematory, 3833 East Avenue,

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Ty Ross Graham Sr. May 11, 1943 – June 10, 2023



Ty Ross Graham Sr. resident of Livermore passed away June 10, 2023.

He was born in Pasadena California on May 11, 1943, to Joanne and Francis Graham. Ty was one of five siblings; one older brother and 3 younger sisters. Ty is preceded in death by both parents and his older brother Billy.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years Nancy Graham of Livermore, son Ty Graham Jr. of Livermore, five stepchildren, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Ty was a great family man. He loved to work and enjoyed working. In

Southern Cal, he owned his own equipment rental business, before moving up to the Bay Area in 1983. He started working right away for Claridge Equipment in San Leandro and ended up retiring after 30 years in 2014.

After retirement, you

could find Ty doing one of two things. Sitting in his garage enjoying life and drinking a beer... He always had a smile on his face, telling jokes, and getting in some good laughs. Ty was loved by all, and he will be missed deeply. We love you.

A celebration of life will be held for family and friends at the Elks Lodge on Larkspur Drive in Livermore from noon to 4 p.m., on Aug. 12, 2023.

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

JAIL

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preventable delays would be disastrous."

The report titled "The Santa Rita Jail Mental Health Building: Will it ever see the light of day?" comes a year after a federal judge placed the facility under a Consent Decree that allows him to monitor massive changes required for how mental health care is provided at the county's primary jail.

The Consent Decree followed the settlement of a lawsuit filed on behalf of inmates in 2018 that charged that the facility needed more staffing and mental health programs to deal with one of the highest suicide rates for jails in the nation. Under the settlement, Alameda County officials must implement procedures to improve the delivery of mental health care to inmates, expand their out-of-cell time and provide Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations for prisoners with mental health disabilities. It also includes provisions for use-of-force, discharge planning, coordinating emergency mental health care with John George Psychiatric Hospital and suicide prevention.

According to the Grand Jury report, as of December, new plans were designed

and are undergoing approval with various state agencies.

"The scope change removed medical treatment facilities and any beds or housing," the report said. "Only clinical treatment rooms, classrooms for group therapy and education and office space will be provided. There are no facilities in the new design to house or treat severely mentally ill persons or to stabilize patients in crisis."

In addition, the Grand Jury said the county is years behind in finishing what originally was set to open in 2019 because of a vital need.

"The motivation behind the application came about as the ACSO recognized the number of persons in custody suffering from mental health issues, substance abuse and addiction were increasing dramatically," the report said. "The Sheriff's Department saw an opportunity to both correct the lack of treatment space and improve mental health care currently available to persons in custody."

The project originally included remodeling two housing units for mentally ill incarcerated inmates, adding an OB/GYN clinic, and space for medical treatment.

The project stalled later that year when the building to be renovated was found to be unsuitable for the plan and too expensive to bring into code. A new plan was needed.

"Now, in 2023, eight years after state funding was awarded, MHPSU, originally slated for completion May 30, 2019, still has not broken ground," the report said.

The Grand Jury investigation blames the county's General Services Agency, which in 2019 was chided in another Grand Jury report for failing to get capital projects completed. The latest report cited the need for competent management and strict oversight.

"Witnesses told the Grand Jury that until recently, the inter-departmental communications regarding the project often lacked clarity and clear direction," the report said. "Concerns were raised about inadequate management and communication about the technical nature of the MHPSU building plans. Several witnesses stated that the right questions were not being asked of the right people, resulting in time wasted rescheduling meetings and tracking down answers."

The department estab-

lished new management in 2021 and has improved but is dealing with a staff shortage and slow recruiting process, the report said.

The report also faults the Board of Supervisors for failing to conduct a performance audit – as they said they would in 2020 – of the General Services Agency (GSA), a county department that the Board would oversee. The Grand Jury found no evidence that ever happened.

