



A ceremony presented by Livermore's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7265 was held on Nov. 11. The ceremony honored all who have served. The event was held inside Veterans Hall on South L Street in Livermore due to rain. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)

Election 2024

All Votes In, But Final Results Being Counted

Voter Turnout Now Estimated at More Than 50% of Registered Voters

By Larry Altman, David Jen and Ruth Roberts

REGIONAL — A change in leadership in Pleasanton and passage of ballot measures in Dublin are just two likely outcomes of the Nov. 5 general election in Tri-Valley.

One week after the election, Alameda County officials continue to tabulate the results, counting more than 483,000 ballots so far.

The results are current as of 3 p.m. Nov. 12 as The Independent went to press. The next tally is expected on Friday, Nov. 15.

All mail-in ballots were required to have been received by the end of the day Nov. 12. The county has until Dec. 5 to certify the results.

Dublin

Four candidates were in the

running for the mayoral seat. Vice Mayor Sherry Hu is the top vote-getter with 36.2% of the votes counted so far. Hu has claimed victory in the race. She is followed by first-time candidate Tom Evans with 32.7% of the total, current Councilmember Jean Josey in third place with 28%, and Shawn Costello with 3.1%

In the only contested race for city council, for District 3, John Morada was leading Razi Hasni 52.5% to 47.5%. District 3 covers a part of the city roughly between Hacienda Drive and Croak Road, south of Gleason Drive. This is the first year Dublin voters are electing city council members by district.

Dublin residents were on the path to approving Measure II, 53.4% to 46.6%. The "Dublin Traffic Relief, Clean Air/Open Space Preservation Measure," will allow the city council to vote

to develop 80 acres of vacant land separating Dublin and Livermore with commercial or industrial facilities. The measure was opposed by Livermore's city leaders who want to maintain the open space between the two cities. (A lawsuit seeking to throw out the ballot measure is still pending in court. A case management hearing has been postponed until Dec. 12.)

Dublin voters also were approving Measure JJ by a wide margin, 76.3% to 23.7%. The "Government Accountability Act" extends term limits for city council members, bans gifts by lobbyists and other measures.

Livermore

Planning Commissioner Steven Dunbar and Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Trustee Kristie Wang appear to be the voters' selections to join the

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Bauer-Kahan Vows To Protect State from Federal Interference

Assemblymember Has Championed Climate, Abortion, Civil and Immigrant Rights Since 2018

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, a Democrat reelected last week to her fourth term representing the 16th Assembly District, which includes most of the Tri-Valley, said her party will work to keep California a "a safe, inclusive, and resilient place for all."

Bauer-Kahan's statement, in response to a question from The Independent, came after Gov. Gavin Newsom convened a special session of the state Legislature to "protect California values, including fundamental civil rights, reproductive freedom, climate action, immigrant families, and more."

The governor announced that this was the first of several actions he intends to take with the legislature to shore up "California's defenses against an

incoming federal administration that has threatened the state on multiple fronts."

"The freedoms we hold dear in California are under attack — and we won't sit idle," Newsom said. "California has faced this challenge before, and we know how to respond. We are prepared, and we will do everything necessary to ensure Californians have the support and resources they need to thrive."

Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher, who represents a district including Chico and Yuba City, called the special session a "shameless political stunt."

"The only 'problem' it will solve is Gavin Newsom's insecurity that not enough people are paying attention to him," Gallagher said. "There will not be a single policy implemented in this special session that couldn't

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Granada's varsity football team kneels with their trophy while the cheerleaders sing after their 1-point comeback victory over Livermore on Nov. 8. The Matadors defeated their crosstown rivals 28-27. (See story on page 10.) (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)

Lab, College and Businesses Work Toward Decarbonized Economy in the Tri-Valley

Las Positas College Seminar Highlights Progress

By David Jen

LIVERMORE — The Tri-Valley stands to play an important part in green technology as California moves closer to its mid-century climate goals, according to a recent survey conducted by FM3 Research.

Composed of 44 business leaders, nonprofit leaders, elected officials and local government employees, the survey's respondents counted the area's economic and academic environment, as well

as its geographical location, as its main strengths.

"The employers that we spoke to were very positive about the Tri-Valley's position, geographically being between the Bay Area and the Central Valley (and) having access to a highly educated, well-trained workforce that's working in some of the foremost institutions in the country on these issues," said FM3 principal researcher Dave Metz at the Decarbonizing Our Economy conference in Livermore on Nov. 8.

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Pleasanton

Costco Should Open By Thanksgiving

New Store Expected to Bring in Up to \$1 Million in Annual Sales Taxes

By Ruth Roberts

PLEASANTON — Pleasanton shoppers looking to purchase their turkey and holiday fare at the city's new Costco will most likely get to do so, but they'll have to be quick: The long-awaited opening of the discount warehouse on Johnson Drive is scheduled for the day before Thanksgiving.

"Right now, the date is Wednesday, Nov. 27," said James Cooper, CEO/president of the

Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce. Cooper added that the date is based on several contingencies. "Especially transportation-related items like the road, soundwall and traffic signals," he said.

Costco's presence in Pleasanton will provide an estimated bump of approximately \$300,000 in sales tax collection for the 2024-'25 fiscal year, said Heather Tiernan, Pleasanton's communications director.

That bump, Cooper agrees, will be most welcome.

"This boost is especially important given the conversations Pleasanton has had in 2024 about increasing the sales tax percentage to eliminate the anticipated budget deficit facing Pleasanton over the next several years," Cooper said.

"The opening of Pleasanton's Costco marks a new source of sales tax revenue, coming at a critical time as the city works to address a structural deficit," said Susan Hsieh, Pleasanton's finance director.

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Saul Dreier, now 99, first discovered the joy of music while in a Nazi concentration camp during World War II. He visits Chabad Tri-Valley in Pleasanton on Nov. 20. (Photo courtesy of Saul Dreier)

Holocaust Survivor Brings Music and Healing To Chabad of the Tri-Valley in Pleasanton

By Christina Cavallaro

PLEASANTON — Chabad of the Tri-Valley in Pleasanton is hosting an evening of resilience and music with 99-year-old Holocaust survivor Saul Dreier on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Dreier leads the Holocaust Survivor Band, which he didn't start until he was in his 80s, but the roots of which were planted when he was held in Nazi concentration camps in Poland and Austria.

Born on April 29, 1925, in Krakow, Poland, Dreier recounted, in a Yiddish-inflected Polish accent, the simple joy of his happy early years of going to public school in the morning. "And in the afternoon, I was going to a Jewish school, we used to call it cheder," a Hebrew word for a primary school that teaches Judaism and Hebrew.

"And at the Jewish school we had our place, where we had tea with bread before we went home at the end of the day."

Dreier's father, a musician, had given him a clarinet when he was 8 years old. "I was learning how to play. I had one song. I still remember that melody today."

Dreier's youth came to a halt in 1939 with the outbreak of World War II. He was 15 and a half when he and his family had to sell off their possessions.

"So of course my clarinet went."

His family were eventually put into concentration camps, where his parents and sister perished.

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PET OF THE WEEK



PUGSLEY ADDAMS

You can call him kooky if you want, but 4-month-old Pugsley Addams is just doing what puppies do. Energetic and confident, he follows the lead of the older, wiser dogs in his foster care home and is learning how the world works. Pugsley loves the other dogs he has met, and even respects the dog-savvy cat in the household. To come pay a call on Pugsley, visit valleyhumane.org to learn more or email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption process. (Photo courtesy of Valley Humane)

Valley Humane Launches Field Vet Program for Pet Owners in Need

By Ruth Roberts

For Tri-Valley residents grappling with housing and food inequities, caring for a beloved pet is often a struggle, and veterinary

services, even the most basic, are often priced out of reach.

Now, thanks to a partnership with two local nonprofits, Valley Humane Society has launched a

new field veterinary program, which strives to provide basic veterinary care for the dogs and cats of those receiving support services in the Tri-Valley. The organization has

worked with Open Heart Kitchen for years distributing cat and dog food through its AniMeals pet food pantry, helping people keep their pets out of shelters. The new program provides an additional layer of support for families who otherwise can't afford basic veterinary care.

"Valley Humane Society sees the effect that a lack of access to veterinary care is having on shelters throughout the state," said Melissa Adkins, marketing manager for Valley Humane Society. "It's a major contributor to the overcrowding taking place; people who feel unable to care for their animals seek to surrender them in order to get them the help they need. By helping provide basic veterinary care for pet guardians who otherwise wouldn't be able to get it, we enable them to stay together with their companions, as well as keep pets who already have a home with a loving family out of the shelter."

The Field Veterinary program is paid for with donations and funding

from the estate of Pearl Filipiski, whose generosity helped launch the program. Services offered include exams, vaccinations, parasite control and microchipping. If additional health issues are discovered, the field vet will work with clients to establish a care plan, which may include support from Valley Humane's Medical Assistance Fund or a recommendation to seek care from a local veterinarian.

According to Melanie Sadek, Valley Humane's president, the first outing a few months ago included visits to Goodness Village, an affordable tiny home program in Livermore, and the Vineyard Resource Center, also in Livermore, which provides assistance to those in need. The team, including Dr. Carol Campbell, DVM, delivered care to nearly a dozen cats and dogs during those sessions.

The program's next vet visit with be provided

in December in Pleasanton through CityServe, a faith-based organization. Although the vet care service is not open to the public, those connected to these area services will be notified and are eligible.

"No loved animal should be in a shelter," Sadek added. "Our Field Veterinary program will support underserved pet guardians in keeping their animals healthy and together with the family."

For more information, visit valleyhumane.org.



Jelly keeps an eye on his mom as the Valley Humane Society's field veterinary team performs a routine checkup on their furry friend. The Humane Society recently launched the traveling veterinary service and plans to provide low, or no-cost services quarterly to Tri-Valley residents' pets. (Photo courtesy of Valley Humane Society)

Tracy Man Sold Drugs to Livermore Students

By Larry Altman

A Tracy man is facing allegations that he sold drugs to students as young as 12 years old at Livermore middle and high schools, including Joe Michell Middle School.

Brian Ayala Gonzalez, 20, was charged on Oct. 22 with 11 felony counts including furnishing and selling cannabis and marijuana to minors, possession of psilocybin for sale, possession of cannabis for sale, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and a misdemeanor count of selling tobacco products without a license, police said.

One of the charges alleges he used a 13-year-old boy to help distribute the products.

Detectives opened an investigation in April when parents and school staff complained about a person selling nicotine and marijuana vapes, and psilocybin

chocolate bars to children, police said. Psilocybin is the active compound in hallucinogenic mushrooms.

Police discovered the man was using social media platforms, including Instagram and Snapchat, to contact children and sell them the drugs. He often changed his online handles and used fake names to avoid detection, police said.

Detectives conducted a four-month investigation, watching Gonzalez, interviewing multiple witnesses and serving more than 10 search warrants before Tracy police arrested him on Oct. 26, police said.

During a search of his apartment, officers found more than \$40,000 in cash and vapes worth an estimated \$125,000.

A criminal complaint filed in Alameda County Superior Court charges that the crimes occurred from September 2022 to February 2024. In addition to the

primary counts, Gonzalez also faces allegations that his victims were "particularly vulnerable," induced to commit a crime.

Published reports based on court records indicated Gonzalez used the Instagram account "Jose Exotics All Around," accepted electronic payments and used the 13-year-old boy as a middleman for some drug transactions.

Gonzalez posted \$280,000 bail and was released. He is scheduled to be arraigned on Nov. 20.

Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Superintendent Torie Gibson sent an email to parents that said the police investigation determined that Gonzalez allegedly interacted with students outside of the school day and not on any of Livermore campuses.

"We are, of course, troubled to hear that any of these illegal activities may have involved or impacted Joe Mi-

chell students or other young people in our community," Gibson said. "We appreciate the families who reached out directly to LPD with information that assisted in the resolution of this matter."

Gibson said in her email that "student safety is of the utmost importance to us."

"We will remain vigilant in our efforts to maintain a safe, drug-free environment by educating our students about the importance of making healthy choices and the risks associated with drug use," Gibson wrote. "We appreciate your support and partnership in promoting a safe school community."



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Library to Host Sculpting Workshops

The Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., will host a two-part sculpting workshop with Bay Area artist Stephanie Thames at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7, and Saturday, Dec. 14.

Thames is a self-taught painter and ceramic artist. In 2019, she received the

Jan Hart-Shuyers Creative Merit Award at the annual Art of Living Black exhibition, now Art of the African Diaspora, at the Richmond Art Center.

She has a master's degree in spirituality and culture from the now-closed Holy Names University in Oakland.

