

FEMA Opens  
Centers to Help  
Flood Victims  
Tri-Valley Agencies  
Assess Local Damages

**By Larry Altman**  
REGIONAL – Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) has opened Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) in Dublin and Oakland to assist Alameda County residents who need financial help to make repairs to their homes and small businesses damaged during January’s parade of ferocious storms.  
While most public agencies in the Tri-Valley are still in the process of assessing the total cost of the damage, Alameda County was recently added to President Joseph Biden’s major disaster declaration following California’s storms. This addition will make residents eligible for federal assistance, including grants for repair, housing, medical expenses, transportation, childcare, and moving and storage expenses.  
“Over a month after record breaking storms swept through our community, I know many of our neighbors are desperately still looking for assistance,” U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell said in a statement. “I’m happy to share that federal disaster aid may now be available to Alameda County residents and businesses that were affected by the recent storms.”  
The Tri-Valley as a whole appeared to escape without as much extensive damage as occurred in some areas of Northern and Central California, but the storms did cause unprecedented flooding, erosion and mudslides. It  
(See FEMA, page 6)

County Supervisor  
Richard Valle Dies

REGIONAL – Longtime District 2 Alameda County Supervisor Richard Valle passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 8, following a two-year battle with prostate cancer. He was 73.  
Valle represented the



Richard Valle

cities of Hayward, Union City, Newark, and parts of Fremont and Sunol. He was a Vietnam veteran and served as a Union City councilmember from 1997-2010. He was elected to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors in 2012.  
“I am devastated to learn of the passing of my colleague and friend. Richard Valle,” said Supervisor Nate Miley in a press release. “He was a champion for his district, especially his hometown of Union City. During his 10 years of service on the Board of Supervisors, Richard fought for safety-net services, mental health programs and was a tireless supporter of Saint Rose Hospital.”  
Miley described Valle as an advocate for at-risk youth,  
(See VALLE, page 6)



Former Livermore Mayor Cathie Brown, shown above in front of the Livermore Vine Cinema and Alehouse, is one of many longtime residents interviewed in “Livermore, The Movie,” which will be screened at the theater on Feb. 19. Read the full story on page 2.  
(Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Cities Deemed Noncompliant on Housing Element Plans  
Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore Working to Meet the Mandate

**By Larry Altman**  
REGIONAL — The authority of Tri-Valley zoning and general plans has entered a state of limbo now that the Jan. 31 deadline for housing element updates has passed.  
The Housing Element Review and Compliance Report, compiled by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), listed Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton as all out of compliance with state housing law as of Feb. 9, despite sixth-cycle housing element adoptions by Dublin and Pleasanton before the due date.  
Of particular concern is an aspect of the Housing

Accountability Act, known as the Builder’s Remedy, that allow housing developers to circumvent local zoning requirements if cities lack compliant housing elements.  
“A jurisdiction without a certified housing element could face legal challenges, be subject to fines, and could lose decision-making authority for certain housing projects.”  
– Livermore Senior Planner Tricia Pontau  
At this time, the Tri-Valley cities are all vulnerable.  
“A jurisdiction without a certified housing element could face legal challenges, be subject to fines, and could lose decision-making authority for certain housing

projects,” said Livermore Senior Planner Tricia Pontau, describing the period following the deadline and before the housing element certification.  
“If a locality has not adopted a housing element in substantial compliance with state law, developers may propose eligible housing development projects that do not comply with either the zoning or the general plan,” read a technical assistance document released by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG).  
A housing element, part of a jurisdiction’s general plan, lays out the zonings  
(See HOUSING, page 7)

Residents and Asbury Church Voice Opinions on Tiny Homes

**By Larry Altman**  
LIVERMORE — Asbury United Methodist Church’s suggestion to build 16 “tiny homes” on its property to permanently house the homeless drew fire Monday from neighbors citing public safety and the proposal’s proximity to their residences as reasons to oppose the plan.  
The church’s proposal dominated the city council meeting’s Public Forum, where five people spoke against the idea and followed by two who supported it.  
Last month, Asbury United’s Senior Pathy Kathy La Point-Collup said the church was considering building tiny homes on 2.5 acres of its 10-acre property at 4743 East Ave. Each of the 250-square-foot houses would have

a kitchen, a bedroom and heating and cooling system. La Point-Collup said church officials believed it was important to use its land to improve people’s lives after Hayward-based nonprofit Firm Foundation Community Housing approached them with the idea.  
The suggestion immediately sparked controversy. Residents used Monday’s opportunity to address the city council, although Mayor John Marchand and Community Development Director Paul Spence said the church had not submitted a formal application for the development.  
“I oppose the location because I believe it will be a direct threat to the health, safety and welfare of my neighborhood,” resident Kathy Pedrini said. “Asbury Church is not considering

the negative impact this project will have on surrounding neighbors, and they clearly don’t want feedback from us. Health and safety should be a top priority. And this, I believe, is the wrong location for this project.”  
Resident J.J. Olson told the council Asbury’s tiny homes proposal should be blocked before it ever gets to them and criticized city planners for advising church officials about the development process. She said the proposal “equates to a mental health drug and alcohol treatment center with residents not required to seek such aid.”  
“This is about placement of the services in the middle of a residential area,” Olson said. “The design as it stands is for 16 homes  
(See HOMES, page 9)

Council Considers Downtown Bandstand  
Renovations Over Larger Parks Plan

**By David Jen**  
PLEASANTON — The 17-year-old plan to connect Lions Wayside and Delucchi Parks met a detour once again on Feb. 7, when the city council voted 4-1 to table the plan in favor of investigations into smaller park renovations.  
Mayor Karla Brown, along with Councilmembers Valerie Arkin and Julie Testa, expressed discomfort with the cost estimates of the two large projects, ranging between \$10 million and \$14 million.  
“We (already) have a perfectly natural park (where)

water flows to a creek,” said Brown. “Where are you getting 10 to 14 million dollars?”  
But remaining Councilmembers Jeff Nibert and Jack Balch felt that last week’s meeting was not yet the time to make cost-based decisions and supported the latest version of the joint-park project.  
Balch, who cast the dissenting vote, asked instead, “Would our public appreciate a grand lawn conceptual design of Lions Wayside combined with Delucchi Park, so that we achieve connectivity  
(See PARK, page 6)



The Pleasanton City Council recently voted 4-1 to table the 14-year-old plan to connect Lions Wayside and Delucchi (above) parks in favor of less expensive, smaller park renovations. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Officer Sues City Over  
Firing After Attending  
“Stop the Steal” Rally

**By Larry Altman**  
PLEASANTON – A former Pleasanton police officer recently sued the city claiming the department fired him after he attended a “Stop The Steal” rally in Sacramento on Jan. 6, 2021, the same day insurrectionists stormed the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C.  
Peter McNeff alleges former City Manager Brian Dolan’s decision to terminate him Feb. 4, 2022, violated his First Amendment rights to join the rally while off duty and post on social media. The social media content he published offered his conservative opinions about gun use, mental illness, Muslim extremism, Israel and California’s COVID-19 guidelines.  
“Mr. McNeff was, in fact, fired because he expressed protected political opinions

and ideologies deemed ‘unpopular’ and even stupid by the department,” McNeff’s lawsuit filed Jan. 10 in U.S. District Court in Oakland states.  
The lawsuit alleges McNeff suffered numerous adverse employment actions, including being placed on administrative leave and investigated, losing his job as a police officer and becoming ineligible for rehiring, as well as “public shaming, disgrace and humiliation.”  
His attorney, Karren Kenney, did not respond to requests for an interview. A receptionist at her Costa Mesa office said she was not talking with reporters.  
Pleasanton City Manager Gerry Beaudin said the city did not comment on personnel matters or litigation.  
According to the lawsuit,  
(See OFFICER, page 9)

Dublin Considers ARPA Funding  
For Adult Day Care Services

**By David Jen**  
DUBLIN — The city council considered using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to bootstrap adult day services programs at its Feb. 7 meeting. Such programs provide alternatives to nursing-home care for adults who remain relatively independent.  
“The programs are designed to help adults and seniors stay mentally and physically active while reducing their isolation and improving their overall health, both mentally and physically,” according to the staff report.

ARPA provided federal funds to stimulate the economy during the COVID-19 pandemic. According to a U.S. Treasury allocation document, Dublin received \$7.1 million in funds through the relief effort.  
After a slew of business and community recovery programs, the city now has \$2.5 million remaining in ARPA funds.  
Guy Houston, senior manager at the Mission Hope Day Program in Dublin, asked that the council consider using the funds in areas other than adult day services, arguing that new programs,

“Any help would be much appreciated from any resource.”

– Guy Houston, Senior Manager, Mission Hope Day Program

Getting such a program off the ground, however, can amount to a complex, protracted process. Licensing and certification regulations, along with requirements for specialized and technical staff, can extend the application process up to two years, continued the report.  
The Tri-Valley currently offers no such programs, and city staff looked to Oakland, Pleasant Hill and Milpitas for inspiration.  
Signed into law in 2021,

such as adult day services, would create financial burdens for the city after they exhausted the funding.  
“One-time money should go to one-time expenses,” said Houston.  
Mission Hope, which provides services to those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, requires wheelchair-capable vans, and Houston asked that the city instead redirect ARPA funds to that purpose. New  
(See ARPA, page 4)

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# Tri-Valley Documentary Chronicles Life and Times of Livermore

By Dawnmarie Fehr

A special peek into the storied past of Livermore airs this weekend in the Tri-Valley. As part of the Livermore Heritage Guild’s (LHG) 50th anniversary

the earnest, unique people who call this place home,” said LHG Secretary Loretta Kaskey. The film was created by Rachel Raney and David Murray during 2001 and 2002. The pair had just

We were making a tribute to, and a portrait of, Livermore.”

“Livermore, the Movie” chronicles events and characters uniquely Livermore, including a look at the

“One of the things we wanted to do with the film is make a fun story and since we were spring-boarding off the Bill Owens ‘Suburbia’ book, we wanted to bring in a little of that visual style he has in the book,” Murray said. “His book is not criticizing anyone, he’s really just trying to show how people lived ... that’s where we were coming from, we were just having fun with it and there is a humorous side.”

The documentary includes interviews with then-Mayor Cathie Brown, who discusses her work to establish Livermore’s relationship with its Russian sister city, Snezhinsk.

“It was interesting,” Brown said of the documentary being filmed. “We had the missing time capsule going on, and to have a new relationship with Russia going on, and to have a new group come in and do, basically, a documentary on the town, was fun, because we are town of scientists and a town of ranchers and we had the rodeo going on and we are a diverse community relevant to careers.”

Brown said the film will help longtime residents reconnect to their history, while giving those new to Livermore a sense of the town’s past.

“It’s a close community, and it’s not necessarily a small town, but it has that small town feel,” Brown said. “That was certainly a goal that I had, to have the character of Livermore not change a lot, but to still move forward, while keeping that small town feel. And I think that has happened for the most part.”