In addition to getting a MHPSU under way, the Grand Jury suggested the Board require the GSA to provide quarterly progress reports on the MHPSU; work with the county's Human Resource Services to quicken the hiring process; audit the GSA's work; and "develop a workflow and progress status for all departments and be mindful to present in layman's terms."

The Grand Jury required the ACSO and Board of Supervisors to respond; and invited responses from GSA, county Human Resources and county Health Care Services.

County officials did not respond to requests for comment.

GRADING

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scale to a 0-4 scale to show whether or not students have learned a concept, eliminating graded homework and deadlines, and allowing for test retakes.

Some of these changes were implemented in a trial group of 28 teachers across the district during the 2022-23 school year. Another 80 teachers are scheduled to participate in a trial program for this fall. The merits of having a second test group will be discussed at the requested special meeting.

Funk said the standards-based practices will better show how students have mastered concepts, rather than how well they played the game of figuring out what teachers want.

"We should measure kids' mastery of content standards versus other influences of their grades," he said. "I think if this type of change is made and this type of focus in grading is made, it will benefit all kids."

The 37 parents, students and teachers who spoke at the June 27 meeting disagreed. The comments defended traditional practices of grading based on student's abilities to learn content within a set time limit or on the first attempt at a test. Most of the speakers said there was not enough time to schedule retakes as they build up over the school year, and the ability to meet deadlines was a necessary skill needed to succeed in college and careers. Many also asked why the district was trying to fix something that wasn't broken.

One parent, who gave her name only as K. K., said her son was part of the eighth-grade science cohort group, and the experience had not been positive.

"I strongly oppose this change because of the negative impact the change had on my child's mental health and his work ethic," she told the board. "Contrary to what we are being told here, his cohort was allowed zero test retakes ... this new system is not helping."

Another speaker, an educator and DUSD parent who gave her name as Meedgi, said even though all students can be started equitably, it goes against nature to expect them to finish equitably.

"What you are trying to do – you give extra credits, you allow cheating – which is against your own board policy," she said, noting an attempt to force equal results on all students is a communist tactic. "How do we prepare our high-achiever students to compete in a world where China, India use this traditional system, and we are withholding it from our students?"

She said rather than telling students they can be anything, they should be told the truth about their possibilities based on their scholastic efforts.

Funk said he is not trying to implement all of the suggestions in his presentation, just a few.

"I am not after a wholesale change of the grading system," he said. "I am actually asking us to research and experiment on ways we can be more accurate and more bias-resistant and increase kids' motivation to stay in school. If we could just make certain tweaks with some of these concepts, I think that will be a huge win for all our students."

For more information on DUSD or to see the schedule of board meetings, visit www.dublin.k12.ca.us.

SHELTER

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chitecture, which donated its time to the project, the rebuild will replace the old shelter with a new 45-bed building.

With the county's \$2 million now added to another \$2.5 million already raised for the project, Dillman expects other foundations to come on board to help fund the estimated \$6.5 million total cost, as some donors have preferred to wait until funding approached 75% before committing.

Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert, who led the charge for the budget amendment in favor of the shelter, said in a Tri-Valley Haven press release, "I am committed to the residents in my district and to eliminating domestic violence and poverty. By promoting Tri-Valley Haven's Domestic Violence Shelter Rebuild, children and adults who have endured unimaginable violence and abuse will have a safe

refuge to heal and rebuild their lives for years to come. That is something we all can support."

The county decision came alongside the adoption of its fiscal year 2023-24 budget, which managed to close a "funding gap of \$54 million through a combination of spending reductions, revenue increases and the use of prior year savings," according to County Administrator Susan Muranishi.

Dillman now expects the rebuild project to break ground around January 2024, with project completion about 18 months after.

"We're very grateful that Supervisor Haubert stepped up, and Supervisor Miley and Supervisor Elisa Márquez," she continued. "The cities of Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin are also supporting the project, so residents will have a safe place to heal and thrive."