Workshop participants will learn different methods of building and attaching air-dry clay to create a sculpture piece they can take home. Participants must register for both workshops.

To register for the free workshops, call 925-373-5505 or go to library.livermoreca.gov.

Dublin Introduces Weekly Newsletter

Dublin has launched a weekly electronic newsletter, "Dublin Digest," to keep residents informed about city projects, sports, special events and other news.

"Our city thrives on a strong sense of community, and staying informed is a big part of that," City Man-

ager Colleen Tribby said in the inaugural issue posted online on Nov. 8. "Whether you are a business owner looking for ways to showcase your product or a resident looking for fun weekend plans or community involvement opportunities, 'Dublin Digest' is here to make sure you are

always in the loop."

The weekly update will be published every Friday, according to the city.

The newsletter is available online at dublin.co.gov. Residents can also sign up to receive the newsletter via email by clicking on "Stay Informed" on the city's homepage.

Dr. Chirag Pandya, board certified in Pulmonology, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine, has moved to a new location.

He has been serving the patients in the Tri-Valley area for the last 15 years and has held several leadership roles at Stanford Tri-Valley (ValleyCare) hospital.

Dr. Pandya specializes in asthma, emphysema/COPD, trouble breathing, lung infections, lung cancer, interstitial lung disease, snoring, sleep apnea, trouble sleeping (insomnia), narcolepsy and restless leg syndrome.

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Local Builders Competition Celebrates Construction Industry Craft

By Christina Cavallaro

The Associated Builders and Contractors Northern California Chapter (or ABC NorCal) hosted its 10th annual Local Craft Competition on Saturday, Nov. 9. The event held at the organization's corporate training facility on the Las Positas College campus showcased the skills, training and safe work practices of more than a dozen of its construction apprentices.

ABC NorCal is a national construction industry trade

association representing more than 23,000 members. Known for its advocacy, education and networking opportunities, its state and federally approved apprenticeship program trains more than 400 individuals annually in five trades: carpentry, construction craft laborer, electrical, painting and plumbing. Program apprentices receive paid on-the-job training, health benefits, and a nationally recognized curriculum.

"This event is a competi-

tion, but also a celebration of how much these apprentices have learned and a demonstration of their commitment to training and safety," ABC NorCal President and CEO John Morris said.

Third- and fourth-year apprentices were encouraged by their instructors to apply for the side-by-side electrical, painting and plumbing project competitions held in front of a public audience throughout the day.

One participant, David Manjarrez of Sacramento, said the competition gave

him perspective into his skill set. "Even though you have all the knowledge of it, there is always something to learn to add to your arsenal," he said.

He added: "Shout out to those hesitant about competing in the future: you may be nervous, (but) once you are there and talk to the people, it's inspiring. Their stories are all different and we all connect here."

ABC NorCal has been based in the Livermore training facility since 2008. It is currently leasing the space, but looking to expand, purchase and establish its own state-of-the-art facility in the near future, according to Matthew Estipona, the organization's government affairs and grassroots advocacy director.

"Livermore serves as an ideal place because of the industrial layout and proximity to both the Bay Area and Central Valley economic centers where a lot of our members and new construction projects are," he said.

The competitors vied for spots in the ABC National Craft Championships to be held in Las Vegas in February 2025. The apprentices' final projects were judged by local construction professionals.

"To solve our construction workforce shortage, we need to promote careers in the trades and our craft competition is the perfect way to highlight our apprentices' achievements and showcase their potential," Estipona said. "This is a celebration of the skill, tenacity and hard work of our apprentices who represent the future of the construction industry workforce."

The full day of competition from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. concluded with four first-place winners:

Frank Martinez — Category: Commercial residen-

tial, electrical.

Project: A commercial lab board, which is a circuit box that directs electricity through conduits. The sample board the apprentices were constructing is what is typically used to power a commercial building such as a retail storefront.

Lester Fonseca — Category: Industrial commercial, electrical.

Project: A motor control workstation.

Adam Segovia — Category: Painting.

Project: Completion of 29 tasks, including patching holes and spray-painting a door using a projector and a stencil.

Javier Pacheco — Category: Carpentry.

Project: A mockup of different elements of a building.

All the first-place winners will head to Las Vegas

in February to compete at the national level.

"Though millions of people work in the construction industry, very few can say they are a Regional or National Craft Champion," Morris said. "It is one of our industry's highest honors."



ABC NorCal electrical apprentice David Manjarrez works with a conduit bender tool during the organization's local craft competition held at Las Positas College on Nov. 9. (Photo — Tim Ulmer, courtesy of ABC NorCal)

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EDITORIAL

California Should Be Defended Against Federal Overreach

Not long after the U.S. presidential election, Gov. Gavin Newsom issued a statement that said freedoms held dear in California might be under attack, and that he would defend them from federal interference.

Statements issued by other Democratic state officials took a similar tone. However, Republican officials, such as Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher, called Newsom’s statements a political stunt, possibly motivated by a desire to run for president in 2028.

Setting aside Newsom’s political ambitions and other political positioning, it’s worth recalling what it is that makes California, and in particular the Tri-Valley, special. We have come far, and have a lot to lose.

California and the Tri-Valley are places of great natural beauty. However, climate change has triggered

a rise in global temperatures, shifts in storm patterns, and more frequent droughts and wildfires of increasing size and destructive potential. To address these, California has been doing its part to move toward net-zero carbon emissions by 2045, faster than the U.S. as a whole. California is creating a path to net-zero that includes cutting automobile emissions, reducing natural gas and oil use and increasing energy efficiency in multiple sectors.

Our communities in the Tri-Valley have already taken steps of their own to achieve climate goals. The city of Livermore and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory collaborated on the city’s climate action plan and on carbon neutrality, particularly in reducing carbon released into the air from biomass at the sewage treatment plant in north Livermore, planting natural grasses to keep carbon in the soil,

and creating power microgrids to ensure electricity remains online during outages.

In addition, Ava Community Energy offers all residents the option to source their electricity from 100% solar and wind energy. The Pleasanton nonprofit Go Green Initiative has been working with school districts to train and support the next generation of environmental leaders through scholarships and internships. Virtually all local wineries are using drip irrigation to reduce water consumption. More than 5,000 acres of land in the Tri-Valley have been conserved with permanent conservation easements. Most of these initiatives require public funding to continue to expand.

We should be prepared to protect our state and communities in case the new administration follows through with its promises to withhold federal wildfire funding from

California, for example. In addition, President-elect Trump and his allies in Congress might pass a national abortion ban, deport millions of immigrants, and repeal the Clean Air Act or other environmental laws, all of which would negatively affect our quality of life.

California also enjoys strong civil rights protections and labor laws, and just gave same-sex marriage protection under the state constitution with the passage of Proposition 3. Those successes could be at risk.

On the issue of climate alone, California and the incoming administration are polar opposites. Our climate programs need defending, lest we lose the progress we’ve made.

Citizens should urge the leaders of both political parties at every level of government to work hard to defend our progress, achievements and values. We can’t take them for granted.

MAILBOX

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Democracy Needs You Beyond Elections

Kyoko Takayama, Livermore

Livermore had a healthy election season. Thank you, all the candidates, for running and thank you all the voters for voting. Democracy works when we have candidates, and voters vote for the candidates they agree with. In this election we had multiple candidates for most seats, and it gave us plenty of opportunities to vote for the candidates with whom we align in values. I wish we had more candidates for every election like

this. We had less negative mailers and many candidates talked to the voters by knocking on doors. Voters had opportunities to tell their stories and to ask questions. It may be annoying for a stranger coming to our doors, but I think it is the best way to learn about candidates. I appreciate all the volunteers who knocked on doors for their candidates. Although I love to talk to voters, it is time consuming and takes courage to knock on doors of strangers.

Healthy election is a good start, but Democracy requires our participation beyond elections. Currently, Livermore School Board is in a process of districting, and our participation is requested. Fair maps are essential for getting our voices heard. Where your community is and what your common concerns are, are important for decision makers who draw lines. If you live north of the freeway, your high school kids have to go across the freeway. Yet depending on where you live, the road you take and how far students have to travel are different. If your family is new to the U.S., your kids will need support, but depending on where you are from the kinds of supports they need are different. To advocate for your kids, you need other parents who share the same concerns. Each district should have as many residents as possible who share the same concerns, and only you can tell who you want to be with.

Please write to communityengagement@lvjused.org, who you are, where you live, what will help your kids to succeed, with whom you want to be with in the same district and why. The next meeting is on Nov. 18 (Monday) at 5:30 p.m. at 685 East Jack London Boulevard, Livermore, please consider attending.

Pardon the Turkey

Lex Manwill, Livermore

Later this month, President Biden will pardon two turkeys at the White

House, a symbolic gesture of mercy. Yet, every year in the U.S., over 224 million turkeys endure a far grimmer fate. These gentle birds are raised in overcrowded sheds thick with toxic fumes, their beaks and toes clipped to prevent stress-related aggression.

At just 16 weeks, they are slaughtered — throats slit, bodies dumped into boiling water for feather removal. Meanwhile, their meat, laden with cholesterol and saturated fat, poses health risks to consumers.

But there’s promising news: U.S. turkey production has declined significantly as more Americans embrace plant-based options. This Thanksgiving, let’s celebrate our good fortune with a cruelty-free meal — plant-based roasts, seasonal vegetables, fruits, and grains. An internet search for “vegan Thanksgiving” offers countless delicious, compassionate recipes.

Trump Won

Everett Klaus

Let the pearl clutching and hand wringing begin. But fear not. Gavin wants to assure you that the past 4 years will continue as planned. Unresolvable homelessness, illegal immigration, massive public debt, crime and sane people fleeing the state. Thanks Gavin, I was afraid change was coming.

Thank You Independent

Owen Brovont, Livermore

A shout out to the publishers of the Livermore Independent. The Independent’s “Letters to the Editor” section is in the best traditions of American newspaper content by providing an unbiased broad-brush platform for all positions and all perspectives. It maintains a remarkable policy of giving its readers an opportunity to express, as well as be exposed to, views from all sides so that its readers can make up their own minds on issues of local interest. So, Kudos to the Livermore Independent, and thank you.

Russia and U.S. Form New Cooperative Alliance

Rich Buckley, Livermore

My sense is Trump will start firing bureaucrats to clear a path leading to “Official Disclosure”...we are not alone...followed by release of highly disruptive technologies and chaotic Citizen to Citizen First Contact.

Knowing what’s in one’s long-term interest often conflicts with what you are doing right now. Changing strategies is not easy ... everything has to start aligning all over again...much of which you no longer control.

The fabled Breakaway Civilization and the Russia-US/US-Russia Alliance holding for enlightenment eventually merge (Trump’s WW2 heritage allied with Russia to push back the Nazi Dark Forces).

IN THE SHORT TERM: Back in the post-election real world, from the US’s side of the Alliance, Robert F Kennedy Jr will focus those disruptive positive technologies on public health benefits, while President Trump will join with Russia (I repeat...join with Russia) and others to develop new off-world travel and energy technology.

Agriculture industries and food production will be reshaped through abundant energy production.

New physics and new tools are open sourced to everyone.

Suppressed technologies will publicly emerge and leapfrog transportation and transport industries enabling travel to areas and speeds never before known publicly.

A new Golden Age will emerge.

Humans will transition into a new state of being and it will all happen faster than we expect... CERN on the other hand is losing top scientists who walk away seeing the old physics do not produce and have been failing to produce.

Key to the City, Past and Future

Patricia Munro, Livermore

Buried in the election onslaught was the celebration of those people who completed the Fall 2024 Key to the City program. In 2018, as I remind people far too often, I was part of a cohort of 24 people who spent twelve weeks diving into what the City of Livermore does to make our city work. It was — literally — life-changing for many of us in that cohort. For all of us, it was a way to understand how cities function in our lives — and who does the important work of making that happen.

Like the most recent cohort, we began with Livermore’s history, looked at financial constraints, discussed city planning, visited the airport and toured the water plant, climbed the

ladder to a fire truck, got a lesson in what human services does, and more. Every member of the city staff radiated enthusiasm and dedication. The lessons — that cities are where we live, work, and build community and that making cities thrive does not happen by accident — are as true now as they were then.

For those who just graduated from the program: congratulations! Oh, and now that you know — get involved! Livermore needs you to work toward Livermore’s future. Volunteer, join an advisory body, tell people about what you have learned, and (ahem!) run for office. For those who have yet to sign up, the next Key to the City Program begins in Spring 2025. Look for an application link after the first of the year.

