

Community Speaks Out On Referendum Following Staff Decision

LIVERMORE — More than 100 members of the public wrote in or spoke out during this week’s council meeting expressing support or opposition to the Move Eden Housing referendum.

The contentious meeting followed the city clerk’s announcement on July 13 that the city would not move forward with Move Eden Housing’s referendum petition.

Proponents say the purpose of the referendum is to prevent the city from loaning funds to Eden to acquire the proposed site in late September. Their goal is to have the public vote on the referendum in November, which, if approved, would make it possible for a newly elected council majority to relocate the Eden project off the downtown center. For them to do so, the land must still belong to the city.

Those who support the referendum and moving the 130-unit affordable housing project — currently planned for the site bounded by South L Street, Railroad Avenue, the extension of K Street, and Veterans Way — said the clerk’s refusal to process the petition signatures was illegal. They also said that resolving the issue in court, would create additional expenses for taxpayers.

Those backing the city’s strategy said the members of Move Eden Housing were bullying the clerk, who was following the law. They also condemned those whom they said were delaying affordable housing during a housing crisis.

Alan Marling, a projection activist, criticized those behind the referendum and a lawsuit previously put forward by Save Livermore Downtown regarding the Eden Housing project, accusing the group of viewing legal recourse as “a tool to veto decisions made by democratically elected officials.”

“The plutocrats are willing to fundraise for lawsuits that delay necessary infrastructure, no matter how many taxpayer dollars that litigation wastes,” Marling said. “The affordable housing is for people making our wine, people answering calls

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Catherine ciiku Ndungu-Case, founder of the Cheza Nami Foundation, seen here in front during a previous performance at Smith School in Livermore, will be hosting a dance and drumming workshop at Las Positas College on Aug. 12-13. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Cheza Nami Foundation Coming to Las Positas for Dance Workshop

By Dawnmarie Fehr

LIVERMORE — The Cheza Nami Foundation (CNF) will host their “Moving Together” dance and drumming workshop Aug. 12-13 at Las Positas College (LPC) in Livermore.

The two-day event will culminate in a performance by the Cheza Nami ensemble, as well as guest artists and students.

LPC President Dr. Dyrell Foster said the collaboration between Cheza Nami and the college is an important one.

“I appreciate the work of their organization in providing cultural education in our community,” Foster said of CNF. “It’s in line with our

values and our institute goals and priorities about equity and cultural awareness, so it’s a great opportunity to partner and would be a win-win for their organization, our college and our community.”

Cheza Nami Foundation aims to promote cultural education and diversity awareness to learning institutions, corporations and communities that focus on fostering a more congenial relationship among its members. Catherine ciiku Ndungu-Case founded the organization in 2011 after finding a lack of African resources for her children in the Bay Area. A native of Kenya, Ndungu-Case wanted to share the music, food and clothing of

her homeland with her children and community.

“I had a need to find cultural resources in the Tri-Valley that just didn’t exist and places my children could engage,” she said, adding other immigrant communities have built these for themselves. “So, I thought to create something so that not only do they have the opportunity to be exposed to some of their roots, but so that I can educate the community about where I come from and bring a familiarity about African culture in my community.”

Ndungu-Case did not want to limit Cheza Nami to only her Kenyan culture, but open it to the vast array of

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County Board OK's Measure to Upsize Agricultural Buildings

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL – The Alameda County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, July 19 approved a resolution that would increase the size of agricultural and equestrian buildings allowed on farmland, pending voter approval.

The 4-1 decision, with Board President Keith Carson opposing, was the penultimate legislative move to put the decision to make changes to the East County Area Plan and Measure D before voters. The board is expected to approve the final language of the ballot measure during a second reading on Aug. 9 and place it on the November ballot.

“This is a good measure,” said Supervisor Nate Miley, whose district includes Pleasanton. “This is a type of change that would require a ballot measure. It is very, very tight, very restricted, very surgical.”

In development for years, the measure written over the last year by various county

commissioners and staff, along with the community group Friends of Livermore, would amend Measure D, a voter-approved initiative passed two decades ago, by placing restrictions on development to protect farmland and open space.

If ultimately approved by voters, wine growers and farmers would be allowed to build agriculture buildings on their properties of up to 2.5% of the square-footage of their parcels. Known as “floor area ratio,” or FAR, the current size allowed is 1%. That means a winery in the South Livermore Valley can build an agricultural structure on a 40-acre vineyard of about 17,400-square-feet, which some wine growers contend is too small for their equipment and detrimental to their businesses

The ballot measure would allow for an additional 43,560 square-feet on that same parcel for agricultural buildings. Only greenhouses

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Council Approves Second Isabel Housing Project

By Aly Brown and Jesse Watson

LIVERMORE — The city council this week unanimously approved a second housing development for the Isabel Neighborhood Specific Plan.

The 13-acre project by Shea Homes plans to put 299 units at the corner of Collier Canyon Road and Portola Avenue. It will consist of 89 condominiums for sale and 210 for rent, with units ranging in size from 1,600-2,400 square feet. Of those units, 60 will be affordable.

David Best, Shea Homes community development manager, said the project had several sustainable elements.

“We’re going to go all electric, voluntarily, so that we won’t be plumbing natural gas into this community — all the appliances will be electric,” Best said. “We’re going to have solar on every roof. We’re going to be in compliance with the 2022 California Energy Code, which requires buildings to

be very energy efficient.”

The Isabel Neighborhood Specific Plan is located within the northwest portion of the city and is about 1,100 acres in size with a plan that contemplates about 4,000 residential units. The first project for the area was approved in May this year for 112 units built by DeNova Homes at the northwest corner of North Canyons Parkway and Triad Place.

During public comments, Yolanda Meider, who identified herself as a resident of the Montage Community since 2012, said she had some concerns with the project.

“One, the entrance and exit onto Dovecote will cause major traffic congestion at the intersection of Dovecote and Montage Drive. Drivers going from Dovecote to Heligan wanting to get to Collier Canyon, there is entrance access only,” Meider said.

She further cited parking as a “huge problem” and requested a “tot lot”

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Dublin Redistricting Map Near Completion

By David Jen

DUBLIN — The city council gravitated toward a specific district draft map during its July 19 meeting, but stopped short of a final selection.

The council instead requested its hired demographers at National Demographics Corporation (NDC) return in August with map variants that would move the area east of Village Parkway, near Dublin High School, from district one to district 2.

As is, the favored map, #112, uses north-south boundaries roughly along Village Parkway and I-680, and along Hacienda Drive

and Tassajara Creek to define districts one and two, and then divides the eastern portion of the city along Gleason Drive to place district three in the south and district four in the north.