The Tri-Valley Pickleball Club held an “Introduction to Pickleball” event at Livermore’s May Nissen Park on Saturday, July 8. The racket sport is gaining in popularity throughout the Tri-Valley, appealing to both youth and older adults. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Pickleball Popularity Bouncing Off the Charts

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Pickleball is rolling through Livermore, picking up players left and right.

The racket sport is growing across the country and courts can be found in several locations throughout the city.

“The popularity of pickleball has definitely grown over the last few years,” said Jan Palajac of the Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District (LARP). “The LARP drop-in program in the gym often has a large group of people ... the courts at May Nissen and Livermore Downs are heavily used during peak playing times.”

Members of the Tri-Valley Pickleball Club (TVPC) – founded just last year – are thrilled with this growth. Their mission is to promote the sport of pickleball and advocate for courts, resources, player development and support. Its ranks have swelled to over 400 members in the past year.

TVPC Vice President Robert Beanland and TVPC Secretary Lori Dorsey said their monthly events range from beginner clinics to potlucks to open games and all are well attended.

“This is a very social sport,” said Beanland. “You don’t have to find three other players you feel comfortable playing with, you can just show up and play. The second thing is you can feel proficient enough to play with most players within an

hour. And you can play as little or as long as you like.”

Dorsey explained their club utilizes WhatsApp chats for many local courts, allowing members to post about where and when they are playing and encourage others to show up. When players arrive, they hold their spot in line with their paddles and cycle through, taking turns.

“You can play for half an hour, or three hours,” she said.

Pickleball was designed by three fathers in 1965 who were looking for ways to occupy their children during the summer. Enthusiasm for the sport quickly grew into today’s version of the game that combines elements of tennis, badminton and racquetball. Two to four players use paddles to volley a whiffle ball over a net on a court that is about half the size of a tennis court. Due to the smaller size of the playing area and the lighter ball, pickleball is considered a good sport for people who are unable to cover a larger tennis court, but still want the active movement that comes with a racket sport.

“I’ve met over 300 people that I play with and I know a good 100 people well that I play with often,” Dorsey said. “It’s another level of your social life as you age. There are a lot of people in their 40s, 50s, and 60s who play, and there are also a lot of younger people playing now.”

TVPC’s mantra is to grow the game, help players

improve and create a social community. The group was influential in helping the City of Pleasanton design its new courts at Muir Woods Park, and they intend to advocate for more courts in the area. Currently, Livermore has eight courts in May Nissen Park – four designated courts and four striped for both pickleball and tennis – as well as four dedicated courts at Livermore Downs Park, one painted onto a tennis court at Jack Williams Park, and up to six indoor courts at the Robert Livermore Community Center, available depending on programming.

TVPC is getting ready to host its Second Annual Tri-Valley Harvest Crush Sept. 9-10, where players from all over the country will come to play pickleball and experience the Livermore Valley Wine Country. Last year’s inaugural event attracted 150 players, and the group expects more this year.

“Our limiting factor is courts,” Beanland said. “If we could get more courts, we could have more people easily, and they would stay here and eat here, and that’s a big draw for commerce. Even people from San Jose will come play and see our wineries and all the local businesses and be surprised and love it. We are all about improving the commerce here and bringing people to discover the hidden jewels.”

For more information on TVPC, or to register for the Harvest Crush, visit www.trivalleypickleballclub.com.

Pleasanton Family Remembers Patriarch With First Annual Dennis Hart Open

By Matt Schwab

Like a scorched drive down the middle of the fairway, the first annual Dennis Hart Open was a smash hit at Callippe Preserve Golf Course in Pleasanton on June 30.

On a hot afternoon 144 golfers, including many of the late Hart’s family and cherished friends, competed and paid tribute to the long-time Pleasanton resident who passed away on Jan. 12, 2022, after a three-year battle with prostate cancer. He was 64.

The scramble tournament raised \$11,250 for the Dennis J. Hart Memorial Foundation. Over 200 people attended the dinner that followed the golf.