Brown and Murray will

both be part of a question-and-answer panel available to movie-goers after the screening. The screening is the first of several planned events to celebrate LHG’s 50th anniversary. Other events include an auction in April, antique cars at the Duarte Garage and a progressive dinner in August showcasing LHG historic sites.

The screening of “Livermore, The Movie” will take place at the Vine Cinema and Alehouse, 1722 First St., Livermore, on Sunday,

Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For tickets or more information on this and other LHG events, visit [www.lhg.org](http://www.lhg.org).

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Former Livermore Mayor Cathie Brown is seen opening the city's centennial time capsule in 1999. The time capsule story is just one of many brought to life in “Livermore, the Movie,” which is showing at the Vine Cinema and Alehouse on Sunday, Feb. 19. (Independent file photo)

celebration, the LHG is hosting a screening of “Livermore, the Movie” at the Vine Cinema and Alehouse on Sunday, Feb. 19.

The presentation is the kick-off to a series of events the Guild has planned to celebrate half a century of cataloging Livermore’s History. The film takes a look at some of the stories and people that make up Livermore.

“The 2003 documentary takes a look at our quirky town, lost time capsule, our own totem pole and

finished a miniseries on the toll collectors of the Bay Bridge and were looking for their next project.

“I saw a newspaper article on the lost time capsule, and we said, ‘wow, there was our story right there,’” Murray said. “It started out with the intent to talk about how the town was changing from an old farm town into a suburban sprawl, but as we started digging into the stories, it became a portrait of the town without the intent to talk about anything.

town’s 1969 centennial film, the curse of the city’s sewer system, the 100-year light bulb, the Livermore Rodeo and, of course, the search for the missing time capsule.

Murray said he was intrigued by Bill Owens’ book “Suburbia,” which depicted everyday suburban life in photographs, many taken in Livermore in the 1970s. Once Murray learned Owens was from Livermore, he said he was even more certain the small town was his next stop.

## Representative Swalwell Named to House Cybersecurity Panel

Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA) has been appointed ranking member to the House subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection, which oversees U.S. efforts to protect critical infrastructure like the electric grid, water systems, and voting machines.

“Cybersecurity has become an increasingly important element of pro-

tecting our homeland from enemies both foreign and domestic,” said Swalwell, whose district covers most of eastern Alameda County. “In an increasingly digital society, a targeted cyber-attack could cripple infrastructures, expose sensitive data, disrupt our economic prosperity, and even cost lives. We must strengthen our cyber resilience and provide individuals with the

tools they need to proactively tackle these issues.”

As the senior Democrat on the subcommittee, Swalwell said he looks forward to working with chairman Andrew Garbarino (R-NY) to “increase outreach and training to small and medium size businesses on cyber threats and improve access to affordable cyber defenses.”

The subcommittee falls

under the purview of the House Homeland Security Committee.

## 2023 Dublin Benefit Concert Set for April 6 Performance

The 2023 Dublin Benefit Concert will be held Thursday, April 6, at the Emerald Glen Park Amphitheater, during the first Dublin Farmers’ Market of the season.

The city-sponsored benefit concert is designed to

showcase inter-generational talent and raise funds for Dublin’s Youth and Senior Fee Assistance for municipal recreational programs.

Youths and senior citizens are being encouraged to sign up for the concert. Individual performers must

be Dublin residents, while at least half of any performance groups must be city residents.

Applications to perform must be submitted by Tuesday, March 14. To apply, go to <https://tinyurl.com/hyd5acmd>.



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# “Cruising Down Memory Lane” Peeks Into Pleasanton’s Storied Past

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Life in 1950s Pleasanton looked a little different than it does today. For starters, 70 years ago, there were 75,000 fewer people living in town, and

Fisher’s Drive-In, Amador High School and the Cheese Factory, along with local figures like Dr. Shanks – the only doctor in town – and Rich Guasco – a drag racing legend.

it and said, ‘shouldn’t there be semicolons?’ and we said, ‘oh no, it’s all dashes, because you are speaking to the people reading the story.’”

All proceeds from the sale of “Cruising Down Memory Lane” will go to the Amador Valley High School journalism program. Amador High figured in many of the stories, from pranks pulled on teachers to the scholarship fundraising show put on by faculty members and enjoyed by the whole town. McMillion said the journalism department contributed photos to the book, and is nationally recognized for its program, so she wanted to support students there.

McMillion said when she began the project, she first thought about jobs and who was working them. From business owners to the former police chief to field laborers, she worked to include everyone.

Rick Rivers, 75, said he reminisced about Vietnam, the class of ’65, and losing in football to Livermore High School. His family moved to Pleasanton from Oakland when Rivers was in fifth grade, and he lived there until he joined the Marine Corps in 1966.

“Pleasanton was a wonderful place to grow up,” Rivers said. “Amador, the original facility, was built in 1929 and they had a large auditorium, and the entire student body could always sit on the floor and fit there. When we came in as freshman, we had to sit up in the mezzanine and that was the first time everyone didn’t fit on the floor, because it was a small town.”

Tony Fisher’s parents owned Fisher’s Drive-in, the local burger spot, and he remembers working hard in the summer, all the kids coming in for burgers and ice cream, as well as a few interesting characters.

“We had a stripper show up,” Fisher, 84, said. “Her name was Tempest Storm and she was famous in the Bay Area and she would come in and sit at the count-

er and she’d have two body guards with her. They’d sit on the stools and swivel around and face the window. I don’t know what they thought was going to happen in sleepy old Pleasanton.”

Most people also remembered joining clubs like 4H and Rainbow Girls, to stay busy. Tom Fields’ parents owned a moving and storage business that brought the family to town in 1953. Fields, 83, said if you didn’t belong to a club, you just sat at home.

“One of the things I was involved in was a car club,” he said. “Car clubs sometimes have a bad name,

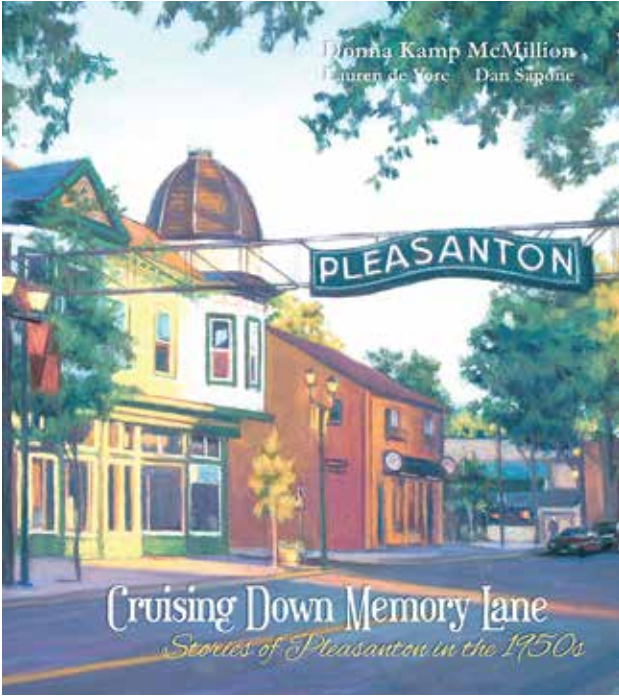
but Pleasanton had a good car club, and we called ourselves the Pleasanton Halos and we would meet once a week and work on our cars and we would do projects ... Someone would refer to the name of a senior who couldn’t do his yard anymore and we would get six, eight or ten of us and we’d go clean up his yard. We weren’t a car club to be hoodlums, we did it to do good things and to polish our cars.”

Fields said it felt great to know his memories and those of his peers are being preserved for posterity. He said it can be difficult to

watch many of his memories being wiped away by the “cancel culture” and he’s glad the activities of his parents and friends will be written down.

“When we were in high school, our parents were active in civic organizations, and looked out for us,” he said. “Life was so friendly in the 50s. From not locking your backdoors to everyone helping everyone, it was just a different world.”

Presales for the book have begun. To purchase or for more information, call Towne Center Books at 925-846-8826 or visit [www.townecenterbooks.com](http://www.townecenterbooks.com).



A new book, “Cruising Down Memory Lane,” offers a look at Pleasanton’s past through a series of interviews and stories from residents who lived and worked in the area following WWII. (Photo courtesy of Towne Center Books)

only one high school.

A new book, “Cruising Down Memory Lane,” seeks to capture a snapshot of Pleasanton’s past through the compilation of stories, memories and reminiscences from residents that lived and worked there in the years following World War II.

“Growing up in the 50s was much like the movie ‘American Graffiti’ or the show ‘Happy Days,’” said Gayle Cairo Lund, whose father was elected mayor of Pleasanton in 1956. “We spent a lot of time cruising Main Street from the high school to the Veterans Hall. It’s just what everybody did.”

Compiled by Donna Camp McMillion and ghost written by Lauren de Vore and Dan Sapone, “Cruising Down Memory Lane” encapsulates everyday life in 1950s downtown Pleasanton. Many of the stories mention popular spots like

“It’s just a wonderful story,” McMillion said. “It’s all about the families here and many of them were cousins and I just wanted to do this for the town. I captured all these stories, and the writers were wonderful.”

McMillion would meet with her subjects and record them as they reminisced about their earlier lives. Then de Vore and Sapone would get to work, capturing the speaker’s style as they wrote down their words. Each story was then ‘blessed’ by its owner and McMillion said the result was a perfect blend of conversation and style.

“This was a big job, especially when you are ghostwriting,” McMillion said. “Because people are sensitive. One man, Neil Sweeney, he was an assistant superintendent, and I gave him his story and some of the words were conversational, and he looked at

## Join in Pleasanton's St. Patrick's Day Brew Crawl

On Saturday, March 18, Downtown Pleasanton will go green for the tenth annual St. Patrick's Day Brew Crawl. Downtown merchants and breweries will come together for a fun and memorable night of beer tasting from 5-8 p.m. Guests will sample craft beers and ciders from over 20 downtown locations while enjoying tasty bites and live Celtic music. For the Luck of the Irish, guests are encouraged to wear green and other fun St. Patrick's Day gear. Tickets are available at [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net) or <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/514526521677>. If available, tickets will be sold at the starting location, Museum on Main, 603 Main Street on the day of the event.

## Military Banner Program Honors Local Veterans and Active-Duty Members

The City of Dublin’s Military Banner Program was created in 2018 to honor local veterans and active-duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces. The City of Dublin is pleased to continue the program for 2023.

The application period for the 2023 Military Banner Sponsorship program will be held from Monday, Feb. 13, through Monday, March 20, 2023. The banners will be displayed along Dougherty Road between Scarlett Drive and Amador Valley Boulevard from Memorial Day in May through Veterans Day in November. At the end of the exhibition period, banners will be presented to the honorees or sponsors at a City Council meeting in December 2023. For more information, visit [www.dublin.ca.gov/militarybanners](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/militarybanners).