Dublin Needed a “Joan” and a “Jean”

Vic Avila, Livermore

Yep, it’s too late! Dublin needed a Joan Seppala and a Jean King. But they were too busy fighting battles in Livermore, over many years, trying to ensure that urban sprawl did not infect Livermore. Sorry, too bad Dublin, the hills and the open spaces that you had are now concrete, pavement, sewer lines, electrical Christy boxes, a wastewater treatment plant that likely needs expansion, maybe some additional overhead wiring to accommodate the extra electrical load. Oh, and let’s expand those roadways so all the traffic can get around. Livermore does not have those problems. You can thank Joan and Jean for that, and the multitude of people who have worked with them over the decades to prevent urban sprawl. Find your own way to say thanks, CUZ it’s much deserved!

They are unsung warriors who have worked for Livermore’s community with no personal gain involved. They realized the unique nature of Livermore’s spacious ranching, vineyard, and agricultural past and made efforts to conserve this for Livermarians, without any personal gain for themselves, not one iota. They have run every race to the finish, regardless of the outcome.

Thank yous Joan and Jean. Good on yas.

Why Kamala and the Democrats Lost

Daniella Karo, Pleasanton

Blame it on racism, sexism, fascism, Hitlerism,

misogyni, abortionism and all other isms!! The loss is serious for the Democrats, yet no one seems to acknowledge that there are a whole lot of people out there who simply pine for a chance to prosper through sheer hard work, due diligence and commitment!

Instead, we were sold wokeism, transgenderism, DEI-ism, Marxism, and yes, overall Dumbism!! The country was led by vapid, vacuous and vain individuals, members of an elite group totally distanced from reality. Recall Nancy Pelosi in her grand kitchen with a refrigerator the size of someone’s home, extolling the virtues of super expensive ice cream!! President Biden, the scion of a family of grifters, promised prosperity and unity in a greatly divided country. Instead, his Bidenomics flipped and flopped and he found himself as usual on the wrong side of major issues as he has done for the last 50+ yrs spent in public service!! Kamala, a shoo in of the last minute, was, is, an empty vessel.

The Whirl of Hatreds and Lies in Amsterdam

Greg Scott, Livermore

“[T]here is suffering and injustice enough for everyone.” (Edward Said, “Bases for Coexistence,” 1997, in “The End of the Peace Process: Oslo and After,” 2000)

Last Thursday, November 7th, there was a Europa League soccer match in Amsterdam between Macabi Tel Aviv and Ajax, a Dutch team. The Dutch authorities were warned about conflict. The trouble began with far-right Israeli fans yelling racist and anti-Arab chants, assaulting Arab and Muslim residents, and damaging homes and businesses that were presenting Palestinian flags.

The American and European pro-Zionist, corporate media broadcast false propaganda of what happened. The Dutch, with the bias of the largest party in Dutch Parliament being anti-Muslim and led by Geert Wilders, sided with the Israelis. President “Genocide Joe” Biden, Secretary of State Blinken, Senate Majority Leader Schumer, and several European leaders tweeted outright lies about the melee. The evidence is in the videos on the internet, which is disseminated by independent media.

At Dam Square, in Amsterdam, Israeli fans lit

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Cowboy Christmas is back. For the month of November, Livermore Police officers and professional staff can choose to wear western attire as a fun alternative uniform. To do so, however, they must donate to the department’s Shop with a Cop fundraiser. Cowboy Christmas runs from Nov. 1 to Dec. 14—the day when Livermore Police get to bring smiles and shopping dollars to Shop with a Cop recipients. Community can donate at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/livermore-shop-with-a-cop-2024> (Photo courtesy of the Livermore Police Department)

Livermore Lab Foundation Chair Named to “Legends” List

HPCwire, a professional publication that focuses on high-performance computing, in August named Livermore Lab Foundation founder and chair Dona Crawford to its inaugural “35 Legends” list.

Crawford retired from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) in 2016 after 15 years as associate director of computation. At the lab she led a team of more than 1,000 people working in data science, modeling, simulation, and analysis to support national security priorities.

Crawford holds a master’s degree from Stanford University in applied math and started her career at Sandia National Laboratories, where she developed code for large-scale computers. Crawford left Sandia for LLNL in 2001, where she championed



theoretical and experimental supercomputing.

“I’ve been promoting supercomputing for most of my career. Computers make people’s lives easier or better in tangible, real ways, and are recognized globally as tools for innovation and discovery,” she told HPCwire.

Crawford was one of the original leaders of what became the Advanced Simulation and

Computing (ASC) program at LLNL, which tests and maintains the performance, safety and reliability of nuclear weapons. Crawford also co-founded InfoTEST, a precursor to the World Wide Web and Internet commerce.

Crawford was named the 2005 Woman of the Year in Science by Alameda County and the given Computerworld Honors Award in 2006.

In addition to the non-profit Livermore Lab Foundation, which promotes scientific research, clean energy solutions, and STEM education through philanthropic contributions, she has co-chaired various committees and participated in advisory boards for institutions like the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute and the Krell Institute.

BAUER-KAHAN

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be addressed when the Legislature reconvenes in January. If Newsom is so eager to set up a 2028 presidential run, he’d be much better served by fixing the crime, homelessness and high costs that will doom his campaign.”

With Vice President Kamala Harris’s loss, Newsom is among those considered a potential candidate to run for president in four years.

Bauer-Kahan, who will take part in the special session set to begin Dec. 2, has championed abortion rights, climate action and the environment since her election to the Assembly in 2018. District 16 includes most of the Tri-Valley, plus Alamo, Danville, Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda, San Ramon and Walnut Creek.

Asked how California should respond to the presidential election, Bauer-Kahan said she knows that many of her constituents are “feeling concerned and uncertain about the road ahead.”



“Despite the recent election results, California’s commitment to defending women’s rights, health care, the environment, and the well-being of our communities hasn’t changed,” Bauer-Kahan said. “Our mission in California remains to protect the rights of our residents and ensure that policies reflect our values, and I personally feel that obligation more strongly than ever. We’ll continue to adapt our legislative priorities to meet Californians’ needs,

even as we tackle new challenges. Ultimately, our focus is and will always be on keeping California a safe, inclusive, and resilient place for all.”

State Attorney General Rob Bonta said in a statement that “we stand ready to defend your rights and protect California values. We’re working closely with the Governor and the Legislature to shore up our defenses and ensure we have the resources we need to take on each fight as it comes.”.

Newsom’s proclamation includes providing funding to the California Department of Justice and other state entities to pursue litigation against any “unlawful” actions by the incoming Trump Administration, and defend against federal lawsuits.

Neither Assemblymember Liz Ortega, whose district includes Dublin, nor outgoing Tri-Valley state Sen. Steve Glazer were available to comment by press time.



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MAILBOX

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flares and chanted, “Let the IDF [Israel Defense Forces] win” and “F*** the Arabs!” On the way to the match, these same Israeli fans screamed, “Why is there no school in Gaza? There are no children left there.”

In response, pro-Palestinians on scooters and on foot chased down individuals and small groups of Israeli fans and assaulted them. At least five Israeli fans were hospitalized. Around 62 individuals were arrested, though there may be more by facial recognition.

These reprehensible behaviors and this poisonous violence solve nothing. It begets more violence. The pro-Zionist mainstream media lies, along with those of political leaders, only add to causal resentment.

A continued supply of weapons for Palestinian genocide propagates a new holocaust all its own and accentuates the hatreds. We reduce this by ceasing to supply Israel any more weapons until their illegal aggressions in Gaza, the West Bank, and Lebanon cease.

“I shall never forgive you [Israeli leadership] for leading the country which I love [Israel] into a dreadful debauchery of blunders and death, in the camps of Sabra and Shatila [in Beirut, Lebanon], my father and mother, whom I lost in the Holocaust, were murdered for the second time.” (Yitzhak Orpaz)

We have the same hatreds in Amsterdam and the Levant in November 2024, as we had at the Sabra and Shatila Massacre in September 1982. The inhumane actions from these hatreds undermines and defines all of our lives.

Power and Character
John Cameron, Dublin

It has been said through-

out history, if you want to know the true character of a person — give them power. I would add, the greater the power the deeper the reveal.

Being of humble status, I can only hope for the best...

Democracy??
David Marco, Livermore

I want to assure those who voted for Kamala that those who voted for Trump do NOT hate you!! I spoke with a Harris supporter Wednesday morning and they said, “I’m terrified.” I asked where they get their news and they said, basically, the regular media. It’s so sad the media and some politicians who have been posturing as champions of democracy are spewing horrible accusations and what can truly be considered hate speech. This is so sad! I would encourage those who are upset to consider listening to interviews of Trump and his team with Joe Rogan, Tucker Carlson, and others who do long interviews. The team that now includes RFK, Jr., Tulsi, and Tuck-

er will be great for our nation. Please take some time to listen to them in a long, conversational interview, and to consider less viewing and listening to those with very caustic comments. We are all in this together. Newscasters and politicians come and go, but we and our children will be here for a long time. Let’s recognize our neighbors and move forward together.

The Environment’s Position in the Election
Joy Montgomery, Pleasanton

The environment took a back seat in the election. Perhaps consumers can put it in the passenger seat and drive to regeneration.

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Artist Community Seeks New Home for Historic Wall Mural

By Christina Cavallaro

Livermore resident Dan Twomey can recall the day in April of last year when he turned the corner on L Street and discovered the colorful wall mural, which for the past two decades depicted the Tri-Valley wine country, had been painted over.

The mural had been painted by his wife, artist Loni Frankland, who died from cancer in May 2021. That made the loss of the mural, his wife’s legacy, sting even more.

“Yeah, it was kind of shocking to see, you know, it was just all gray and I was like, ‘really?’ My heart kind of sunk. As far as I know, I think it was the first mural up in Livermore.”

Hoping to find some answers and see what could be done, he sought out the Livermore Heritage Guild to see if they knew anything about the abrupt removal of the mural that happened over a single weekend.

Will Bolton, the Heritage Guild president, was very familiar with the mural. The

artwork has been a part of the City of Livermore’s art and history walks.

“And turns out the city was involved. So they knew about it, but pretty much nobody else did,” said Bolton, who only became aware of the repainting when Twomey paid him a visit.

“I want to make sure it’s clear,” Bolton said. “Our interest is not in pointing fingers at whoever painted over it and why.”

In fact, Twomey shares the same sentiment and said it’s even possible he missed a call from the city. “Supposedly they did try to contact me, but I was in the middle of having to move my shop (American Sign Installation Company) close to that time period. So maybe I missed a phone call or whatever it was.” But now he’d just like to move forward. “What’s done is done. There’s nothing you can really do, so it’s just kind of what do we do now?”

His wish is to see his wife’s artwork displayed again.

Frankland, who had been active in the Livermore Art

Association, along with an army of fellow artists, friends and family took two months to complete the job 20 years ago. She was inspired then to paint the wall mural in homage to the beauty and the rich history of the city she loved, her husband said. “You know, just that iconic Concannon house. That, along with the vineyards in the spring, summer, fall—all the seasons. It’s just such a beautiful thing to see.”

The work also captured an important aspect of local history — it represented the impact the Hispanic community has had on agriculture and grape growing in the valley.

And there is increasing interest in the local art and history communities to see the mural come to life again.

“We’re ready to paint it, we just need a wall,” said Livermore artist Thomasin Dewhurst, who has been involved in painting a lot of the murals around town, including the new railroad mural in the Tri-Valley Haven parking lot.

Stylistically, Dewhurst



The late artist Loni Frankland (left) stands in front of the old mural in downtown Livermore circa 2010 with her sister Cindy Frankland (center) and niece Liz Frankland. (Photo courtesy of Dan Twomey)

said the artists would replicate the original as much as possible, but with some additions. “Our styles are obviously not going to be the same as the original artist, so with that in mind we’re just going to paint in our own styles, but with the additions.”

She has also been contemplating the idea of working with large 4-foot-by-8-foot panels in a material called Dibond, an artist substrate often used by sign makers. In

the last 15 or so years artists have started to use them. “And so if we put the murals on panels people might be more willing to put them on the wall. Then if they want to remove them, we’re not going to lose the mural.”

Bolton estimates materials for the new mural will cost approximately \$15,000 and feels confident he can raise the funding. The Rotary Club, which helped finance the previous mural, has shown some interest in

the project, he said. Bolton has his eye on a little parking area on the east side of the old firehouse on the corner of First and McCloud Streets, though nothing has been confirmed. The guild is hopeful that the new wall could remain within walking distance of the other historic monuments that are part of the educational tour of the city’s rich history.

“And a wall that’s going to last a long time would be great,” Dewhurst added.

COSTCO

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The city has a looming \$13 million budget deficit beginning in the next fiscal year, which starts July 1, 2025. But the net impact of the store’s arrival may not be immediately felt.

