

## Falck Might Face Fines For Lengthy Wait Times

County's Ambulance Service Under Review

By Tony Kukulich

REGIONAL — Falck Alameda County — the provider of emergency ambulance services for much of Alameda County — has until Oct. 19 to provide a corrective action plan after the company failed to meet its contractual emergency response times across its service area in August.

That service failure also prompted the county to reinstate financial penalties should Falck continue to underperform.

Alameda County Emergency Management Services (ALCO EMS) — the agency in charge of managing countywide ambulance service — demanded the action plan in a letter to the company dated Oct. 4. The letter, which served as a notification of non-compliance, indicated that Falck had failed to meet the 90% on-time threshold for Code 3 service calls in each of the three deployment zones throughout the entire county served by Falck. A Code 3 call re-

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## State Law Aims to Stop Car Stunts

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — Gov. Gavin Newsom has signed a new law to crack down on illegal street racing and "sideshows," a problem that has recently emerged on rural roads near Livermore.

The law would allow judges to suspend violators' driver's licenses for up to six months in addition to whatever other penalties they receive. The law, authored by Kern County Assemblymember Vince Fong, won't take effect until July 1, 2025.

"Street racing and sideshows have taken too many lives," Fong said in a tweet after Newsom signed his bill, AB3, into law on Oct. 7.

Sideshows are gatherings of sometimes dozens or hundreds of motorists

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Livermore Downtown Inc. put on its annual Witches Night Out, Wednesday, Oct. 6. Attendees grabbed their brooms and headed downtown for a night of dinner, drinks and shopping. [See photo gallery at [www.independentnews.com/multimedia](http://www.independentnews.com/multimedia)] (Photo - Dawnmarie Fehr)

## Council to Fund Eden Housing Project

By Ruth Roberts

DUBLIN — The city council agreed to put \$5.05 million in Alameda County Measure A-1 bond funds toward the proposed Eden Housing project on Regional Street.

In a unanimous vote Oct. 5, the council committed to paying the developers a portion of the city's \$7.9 million from Measure A-1 to fund the proposed 113 unit affordable rental housing project.

While support among the council was united, concerns were raised by one resident during the public hearing about the

allocation of so much money to the developer, instead of providing for local, in-house support services once the project is built.

"Rather than just give it to the developer, I am thinking there are better things we can do with that money," said Dublin resident Tom Evans. "You could do rental assistance for low-income people for a couple years, or you could buy four or five houses and rent them out to low-income people ... If you give them \$5 million, there are no strings attached. My whole idea is let's keep the money in

Dublin and help our own people out. We don't need to help out the developer; they will be just fine."

But Vice Mayor Sean Kumagai reminded those listening that there are stipulations that come with the money.

"I do want to reiterate that with this A-1 bond money, there are specific pots of money, and that is what we are tapping into here," he said. "One is that it cannot be used for rental assistance."

Mayor Melissa Hernandez addressed one speaker's request to include on-

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## City Calls for 15% Water Conservation Mandate

By Ruth Roberts

PLEASANTON — The city council has unanimously approved a 15% water reduction mandate for residents and businesses, effective October through March 2022.

The council declared a local drought emergency and Stage 2 water shortage during the Oct. 5 meeting. Effective immediately, residents and businesses will be allowed to irrigate one day a week, with the overall water usage goal of 15% less than the same time last year. The action does not include increased drought rates or excessive use penalties.

"It's easy to support this, because it is basically the right thing to do," said Mayor Karla Brown.

Citing the anticipation of another dry winter and

ongoing concerns over future water supplies, the mandate is designed to help ensure water quality and safety going into 2022, while preparing for any future water emergencies. According to staff, the city council will review the mandate every 60 days and change the orders as needed.

"I'm glad to see this. I frankly would have liked to have seen it done sooner, but better late than never," said Councilmember Kathy Narum. "We went through this seven or eight years ago, and our residents really rose to the occasion ... I really hope they will do that again."

Water levels at the Oroville Dam, which supplies the Tri-Valley's water wholesaler Zone 7 District area, are at an historic all-time low of 22%. In

July, Governor Newsom expanded the emergency voluntary conservation program to 15%. Soon afterward, Zone 7 and local water retailers did the same. According to staff, Pleasanton fell short of the goal by conserving just 7%, thereby triggering the new emergency 15% requirements.

One resident who spoke during public comment agreed with the mandate but added it might be unfair to those who have been conserving all along.

"We have done everything we can to conserve, and we can't conserve one more drop," said Diana Mendenhall. "Don't ever start fining people who can't do anymore."

Stage 2 requirements for water usage include

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## Notice of Intent Submitted for a Five-Story Project

Official Concerned the Residential, Retail Structure Would Harm the Downtown's Charm

By Tony Kukulich

PLEASANTON — The City of Pleasanton has received a preliminary application for the development of a five-story, mixed-use building planned for 4884 Harrison Street.

According to the notice of intent submitted by Encino-based AMG & Associates, LLC, the 48,000-square-foot building will include 3,000 square feet of retail space and 37 residential units near the Pleasanton Public Library. Of those, 30 units will be for lower income households, while the remaining seven units will be for moderate-income households.

"The project proposes to utilize streamlined re-

view as allowed under California Senate Bill (SB) 35, and (the) State Density Bonus law that allows for concessions for project density, height, parking and other development standards based on affordability and transit proximity," said Ellen Clark, Pleasanton's director of community development, in an email to The Independent. "Once a formal application is received, the city will confirm its eligibility for processing under the criteria established by state law and review the application for conformance with all applicable objective design and development standards."

Plans call for eight studio units, four one-

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## Drumming Circle Returns

By Dawnmarie Fehr

LIVERMORE — The Livermore Drum Circle (LDC) marched back onto the scene with outdoor gatherings on the first Thursday of each month.

The circle is an inclusive, improvisation-based

lake said. "There are different types of drum circles, but we focus on community."

Didlake said the LDC revolves around three principals — improvisation, inclusion and facilitation. All ages and abilities are welcome to come and



Phil Didlake leads a drumming circle in front of the Bankhead Theater, Oct. 7. His group recently returned to in-person meetings. (Photo courtesy of Phil Didlake)

activity facilitated by Livermore resident and music therapist Phil Didlake. Didlake began the drum circle in 2009 after he tired of traveling to circles in other areas.

"We are a grassroots, community effort," Did-

share their music.

"I'm not the teacher," Didlake clarified. "I provide most of the material, and basically, I support the group, welcoming everyone in. I find a pulse and give people permis-

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Sherry Binkley of Pleasanton's Firehouse Art Studio discusses portraits that convey emotions during Livermore's Artwalk, Saturday, Oct. 9. [See photo gallery at [www.independentnews.com/multimedia](http://www.independentnews.com/multimedia)] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

## City Council Considers Goals and Priorities

By Aly Brown

LIVERMORE — The council received an update on Monday regarding the city's progress in meeting its goals and priorities.

City Manager Marc Roberts provided the report, detailing the work staff has undergone in recent months to achieve the goals and priorities identified by the council in May. Those five goals and priorities include asset management and stormwater; downtown; General Plan update; homelessness and affordable housing; and city modernization, training and workplace enhancements.

On asset management, Roberts reported that the city transitioned to a new

asset management software in September.

"We developed workflow and business practice, migrated asset data and developed a training program for all maintenance staff," he said. "While that might sound like a little thing, it's actually a very important thing because, of course, being able to seamlessly add information into our data system by all of our field staff on an ongoing basis is a huge leap forward for us in asset management."

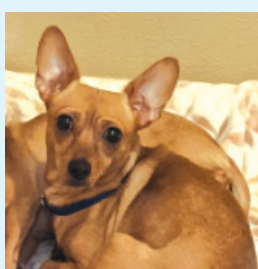
Roberts noted that the city also completed its mid-term update of the Tri-Valley Hazardous Mitigation Plan in July.

Pertaining to downtown, Livermore began work on the I Street

Parking Garage in April and authorized an agreement with RRM Design Group in July to conduct public outreach for Veterans Park, Roberts continued. The council reviewed and approved the Quest interim education demonstration area and opened for events in August. Construction for the Livermorium Plaza began in July and is on schedule for completion in winter of 2021-22, Roberts explained.

For the General Plan update, Roberts noted that the council authorized an agreement with Placeworks in June to update the General Plan and Housing Element. In July, the council established the

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Perdita

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## Pleasanton Honors Late Mayor, Councilmember

The City of Pleasanton lowered its Civic Center flags for 24 hours on Oct. 6 to honor the life of Robert Butler, former mayor and councilmember who served from 1978 to 1993 (1982 to 1983 as mayor). The city received notice

of Butler's passing Oct. 5. "Former Mayor and Councilmember Bob Butler was an exemplary public servant, and the City of Pleasanton is better for his service," Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho said. "With a 15-year

tenure on Pleasanton's City Council, Bob was a champion for Pleasanton and played a major role in shaping our city into the outstanding place it is today. Through his thoughtful leadership, Bob helped to guide Pleasanton

through a period of transformative growth that developed two hallmarks of our city — Stoneridge Shopping Center and Hacienda Business Park. Today, we honor Bob's memory in gratitude for his service to our community."



**A Livermore home with twinkling fall decor brightens up the evening as days begin to shorten. Houses throughout the Tri-Valley have joined this resident in celebrating the onset of holidays and cooler California temps. [See photo gallery at [www.independentnews.com/multimedia](http://www.independentnews.com/multimedia)] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)**

## Livermore Details Current Restrictions on Outdoor Irrigation

The Livermore City Council has imposed mandatory water-use restrictions for all outdoor irrigation, with a goal of reducing usage by 15% over last year, after declaring a Stage 2 Water Shortage Emergency.

The following restrictions are now in effect:

Landscaping may be watered a maximum of three times per week. Properties with odd-numbered street addresses may only water on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Properties with even-numbered addresses may only water on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. No watering is allowed on Sundays. No sprinkler irrigation is allowed between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Watering is allowed at any time on approved days if a hose with an automatic

shut-off nozzle, a handheld container such as a watering can, or a drip-irrigation system is used.

The city said the restrictions would remain in place until water supplies recover, or until worsening conditions force the city to impose additional water-use restrictions. The restrictions apply to all Livermore property owners whether they get their water from Livermore Municipal Water or California Water Service. The last time Livermore imposed mandatory water-use restrictions was April 2014, and they remained in place until June 2016.

Livermore receives most of its water from Zone 7 Water Agency, which declared a Stage 2 emergency on Sept. 1, requiring all Zone 7 retailers to reduce usage by 15%.

## PROJECT

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bedroom units, 13 two-bedroom units and 12 three-bedroom units. The project will have a floor area ratio (FAR) of 3.1. The city's Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) allows a maximum FAR of 1.25 based on the project's mixed-use transitional designation. If the project qualifies under the State Density Bonus law, a concession on the higher 3.1 FAR value would be allowed.

Clark said the city is not required to take any action until a formal project request is filed. The timing for that request is unknown at this point. AMG, a land development company that specializes in the development of affordable and market-rate housing, did not respond to a request for comment as of press time.

While Pleasanton Vice Mayor Julie Testa said she feels there are positive aspects of the proposed project, she objects to the project's location.

"We spent years on our downtown specific plan and really worked to incorporate the feedback that we received from our community about how they would like our historic downtown to evolve," Testa said. "It was re-sounding that they did not want to lose the charm of our downtown, and they wanted to maintain the low-profile structures. It was pushing it to upzone to three stories in a lot of parts of downtown. This project does not fit in our downtown. I feel the project would be welcomed in many appropriate parts of Pleasanton, but this is not an appropriate location."

Authored by Sen. Scott Wiener, D-11, and signed into law by former Gov. Jerry Brown in 2017, SB 35 was part of a package of housing bills intended to ease the state's housing crisis. It tied a streamlined development approval process to a city's performance against its Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) requirements.

"California is in a hous-

ing shortage due to decades of underproduction of housing at all income levels," said Wiener when the legislation was signed into law. "Too often our cities aren't taking their responsibility seriously to build housing for people who live and work in our communities, and this hits our lowest income residents the hardest."

The Department of Housing and Community Development determines the total number of new homes a region needs to build and how affordable those homes need to be in order to meet the housing needs of people at all income levels. Within a region, each town, city and county receives responsibility for providing a share of the region's housing needs. The share of housing assigned is the municipality's RHNA number.

"A lot of municipalities struggle to hit their RHNA numbers, and it's an important number for them to be able to hit, because it shows that we're able to keep up with the growth in our cities," said Caitlin Bigelow, CEO and co-founder of Maxable, a company that guides homeowners through planning, hiring and managing accessory dwelling unit projects. "That's what municipalities have been

struggling to do — build adequate housing. There's more and more pressure being put on cities to hit these particular numbers. If you look across the state at all the municipalities, they don't tend to be hitting their RHNA numbers very well."

RHNA requirements are broken into very low-, low-, moderate- and above moderate-income categories. In the very low-income category, Pleasanton ranks highest in the county, but still has only built 32.1% of the 716 housing units assigned, according to data from 2015 through 2020. The city has completed 20% and 11.1% of the low- and moderate-income housing requirements, respectively, and has achieved 300.7% of the above moderate income housing requirements.

For municipalities not meeting their RHNA requirements, SB 35 only allows the municipality to approve or deny a development project based on the project's adherence to the requirements of the legislation.

"SB 35 will retain local control for those cities that are producing their share of housing, but create a more streamlined path for housing creation in those cities that are

blocking housing or ignoring their responsibility to build," Wiener said in 2017. "SB 35 will result in more housing at all income levels, good-paying jobs to build that housing, and more accountability in creating the new homes our residents so badly need."

Projects seeking approval under SB 35 bypass local zoning regulations. Additionally, projects that qualify under the California Density Bonus law can receive concessions on local development requirements. The Harrison Street project is not required to provide any parking because it is located within one-half mile of public transit, as allowed by Density Bonus Law. The developers have also noted concessions related to the project's overall height, floor area ratio, front and side set back, and common open-space requirements.

"Pleasanton, of course, will not obstruct the existing statewide laws," said Testa. "We will, of course, follow the requirements of these laws, which is why we need our residents to become familiar with the initiative to reset the state Constitution for local control, which states that land use and planning are local affairs."