“My family and I couldn’t be happier with the outcome, and we feel overwhelmed with gratitude for the support of everyone with us on the journey so far,” said Zac Hart, Dennis’s son, who organized and ran the event. “... I think my dad’s presence and spirit was palpable and strongly felt throughout the hot June day.”

Dennis Hart (known as “Mo”) was the fourth of seven children to Thomas and Mary Hart. A 1975 Amador Valley graduate, he earned a B.A. in Criminal Justice from San Jose State and was hired as a police officer for the city of Alameda in July 1979. He was promoted to sergeant in 2002 and held many roles over 30 years for the Alameda Police Department.

What made this scramble such a success was the love for Dennis Hart and the Hart family in Pleasanton.

“The Hart family has been a huge part of the Pleasanton community for years,” said Clark Fuller, a former Amador Valley golf and basketball coach, now retired. “Dennis and his siblings have served the East Bay for decades through law enforcement, teaching, medicine and running businesses in the area.”

Fuller described Dennis, known for his quick wit and kind heart, as “one of the ‘good guys’ as he was always reaching out to help neighbors, family and friends!”

Zac described the first Dennis Hart Open as a “blast, with great golf. There was laughter and tears, and money raised to support great causes.”

The winning team had a score of 19-under par and was composed of Troy Maxoutopoulos, his father, Jeff, John Fracisco, and Sam Richardson.

Among the local legends on hand were former Foothill High football and softball coach Matt Sweeney and Tri-Valley and Amador Valley Hall of Fame basketball coach Don Underwood, a former assistant coach at Las Positas College.

Tom Hansen, former longtime Foothill basketball coach and athletic director, was also at the dinner; he and his family have close friendships with many of the Harts.

Clearly, the Hart family has experienced complicated emotions over the past few

triarchs. In 2000, Thomas S. Hart Middle School in Pleasanton was dedicated to Dennis’s dad, the former assistant superintendent of the Pleasanton school district. The Amador Valley gym was named after Skip Mohatt, Zac’s grandfather and a legendary Civics teacher and basketball coach at the school. Dennis Hart played basketball for Underwood at Amador.

Zac’s mom, Leslee, the late Skip Mohatt’s daughter, spoke lovingly of her husband, Dennis, after the June 30 tourney. She just retired from a teaching career in Pleasanton.

Dennis Hart was passionate about many things, so the Foundation, which has raised



Dennis Hart, seen here with his granddaughter, was recently honored by family and friends with the Dennis Hart Open at Callippe Preserve Golf Course in Pleasanton. The longtime Pleasanton resident was an active member of the community and former Amador Valley graduate. Hart died 2022. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

years.

“Losing our dad shattered our hearts, left a tear in our family, and a dark last year in its wake,” Zac said. “I hoped through starting the Foundation, we could carry on his legacy, help others with his spirit, and provide healing to everyone along the way.”

The large Hart and Sweeney families were essentially raised together in Pleasanton, each unit carving a lasting legacy. Their family ties are all around town, as was their presence at the inaugural Dennis Hart Open.

Tom Hart and Neil Sweeney, the first principal at Foothill High after holding same position at Amador Valley, were the family pa-

\$27,150 since its inception in February, will reflect that. It will support law enforcement and first responders, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), as well as nature preservation, wildlife, hiking trails and local parks.

Dennis retired in 2007, but then co-founded an investigative services company where he worked with cities across the Bay Area to conduct pre-hire background investigations for public safety employment candidates.

For more information about the Dennis J. Hart Memorial Foundation, visit <https://charitysmith.org/the-dennis-j-hart-memorial-foundation>

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Leticia Villarreal, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 13, 2023. Expires June 12, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5511. Published June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 2023.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 23CV034938

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Diana Gyle James filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name: Diana Gyle James
Proposed Name: Diana Gail Currell