While the council and NDC juggled state and federal map-drawing directives in the selection process, such as balancing populations, maintaining geographic contiguity and minimizing divisions of neighborhoods, the council also acknowledged challenges specific to the city.

“Dublin is a unique city within the entire Alameda County because we have a jail; we have a prison; and then we also have Camp

Parks,” said Mayor Melissa Hernandez.

The districting process does not count persons incarcerated in federal prisons, such as the city’s low-security Federal Correctional Institution, but does count those incarcerated in the county-run Santa Rita Jail.

Dublin decided earlier this year to transition to a by-district system in response to a demand letter from Malibu law firm Shenkman & Hughes that accused the city of “racially polarized” elections that violated the California Voting Rights Act of 2001. The letter cited the inability of Indian American candidates

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Downtown School Site Still a Housing Option

By David Jen

PLEASANTON — The city will send its draft Housing Element Plan to the state for review next month, despite city council concerns over two issues — the plan’s inclusion of a large number of units over what is required and public reluctance to rezone a downtown school

— including 2,758 low and very-low income units — for the upcoming sixth-cycle housing cycle beginning next year, the city’s current draft allows for 6,972 units, including 3,904 low and very-low income units.

Councilmember Julie Testa questioned the wisdom of including so many surplus units.

our community’s best interest.”

Associate Planner Megan Campbell explained that the city built this surplus into the draft with the upcoming release of a program-level environmental impact report expected this fall in mind, as the city needs room to remove sites and still remain above its targets.

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) will also provide feedback on Pleasanton’s draft in November that will possibly necessitate further trimming of the city’s housing inventory.

Campbell said, “The adequacy of the sites inventory is going to be evaluated by HCD, and that input may result in the removal of some sites, or modifications to affordability and capacity assumptions.”

Vice Mayor Valerie Ar-

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“I don’t have confidence that sending forward a draft that has a 70% plus buffer is in our community’s best interest.”

— Councilmember Julie Testa

property near Main Street for housing. The council unanimously approved the decision at its July 19 meeting.

While the Association of Bay Area Governments assigned to Pleasanton a target of 5,965 housing units

“I’m incredibly uncomfortable with the excessive buffer,” she said. “The challenges working with HCD have been tremendous. And I don’t have confidence that sending forward a draft that has a 70% plus buffer is in



This colorful sign of summer was spotted, appropriately, on Sunflower Hill in Livermore. According to the National Sunflower Association, the sunflower was a common crop among American Indian tribes throughout North America. Evidence suggests that the plant was cultivated by American Indians in present-day Arizona and New Mexico about 3000 BC. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

PET OF THE WEEK



OLLIE

Ollie is an openhearted pup who is obviously sweet, and officially obsessed with toys — he’d be overly optimistic if toys occupied all the space around him! He’ll be overjoyed if you open your home and your heart. Learn more about Ollie and other cats and dogs at valleyhumane.org. Email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption application process. #ShareTheCare (Photo - Valley Humane Society)

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Livermore Rotarians Celebrate 35 Years of Community Giving

The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore (RFL) last week celebrated 35 years of giving to the community with a program at the Rotary Bandstand in Carnegie Park.

“The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore appreciates this opportunity to highlight and promote our philanthropic dedication to our Livermore residents and other Tri-Valley nonprofits working to make a difference in the greater community,” said Mary Anne Rozsa, foundation president.

Founded in 1987, the non-profit foundation represents the Rotary Club of Liver-

more and the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley. Since 1999, the charitable foundation reported contributing more than \$2 million to the Livermore Valley, including the bandstand, which was a gift to the city in 2016.

For the past 20 years, the foundation has awarded music scholarships to Livermore high school students and in 2020, it established the Bill Geyer Memorial Scholarship for a graduating senior pursuing a career in medicine. The foundation’s community grant program has also helped many non-profits, schools, and commu-

nity groups in the Livermore Valley.

This year, more than \$94,000 was awarded to 22 organizations, including Hope Hospice, Open Heart Kitchen, Las Positas Veterans First, Tri-Valley Haven, and Sunflower Hill. Every third and fourth grader in the Livermore School district also received a hardcover novel this year as part of the foundation’s Gift of Reading Literacy Project.

The full list of grant recipients as well as information on applying for an RFL grant is available at rotarianfoundationlivermore.org.



The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore recently marked 35 years of community service with the Rotary Bandstand, above, as the centerpiece of their celebratory gathering. Pictured L-R; Rotarians Joel Swanson, Lynn Seppala, Rich Goldstein, Sblend Sblendorio, Mary Anne Rozsa, Bob Bishop, Roy Porfido, James Hays, Ward Eccles, Philomena Rambo and Graham Scott. (Photo courtesy of Philomena Rambo)

Mony Nop Kicks Off Livermore Mayoral Campaign

By Ruth Roberts

LIVERMORE – Candidate Mony Nop kicked off his mayoral campaign on July 21 with a fundraising event at the Purple Orchid Wine Country Resort and Spa in Livermore.

Flanked by family, including wife Sophie who is his communications director, local officials and supporters spoke out on Nop’s behalf.

Cathie Brown, former mayor of Livermore, said Nop is the right person for the job.

“I believe someone with his (Nop) passion and desire to serve is what the city needs right now,” said Brown.

Nop responded to the crowd of guests, thanking them for their belief in him and his vision for the future of Livermore.

“I’m running to be your

next mayor of Livermore because I simply want an opportunity to serve our community,” said Nop. “I love making a difference in the lives of others.”

Nop grew up in the Killing Fields of Cambodia and spent five years in a refugee camp there before moving with his family to Stockton. When the City of Livermore hired him as a police officer in 1995, “It changed my life forever,” he said. In return for the opportunities afforded him and his family, Nop has pledged that if elected, he will donate his entire salary for the next two years to four non-profit organizations in the city: Tri-Valley Food Haven Pantry, Culinary Angels, Tri-Valley Non-profit Alliance (of which he is a co-founder) and Eden Housing.

While a supporter of Eden Housing, Nop opposes the current location of the site on the southeast corner of Railroad Avenue and L Street. He says relocating the project would be one of his top priorities if elected.

“We must do something to change the thrust of this project,” he said.

Nop added that another focus of his term as mayor would be to increase public safety.

“Do not defund police,”

"Newsies" Lead Actor Tommy Lassiter Heading to the Big Apple

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Tri-Valley residents can see a star in the making as Tommy Lassiter finishes the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre’s run of Disney’s “Newsies: The Musical” at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore this weekend.