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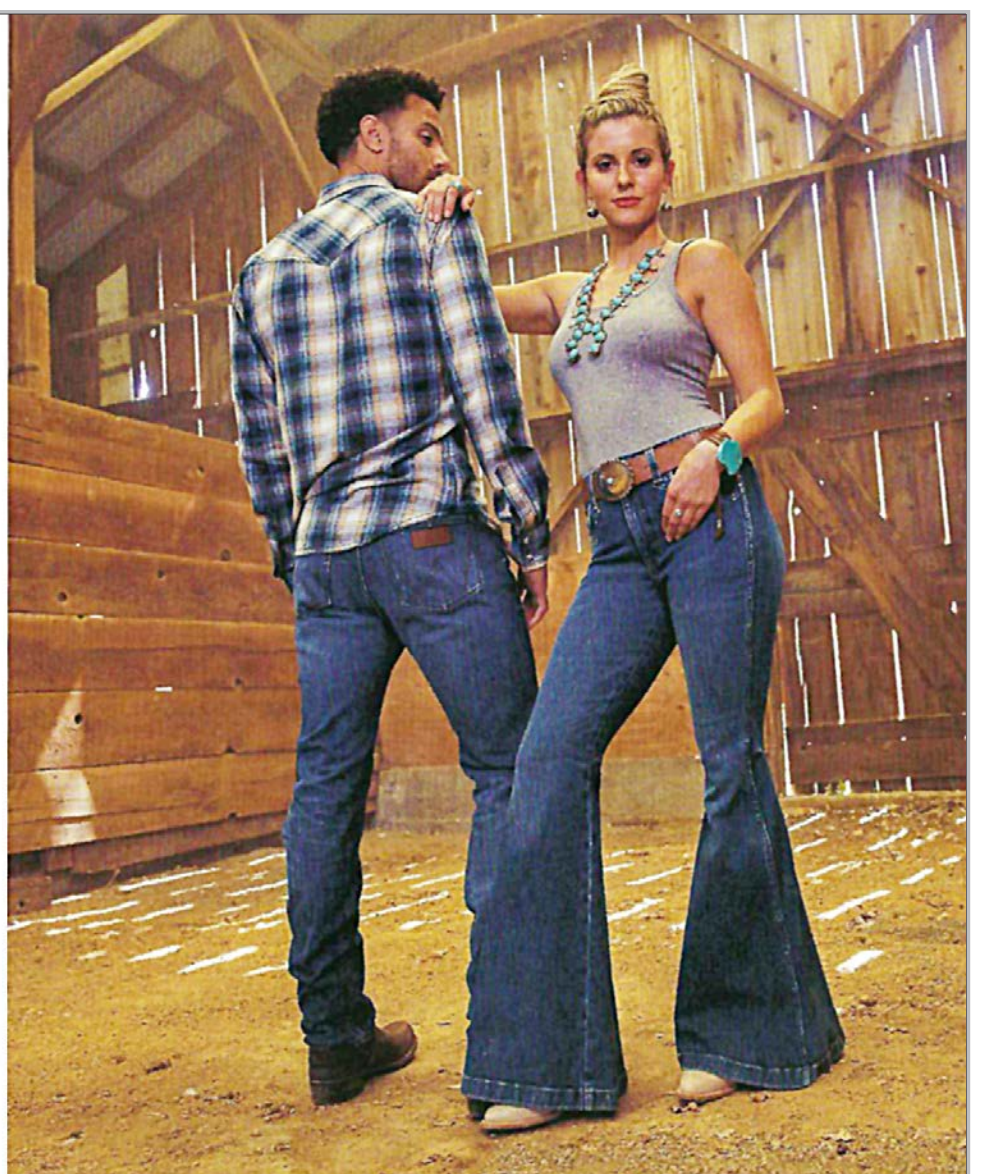
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#### Clarification:

An article that ran in The Independent's Sept. 30 issue incorrectly identified Sunflower Hill's interim executive director, Janet Cohen, as the president of a Florida-based consulting company. Cohen, based in the Bay Area, has served nonprofits going through transition periods for the past 20 years.



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# EDITORIAL Supporting Miley and Haubert

As work on Alameda County's solar policy remains underway, Supervisors David Haubert and Nate Miley's consideration of a solar project moratorium is appropriate.

In recent Transportation and Planning subcommittee meetings, the two elected officials have questioned whether the county should even entertain applications for projects while elected officials are still contemplating the rules. If the two believe a moratorium is necessary until a county policy is complete, they must take this proposal to the full Board of Supervisors for consideration.

We strongly encourage these supervisors to take that next step and, as Miley has suggested, allow for the proper amount of time to get it right. A moratorium prevents approving or considering a project that could end up being inconsistent with a future policy.

We need this clock-stopper, as there are many unresolved issues pertaining to the policy's creation.

For instance, will landowners be permitted to remain under the Williamson Act if they lease their land to solar companies instead of

using it to ranch? This question is still hotly debated among landowners themselves. Some wonder why a rancher who's receiving taxpayers' dollars should continue benefiting from public funds if they're no longer using the land for ranching. Others feel that agricultural folks shouldn't be punished for adding value to their property.

Land-use designations is another topic entirely; it too hasn't been resolved.

Then factor in the environmental review, mapping, public workshops, whether or not a consultant should be hired to help, how long it should all take...

The county shouldn't be in the position of reviewing applications until it has addressed unanswered questions pertaining to solar projects. The supervisors can choose a moratorium that lasts anywhere from 45 days to 2 years — it can be based upon our region's needs. If it takes a pause of six months or so to make sure we get this policy right, that's time well spent.

Miley and Haubert are on the right track.

## MAILBOX

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### More Accountability from Swalwell Please

Ward Kanowsky, Pleasanton

I like Rep. Eric Swalwell. I like his accessibility — his coffees, hikes, town halls and other events where you can meet him, shake his hand, ask him a question. I've been to so many of these get-togethers that he calls me by my first name, and I call him "Eric," which is kind of cool. I've always voted for him, donated to his congressional campaigns and even volunteered when he ran for president. I like his voting record, for the most part, and talk to his staff and sometimes even Eric directly, to express my appreciation.

But as a constituent, I don't like being ignored when I challenge him, and this has happened more than once, unfortunately. At his most recent town hall at Castro Valley High School in August, I asked him if he would make a public statement urging President Biden to come out openly against the filibuster to facilitate the passage of key legislation like the Freedom to Vote Act (formerly the For the People Act); Eric said, yes, he would be willing to make such a public statement (our exchange was taped and posted on Twitter). Realizing members of Congress are very busy, I've had numerous follow up calls and left messages with his staff at both the local district office and at his office in Washington D.C., but still no statement as we approach mid-October.

And then there was a very disturbing vote he recently made on an amendment to a bill (H.R. 4350: National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022) that would have restricted the Department of the Defense from transferring certain types of surplus military equipment, like grenade launchers and weaponized drones, to law enforcement agencies including local police departments. Eric joined almost every House Republican in voting down this amendment.

While I'm not overly concerned that the Pleasanton PD will be armed with grenade launchers anytime soon, I did reach out to his offices last week for an explanation about this perplexing vote and about the statement on the filibuster. I got through to his communications director, who assured me that I'd hear back before the end of the week. Crickets so far — hence, this letter. I still like you, Eric, but I expect follow up and accountability from my elected officials.

### Taking the Long View

Bill Leach, Livermore

Perhaps, the Downtown Plan is not looking far enough into the future. Livermore is now at about 90,000 residents, and within a generation is likely to become a town of 150,000. Sounds like a stretch, but at a modest 2% per year growth rate, in 25 years you are near 150K. Where to house so many, and what you want your central area focus to look like then, deserves thought now. We can build housing close to downtown all we want, filling in park land, packing people into four-story buildings, but that is not enough to house the additional 50K+ new residents and it comes at the cost of the central open space we currently like. Might it not be better to keep our Downtown area a magnet for citizens, providing space for strolling, eating, entertainment, and shopping, and put housing around the north and east sides of town? Once the central open space and chance for small-business expansion is occupied with housing, the chance for a pleasant center-of-town experience a generation from now is lost. To second Jay Davis' suggestion of last week, that means undoing the agreement with Eden, keeping Lucky Block for community use — and it also means that we the citizens and leaders look

decades ahead, gradually acquire land, and keep our eye on what we want our kids and grandkids to have if they are lucky enough to live here.

### Eden Will Have Negative Impact

Bob Canning, Livermore

I moved to Livermore over 30 years ago, because of affordable housing, excellent schools and a pleasant atmosphere of the town. Over the years, I would add downtown as an added plus. There are numerous nice restaurants, the Bankhead, the movie theaters, and more. However, the location of the Eden Housing project will have a negative impact on our downtown. The size and scope are inconsistent with the charming downtown we currently have.

I do think we need more affordable housing. There are just better locations, from both an aesthetic perspective and from a public health perspective, at least until the toxic chemicals have been properly remediated.

### Downtown Plan Does Not Serve Public

Buck Riley, Livermore

It seems that the proposed buildings for housing units have recently increased in size and the park areas have become smaller. Not only does this drastically diminish the look and feel of our downtown area, but it greatly lessens the usefulness and value of the public area it was designed to serve.

Our downtown area should serve to attract tourists and benefit the public, not provide housing. There are other locations for housing that would better serve those being housed and the public interest. The north side of Railroad Avenue between L and K streets is one such location.

If we must pay a fee to escape from the contracts set in motion years ago, then so be it. Placing housing in the middle of a downtown park is not OK.

### Water Reduction Mandate

David Ott, Pleasanton

Many citizens of Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley have already reduced our water consumption over this past year, so with the current plan that was mandated by our city leaders we are now being forced to reduce our use further based on an already reduced base rate. This is very unfair.

And speaking of unfair, the last time we were forced to conserve water a few years ago the citizens of Pleasanton did such a wonderful job that we were rewarded with a water price increase because the Zone 7 Water Agency was not profitable enough due to our water conservation. Wait! What? We cut back on our water usage and now we pay more? We were penalized twice! Dead lawns, flowers, bushes and trees and higher costs for water. The lawn eventually came back

to life, but last time we lost bushes and trees that had to be replaced and the replacement cost came from our pockets.

If our state and local leaders would create a long-term strategy for water supply and reduce the water that NorCal provides to SoCal, we would be much better off. This mandatory reduction in water use is a short-term solution without a long-term vision. It is time for the state, county and local leaders to step up and create a viable long-term water solution.

I am opposed to this mandatory reduction.

### Invoke Change — Run for Office

Doug Mann, Livermore

We can all agree on one thing about the failing downtown Livermore Eden Housing project; the process has been fatiguing. We don't all agree on what should be done, though I believe the majority of Livermore is solidly against the current effort by Council. There is also a sizable contingent that likes it. What to do?

The solution: run for office. Let our next election in November 2022 be a clear choice between candidates with opposing views on the subject. Districts 1 and 2 plus the Mayor will be on the ballot. Stop complaining, and start serving, but be aware of the challenges you will face.

Being a Councilmember or Mayor looks a lot different from the outside than from inside. Being an actual elected official might be described as a mundane sacrifice, hardly glamorous, overwhelming and guaranteed to result in losing friends. Public service is something you do because somebody must do it. For every satisfying high impact decision, there are countless tediously boring procedures to endure.

Serving is hard work, but you will have the satisfaction of being a crucial thread that holds our city together.

### We Are Responsible for Those Whom We Elect

Owen Brovont, Livermore

On the balmy Saturday of Oct. 9, the Livermore Cultural Arts Council welcomed the autumn season by sponsoring and presenting a wonderful combination of music, arts, and crafts on the glowing emerald lawn of Stockmen's Park. No better timing or more appropriate use of that small park in downtown Livermore could have been made for that day — a sweet day in which local citizens strolled amongst the sun and breeze sheltered displays while listening to live music very pleasingly attuned to the ambiance of its lovely location.

Not unexpectedly, parking was at a distinct premium. The day, however, was so warm and inviting that one did not mind a walk of a block or so to

join the festive collection of visitors coming to enjoy the entertainment and admire the variety of artistic talent on display.

Early in the afternoon, while listening to the mellow gifts of the clarinet quartet, speculation was unavoidable about how that location in the center of town would best serve the city and all of its residents for all time to come. If it were enlarged and populated with trees, lawns, shrubs, flowers, fountains, some statuary and a few areas inviting conversation, where the residents and guests could relax and enjoy the quality and ambiance of a Livermore that reflects its heritage of cattle, agriculture, viticulture, and, of course, its extensive association with science and technology brought to Livermore by the two national laboratories that have contributed significantly to the security of the entire United States for nearly 70 years.

Speculation indeed — only speculation because the present city council seems dedicated to what will undoubtedly be, in retrospect, recognized as an historic travesty. The council is determined to quash any such idea in favor of covering the ground with an architecturally undistinguished four-story apartment building that will permanently eliminate the possibility of an attractive central park in midtown. There are alternatives as many residents have clearly and emphatically identified. The responses of the council have been anything but honestly receptive. The arrogance of exercising power seems to outweigh satisfying the repeated desires of the constituency. That seems to have become the preferred approach to modern political leadership at all levels.

Consider this: the people are responsible for the actions of those whom they elect!

### Dems Are Making a Mess of Things

Anthony Beckett, Pleasanton

I wish I didn't need to pick just one thing the Democrats have screwed up since January. There are so many to choose from, but the economy is headed toward a big crisis and there are no adults in the room. While inflation continues to climb out of control, Joe Biden is trying to ram through a, in his words "free" \$3.5 "infrastructure" bill. As part of the scheme, Janet Yellen is hiring 87,000 new IRS employees (aka auditors) to somehow audit their way into paying for it — a partisan boondoggle hilariously called the "Build Back Better" plan. When Obamacare was implemented, I was curious why they chose the IRS to enforce it. It seemed very odd. Then it sunk in: the IRS could take your money whether you liked it or not. This isn't about "making the rich pay their share," whatever

that means. It doesn't take 87,000 auditors to do that. It's about invading the middle class with even more onerous government tax policies.

Weaponizing the IRS is something the Democrats have gotten very comfortable with. Obama used it to audit groups who opposed his policies (he even had the Quakers audited). What I see happening is not good in any way you look at it. The FBI is now looking at school board meetings for "terrorists". The IRS is going to be looking at literally every transaction you make. The NSA is already listening to all of your communications. Oppressive authoritarianism is at our door. Can it be stopped? Maybe. Vote them out. In the meantime, contact your representatives. And then vote in your best interests, because this government certainly isn't. I wish I had space to go into what the state is doing to us.