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

1221 Oak Street Oakland, CA 94612
A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation printed in this county: The Independent Newspaper 2250 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550
Dated: 6/1/2023 /s/: Steven Ashby-Anderson, Deputy Clerk. The Independent, Legal No. 5514. Published June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 2023.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 7/25/2023
Time: 9:30 AM
Dept: 14
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 598512
The following person(s) doing business as: A&E Motors, 27901 Huntwood Ave Apt 109, Hayward, CA 94544 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ajmal Mirzada, 27901 Huntwood Ave Apt 109, Hayward, CA 94544. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ajmal Mirzada, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 8, 2023. Expires June 7, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5520. Published June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 598269
The following person(s) doing business as: Jump N Play, 31169 Mission Blvd, Hayward CA 94544 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kids Hub Inc., 26520 Hayward Blvd, Hayward, CA 94542. 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/: Harjit Kaur, CEO/Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 30, 2023. Expires May 29, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5521. Published June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 598841
The following person(s) doing business as: 1922 Shop, 4546 Pisano Terrace, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Priya K. Babbar, 4546 Pisano Terrace, 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: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Priya K. Babbar, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 21, 2023. Expires June 20, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5522. Published June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 598269
The following person(s) doing business as: Next Connexion, 45437 Warm Springs Blvd,

Fremont, CA 94539-6104 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Belle Tsai, 520 Junipero ST., Pleasanton, CA 94566; Chong Ong, 520 Junipero 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: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Chong Ong, N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 21, 2023. Expires June 20, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5523. Published June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 598897
The following person(s) doing business as: Informed K12, 555 12th St., Ste 1670, Oakland, CA 94607 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Emics, Inc., 555 12th St., Ste 1670, Oakland, CA 94607. 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: 01/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jennifer Bundy, Secretary/Head of Finance. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 22, 2023. Expires June 21, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5524. Published June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 598806
The following person(s) doing business as: Diablo Stone-works, 2275 Stonebridge Road, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Joel Huerta, 2275 Stonebridge Road, Livermore, CA 94550; Loring Huerta, 2275 Stonebridge Road, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Joel Huerta, Co-Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 20, 2023. Expires June 19, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5525. Published June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 598223
The following person(s) doing business as: #1 Cloud 10 Cofee #2 Purus Skin; #3 Celdera, 3143 Independence Dr., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Purus, Inc., 3143 Independence Dr., Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Richard Burroghs, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 25, 2023. Expires May 24, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5526. Published June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 598937
The following person(s) doing business as: Camilla's House Cleaning, 1263 Ora Ave, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Yolanda Castaneda Bautista, 1263 Ora Ave, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/24/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Yolanda Castaneda Bautista, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 23, 2023. Expires June 22, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5527. Published June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 598961
The following person(s) doing business as: Tri Valley Fiduciary Services, 849 E. Stanley Blvd #183, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Paul Randi, 546 Tyler 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: 6/19/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Paul Randi, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 26, 2023. Expires June 25, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5528. Published July 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 599026
The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Drum Innovation LLC; 2. Livermore Drum Circle, 1401 21st St, Ste R, Sacramento, CA 95811 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Drum Innovation LLC, 1401 21st St, Ste R, Sacramento, CA 95811. 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: 6/26/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Philip Didlake, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 28, 2023. Expires June 27, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5529. Published July 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 598412
The following person(s) doing business as: Brooklyn Peddler, 6678 Sierra Lane, Ste A, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): TP Breaker, LLC, 6678 Sierra Lane, Ste A, Dublin CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 12/11/2013. Signature of Registrant/s/: Philip Didlake, Manager/ina Popelar, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 5, 2023. Expires June 4, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5530. Published July 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 598447
The following person(s) doing business as: Breakaway Summer Camps, 1671 Frankfurt Way Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Thomas Fletcher, 1101 Farmington Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Thomas Fletcher. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 6, 2023. Expires June 5, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5531. Published July 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 589251