Tommy Lassiter

The 22-year-old actor began his stage career as a singer in his high school play and has been pursuing that passion ever since. Lassiter’s dedication is so strong, the Pleasant Hill native has decided to move to New York City to pursue his dream of performing on Broadway.

“It’s gotten to the point where I can’t imagine not doing this with my life,” said Lassiter. “I have decided to pursue it in New York. It’s scary, but I’m thrilled because not only is this going to be my first time not living at home, but the first time pursuing something that isn’t easy. I’d

rather go and fail and know what happened, than never know.”

Lassiter said even apparent failure won’t really feel that way, because no matter what happens, just getting to the Big Apple will be a success. He will attend a workshop next month to help hone his audition skills, then has an obligation in Los Angeles until late in the year. He hopes to have settled in New York by early 2023.

Though he is fully dedicated to his stage career, it was a passion Lassiter came upon by chance. As a child, he remembers reenacting emotions he saw portrayed on TV, but never thought it was something he would do seriously. In middle school, Lassiter joined the choir and found he enjoyed it.

“He said he was going to join choir as an easy class, but then he realized he could sing,” said Lassiter’s mother, Sarah Lassiter. “In high school, he was the top of choir, and known for it, and they couldn’t find a male lead for “She Loves Me” ... he got the role and worked really hard to learn and started taking classes and realized that’s what he wanted to do.”

After that, Lassiter was hooked. He joined a local

ensemble theater, then began doing shows all over the Bay Area. One group he worked with is Luck Penny Productions in Napa. Co-founder and artistic director Taylor Bartolucci met Tommy when he performed in one of her shows. The two became close friends and Bartolucci is one of Lassiter’s biggest fans and supporters.

“The second I met him, I knew there was something special about him,” she said. “He’s not only insanely talented, he’s smart, he’s driven, he’s incredibly thoughtful about his plans and what he wants to do with his life. As sad as it is for him to leave us here, he’s meant to do great things and I think it’s fabulous he’s pursuing his dreams and going to go for it.”

Currently, Lassiter is playing Jack Kelly in “Newsies,” a reluctant leader in the fight against publisher Joseph Pulitzer in turn-of-the-century New York City. His favorite role to date, Lassiter is trying to honor the original Disney film from 1992, a favorite from his childhood.

“Newsies” is running at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. in Livermore, through July 31. For tickets or more information, visit www.trivalleyrep.org.



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Livermore resident Mony Nop, above, kicked off his mayoral campaign at the Purple Orchid Wine Country Resort and Spa on Thursday, July 21. Nop is running against former Livermore Mayor John Marchand in the November election. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Family Day to Feature Old Time Toys

The Museum on Main in Pleasanton will host an Old Time Toys and Games Family Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6. The free event will include retro and old-time wooden toys, puzzles, tabletop and indigenous Ohlone games, and other outdoor activities on the museum’s front lawn at 603 Main St.

“There are toys and games from people’s great grandparents’ era all the way down to the 1980s and 1990s,” said Education Director Sarah Schaefer. “It is always fun to see children enjoying the program, but what I love most is watching the adults of all ages playing too, reveling in the nostalgia that toys and games evoke.”



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EDITORIAL

Last week, the city council and Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) did something increasingly rare for local governments – they listened to their constituents.

Following months of community outcry over a proposal to take a portion of Donlon Elementary School's open field space and add it to the city's housing element plan, PUSD requested the acreage be removed from the council's list. The original plan had earmarked 5.5 acres of the school's 19-acre lot for a possible 28 housing units.

“After careful consideration of our long-term objectives, I will be requesting that the city remove the Donlon field from consideration,”

Pleasanton Has Shown How to Lead by Example

PUSD Superintendent David Haglund said during a recent PUSD board meeting. “We plan to continue discussions with the city to build consensus around a plan that would benefit both the school and the neighborhood.”

During their regular July 19 meeting, the city council acknowledged PUSD's request and the community's pleas, and unanimously approved the removal of the 5.5 acres from their housing list.

For the families living in the surrounding neighborhoods with children attending Donlon, the move is a heartening victory.

But the decision is more than that. It is a testament to what can be accomplished when com-

munity governance values its constituents, and is a clarifying example of how democracy can succeed on a local level when communication among government agencies and its citizens is allowed to play out.

Pleasanton's leadership shines a light on what active listening can accomplish.

Dublin, for example, has also done a good job listening to their constituency when it comes to development. Trumark Homes for example, was a controversial 537-unit planned project killed by the city council after a community group collected enough signatures to force a referendum.

Others in the Tri-Valley could, and should, learn much from these recent examples.

MAILBOX

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Biden Administration Continues to Fail U.S.

David Ott, Pleasanton

From the day he was sworn into office in 2021 until today, Biden and his inept administration continue to fail America. He crippled the U.S. oil and natural gas industry with his cancellation of pipelines and unnecessary government regulations. He fueled the inflation problem with his \$2 trillion COVID relief spending that was not needed. He ran away from Afghanistan, which resulted in the death of 13 American service members, leaving behind billions of dollars' worth of military weapons and equipment and thousands of American citizens and Afghan allies. He did nothing to deter Russia from invading Ukraine (had he taken action in October 2021, the February 2022 invasion may not of have happened). His sanctions on Russia after their invasion have been weak and ineffective. Had the U.S. continued to produce oil and natural gas at the 2020 levels, the U.S. would be energy independent, and we could be providing Europe and India with the fuel they need, and the inflation problem would not be as bad. Instead, Putin continues to sell \$1 billion worth of oil each and every day, funding his war.

Biden has had to ask other countries to provide oil instead of producing it in America (Texas, Oklahoma and Alaska). His administration has done nothing to secure our southern border, where thousands of illegal aliens, criminals, terrorists and drugs cross our border freely, every day. He has done nothing to solve theentanyl crisis. Biden cares more about the Ukraine

border than he does the U.S. border. His administration fuels racial tension and civic unrest in America with their Marxist rhetoric, and they have done nothing to protect the Supreme Court Justices from threats of violence. In November 2022, you can start to fix America by voting the Dems out the office and vote in Republicans in the U.S. congress, and then in 2024, you can restore order and prosperity in America with a Republican president.

Let the Voters Decide

Victoria Whyte Ball, Livermore

Dear City of Livermore, Please Let Livermore Vote. 8,000 Livermore citizens signed petitions to qualify the referendum giving city voters a voice on the location of Eden Housing. I am one of these signers.

Please respect the process and allow us to vote. We are not a minority. Most people don't want a big housing complex downtown.

By forcing this measure to go to the courts, it is wasting taxpayer dollars. Instead, we should be putting this issue in front of voters immediately.