### Communication Not Priority for Council

Lucy Hair, Livermore

Two interesting things happened this week, each reminding me of a different thing. One, we received a voice mail from the Livermore City Council, telling us about new requirements in allowed outside watering days; and two, on the way to see the new Bond movie downtown, we noticed the apparently stagnant four-story Legacy Apartments project structures being built and thought those are a story too tall and too claustrophobic-feeling to fit in well in Livermore. Here's what those two very different things reminded me of: the City Council made sure that we knew about the water restrictions by contacting us directly, but did not bother contacting us directly to let us know about the opportunity to comment on the Livermore General Plan. Come to think of it, we weren't given an opportunity that we knew of to comment on the water restrictions. Communication about their intentions and giving us enough time in our busy lives to comment are apparently not priorities for this City Council!

### SLD Plan is Impractical

Laning Thompson, Livermore

From what I've learned about affordable housing, I doubt that Save Livermore Downtown's "alternate plan" for the Eden Housing project is financially feasible.

I've served on Interfaith Housing's volunteer board of directors since 2006, and as its president since 2015. IFH has three communities for low-income seniors in Livermore with a total of 207 one-bedroom apartments (applications are currently closed). In partnership with SAHA — a non-profit affordable housing developer like Eden Housing — IFH has been working since 2018

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## MAILBOX

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to build a fourth senior community with 140 apartments on Pacific Avenue.

IFH's existing communities, all built before 2000, have mortgages from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Residents must qualify as low-income; HUD subsidizes the difference between 30% of residents' respective incomes and market-rate rent.

However, HUD no longer provides mortgages for new projects. Developers must now compete for other funding sources, principally the federal government's complex Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program where large corporations provide construction funding in return for tax breaks.

California's housing crisis and mandates to provide affordable housing mean that almost every municipality has to find land and funds to build more units ASAP. Affordable developers compete for funding by submitting lengthy applications with questions about myriad aspects of their projects, each of which earns a certain number of points. Projects serving people with extremely low incomes or the homeless receive higher scores. Developers must have purchased or leased the land before they can even apply for LIHTC funding.

An affordable housing building needs parking, a community room, offices for management and resident services, and facilities for mailboxes, laundry, and trash disposal as well as proximity to grocery stores. Family projects require multiple bedroom configurations. The baroque funding process compares the project's scores on each aspect.

But SLD's plan couldn't start applying for funding until it had title to the sites across Railroad Avenue. A key parcel is currently changing hands; the future owner isn't about to sell,

and some other owners apparently aren't either. How would parcels be purchased?

Moreover, the SLD plan's 230 apartments might be too tiny and densely packed to qualify for government construction funds. And even if the \$14 million in A1 bond funds were retained despite delays, that's a fraction of the huge cost of the project. Finding subsidies to cover operating costs is yet another major issue.

Bottom line: SLD's proposal just wouldn't "pencil out."

#### The Web of Life and Us Greg Scott, Livermore

This letter will be posted and published during the virtual United Nations Biodiversity Conference, which will be addressing the enormous global loss of biodiversity from human actions and behaviors, and is one of the great crises of our time.

Who cares? Our food is at the grocery store, restaurant, fast food establishment and/or food bank. What is the problem? Without adequate biodiversity we will not eat or continue surviving. The International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List has listed 134,435 species assessed. Over 35,000 of these species are threatened with global extinction. This is only a small fraction of the other species and the species threatened that have not been surveyed. It is a lowly tiger salamander in the North Livermore Valley.

So what? Why bother about the Delta smelt? Both tiger salamanders and Delta smelts are examples of 'canaries-in-the-coal-mine' alarms. They indicate a respective collapsing ecosystem, and as the effect of a statement by a UC Davis professor: It is not that we are not going to have an ecosystem in the future, it is the fact that we are going to have an ecosystem we do not like and that is likely not con-

ducive to our well-being. It is a question of when the reckoning on biodiversity is going to occur. Biodiversity is intertwined with climate disruption, the human global food web and social equity. No social status, economic class or political affiliation makes anyone immune to biodiversity collapse. From the Voyager spacecraft Earth is now a pale-blue dot. Earth is therefore said to be insignificant. How can that be with the radio transmissions we are transmitting? As the physicist Enrico Fermi said in regard to extraterrestrials: "Where is everyone else?" There are no radio transmissions that indicate intelligent life is in our galaxy or in the surrounding neighborhood Virgo cluster of galaxies our galaxy is in. By caring so little about the collapsing biodiversity we are caring little about the fate of our progeny.

It is ironic that the greatest assortment of organized matter, the human brain, knowingly brings about its own demise. We and our planet are unique. The probability of circumstances that occurred to bring us about to who we are is extremely low. Imagine a culture that instead of being about death and destruction, actually revered life and fostered greater biodiversity. We can do it!

#### "The Garden Path" Less Traveled Deborah McQueen, Livermore

I would like to thank Jay Davis for his letter on October 7th. In his brief but important letter entitled "Down the Garden Path", Mr. Davis explains why he believes the current Eden plan for the old Lucky site no longer resembles the original approved plan, "and is an unacceptable use of a potentially lovely site." It will create permanent damage to the downtown core of Livermore, because "the present concept more resembles military barracks

or prison housing than attractive [apartments]." He advocates for the city and the citizens to work together to devise a plan for moving the housing to another location, terminating the Eden contract, if necessary, to "free the site and make it available for better community use." If the housing is moved across the street, more units could be built, thus serving a larger population from within the affordable housing sector, and a beautiful downtown park can be created for all the citizens of Livermore to enjoy. By working together, "both public use and low-cost housing can be had downtown." Thank you, Jay Davis, for being willing to support "the Garden Path" Less Traveled.

#### Residents Have a Right to Contamination Tests Donna Cabanne, Livermore

What is the status of Eden Housing Contamination? The city will send the results of the required additional testing to the Water Board in a few weeks. Based on testing results, the Water Board will tentatively approve a clean-up plan and issue a fact sheet explaining procedures, duration, etc. The public will only have thirty days to comment on the proposed clean-up. It is critical that all residents receive the fact sheet to be able to comment during the 30-day period.

The costs of clean-up are likely to be more expensive if an underground garage is built at this site. Other clean-up alternatives, similar to those used to clean-up J cleaners before installing Stockmen's Park, could be cheaper and require less monitoring. The Water Board does not have the ability to mail the fact sheet to all residents, but the city can and should. Please request a mailing of the Water Board contamination findings for Eden Housing be sent to all residents. Email

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Without the fact sheet,

the residents will not be able to comment in a meaningful and informed manner. Also ask all council members to hold a hearing to clarify and explain the possible clean-up solutions and the costs of each alternative. The residents will pay the costs, we have a right to know the total price.

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# How the Eden Housing Project Fails to Meet City Design Requirements. Part 1: Site Frontage



Future Eden Housing building stretching for a block along Railroad Avenue from L Street to the extension of K Street. Source: City of Livermore Planning Document.

**To protect our unique downtown, the Downtown Specific Plan limits site frontage involving height limitation on certain parcels.** The City of Livermore has development rules that must be met by anyone who wants to build downtown. For site frontage, the rule states that a 4-story building is permitted on the site located south of Railroad Avenue, east of L Street – but only if the 4th floor does not extend more than 60% of the site frontage along L Street, Railroad Avenue, and South Livermore Avenue.

**The Eden Housing building shown above breaks this important design requirement.** Unfortunately, the Planning Commission and City Council failed to require that Eden Housing adhere to this important site frontage rule in the Downtown Specific Plan. The proposed Eden site only extends to the southerly extension of K Street, and the current Eden plan exceeds the 60% standard on both Railroad Avenue and L Street.

**Poor design and massive buildings will hurt our downtown character.** Because the Eden Housing development is proposed for the center of the City, it is particularly important that it complies with the Downtown Specific Plan design standards. Its failure to do so will negatively impact our community for decades.

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## PG&E Stresses Importance of Preparedness

The Pacific Gas & Electric Co. (PG&E) marked National Preparedness Month in September by encouraging its customers to prepare an emergency kit with enough food, water, and other necessary supplies to last several days in case of an emergency or

natural disaster, such as an earthquake, wildfire, landslide, or flood.

PG&E suggests including flashlights, fresh batteries, first aid supplies, and cash, along with a go-bag in case it's necessary to leave home.

Customers can also get

updates on any power outages using PG&E's outage information line at 800-743-5002 and or its electric outage map online at pge.com. The federal government offers a list for creating a basic disaster supplies kit at ready.gov/kit.



A new traffic signal was installed last month at the intersection of Tesla and Greenville roads in Livermore. The Alameda County Public Works Agency said the signal should reduce delay during morning and afternoon peak hours and improve traffic safety. In addition to the new signal, LED street lighting was installed to enhance visibility. From left, attending a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new installation were traffic signal supervisor Carlos Romero, traffic engineer Rick Yeung, county supervisor's assistant Melissa Hernandez, District 1 County Supervisor David Haubert, Livermore Chamber of Commerce CEO and President Dawn Argula, County Public Works Director Daniel Woldesenbet, and Deputy Public Works Director Bill Lepere. (Photo courtesy of Halimah Anderson)

## WATER

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using water in ways that does not facilitate runoff; the prohibition of watering within 48 hours of measurable rainfall; the washing of cars, but only with functioning shut-off nozzles; the use of potable, recirculated water for water features and fountains; and repairs or leaks addressed within eight hours of discovery.

"The city is obligated to comply just like any other customer," said Kathleen Yurchak, city director of operations and water utilities. "But it's important to know our largest water base is residential."

Councilmember Jack Balch asked if there were any customer-incentive programs available to the public.

"I'd like to try and see

how (the residents) are being made aware ... do we have any rebates?" asked Balch.

Yurchak replied that the city does have a lawn conservation rebate program in partnership with Zone 7. She added that other regional programs and conservation outreach would be made available to the public.

Councilmember Valerie Arkin said she took advantage of the rebates made available during the last drought, but at the time, they weren't available for backyards.

"Can we extend it to the backyards?" asked Councilmember Valerie Arkin. "Is that something we can consider?"

Yurchak noted that the city is considering but has

yet to include that aspect.

"It's hard to inspect backyards on an ongoing basis, but it's something we can bring back for consideration," she continued.

For the time being, City Manager Nelson Fialho urged the message of overall conservation.

"It's really important for the public to know that what we are doing here is a kind of lower case mandatory water conservation," he said. "It's important to signal going into winter that conservation is really important ... The greater point at the moment is that folks conserve at 15% however they can."

For additional information, visit [www.cityof-pleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityof-pleasantonca.gov).

## AMBULANCE

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quires an urgent response using flashing lights and sirens by the responding unit.

"These performance shortfalls represent an unacceptable progression of Falck's poor response-time trends, which the EMS Agency has been raising with Falck with increasing alarm and to which Falck has responded with a disappointing lack of urgency," wrote ALCO EMS Director Lauri McFadden. "As the EMS Agency has discussed with Falck over the past several months, it is clear there are significant problems with Falck's operational plan. Non-compliance with response time requirements — particularly those pertaining to high priority requests for service — is a serious matter."

A spokesperson for ALCO EMS declined to specify the exact nature of the problems identified with Falck's operational plan. Falck, however, has placed the source of its response time problems on its staffing shortages and on the amount of time spent at local hospitals waiting to transfer patient care from ambulance crews to hospital staff, referred to as wall time or ambulance patient offload time.

"The pandemic-induced staffing shortage is a national crisis that affects virtually the entire labor market, especially healthcare," said Jeff Lucia, Falck USA director of marketing and communications, in an email to The Independent. "But it has particularly impacted hospitals and EMS agencies of all types — ambulance services, fire departments and other

public agencies alike. All over the nation, at every hour of the day, ambulances are stuck outside hospitals while paramedics and EMTs care for patients waiting, sometimes hours, for hospital beds."

According to Lucia, ambulance wall times have long been an issue, but in pandemic times, they have become a crisis.

"Ambulance services across the U.S. are finding themselves stuck in the middle of a crisis they didn't create and can't control," he continued.

Rob Lawrence, executive director of the California Ambulance Association, described compounding, systemic problems that are impacting emergency patient care across the country. Staffing shortages at hospitals increase the time it takes to admit a patient to an emergency department. That results in longer wait times for ambulance crews. Added to that are high turnover rates among paramedics and emergency management technicians (EMT) that are exacerbated by a diminished flow of replacements coming out of schools. The COVID-19 pandemic stopped in-person schooling; many paramedic and EMT programs were forced to shut down as those programs required in-person instruction.

"This is almost the microcosm, in Alameda (County), of the national picture right now," Lawrence said. "I think it's fair to say that these issues are going on across the country. We hope, of course, things get better. But right now, we are where we are."

While not oblivious to the increased wall times at county hospitals, ALCO EMS met with Falck to discuss increasing patient offload times and other operational issues "unrelated to the pandemic" that hindered the company's performance. McFadden stated in a Sept. 1 letter to Falck that meetings about these issues were held in June and July. As Falck's performance continued to deteriorate, a full-day meeting, which included the CEO of Falck, was held to address ALCO EMS's concerns over "worrying actions" taken by Falck. That meeting did not relieve the county's apprehensions.

"Despite the EMS Agency's warnings and suggestions on how to improve on-time performance, Falck has consistently displayed a lack of urgency in proactively correcting identified issues, resulting in increasingly poor performance," wrote McFadden.

McFadden also warned in her September letter that if on-time responses fell below the 90% threshold, the county would reinstate the assessment and collection of penalties that were temporarily waived in deference to the unforeseen challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. In McFadden's Oct. 4 letter, she indicated that those penalties had been reinstated. Stating that Falck's "increasingly poor performance goes beyond the effects of the pandemic," McFadden added that Falck's August performance would have resulted in a \$440,000 penalty.

Falck must present a



Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA) met with staff from Axis Community Health last week to discuss the role the Tri-Valley health care provider has played in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and to thank them for the work they continue to do. Axis Community Health operates three clinics, one in Livermore and two in Pleasanton. It has provided COVID-19 testing and vaccinations to thousands of Alameda County residents. Axis also provides other medical, behavioral health, dental and Medi-Cal enrollment services to about 14,000 patients countywide. Pictured above from left are Iris Martinez, director of clinical services; Dr. Dawnell Moody, chief medical officer; Swalwell; and Liz Perez-Howe, chief operating officer. (Photo courtesy of Axis)

## County Program to Encourage In-law Units

Alameda County has launched a program to encourage homeowners in unincorporated areas to develop accessory dwelling units — also known as in-law units — to create more affordable housing.