The honoree must be an active-duty member or military veteran (Honorably Discharged) of the United States Armed Forces. They must also be a current resident of Dublin, or have an immediate family member living in the City of Dublin (spouse, parent, sibling, child, or grandchild), or be a former Dublin resident with a demonstrated

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EDITORIAL

The Gem of Our Community

Las Positas College (LPC) was recently named 2023’s Best Community College in California.

The college was ranked by Intelligent.com, an organization that orders each institution based on several categories, including tuition costs, admission, retention and graduation rates, faculty, reputation and student resources.

For those familiar with LPC, the honors come as no surprise.

For years, the over 7,000 students who annually attend the school have been discovering this gem of a college located in Livermore.

“I’m pleased that the LPC community is receiving this recognition for our collective efforts to enhance student equity and success,” said LPC President Dr. Dyrell Foster in a press release.

Originally known as “junior colleges,” community colleges continue to play a

crucial role in the architecture of education. With their typical two-year general education plans, students can achieve an associate degree in a short amount of time or transfer to a four-year college or university with or without their associate’s diploma. The costs are a fraction of traditional universities and, in many cases, offer a more flexible and extended curriculum.

Recently, the college has added several innovative curriculum and diverse programs designed to draw underserved students from diverse backgrounds. Some of those include the newly launched Lifelong Learning Academy, whose intent is to attract myriad groups of students to campus via lecture classes that include such topics as music appreciation. The Fredrick Douglass Global Fellowship project offers scholarships to students interested in studying abroad and building bridges of mutual understanding between differ-

ent people, countries and cultures. And the Etch and Catch class, offered through the automotive technology department, recently collaborated with the Livermore Police Department to inscribe license plate numbers on the catalytic converters of 150 vehicles to reduce the theft of catalytic converters.

According to Wallethub.com, California has consistently scored in the top third of the best community colleges in the nation, beating out other schools in the country with their innovative programs, costs and student-first philosophies. As college costs continue to grow, making a four-year education increasingly difficult for many families, beacons of education such as LPC should be acknowledged, praised and appreciated.

We look forward to the college’s continued growth and inspiration in the coming years.

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**Stop Shoe-Shining Black History!**  
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“If this country fails to protect the [B]lack body from hate, America has yet to meet her promise: either freedom for everyone, or freedom fails!” (Mamie Till-Mobley character, from the movie “Till” script. Ms. Till-Mobley was the mother of Emmett Till, a fourteen-year-old boy brutally murdered on August 28, 1955, in Mississippi for whistling at a White woman -- the aftermath of which sparked the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s.)

Despite the outstanding performance of Danielle Deadwyler in the 2022 movie “Till,” it did not receive one Oscar nomination. Somehow, “The Fabelmans” is of greater sociopolitical and cinematic import?

Now we have Republican Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, his administration, and the Florida Depart-

ment of Education influencing what the College Board includes as content in an Advanced Placement (AP) course in African American Studies. (The existence of a letter between the Florida Department of Education and the College Board was released by the right-wing news publication “The Daily Caller” and posted on Scribd.) These Floridian Republican ideologues dictated that the AP course should not include intersectionality, mass incarceration, reparations, and the Black Lives Matter movement. Governor DeSantis Republican minions are in charge of historical education and the Truth?

Black history matters! Black Lives Matter is a part of Black history. So are voices of right-wing African Americans like Thomas Sowell, Jim McWhorter, and Shelby Steele. Dispensing with reality is poor pedagogy and defunding public education doesn’t help either.

The right-wing has met success with its critical race theory propaganda, as there is no evidence that this theory is being taught in primary or secondary schools.

A question for Americans and students would be what they know about the Colfax Massacre, misleadingly dubbed the “Colfax Riot.” Black freedmen protecting the courthouse in Colfax, Louisiana were overrun by ex-Confederate soldiers and Ku Klux Klan members in 1873. Of the Black prisoners, 62 to 153 were murdered. This is as much our American history as the butchering of Emmett Till and the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

“There’s something happening here / But what it is ain’t exactly clear / There’s a man with a gun over there / Telling me I got to beware / I think it’s time we stop / Children, what’s that sound? / Everybody look, what’s going down / There’s battle lines being drawn / Nobody’s right if everybody’s wrong” (Stephen Stills, “For What It’s Worth”)

**From Housing to Haiku**  
**Trish Munro, Livermore**

Missed the Around Town email from this city? Here are five things going on:

1. Housing Town Hall: Cities are people; people live in homes of one kind or another. How that housing comes to be is one of every city’s primary responsibili-

ties. With that in mind, the City of Livermore is hosting a family-friendly Town Hall on housing in Livermore. It takes place on Thursday, February 23, from 5:30-6:30 PM at the Civic Center Library Community Room, and includes a presentation, Q&A session, and housing-themed activities for children.

2. FEMA grants: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is taking applications through March 16 from people who had losses due to the winter storms that insurance did not cover. Applicants can go to DisasterAssistance.gov, use the FEMA mobile app, call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 or visit a Disaster Recovery Center through Feb. 24.

3. For tweens and teens in grades 6-12 only! Join a naturalist at Brushy Peak Regional Preserve, 3899 Laughlin Rd, on Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023, at 9:00 AM for a hike to find evidence of frogs, salamanders, and other amphibians and learn about their ecology and conservation practices. Call 925-373-5500 or email Librarian Caitlyn Lung at cmlung@livermoreca.gov to register.

4. On February 26, at 3:00 PM, Livermore’s Poet Laureate Peggy Schimmelman and poets Francesca Bell and Susan Cohen for Verse on the Vine. Susan Cohen’s third full-length collection, Democracy of Fire, was recently published by Broadstone Books. Francesca Bell is the author of Bright Stain Verse on the Vine takes place at SPARC Theater, 2172 Railroad Avenue, and includes an open mic.

5. Review a book in 17 syllables and (maybe) win a prize! February is National Haiku Writing Month (who knew?), so the Livermore Library is holding a Haiku Book Review Contest for participants of all ages. Just read or listen to a book, review it using the 5-7-5 syllable haiku format, then email your name, the book title and author, and your haiku book review to beangelo@livermoreca.gov with the subject line HAIKU BOOK REVIEW by 9 PM on Tuesday, February 28. The writers of the seven best haikus will each win a \$30 gift card to Towne Center Books. There is no limit on how many haikus each person can submit, but there is only one prize per person.

Want more details? Find them at: <https://www.livermoreca.gov/our-community/newsroom>.

**President Pinocchio**  
**David Ott, Pleasanton**

Last week President Pinocchio Biden told so many lies during his state of the union address that his nose grew longer than ever. Let’s fact check some of his BIG lies. He claimed to have reduced the deficit – in reality, he spent \$4.2 Trillion extra dollars that his budget

did not have. He claimed he inherited a poor economy from President Trump – in reality, when Pinocchio took over the economy was in excellent health – 1% inflation and no recession. He claimed wages have increased – in reality, the small increases have been erased by his high inflation. He claimed to be tough on China – in reality, he is very weak against China. He claimed all is well on the southern border – in reality, more illegal aliens, criminals, fentanyl and other drugs have come across the southern border in the past 2 years than in the past 30 years. He claimed the wealthy do not pay their fair share of taxes – in reality, the top 1% of wealthy people pay 50% of the taxes; the top 50% of all taxpayers paid 97.7% of the taxes, while the bottom 50% paid the remaining 2.3%. Please President Pinocchio, stop lying to the American people.

**MAGA Republicans Are Not Focused on The People**  
**Ward Kanowsky, Pleasanton**

From the party who brought you bleach as a cure for COVID, we get a Speaker of the House elected after 15 ballots, George Santos, plans to gut Social Security and Medicare, George Santos, a bill to tax working families 30% while letting billionaires avoid paying their fair share, George Santos, committees set up to exact revenge for investigations into the January 6 insurrection, and, still, George Santos.

The same MAGA Republicans who supported the attempted overthrow of our government now control the House of Representatives. Watching President Biden’s state of the union address last week, I was appalled by these MAGA Republicans as they delivered a dangerous spectacle. What also struck me were the moments during the speech when Kevin McCarthy and his MAGA colleagues smirked or rolled their eyes at common sense measures covered by the President that are broadly popular. Capping the cost of insulin, making hearing aids more affordable, taxing billionaires more than teachers and firefighters - these are things that Americans want and voted for in the last three elections. But Republicans apparently think they’re all bad ideas, along with paid family medical leave and affordable childcare, based on their reactions when the President raised each of the issues.

Make no mistake - the agenda of MAGA Republicans is not focused on “we the people.” Their motivation is to hand the wealth created by the hard work of ‘we the people’ to billionaires, donors, and corporations, while making it tougher to make ends meet for working people.

Library to Host Online Talk By ‘Radium Girls’ Author

The Livermore Public Library will host an online presentation by Kate Moore, the best-selling author of “The Radium Girls,” at 1 p.m., Sunday, March 5, as part of its annual Livermore Reads Together program.

“The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America’s Shining Women” tells the story of factory workers in the 1920s who suffered radiation poisoning from treating watch dials with luminous paint made with powdered radium and their struggle to strengthen worker’s rights.

Published in 2017, the book was a New York Times best-seller and received the Goodreads Choice Award for Best History & Biography. A movie adaptation

was released in 2020.

“The Radium Girls” was selected for the Livermore community reading program last year in a vote by library patrons.

Moore’s latest book is the critically acclaimed “The Woman They Could Not Silence,” about a woman in Illinois whose husband had her committed to an insane asylum in the 1860s.

The link for the Zoom-based presentation is available at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89914899390>. No registration is required.

Questions for the author may be submitted in advance by email to [prsevilla@livermoreca.gov](mailto:prsevilla@livermoreca.gov) with Question for Kate in the subject line.

Sycamore Park Presents Storytimes

The Livermore Public Library, with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, will offer two outdoor Nature Storytimes for children and their families at Sycamore Grove Park. A Pollinator Nature Storytime will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 5. Families should meet at the Wetmore Road entrance to the park, according to the library.

The program will be held near the Native Gardens, after a short walk along a paved path suitable for strollers. A Creekside Nature Storytime will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, with families meeting at the Arroyo Road entrance to the park.

After a water-themed story time, a park ranger will lead families down to the creek to explore the water and wildlife. Participants should wear sturdy shoes that they do not mind getting wet, according to the park district. Flip-flops are not allowed.

Both programs are free, and registration is not required. However, there is an optional sign-up list and the first 20 families to call the library at 925-373-5505 will receive a free parking pass when they arrive at the park. Those not on the list will need to pay for a \$5 day pass to park in the parking lot.

ARPA

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vans cost around \$75,000 each, he said.

“Over time, we buy used vans, and we cobble a fleet together,” he continued. “Any help would be much appreciated from any resources. We see these one-time funds there and it seems like a good spot for it to have a one-time need.”

When Mayor Melissa Hernandez suggested that Mission Hope consider the Paratransit transit service to supplement their fleet, Houston dismissed the option.