Eden Project Relocation Janet Allan-Daum, Livermore

I cannot imagine that the city council will not let the referendum be on the ballot given that it has easily the required number of signatures, or can I?

Let's put this matter to rest, i.e., to the vote, also putting to rest the division in the city over the Eden Project.

The need for Low Income housing is recognized by all. Location is the problem.

Council members should ask themselves if they really believe they will be voted in at future elections if this does not go to a DEMOCRATIC VOTE?

This housing project has the potential to throw Livermore onto a new trajectory for the future. Location is the crucial matter. A poor decision, putting the Eden Project in the center of downtown, will result in a city in which a boutique hotel is misplaced.

Stop blocking the process of democracy.

LET US VOTE!

Downtown Quagmire

Ben Barrientos, Livermore

I support the voice of the people! Thousands took the time to sign a petition/referendum to stop the council from locking in an agreement with Eden Housing. I had the opportunity to have voters sign the petition. They were adamant in supporting the central park idea. They also are understanding of the need for affordable housing. Respect the process; allow the vote. If there is a legal phase to this, then allow the courts to decide

after the people have been allowed to vote on the issue.

To the City Clerk

Michael and Anita Thompson, Livermore

Please take note that we believe your refusal to forward the referendum signatures for approval is illegal. It certainly stinks of bias politics. This is not what we expect in our town. Mike has been a resident since 1965 and Anita since 1980. Don't let the example of federal politics come to Livermore.

Democracy Failing Locally, Too

Elizabeth M. Judge, Livermore

A conflict of interest exists when citizens collect signatures to thwart a city council action and those signatures have to be submitted to authorities of the offending city before they can get processed further! This is the third referendum citizens have attempted since this whole downtown debacle began, but this one has stalled because Council wants to prevent it from passing on the November ballot.

City Council has:

1. used our funds over four years ago to find out what citizens wanted for downtown only to throw out the results;

2. used our funds to allow a hotel to purchase a valet parking lot right where a larger Eden Housing project might have gone;

3. planned to use more of our funds to enable Eden to purchase the valuable land in question in order to prevent actions by a future Council.

It appears that the city is motivated to do just about anything to preserve locating a large housing project in the very center of downtown where future festivals could be held for a city of a hundred thousand. Regardless of whether the housing is market or affordable, it is a big mistake to put any housing there.

Citizens are desperately trying to keep the city from making this permanent mistake. Council should let the referendum signatures go forward to the Registrar of Voters to appear on the ballot. At least then Council can say it was democratic about it and is willing to let the chips fall where they may.

12 Angry Men

Marcus Libkind, Livermore

I am utterly dismayed at the City of Livermore hampering its citizens from expressing their opinion as to where the Eden Project should be sited. Why is the City and Council set against the citizens voting on the future location of the Eden Project?

The latest move by the City and Council is to refuse to certify the 8000 signatures gathered for a referendum that would require a November vote. It appears that the City is doing everything in their power to move forward with a project that is not supported by its citizens. The City and Council have peaked the ire of the majority of the city's residents and the Council knows any vote will go against them.

What we need is one Council member to be strong and speak up for what is right, and start a movement within the Council. We

need someone to speak up as in "12 Angry Men" when Henry Fonda went against the other 11 jurors and in the end swayed the jury. Who on the Livermore City Council is going to be that brave person? That person will be a hero.

Letter to the Editor

Nancy Rodrigue, Livermore

I have stood back for a long time reading over and over about the development of the old Lucky sight in downtown Livermore, and the bitter confrontation going on between City Council and residents of Livermore. If I were a visitor from anywhere else, I would find this situation unbelievable. Words that would pop up in my thoughts would be ridiculous, ineffectual, unprofessional, worthless. So, what is stopping our city council from taking a break from the confrontation and opening up their vision to other options for the downtown development? This is very hard to answer, but the question in my mind is what is the vision of all five City Council Members for downtown? Is it Healdsburg? Sonoma? Walnut Creek? or Dublin? At this time, there doesn't seem to be one, but it is absolutely necessary that they find one soon. A vision, after all, should be driving every decision for the downtown design or there will be no continuity, beauty, or 'people friendliness' there.

What Will It Take to Save Our Democracy?

Van Rainey, Livermore

I was asked by a friend, "What will it take to save our democracy?" Where to start? What it will take remains to be seen, if it is even possible. Like the old Joni Mitchell song says, "You don't know what you've got 'til it's gone," and the level of complacency relative to the threat to democracy indicates that our "cherished" institutions of shared say in our government may be waning from abuse by those seeking greater privilege and control. The same dilemma exists for climate change, planetary sustainability, social inequity and even our public discourse and respect necessary to achieve any progress, much less defeat the trends toward destruction.

I recently finished the book by Peter Zeihan titled "The End of the World is Just the Beginning." In it, he paints a picture of how the liberal world order that has been in place after Bretton Woods and the end of WWII is likely coming to a close.

It portends a strain on so many of our dependencies relating to global trade to sufficient food supplies to our seemingly inextricable dependence on fossil fuels that solutions to our social ills would require a level of wisdom and collective consciousness that is beyond our imaginations. So, where do we start? I am inclined to say fight hard, fight now and fight for as long as it will take. But "fighting" indicates winners and losers; we need all sides pulling in the same direction to assure any success for all concerned. As much as I dislike the "them" that I perceive as the primary perpetrators of the ills of this world, I cannot see how we can manage, much less

succeed, without their help. I am at a loss of how to ask, much less convince, "them" to become "us," but I see it as necessary to start a path to lasting progress.

We're Burning Up

Lucas Nelson, Livermore

Record heat waves in America and Europe endanger millions as wildfires rage in a brutal manifestation of man-induced global warming.

Each of us can reduce our personal contribution by cutting back on the consumption of animal foods, which account for a whopping portion of "greenhouse gases." Carbon dioxide is released by burning forests to create animal pastures. Methane and nitrous oxide are released from digestive tracts of cows and sheep and from animal waste pits.

In an environmentally sustainable world, vegetables, fruits and grains must replace animal food products in our diet, just as wind, solar and other renewable energy sources replace fossil fuels. The next trip to our favorite supermarket provides a great opportunity to explore the delicious, healthful, eco-friendly, plant-based meat and ice cream products in the frozen food section.

Downtown Park

Cal Wood, Livermore

Dear city council, I plead with you to cease merely exercising power over us citizens and start acting like public servants: give us a lovely, large, beautiful Park and move the housing off the 'Lucky' block. See you on election night.