The pilot program, approved by the Board of Supervisors, will provide free, one-on-one guidance for building accessory dwelling units (ADU) to as many as 100 homeowners, with the goal of adding at least 18 new affordable housing units and relieve overcrowding for multi-generational families.

An ADU is defined as a small living unit on the same grounds, or attached to, a single-family house, such as a garage or basement apartment, or a small stand-alone house in the backyard.

"We need to continue to explore creative housing solutions to support the stability and vitality of households throughout the county," said Alameda County Housing Director Michelle Starratt.

"With ADUs, we can increase naturally affordable housing stock by creating new homes in existing neighborhoods," Starratt

added. "By offering customized guidance, we can make sure that homeowners have the support they need to successfully build a new unit that is safe and legally permitted."

The program was developed in partnership with the Bay Area nonprofit organization Hello Housing, which will also serve as the program administrator.

"We're excited to partner with Alameda County to offer one-on-one support to homeowners," said Jennifer Duffy, President of Hello Housing.

"ADUs bring a unique and timely opportunity to support homeowners who want to be part of the housing solution," said Hello Housing president Jennifer Duffy.

To be eligible for the program, the primary single-family dwelling must be occupied by the owner, who must agree to rent the ADU for an "affordable price" for three years. Property owners must arrange for their own financing to design and build the ADU and must agree to complete fair housing/

landlord training.

In addition to unincorporated areas of the county -- including Ashland, Cherryland, Castro Valley, Castlewood, Fairview, Happy Valley, Hillcrest Knolls, Sunol, and San Lorenzo -- the pilot program will be extended to homeowners in unincorporated areas in the cities of Hayward, East Pleasanton, and South Livermore.

Interested homeowners should submit an online application at [www.hello-bright.org/one-stop-shop-ac](http://www.hello-bright.org/one-stop-shop-ac) by Nov. 27. Program participants will be selected by lottery from among eligible applicants.

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## Livermore Valley Chamber To Host Mayors Luncheon

The Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce will host this year's Tri-Valley Mayors Summit luncheon at Wente Vineyards in Livermore on Thursday, Oct. 28.

Mayors of Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, Danville, and San Ramon are expected to attend the outdoor luncheon to discuss recent experiences and plans for economic growth and recovery.

"We look forward to hearing from these leaders about their experiences and lessons learned during one of the most chal-

lenging periods of time in modern history and how they intend to support and lead the economy going forward," said Chamber President and CEO Dawn Argila.

The summit will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. KQED reporter Guy Marzorati, who covers state and local politics, will moderate the discussion.

For more information or to register for the summit, visit [livermorechamber.org](http://livermorechamber.org) or call 925-447-1606. The cost is \$75 per person or \$600 for a table of eight.

## Roberts Wins Best of Show in Paint Pleasanton Contest



Nancy Roberts, a local artist known for her depictions of the Tri-Valley's hills and valleys, received "Best of Show" in the annual Paint Pleasanton competition for her painting "Melrose Place Vineyards." (Photo courtesy of Meghana Mitragotri)

Nancy Roberts, a retired architect and open-air artist, valleys, orchards, and historic buildings, received "Best of Show" during the Pleasanton Art League's fourth annual Paint Pleasanton competition last month for "Montrose Place Vineyard."

Dozens of plein air artists set up their easels around Pleasanton the weekend of Sept. 25 and 26 to paint the city's landmarks and surrounding

vineyards, culminating in a public exhibit and judging in front of the Museum on Main.

In addition to Robert's award, Meghana Mitragotri and Leta Eydelberg received Awards of Merit, while Carolyn Lord, Jennifer Huber, Brian Fulmer, and Srivani Ward received honorable mentions. Eydelberg also won the first-ever "People's Choice Award."

## Magician to Perform at Firehouse Theater

Award-winning illusionist Alex Ramon will return to the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton for two family-friendly shows on Saturday, Oct. 16.

Raised in Richmond, California, Ramon began performing magic at a local restaurant as a teenager. He would go on to be named "San Francisco Bay Area's Best Stage Ma-

gician" in 2002 and "Stage Magician of the Year" at the World Magic Seminar in Las Vegas in 2004. He also toured as "zingmaster" — a combination ringmaster and headline performer — with the former Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus, and in 2016, was named "Entertainer of the Year" by the Princess Cruises.

Ramon performed at the Firehouse Theater in 2019.

Tickets for the 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. performances of "Real Magic," ranging from \$22 to \$32, are available at [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

The Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., is owned and operated by the City of Pleasanton.

## Ribbon Cutting Held For Quest Plaza In Livermore Oct. 2

The Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce officially welcomed Quest Science Center to downtown Livermore on Saturday, Oct. 2, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Quest Plaza, a 5,000-square-foot outdoor gathering space at Stockmen's Park.

The plaza at the corner of Railroad Avenue and the extension of K Street is expected to host Quest-sponsored community programs, science camps, and musical events. Quest has been holding monthly science-themed events at Stockmen's Park since June, during construction of the plaza.

A group of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory retirees and community leaders formed the Livermore Science and Society Center in 2017, creating several mobile science exhibits. The name was changed to the Quest Science Center in 2019.

The plaza is the non-profit organization's first community venue.



Award-winning illusionist Alex Ramon will return to the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton for two shows on Saturday, Oct. 16. (Photo courtesy of Nicole Thomas)

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## Livermore Valley Wineries Partnering with Local Shelters to Sponsor Wines & Wags

More than 20 Livermore Valley wineries will partner with 13 Bay Area animal shelters and rescue organizations on Saturday, Oct. 30, for a day of wine tasting, dog adoptions, and activities for man's best friend.

The return of Wine & Wags will include a pet and owner costume parade at Retzlaff Vineyards at 2 p.m., obedience demonstrations by Brat

Pak Dog Kamp at Page Mill Winery, a dog photo booth and belly rub station at Rosa Fierro Cellars, and doggie obstacle course at Garré Vineyard & Winery.

Fenestra Winery will offer a Pup Bar with pet-safe beverages, while Big White House Winery and John Edwards Cellars will be selling 'barkuterie' boxes of dog treats to benefit their rescue part-

ner.

Tickets are \$30 in advance at LVwine.org, or \$35 at the event, and include a Livermore Valley Wine Country GoVino glass, at least two wine tastings at each winery, and access to all activities. Events will run from noon to 4:30 p.m. Dogs are welcome, but must be kept leashed at all times.

Participating wineries include 3 Steves Winery,

Bent Creek Winery, Big White House Winery & John Evan Cellars, Boa Ventura de Caires Winery, Cedar Mountain Winery, Dante Robere Vineyards, Darcie Kent Vineyards, Eagle Ridge Vineyards, Fenestra Winery, Garré Vineyard & Winery, Las Positas Vineyards, Longevity Wines, Nella Terra Cellars, Omega Road Winery, Page Mill Winery, Retzlaff

Vineyards & Estate Winery, Rosa Fierro Cellars, The Lineage Collection: Steven Kent Winery, Lineage Wine Co., L'Autre Cote & Mia Nipote, and Wood Family Vineyards.

Participating animal shelters and rescue organization, several of which will have dogs available for adoption at the wineries, include Animal Rescue of Tracy, Contra Costa Animal Services,

Copper's Dream Animal Rescue, Friends of the Tracy Animal Shelter, Guardian's Light Dog Rescue, German Shepherd Rescue of Northern California, Northern California Sled Dogs Rescue, Paws in Need, Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation, Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, Umbrella of Hope Rescue, Valley Humane Society, and Wings of Rescue.

## Tri-Valley Artist Tour to Feature Local Artists

The creative brainchild of Anne Giancola (President of Alliance for the Visual Arts) and Livermore artist, Dennis Baker, the Tri-Valley Artist Studio Tour (TVAST) will become a reality in the fall.

The two artists have worked together on this project since November 2020. Ever since moving to the Tri-Valley area in 2013, Giancola became aware that there were a lot of talented, professional artists hidden within the community. She and Baker feel that now is the time to shine a spotlight on them.

Partnering with the Alliance for the Visual Arts, the Tri Valley Artist Studio Tour will be held on Nov. 13 and 14.

"We are excited to show off the beauty of Tri-Valley art and look forward to a successful event that can occur annually," said Giancola.

She and Baker are leading a team of volunteer artists to organize all the details for the TVAST event, which will also include a preview exhibit hosted by Darcie Kent at her Almost Famous Wine Lounge on Vasco Road, and a fun bicycle tour of all the studio sites.

It's a feast of art that both local and neighboring communities can enjoy as they visit more than



Artist Usha Shulka works on a painting. She is one of the artists spotlighted in the Tri-Valley Artist Studio Tour (Photo courtesy of Emelie Rogers)

50 artists from five cities showing in their homes, studios and collectives in the towns of Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton. Attendees can view demonstrations, see art for sale, and talk with the artists about their techniques and inspiration, from paintings, ceramics, sculpture, glass, mixed media, photography, and collage to jewelry and wearable art. The variety of different mediums is inspiring.

This fun event for the entire family is free and open to the public, on Nov. 13 and 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Before the

event, patrons can see artist's work samples and plan their weekend tours on Thursday, Nov. 11, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Darcie Kent Wineries' Almost Famous Wine Lounge, 2271 South Vasco Road, Suite D, in Livermore.

For more information, visit TVASTart.com.

## Garden Club to Learn About UC Botanical Garden

Lewis Feldman, director of the University of California Botanical Garden at the UC Berkeley campus, will be the guest speaker for the online meeting of the Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club on Thursday, Oct. 14, starting at 7 p.m.

The 34-acre garden, in the Strawberry Canyon area of the university campus overlooking San Francisco Bay, is considered one of the most diverse botanical collections in the

U.S., noted for its number of rare and endangered species.

Feldman's presentation, "Berkeley's Unexplored Treasure: The UC Botanical Garden," will cover the history of the garden, originally established in 1890 on the university's central campus, and its current multi-pronged mission of education, conservation, and research.

Feldman, a professor of plant biology at UC Berkeley, is a graduate of

UC Davis who received a doctorate from Harvard University. His research at UC Berkeley has focused on root development.

Club members will be provided a link to the online presentation. Non-members who would like to view the program should email president@lavgc.org.

The garden club hosts monthly meetings from September through June. For more information, visit lavgc.org.

## Las Positas to Host Veteran Awareness Challenge

The Las Positas College Foundation and the Veterans First Program at the college in Livermore will host the fourth annual 2.2 For 22 Challenge, from Oct. 23 to Nov. 13.

The event will raise awareness of veteran suicides. Statistics from the Department of Veterans Affairs suggest that an average of 22 former members of the military commit suicide every day.

Every day of the 22-day event, participants will receive a new challenge to complete. Some of the challenges will be physical, while others will focus on fostering community and improving mental health. Last year, nearly 500 community members participated in the 2.2 for 22 Challenge, named the initial challenge, a 2.2-mile walk.

More than 500 veter-

ans attend Las Positas, which provides services to help them achieve their educational goals, including priority registration, scholarships, work-study program, and financial resources through its Veteran's First Program.

This year's challenge will be held virtually due to continuing COVID-19 restrictions. To register, visit bit.ly/3oQNd6f.

## Anderson to Play All Chopin Program

Del Valle Fine Arts will open its 45th season with Steinway artist Mark Anderson playing an all Chopin program, Saturday, Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m., in the Bankhead Theater.

Growing up in Pleasanton, Mark Anderson twice won the Livermore-Amador Symphony's Competition for Young Musicians. He has won leading piano competitions and performs worldwide at elite venues, collaborating with distinguished conductors. An assistant professor at the University of British Columbia School of Music, he is also owner and executive director of New World Music Academy in Pleasanton.



Mark Anderson

The American Record Guide noted, "Anderson plays beautifully ... what tone, what technique, what a touch."

To see Mark Anderson performing Gershwin's "I Got Rhythm" visit <https://youtu.be/lz0EEKaoybA>.

## Now Until Jan. 30 Student Speakers Contest

The Livermore Lions Club is having its annual Student Speakers Contest. This college scholarship event is open to all high school students in and around Livermore. The topic of the speech is "How Can Kindness Reunite Our Country?" The purpose of the contest is to provide an opportunity for competitive public speaking, stimulate self-expression and independent thinking, and to consider the means at our disposal for meeting present and future world problems. The winner at each level continues to the state level and will win \$21,000 in college scholarships. The contest takes place in the afternoon of Jan. 30, 2022, at the main library in Livermore. For more information, contact Ann Lopez at 805-405-8742 or [ann.lopez16@yahoo.com](mailto:lopez16@yahoo.com).

## Saturday, Oct. 16 Scout-O-Rama

All youths are welcome to have some fun and learn about scouting, at 9 a.m., at Ted Fairfield Park in Dublin. Organizers will have crab soccer, orienteering, water rockets, relays, and much more. For more information, contact Keith Lam at [klbears@gmail.com](mailto:klbears@gmail.com) or 925-577-0724.

## Saturday, Oct. 16 Livermore Pride 2021

Livermore Pride is buggin' out to bring back their groovy annual festival. October is LGBTQ+ History Month and nifty for an outdoor event in the East Bay. Shows start at noon. Organizers will be monitoring California and Alameda County guidelines and may add or change restrictions or requirements based on the guidelines at the time of the event. For more information, email [livermorepride@gmail.com](mailto:livermorepride@gmail.com).

## Tuesday, Oct. 19 Planning for College for 9th and 10th Grade Girls

The Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch of the American Association of University Women is hosting two virtual Planning for College presentations during October. Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m., will be for grades 9 and 10; and Tuesday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m. will be for grade 11. Diane Keller, a former college consultant, will present essentials for young

women and their parents considering applying to college. General admission is \$10. For more information or to register, visit <https://bit.ly/3kMjkRO>.

## Wednesday, Oct. 13 Cabbies & Patties

Livermore's Concannon Vineyard is helping raise funds for Granada High School's 2022 Safe and Sober Grad Night. Money raised will help to cover the cost of activities, prizes, food, equipment, and staff for GHS graduates. Tickets include entrance to Cabbies & Patties, a tasting flight of Concannon Cabernet Sauvignon, and a locally crafted burger from Ominous Burgers. General admission is \$50. For more information or tickets, visit <https://bit.ly/3ue5nPY>.