“This (Costco) revenue has already been included in our long-term financial forecast and will not help decrease the city’s projected structural budget deficit,” said Tiernan.

Preliminary projections have Costco generating as much as \$1 million a year in sales tax revenue after the first fiscal year, although the city will not receive 100% of the proceeds immediately due to the infrastructure cost-sharing agreement between Costco and Pleasanton for the roads and other items related to the Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone (JDEDZ) project. The JDEDZ would convert about 40 acres of

vacant land in an area the city hopes to transform into a thriving commercial corridor. Two hotels have already opened in the area.

“We’re excited to bring a business that the community has long supported and anticipated,” said Gerry Beaudin, Pleasanton’s city manager. “The new Costco will not only boost our sales tax revenue, but it has also provided necessary roadway improvements in the area. These upgrades are especially valuable with the increased traffic expected from Costco’s opening.”

Costco’s arrival is also expected to benefit local businesses as well.

“Many of our smallest for-profit and nonprofit businesses use Costco as a wholesale vendor from which they buy items in bulk for their business,” Beaudin said. “There are

even vendor opportunities a small business may take advantage of to grow their business. This (business to business) service makes Costco an asset to these organizations in Pleasanton and our local businesses.”

Initially approved in 2017, the arrival of Costco has been a long time coming. In 2018, the city entered into an agreement with Costco to share the costs of roadway improvements and the purchase of a right-of-way around the site.

Estimated at \$21.5 million at the time, inflation, lawsuits and a ballot measure delayed the project and upped the cost. Last year, the city estimated the store construction’s price tag at nearly \$34 million. The Pleasanton City Council agreed to go forward with the plan.



Costco Wholesale’s Pleasanton store, in development for seven years, is scheduled to open Nov. 27. The store is located off Johnson Drive next to I-680. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)



Del Valle Fine Arts welcomes back concert pianist Jon Nakamatsu to the Bankhead Theater on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. His program will include works by Bach, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Liszt and Chopin. (Photo courtesy of Niles Singer)

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews To Celebrate Hanukkah

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will hold a Hanukkah celebration in Castro Valley from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21, with fried latkes and ceremonial lighting of the menorah.

Hanukkah is an eight-day winter festival that celebrates the second century rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem after Jews defeated the Greek army, ending almost 400 years of Ptolemaic Dynasty rule of Israel.

The Castro Valley celebration will also include a potluck dinner and traditional Jewish games. The dinner is free for members and \$15 for adult nonmembers.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews is a secular organization for anyone who identifies as Jewish through family, culture or history.

For more information, including the location of the Hanukkah celebration, email culturaljews@gmail.com or call 925-399-8029.

Library to Sponsor Winter Reading Program

The Livermore Public Library will host a winter reading program from Sunday, Dec. 1, through Wednesday, Jan. 15, with patrons who log the time they spent reading earning

raffle tickets for prizes.

The program is open to all ages. Participants can log their reading on paper gameboards available at all library branches or on the library’s Beanstack app.

Raffle prizes include a pizza oven, Kindle e-reader and Squishmallows.

Readers who register at livermore.beanstack.org will also receive a free treat-filled mug.

The program is sponsored by Friends of the Livermore Public Library and Livermore Valley Arts.

For more information, call 925-373-5500.

DREIER

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“Hitler took from me my education and my teenage life. Both,” he said. Dreier survived working in four concentration and labor camps, and for a time worked in Oskar Schindler’s factory near Krakow.

He said he doesn’t really know how he survived the brutal work conditions, lack of food and devastating loss.

“Everybody asks the same thing, and I got one answer: I don’t know. God, myself, my surroundings, my strength. I don’t know.”

Dreier does know and remember the moment when something the war had taken from him, the gift of music, was given back and became a source of hope and strength.

Music returned to him through a random occurrence when he was working, and forced to live, in Schindler’s Krakow factory. He had a wooden spoon, and it broke. “So I don’t have nothing to eat with.” His best friend, a non-Jewish Polish boy who was allowed to leave the camp at the end of the day to return to the ghetto, smuggled in a replacement — not one, but two metal spoons.

“So I had two spoons to eat. I was very happy.”

With his two spoons he would lie in his bunk in the camp and listen to the prayerful singing every night of some of the people there.

“We came to work, and we had no food, nothing. So that’s how we at least had a little bit of entertainment. And as they were singing I says, ‘They’re missing a beat.’” And from then on, he would clap the spoons together for them as they sang.

That brief semblance of joy was soon halted, however. “It was the end of it, you know. We all went to Mauthausen” in Austria.

The war ended when he was 19, and he was liberated from a camp in Linz, Austria and sent to a displaced person’s (DP) camp in southern Italy. As the men, women and children communed in healing, and recovery, they would gather every night to sing and dance, but without music. One day a truck pulled in with a piano and a set of drums. Many people volunteered to play the piano, but nobody stepped up for the drums. Dreier said, “I’m sitting thinking, ‘Nobody wants to do this. But without drums, there will be no music — it’s going to be very dull.’”

So he volunteered and learned to play drums in the DP camp in Italy. He eventually moved to the United States, got married, started a business and had a family. He didn’t touch the drums again for more than 60 years, until he was moved to do so in 2014 when he read about a 106-year-old woman who had been a survivor of the Theresienstadt concentration camp.

“(At 106) she was singing and playing piano every afternoon in London for her neighbors. Well, this got me right in my heart.” He told his wife Clara that he had to do something for this woman.

His rabbi, his wife and a manager at Sam Ash music shop told him he was crazy and too old, but at age 89 he bought a full drum set and founded the Holocaust Survivor Band in the pianist’s honor. He played his first concert at his local temple with his wife in the front row. “I invited her because I had to make up with her because I bought a set of drums close to \$800 at that time,” he laughed.

“She said to me, ‘You are my celebrity.’ And this was just the beginning of my success with music. I’m 99 — I’m 10 years al-

ready in the business.” The Holocaust Survivor Band has performed around the world, including in Poland at the Auschwitz museum, Israel, and across the U.S. and at the White House.

Dreier will travel from his home in Florida to share his story and play his drums alongside a lively klezmer band at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life, 3370 Hopyard Road, in Pleasanton next Wednesday evening.

“We are looking forward to this historic evening of music and courage,” said Rabbi Raleigh Resnick, Chabad’s director. “With the dwindling number of Holocaust survivors, this is a rare special opportunity — especially for the youth in our community — to experience a fading chapter of our history.”

“Mr. Dreier’s ability to rebuild his life after the Holocaust with music and joy reminds us all that no matter our circumstances, we human beings possess Divine strength and courage to rise above our circumstances,” Resnick said.

Tickets are available at: www.JewishTri-Valley.com. For more about Saul Dreier visit www.sauldreier.com

Livermore School District Adopts Climate Education Resolution

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) has adopted a student-driven resolution that recognizes the importance of climate education to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to tackle climate change.

The Climate Literacy Resolution, drafted and championed by Granada and Livermore High School students, grew out of the Livermore Youth Climate Summit (LYCS) hosted last fall by the Quest Science Center.

Following the LYCS, Quest created a Tri-Valley Youth Climate Action Program. As part of that program, two recent Granada graduates, Claire Gresham and Alexander Pepper, and two current Livermore se-

niors, Shrish Premkrishna and Thaarak Sriram, drafted the climate literacy resolution for the school district.

The resolution calls on LVJUSD to create a districtwide task force this school year comprising students, teachers and “senior leadership” to recommend ways to improve climate literacy.

It also calls on the district to “assess and strengthen” climate education across all grade levels, consistent with the state guidelines. And it calls on LVJUSD to support collaborative efforts with the City of Livermore and other outside groups that provide students with an opportunity to apply their knowledge to real-world situations.

“To watch these students take the initiative they have has been an in-

spiration,” said Quest mentor Vaughn Draggoo, who added that the nonprofit science center would continue to support LVJUSD and its students in “achieving the goals outlined in the resolution.”

Drafting the resolution began with a survey of students and teachers to gauge support for climate literacy. The students also arranged meetings with LVJUSD Superintendent Torie Gibson, board members, and the Livermore Education Association to get their input.

“When I joined our district, the students brought me up to speed on the tremendous amount of work they had put into the process of creating the resolution,” said Gibson, who was named superintendent over the summer. “I great-

ly valued their dedication and supported their efforts wholeheartedly.”

Draggoo, Premkrishna, and Sriram also briefed the school board at its Oct.

15 meeting, when the resolution was unanimously adopted.



Thaarak Sriram (left) and Shrish Premkrishna (right) present the climate resolution to the LVJUSD Board of Education. (Photo Courtesy of LVJUSD)

ELECTION RESULTS

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Livermore City Council.

In District 3, Dunbar led with 41.2% of the vote, followed by longtime resident Jeff Kaskew with 31%, and Airport Commissioner David Farley with 27.8%.

Should Dunbar hold on with votes still being tallied, he will replace City Councilmember Brittnei Kiick, who chose not to run for re-election. District 3 broadly includes the southeast portion of the city from 4th Street to the city’s border at Greenville Road.

In District 4, Wang led with 50% of the vote to Tom Soules’ 40%. Once the vote is certified, Wang would replace Vice Mayor Bob Carling, who will leave office because of term limits. District 4 represents the southern portion of the city below Stanley Boulevard.

In the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, incumbent board members Jan Palajac and James Boswell appeared headed to re-election, with 35.7% and 32.7% of the vote, respectively. Matt Bogdanowicz was in third place with 20% of the vote, and Jacob Vital had the remaining 11.6% share. The two LARPD board seats are elected at-large.

Pleasanton

Councilmember Jack Balch, with 54.82% of the votes, is on track to unseat

incumbent Karla Brown as mayor of Pleasanton, who had 45.18% of the votes.

Similarly, former Pleasanton Police Captain Craig Eichler, with 55.11% of votes, is leading incumbent Councilmember Valerie Arkin, with 44.89% in the city council’s District 2 race. The district roughly covers the northwest corner of the city.

Matt Gaidos, a deputy district attorney, has 52.88% of votes and is leading business executive Vivek Mohan, with 47.12% for District 4, which covers the southeast corner of the city.

Voters in the city were rejecting Measure PP, the “Pleasanton Essential Services Protection Measure,” which would have increased the city’s sales tax by 0.5%, to 10.75%. As of Nov. 12, 54.9% of votes opposed the measure, while 45.1% were in support of it.

Schools

The race for Dublin Unified School District’s sole open seat showed Kristian Reyes in the lead with 59.7% of the tally, ahead of Ramnath Shanbhogue’s 40.3%. The seat represents the district’s Area 1, which consists of the southwest portion of the district, west of Dougherty Road and south of Amador Valley Boulevard, Silvergate Drive, and Rolling Hills Drive.

In the Livermore Valley

Unified School District, Deena Kaplanis was leading a field of six candidates for two open at-large seats, with 24.1% of the vote total. Close behind are Christiaan Vandenheuvel with 23.3% and Maggie Tufts with 22.5%. Of the rest of the candidates, Tara Boyce had 20%, Amanda Pepper 6.3% and Jean Paulsen 3.8%.

In the Pleasanton Unified School District, Area 3 incumbent Kelly Mokashi was leading with 55.7% of the votes, ahead of Donalyn Harris, with 44.3%. For the Area 4 trustee seat, Charlie Jones had a slim lead over Jen Flynn, 51.2% to 48.8%.

In the Sunol Glen Unified School District, Erin Choin appears headed to victory over former board president Ryan Jergensen 61.1% to 38.9%. The two are separated by 84 votes in the small district.

In the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Area 4 incumbent trustee Maria Heredia was leading challenger Joseph Grear 67.5% to 32.5%. Area 4 includes the Sunol Glen and Castro Valley unified school districts, plus the southern and western parts of the Pleasanton Unified School District.

California Legislature

In the 16th Assembly District, Democratic incumbent Rebecca Bauer-Kahan

appeared headed for re-election, leading Republican challenger Joseph Rubay, 64.1% to 35.9%. The 16th District covers most of the Tri-Valley and Contra Costa County up to Walnut Creek and Orinda.

In the 20th Assembly District, Democratic incumbent Liz Ortega commanded an even stronger lead against Republican Sangeetha Shanbhogue, 71.5% to 28.5%. The 20th District mostly covers western parts of Alameda County from San Leandro and Castro Valley to Union City, but also includes parts of Dublin (west of Dougherty Road) and Pleasanton (west of Hopyard Road and I-680).

In the State Senate’s District 5, Democrat Jerry McNerney maintained a lead, with 52.7% of the vote, over Republican Jim Shoemaker, with 47.3%. District 5 was newly redrawn for this year, replacing the old District 7. The new district includes the Tri-Valley and parts of San Joaquin County across the Altamont Pass, including Tracy, Stockton and Lodi.