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s). 1. Rhythmic Innovation LLC; 2. Drum Innovation; 3. Livermore Drum Circle, 3073 Talinga Dr., CA 94550. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 5/20/2022 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Philip Didlake, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 28, 2023. The Independent, Legal No. 5532. Published July 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 599059
The following person(s) doing business as: Cith Soap, 750 Daisyfield Dr., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Cierra Dragonetti, 750 Daisyfield Dr., 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/: Cierra Dragonetti, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 29, 2023. Expires June 28, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5533. Published July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 598230
The following person(s) doing business as: Booklink Services, 34588 11th St #203, Union City, CA 94587 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Taylor Wyatt, 34588 11th St #203, Union City, CA 94587. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/25/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Taylor Wyatt, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 25, 2023. Expires May 24, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5534. Published July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 599171
The following person(s) doing business as: Techgenius, 3100 Finnian Way Apt 482, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ramy Fekry, 3100 Finnian Way Apt 482, 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: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ramy Fekry, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 3, 2023. Expires July 2, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5540. Published July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 598300
The following person(s) doing business as: Hearth Pottery, 737 59th St., Oakland, CA 94609 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Megan Pera Pottery, 737 59th St., Oakland, CA 94609. 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/: Megan Pera, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 31, 2023. Expires May 30, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5536. Published July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 599124
The following person(s) doing business as: Pcooley Entertainment Group, 220 S. Livermore Ave, Unit 2907, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): CHS Legacy Group LLC, 220 S. Livermore, Ave, Unit 2907 Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Paul Cooley, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 3, 2023. Expires July 2, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5537. Published July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 599149
The following person(s) doing business as: First Edison, 4695 Chabot Dr., Suite 200, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): 1st Edison, Inc., 4695 Chabot Dr., Suite 200 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: 7/5/2023 Signature of Registrant/s/: Bobby Chaudhuri, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 5, 2023. Expires July 4, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5538. Published July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 598532
The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Lowbrow Studio; 2. Only a King, Clothing, 1561 105th Ave #B, Oakland, CA 94607 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Robert M. Guillery Jr., 360 Saddlehorn Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565. 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/: Robert M. Guillery Jr., Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 8, 2023. Expires June 7, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5539. Published July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 599113
The following person(s) doing business as: Technogenius, 3100 Finnian Way Apt 482, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ramy Fekry, 3100 Finnian Way Apt 482, 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: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ramy Fekry, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 3, 2023. Expires July 2, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5540. Published July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 599118
The following person(s) doing business as: Boba Nation, 1 Stoneridge Mall, Pleasanton, CA 94583 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ballej Sra, 2626 Yerba Vista Court, Sann Jose, CA 95121. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/10/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ballej Sra, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 3, 2023. Expires July 2, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5541. Published July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 599013
The following person(s) doing business as: Feasible, 437 Kentucky Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94707 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hamid Tehrani, 437 Kentucky Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94707. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/27/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Hamid Tehrani, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 28, 2023. Expires June 27, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5542. Published July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 599038
The following person(s) doing business as: Vick Enterprise, LLC, 628 Woodmont Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94708 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Vick Enterprise, LLC, 625 Woodmont Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94708. This business is conducted by a Limited Partnership Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 12/16/2013. Signature of Registrant/s/: Dr. Donald Herbert Toomer, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 29, 2028. Expires June 28, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5543. Published July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 599022
The following person(s) doing business as: Roast3d, 1255 Spring Valley CMN, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Poliartis LLC, 1255 Spring Valley CMN, Livermore, CA 94551.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ramy Fekry, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 28, 2023. Expires June 27, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5544. Published July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 598443
The following person(s) doing business as: sweet Maui's Shave Ice, 516 Ontario Dr., Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Stephanie Kucek, 516 Ontario Dr., Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/29/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Stephanie Kucek, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 6, 2023. Expires June 4, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5545. Published July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2023.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