## Saturday, Oct. 16 Hang Your Quilts Day

Hang your love-themed quilts from your balcony or porch railings, on your fence, in a tree, or draped over your car, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Amador Valley Quilters (AVQ) initiated "Hang Your Quilts Day" in April 2020 as a way to bring cheer and brighten up local neighborhoods. AVQ will continue to celebrate this day on the third Saturday of each month until the COVID-19 pandemic comes to a close. The Amador Valley Quilters are celebrating their 40th anniversary this year with individual quilt displays and a virtual quilt gallery. Visit [amadorvalleyquilters.org](http://amadorvalleyquilters.org) for more information.

## Saturday, Oct. 23 Rotary Club Chili Cook Off

The Rotary Club of Livermore Valley will be hosting its inaugural Chili Cook Off, at Carnegie Park, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. This family event includes a Chili Cook Off Contest with celebrity judges, a kid's area with magical entertainment, arts and craft booths for purchasing holiday fare, and live music at the Rotary Bandstand by Frankie Bones Project, Groovy Judy, and LunaFish. The funds raised will be used to support the local community. For more information, visit [livermorevalleyrotary.org](http://livermorevalleyrotary.org).

## Saturday, Nov. 6 Holiday Boutique

More than 30 vendors will be selling unique gifts, from 9 a.m.

to 2 p.m., at Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Ave. Available will be handmade jewelry, gourmet candies, stained glass creations, lotions, decor, kitchen items and so much more. Cousins Maine Lobster truck will be selling their 'Best of the West' lobster rolls, bisque and other items. After shopping, attendees can pick up a lobster roll and enjoy an al fresco lunch at one of the outdoor picnic tables.

## Thursday, Nov. 11 Tri-Valley Artist Studio Tours (TVAST) Preview Exhibit

See samples of art on display by the artists participating in the Nov. 13 and 14 weekend Tri-Valley Artist Studio Tours (TVAST). Plan your weekend tour of the Tri Valley artist studios to view demonstrations and chat with artists. This event is free and open to the public, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Almost Famous Wine Lounge, located at 2271 South Vasco Road, Suite D, in Livermore. This event is hosted by Darcie Kent Winery. For more information, visit TVASTart.com.

## Saturday, Nov. 13, and Sunday, Nov. 14 Tri-Valley Artist Studio Tours

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., visit more than 50 artists in their homes, studios and collectives, representing the entire Tri-Valley. This event is free and open to the public. Tour artist studios in Pleasanton, Livermore, Danville, Dublin, and San Ramon. View demonstrations, browse art for sale, and talk with the artists about their techniques and inspiration. From paintings, ceramics, sculpture, glass, mixed media, photography, and collage to jewelry and wearable art, the variety of different mediums is inspiring. A fun event for the entire family. For more information, visit TVASTart.com for maps, details, and online gallery.

## ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

### Sundays at Hagemann Ranch

Sundays at Hagemann Ranch are hosted by the Livermore Heritage Guild. Each free, family-friendly event has a different educational, historical and entertaining theme. Tours of the historic

ranch and the Blacksmith Shop, as well as visits with the animals and art exhibits are offered each month. The ranch is located at 455 Olivina Ave., in Livermore. Sundays at Hagemann are on the last Sunday of each month, except July and December, and take place from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, visit [www.lhg.org](http://www.lhg.org).

### Dublin Farmers Market Open for the Season

Open Thursdays, 4 to 8 p.m., at Emerald Glen Community Park, 4201 Central Parkway.

### Livermore Downtown Farmers Market Open for the Season

Open Sundays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Second Street between J Street and L Street. Open Thursdays, April 15 to Nov. 18, from 4 to 8 p.m., at Carnegie Park, 2155 Third St., between J Street and K Street.

### Pleasanton Farmers Market Open for the Season

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

### VIRTUAL ONLINE EVENTS -AVAILABLE ANYTIME

### Pacific Chamber Orchestra Offers Musical Podcast

During this time of challenge, PCO continues to bring everyone beautiful music made insightful. Conductor Lawrence Kohl is pleased to announce the launch of a series of podcasts of musician interviews and conversations about the music. Subscribe to listen at [www.pacificchamberorchestra.org](http://www.pacificchamberorchestra.org).

### Sunflower Hill Online Activities

Sunflower Hill posts new Online Activity videos created for people with developmental disabilities each week. Our archive includes over 140 free videos on yoga & meditation, movement exercises, cooking activities, scavenger hunts, arts & crafts activities, and more! Visit [www.sunflowerhill.org/onlineactivities](http://www.sunflowerhill.org/onlineactivities)

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## OBITUARIES

**Ashlyn Renae Tacconi**  
March 4, 1998 – Sept. 23, 2021



On the morning of Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021 in Livermore, California, Ashlyn Tacconi took her place in heaven. She had a short and difficult fight with cancer; clear cell sarcoma. However, she spent her last few days and breaths worshipping and praising Jesus for the life she has been given here on earth.

Ashlyn was born in Mountain View, California to William and Donna Hutcheson with her older brother Michael Hutcheson and moved to Livermore one year later. She graduated from San Ramon Valley Christian Academy in 2016 and swam competitively for the Livermore Aqua Cowboys and the Electric Eels throughout her high school years. She received a job with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) as a lifeguard and swim instructor. Later on, she worked as a barista for multiple coffee shops, including Inklings Coffee and Tea as well as The Press Café in Pleasanton, California. While working at The Press she started to teach piano and singing to kids all around the East Bay ranging from ages 3 years old to 16 years old. Eventually, she was teaching music to around 34 different students each week. In 2020 she had to stop her piano lessons due to COVID-19. Soon after, she received a job with the church she and her husband, Alec Tacconi had been going to, The Rock Church in Danville, California. Both Alec and Ashlyn worked at The Rock Church up until Ashlyn's passing. She was a media and production coordinator, and she served on

the worship team playing the keyboard and singing. Ashlyn assigned and directed a team of volunteers for each of the worship services, and she also coordinated between different pastors and staff members for their needs of videography for the different ministries.

Ashlyn had an amazing gift when it came to worship through music. She was able to lead many people into powerful times of worship from when she was in high school up to only weeks before her death. The room shifted when she played the keys. Power was released when she raised her voice in song. She has been described as a "songbird" by many people and now we have confidence that she is being used as one of God's songbirds in heaven. Ashlyn's impact in God's kingdom here on Earth was huge and powerful. Her ministry was not limited to anyone, and she always fought and ministered to the ones who felt "left out" or "forgotten." People were moved by her faith and learned to praise Jesus even more when they watched Ashlyn in her own walk with Christ. She followed Jesus with all her heart and always did her best to listen to what the Father wanted for her in her life.

Alec and Ashlyn Tacconi went to a courthouse in Sacramento with just a few other close friends and married each other on March 17, 2020, the day after Contra Costa County shutdown due to COVID-19. Alec and Ashlyn lived in Danville for the remainder of that year with her in-laws and eventually moved into their own apartment in San Ramon, California.

Preceding Ashlyn in death were her maternal grandparents, Dick (2004) and Barbara (1999) German, her paternal grandfather Dr. Willy Hutcheson (2017) and her grandfather-in-law Milton (Del) Tacconi (2020).

Ashlyn is survived by her husband, Alec Tacconi, her parents, Will and Donna Hutcheson, her siblings, Michael, Kirsten Hawley (married to Cody Hawley), Timmy, Joshua and Naomi, as well as her (spouses paternal) grandmother in-law, Jill Culp, (spouse's maternal) grandmother-in-law, Joesetta Bibbo, father and mother-in-law Michael and Anne Tacconi, and her brothers-in-law, Jason and Ryan Tacconi.

A celebration of Ashlyn's life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021 at 2 p.m. at The Rock Church, 2615 Camino Tassajara, Danville, California, 94506. The celebration will also be live streamed. Streaming information will be available on the Caring Bridge site (ref: ashlyntacconi). In lieu of flowers, please consider supporting Alec with medical expenses by donating to: <https://gofund.me/0d91492e>.

## DRUMMING

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sion to add on creatively." Didlake grew up in a home that frowned on drums for religious reasons. When he found his first drum circle in Santa Cruz, he felt he found a whole new meaning for his life. That connection led him to seek other circles and eventually form the LDC.

Jody Harcourt of Livermore has been participating in the LDC for two years. She said she appreciates the multigenerational and diverse musical community Didlake created.

"I look forward to the first Thursdays of the month and especially enjoy Phil's drum circle facilitation and how there is room for everyone to contribute their musical ideas," said Harcourt. "The circle is well organized, and I feel very comfortable and creative while drumming, helping out or just listening."

During the 12 years the circle has been drumming, Didlake has partnered with different groups, including the Cheza Nami Foundation, a local organization geared toward promoting diversity and cultural awareness.

"We partner with Cheza Nami because I have created a community who is comfortable learning new traditions," Didlake said. "A lot of our music came from the African diaspora; you can trace the instruments and traditions. As a white man with an African drum, I am in the crosshairs of a lot of cross-cultural interaction, so we are all working on how we can step in or out of our roles."

Didlake partners with the Exceptional Needs Network, a nonprofit serv-

ing families with special needs children. Didlake also facilitates drum circles for senior home communities and corporate events.

After he started the LDC, Didlake attended Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts, where he became a board-certified music therapist.

"Berklee is world-renowned for teaching music therapy and are on the cutting edge of new techniques," said Didlake. "I worked in a lot of hospitals, working with those going through treatment, and I really had exhaustive training in bringing these kinds of programs to clinical settings that are evidence based. I have taken all that training and am now back in Livermore."

While at Berklee, Didlake met his fiancé, Jenny Madrigal. Madrigal is also a board-certified music therapist, and together the couple has founded their business, Rhythmic Innovation, LLC., providing music instruction and music therapy services. Didlake handles group sessions, while Madrigal handles clients and business operations.

Madrigal said her favorite part of the job is bringing the talents of students to light, especially to their families.

"Music is such a positive avenue for change and such an amazing thing socially to share," said Madrigal. "It's such a gift to empower students and people with music."

Madrigal said she helps students of all ages achieve a variety of goals, including improving motor skills, concentration, social skills and neurological issues. She stressed the idea that music can be a

vehicle to improve non-musical skills.

"A person does not have to be musical to be a recipient of music therapy," she said. "It can reach many people with different challenges from all walks of life."

Madrigal was inspired to pursue music therapy as a career because voice lessons helped her overcome a speech impediment as a child. She now enjoys spending her days helping her clients overcome their challenges.

Despite some slowdowns caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Didlake and Madrigal are continuing their therapy sessions and drum circles with as much passion as ever. Didlake said he hopes to continue to spread the word about both.

"We believe each person has musical ability, and we really want to inspire that or re-inspire that in every person we come in contact with," he said. "That's one of the reasons we have the community drum circle, because we don't always have to have a performance on a stage or in front of an audience where there is judging. It's more about the enjoyment and the wellness and the community connections that come through that. That's the mission of the drum circle — to empower, build friendships and strengthen the community through music making experiences."

For more information on the LDC, visit <https://www.livermoredrumcircle.com/>.

For more information on Rhythmic Innovations, LLC., call 925-579-3368 or visit <https://www.rhythmicinnovation.com/>.

## GOALS

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General Plan Advisory Committee rules of procedure and its committee selection process in September. The council then held committee interviews last week and appointed 19 members. Those members now include Krista Alexy, Arun Bhartia, Alan Burnham, Carmelita Chiong, Thomas Matt Graves, Paul Halvorsen, David Keny, Timothy Kingsbury, Tracy Kronzak, Alana Laudone, John Marchand, David Martinez, Ellen Peete, Heriberto Revuelta, Stephanie Shang, Steven Spedowski, Greta Stahl, Asa Strout and Jeremy Troupe-Masi.

Roberts said the city had a "long list of accomplishments" in regard to its work for homelessness and affordable housing. He detailed the city's work with Alameda County to identify and implement Project Roomkey, which placed homeless individuals into hotels before transitioning them into permanent housing. The city coordinated with the county and Crosswinds Church on the Goodness Village project to provide 28 tiny home units for the homeless. Roberts said the Crosswinds Church units are now fully occupied. Staff also worked with nonprofit partners to secure funding for renters, disbursing \$462,330 in rent relief funds to Livermore residents, Roberts

explained.

On affordable housing, Roberts noted that the city recently cut the ribbon on Chestnut Square; worked with Eden Housing to submit an application for tax credits; and approved a development, disposition and loan agreement for the Interfaith Housing/Pacific Avenue project.

"That agreement (with the Interfaith Housing/Pacific Avenue project) provides the necessary site control that will enable the project to be competitive for funding applications," he continued.

On the fifth goal approved by council — modernization, training and workplace enhancements — Roberts detailed enhancements to processes for new hires and the public records request software. Among other items, he noted the city implemented various modernizations, ranging from a new agenda management system to traffic collision and citation software.

Councilmember Brittni Kiick expressed support for the infrastructure, asset management and data system enhancements.

"I'm really excited because this is super foundational work that will allow everything that we're working on in that General Plan to make sense and be implemented in 20 plus years," Kiick said. "I really appreciate all the

work. This is actually very exciting."

### Redistricting Hearing

The council also received a report and held the first of its public hearings on its redistricting process. Future hearings set for Jan. 24, Feb. 14 and March 14 will offer the community additional opportunities to provide public feedback.

Every 10 years, cities that use district-based election systems must review the boundaries of voting districts. The lines are redrawn based on the current U.S. Census data.

Michael Wagaman of Wagaman Strategies — an election and governmental consulting firm — detailed the redistricting process, election laws, district criteria and "communities of interest." A community of interest refers to a group of people with a common set of concerns that may be affected by legislation. The public is encouraged to provide input to help identify where communities are located, what the mutual interest is, and why they should be kept together.

While the city's current district map is in compliance with the Fair Maps Act, the council can choose any alternative that meets requirements. Or the council may readopt its current lines. The city has until April 17, 2022 to adopt final district maps.

## STUNTS

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who congregate to watch vehicle stunts like "doughnuts" in open intersections, lots or roads.

Currently, motorists convicted of racing or aiding those racing can be jailed for up to 90 days. The new law would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to suspend or restrict a driver's license if a judge ordered it.

Although it will be some time before the law takes effect, the legislation could help Tri-Valley law enforcement battle a problem that recently brewed on Del Valle, Mines and other rural roads that proved to be popular and remote for racing and sideshows.

Sgt. Marc Petrini, who heads the Alameda County Sheriff's Office's Tri-Valley substation, said events are announced and promoted on social media.