Federal Races

In the U.S. House of Representatives, Democratic Rep. Mark DeSaulnier had a strong lead over Republican Katherine Piccinini in the 10th Congressional District. DeSaulnier had

66.6% of the vote, making his re-election likely, compared to Piccinini’s 33.4%. The 10th District lies mostly in Contra Costa County but includes a sliver of Dublin.

In the 14th Congressional District, incumbent Democratic Rep. Eric Swalwell had a similar lead, 66.8% of the vote, over his Republican challenger, Vin Kruttiventi, who had 33.2%. The 14th District comprises the rest of the Tri-Valley, plus Union City, Hayward, Castro Valley and parts of Fremont.

In California’s U.S. Senate race, Democratic Congressman Adam Schiff was leading Steve Garvey 59.1%-40.9%.

Other Contests

For District 5 of the BART Board of Directors, which includes Tri-Valley in its service area, incumbent director Melissa Hernandez held a commanding lead with 71% of the vote, ahead of Joseph Grear’s 29% share.

Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price appears to be headed for a recall, with 64% of the votes favoring recalling her, while 36% were against it.

California’s Proposition 5, which would have lowered the threshold to approve housing bonds from 66.6% to 55%, was failing at the polls with just 44.6% support and 54.4% voting no.

DECARBONIZATION

(Continued from front page)

But costs, complex regulations and a lack of public understanding remain as barriers to developing technology, continued Metz. A shortage of skilled labor ready for these new industries also worried respondents.

Sponsored by Innovation Tri Valley, the Livermore Lab Foundation, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), Startup Tri-Valley and the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, the conference brought science and technology leaders together to share views on where the Tri-Valley sits as climate-focused industries develop.

Although the term green technology broadly includes any technology that is environmentally friendly or promises to help achieve climate goals, last week’s panelists focused mainly on carbon removal in the context of reaching the country’s goal of zero carbon by 2050. California has a goal of achieving net-zero carbon dioxide emissions by 2045.

“The reality is we know it’s going to be tough to get to zero,” said Jennifer Pett-Ridge, a senior staff scientist at LLNL, spelling out the need for carbon removal. “Not everybody’s going to buy an EV. Not every industry is going to have a technological solution to transform, and we have agriculture and other industries that are just going to continue to produce greenhouse gasses.”

Pett-Ridge is the lead author of Roads to Removal, a 2023 report that outlines a path for the United States to reach net-zero. According to the report, the country must ramp up its carbon-removal rate to 1 billion metric tons of atmospheric carbon dioxide per year by 2050.

But that is not an unachievable goal. If the country were limited to present-day technologies, such a feat would cost roughly \$130 billion annually in 2050, or about 0.5% of the current gross domestic product.

“It’s far less than what we’re starting to pay in cleanup costs of hurricanes and other climate disasters; it’s far less than the amount that we’re spending on health and asthma issues that are caused by the air pollution from fossil fuels,” said Pett-Ridge. “What else can you buy for \$130 a ton? This is a pretty good deal.”

To attract green-technology jobs to the Tri-Valley, panelists said any obstacle that inhibits a company’s speed will likely cause it to look elsewhere when establishing a business.

“Everything’s about time for a startup,” said Matin Hanifzadeh, founder of Livermore-based carbon-capture startup Rushnu, during the conference. “We are running to develop a technology, do R&D, do a scale out, do sales, and it’s all by a small team. At the same time, you’re trying to manage a runway. So, being able

to bring this technology to market as soon as possible, find the right customers, find the right investors — these are all of the challenges that I think (are) not only for Rushnu, but for any climate startup.”

Rushnu, a member of Livermore startup incubator Daybreak Labs, is developing a catalyst-based system that captures and mineralizes flue-gas (carbon from smokestack emissions) in a single step. After being installed on existing emissions sources, the captured carbon can then be converted into profitable byproducts, like biofuel and biodiesel.

According to the Roads to Removal report, direct air capture (DAC) systems and biomass carbon removal and storage (BiCRS), although still in their nascent stages, will likely serve as the primary means to remove carbon as we approach 2050.

BiCRS leverages the natural processes of plants that first convert atmospheric carbon dioxide into biomass — plant parts, such as roots, stems and leaves. When that organic matter dies, instead of releasing carbon dioxide into the atmosphere through the natural decaying process, the biomass is collected and processed to capture and store the carbon in an industrial compound that could later be used for other industrial purposes or for long-term storage. DAC systems use chemical reactions with the outside air

to turn atmospheric carbon dioxide into forms, such as minerals, that can be easily transported and stored.

Local groups, such as Innovation Tri Valley and the Livermore Lab Foundation, are working to make the Tri-Valley an encouraging business ecosystem for companies such as Rushnu.

“We really want to be, as I say, a catalyst, a resource for the community,” said Pett-Ridge. “We want to bring our help where you need it.”

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Jim Armstead portrays Benjamin O. Davis Jr., commander of the Tuskegee Airmen, in a show at the Firehouse Art Center on Nov. 19. (Photo courtesy of Pleasanton’s Museum on Main)

Historian to Portray WWII U.S. Tuskegee Airmen Commander

Historian and storyteller Jim Armstead will portray Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Jr., who commanded the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II, for a Museum on Main Ed Kinney Series presentation at the Firehouse Art Center in Pleasanton on Tuesday, Nov. 19.

The Tuskegee Airmen were primarily African American pilots who formed the 332nd Fighter Group and the 477th Bombardment Group in the U.S. Army Air Forces.

Davis, who died in 2002, was also one of the first African American pilots to see combat in WWII, flying more than 60 missions.

The son of a career Army officer, Davis in 1936 became the first African Amer-

ican to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point since 1889. After President Harry S Truman ordered the integration of the armed forces in 1948, Davis helped draft the plan to implement the executive order for the newly formed U.S. Air Force.

Davis “had a massive impact on expanding opportunities for African American soldiers by helping to integrate the Air Force,” said Rachel Brickell, the Museum on Main’s director of education. “He fought racism and discrimination during his entire military career while also being a brilliant pilot and commander during WWII.”

Davis retired as a three-star lieutenant general in

1970, but was awarded a fourth star, making him a full general in 1998.

Armstead is a retired professor who taught strategy and international law at the U.S. Naval War College. He now offers historical portrayals for Sierra Nevada Mountain Chautauqua.

The Ed Kinney Series is a monthly program of historical character portrayals and speakers.

Tickets to the 2 p.m. “Afternoon with ...” and 7 p.m. “Evening with ...” presentations start at \$25, with discounts for museum members, students and seniors.

To purchase tickets, go to museumonmain.org or call 925-462-2766. Tickets are also available at the museum, 603 Main St.

LPC Students Win Top Journalism Honors

Five student journalists from Las Positas College (LPC) received first-place honors last month at the NorCal Regional Conference for the Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC).

The college newspaper, The Express, also received the JACC General Excellence Award.

“We felt honored,” said Express editor Jakob Arnarsson, whose two award-winning pieces included a profile on men’s basketball player Alex Mar-

tin and playoff coverage.

“All the work we’ve put into this paper has gotten recognized, and it’s a feeling that only has us working harder,” Arnarsson said.

Rain Hepting, copy editor and editorial cartoonist for The Express, received first-place awards in both categories, while Paul George received a first-place award for column writing.

Olivia Fitts, news and opinion editor, and photographer Gabriel Carver received an award for their

illustration for a story covering campus issues.

Fitts also was a finalist this year for the Associated College Press (ACP) Reporter of the Year award.

“Olivia Fitts is competing with some of top journalists in the nation for this award, an award that recognizes her hard work, commitment to the truth and, especially, her unique ability to tell a compelling story,” said Melissa Korber, head of the LPC Journalism and Media Studies Department.

Tri-Valley Theater Company Will Perform ‘Rock of Ages’

The Tri-Valley Theater Company will present the musical comedy “Rock of Ages” at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore in January.

Described by The New York Times as “a seriously silly, absurdly enjoyable arena-rock musical,” “Rock of Ages” features 25 classic anthems and ballads from the 1980s.

Set in 1987, the jukebox musical revolves around a small-town girl from Kansas with visions of becoming a Hollywood actress, real estate developers from Germany with plans to demolish the legendary Bourbon Room in Los Angeles, Lenny,

a wannabe impresario, and love-struck Drew, a Bourbon Room busboy with visions of rock ‘n’ roll stardom.

The musical includes hits by Night Ranger, REO Speedwagon, Pat Benatar, Twisted Sister, Journey, Poison, Bon Jovi and Styx.

“Rock of Ages” debuted for a limited engagement at the King Kong club in Los Angeles in 2005, eventually moving to New York and a six-year run on Broadway in 2009. A film version of the musical was released in 2012.

The Tri-Valley Theatre Company, a resident company at the Bankhead Theater, is scheduled to

perform the musical seven times, opening at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 11. Saturday evening performances are also set for Jan. 18 and Jan. 25.

Sunday matinee performances are scheduled for 1 p.m. on Jan. 12, Jan. 19, and Jan. 26. There will also be a matinee performance on Saturday, Jan. 25.

Tickets are \$55, with discounts for students and active military. Tickets are available online at livermorearts.org or by calling 925-373-6800.

“Rock of Ages” is recommended for ages 14 and older due to adult language and adult situations.

Annual Golf Marathon Raises \$120K to Benefit Hope Hospice

Hope Hospice, a non-profit that provides support services for patients with terminal illnesses and their caregivers, reported raising almost \$120,000 during the 10th annual Hope 100 Golf Marathon last month at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton.

Event organizers said 28 golfers took on the challenge of playing 100 holes in one day on the club’s Valley Course, while another 20 participated in an inaugural skills competition that included

putting, trick shots and long drives.

“The Hope Hospice team is deeply grateful to all the players, sponsors and donors who made this event a success,” said Jennifer Hansen, Hope Hospice senior vice president.

“In the past 10 years, this group of dedicated individuals has collectively raised over \$1 million to support the work that Hope Hospice does in the Tri-Valley and adjacent East Bay cities,” Hansen added. “The support has allowed us to further de-

velop our dementia education and bereavement programs, which help us provide an extra layer of support to local families at a sensitive time.”

Although Dublin-based Hope Hospice merged with By the Bay Health in San Francisco earlier this year, becoming part of the largest not-for-profit hospice network in Northern California, organizers said funds raised in the Hope 100 Golf Marathon would be used to provide services in the nonprofit’s traditional East Bay territory.

CityServe Hosts Community Prayer Breakfast Nov. 25 at the DoubleTree

Napoleon Kaufman, former running back for the Oakland Raiders and now pastor at The Well Christian Community Church in Livermore, will be the guest speaker for CityServe of the Tri-Valley’s 12th annual Prayer Breakfast at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Pleasanton from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 25.

CityServe was created by area churches in 2009 to provide support services for seniors and families in need. It also coordinates services among government, faith-based organizations, and other nonprofit groups.

Kaufman, a two-time All-American at the University of Washington, Seattle, spent his six-year

National Football League career, from 1995 to 2000, with the Oakland Raiders.

After serving as the Raiders’ chaplain later in his career, he retired after the 2000 NFL season to form the Well Christian Community Church.

Tickets to the breakfast are \$60 and are available online at cityserve-cares.org.

Church to Host Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

The 11th annual Tri-Valley Community Outreach Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Thursday, Nov. 28, at St. Raymond Catholic Church, 11555 Shannon Ave., Dublin.

The sit-down dinner, sponsored by a coalition of churches, businesses and community organization, will be served from noon to 4 p.m., and is free and open to residents of Dublin, Pleasanton, San Ramon and Danville.

Reservations are not required.

OBITUARIES

Joseph Hazlin Stocking April 29, 1939 – October 28, 2024

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Joseph Stocking, a man of wit, dedication, and love, who left us on October 28, 2024. Born on April 29, 1939, Joe lived a full and rich life, marked by numerous accomplishments, strong community involvement, and a legacy of kindness, love, and spirit.

Joseph, better known as “Coach Joe,” left an indelible mark in his community through his prodigious involvement in sports. He was a revered figure on the Cross-County, Track, Field and Soccer terrains. His leadership and dedication were exemplified in his early coaching career at De La Salle High School where his cross-country teams boasted a record of 182 – 9. He was part of the De La Salle Hall of Fame and there is an annual Track event held at De La Salle called “The Joe Stocking Super Seven.” His contributions to the sports world were further accentuated during the 1980’s as his Cross-Country clinched five Catholic Athletic League titles and two Northern Coast Section awards. He was also a great coach at Amador High School, Granada High School and Diablo Valley College.