HÉLÈNE BOVET HANNEKEN CASE NO. RP23144367
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **HÉLÈNE BOVET HANNEKEN** aka **HÉLÈNE BOVET OLDS**. A Petition for Probate has been filed by **CHRIS HANNEKEN & RENÉE HANNEKEN** in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. The Petition for Probate requests that **CHRIS HANNEKEN & RENÉE HANNEKEN** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on **July 31, 2023 at 9:45 A.M. in Probate Dept. 201 located at 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704**. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the

decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. **Attorney for Petitioner: REID H. HARADA, 1350 TREAT BLVD, SUITE 410, WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597, Telephone: 925-926-0300** The Independent, Legal No. 5546. Published July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 598443
The following person(s) doing business as: sweet Maui's Shave Ice, 516 Ontario Dr., Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Stephanie Kucek, 516 Ontario Dr., Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/29/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Stephanie Kucek, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 6, 2023. Expires June 4, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5545. Published July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2023.

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Lab Research Teams Receive Department of Defense Awards



The Livermore Cultural Arts Council (LCAC) will present John & Lynn Take 2 at Bankhead Plaza next to the Bankhead Theater in Livermore at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18. The performance is part of the Tuesday Tunes series of free concerts sponsored by the LCAC, a coalition of nonprofit arts and education groups that promotes community engagement in the cultural arts. The Bay Area duo, with John DiBenedetti on keyboard and his wife, Lynn, providing vocals, plays tunes ranging from Sinatra to Santana, including classic rock, country R&B, and Latin favorites.

“Puss in Boots” Sequel to Be Screened in Pleasanton

Next up for Pleasanton’s free Movies in the Park series is “Puss in Boots: The Last Wish,” a 2022 animated adventure comedy about a Spanish-speaking cat from Dreamworks Animation on Thursday, July 13.

The movie, rated PG, is a sequel to the 2011 film, “Puss in Boots,” and follows the further adventures of a dashing Spanish-speaking cat, voiced by Antonio Banderas, which was originally introduced in “Shrek.”

In the movie, Puss goes looking for the mystical Last Wish for the Wishing Star to regain the first eight of his nine lives.

The movie will be shown at dusk at Amador Valley Community Park, 4455 Black Ave.

Families are encouraged to bring snacks or a picnic dinner, and blankets or beach chairs for seating.

Movies in the Park are held every Thursday through Aug. 11.

Other movies this summer include “Angels in the Outfield” on July 20, “Turning Red” on July 27, and “Jumanji on Aug. 3.

For more information, visit www.cityofpleasanton-ca.gov or call the Movies in the Park phone line at 925-931-4826.

The Department of Defense (DOE) recently recognized the members of eight research teams at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) and its partner sites for outstanding contributions to nuclear security.

Marvin Adams, deputy administrator at the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), announced recipients of the annual Defense Programs Awards of Excellence during virtual ceremonies on May 4 and June 26.

Nearly 500 LLNL staff members were honored, including members of the Polymer Enclave team, which received the agency’s Exceptional Achievement Award.

The Polymer Enclave Team, a collaborative effort with the Kansas City National Security Campus, operated by Honeywell Federal Manufacturing & Technologies, completed a redesign of the joint Polymer Enclave at LLNL in 18 months.

The facility is involved in developing “direct ink write” 3D-printing technology for the nation’s nuclear stockpile.

Also recognized were the Cold Hearth Melting of U-6Nb Team; W80-4 Porcula Team; N210808 Concept, Theory, Design, Shot, Analysis, Laser, and Target Team; ZEUS Neutron Source Team; National Security Experiments at the High-Pressure Collaborative Access Team; Plutonium and Pit Aging Program; and the Red Sage-Nightshade Subcritical Experiment Team.

Ivan Otero received an individual award for his contributions to collaborations under the U.S.-France Mutual Defense Agreement.

The Cold Hearth Melting team was honored for demonstrating a process to recycle U-6Nb, a uranium-niobium alloy that is used in several weapons systems.

The team used cold hearth technology developed at LLNL in the 1990s for a demonstration project at the NNSA’s Y-12 National Security Complex in Oakridge, Tennessee.

The process uses electron beam cold hearth melting to create ingots of the depleted uranium, which DOE said is a significant advancement in recycling U-6Nb material and alloy production.