“It’s a dismal failure,” said Houston. “They’re not reliable and, especially since COVID, they have the same troubles as anybody else trying to get drivers ... Sometimes (clients) can wait three or four hours for the Paratransit to show up.”

The council, however, continued to favor using the funds for adult day services.

Councilmember Jean Josey clarified that in either case, the ARPA funds would not go toward ongoing operating costs.

“When we were talking about the ARPA funding, it was to establish startup costs because sometimes, when you’re starting something

new, you can find other funding for ongoing costs, but the initial ramp up is more expensive than subsequent years might be,” she said.

Councilmember Sherry Hu asked staff for more data on area demand.

“I think we need (a) needs assessment in order to understand, do we need this right now,” said Hu. “I know that — we have a feeling — we kind of know our city’s aging; we have a feeling we need more senior services, but we want to have a number in place in order to know how much we need, how urgent we need.”

Although the council took no actions on the topic at last week’s meeting, it did arrive at a consensus that starting an adult day services program would require considerable funding.

This is really expensive for us to do it on our own,” said Hernandez, adding that an alliance between Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore, or assistance from Alameda County, would be required for such a project to launch.

The city will continue to reach out to for-profit companies in the space about expanding into the Tri-Valley.

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## FEMA

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also damaged roads, downed trees and forced closures of trails in Sycamore Grove Park in Livermore.

Costs for public entities to fill potholes and repair parks have already reached into the millions of dollars without adding individual residents' expenses to deal with leaky roofs, muddy messes, hillside erosion, fallen trees and damaged vehicles.

About 40 people attended an informational meeting on Feb. 9 at the Shannon Community Center in Dublin, where FEMA officials outlined some of what affected residents must do to apply for low-interest loans or grants to help finance repairs for damage directly attributable to the storms.

Mallory De Lauro, Swallow's district chief of staff, reported that FEMA and the Small Business Administration (SBA) have aid available.

"The benefit of going to one of those DRCs is that there are personnel from FEMA, the State of California and Alameda County," De Lauro said. "So while most people are interested in the FEMA and SBA programs, there may be some more niche situations that either the county or the state might be able to help with."

The DRCs will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Feb. 24 at the Alameda County Public Works Agency office, 4825 Gleason Drive in Dublin or at 7001 Oakport Street, off of 66th Ave. in Oakland.

Each center will offer referrals for federal, state and local resources available to homeowners, renters and business owners whose properties were affected. FEMA said those impacted should file insurance claims for damage to homes, personal property, businesses and vehicles before applying for FEMA help. Applications must be filed by March 16.

Many of the loans offered have low or zero interest rates, De Lauro said.

De Lauro said the effects of the storm were less severe in Alameda County than other areas like Santa Cruz County, but significant problems occurred in pockets throughout.

"We definitely had people lose feet of their backyards to a creek," she said. "There were homes in Livermore that flooded."

## PARK

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between the parks and possibly provide a grander area?"

New uses for the two parks adjacent to downtown trace as far back as 1993 with a Community Trails Master Plan that envisioned a regional trail running through the parks, according to the staff report. The city then began work on the Lions Wayside and Delucchi Parks Master Plan in 2006, but paused in 2009 due to economic uncertainties.

After the city picked the plan back up in 2013, it again ran into issues around plans to redirect Kottinger Creek underground. The Creek runs through Lions Wayside.

"We may think of this stretch as a dry ditch, which, of course, it is most of the year," said landscape architecture consultant Richard Larson. "It actually is an ephemeral creek and classified as a waters of the U.S. under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the other agencies."

The Regional Water

## VALLE

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a champion for organized labor and a steward of the environment.

"Richard's contributions and service to Alameda County's diverse communities will live on for future generations," Miley added.

Valle was the founder and president of Tri-CED Community Recycling, a nonprofit recycling company that employs at-risk youth and provides union jobs. He received the James Irvine Foundation Leader-



U.S. Representative Eric Swalwell (CA-14) recently attended an informational town hall meeting in Dublin for residents affected by the string of recent storms in the Tri-Valley. The event was hosted by FEMA.

(Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Other areas hit hard included Sunol, where several vehicles washed into Kilkare Creek, and flooding and mud knocked classrooms at Sunol Glen School off their foundations and covered the school's playground.

### Assessing the Tri-Valley's Damage

As Tri-Valley residents began seeking help, government agencies throughout the Tri-Valley were slowly assessing damage to public areas, compiling cost estimates and beginning repairs. Costs were already amounting to millions of dollars, which cities and other government entities also can try to recover by applying to FEMA.

Dublin spokesperson Shari Jackman said the city did not sustain any major damage to homes and property, but did have impacts on hillsides at Creekside Drive, Dublin Boulevard west of Silvergate Drive and at some creeks and channels.

"These storms moved a lot of mud and debris into these areas and also resulted in a considerable amount of erosion," Jackman said. "Additionally, many trees were lost and roadways were impacted. The city anticipates stabilization, pothole filling and various clean-up efforts will cost approximately \$1 million."

In Livermore, officials spent about \$250,000 before rain began falling on emergency protective measures,

including barriers, sandbagging and street sweeping, spokeswoman Stephanie Egidio said.

The city estimates storm damage at more than \$5.8 million, including \$2 million for road and bridge repair; about \$1.6 million for water control facilities including arroyos culverts and drains; \$12,000 for public utilities; and more than \$2.2 million for parks operated by both the city and the Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District (LARP).

Egidio said FEMA requires the city to identify specific projects that will qualify for FEMA public assistance.

"This is the beginning stage and we do not have a timeframe for exactly when we will know what will be covered and for how much," she said.

Chip Dehnert, a spokesman for the Dublin Unified School District, said its campus suffered no significant or unusual damage during the storms. The biggest issue, he said, was roof leaks.

"This was not due to an accumulation of rain, but rather wind and driving rain being blown into roof vents," Dehnert said.

The damage resulted in a minor cleanup, he said.

Eric Whiteside, a park ranger at Sycamore Grove Park, said many trails remain closed and inaccessible because of mud and debris and two areas of damaged

trail pavement, including one area about 100-200 feet from the Wetmore Road parking lot. Rangers are still assessing the needed repairs.

Water released from the Del Valle reservoir as the lake rose raced through the park's creek, also wreaked plenty of havoc.

"It's pretty hazardous at this point. It's still a trail, but it's just we're worried about it collapsing in the future," Whiteside said. "And then the other chunk, where a huge chunk of the trail just kind of fell into the creek, is maybe halfway through the park."

Rangers were trying to open trails one-by-one and are planning for events come the spring to invite volunteers to help rangers make repairs.

"One big section of the park hasn't opened yet, because it's just hard to access it," Whiteside said.

Superintendent Chris Van Schaack described damage to the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's (LVJUD) campuses as "fairly minimal."

"There were a few leaky roofs that needed repair, some clogged drains and downspouts, and some flooding of parking lots and other common areas on campuses," Van Schaack said. "Fortunately, most of the heavy rains occurred while school was not in session, so it had very little impact on students. Our maintenance crew had to put in some extra hours, but cost of the damage was actually very low."

Van Schaack said the maintenance team's preparation work mitigated the problems.

"This included checking drainage lines, sweeping away any excess leaves or branches from areas that the water would flow, and cleaning gutters," the superintendent said. "All in all, our systems worked the way they were supposed to."

Pleasanton city spokesperson Heather Tiernan said the city is continuing to assess storm damage.

"The city received reports of numerous trees that fell due to high winds throughout the first weeks of January," Tiernan said. "We also received many reports of localized flooding and storm damage. The areas most impacted by localized flooding were along Foothill Road,

along Sycamore Road, in the Valley Trails neighborhood, and around Del Prado Park."

Tiernan said city staff monitored the arroyos, surrounding trails and waterways for erosion. Augustin Bernal Park and Centennial Trail were closed because of erosion and damage. Augustin Bernal Park reopened, but long-term repairs still need to be made.

Flooding damaged several private homes. The city advised homeowners how to apply for potential disaster assistance from FEMA, Tiernan said.

"Throughout January, city staff worked around the clock to prepare for storms and responded to issues very quickly, which minimized the impact on the community," she said. "We continue to assess damage and get estimates for repairs, but from the information we have now, the cost of our response to the January storms will be a few million dollars."

In addition to visiting FEMA's centers, residents can apply for assistance in several ways, including online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov); by calling 800-621-3362 or TTY 800-462-7585 for the hearing impaired; or by downloading the FEMA app. Spanish speakers can access help at [www.fema.gov/es](http://www.fema.gov/es).

Small business owners can seek assistance at [www.fema.gov/business-industry/doing-business/small-business](http://www.fema.gov/business-industry/doing-business/small-business); by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955, or by emailing [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov).

When applying, residents must supply some personal information, a general list of damage and losses with documentation; and insurance company information.

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ship Award and the Chabot College Gladiator Award for his work with youth.

As supervisor, Valle was involved with the Teamsters Health & Welfare Fund; Centro de Servicios, a Hispanic social service agency in Southern Alameda County; Materials for the Future Foundation at the Presidio; Union City Police Activities League; Union City and Hayward's Science in the Park Festival; and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7906.

Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price said in a post on Twitter that she "sends condolences to his family, friends, colleagues and all those who knew him."

According to Miley's office, the board has 60 days to name a replacement for Valle. If they are unable to do so, the governor will appoint a new board member.

Valle is survived by his wife Barbara, daughter Monica, son Andrew and three grandchildren.

# Pleasanton High Schools Finishes First, Second in State Civic Competition

Pleasanton’s Foothill High School finished first in the 2023 California We the People civics competi-



tion, held earlier this month in Sacramento, with the city’s Amador Valley High School finishing second among seven schools that qualified for the state finals. The top finishes flipped the script from last year, when Amador Valley finished first, followed by Foothill High School. Amador Valley went on to win the 35th annual We the People: The Citizen and



Pleasanton’s high schools, Foothill, above, and Amador, left, took home first and second place honors respectively, at the 2023 California We the People civics competition held earlier this month in Sacramento. (Photos courtesy of Pleasanton Unified School District)

Constitution National Finals, held virtually because of the pandemic. Foothill, coached by history teachers Graham McBride and Jeremy Detamore, will represent California in this year’s national finals, which will return to an in-person format at the National Conference Center in Leesburg, Virginia, on April 22-24. A Wild Card selection in 2022, this will be Foothill’s sixth consecutive appearance in the finals. Amador Valley, coached by English teacher Stacey Sklar, will also have an opportunity to defend its national title this year as a Wild Card selection. We the People is a non-profit educational organization that promotes civic competence and responsibility. Students demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of government and the Constitution by competing in mock congressional hearings. The hearings cover six study units on the nation’s founding philosophical principles, the creation of the Constitution, how the document has changed over time, Congress, the Bill of Rights, and what it means to be a participatory citizen. Four students are assigned to each of the hearings.