His legacies stretched beyond the realm of sports. Joe believed in the power of community and integrated this belief into everything he did. He illustrated this through his active involvement in his local churches, St. Isidore’s, St. Charles and St. Michael’s and his coaching capacities, instilling in his teams the value of communal effort, unity and faith.

Joe was born in Ardra, India on April 29,

1939. His parents were Gertrude Josephine Stocking and Hezlyn Robert Stocking. Joe was one of 15 children. His father, Hezlyn, was a train driver in India and his mother, Gertrude, was a schoolteacher. Auntie Hannah looked after Joe and his brother Conrad for many of his early years. Auntie Hannah was a very religious person and took the boys to daily 6 am Mass.

After retirement Joe’s parents decided the family should move to Great Britain. On Aug 16, 1948 they established their family home in Welling, Kent. Joe attended St. Stephens Catholic School and went on to the Strawberry Hill College in London where he earned his Teaching Credential. He loved playing tennis and running in his youth. He became a runner with the Harriers, a British Track Team. He ran the 400 meter and 800 meter races and won many events.

Joe immigrated to the US in 1971 to join his brother, Bosco-Barney and his sister-in-law Gerarda in San Ramon. Joe continued his teaching career at St. Isidore’s in Danville. He went to De La Salle High School to teach and started his Track career as well. He and his brother Bosco-Barney would run together every weekend and often would enter the Marathon and Half-Marathon races. He became a US citizen December 8, 1981. Joe met the love of his life, Teresa in May



1982 at his Niece Veronica’s baptism. They got married March 1983 and have lived a very long and happy life together.

Joe is very well-known in the Track and field world. Every campus that had Joe as their coach went on to win many championships including Granada High School, Amador High School, De La Salle High School and Diablo Valley College.

Joe also joined his brothers Ben, Bosco-Barney and his sister-in-law, Gerarda in their Real Estate Business – Stocking Realty & Investments located in Livermore. His clients are all very fond of Joe and remember him as being extremely knowledgeable, caring and honest. He was a man that was genuinely loved in his profession as a Realtor.

Because Stocking Realty was located near St. Michael’s Joe’s nieces and nephew would walk to the office after school and be entertained by their Uncle Joe. They remember their afternoon “fun” times within love and happiness.

His legacy of always helping people to join the Catholic faith was unswerving. He would attend daily Mass and Rosary with Teresa and was an eucharistic minister.

He had two favorite sayings: “May Mary smile upon you” and “It’s a beautiful day for Track and Field.”

Survived by his Wife, Teresa, Children,

Craig and Cindy, Grandchildren, Jason, Derek, Ashley and great grandchildren Grace and Parker along with his sisters, Lyette and Marion in Canada, Amelia, and Philomena in the UK as well as brothers Ben and Bosco-Barney in California, Rudolph in Canada and Conrad in the UK and countless nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews including his God-daughters Vanessa Leary and Veronica Stocking-Todd. Joseph will always be remembered as a beacon of love and a reservoir of wit. his lessons about community unity and his resolute dedication and unswerving faith have left a lasting impression in the hearts of many.

In Joseph’s memory we hold onto the lessons he taught us, the spirits he inspired and the love he shared. His legacy lives on in every life he touched. In his departure, we have not lost a man, but we have gained an angel.

Friends and family and anyone that wants to honor and pray for Joe’s soul are invited to attend a funeral service in honor of Joseph to be held on November 21, 2024, at 4pm at St. Michael’s Church at 458 Maple Street, Livermore, CA 94550. The service will start with a Rosary and Eulogy at 4pm a Memorial Mass at 5pm and a celebration of his life in the St. Michael’s School Hall next door with refreshments provided after Mass. It is here that we will come together to remember a man who not only touched lives but transformed them. A U-tube will be made for those that cannot attend but wish to be part of the ceremony.

OBITUARIES

Celebration of Life

Jason Lee Umbarger
Sept. 10, 1981 – Oct. 9, 2024

Jason Lee Umbarger, 43, of Livermore, California, passed away on October 9, 2024. Born on September 10, 1981, Jason was known for his vibrant presence, his happy-go-lucky attitude, and the joy he brought to those around him.

Jason was a proud graduate of Granada High School Class of 2000 and attended Laney Jr. College. He loved sports, and was involved in basketball, little league, and football since he was eight years old. Jason was part of the Granada Matadors football team for four years, and as the varsity quarterback broke several previous records.

Jason dedicated his career to technical expertise, working as an HVAC technician at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for several years and then establishing his own company, Controlled Air, LLC. His professional



skills were only matched by his commitment to his community and personal passions. An avid dirt biker, Jason also coached football and was a fervent fan of the L.A. Rams, sharing his love of the sport with young athletes.

Jason's life was marked by the deep connections he formed, especially with his family. He deeply loved his three children and cherished the time he spent with them. Jason leaves behind a loving family; his triplets Monroe, Brax, and

Brody; parents Don and Deana Umbarger; brother Don Jr.; girlfriend Ashlee DeOcampo; grandmother Sue Umbarger; aunt Beverly and uncle Ron Simmons; nephews Joshua and James Umbarger, in addition to many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of life will be held in his honor on December 7, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Celebration Church, 1135 Bluebell Drive, Livermore, CA 94551. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the GoFundMe for "Jason Umbarger's Triplets," supporting his children's future endeavors. Jason's legacy of warmth, dedication, and spirited love for life will be deeply missed and forever cherished by all who knew him.

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

David Alan McQueen

David A. McQueen, 79, passed away peacefully October 28, 2024, at Kaiser Hospital in Walnut Creek, CA surrounded by family.

David was born in San Francisco, California, May 10, 1945, and grew up in South San Francisco. David enjoyed running track during his years at South San Francisco High School and College of San Mateo and earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Cal State Hayward. He worked for the Federal Aviation Administration as an Air Traffic Controller and retired after 37 years. David's love for aviation inspired him to make model airplanes and become a glider pilot. David was an avid hobbyist as an Amateur Radio Operator on his HAM radios. He would "work" countries all over the world with his KK0M call sign and enjoyed exchanging QSL cards. His love for running track transitioned into hiking local trails and peaks with his



accomplishment of hiking to the top of Mount Whitney where he proudly signed the summit register. Proud of his McQueen ancestry, David would watch the Scottish Games in Pleasanton donning his McQueen tartan kilt along with researching genealogical records and discovering his lineage to The Mayflower Society and The Sons of the American Revolution. David is survived by his loving wife of 19 years, Edna; children Gayle (William) Sutcliffe of Davis, CA, and Rebecca (Jeffrey) Bond of San Jose, CA; grandchildren Abigail Sutcliffe, William

Sutcliffe, Brent Bond, and Brooke Bond; sisters Diane (Paul) Roberts of South SF, CA, Susan (Stephen) Bell of San Mateo, CA, and Patricia (Robert) Baker of Lockport, NY. He is preceded in death by his parents Frank (d. 2014) and Vera (d. 2002) McQueen, his beloved wife and mother of his children, Sharon (Rutland) McQueen (d. 2003), and his brother, Kenneth McQueen (d. 2018).

Services will be held Friday November 15, 2024, at 2:00pm at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore, CA. A graveside burial service will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Hiawatha, Kansas, November 20, 2024. Memorial donations to a charity of your choice are preferred by the family.

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

Constance Ormand



Constance Gordon grew up in Oakland, California. She was the fourth of six children and was a twin. Connie grew up in a large family that was very close, particularly with her Aunt Marie's eight children. On weekends, they often went to Alum Rock Park, Diamond Park, Swann's and Housewife's Grocery store together, and spent time at their grandparents Carrie and Burness Gilliam's house in east Oakland.

Connie attended Glenview Elementary school. In her spare time, her family was very involved at Parks Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where Connie's passion for music began. Connie was a member of the inaugural youth delegation at the 39th Session-1972 General Conference-AME Church, Dallas, Texas that put forth legislation to include young people in the governance of the church, which stands today.

Connie attended McChesney Jr. High, followed by Oakland High School, where she was very sociable and well-loved by classmates, played basketball, ran track, and was a yell leader. It was in her high school years that Connie also became a skilled seamstress, making all of her clothes one summer.

She also sang in noteworthy choirs: Gospel Music Workshop with James Cleveland and Helen Stephens and the Voices of Christ.

One of her first jobs was a gift wrapper at the JC Penney store in Berkeley, a job she found with the help of her pastor's wife, after which Connie became the official family gift wrapper. Connie also worked as a seasonal employee at UC Berkeley for a few summers in the 70s and used to regale her kids and grandkids with stories from people-watching during her lunch breaks.

From a young age, Connie had a heart's desire for helping others and a strong work ethic. Eager to become a teacher from early on, Connie attended Cal State Hayward, where she studied Human Devel-

opment, and worked her way through the program. It was in these days, Connie established herself as the "cool auntie" to her nieces and nephews, who she would drive around in her Volkswagen Beetle.

While working various jobs around Oakland, she was also active in the gospel choirs and served as the youth director at Parks Chapel for many years during her lifetime membership. She also sang at friends' weddings, funerals and other special occasions.

Connie married and had her son Kristopher, in October 1981, but divorced soon after. Connie met Bill Ormond, and his children Karen and Will at Parks Chapel and they quickly fell in love. Connie and Bill Ormond were married in January of 1985. Their blended family quickly grew, she had Kristina in October of that year. Family life was full of outings for the kids---wrestling matches for Will, band and orchestra concerts for Kristopher and Karen, CYO track meets, coaching LGSA softball, and chaperoning Girl Scout trips. In the mid 90s, just around the time Bill retired from Sandia, Connie went back to school at St. Mary's College and obtained her Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, after which she worked at Arroyo Seco Elementary School, where all of her kids had attended. Connie was an energetic

force at Arroyo Seco, and enjoyed working on the fifth grade and third grade teams, planning large scale educational projects, and becoming known for her sternness with difficult students, as well as taking her classes on the best field trips. Never one to sit still for long, Connie went back to school after a few years to earn a Master's of Arts in Reading Leadership from St. Mary's College. In addition to her regular teaching duties, Connie was also the choir director and involved with the the English Language Learner's group, Family Reading Night and Math Festival at Arroyo Seco in her 23 years on staff. In her last few years teaching, Connie was diagnosed with early-stage dementia. In her years post-retirement, she spent lots of time with family, golfing, bowling, visiting with friends and going on walks in the neighborhood. She especially enjoyed time with her grandchildren who were a wonderful blessing and source of joy.

Everyone who knew Connie, knows she had a joy for life that shone through her big smile, and beautiful brown eyes. She loved people, God, her family and her community. She was a woman of strong faith and morals, and had compassion for others, wanting everyone around her to excel.

Connie is survived by her siblings Lorraine, Lynette, Alphonso and her children: Karen Grant (stepdaughter), Kristopher Porter, and Kristina Ormond; grandchildren: Zoe Smith, Jenay, Lynnora, and Mikayla Grant, Kaia and Jelani Porter, as well as dozens of cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and extended family.

Her family will miss her smile and singing voice every day. We know she is in heaven singing in the alto section of the choir.

The viewing will be held at the Tri-Valley Church of Christ on Nov. 23, at 9 a.m. Homegoing Service will begin at 10 a.m., with Repast to follow at 2 p.m.

Celebration of Life

Joyce E. Shapiro
Jan. 12, 1942 – Nov. 2, 2024
Resident of Pleasanton



It is with deep sadness that we mourn the passing of Joyce Shapiro, 82, on November 2, 2024, at Stanford Hospital in Palo Alto, California, from complications of a stroke. Joyce passed peacefully with her family by her side. She was born in Rochester, New York, on January 12, 1942, to the late Frank Raymond Young and Ethelyn Isabelle Young (Jones). Joyce was the fifth generation of her family from Glens Falls in upstate New York.

Early on, Joyce was active in sports, clubs, dramatics, cheerleading, and student government. She fostered her love for the outdoors by spending summers on Lake George, NY. Joyce moved to Menlo Park, California, with her sister Denyse and mother when her father joined Menlo Park-based Raychem Corporation. Joyce graduated from Menlo Atherton High School and later pursued commercial art and merchandising studies at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon, and Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

Returning to Menlo Park, Joyce worked for SRI International, where she met her first husband, Gerald (Jerry) K. Getty. With her parents having moved to Pleasanton and looking for a "more affordable place to live," they moved into their Kottinger Drive home in 1966. Around that time, her father Ray purchased several iconic downtown properties at 450, 465, and 500 Main Street.

Joyce and her sister opened The Gingham Corner gift shop at 500 Main, which they operated for over 10 years. This began Joyce's 50-year passion for Pleasanton and its downtown community.