In late June, about 100 cars gathered off Del Valle Road, resulting in fears among residents that participants partying, racing and shooting off fireworks could trigger a wildfire or cause traffic accidents.

As July 4 approached, Sheriff's deputies increased their presence in the area and issued tickets to drivers. Plastic guard rails were placed in roadways to make it impossible for motorists to perform stunts.

Petrini and other deputies working overtime stopped cars, finding one driver they believed was a "spotter" in search of an area to hold a sideshow. Petrini said he and a partner followed the driver as he drove around rural

roads. They pulled him over and suspected they prevented him from inviting other drivers into the area for a sideshow.

"While we were contacting this gentleman, text messages were coming into him," Petrini said. "He was a popular fellow."

Other deputies also patrolled the roads, stopping cars suspected of being spotters and shooing them away.

"That area — there is so much dry grass up there. Even without fireworks, you get a good wreck up there, it eats up the whole hillside," Petrini said. "If there is a fire up there, hopefully the people can get out. It could be devastating and cost people their lives."

Although they would like to continue patrols, the Tri-Valley station covers 450-square-miles, keeping its small crew busy. No increases in staffing are likely and constant patrols are difficult.

Sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Ray Kelly said just four deputies might be on duty on any given night, responding to calls for help as well as conducting patrols. The California Highway Patrol investigates crashes in the same areas, but that agency's officers also handle the region's freeways and are extremely busy.

During a recent rural roads meeting with County Supervisor David Haubert, residents talked about what more can be done to prevent sideshows from coming into their neighborhoods. Several residents in the area have

since reported an improvement since July.

Haubert was out of town this week and unavailable for an interview. His spokesman, Shawn Wilson, said "in a perfect world," Haubert would like a combination of more deputies and technology to battle the problem.

"He did make reference to adding license plate readers and other technology to help stop sideshows and racing from occurring on our rural roads," Wilson said. "We will be working with our Public Works agency to find out which technology makes sense and the cost of these technologies."

In August, Livermore High School student Hunter Diemert was killed and five of his classmates were hurt when a pickup truck they were riding in crashed 200 feet down an embankment in the rural Livermore area.

Although the final results of the CHP investigation have not been released, sheriff's officials said the crash did not appear to be related to sideshows or racing. It was a terrible crash possibly involving speeding and inexperience.

But the tragedy increased law enforcement's desire to do more on the rural roads, Kelly said.

"We know that kids like to go out to the rural areas out toward Del Valle, out toward Mines," Kelly said. "We can't be everywhere all at once. It is absolutely a priority to protect those areas every day and every night."

## HOUSING

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site services for residents to obtain help for items such as health and dental care and food allocations. The complex will have meeting rooms and gathering spaces on the bottom floor, which could possibly serve as locations for monthly drop-in programs.

"There are concerns about having something

directly in (the housing complex), but there are lots of restrictions," she said. "We are thinking in that direction, but it is just about where can we actually place those facilities and is it still within walking distance to the downtown area?"

Measure A-1 was passed in November 2016 to fund housing programs in Al-

ameda County. Dublin's share of the \$580 million bond is \$7,948,319. Per the terms of the bond, Dublin has until Dec. 31, 2021 to commit its funds to specific projects. Funds not committed before the deadline are subject to removal to the regional pool on Jan. 1, 2022.

The rental housing project proposed at 6541-

6543 Regional St. would develop 113 units to serve very-low- and low-income seniors. The project would include 55 studios, 57 one-bedrooms, and one unrestricted two-bedroom manager's unit. The studios and one-bedroom units would be restricted to senior households earning between 20 and 50% of Alameda County Area

Median Income (AMI).

According to staff, the development is expected to cost \$46 million to \$74 million, contingent on the number of units constructed and is expected to be completed in 2024.

Glenn Lovell of Ironworkers Union 178 spoke in favor of the project.

"We are well aware we are combating a very deep

housing crisis and so the advancement of these units is directly addressing that very great need supply and specifically affordable housing supply ... once again we highly encourage use of A1 (funds) here," Lovell concluded.

For more information, visit [www.dublin.ca.gov](http://www.dublin.ca.gov).

To receive an application, call 510-582-1460.

## Cal Water Increases Fire Department Grant Program

California Water Service (Cal Water) is accepting applications for its 2021 Firefighter Grant Program.

Cal Water announced last week that it will give \$175,000 to fire departments that serve a portion of the utility's service area, up 18% from last year, to offset costs associated with fire protection efforts, equip-

ment, training, and education.

With nearly 500,000 customer connections, Cal Water is the largest regulated water utility west of the Mississippi River. It is a subsidiary of the California Water Service Group, which also serves areas of Washington, New Mexico, and Hawaii.

"We take seriously our

responsibility for providing water needed to the firefighters who work tirelessly to keep our customers, employees, and communities safe," said Cal Water President and CEO Martin A. Kropelnicki. This responsibility is more critical than ever given the increased frequency and severity of fires caused by climate change. Many

fire departments are stretched for resources, and this grant program helps them purchase critically needed gear and life-saving equipment."

Since the Firefighter Grant Program started in 2019, Cal Water has provided over \$300,000 to 17 fire departments, with grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$38,000.

### Library Offers Free Crafts for Teens

The Livermore Public Library will host a Halloween-themed Haunted Terrarium craft program for teens at 4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 29, on the sundial patio of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

The library will provide all craft supplies for the free program. Students in grades six through 12 can register at any Livermore Public Library location or by calling 925-373-5505.

The library also hosts a monthly Take & Make Crafts for Teens program. Students in grades six through 12 can pick up free craft kits at any Livermore Public Library location.

Kits will be available while supplies last on the following dates: Oct. 15 - Shrinky Dinks / Nov. 15 - Stress Balls / Dec. 15 - Bath Bombs

### Friends of Pleasanton Library to Hold Book Sale

The Friends of the Pleasanton Library will hold a book sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30, outside the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

The sale will include books, DVDs and CDs.

There will also be a 'fun zone' for kids, who are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes.

## City of Dublin Receives State Traffic Safety Grant

Dublin Police Services has received a \$65,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety that the department says will be used to "deter dangerous and illegal driving behaviors that increase the risk of automobile crashes."

"Impairment, speeding, and other dangerous driving behaviors jeopardize the safety of other people on the road," said Capt. Nathan Schmidt. "This funding allows us to pro-

vide necessary traffic enforcement measures with the goal of reducing serious injury and fatal crashes on our roads."

Dublin said the grant would help pay for additional enforcement measures, including more DUI checkpoints and patrols, greater emphasis on drivers who violate California's hands-free cell phone law, and a focus on violations that cause the most crashes or put pedestrians and bicyclists at risk:

speeding, failure to yield, running stop signs and red lights, and improper turns or lane changes.

The department said a portion of the grant would go for officer training or recertification for the Standard Field Sobriety Test; Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement, which providing officers with general knowledge related to drug impairment; and the Drug Recognition Expert program.

## Livermore Student Receives President's Award

Susie Beamon, an eighth-grader at Junction Avenue School in Livermore, has received a President's Volunteer Service Gold Award for 2020 based on her involvement with ReCares, a nonprofit organization that recycles medical equipment, at its Oakland site.

The President's Volun-

teer Service Award, created in 2003, is administered by AmeriCorps in partnership with the Points of Light Foundation and 'certifying organizations' nationwide. It is based on achieving a verified number of volunteer hours over a 12-month period. Beamon logged more than 100 hours with ReCares,

receiving donations and delivering medical equipment supplies, as certified by Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide volunteer recognition program sponsored by Prudential Financial.

Along with her Gold Award certificate, Beamon received a letter signed by President Biden.

## County Residents to Receive Awards for Leadership

Six residents will be honored this month by the Alameda County Arts Commission for their artistic achievements and contributions to the arts community.

Lisa Bullwinkel, Gregory Conway, Kala Ghaty, Carl Larson, Vanessa Thomas, and Angela Wellman will receive Alameda County Arts Leadership Awards for 2021 at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Oct. 12.

The meeting will be closed to in-person attendance but will be available by online teleconference.

Ghaty, a special education teacher for the Fremont Unified School District, founded the Kalaamandir Art School in Fremont 20 years ago and has taught visual art classes to hundreds of students. She specializes in teaching Tanjore and Mysore, two forms of classical South Indian painting.

Thomas, a freelance

journalist who has lived in Dublin since 2013, is co-founder of the Dublin Arts Collective. She is also involved in the Pleasanton Art League, Livermore Art Association, Tri-Valley Artist Studio Tour, Tri-Valley Cultural Tourism Working Group, and Lapis Lazuli Art Club.

Larson is an exhibiting artist who also teaches tole and decorative painting at the Newark Adult School in Newark. He is widely recognized as one of the foremost artists in traditional Western European folk-art painting.

Wellman is an award-winning musician, scholar, photographer, educator, and community activist. She is founder of the Oakland Public Conservatory of Music in Oakland. This year she was remote artist-in-residence with Villa San Francisco, during which she conducted research on African American musicians in Paris and

the influences of jazz and hip-hop in France.

Conway, a life-long resident of Castro Valley, plays in the Chabot College Wind Symphony. He is also an executive board member for the Jenny Lin Foundation and symphonic band director for the foundation's summer program. From 2005 to 2021, he was director of instrumental music at Hopkins Junior High School in Fremont.

Bullwinkel is founder and director of the Berkeley Arts and Culture Hotline, a steering committee member for the Berkeley Cultural Trust, coordinating committee member for the Community for a Cultural Civic Center in Berkeley, and a board member for the University of California Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund. She was instrumental in developing Berkeley's Festival Grant Program.

## Alameda DA Praises Privacy Legislation

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy E. O'Malley this week praised passage Senate Bill 23, which was recently signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

SB23 extends the time that victims have to report so-called "revenge porn," the online posting of intimate photos or

videos without consent, which O'Malley considers to be a form of sexual abuse.

"The posting of intimate or private photos and videos without consent is not only invasive, and turning increasingly common, but a form of image-based sexual abuse," O'Malley said.

"This new law will ensure that California can protect victims of this horrible crime."

The law extends the statute of limitations for invasion of privacy cases to one year from the time that the victim becomes aware of the posted materials, rather than a year from their posting.

## Health Officials Decide on Local Mask Mandates

Nine Bay Area public health officials announced a consensus last week on the conditions under which they would lift facemask mandates in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Health officers for the City of Berkeley and Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Sonoma counties said they would lift indoor facemask mandates when:

1) A jurisdiction reaches the moderate (yellow) COVID-19 transmission tier, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), and remains there for at least three weeks.

2) COVID-19 hospitalizations in the jurisdiction

are low and stable, in the judgment of the health officer.

3) And 80% of the jurisdiction's total population is fully vaccinated with two doses of Pfizer or Moderna or one dose of Johnson & Johnson or eight weeks after a COVID-19 vaccine is authorized for emergency use for 5- to 11-year-olds.

All three conditions must be met, according to the health officers, and the local jurisdiction would still be subject to any state or federal mask requirements. Nor would lifting local mandates prevent businesses or other organizations with public indoor spaces from imposing their own requirements.

The state currently re-

quires anyone not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to wear a facemask in business locations and all indoor public spaces. California also requires face coverings for everyone, regardless of vaccination status, in schools, health care facilities, public transit, and adult and senior care facilities.

"Masks and vaccines together have protected residents of Alameda County and the Bay Area during the summer wave" said Alameda County Health Officer Nicholas Moss. "While we expect COVID-19 and flu to circulate this winter, with more people well-protected from severe illness by vaccination we will be able to loosen mask requirements safely."

### Tri-Valley Community Television Giving Away Fair Tickets

Tri-Valley Community Television (TV30) will be giving away two tickets daily to the 2021 Alameda County Fair now through Oct. 23.

The fair, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, runs from Oct. 22 to 31. To enter for the daily drawings, visit tv30.org and click on the 'Lucky Fan' icon.

## Alameda County Fair to Feature New Attractions

The Alameda County Fair, which opens Friday, Oct. 22, at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton, will feature several new attractions, in addition to the traditional carnival rides, fair food, and live concerts.

The Imperial Knights Extreme Medieval Stunt Show, including full-contact jousting, will highlight events at the Stella Artois Grandstand, along with the return of FMX Freestyle Motocross.

Nightly concerts at the fair, which runs through Sunday, Oct. 31, will feature such bands as Smash Mouth, Night Ranger, WAR, The Garth Guy, and Journey Revisited. Strolling entertainers will include Slim and Curly,

Tadpole the Clown, and Roberto the Magnificent.

Several past favorites have also been re-imagined and revamped, according to the Alameda County Fair Foundation, which organizes the fair, including the Fiesta Hispana: Dia de Los Muertos Celebration, which this year will showcase performances from Mariachi San Francisco, In Lak'ech Danza Azteca, and Grupo Folklorico Yolotli Guerrence.

"We couldn't be more enthusiastic about what the fair has in store this year," said Tiffany Cadrette, marketing and communications manager for the fairgrounds. "The fair is a such a time-honored tradition in our communi-

ty, and we know how much it was missed last year."

The fair will be open from 3-10 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets for the fair will be sold by the day, with limited capacity because of ongoing concerns over COVID-19. State and county regulations also require all fairgoers, ages 2 and older, to wear facemasks for indoor activities, regardless of vaccination status. Facemasks will be optional outdoors.

For more information, including a full schedule of events and ticket prices, go to alamedacountyfair.com.

## Livermore to Hold Public Hearing on Redistricting

Livermore held a public hearing Monday this week, the start of the city's months-long process to redraw municipal district boundaries based on the 2020 Census.

The city is urging residents to participate in the redistricting process to help ensure that new dis-

trict lines take into consideration neighborhoods, history, and geographical elements.

The city will also hold a community workshop on Oct. 18, where residents can help draw what they believe should be the new district lines, followed by additional public hearings

set for Jan. 24, Feb. 14, and March 14, 2022.

The city has also created a redistricting website to explain the process, at drawlivermore.org.

The meeting ID for the Zoom-based public hearing is 892 5927 5389. The dial-in number is 1-669-900-6833.

## Library to Host "Living Room Conversations" on Hope

The Livermore Public Library will host a moderated, online conversation from 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 9, for residents to share their thoughts about how to keep hope alive in their lives.

During the Zoom-based program, led by librarian Paul Sevilla, participants will talk about the topic in

three rounds of conversation. During each round, participants will choose from a set of questions designed to encourage dialogue.