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## Grateful LLNL Employee Paying Her Experiences Forward

Rochelle Barker grew up in Modesto, where she and her brother were raised by their grandmother. She says that two of the most important values that she learned as a child were to work hard and to take care of those around you. “Grandma was a career waitress in a little truck shop on Interstate 5,” Barker said. “When I was 13, she



Rochelle Barker

paid me \$20 a night to clear tables and help around the restaurant. As time went on, she showed me how to write tickets, and which tables were which. She saved the cash register for last, but eventually I knew how to do that, too.” Barker became a waitress herself, and at one point she was working 70 to 90 hours each week to support her aging grandmother and other family members. All that changed one day when someone sat down while she was working and suggested she apply to do cleanroom custodial work at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). “To this day, I still use many of the skills I learned waitressing and cleaning in my day-to-day work at the laboratory,” said Barker, who now works as a

technical coordinator in the Engineering Directorate. “My grandma taught me everything I know and gave me a skill set that I could build a career out of.” Barker said she has had so many opportunities at LLNL that it’s now her personal mission to improve the work experiences of her colleagues. “Statistically speaking, as a mixed race, single mother who grew up in foster care and who has no college degree, I shouldn’t be where I am today,” Barker said. “But instead, I have a great employer who offers me work-life balance and has enabled me to become a homeowner. In fact, I’m the first person to own a home in my family in generations.” Improved work-life balance is one of the reasons Barker said she stays with

the lab, especially since it allows her to participate in more of her son’s extracurricular activities. She and her son are also involved in finding ways to improve their community, like advocating for better streetlights and sidewalks, volunteering their time to restoring the San Francisco Bay Area wetland ecosystems, and developing earth science educational programs through their local mineral society. “I’m so grateful that I get to be around for all of my son’s life moments now,” she said. “There have been times where I would come home just for an hour or two because I was working so many hours, but now I get to experience life with him while uplifting our community.”

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## HOUSING

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and programs that will guide future housing development. The state requires that housing elements be updated every eight years in response to new state-mandated housing-unit quotas. While the multi-year update process normally concludes with HCD certification, the relationship between adoption, compliance and certification remains unclear. Dublin adopted its housing element on Nov. 15 last year and submitted it to the state three days later, but instead of certification, HCD returned with comments on Jan. 17. “HCD determined that the city’s adopted housing element addresses most statutory requirements, but additional revisions are necessary to fully comply with State Housing Element Law,” said Dublin Communications Manager Shari Jackman. Pleasanton adopted its

housing element on Jan. 26, but, as of The Independent’s deadline, has not yet submitted it to HCD. City Communications Manager Heather Tiernan said the city plans to submit it this week, after which a 60-day review period will begin. And Livermore submitted its most recent draft housing element on Jan. 30, which it is hoping to adopt on March 13, pending draft comments from HCD. “We anticipate a letter from HCD within the next couple of weeks finding that the revised draft housing element, if approved by the city council, is in substantial compliance with State Housing Element Law,” said Pontau. Last year, cities in Southern California, which follow an update cycle ahead of the Bay Area’s, attempted to use a housing element grace period only to find themselves out of compliance and the target of rogue housing proj-

ects that took advantage of the Builder’s Remedy. In response, Bay Area cities accelerated their adoption timelines to adopt and self-certify their new housing elements before the Jan. 31 deadline. According to ABAG, “HCD approval is not required for a housing element to be found substantially compliant with state law. State law provides that a city or county may adopt its own findings explaining why its housing element is substantially compliant with state law despite HCD’s findings.” Tiernan echoed that understanding for Pleasanton. “The city council, when adopting the housing element, made findings to document the housing element’s compliance with state law, and the city looks forward to working with HCD to receive its concurrence with those findings through the final review and certification process,” she said.



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# Livermore Valley Arts Announces Bankhead Summer Season

One-half of the best-selling duo of all time, Hall & Oates, as well as an accomplished solo artist, John

Oates, will be rocking The Bankhead on April 14 in an acoustic set. Rounding out the spring and summer,

Courtyard Concerts will also be returning, helping to kick off Tri-Valley weekends with a toast and some cool music in the Madden Courtyard at The Bankhead. All of these performances will be at the Bankhead Theater in Downtown Livermore. Tickets to John Oates, the 2023 Summer Season, and the 2023 Courtyard Concert Series will be on sale beginning Feb. 16, 2023.

Stand-up comedian Paula Poundstone, making a return visit to Livermore, will kick off the Livermore Valley Arts (LVA) Bankhead Presents summer season at the Bankhead Theater on Saturday, June 10.

She will be followed by another female comedian, Maria Bamford, on Friday, July 21.

Pianist Keiko Matsui and Mustangs of the West, an all-female quintet, will also be making return visits this

summer.

Known for her smooth jazz and relaxing New Age music, the Tokyo-born Matsui is scheduled to appear on Friday, Aug. 4. Mustangs of the West, a Southern California band that blends country and rock ‘n roll, is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 19.

Mike Super, billed as “America’s Favorite Mystifier,” will cap off the summer season on Friday, Aug. 25.

The magician and mentalist was the winner on 2007 NBC-TV show “Phenomenon.” He was also a finalist on Season 9 of America’s Got Talent and has received two Merlin awards from the International Society of Magicians.

Tickets for the 2023 Summer Bankhead Presents season are available online at [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org), by calling 925-373-6800, or at the box office.



Legendary rocker John Oates of Hall & Oates will be performing at the The Bankhead on April 14 in an acoustic set. (Photo courtesy of LVA)

## Bankhead to Host Guitar Night

The Bankhead Theater in Livermore will host two international performances this month, including the Canadian Brass at 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 19, and the 23rd International Guitar Night at 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 24.

Known for the use of humor and an irreverent attitude during live performances, Canadian Brass has recorded more than 130 CDs and DVD since the original members of the quintet got their start in Toronto more than 50 years ago.

International Guitar

Night was started by Brian Gore in 1995 as a forum for guitarists to play their latest compositions and share ideas with their peers. Over the years, it has become a top touring festival, bringing together master guitar musicians from around the world to play together.

Tickets are available online at [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org), by calling 925-373-6800, or in person at the Bankhead box office, 2400 First St. Tickets for Canadian Brass begin at \$93; tickets for International Guitar Night begin at \$77.

## Dublin Poet Laureate Reappointed

The Dublin City Council last week confirmed the appointment of the city’s poet laureate, James Morehead,

Commission also recommended that Morehead continue as poet laureate.

Morehead also an-



James Morehead has been appointed to a second two-year term as Dublin’s poet laureate by the city council.

(Photo courtesy of James Morehead)

to a second two-year term, running through the end of 2024.

Morehead told the council he was “thrilled for the opportunity to continue serving” as poet laureate.

“In my first term, I had the honor of creating poems celebrating Dublin’s 40th anniversary, our veterans, and the opening of the Don Biddle Community Park,” Moreland added. “In my second term, I’ll bring poetry events into our schools and the Senior Center.”

In January, the city’s Heritage and Cultural Arts

nounced that Dublin High School (DHS) would host the state Poetry Out Loud recital competition in 2024. Poetry Out Loud is a nationwide program sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts that encourages high school students to learn about poetry through memorization, performance, and competition.

Morehead has published two collections of poetry, “canvas” and “portraits of red and gray,” with a third collection, “The Plague Doctor,” coming out this year.



Supervisor David Haubert, right, commends Park Reserve Forces Training Area Garrison Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Marisol Chalas, left, during Camp Parks’ 80th anniversary celebration. Since 1943, the Alameda County facility has provided base operations, installation services, and training support for the U.S. Army Reserve and Department of Defense. (Photo courtesy of Supervisor David Haubert’s Office)



STEM classes at Junction K-8 School build and test their designs for robotics-coding challenges designed by Gary Mansfield, a community member and retired Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory employee. Mansfield recently donated a class set of VEX IQ robot and extra supplies to classes. During the challenges, students coded their robots to perform various tasks. (Photo courtesy of Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District)

# TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Now to Thursday, Feb. 23

#### CACTUS CORNERS SQUARE DANCING LESSONS

Cactus Corners, a nonprofit, is offering free square-dancing lessons to new dancers. Anyone age 8 and up is invited to this great activity for the entire family. Meetings take place on Thursday, Jan. 12, 19, and 26, and Feb. 2, 9, 16, and 23, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at 2253 5th Street, in Livermore, between south J and south I streets. This is at 5th Street School (now Del Valle Continuation High School). For more information or to be placed on the class notification list, email Margaret at [mmiller1435@gmail.com](mailto:mmiller1435@gmail.com) or call 925-447-6980.

### Now to Thursday, March 16

#### BROADWAY CHORUS REHEARSALS

The chorus will soon be starting rehearsals for the Spring Concert. This is a non-audition chorus, so if you love to sing, this is the place for you. The first rehearsal will be March 9, at 7 p.m., at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., in Livermore. Those interested are welcome to come to the first rehearsals to observe. For more information or to sign up, visit [eastbaymusicals.org](http://eastbaymusicals.org).

### Thursday, Feb. 16

#### BRIGHT FUTURES FOR WOMEN CAREER SERIES

AAUW-Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin presents three Zoom sessions featuring a panel of professional women sharing their career experiences, from 7 to 8 p.m. The third of three sessions, it will feature Jessica Blois, a paleoecologist and associate professor at UC-Merced; Marylou Manzo, a mechanical technologist at LLNL; and Kyndra Cleveland, a developmental psychologist and lawyer. To register, visit [bit.ly/BrightFutures3](http://bit.ly/BrightFutures3). The cost is \$5 per session. For more information or to request a fee waiver, email [girlprograms@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:girlprograms@aauw-lpd.org).

### Saturday, Feb. 18

#### RESPITE AND PARENT RESOURCE SESSION

Join in from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Valley Community Church to hear from Joni & Friends about their incredible family retreats that are truly a vacation for everyone. The Parent Resource Session will run until 11:30 a.m. in the upstairs seminar room. Light refreshments will be served. Respite will be until 1 p.m. for people of all ages with disabilities. Respite is filled with adaptive activities, fun, and quiet space, and all are hosted by a trained team. Neurotypical siblings are welcome to join. A light lunch will be served. Valley Community Church is located at 4455 Del Valle Parkway, in Pleasanton. Attendees are not required to participate in both events to attend or volunteer. To register or for more information, visit [bit.ly/3Jn23LN](http://bit.ly/3Jn23LN).

### Saturday, Feb. 18

#### BINGO BASH

Bingo Bash is back at Pleasanton’s St. Augustine’s Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave. Doors open at 6 p.m., and games start at 6:30 p.m. The price is \$10 per card, and pizza, snacks and beverages will be available. Seating is first come, first served. Prizes and raffles will be awarded. For more information, call 925-519-0435.