The W80-4 Porcula team was recognized for developing two designs options for a key component in the NNSA’s Life Extension Program for W80-4 nuclear warheads.

The project is also designed to enhance safety, security, and reliability of the warheads in extreme environments.

The multidisciplinary N210808 Team was honored for an experiment at LLNL’s National Ignition Facility in December 2022 that for the first time produced more energy from a fusion reaction than the energy needed to spark the reaction, a condition known as ignition.

DOE said the breakthrough, exceeding Lawson’s Criterion for fusion ignition, could enhance

national security and lead to clean, safe, and abundant energy.

The ZEUS Neutron Source team was recognized for designing a short-pulse, high-yield neutron source to measure reactivity for experiments at the Z-pinch Experimental Underground System (ZEUS), which uses electricity to generate a magnetic field, in Nevada.

The team included members from LLNL, the Nevada National Security Site, and the Savannah River National Laboratory.

The National Security Experiments team was recognized for developing a classified experimental capability at the Advanced Photon Source (APS), a high-energy X-ray light facility, at the Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois. The team established operational safety-security infrastructure and material transfer protocols to guard national security research for the High-Pressure Collaborative Access Team (HPCAT) facility. APS is a user facility open to the global scientific community.

The Plutonium and Pit Aging Program was honored for developing elements of a decadal Plutonium/Pit Aging plan focused on understanding the effects of radioactive decay on pit performance.

Plutonium pits are hollow plutonium spheres that act as the trigger in nuclear weapons.

The classified report, which NNSA submitted to Congress, includes a comprehensive view of the topic and identifies opportunities to accelerate R&D and current gaps.

The Red Sage-Nightshade team, with members from LLNL, the Los Alamos National Laboratory, Nevada National Security Site, and Sandia National Laboratories, was honored for conducting three subcritical experiments in less than

a year. Previously, NNSA completed just seven such experiments from 2010 to 2020.

“We celebrate each award recipient for their unwavering commitment to excellence and their significant impact on nuclear security,” said Marv Adams,

NNSA deputy administrator for Defense Programs. “The Defense Programs Awards of Excellence serve as a testament to the dedication, talent, and innovation within the defense programs community.”

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Red Cross Joins Up with Shark Week for Blood Donations

The American Red Cross is teaming up with Warner Bros. Discovery to encourage blood donations during Shark Week, beginning July 23, and leading up to the theatrical release of “Meg 2: The Trench” on Aug. 4.

Shark Week is an annual week of shark-based programming on the Discovery Channel. “Meg 2” is a science-fiction horror film based on the novel “The Trench” by Steve Alten and is being promoted as a sequel to the 2018 film, “The Meg,” in which scientists encounter a 75-foot megalodon shark.

Red Cross donors who

give blood now through Aug. 12 will be entered in a drawing for a three-night New York getaway for two with a private shark dive adventure at Long Island Aquarium.

In addition, from July 17 to July 31, blood donors will receive an official Shark Week T-shirt, while supplies last.

Details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/Shark.

To schedule an appointment at the Pleasanton Blood Donation Center, 5880 W. Las Positas Blvd., or another blood donation site, go to RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

The project is also designed to enhance safety, security, and reliability of the warheads in extreme environments.

The multidisciplinary N210808 Team was honored for an experiment at LLNL’s National Ignition Facility in December 2022 that for the first time produced more energy from a fusion reaction than the energy needed to spark the reaction, a condition known as ignition.

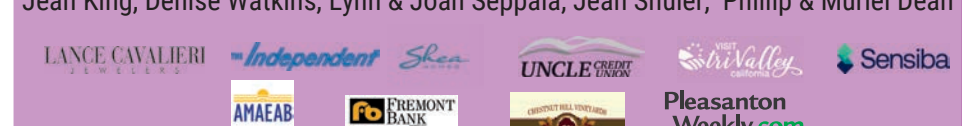
DOE said the breakthrough, exceeding Lawson’s Criterion for fusion ignition, could enhance

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