Shortly after moving to Pleasanton, Joyce joined the Junior Women's Club, and Jerry joined the Jaycees. "Being in these two groups got us involved in many events," she would say. "Every event at that time involved dancing. Whether for fundraising or not, dances were held at the Fairgrounds, Veterans Hall, and Castlewood Country Club. On Friday nights, it was Hap's, and on Saturday nights, it was the Pleasanton Hotel."

Joyce quickly became interested in increasing her involvement in Pleasanton's downtown. She joined the Chamber of Commerce in 1978 and later served as President. During this time, she attended a conference by the California Downtown Association to learn how to obtain "free Christmas decorations" for downtown. To qualify, an AB 1693 district had to be formed, leading to the founding of the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Joyce not only founded the association but also served multiple terms as its President. She also served as president of the California Downtown Association.

Dedicated to her community, Joyce became the first woman appointed to the Pleasanton Planning Commission, serving

from 1978 to 1985. She chaired multiple committees, served as an Emergency City Council Member, and chairman during the approval process for Hacienda Business Park. Joyce and her family actively took part in many city events, including Pleasanton Day at the Fair, Oktoberfest, firemen musters, band reviews, Christmas and soccer parades, and the biggest parade of them all, the "KNBR Good Times" parade.

In 1984, Joyce lost Jerry to a heart ailment. She continued her civic work and held roles as Administrative Executive for The Doty Group in Dublin, CA, Vice President of Cooper Sword in Tracy, CA, and Executive Vice President of the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce. In 1991, a friend invited her on a cruise, where she met Robert (Bob) M. Shapiro. They married in 1994 and moved to Westchester County, NY, where

Bob was an executive. A job change brought them to Michigan, and eventually, a dot.com opportunity brought them back to Pleasanton and the Kottinger house in 1999.

Joyce resumed her community involvement, joining the Pleasanton 2000 Committee, where she received the "2000 Chairman's Award" for informing prospective developers and businesspeople about Pleasanton's demographics, development requirements, and lifestyle. She was a founding board member and fundraising chair of the Tri-Valley Senior Support Program and chaired the first fundraiser for the new Senior Center, "Starry, Starry Night." Joyce also chaired the Committee for the "Great Race" and led the first major fundraiser for the Firehouse Center, "A Wonderful Evening of Oz." She later served as an advisory board member for the Firehouse Arts Project.

After completing the Pleasanton Leadership Program, Joyce passionately served as its program manager for the next 10 years. She was honored with numerous awards, including the Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen's Award, the Mayor's Award (with Bob), the Pleasanton Weekly "Couple of the Year" Award, the Community of Character Foundation Award, and the State of California Local Hero Award. She and Bob hosted annual fundraising dinners for the Las Positas College Foundation. From 2004

to 2020, they co-chaired the Stanford Health ValleyCare Charitable Foundation, during which they helped fund the hospital's stroke clinic, which later provided Joyce with care.

Joyce and Bob shared a love of travel, especially cruising, rarely missing a year in their 30-year marriage. They enjoyed fine art, food, and wine, which they graciously shared with family and friends. Joyce cherished the "Most Wonderful Time of the Year," decorating her home with an extensive collection of ornaments from her travels.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Bob Shapiro; Bob's son, Scott Shapiro (Shannon); her son, Rod Getty (Cathy); her daughter, Robin Getty (James Wong); granddaughters she was proud to see grow into strong young women — Taylor Getty (fiancé Sam Leiken), Megan Getty, Sierra Wong, and Grace Shapiro; her sister, Denyse Christensen (Rick); nephew Shawn Christensen (Trina); and niece Kelly Collins, with her children Mazie and Cooper.

A celebration of life service will be held for Joyce on Sunday, November 24, 2024, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd, Pleasanton, at 1:00 p.m. Friends and community members are welcome. In lieu of flowers, the family would suggest a donation to the Pleasanton Rotary Foundation at <https://pleasantonrotary.org/donation-guide/>

Granada Edges Livermore In Historic Nail-Biter Game

By Phil Jensen

In a football game this huge, it made sense that some huge plays would decide it.

Granada High School produced a number of those plays for a 28-27 comeback victory over visiting Livermore on Nov. 8.

It is believed that this game was the first time since 1976 that both of these teams had a chance to win a league varsity football title with a win. The game's impact was evident with the standing-room-only crowd, which surrounded three-quarters of the Granada football field beyond the track.

"Emotions are definitely high," said Granada quarterback Jack Badger after the game. "It's a great time just having fun with our teammates and getting the job done. We've been preparing since spring for this. We know we were cut out for it."

And now there will be a rematch this week.

The North Coast Section playoff seeding meeting was Sunday, and in a Division 4 first-round game, the sixth-seeded Cowboys will again play the No. 3 Matadors at Granada on Nov. 15 at 7 p.m.

Granada finished the regular season 6-4 overall and was a perfect 4-0 in the East Bay Athletic League Valley Division. Livermore also ended the regular season with a 6-4 overall record and was 3-1 in the Valley Division.

On Nov. 8, Granada trailed Livermore 27-21 with 6 minutes, 3 seconds left in the game and the ball on its own 20-yard-line. It was fourth-and-one, and the Matadors went for it.

"I knew we get it or we lose, so in my head, I was like, alright we need one (yard)," Badger said. "That's all we need. One yard gets us first down and means we're still in the game."

But when Badger ran off-tackle, he saw an open field ahead.

"I see that hole, and I was like, all right, I've got one yard," Badger said. "Then it opened up and I was like not stopping now, so I just kept going."

Badger ran 78 yards to the Livermore 2-yard-line. Teammate Estevan Duarte ran into the end zone on the next play to tie the score at 27. Max Frank, who was promoted from the Granada junior varsity team last week, nailed the point-after-touchdown kick for a 28-27 Granada lead with 5:25 left.

Livermore moved the ball to the Granada 30-yard-line before a fumble recovery by Granada's Hayden Hobbs stopped the Cowboys with 2:28 to play. Two plays after a 12-yard first-down run by Granada's Noah Blake, Duarte broke free on a run with an open field ahead of him. But he alertly slid at the 3-yard-line so his team could run out the clock without giving the ball back to Livermore.

"He showed his skill set the past four weeks, and that's a selfless play down there at the goal line," said Granada coach Brandon Black about that play. "I'm so proud of him."

Another Granada hero contributed a very big play in the first quarter. Livermore's Kamarri Robinson had just scored on a four-yard run with 1:46 left in the period for a 6-0 lead. But the PAT kick attempt was blocked by Joe Vargas, and the Matadors ended up winning the game hours later by one point.

"I'm just so happy and proud for these kids. They've wanted it, they've worked for it," said Black about the league championship, Granada's first since 2018 when it won the EBAL Valley Division. "The leadership with 32 seniors ... this was their time."

Livermore had momentum for much of the first half. A second quarter interception by Mason Peters gave the Cowboys outstanding field position on the Granada 6. Two plays later, Robinson produced a two-yard touchdown, and a PAT kick by Elijah Delgado increased Livermore's lead to 13-0 with 9:57 left in the half. Livermore's Jayden Altizer also had an interception in the first half.

"Super proud of their effort," said Livermore coach John Wade after the game about his team. "They never wavered all year ... I can't say enough about the group



Granada High senior Estevan Duarte scored the game-tying touchdown late in the fourth quarter of the Nov. 8 matchup against Livermore. The Matadors won 28-27. [See photo gallery at [independentnews.com/multimedia/](https://www.independentnews.com/multimedia/)] (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)

I have."

Granada got on the scoreboard with a nine-yard touchdown run by Badger with 5:36 left in the second quarter, but Livermore answered with a 68-yard drive that was capped by a 1-yard touchdown run by quarterback Matteo Lortie. However, Granada countered with an 80-yard drive that took just 1:32, ending with a one-yard scoring run by Cody Phillips with 19.9 seconds left in the half. Livermore entered halftime with just a 20-14 lead.

"We do a two-minute period every single day of practice ... we were primed for that situation. We had two time outs, a minute 52, so we were

confident," said Black about the long drive in the final two minutes of the half.

Livermore increased its advantage to 27-14 with 7:29 left in the third quarter on a 10-yard TD pass from Lortie to Chad Harper and a Delgado PAT kick. But then Granada marched 76 yards in 16 plays that took more than seven minutes off the clock. Delgado scored on a 1-yard run on the first play of the fourth quarter, and Frank's PAT kick narrowed Livermore's lead to 27-21.

Badger finished with a game-high 106 yards rushing and also passed for 162 yards. Damien Miles, a 6-foot-2 junior, caught a game-high six

passes for 53 yards. Duarte added four catches for 53 yards, and also rushed for 96 yards. Granada had 268 rushing yards in the game.

Livermore received 102 rushing yards by Robinson, and Lortie also ran for 77 yards.

Besides the NCS playoff matchup between these two rivals, two other local teams were also selected for post-season play. Amador Valley, the No. 2 seed in Division II, hosts No. 7 Las Lomas-Walnut Creek on Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. in a first-round game. Dublin, the No. 8 seed in Division III, travels to face No. 1 Acalanes-Lafayette for a first-round game on the same day and time.

Surge Lifts Foothill Boys Water Polo Team to NCS Win

By Phil Jensen

The Foothill High School boys water polo team kept its North Coast Section title hopes alive with a convincing 13-7 victory over Marin Catholic-Kentfield in a Division II quarterfinal match on Nov. 9 at Livermore High School.

"I think we're playing really well right now," said Foothill coach Tim Elson. "Got off to a slow start (against Marin Catholic), but then we played much better."

The second-seeded Falcons, who improved their overall record to 14-11, played No. 3 Marin Academy-San Rafael on Nov. 13 in a Division II semifinal after press time. The final will be on Nov. 16.

Against seventh-seed Marin Catholic, the Falcons were tied 1-1 at the end of the first quarter, and 2-2 early in the second quarter. But Foothill scored eight of the next nine goals over the second and third quarters to take control of the game.

Six of those goals came from Quintin Hoffman. The Cal Baptist-bound senior was practically unstoppable from the hole set position, but he also played outside. Elson said that Hoffman is versatile. "He's kind of a utility player," Elson said.

Hoffman finished with a game-high of seven goals. Preston Cho, a junior, added five goals for the Falcons. Trey Elson produced the team's other goal. Hayden Schubert, a senior driver, paced Foothill with three assists.

Foothill goalkeeper Jake Berryhill had nine saves to stymie Marin Catholic, which finished its season with a 13-11 record. Foothill led 7-3 at halftime and 10-4 at the end of the third quarter.

In the first round on Nov. 6, Foothill dominated No. 15 El Cerrito 20-8. Cho had a game-high nine goals, followed by Hoffman with eight. Hoffman also had a team-high five assists.

Amador Valley lost 21-13 to Monte Vista in the first round of the NCS Division 1 playoffs on Nov. 7. The Dons finished their season with a 17-8 overall record.

Girls Water Polo

Livermore, the No. 4 seed in the NCS Division II playoffs, was edged 7-4 by No. 5 Terra Linda-San Rafael in a quarterfinal match on Nov. 9 at Livermore. The Cowboys opened the tournament with a 9-7 victory over No. 13 Vintage-Napa on Nov. 6. Livermore ended its season with a 12-11 overall record.

In first-round NCS Division I action on Nov. 7, No. 13 Amador Valley fell to No. 4 Archie Williams-San Anselmo 17-9. The Dons ended their season with a 10-14 overall record.

Girls Volleyball

James Logan-Union City defeated Foothill 19-25, 25-23, 25-23, 25-21 in the third-place game of the new NCS Open Division playoffs. Kaycie Burdick led the Falcons with 15 kills, and Paige Nelson added another

14 kills. Sophia Burdick had three blocks and Kaitlyn Vogel had a team-high 16 digs for Foothill, which fell to 26-10 overall. However, its season will continue in the California Interscholastic Federation NorCal Regional playoffs.

In an NCS semifinal match on Nov. 6, the fourth-seeded Falcons fell to eventual champion Branson-Ross 25-19, 25-14, 25-17. Sophia Burdick paced the Falcons in kills with 11, and Kaycie Burdick had 10 kills and a team-high 16 digs. Lulu Hoenninger had three blocks for the Falcons, and Nelson passed for 20 assists.

Foothill is the No. 5 seed in the CIF Division I NorCal Regional playoffs and hosted No. 12 Christian Brothers-Sacramento on Nov. 12 in a first-

round match after this article's deadline. The NorCal Division I regional quarterfinals are on Nov. 14, followed by the semifinals on Nov. 16 and the final on Nov. 19.