### Saturday, Feb. 18

#### DANIEL GLOVER PERFORMS TO BENEFIT VALLEY CONCERT CHORALE

Experience a special musical event when concert pianist Daniel Glover performs musical selections of Rachmaninoff in celebration of his 150th birthday. Then concert takes place at 7:30 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, located at 2020 Fifth St., in Livermore. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased in advance at [valleyconcertchorale.org](http://valleyconcertchorale.org). Proceeds from the performance will benefit the Valley Concert Chorale. For more information, visit [valleyconcertchorale.org](http://valleyconcertchorale.org) or call 925-866-4003.

### Saturday, Feb. 18

#### TRI-VALLEY WRITERS PRESENTS BETSY GRAZIANI FASBINDER

Betsy Graziani Fasbinder will present “How to Be the Best Ambassador for Your Book: Pitfalls to Avoid, Practices that Pay Off” at the Tri-Valley Writers February meeting. Betsy is a communications trainer and licensed psychotherapist. The meeting will take place at 2 p.m., at Las Positas College, room 2470, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., in Livermore. Check-in begins at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for CWC adult members; \$12 for nonmembers; \$5 for CWC student members ages 14 to 22; and \$8 for student nonmembers. To RSVP and pay, email [treasurer@trivalleywriters.org](mailto:treasurer@trivalleywriters.org) by Thursday, Feb. 16, and register at [bit.ly/3CpDOUC](http://bit.ly/3CpDOUC).

### Sunday, Feb. 19

#### CHRIS BRADLEY’S TRADITIONAL JAZZ BAND

Chris Bradley’s Traditional Jazz Band is a New Orleans-style

jazz band that also plays music from the 1920s and 1930s.

The band features well-known musicians from the Bay Area and entertains fans from all ages with real, traditional jazz. The event will be available for in-person attendance and livestream. To request seating, email [info@livermorejazzsociety.org](mailto:info@livermorejazzsociety.org) or visit <https://bit.ly/3F7roFI>. If seating is available, a formal invitation including the performance location will be sent. The suggested donation \$20, but donations of any amount are most welcome. For more information, visit [livermorejazzsociety.org](http://livermorejazzsociety.org).

### Saturday, March 4

#### LIVERMORE VALLEY OPERA PRESENTS PUCCINI’S TOSCA

Livermore Valley Opera (LVO) will present Puccini’s dramatic TOSCA at the Bankhead Theater at 7:30 p.m., the first of four performances of a tale that barely spans 24 hours, is replete with love, jealousy, betrayal, torture and murder. It will grip viewers with its intense drama, passionate arias, and unforgettable melodies. The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First St., in Livermore. Tickets are \$20 to \$98 for adults, with special ticket pricing of \$20 for age 20 and younger and \$40 for age 20 to 40. For more information or tickets, visit [lvopera.com](http://lvopera.com).

### Saturday, March 4

#### LIVERMORE LIONS ANNUAL CRAB FEED FUNDRAISER

Tickets for the Livermore Lions Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser are now available through March 1. The dinner will feature raffles, silent auctions, and an all-you-can-eat crab dinner with pasta, salad, bread, and dessert, at the Bothwell Arts Center, located at 2466 8th St., in Livermore. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the cost is \$65 per person or \$60 each for table of eight. For tickets, call 805-405-8742 or email [ann.lopez16@yahoo.com](mailto:ann.lopez16@yahoo.com).

### Friday, March 10

#### TRINITY CONCERT SERIES:

##### PATRICK BALL — THE CELTIC HARP

Trinity Lutheran Church will host the Trinity Concert Series: Patrick Ball — The Celtic Harp, at 1225 Hopyard Road, in Pleasanton, at 7 p.m. The Celtic harp has a broken and troubled 1,000-year tradition, which Patrick Ball now revives in the 21st century, reviving the ancient art of minstrelsy and storytelling. Ball is considered one of the premier Celtic harpers and storytellers in the world today and has recorded nine instrumental and five spoken word albums. The TLC Concert Series is free, but contributions are welcome at a suggested \$20 for general admission, \$5 for students, and free for those 12 and under. Concerts are in the sanctuary, and no one will be turned away. The venue is also accessible via the Dublin / Pleasanton BART and bus connection. Parking is accessible off Golden Road via Hopyard Road, or from Del Valle Parkway. For more information, visit [patrickball.com](http://patrickball.com).

### Wednesday, March 22

#### RECIPES FOR HEALTHY EATING WITH DIABETES

From 10:30 to 11 a.m., CityServe of the Tri-Valley, Alameda County Public Health, the City of Pleasanton and others will host Recipes for Healthy Eating with Diabetes for Tri-Valley residents aged 60 or better who have been diagnosed with prediabetes or diabetes at Pleasanton Senior Center’s main classroom, 5353 Sunol Blvd., in Pleasanton. Event attendance is limited to the first 25 adults who register. To register, call 925-294-0558 or email [seniors@cityservecares.org](mailto:seniors@cityservecares.org).

### Saturday, April 1

#### LIVERMORE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 11TH ANNUAL CRAB FEED

The Livermore High School Alumni Association will host their 11th annual Crab Feed at 6 p.m., at Robert Livermore Community Center 4444 East Ave., in Livermore. The dinner will feature crab, pasta, salad, bread and dessert, with chicken available upon request prior to event, and a no-host bar. For tickets, visit [bit.ly/3XQ2tia](http://bit.ly/3XQ2tia). For more information, email [lhsalumniassoc@gmail.com](mailto:lhsalumniassoc@gmail.com) or call 925-724-4251.

### 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](mailto: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.

Email non-profit events to [calendar@independentnews.com](mailto:calendar@independentnews.com) for newspaper calendar and visit our website [www.independentnews.com](http://www.independentnews.com) to promote all events online.

# OBITUARIES

## Robert Wurtzer Dec. 3, 1941 – Jan. 31, 2023



Robert Wurtzer, of Rancho Cordova, earned his wings on Jan. 31, 2023, at the age of 81. Bob was born on Dec. 3, 1941, in Baltimore, Maryland, to Robert and Katherine Wurtzer. He grew up with two younger brothers and shared many entertaining stories of their family life.

After graduating from Brooklyn Park High School in 1960, Bob worked at various jobs, including a dairy farm, before enlisting in the Navy as an electronics technician during Vietnam. While he was stationed at Treasure Island, his cousin introduced him to the love of his life, Marla. They married in 1968 and attended Fresno State, graduating together.

They moved to Livermore to start their family, welcoming a daughter and two sons. Bob was a wonderful husband and father. Two of his favorite songs were “Love Without End, Amen” and “The Prayer of St. Francis.” These songs beautifully illustrate how he loved his family and lived out his faith. He exemplified a strong character and kindness in all he did.

Bob was adventurous, wise, and renowned for his ability to solve problems of every kind. Not only did he run a successful technology business for several years, including traveling to places such as Saudi Arabia and India, he was involved in his community and always there for his family. He was a soccer coach and 4-H leader, and a member of men’s groups and prayer groups. He loved taking his family on adventures

like hiking in Yosemite and sailing. One of his exciting achievements was hiking to the top of Half Dome.

Bob was incredibly generous, always willing to help. A notable example is the year he made several cross-country trips to donate bone marrow and platelets for his brother. Even in the busiest seasons of life, his friends and family could count on him.

Bob was never afraid to try new things. At the age of 60, after selling his business, he went back to college for his teaching credential. He became a teacher of math and metal shop at the middle school, high school, and college levels. He also coached a successful robotics team at Granada High.

Bob was the beloved grandfather of nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Grandpa was known for his excellent advice, humorous sayings, stories, family vacations, delicious meals, and for his strong, supportive presence in his grandchildren’s lives.

In his retirement, Bob enjoyed volunteer work at the VA hospital, Navy reunions in

Branson, Missouri, vacations with Marla or with the whole family, and the fellowship of his breakfast group and church. One highlight was a family trip to Breckenridge, Colorado, to celebrate Bob and Marla’s 50th wedding anniversary. He always had ideas for new trips and adventures.

Bob was an avid reader and enjoyed great conversations and music. Another lasting legacy is his artistry and talent for woodworking. He created heirlooms, such as handmade cradles for his grandchildren, and many other beautiful items, that his family will treasure forever.

At the end of any conversation, Bob always assured his family of his love and prayers, always encouraging them to “Stay the Course.” Although he is greatly missed, he will live on forever in the hearts of his family and future generations.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Katherine Wurtzer, and his brother Francis Wurtzer. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Marla; children, Kristie (Rex), Aaron (Angel), and Adam (Zoua); grandchildren, Katherine, John, Mark, Frances, James, Caleb, Ella, Ian, and Jordan; great-grandson, Giovanni; brother, Lee Wurtzer (Marie); many brothers- and sisters-in-law; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends and family are welcome to attend a funeral Mass for Bob at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, in Rancho Cordova, on Feb. 21 at 10 a.m., with a reception to follow.

## Duane "Sonny" Mayer

Duane “Sonny” Mayer passed away peacefully on Feb.2, 2023. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Sonny was a graduate of Livermore High School and was an athletic sports star in both football and basketball. Later in life he also became an excellent golfer. Sonny retired from PG&E after 35 years of employment. He was loved by many in the Livermore Valley.

Sonny is survived by his

beautiful wife of 28 years, Pressy Mayer. He is also survived by his four children: Libby Casey, Timothy Hubbs, Chris Mayer and Stephanie Mayer as well as his stepson Neil Quines and his wife Janet Quines. Sonny was also survived by his five grandchildren: Alexa Hubbs, Shaylee Hubbs, Greyson Hubbs, LJ Quines and MJ Quines. Sonny was laid to rest at St. Michael’s Cemetery on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023, at 11 a.m.



## Megan Beth Daily Feb. 4, 2003 – Feb. 9, 2023



Surrounded by her family, Megan Beth Daily died at home Feb. 9, 2023, at the age of 20.

Megan was born Feb. 4, 2003 in San Francisco. Megan lived with her loving family in Livermore her entire life. She loved quiet snuggle time with parents, sibs, and her cat, Tucker. She flashed her bright eyes for Disney movies, music therapy and the sound of other children’s voices. She was a vibrant part of her special education community and was loved and served by amazing aides, teachers and fellow students. Around campus Megan was known for her beautiful, braided hair. She loved attending the Special Olympics, grocery store field

trips and rallies at Granada. The George Mark Children’s house was Megan’s top vacation destination, providing a haven away from home. Devoted care was given by her home nurse of twenty years.

She is survived by her parents, Bill and Jennifer, sister, Kate, and brother, Nathan. She is preceded in death by her older brother, William.

Funeral services will be held Feb. 16, 2023, at 4 p.m., at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1501 Hillcrest Ave Livermore. The burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore. Arrangements made by Callaghan mortuary. In lieu of flowers please donate to the George Mark Children’s House or Make-A-Wish foundation.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Daily family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at [www.callaghanmortuary.com](http://www.callaghanmortuary.com).

## OFFICER

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McNeff had an exemplary record with commendations and positive performance evaluations throughout his five years with the department until he attended the rally in Sacramento. “Stop the Steal” proponents believe former President Donald Trump won the 2020 election, but that massive fraud cost him the job.