To register for the discussion, call 925-373-5505. Participants will receive a Zoom link prior to the event. To view a discussion guide and list of questions

prior to the program, going to <https://bit.ly/39OcUvc>.

The discussion will be the second Living Room Conversation hosted by the library. Living Room Conversations, a nonprofit organization, provides an open-source structure designed to encourage civil yet meaningful conversations.

## Inner Wheel Raises \$2,500 to Help Local Organizations

The Inner Wheel of Livermore announced this week that it had raised \$2,500 this year for four local organizations, including \$750 each for Culinary Angels and Hope

Hospice and \$500 each for Itty Bitty Healing Hooves and the Livermore Bus Pass Program.

Inner Wheel is an international women's service organization with more

than 100,000 members in nearly 4,000 local clubs.

The Livermore club will host a Zoom Bingo fundraiser for community charities in January.

### Comedy Reigns Halloween Weekend at the Bankhead

The Bankhead Theater will conclude its packed October with a laughter-filled weekend at the end of this month. On Saturday, Oct. 30, The Daily Show Writers Comedy Tour will bring out from behind the camera four of the funniest Daily Show Writers who will be sharing more of the jokes that they come up with for Comedy Central. The next day on Halloween, Oct. 31, the Bankhead film series will offer some family fun with a big screen matinee of "Young Frankenstein," Mel Brooks' comedic take on this classic horror story. Both events will take place at the Bankhead Theater in Downtown Livermore. For more information, call 925-373-6800.

## Tri-Valley Repertory Bringing Back "Mamma Mia!"

The Tri-Valley Repertory Theater is bringing "Mamma Mia!" back to the Bankhead Theater in Livermore for six more performances in November.

The repertory theater first presented the international hit "Mamma Mia!" to rave reviews in January.

The musical comedy is based on songs by ABBA, a Swedish pop group and one of the most successful bands in the 1970s.

It tells the story of Sophie, a 20-year-old bride-to-be on the fictional Greek island of Kalokairi, who wants her father to walk her down the aisle on her wedding day.

The problem is, she doesn't know who her father is.

After narrowing the possibilities to three, based on what she finds in her mother's old diary, Sophie invites all three to her wedding. They each accept

and Sophie goes about trying to determine which of her mother's three ex-lovers is her father.

"Mamma Mia!" will be presented Friday, Nov. 12, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 19, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 21, at 2 p.m.

For tickets, go to <https://livermorearts.org/event/mamma-mia-2>.

## Foothill Falcons Bounce Back, Defeat Dougherty Valley

By Nathan Canilao

Pleasanton's Foothill Falcons defeated the Dougherty Valley Wildcats 45-7 in the Falcons' homecoming game as they bounced back from their loss last week to San Ramon Valley.

The first quarter started off competitive for both teams. Foothill struck first, scoring on a seven-yard pass to senior tight end Noah Lombardi from senior quarterback Nick Walsh. The Wildcats struck back with a goal line touchdown pass by junior quarterback Aditya Ved, tying the game 7-7 going into the second quarter.

The second quarter was all Falcons as they scored 21 unanswered points. Freshman wide receiver Chris Lawson caught a five-yard touchdown pass to start the quarter for the Falcons. After forcing a crucial three and out, the Falcons once again marched down the field where Walsh threw an eight-yard touchdown pass



Despite going into the second quarter tied at 7-7, the Falcons hit a stride and didn't look back, winning 45-7 during Friday night's game. (Photo - Nathan Canilao)

to senior wide receiver Kenny Olson.

The Falcons closed out the half on a high note, when stopped the Wildcats offense and received the ball with just under :45 seconds left in the half. In four plays, the Falcons marched 50 yards and completed the possession with a 15 touchdown pass to Olson, taking them into the halftime break with a 28-7 lead.

The Falcons carried their momentum into the

third quarter, starting out their first possession of the second half running the ball for big chunks of yards. Senior Gianni Adiego took the first carry of the second half 30 yards that set up a field goal for Adam Harbourne.

The Falcons would go on to score 14 unanswered points throughout the second half and would eventually win the game 45-7.

Walsh had a much-needed bounce back game going 21/26 for 236 yards

and six touchdowns, and Olson led all receivers in touchdowns with three and Lombardi added two for the day.

As the game wrapped, the Falcons got a crucial win that pushed them to first place in the East Bay Athletic League-Valley Conference, while the Wildcats dropped their first league game and fell to 5-1 on the year. The 5-2 Falcons will play Livermore High at home on Oct. 15.

## Falcons Boys' Water Polo Defeats Cal on Senior Night

By Nathan Canilao

The Foothill Falcons boys' water polo team defeated the California High School Grizzlies 22-11 on Thursday.

The Falcons move to 11-6 overall and 4-1 in league play and sit at fourth in the East Bay Athletic League standings.

Foothill began the evening by honoring their senior class and introducing them one by one. The program highlighted the senior's accomplishments and favorite moments from the past four years.

The Falcons started the game off controlling the pace and making key defensive stops. They ended the period outscoring the Grizzlies 6-2. The second quarter was even more dominant for the Falcons. They scored three straight goals to push their lead to seven. Cal stormed back

by scoring four straight goals to even up to cut the lead to just three, but the Falcons closed out the half by scoring two unanswered goals to go into the halftime break leading 11-6.

The Falcons controlled the pace throughout the second half. In the fourth quarter, the Falcons outscored the Grizzlies seven to two. The Grizzlies had a hard time getting good looks at the goal as the Falcons' defense smothered them from the perimeter.

Junior Daniel Kim led all scorers with 10 total goals. Junior Darragh Kennedy added three goals as well.

The Falcons move to 4-1 in league, giving them a good shot of finishing in the top three if they can win out the rest of the season. They will face first place De La Salle High School on Oct. 14.

## Q&A Time with Granada High School's Boys' Basketball Coach Quaran Johnson

By Nathan Canilao

Coach Quaran Johnson or "Coach Q" as his players call him, has made a name for himself in the basketball circles of the Tri-Valley. The Granada High head basketball coach and Philadelphia native turned around the Matadors in a matter of three years from a consistently losing team to a state championship contender.

This season will be big for the Matadors as they are looking to return to the state playoffs amid their shortened season last spring. Johnson currently holds a 46-23 record over his past three years as a head varsity coach and has sent at least one player per year to play in college each year. He talks about his expectations for this season, his experience as a coach so far and more in the interview below:



Coach Quaran Johnson

**Q: What lessons did you learn from the COVID-19 shortened season last spring?**

A: "I've learned a lot from that time because it gave you a chance to think about what's really important and what you've done good or bad during the season. It makes you think about kids and not having basketball and how valuable everyday is. It really gave me a different perspective and made me much more appreciative of all those things."

**Q: Do you think COVID-19 will have an impact on this coming season?**

A: "I'm not sure. I think it'll play a small part, but I don't think it'll play as big of a role as it did the previous year. I do think that with the vaccine rolling out now, it will hurt some teams who have players that choose not to get it."

**Q: What are the expectations you have for the team? Do you have any for yourself?**

A: "My expectations for myself are to give these kids everything they deserve. I was reading a quote from Dawn Staley, and she said, 'I don't undercoach. I don't overcoach. I coach to what the kids need.' That's what I feel like I want to bring to the table, I just want to give them what they need. As long as I can bring it every day throughout 26 games and make sure I give it my all and don't shortchange these kids, then I will be satisfied. As far as the kids, it's similar. I want them to make sure they give me all they got every single day and make sure they work their tails off and don't shortchange themselves. Hopefully, each game will take care of itself. I don't like to put too much pressure on winning anything. If they focus on working hard every day and trying their hardest, then winning will take care of itself."

**Q: With the success the team has had over the last two years and considering what Granada basketball has been historically, do you feel any pressure to keep repeating the success every season?**

A: "Yes and no. I try to flip the word 'pressure' and turn it into 'challenge.' I tell the guys you have a duty to keep up with the foundation the guys before you laid down. So I don't look at it as pressure, but as a challenge to be able to put ourselves in a good position. Before we were

just fighting for people to look at us in the same light as other schools, and I think we're starting to break those barriers down."

**Q: What makes this team different from the teams you coached in the past?**

A: "In the past, the teams I had, we had a lot closer relationships. I've known those guys since they were in middle school and younger. I've known some of these guys since they were younger, but I didn't have the relationship that I had with previous teams. But getting to know these guys has been fun. I love getting to know personalities. What makes this group most unique is that in the past, my teams have been mostly seniors. This year, the team is majority juniors and sophomores, and that's what makes this team the most unique in that it's a younger group of guys who've had to mature faster in order to play at the level we want to play at."

**Q: I wanted to ask more about your staff because they have been guys you went to college with and coached with in the past. How important to you is it to have a close relationship with not just your players, but your staff?**

A: "It's huge. One guy, Coach Steve (Pangelinan), we've grown up together. We've matured as coaches together; made mistakes together. The kids get the benefit of having two head coaches essentially. But I've always been a loyal guy, loyalty has always meant a lot to me. To have people around me who I'm close with and who I'm comfortable with always makes things easier."

**Q: On paper, this team is a lot different than the teams you've had in years past. You've got a lot of talent on the wing and in the post compared to the teams you've had in the past, which were more guard heavy. Do you think you'll have to adjust your coaching style to fit what this team has to offer?**

A: "Yeah a little bit. We've got a seven-footer. We've got a guy who's 6'7. We've definitely got more height and more athleticism than we ever had. Now we have that inside presence and understanding of how to coach that, how to develop that and play through that has been fun and an experience, but also a challenge at times."

**Q: I talked to another EBAL (East Bay Athletic League) coach off the record, and I asked him specifically about playing Granada and he said, 'They all play like little Q's. They take the personality of their head coach.' What personality traits do you try to inject into your team?**

A: "It's funny that you say that because my college coach used to say that he wanted the team to take the personality of him. To hear that, I hope it's a compliment. If anything, I hope I instilled the belief in themselves. I'm still the youngest tenured coach in EBAL, and these other coaches have more experience than me. I have to come in with a certain confidence to even believe that I can compete. And that's what I want to instill in those guys. Livermore basketball has been down for so long, and for those guys to even think they can compete with those big time schools is huge. They have to have that confidence. If anything, I hope they can take that confidence from me."

**Q: What are you expecting from Kevin Gad this season, and what has he meant to you over the past four years?**

A: "I'm expecting Kev to be Kev. He holds a special place for me because I've known him for so long and I've seen him grow as a young man. He means a lot in a sense that I want him to be a successful basketball player and a successful person. I don't want to shackle Kev. I want to guide him to see his ultimate potential. I just want to see him go out on the floor and have the best senior season he can possibly have."

**Q: Now that you've been able to be a coach and send kids to continue to play in college, what do you think is most vital for kids who want to play at the next level?**

A: "I think it's the work ethic. I think a lot of kids value social media, the hype and the highlights over the work. I think kids should spend a lot more time developing their individual selves and honing their craft if they want to be college players."

**Q: Historically, the East Bay Athletic League has been a wealthy school league and has been composed of mostly white coaches and white players. What does it mean to you to be a Black coach in a head coaching position?**

A: "It means everything to me. It's a sense of pride. It's a sense of responsibility. I have meaning every time I step out there to represent. I try to hold myself accountable, and I try to bring it every time I'm out there because it means a lot to be out there and to be different. To be one of the only African American coaches in EBAL means a lot because these are tough coaches, and they've been here for a long time. For me to find my place and win some games, I think it's huge."

**Q: What's the biggest change from Coach Q six years ago and Coach Q today?**

A: "Patience. Maturity. Appreciation. When I first came in, I didn't really know what to expect. I was nervous. But as I learned to grow, I learned to appreciate things more and appreciate the people around me. I learned how to appreciate these kids and how hard they worked for me and how much they wanted it. It just kind of changed my perspective on everything. I've definitely grown more appreciative of my chance to coach these kids and help them mature."



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## Students Mark International Walk and Roll to School Day

Hundreds of Livermore students and their families enjoyed clear skies and sunshine last Wednesday, Oct. 6, as they walked, bicycled, skated, and scootered to local schools on International Walk and Roll to School Day.

The annual observance is designed as an opportunity for students and the community to help reduce traffic, improve air quality, and have fun while exercising.

Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert and Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) Superintendent Kelly Bowers were on hand to greet Marilyn Avenue Elementary School students, whose mascot is the Roadrunners, as they walked and rolled onto campus.

"It was amazing to see how many kids participated," Haubert said. "It is important to remind students of the importance of

safe and active travels to and from school."

Haubert raffled off a Razor scooter and helmet, which went to fifth-grader Francisco Moreno.

LVJUSD School Board President Craig Bueno was among those who joined more than 200 students and family members making their way to Sunset Elementary School.

"It was terrific to see so many students and families connecting with one another as they were walking and riding to school," Bueno said.

"Walking and rolling to school may not work for every family," added School Board Member Emily Prusso. "But if you live close enough and have the ability, I'd encourage families to try. When my kids were younger, walking them to school each day was a great way to work through any morning anxiety they were experiencing."



Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert (right) raffled off a Razor scooter and helmet, which went to Marilyn Avenue Elementary School fifth-grader Francisco Moreno for Walk and Roll to School Day. Shown with them are Marilyn Avenue Principal Dayna Taylor (left) and Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Superintendent Kelly Bowers. (Photo courtesy of LVJUSD)

## Fertile GroundWorks Thanks Volunteers

Fertile GroundWorks recently held its second annual Garden Appreciation to thank its supporters and nearly 2,000 volunteers.

Members of the National Charity League, Young Men's Service League, and Boys Team Charity joined Fertile GroundWorks board members in hosting the event for volunteers and their family members.

The nonprofit grows produce for local food banks at its teaching garden, The Garden of Grace, on land provided by Asbury United Methodist Church in Liver-

more. Since 2012, Fertile GroundWorks has provided more than 197,000 pounds of fresh food for the community.

This summer, the garden produced more than 18,000 pounds of produce, including 132 varieties of squash, tomatoes, eggplants, peppers, okra, melons, beans, and herbs. During the COVID-19 pandemic, volunteers also started a fruit orchard, expanded the number of garden beds, and began building a greenhouse.

The nonprofit has now begun planting fall and winter crops.

## Senior Center Seeks Photos for Wall of Heroes

The Dublin Senior Center is seeking photos of military veterans for its annual Wall of Heroes display that will run through Veterans Day on Nov. 11.

To be included in the display, photos of a veteran in uniform should be submitted by 4 p.m., Oct. 25, along with a military biography, by 4 p.m., Monday, Oct. 25.