Voters Have a Voice, Except in Livermore

Susan Putnam, Livermore

Over 8,000 Livermore voters signed a petition to allow a November ballot referendum giving residents an opportunity to weigh in on Resolution No. 2022-085, which allowed the city to sell downtown property to Eden Housing for a proposed 130-unit housing project. The volume of signatures gathered in a short period of time indicates strong community support for relocating Eden Housing to a nearby location. Yet, the City have squashed the referendum, silencing Livermore citizens' voices and their constitutional right to petition the city for a referendum. The City should respect the referendum process and let Livermore citizens vote. We deserve to have a voice.

The Right Referendum!

Mary and Jay Davis, Livermore

We wish to write to support and to commend the City legal staff in their ruling that the Eden Housing matter is not subject to referendum. This decision reinforces a very important principle of law and governance that should be respected.

There is a painful trend of late to try to reverse any and all governmental decisions or processes any group dislikes by an immediate call for a referendum, a recount, or the rerun of an election. One only need look at the history of the 2020 Presidential Election to receive a graduate course in this trend. It is important to insist that rules be followed even when

they are uncomfortable.

We ourselves have expressed concerns with the Eden Project. It seems unattractive and a poor use of space. That said, its opponents have notably refused to come up with legal or fiscal mechanisms to resolve the problem, appealing to a mixture of political threat and near slander, imminent domain fantasy, and Easter Bunny financing. We strongly support the City's action. If the matter need be resolved in Court, that is the appropriate venue, not public hysteria or referendum.

There is a referendum we would strongly support. If Save Downtown Livermore truly wants a park, it can ask the citizens of Livermore to elect a Council willing to examine alternatives to the present Eden Housing Plan. Save Downtown Livermore could then petition for a referendum calling for a Bond Issue to support the legal costs and penalties associated with terminating the Eden Contract, to reimburse the State's \$14M grant for housing, and to provide the construction funds to design and build a park. We estimate that \$30M might be sufficient to support these goals. If Save Livermore Downtown has the support it claims, the referendum should pass resoundingly. We look forward to that campaign and to supporting it. Livermore is an exceedingly well-run city with excellent planning and financial skills. We have no doubt that on these terms the project would be a notable success.

Give Us a Vote

Thomas Jefferson, Livermore

In 2017, the City of Livermore spent \$500k on public outreach to help determine how the property west of the Bankhead to L St. should be redeveloped.

Outreach participants were asked to rank 10 potential features of the redevelopment project from 1 to 10. The participants thought the most important feature was parking and least important was housing.

Yet, the City has continued to push for housing with the proposed Eden Housing 130 units of housing.

On May 24, the Livermore City Council agreed to loan Eden Housing \$7+ million so Eden could buy the property for their housing. What a great deal for Eden and what a terrible deal for Livermore. Apparently, the Council thinks Eden can't get their own financing. How long will it be before the Council decides to forgive the loan?

This terrible May 24 Council agreement has led to a referendum petition to rescind that agreement. Signature gatherers obtained 8,032 signatures and turned them in to the City.

But the City has decided the referendum petition is not eligible for filing as a referendum. Unbelievable that the City would do so, and so unfortunate for the residents of Livermore.

The residents of Livermore should be allowed to vote on the referendum.

Verify the Referendum Signatures

Richard Langlois, Livermore

The current Livermore City Council and City Staff appear to believe that "only (See MAILBOX, page 5)

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they know what is best for Livermore”, and that “only they know what is legal in pursuing these goals”. Livermore Officials sued their own citizens over an election related issue in 2019. The California Supreme Court recently rejected the Cities legal position on the Garaventa Hill project. Now Livermore City Officials are attempting to nullify the election rights of 8000 of their own citizens by refusing to act on their petition. The Courts, not individual Livermore Staff members, should make the decision about the legality of this petition. We have seen enough of local extremist groups attacking democracy by interfering in elections. I hope Livermore Officials do not continue to follow this path.

Referendum Should Be Processed
Carol Silva, Livermore

I oppose the currently proposed location of Eden Housing at L Street and Railroad Avenue. Recently I was talking to one of my friends about the relatively recent changes and the proposed changes to Livermore’s downtown, specifically the 4-story Legacy complex at the old Groth Brothers site and the location of the yet-to-be-built 4-story Eden Housing complex. My friend stated that she knew absolutely no one who wants Eden Housing to be built at the old Lucky site. She asked me if I knew anyone who wants

Eden Housing to be built at that location. I thought for a moment trying to recall if I personally knew anyone who wanted it built there and then I told her, “I don’t know anyone who wants Eden built across the street from the monstrosity of the Legacy apartments.”

Barry Fadem, the attorney for the Move Eden Housing organization, is quoted a number of times in the July 21st edition of The Independent, in the news article entitled, “City Clerk Declines to Process Referendum.” Mr. Fadem provides both Election Code specifications and case law to support that the city clerk is in violation of her duties by refusing to process the referendum signatures on the petition that was signed by more than 8,000 registered Livermore voters.

I ask the Livermore City Council to allow Livermore voters a voice on the location of Eden Housing. This is something that should have been done a long time ago instead of strategically fighting against voters, who have to organize against the Council’s decisions so there can be a better downtown that respects Livermore’s history and that benefits all Livermore citizens and visitors.

Food for the Mind, Food for the Body
Trish Munro, Livermore

As we come up on a year since the City Council adopted the Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee’s

recommendations, I’ve been thinking about some of what the city has done during this past year. Recently, I found a good way to think about the subject. “Diversity is being invited to the party,” says Verna Myers. “Inclusion is being asked to dance and belonging is having your favorite foods on the menu.”

That analogy hit home for me. Over the past decade and more, our society has become more and more aware of the differences in how people eat. Some have allergies so severe that they carry epi-pens with them. Others have religious restrictions on what and when they eat. There are those who refrain from eating animals and/or animal products. And then there’s the under-ten crowd who limit their diets to foods with colors not found in nature. A welcoming home has a table set with a variety of foods so that all can partake of something delicious. So with a welcoming city.

The Livermore Library has been central in setting the city’s table and expanding its menu. Part of that menu is the Livermore Reads Together program. Each March, with input from residents, there is a month of programming around the themes of the chosen book. This year, the book chosen was “The Reason I Jump: The Inner Voice of a Thirteen-Year-Old Boy with Autism,” by Naoki Higashida. The programming included activities for all

ages. The theme of 2023’s Livermore Reads Together is Women’s History. You have only a few days to vote for one of the following books—voting concludes August 31, 2022, at 5:00 PM—so vote today!