That day, when Congress was set to formally count Electoral College votes to officially elect President Joseph Biden, Trump supporters gathered near the White House in Washington to protest. Trump spoke, inciting the crowd to march upon the Capitol, where thousands of people including white supremacists known as the Proud Boys broke through police lines, shattering windows, and breaking into the building and chambers. Senators and representatives were forced to evacuate but returned after order was restored hours later to complete their duties.

Meanwhile, crowds that included the Proud Boys

and the Three Percenters, a far-right militia group, listened to Trump’s speech while demonstrating at the Capitol in Sacramento. By the afternoon, tempers flared and fights erupted

*You can attend a rally in a protest.  
But it doesn’t mean that there  
will be no consequences  
depending on what your work is.”*

– ACLU Senior Staff Attorney  
Chessie Thatcher

between Proud Boys and counter-protesters. Sacramento police made 11 arrests.

McNeff’s lawsuit said he attended a rally in Sacramento that day as a private citizen in civilian clothing. “There is no evidence,” the lawsuit stated, “that he did anything but attend and observe the rally.”

Afterward McNeff posted a photograph of himself and his wife on his personal Facebook page, which used a pseudonym, “Jonathan P.”

A fellow Pleasanton of-

ficer who saw the photo complained to a superior, triggering discussion in the department about McNeff’s political views. He was referred to as a “moron” and widely criticized and ridi-

culed, the lawsuit contends.

The lawsuit said a police sergeant then wrote a memo to his superiors, concluding that McNeff “directly associated himself with the unlawful activities in the U.S. Capitol” and “associated with extremist groups that promote racist and violent ideologies and carry out violence.”

“These conclusions,” the lawsuit continued, “were a direct attack on Mr. McNeff’s character and reputation and were unsupported by any real evidence.”

“If asked, Mr. McNeff would and could explain his protected political views that he believed there were errors in the 2020 election that needed a thorough investigation,” the lawsuit said. “Mr. McNeff never indicated and never would indicate he had any support for or association with any radical or extremist group.”

The police department opened an investigation using an outside law firm that also examined posts on McNeff’s Facebook page.

Dolan and Police Chief David Swing then fired him. The lawsuit identifies the city, Dolan, Swing and Capt. Larry Cox as defendants. McNeff is seeking damages for a violation of his First Amendment rights; retaliation for engaging in political activity; and wrongful discharge for lawful off-duty conduct.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in Northern California is aware of McNeff’s case. Chessie Thatcher, a senior staff attorney for the organization, said police officers

and other public employees have First Amendment rights to assemble and peacefully protest, but they are “diminished rights.”

“The reason for that is because if their speech can be construed as speaking for the government and/or undercutting the public’s trust in that officer’s ability to serve fairly and impartially, then the police department as a whole may have an issue with its own relationships with the community,” Thatcher said.

Thatcher said she knew nothing of McNeff’s job history and how other concerns could have played a role in his dismissal. The issue is whether the officer’s interests match against the government employer’s interests. Information about his record was not available.

“For this officer, it does seem like his attendance at a peaceful protest might not have been enough to warrant termination, but it did result in some violence and some arrests,” Thatcher said. “It does sound like he made other comments that

disrupted his relationship with his fellow officers, which is what caused them to report his social media posts to his employer. And so the law enforcement department is tasked with evaluating ‘how does that conduct and expression work with our ability and our image in the community in being able to deliver services fairly and impartially.’”

Thatcher said McNeff’s case raises interesting questions about employees’ ability to engage in protected activity, but the ACLU will not become involved. Thatcher said the ACLU is committed to the First Amendment but is also “committed to racial and democratic interests that are beyond just whether an officer is able to go to a Stop the Steal rally.”

“You can attend a rally in a protest,” Thatcher said. “But it doesn’t mean that there will be no consequences depending on what your work is.”

## HOMES

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surrounded on three sides by a residential area, is within walking distance of many schools and daycares, which are in close proximity, and is literally 30 feet from my back door.”

She accused Asbury officials of not listening to its neighbors and offering a one-sided presentation at a recent community meeting.

“I’ve been forced to think a lot about the word NIMBY as defined,” Olson said, referring the acronym for “Not In My Back Yard.” “I guess I am one, but the reality is I’m fighting for the physical, emotional and financial safety of my family and the surrounding community.”

Resident Barbara Silva said she was opposed to the project’s site about 3 miles from the Robert Livermore Community Center and its baseball and soccer fields, and gardens.

Resident Neal Mackanic said that because tiny home

residents would not be required to accept services, it would lead to months or years of “dysfunctional behaviors, drug and alcohol abuse, mental health issues, all being lived out behind our house and near hundreds of residents in Livermore families.”

He noted that Goodness Village, a community of 28 tiny homes that opened at CrossWinds Church in Livermore in 2021, was ideal because it was located miles from residents’ homes. Cora Procbe said she feared the project will lead to increased crime.

On the other side, former Councilmember Trish Munro encouraged the city council and city’s staff to “provide housing for those who need it.”

“The idea that the village that’s being proposed by Asbury Methodist, which is fulfilling the primary mission of any religious organization, caring for

those in need, is somehow threatening, I find disturbing,” Munro said. “I want to encourage all of you to continue the good work that’s been done in the past.”

Alan Marling said he learned at an informational meeting held by the church that scientific studies showed permanent housing for the homeless provides stability, hastens healing and prevents crime and drug use.

“I can think of nothing more Christian than building homes for those who most need them,” Marling said. “I would never try to tell the faithful to do otherwise.”

Marling added that people who don’t want to be considered NIMBY’s who ignore scientific study and scripture to “step on the necks of the less fortunate,” should “stop acting like it.”

In response to the speakers’ concerns, La Point-Col-lup of Asbury said during

an interview with The Independent that if the tiny home community is built, its management would require criminal background checks on those applying to live there; criminals would be kept out and public safety would not be compromised.

She pointed out that just because a person might have a mental health or substance abuse problem, it doesn’t make them a criminal.

La Point-Colllup further added that the homeless are people who have had a catastrophe in their lives, such as losing their jobs or a major illness in their families; or some quit working to care for a family member.

“Once you’re out in the streets, it’s more likely that you’re going to have substance abuse because it’s self-medication,” she said.

Asbury’s proposal for permanent supportive housing would include social

services programs around the clock, she added.

“These programs have shown over and over again that once people have a stable place to stay and lock their door and have a place to take a shower and sleep, that they really get their life back together,” La Point-Colllup said. “We will have a social service partner that will work with them to ensure that happens.”

She further added that although residents would not be required to take part in rehabilitation programs, those who violate community rules would be told to leave.

“People, once they get housed, are so thrilled, they stay in their houses for the most part except to go about their business,” she said.

Spence told the council that he would notify its members if the city receives an application from Asbury. The proposal would go through the city’s planning

commission before getting to the city council, he said. Spence added that city staff assists anyone considering a community project.

Upcoming Planning Commission Interviews

In council action, the members selected seven candidates to be interviewed to fill three positions on the city’s planning commission. Fourteen people, including incumbents John Stein and Jacob Anderson, applied.

Planning commissioners, who serve four-year appointed terms, advise the council on the city’s General Plan and proposed private and public developments and improvements. The candidates receiving the most votes were Yolanda Fintschenko, Tracy Kronzak, Anderson, Asa Strout, Erik Bjorklund, Carmelita (Mel) Chiong, and Neal Pann.

Interviews will occur March 2.

# Boys Basketball Teams Wind Up Season With Series of NCS Playoff Games

By Phil Jensen

After a successful run in the East Bay Athletic League tournament, the Granada High School boys basketball team earned the No. 4 seed in the North Coast Section Open Division playoffs.

The Matadors will host No. 5 Dublin tonight at 7 p.m. in a first-round game. The winner will travel to face No. 1 Dougherty Valley on Feb. 22 in a semifinal matchup.

Granada (21-8 overall) advanced to last Saturday's EBAL final with two straight tournament victories.

First, the Matadors edged Monte Vista 65-63 on Feb. 7. Granada came back from a 19-8 first-quarter deficit to prevail.

Then on the next night, Granada defeated Dublin 79-69 to move on to the semifinals. The Matadors led by as many as 21 points in the fourth quarter at Dublin.

The Saint Mary's College-bound Andrew McKeever paced Granada with 22 points, 10 rebounds and six assists. Teammates NaVaughn Long and Tyler Harris added 17 and 13 points respectively, with Long grabbing eight rebounds. Donovan Cooks had 19 points for Dublin (18-9), and teammate Courtney Anderson Jr. added 18 points.

In the semifinals on Feb. 9, McKeever poured in 29 points as Granada beat host De La Salle 71-67 in over-

time. The Matadors outscored the Spartans 11-7 in the overtime period.

Harris had 23 points in the big semifinal victory, and a three-pointer in overtime by Kevin Grant gave the Matadors the lead for good.

In the final on Saturday, the 7-foot McKeever had 25 points and Harris added 22 points, but Dougherty Valley won 77-70. Granada led 36-32 at halftime.

Two other local boys basketball teams were selected to play in the NCS tournament.

Foothill, the No. 10 seed in Division I, traveled to face No. 7 Bishop O'Dowd on Tuesday in a first-round game. First-round results were not available at press

time.

Amador Valley, the No. 15 seed in Division I, played at No. 2 Moreau Catholic in another first-round game on Tuesday.

Foothill defeated Amador Valley 50-47 in the first round of the EBAL tournament on Feb. 6. But the Falcons fell to San Ramon Valley 60-33 the next evening.

The NCS girls basketball tournament seedings were also decided on Sunday, and one local team was selected.

Granada is the No. 7 seed in Division I and hosted No. 10 Castro Valley on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The Matadors were edged 65-64 by Monte Vista in the EBAL playoff semifinals on Feb. 10.



The Dougherty Valley Wildcats hosted the Granada Matadors for the EBAL Boys Varsity Basketball Championship on Saturday, Feb. 11. Dougherty Valley won 77-70. [See photo gallery at [www.independentnews.com/multimedia](http://www.independentnews.com/multimedia)] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

# Tri-Valley High School Soccer Season Ends on High Note



The Livermore Cowboys Boys Varsity soccer team hosted crosstown rival the Granada Matadors on Thursday, Feb. 9. Livermore won 2-1. [See photo gallery at [www.independentnews.com/multimedia](http://www.independentnews.com/multimedia)] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

By Phil Jensen

The Livermore High School boys soccer team had a rough start to this season, as it suffered a series of big injuries.

But the Cowboys have gained traction at the end of this season, as they produced a 2-0-1 record in their last three regular-season games, including a 2-1 victory over visiting Granada on Feb. 9.

“After Thanksgiving break, we had a total of eight starters that were out all at once,” Livermore coach Dario Fabian said. “That put us in a really tough situation in terms of numbers ... we struggled for about a month and a half.”