Girls Flag Football

Granada, the No. 6 seed in the first NCS playoffs in the sport's history, played No. 11 Pittsburg on Nov. 12 in the first round after this article's deadline. If the Matadors won, they also played in the quarterfinals the same day. The semifinals and final are on Nov. 14.)

Girls Tennis

Dublin is the No. 4 seed in the NCS Division I team tennis playoffs and hosted No. 13 California High School on Nov. 12 in a first-round match



The Livermore Cowboys girls varsity water polo team hosted the Terra Linda Trojans of San Rafael in the 2024 NCS Girls Water Polo Championships, Division II. Terra Linda won 7-4. Pictured: Livermore senior Jayden Helm. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)

after this article's deadline. If the Gaels won, they will play either No. 5 American-Fremont or No. 12 Dougherty Valley on Nov. 14 in the quarterfinals.

The semifinals and final are on Nov. 16 at James Logan-Union City. Dublin was undefeated as a team in the East Bay Athletic League this season.)



Foothill's boys water polo defeated Marin Catholic in the Nov. 9 Division II quarterfinal 13-7. Goalkeeper Jake Berryhill had nine saves. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)



On Nov. 7, the Amador Valley boys water polo team beat Monte Vista 21-13 in the first round of the 2024 NCS Boys' Water Polo Championships, Division I. Pictured: Amador senior Jake DeMichiel. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 609825

The following person(s) doing business as: Dokb Studio, LLC, 5667 Beale Ave, Dublin, CA 94567 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Dokb Studio, LLC, 5667 Beale Ave, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Jason Shin, Co-Owner, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 9, 2024. Expires October 8, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6158. Published October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 609983

The following person(s) doing business as: Ourhs, 3020 Bernal Ave, Ste 110 #2016, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sybil Gertrude De Clark, 3020 Bernal

Ave, Ste 110 #2016, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Sybil Gertrude De Clark, Dr. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 16, 2024. Expires October 15, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6159. Published October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 609098

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. The Steven Kent Winery, 2. Lineage Wine Company, 3. L'Autre Cote, 4. Out from Land Wine Group, 2245 South Vasco Road, Suite C, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Out From Land Investor Group LLC, 2245 South Vasco Road, Suite C, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious

business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Steven Mirassou, Managing Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 5, 2024. Expires September 4, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6160. Published October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 609911

The following person(s) doing business as: Klaudia's Family Child Care, 438 W Sunset Blvd, Hayward, CA 94541 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Claudia Hernandez Santos, 438 W. Sunset Blvd, Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Claudia Hernandez Santos, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 14, 2024. Expires October 13, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6161. Published October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 2024.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 609954

The following person(s) doing business as: Klap Capital Ventures, 3957 Scottfield Street, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Abhishhek Shende, 3957 Scottfield Street, Dublin, 94568. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Abhishhek Shende. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 15, 2024. Expires October 14, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6162. Published October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 609952

The following person(s) doing business as: The Sacred Healing Well, 1807 Santa Rita Rd H-224, Pleasanton, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Loraine Van Tuyt, 1807

Santa Rita Rd H-224, Pleasanton, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/9/2019. Signature of Registrant/s: Loraine Van Tuyt, PHD. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 15, 2024. Expires October 14, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6163. Published October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610009

The following person(s) doing business as: Solid Design Solutions, 2491 Allegro Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jerrel Kent Antolik, 2491 Allegro Street, Livermore, CA 94550; Ilona Maria Antolik, 2491 Allegro Street, Livermore, A 94550. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/15/1998. Signature of

Registrant/s/: Jerrel Kent Antolik, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 17, 2024. Expires October 16, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6164. Published October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 2024.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 566613

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s). Bluejay Cannabis, 4937 Omar St, Fremont, CA 94538. Registered by the following owner(s): Taran Kherra, 795 Shard Court, Fremont, CA 94539; Adam Ahmed 4937 Omar St, Fremont, CA 94538; Essam Abugeth, 4875 Mowry Ave, Bldg 10 - Apt#245, Fremont, CA 94538. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 12/18/2019 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a General Partnership. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Taran Kherra, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 7, 2024. The Independent, Legal

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 609656

The following person(s) doing business as: Surf Thru Express Car Wash, 3598 Stanley Blvd, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Surf Thru Inc, 11837 Bolthouse Dr, Suite 400, Bakersfield, CA 93311. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 12/16/2019. Signature of Registrant/s/: Todd Gall, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 1, 2024. Expires September 30, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6166. Published October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610035

The following person(s) doing business as: LW Construction, 3446 Baylis ST, Fremont, CA 94538-3745 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Liyu Wu, 3346 Baylis ST, Fremont, CA 94538. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/16/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Liyu Wu, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 17, 2024. Expires October 16, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6167. Published October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 609874

The following person(s) doing business as: DC Construction, 1068 44th Ave, Oakland, CA 94601 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Donny Chu Construction, Inc, 1068 44th Ave, Oakland, CA 94601. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/14/2007. Signature of Registrant/s/: Donny Chu, President. This statement was

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 609685

The following person(s) doing business as: Rivers Plumbing Heating & Air, 3958 Valley Ave, Ste G, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Z Home Services, 3958 Valley Ave Ste G, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/1/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Elizabeth A. Rivers, Director. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 2, 2024. Expires October 1, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6169. Published October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 609964

The following person(s) doing business as: Danle Robere Vineyards & Winery, 1200 Wetmore Rd, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): A3 Winery LLC, 6198 Massara St., Danville, CA 94506. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ravneet Singh, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 15, 2024. Expires October 14, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6170. Published October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 609730

The following person(s) doing business as: Witmisel, 2693 Stoneridge Dr, Ste 101, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Simin Wang, 2693 Stoneridge Dr, Ste 101, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Simin Wang, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 3, 2024. Expires October 2, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6171. Published October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610083

The following person(s) doing business as: Worldwide Signs, 2021 Las Positas CT, #161, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Robert Kocik, 2021 Las Positas CT, #161, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/1/2003. Signature of Registrant/s/: Robert Kocik, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 21, 2024. Expires October 20, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6172. Published October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 609906

The following person(s) doing business as: Deharo Construction, Inc., 4361 Technology Dr., Unit I, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Deharo Construction Inc, 4361 Technology Dr, Unit I, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/1/2003. Signature of Registrant/s/: Dustin Prusso, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 14, 2024. Expires October 13, 2029. The

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610161

The following person(s) doing business as: C.A Heating and Air Conditioning, 3867 California Way, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Chad Richards, 3867 California Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/22/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Chad Richards, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 23, 2024. Expires October 22, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6174. Published October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610233

The following person(s) doing business as: Deena Lynn Reiki, 755 N N ST, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Deena Kennedy, 755 N N ST, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Deena Kennedy, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 23, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6175. Published October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610040

The following person(s) doing business as: A&L Financial Services, 53 Wright Brothers Ave, Suite E, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): DMRZ Wright Brothers Ave, Suite E, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/3/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Daniel Hollenback, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 17, 2024. Expires October 16, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6176. Published October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610086

The following person(s) doing business as: The Dogfather Tattoo Company, 120 J. ST, Fremont, CA 94536 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Dogfather Tattoo Company LLC, 120 J ST, Fremont, CA 94536. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Carlo Rodriguez, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 21, 2024. Expires October 20, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6177. Published October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610232

The following person(s) doing business as: Lily Skin Care Studio, 4230 Rosewood Dr, Suite 117, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): LiIya Bendjedid, 4230 Rose Dr, Suite 117, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/23/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: LiIya Bendjedid, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 24, 2024. Expires October 23, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6178. Published November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

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FILE NO. 610122
The following person(s) doing business as: Binge Coffee House, 2199 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94720 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Boba Binge, 1004 Webster ST, Oakland, CA 94607. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Minh Nguyen, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 21, 2024. Expires October 20, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6179. Published November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610133

The following person(s) doing business as: New Water Labs, 1130 65th Street Unit 301, Oakland, CA 94608 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Very Good Technology Inc., 1130 65th Street Unit 301, Oakland CA 94608. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/21/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Bradley S. Roan, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 22, 2024. Expires October 21, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6180. Published November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610273

The following person(s) doing business as: Weslo's, 2825 McArthur Blvd, Oakland, CA 94602 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): W Food Co LLC, 2807 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, CA 94602. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Willis Yu, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 25, 2024. Expires October 24, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6181. Published November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610341

The following person(s) doing business as: Pressure Bright, 31338 Santa Elena Way, Union City, CA 94587 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Benjamin G. Brillo, 31338 Santa Elena Way, Union City, CA 94587. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Benjamin G. Brillo, Owner/Operator. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 29, 2024. Expires October 28, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6182. Published November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610265

The following person(s) doing business as: Blown Away, 516 Jayar Place, Hayward, CA 94544 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ryan Hartsinck, 516 Jayar Place, Hayward, CA 94544. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ryan Hartsinck, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 25, 2024. Expires October 24, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6183. Published November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610390

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Nueva; 2. Xolo; 3. New Vintage Beverage, 2553 6th ST, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): New Vintage Beverage LLC, 2553 6th ST,

Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/26/2019. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jessica Rocca, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 4, 2024. Expires November 3, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6189. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610325

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Imperial Star Empire; 2. Emprex; 3. Empress; 4. Emprex; 5. Emprix, 4075 Compton CT, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): John Marques Jr., 4075 Compton CT, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: John Marques Jr., Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 29, 2024. Expires October 28, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6185. Published November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 609747

The following person(s) doing business as: Kosmetica, 2150 Portola Ave, D214, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Reveca Pereda, 2150 Portola Ave D214, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/25/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Palwinder Singh, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 24, 2024. Expires October 3, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6186. Published November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 608842

The following person(s) doing business as: JC Skye HR Consulting, 5690 W Cog Hill Terr, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Judy Wu, 5690 W Cog Hill Terr, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 8/22/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Judy Wu, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 21, 2029 with legal No. 6098. Published September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024. Alameda County letter# 289306. Corrected on The Independent with Legal No. 6187. Published November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610114

The following person(s) doing business as: Pharmly Shop, 3809 Boulder Canyon Dr., Castro Valley, CA 94552 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mark John-Yung Lin, 3809 Boulder Canyon Dr., Castro Valley, CA 94552. 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: 9/2/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mark Lin, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 21, 2024. Expires October 20, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6188. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610446

The following person(s) doing business as: Rocca Audiovisual, 45274 Industrial Dr., Fremont, CA 94538 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): The Rocca Group LLC, 45274 Industrial Dr., Fremont, CA 94538. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The

date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/26/2019. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jessica Rocca, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 4, 2024. Expires November 3, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6189. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610433

The following person(s) doing business as: Takimori Collections, 24842 Sinclair St, Hayward, CA 94545 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Huang Hua, P.O. Box 12, Hayward, CA 94557. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Huang Hua, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 4, 2024. Expires November 3, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6190. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610296

The following person(s) doing business as: Bella Roma Pizzeria, 853 E. Stanley Blvd, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nijjar Family LLC, 853 E. Stanley Blvd, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/25/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Palwinder Singh, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 25, 2024. Expires October 24, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6191. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610450

The following person(s) doing business as: Elevate Property Management Professionals, 22253 N 6th St, Castro Valley, CA 94546 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Good Doge LLC, 22253 N 6th St, Castro Valley, CA 94546. 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: 11/1/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Frank Lee, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 4, 2024. Expires November 3, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6192. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610400

The following person(s) doing business as: Professional Integrity Taxes, 301 Earhart Way, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Julie Ann Rost, 301 Earhart Way, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2/14/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Julie Ann Rost, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda

on November 1, 2024. Expires October 31, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6193. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610475

The following person(s) doing business as: Vargas Mechanical Services, Inc., 3573 First St, Suite A, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Taurino Vargas, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 5, 2024. Expires November 4, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6194. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610307

The following person(s) doing business as: Amador Cleaners, 1787 Santa Rita Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Prime Cleaners, 1739 W. San Carlos ST, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Yongiae Ham, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 28, 2024. Expires October 27, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6195. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610337

The following person(s) doing business as: BGG Publications LLC, 4971 Hollice Court, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): BGG Publications LLC, 4971 Hollice Court, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Julie Ann Rost, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 4, 2024. Expires November 3, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6192. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2024.

listed above: 10/29/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: electra Gentry, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 29, 2024. Expires October 28, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6196. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2024.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 609616

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s). 1. Imperial Star Empire, Incorporated; 2. Incorporated; 3. Empress; 4. Emprex; 5. Emprix, 4075 Compton CT, Livermore, CA 94550. Registered by the following owner(s): Imperial Star Empire, Inc., 4075 Compton CT, Livermore, CA 94550. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 09/30/2024 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Corporation. Signature of Registrants: /s/. John Marques, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 29, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 6197. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2024.

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