Here are the choices and links for more information:

1. "The Sugar Camp Quilt: An Elm Creek Quilts Novel" by Jennifer Chiaverini [https://bit.ly/3nP9dg1]
2. "Luck of the Titanic" by Stacey Lee [https://bit.ly/3NXdleP]
3. "Last Night at the Telegraph Club" by Malinda Lo [https://bit.ly/3OCNvHG]
4. "The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women" by Kate Moore [https://bit.ly/3OMu0wk]

Regardless of which book you vote, each of these books adds to the menu at our common table. And if you would like to move from analogy to real food, consider which foods you would serve while reading each book.

What is the Referendum?
Thomas Soules, Livermore

The referendum is our one chance to vote on whether we want to move the Eden housing low-income four-story apartment buildings from the proposed location behind the shops on First Street. The Independent said we collected 8,053 signatures for the referendum. I went around our neighborhood and 80-85 % of the folks

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What Some Of The Many Disappointed Livermore Voters Expressed to the City Council On Monday Night After The City Clerk Refused To Verify Referendum Signatures

"We collected 8,053 signatures for the referendum. I went around our neighborhood and 80-85 % of the folks I talked to signed the referendum. We are not against low-income housing, but we want it where it will not destroy the character of Livermore and create a parking and traffic nightmare."

– Thomas Soules, Livermore

"The California Supreme Court recently rejected the Cities legal position on the Garavanta Hill project. Now Livermore City Officials are attempting to nullify the election rights of 8000 of their own citizens by refusing to act on their petition."

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"By forcing this measure to go to the courts, it is wasting taxpayer dollars. Instead, we should be putting this issue in front of voters immediately."

– Bill Zagotta, Livermore

"Let Livermore vote! Over 8,000 Livermore citizens have signed the petition to qualify the referendum giving city voters a voice on the location of Eden Housing. It is an outrage that the city is not respecting the process and allowing the vote."

– Marjory Jong, Livermore

"Please take note that we believe your refusal to forward the referendum signatures for approval is illegal. It certainly stinks of bias politics. This is not what we expect in our town. Mike has been a resident since 1965 and Anita since 1980."

– Michael Thompson and Anita Thompson, Livermore

"My family has had 6 generations that have lived in Livermore. I have lived in Livermore the majority of my life and have volunteered well over 10,000 hours to this city. Both of my children are Livermore homeowners and are raising their families here as well. It is imperative that the citizens of Livermore are given the opportunity to vote on what is being done with our city."

-- Don Swanson, Livermore

"As representatives for all the people in Livermore, it's time for you to take the upper hand and stop this madness. Please do so now and let the referendum go ahead."

– Nancy Rodrigue, Livermore

"The city should be respecting the process and allowing a vote. Let the residents of Livermore vote on the location of Eden Housing!"

– Kathy Pedrini, Livermore

"Please remember that this referendum is about moving the much-needed Eden Housing and not for eliminating it. Moving the housing allows for a development of a city center that better serves our community and downtown businesses."

– Rifka Several, Livermore

"8,000 Livermore citizens signed petitions to qualify the referendum giving city voters a voice on the location of Eden Housing. I am one of these signers. Please respect the process and allow us to vote. We are not a minority."

– Victoria Whyte Ball, Livermore

"The City Clerk should be instructed to accept the 8000+ signatures to avoid wasting citizens' money on a lawsuit and to continue the democratic process."

– Carol Chargin, Livermore Livermore

"I plead with you to cease merely exercising power over us citizens and start acting like public servants: give us a lovely, large, beautiful Park and move the housing off the 'Lucky' block. See you on election night."

– Cal Wood, Livermore



Thank you to the volunteers who helped and the thousands of Livermore voters who signed the petition!

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I talked to signed the referendum. Nancy Mulligan said 100 % of the neighbors she contacted signed it. This sampling does not suggest that only a small minority of the citizens of Livermore want the Eden Housing site moved.

However, while I am confident that the vast majority of the folks of Livermore want the low-income housing moved, unfortunately that is not how the referendum works. We cannot simply vote on whether to move the low-income housing. This referendum will repeal a resolution made by the city to loan Eden housing money for the planned development of the downtown multi-family housing (No. 2022-085). The city passed this resolution and jeopardized our tax money quickly in order to beat the November election and start the development of the complex. If we stop the city from making this loan agreement and development agreement (DDLA) we can hope that the new city council will realize that the citizens want the housing moved. Please let the city council know by voting yes on the referendum. We are not against low-income housing, but we want it where it will not destroy the character of Livermore and create a parking and traffic nightmare.

Referendum to Resolution NO. 2022-085

Carol Chargin, Livermore

Livermore citizens approved Proposition P, the plan for the redevelopment of downtown Livermore. The plan had the layout for a hotel, apartments, the economic requirements for the people living in the apartments, retail areas, a central park, and parking structures. But, when the City Council presented its plan, most of the components had changed. Now there would have to be a separate parking area for the hotel guests, which the city would initially finance. The number of apartments had increased, which would increase the population density of the downtown area, an already congested area. No longer would people of moderate income, such as teachers and firemen, be allowed in the apartments. Only low-income applicants would be allowed. To accommodate the increase in the number of apartments, the apartment buildings would add on approximately another 2 floors, creating a tunnel effect between First and Railroad Avenue along L Street. The even more inadequate parking garage on the corner of First and L would be about 4+ stories high adding to the tunnel effect. The Central Park for the citizens of Livermore disappeared.

Many citizens complained that this was not the plan they had voted for. These citizens were chimed and called racists and NIMBYS. Many of these so-called racists actually have plans to increase the number of housing units for low-income citizens. To combat the complaints by the citizens, the City Council passed Resolution No. 2022-085, which allowed the city to sell the property to Eden Housing by the end of September before the November election to try to prevent any changes in the council's plan by new members of the city council. This council obviously believes in an autocracy and not democracy.

A group called Move Eden Housing gathered over 8000 signatures, more than the required 5,702 to place the Referendum to Resolution No. 2022-85 on the ballot. The City Clerk was told not to accept the signatures. Amazing! This City Council is convinced even after the collection of over 8000 signatures that it knows better than those citizens who originally voted them in to the council. An autocracy at work. The City Clerk should be instructed to accept the 8000+ signatures to avoid wasting citizens' money on a lawsuit and to continue the democratic process.

The Water Dial
Greg Scott, Livermore

"Tis not too late to seek a newer world." (Alfred Tennyson, "Ulysses")

We need to find that better "newer world" relatively fast. A prescient sign is the surface elevation of Mead Reservoir, the largest reservoir in the United States, upon which 25 million individuals and millions of acres of agricultural lands depend.