Fabian added the team is healthy now and “it was good to not only start winning ... but it was also great to see the boys recover and actually finish off the season.”

Livermore, which finished the regular season with a 10-13-1 overall record and

4-8-1 mark in East Bay Athletic League play, advanced to the North Coast Section Division II playoffs as the No. 12 seed. It traveled to play No. 5 Bishop O'Dowd on Tuesday in a first-round game. First-round results were not available at press time.

Granada, which ended the regular season 8-8-2 overall and 5-6-2 in EBAL action, also was selected for the NCS tournament. The Matadors are the No. 15 seed in Division I and played at No. 2 Dougherty Valley Wednesday in a first-round game.

On Sept. 9, Granada had three of the first four shots on goal against Livermore and the Matadors controlled play for much of the first 17 minutes. But that changed when Livermore's Tanner Breech took a pass from Silbano Ortega and quickly pivoted left in the box, opening up a clear shot on goal and providing the Cowboys a 1-0 lead.

The eventual winning

goal occurred at the 33 minute, 35 second mark of the first half. Breech took a shot on goal from the left side of the field that went past the charging goalie and was unable to be cleared by a Granada defender. Ortega deposited the loose ball into the corner of the net.

Livermore had the first two shots on goal in the second half, but after that, Granada accelerated its pace and outshot the Cowboys 7-2 the rest of the game. But the Matadors were only able to halve the deficit, as a header in the box by Cristian Franco at the 52:30 mark of the game was their only score.

“I thought they played really well,” said Granada coach Rob Hansen about his team. “Coming to play at Livermore is always going to be a challenge because they're local rivals, and they're all friends and they play club together. I feel like we could have done better, I think we had a great second

half ... I'm just glad our guys came back and battled the second half and gave them a run.”

Granada outshot Livermore 12-8 in the game.

Another local team was also selected to play in the NCS boys soccer tournament. Foothill is the No. 14 seed in Division I and traveled to face No. 3 Monte Vista on Wednesday in a first-round game.

The NCS girls soccer tournament seedings were also decided on Sunday, and below are the local teams who were selected and their first-round matchups:

Amador Valley is the No. 3 seed in Division I and hosted No. 14 Heritage on Wednesday.

Foothill is the No. 9 seed in Division I and played at No. 8 Freedom on Wednesday.

Livermore is the No. 11 seed in Division II and traveled to face No. 6 Montgomery on Tuesday.

## Livermore Girls Defeat Granada Soccer, 2-1

By Nathan Canilao

The Livermore girls' soccer team defeated Granada High School 2-1 on Feb. 9. The Cowboys finish the regular season with a 7th place finish in the East Bay Athletic League.

The Matadors struck first with a goal in the first half. Granada was able to create an open look with ball

movement and score an early goal.

At halftime, the Matadors led 1-0.

Livermore opened the game up in the second half. Senior Hailey Brackett scored a goal to tie the game in the second half.

Brackett assisted on the Cowboys' other goal in the second half and the Cow-

boys closed out the match on the road.

Brackett recorded one goal and two total points in the game. Junior goalkeeper Madelyn Funk played all 80 minutes and had three save

Livermore qualified for the North Coast Section Playoffs and will compete for an NCS title in the coming weeks.

## Amador Girls Avenue Crosstown Team in Close Match

By Nathan Canilao

The Amador Valley girls' soccer team defeated rival Foothill High School 2-0 on Feb. 9. The Dons avenge their previous loss to Foothill earlier in the season and split the season series with the Falcons.

Both teams played tough defense in the first half. Amador and Foothill had a hard time getting good looks inside the box and neither team was able to put points up on the board.

At halftime, the score was tied 0-0.

Amador exploded in the second half, scoring two goals that put the game away. The Dons moved the ball well enough to create good looks around the net.

With the win, Amador finished 3rd in the East Bay Athletic League standings. They went 4-0-1 in their last five games and improved to 9-3-2 on the season with the win.

With the loss, Foothill finished 6th in league play and dropped to 6-6-3 overall.

Both teams were select-

ed to compete in the North Coast Section Division I playoffs and will look to make a championship run in the coming weeks.

## Dublin, Dougherty Valley Boys Finish Season in Tie Game

By Nathan Canilao

The Dublin High School boys' soccer team tied 1-1 with rival Dougherty Valley High School on Feb. 9. The Gaels finished the regular season with a 5-9-5 record.

Going into the match,

the Dougherty Valley Wildcats were eligible to win the East Bay Athletic League (EBAL) season title with a win over the Gaels.

The Wildcats jumped off to a good start. Junior Matas Drevinskas scored the Wildcats' first goal of

the game in the first half and gave Dougherty Valley a 1-0 lead going into intermission.

The Gaels scored late in the second half to tie the game and spoiled the Wildcats' chances at an EBAL regular season title.

## Falcon Girls Bumped From First Round of EBAL Playoffs

By Nathan Canilao

The Foothill High School girls' basketball team lost their first round East Bay Athletic League (EBAL) playoff game 73-30 to San Ramon Valley High School on Feb. 10.

San Ramon Valley started off the game going on a big first quarter run. The Wolves outscored Foothill

44-17 in the first quarter and took complete control of the game.

The Falcons stepped up the defense in the second quarter as they did not allow the Wolves to score, but they couldn't muster up any offense as they were also held scoreless in the second quarter.

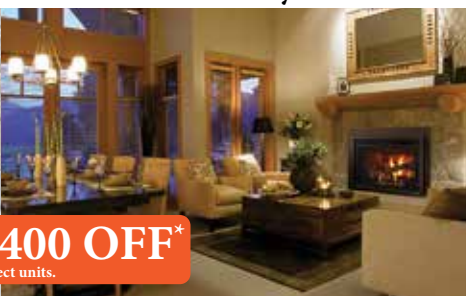
The Wolves led 44-17 going into intermission.

San Ramon Valley continued their dominance into the third quarter, scoring 22 points and allowing just nine from Foothill. The Wolves cruised to an easy victory in the fourth and moved on to the second round of the EBAL playoffs.

The Falcons end their season with a 9-15 record while going 4-6 in league play.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Heavenly Care Home, 36857 Walnut Street, Newark, CA 94560, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Heavenly Care Home LLC, 2899 Bethany Rd, San Ramon, CA 94582. 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: 1/5/2003. Signature of Registrant/s/: Shahid Abbasi, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 5, 2023. Expires January 4, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5367. Published January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2023.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 594788

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 594854

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### STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 577239

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 594802

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 595041

The following person(s) doing business as: MAC & Associates, 164 N L ST, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mari Carmignani, 1081 Hillcrest Court, 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: 1/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mari Carmignani, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 26, 2023. Expires January 25, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5373. Published February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023.

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ture of Registrant/s/: Tsahala David, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 27, 2023. Expires January 26, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5374. Published February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 595005

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 595088

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 595165

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 594910

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### STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 576870

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 595331

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 595480

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### TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER FILE# HF22135598

**Protected Party:** Jean Evelyn Ballard

**Restrained Party:** Dean Paul Lunardi.

You are hereby notified that Judge Keith Fong has issued a temporary restraining order against Respondent, DEAN PAUL LUNARDI for protected person, JEAN BALLARD. **Respondent:** Do not contact the Petitioner. Do not come within 100 yards of Petitioner. You shall not follow Petitioner's social media accounts. You shall return all property listed in the temporary restraining order to Petitioner. You cannot own, possess, have, buy, or get guns or ammunition. Respondent to file form DV-120 five days before hearing. **Trial has been set for:** February 27, 2023 at 9:00 AM Dept # 502 Hayward Hall of Justice Superior Court of Alameda County. 24405 Amador Street Hayward, CA 94544 The Independent, Legal No. 5388. Published February 16, 23, 2023.

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Pleasanton Unified School District students taking English as a second language recently learned how to identify and respond to emergencies and disasters, and how and when to call 911. To enhance the learning experience, a guest speaker from the Pleasanton Police Department, Officer Rich Trovao, presented to both classes. He shared information about the department and its resources and talked about emergencies and the role the police department plays in helping keep its citizens safe. (Photo courtesy of PUSD)

### Dublin Partners with Futures Explored Program

Dublin will work with the California nonprofit Futures Explored over the next 18 months to hire 15 individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD).

The city said the goal of the partnership is to create equitable access to programs and opportunities and to increase awareness in the workforce regarding adults with disabilities. The focus will be on filling positions in the Parks & Community Services department, including seasonal, part-time positions at the city’s aquatics facility, The Wave.

“We’re thrilled to announce our partnership with Futures Explored,” said Parks & Community Services Director Jackie Dwyer. “Our organizations share essential core values, providing equity and championing diversity and inclusion. The City of Dublin, Futures Explored, our community, and our staff will benefit from this endeavor. We are excited to see where it leads.”

Futures Explored, with an office in Livermore, will conduct a two-hour training program for city staff on working with people with disabilities and devote another four hours every three months answering questions and providing follow-up coaching.

Futures Explored will also provide training on equity and implicit bias, as the nonprofit reaches out to people of color with disabilities.

“All of us at Futures Explored look forward to partnering with Dublin to create a dynamic and meaningful program that is mutually beneficial to the city and the greater I/DD community,” said board president Carolyn Zalewski.

### Registration Open for Adult Softball League

Pleasanton is now accepting team registrations for the city’s 2023 recreational adult softball league. The city will offer a 16-game season with five nights of play, Monday through Friday, at Ken Mercer Sports Park, 5800 Parkside Dr., according to Community and Public Relations Coordinator Nic Binzoni. Games will be played at 5 p.m., 6:05 p.m., and 7:10 p.m. Registration is open now through March 12. League play will begin Monday, April 10, and run through Tuesday, Oct. 31. To register a team, or for more information, go to [teamside.com/pleasanton](https://teamside.com/pleasanton).

### Pleasanton Offers Workshop on Organic Waste

Pleasanton is partnering with the Go Green Initiative (GGI) to offer a series of community programs on reducing waste, saving money, and creating a more sustainable city.

The programs are in response to SB 1383, which requires municipalities to provide organic waste collection services to all residents and businesses. SB 1383 was adopted in 2016, with new regulations going into effect last year.

GGI, a grassroot, non-profit created by former Pleasanton PTA president Jill Buck in 2002, promotes environmental action programs for schools. Its programs have now been adopted by schools in all 50 states.

The city and GGI will sponsor six events in March, including two waste reduction workshops and four one-hour tours of the Pleasanton Material Recovery Facility at the Pleasanton Transfer Station.

All events are free and will be hosted by Amador Valley and Foothill high school students and members of Local Leaders of the 21st Century, a GGI-funded program that encourages civic engagement on climate change.

The workshops are open to all residents and will be held at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, March 6, and Thursday, March 9.

Tours of the recycling center are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, and again on Friday, March 17. The tours are open to Pleasanton residents 10 and older, and participants are asked to wear closed-toed shoes.

For more information, go to [gogreeninitiative.org](https://gogreeninitiative.org).

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