For more information, email [seniorcenter@dublin.ca.gov](mailto:seniorcenter@dublin.ca.gov).



More than 170 residents from the Stoneridge Creek retirement community in Pleasanton commemorated Active Aging Week by making the 1.7-mile walk across the Golden Gate Bridge on Tuesday, Oct. 5. Susan Filice, Life Enrichment director at Stoneridge Creek, said the residents, all at least 65 years old, spent several months preparing for the walk. (Photo courtesy of Stoneridge Creek)

## Rotary to Host Spirit Run

Ghosts and goblins of all ages are gearing up for a frighteningly good time at the 28th annual Pleasanton Rotary Halloween Spirit Run, on Sunday, Oct. 31 starting at 8:30 a.m.

Held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, with free parking at Gate 12, the 5K/10K fun run/walk, along with the Kid's Challenge event for ages 2 to 8, is a family-friendly popular event with plenty of treats for participants. There will be a costume contest, raffle prizes, free long-sleeved shirts to the first 750 registered runners (\$12 shirts available for Kid's Challenge), and free tickets to the Alameda County Fair, which runs Oct. 22-31.

The event is presented by Sensiba San Filippo, certified public accountants and business advi-

sors. Proceeds support scholarships for Pleasanton students and community and international projects of The Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

Rotary Club will donate \$5 to Pleasanton Unified School District teams (schools, clubs, sports teams, etc), or any other non-profit group, for every 5K/10K registrant who chooses a team.

Well-behaved dogs are permitted in the 5K or 10K, but must start in the back of the pack at the starting line, be on a non-retractable leash, and be cleaned up after by their human. Dogs attending the event should be comfortable in crowds as well as around other dogs.

For additional registration, packet pick-up information and more, visit <http://spiritrun.pleasantonrotary.org>.

## Purple Orchid to Offer Health Screenings

Line Screening, which offers a variety of preventive health screenings, will be at The Purple Orchid Wine Country Resort & Spa, 4549 Cross Road, in Livermore, on Wednesday, Oct. 20.

The company offers screenings for such risks as arterial plaque, HDL and LDL cholesterol levels, diabetes, kidney and thyroid function, and bone density. Package pricing starts at \$149.

To register, call 877-237-1287 or visit [lifelinescreening.com](http://lifelinescreening.com).

## Rotary Members Gather to Help Feed Hungry Children

More than 130 volunteers from nine local Rotary Clubs gathered at the Kids Against Hunger, Bay Area facility in Pleasanton last month to package almost 38,000 ready-to-prepare soy-rice meals for distribution to hungry children in the U.S. and 70 other countries.

The meals are vitamin fortified and include dehydrated vegetables, and the volunteers came from Rotary Clubs in Castro Valley, Dublin, Hayward, Livermore, Pleasanton, and San Leandro in support of Hunger Action Month. Kids Against Hunger, Bay Area is the regional office for Kids Against Hunger, a nonprofit organization based in Omaha, Nebraska. Area 4, Rotary District 5170 organized the volunteer packaging in support of Hunger Action Month.



Volunteers from the Livermore Rotary Club, Livermore Valley Rotary Club, and seven other Rotary Clubs in Castro Valley, Dublin, Hayward, Pleasanton, and San Leandro gathered in Pleasanton to pack 37,897 meals for Kids Against Hunger, on Sept. 25. (Photo by Sherri Leal)

## Rotary Club to Hold Chili Cook Off

The Rotary Club of Livermore Valley will hold a Chili Cook Off at Livermore's Carnegie Park, 2155 Third St., from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23.

The public will have an opportunity to vote for the best chili made by several local cooks. The event will also offer wine, beer, arts and crafts, and a kid's area. The Frankie Bones Project, Groovy Judy, and LunaFish will perform throughout the day at the bandstand.

Tickets for chili are \$5, and drink tickets are \$10. The Rotary Club will hold a raffle that includes golf, dinner, vacations, and other prizes.

## Eagles Auxiliary to Hold Crafts Show

The Livermore Eagles Auxiliary will hold its annual Indoor Holiday Craft Show at Livermore Aerie 609, 527 N. Livermore Ave., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6.

The craft show will in-

clude a bake sale to benefit the Humane Society of Alameda and other fundraisers to support Open Heart Kitchen.

Vendors can reserve a table by calling Evy Barr at 925-980-7216.

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 582719

The following person(s) doing business as: Marr & Associates, 3577 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland, CA 94602, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mike William Marr, 1032 East 14th St, San Leandro, CA 94577. 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: 11/7/2013. Signature of Registrant/s: Mike William Marr, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 16, 2021. Expires September 16, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4969. Published September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 2021.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 582394

The following person(s) doing business as: JOLLI Faces, 1026 Flurry Drive, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): LJ&O Ventures LLC, 1026 Flurry Drive, 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: June, 2021. Signature of Registrant/s: Isabel Guevarra, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 1,

2021. Expires September 3, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4970. Published September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 2021.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 582397

The following person(s) doing business as: Pacific Oral and Facial Surgery Center, 1133 E. Stanley Blvd, Suite 215, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Michael L. Beckley, D.D.S., 727 Vineyard Terrace, 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: 11/20/2003. Signature of Registrant/s: Michael L. Beckley, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 3, 2021. Expires September 3, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4971. Published September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 2021.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 582257

The following person(s) doing business as: TEZBEE LLC, 4432 Viejo Way, Union City, CA 94587, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): TEZBEE LLC, 3400 Cottage Way, Set G2 #7422, Sacramento, CA 95825. 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: 8/18/21. Signature of Registrant/s: Hussain Sabir, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 1,

2021. Expires September 1, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4972. Published September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 2021.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 582517

The following person(s) doing business as: SIPS Global Teas LLC, 21 Clipper Drive, Alameda, CA 94502, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): SIPS Global Teas LLC, 21 Clipper Drive, Alameda, CA 94502. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/4/2021. Signature of Registrant/s: Marlene Quan, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 8, 2021. Expires September 8, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4973. Published September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 2021.

#### STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 572577

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Diablo Valley Property Management, 2222 Second Street, Suite 5, Livermore, CA 94550. Registered Owner(s): Diablo Valley Property Services Inc., 2222 Second Street, Suite 5, Livermore, CA 94550. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 9/1/2020 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Corporation. Signature of Registrant/s: Judith Pipkin, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 17, 2021.

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 582145

The following person(s) doing business as: Summerwood Apartments, 21701 Foothill Blvd., Hayward, CA 94541, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Standard Summerwood LLC, 1901 Avenue of the Stars, Ste. 395, Los Angeles, CA 90067. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 3/2/2015. Signature of Registrant/s: Brad Martinson, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 30, 2021. Expires August 30, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4975. Published September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 2021.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 581818

The following person(s) doing business as: 1.Fremont Hyundai, 2. Hyundai of Fremont, 43690 Auto Mall Circle, Fremont, CA 94538, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): DGDG 19 LLC, 911 Capitol Expy Auto Mall, San Jose, CA 95136. 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: Shaun Del Grande, President/Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 24, 2021.

Expires August 24, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4976. Published September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 2021.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 582303

The following person(s) doing business as: The Learning Wheel Preschool, 1432 Con-

cannon Blvd, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): The Kaur, 4621 Myrtle Drive, Dublin, CA 94568. 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:

Ramandeep Kaur, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 2, 2021. Expires September 2, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4977. Published September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2021.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 582594 The following person(s) doing business as: Doughboy Streetwear, 1242 97th Ave, Oakland, CA 94603, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Diego Campos, 1242 97th Ave, Oakland, CA 94603; Angel Gutierrez, 1172 Elm-hurst Ave, Oakland, CA 94603; Orlando Buenrostro, 124 Ker-



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win Ave, Oakland, CA 94603; Victor Munguia, 1344 90th Ave, Oakland, CA 94603. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Diego Campos, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 10, 2021. Expires September 10, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4978. Published September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2021.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 582653  
The following person(s) doing business as: Thai & Lao Language Services, 1442A Walnut ST # 256, Berkeley, CA 94709, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Benjawan Terlecky, 1442A Walnut ST # 256, Berkeley, CA 94709. 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: 2/15/1996. Signature of Registrant/s/: Benjawan Terlecky, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 14, 2021. Expires September 14, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4979. Published September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2021.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 582389  
The following person(s) doing business as: Cresta Creative Arts, 11420 Cresta Lane, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Linda Bernardi, 11420 Cresta Lane, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Linda Bernardi, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 3, 2021. Expires September 3, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4980. Published September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2021.

**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 567886**  
The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s). Affordable Custom Signs, LLC, 5675 Arlene Way, Livermore, CA 94550. Registered Owner(s): Affordable Custom Signs, LLC, 5675 Arlene Way, Livermore, CA 94550. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 1/27/2020 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Signature of Registrant/s/: James Miller, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 23, 2021. The Independent Legal No. 4981. Published September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2021.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 582324  
The following person(s) doing business as: The Livermore School of Dance, 1988 Second ST, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Brittany Lee, 1921 E Shoreview Dr., San Ramon, CA 94582. 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: 8/1/21. Signature of Registrant/s/: Brittany Lee, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 2, 2021. Expires September 2, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4982. Published September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2021.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 582709  
The following person(s) doing business as: ILLUMYN, 843 Longridge Rd, Oakland, CA 94610, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Him for Her PBC, 843 Longridge Rd, Oakland, CA 94610. 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/: Fiona Tang, Director, Co-Founder. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 16, 2021. Expires September 16, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4983. Published September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2021.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 582709  
The following person(s) doing business as: ILLUMYN, 843 Longridge Rd, Oakland, CA 94610, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Him for Her PBC, 843 Longridge Rd, Oakland, CA 94610. 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/: Fiona Tang, Director, Co-Founder. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 16, 2021. Expires September 16, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4983. Published September

30, October 7, 14, 21, 2021.  
**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 582989  
The following person(s) doing business as: Silverstreak, 1915 Fairway Dr., San Leandro, CA 94577, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Blum San Leandro, 3242 S Hallaway ST, Ste 202. 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/: Francis Knuettel II, Chief executive Officer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 27, 2021. Expires September 27, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4984. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 582906  
The following person(s) doing business as: TLR Productions, 775 Wimbledon LN, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Thomas Reynolds, 775 Wimbledon LN, 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/: Thomas Reynolds, Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 23, 2021. Expires September 23, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4985. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 582737  
The following person(s) doing business as: Rasayana Ayurveda and Skincare, 4283 Piedmont Ave, Suite A6, Oakland, CA 94611, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Fanny Clavier, 4173 Montgomery ST, Apt 3, Oakland, CA 94611. 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: 9/15/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Fanny Clavier, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 17, 2021. Expires September 17, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4986. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 583027  
The following person(s) doing business as: Sibul Ling, SP, 1801 Vetta Drive, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kuok Y. Ling, 1801 Vetta Drive, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Kuok Y. Ling, Sole Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 28, 2021. Expires September 28, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4987. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 583125  
The following person(s) doing business as: JJ Goods, 7551 Olive Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sujin Chang, 7551 Olive Dr., 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/: Sujin Chang, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

Alameda on September 30, 2021. Expires September 30, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4988. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 582935  
The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Family Pet Hospital, 2494 Railroad Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Livermore Loving Paws Veterinary Corp., 2494 Railroad Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. 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/: Heather S. Moore, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 24, 2021. Expires September 24, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4989. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 583023  
The following person(s) doing business as: Fons Solutions, 5424 Sunol Blvd, Ste 10-589, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): LeeShin Looa, 11625 Alegre Dr., Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: LeeShin Looa, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 28, 2021. Expires September 28, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4990. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 583053  
The following person(s) doing business as: Los Caporales Taqueria, 2118 First St, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Dolores Macias, 1468 Aspen Ct, Livermore, CA 94551, Octavio Macias, 1468 Aspen Ct, Livermore, CA 94551. 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: 9/28/21. Signature of Registrant/s/: Dolores Macias, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 28, 2021. Expires September 28, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4991. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 582979  
The following person(s) doing business as: Tran Enterprise, 8922 Hillside ST, Oakland, CA 94605, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ngoc Tran, 8922 Hillside ST, Oakland, CA 94605. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ngoc Tran, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 27, 2021. Expires September 27, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4992. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 582745  
The following person(s) doing business as: Pleasanton Auto Tech, 1809 Santa Rita Road, Ste 1, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ed's Automotive & Light Truck Repair Inc, 1809 Santa Rita Road, Ste 1, 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: 4/10/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Catherine S. Hussain, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 17, 2021. Expires September 17, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4993. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 582567  
The following person(s) doing business as: Good Schmitt, 319 Basswood Common, Unit 8, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Richard Schmitter, 319 Basswood Common, Unit 8, 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/: Richard Schmitter, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 9, 2021. Expires September 9, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4994. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 582415  
The following person(s) doing business as: XO Pandora, 5177 Peony Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jacob Stansky, 5177 Peony Drive, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/1/2006. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jacob Stansky, Founder/President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 7, 2021. Expires September 7, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4995. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 583006  
The following person(s) doing business as: Pizza Guys # 151, 1545 North Vasco Road, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): JKTN, Inc., 3113 Nicoletta Lane, Stockton, CA 95212. 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: 1/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Johnny Nguyen, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 28, 2021. Expires September 28, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4996. Published October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 2021.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 583020  
The following person(s) doing business as: Pizza Guys # 181, 24456 Mission Blvd, Hayward, CA 94544, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sai Baba Kirpa, Inc., 173 Roslea Road, Hayward, CA 94542. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/01/2016. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jaswinder Kaur, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 28, 2021. Expires September 28, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4997. Published October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 2021.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 583059  
The following person(s) doing business as: Advanced Foam Packaging, 4754 Bennet Drive, Suite A, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Transpak, Inc., 20415 Corsair

Bld, Hayward, CA 94545. 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/: Bert Inch, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 28, 2021. Expires September 28, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4998. Published October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 2021.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 582756  
The following person(s) doing business as: MC Vending, 4900 Hopyard Road, Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hardy's Homes LLC, 4900 Hopyard road, Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588. 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/: Cherise Hard, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 17, 2021. Expires September 17, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4999. Published October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 2021.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 583230  
The following person(s) doing business as: CRC Salon, 4230 Rosewood Dr. #138, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Chantelle R. Coffman, 29615 Dixon ST, 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: 4/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Chantelle R. Coffman, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 6, 2021. Expires October 6, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5000. Published October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 2021.

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