The water in Mead Reservoir is at 27% of capacity, or approximately 2.5 trillion gallons, which is around 100,000 gallons for each of those 25 million, not counting water for food production or other uses. So, only considering individual usage, this is just under a six-year supply. Of course, there is going to be some input from rain and snow runoff to increase this time period somewhat. The current elevation of Mead Reservoir is 1,041 feet above mean sea level (msl). It is dropping a foot per week. At an elevation of 1,000 feet above msl, consistent hydro-electric generation from the Hoover Dam — a huge electrical energy supplier for the southwestern U.S. region — becomes problematic. "This is not a drought; this is aridification. This is not something we can wait out. This is not something we can survive. This is the new world we live in." (Rhett Larson, Water law professor, Arizona State University)

Southern California gets 4.4 million acre-feet of water per year from the Colorado River, which Mead Reservoir is located on. (An acre-foot is the amount of water that covers one acre to the depth of one foot, or 325,850 gallons — roughly the amount in a regulation Olympic swimming pool). Other sources for Southern California are 5 million acre-feet from northern California and 5 million acre-feet from the rain and snow in southern California's Transverse and Peninsular Mountain ranges.

Because of the lower availability of the Colorado River water for southern California, my prediction is that Governor Newsom and the California State Legislature are about to have a great epiphany: more water is going to have to be shipped from northern California to southern California. This will be brought about by severe water restrictions for northern Californians, as declared by emergency.

Another eventuality is that large swaths of agricultural lands usually supplied by Mead Reservoir are going to be severed from water access. Expect food prices to inflate even more from this loss of production.

"The blades of every crisis point the way." (Mary Oliver, "A Dream of Trees")

Alameda County Eviction Moratorium

Nate Miley, Vice President Alameda County Board of Supervisors and David Haubert Supervisor, District 1 Alameda County Board of Supervisors

On July 19, the Board of Supervisors discussed whether to publicly agendize a discussion and possible review of its eviction moratorium. The moratorium had not been discussed in over a year and the request would have simply allowed the public an opportunity to be

heard and to ask questions.

The Board voted 3-2, declining a public discussion of this matter. While the decision was ultimately made by a majority of the board to not discuss this item we feel it is important to explain why we supported doing so.

In 2020, the majority of the Board approved a moratorium on evictions for renters beginning March 24, 2020, until 60 days after the expiration of the local health emergency. Many things have changed since early 2020. We are no longer under shelter in place, people are vaccinated and back to work. California and almost every other county has long since completely rescinded their eviction moratoriums. Despite these facts, the County's local health emergency -- and by default its ban on residential evictions -- remains in place.

Everyone recognizes and acknowledges this, and public testimony has more than confirmed this.

We've heard about individuals capable of paying rent who refuse to do so. Pandemic protections were enacted to support vulnerable and struggling individuals. Make no mistake, some industries will never recover, and some continue to struggle to find work. However, some tenants refuse to sign paperwork which would allow landlords to apply for rental assistance.

Tenants who CAN pay rent and are withholding it are taking advantage of — and putting — at risk these very protections.

Continuing the moratorium in its current form may ultimately at a minimum be found to be an illegal taking of private property. If so, this would expose the county's taxpayers to huge financial damages, limiting resources from our most vulnerable populations. Making prudent changes at this time may limit this liability. Nobody wants to see anyone evicted from their home because of Covid-19. But after over two years it's time to consider changes to stop tenants who refuse to pay rent for reasons unrelated to COVID-19.

Referendum Refuseniks
Johnna Thompson, Livermore

Livermore's city council seems to have no end of dirty tricks to try to thwart the efforts of Livermore's citizens to preserve the character of our downtown. Its refusal to accept the signatures of more than 8000 of its constituents who disagree with its previous anti-democratic machinations to fast-track the Eden housing development ahead of November's council election is just the latest ploy to foist on all of us the council's ill-conceived and unpopular vision of a housing-dense city center. Council members have essentially told every one of those 8000 good-faith signers that their voices don't matter in this city.

Four-story apartment blocks, especially ones as architecturally uninspiring as Eden's, do not say "charming historic downtown" to potential visitors looking for a wine-country destination in which to spend their tourist dollars. Council members may be trying to give the

finger to all of us downtown preservationists, but they're cutting off Livermore's nose in the process.

Let the Residents Vote!
Valarie Daum, Livermore

Well over 10 % of Livermore residents (8,053) signed a petition for a Referendum, pursuant to the Election Code, to stop the September sale of city property to Eden Housing. However, the City Clerk chose not to verify these signatures. By her actions, Livermore residents are denied the right to vote on this major disastrous alteration to their downtown. Concurrently, most of Eden's support has dissolved with the monstrous Legacy apartment complex finally nearing completion. Anyone with common sense would not approve of Eden's humungous housing project to be located directly across the street. How can our current City Council and officials continue to condone this architectural nightmare and tie the hands of a newly elected fall City Council and government with the immediate property sale to Eden? The Referendum is vital to allow voters in November to decide on an alternate and suitable location for the Eden Housing project.

Concerning the Eden Housing Referendum

Rich Buckley, Livermore

Let Livermore Vote. 8,000 Livermore citizens signed petitions to qualify the referendum, giving city voters a voice on the location of Eden Housing. The city should be respecting the process and allowing a vote. That represents nearly half the usual voter turnout.

There is no legal, moral, or ethical basis for the council to override Livermore citizen constitutional rights to petition the government. Your overreach of power is noted. And the captured City Clerk should be returned to an elected post placed above paycheck pressures of the City council and staff, freed to carry out her duties of office unhampered.

Referendum Deception
Alan Marling, Livermore

The Move Eden Housing campaign claims the signatures they gathered gives them a mandate. Nothing could be further from the truth. The people they paid to lurk outside supermarkets pitched the referendum as a way to help house the homeless. People signed in support of affordable housing like Eden, not against it. They wouldn't have been so quick to sign if the paid gatherers had been at all truthful, say if they had said, "Will you waste a few minutes of your time to delay local affordable housing another year, to satisfy the whims of plutocrats Joan Seppala and Jean King, who think they own the town and are furious they don't own the city council, yet. Anyway, sign here."

Cemetery Celebrations
Lucretia Buxton, Livermore

When I found my dream-house in 2019, in a lovely

neighborhood overlooking giant eucalyptus trees, it was an instant "Yes." Living next to a graveyard isn't for everyone, but I was thrilled about having, quite literally, the quietest neighbors possible, or so I thought. Beginning a little over a year ago, nearly every weekend and holiday at Roselawn Cemetery has become a gigantic party, often after hours. At first, it was cars blasting hours of music so loud that I could feel the vibrations inside my ribcage through the closed windows of my home. Then, the parties grew in size: cars filling the cemetery, BBQ grills, lawn chairs, alcohol, drugs, airhorns and children pulling down balloons and flowers from graves.

This past Sunday, the parties reached a new level, with fireworks being shot into the sky for hours. Not only is the noise unbelievably disturbing for people and animals, it is a huge fire hazard. The beautiful trees I mentioned are dry, loom near homes, and fireworks were being shot right into them. I called the police several times, as did some of my neighbors, as I have done in the past when things get too wild. The party is only temporarily calmed down by a visit from the police.

My husband and I walked over on Sunday to nicely ask that the crowd stop the fireworks. We were threatened with the promise of more being set off close enough to intentionally set our house on fire. I have tried, more than once, to reach out to the owner of Roselawn, and so far, have not received a response. I believe owning the land where people are laid to rest is a sacred obligation. Fire is a real threat to all of us; fireworks are against the law. The owner of Roselawn and the police together are responsible for enforcing noise and fire codes, maintaining general safety and security on the premises, and creating a safe space for people to visit their lost loved ones.

Support the Referendum
Betty Murillo, Livermore

I, Betty Murillo, support the referendum 100 percent. I was born in 1947 & raised in Livermore. The Murillo family has been here since 1908. We ran the Murillo Blacksmith & Welding shop since 1936. We do not want to see more multiple, high-rise dwellings in the downtown area. WE NEED A DOWNTOWN PARK, so people can picnic, read, walk, converse and be in nature, listen to fountains

& be amongst trees & grass. Don't ruin our downtown area for developers; don't let this be about money. THERE ARE OTHER AREAS AVAILABLE TO PLACE THESE HIGH-RISE DWELLINGS, NOT IN OUR DOWNTOWN AREA. Do the right thing for a change, something that most of the people in Livermore want!!! Most cities have downtown parks because they care about people and their well-being, their spiritual selves. People need these areas to refresh themselves and to use as a gathering spot for families and friends. Most people care about the humanity and well-being of others. Please allow a park, NOT MORE BUILDINGS!!! I love Livermore and would rather have a park downtown, not more stack & pack buildings. Please allow the park for the well-being of all. Thank You for listening!!!

Eden Referendum
William Zagotta, Livermore

Let Livermore Vote. 8,000 Livermore citizens signed petitions to qualify for the referendum, giving city voters a voice on the location of Eden Housing. The city should be respecting the process and allowing a vote.

The courts, not the city, will determine whether what the city is doing is legal or not. But by forcing this measure to go to the courts, it is wasting taxpayer dollars. Instead, we should be putting this issue in front of voters immediately.

Best of all, don't accept or reject the referendum. The petition circulators would be willing to let the vote in November be decided by electing City Council members who agree with one side or the other. But don't foreclose the chance to take one last measure of the citizens' opinion about this project. You could do this by putting the referendum on the ballot. NOT LIKELY. OR ...

Don't take final action with Eden until after Election Day. Then each citizen could show approval or disapproval by electing council persons who agree with each citizen's preference. No use of our taxes for a special election.

I know this will delay the ultimate City Council action by a few months, but the project will mark our city for a hundred years. Make sure you know what the citizens prefer before you drop the guillotine.

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Pleasanton Recognizes Businesses As Economic Drivers of Community

Five businesses were acknowledged recently by the City of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce for their contributions to the economic life of the community.

The companies recognized as economic drivers included 10x Genomics, Anixter, Hendrick Automotive Group, Home Depot, and Macy's Department Stores.

"The Pleasanton Chamber and City of Pleasanton have a strong partnership in supporting our business community," said Kim Damiani, chamber board chair. "It's an honor to come together each year to celebrate companies with a strong commitment to Pleasanton."

10x Genomics, which produces a variety of products used in biological research at the cellular levels, employs more than 1,200 globally, with more than half at the company's headquarters in Pleasanton, according to Michele Hodge, vice president for Global Real Estate & Facilities.

Based in Glenview, Illinois, Anixter is a global provider of products and services for communications, networking, and industrial control applications. Chris Orzen, director of Global Operations, called Pleasanton one of the most successful branches ... in 54 countries.

Hendrick Automotive Group, based in Charlotte,

North Carolina, operates four dealerships at the Pleasanton Auto Mall representing Acura, BMW, Lexus, and Mini automobiles. Joe Pagano, East Bay general manager for BMW and Mini, said the dealerships employ more than 300 people.

Home Depot, a multinational home improvement retailer based in Atlanta, Georgia, operates a store at 6000 Johnson Drive in Pleasanton.

The New York-based Macy's is a high-end department store chain with more than 500 stores nationwide. Celebrating its 40th year in Pleasanton, the iconic retailer currently has a store at Stoneridge Mall.

HOUSING

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kin added, "I want to assure people that we (still) have the opportunity to remove sites, which no doubt we will, because our buffer is so far over what is required. But we are waiting for the environmental process to be completed."

The council did, however, agree not to wait to remove the Donlon school property from the inventory.

Located adjacent to the Donlon Elementary School, the city previously proposed rezoning 5.5 acres of the school's 19-acre lot for residential development, possibly providing the city with 28 additional housing units.

Public opposition ultimately convinced the Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) board and the city council to remove Donlon from the list.

Another school site near

the city's downtown, which has also drawn public opposition, remained on the list for now.

Located on First Street between Bernal Avenue and Abbie Street, the downtown property currently houses PUSD offices, the Village High School, the Horizons Early Education Center, a PUSD maintenance yard, and a STEAM preschool. PUSD is considering relocating these facilities and making the 10.7-acre property available for an estimated 81 to 163 housing units.

Residents raised concerns over increased traffic and downtown character, should the city raze the school buildings for housing.

"It really makes me question why I would ever support another bond in the city again, if we can't manage

appropriately what we've already got going on," said downtown resident Joseph Herman.

Councilmember Jack Balch acknowledged the community's misgivings about the site and urged patience.

"The council is hearing you and so is the school district, as proven by site 3, Donlan," he said. "It's a difficult process."

The city expects to incorporate into a revised plan, HCD's comments and the findings of the environmental impact report after they are available later this year. Pleasanton will then resubmit its revision to HCD sometime in the first quarter of next year.

State to Offer Homeowners Relief for Past-Due Taxes Through New Program

Homeowners who are current on their mortgage payments, or are mortgage free, are now eligible for up to \$20,000 from the California Mortgage Relief Program to cover-past due property taxes.

Eligibility for the program, originally created to help homeowners who had fallen behind on their mortgage payments because of financial hardship due to

the COVID-19 pandemic, was recently expanded by the CalHFA Homeowner Relief Corporation (HRC).

"We know that the pandemic hit low-income and people of color disproportionately," said Alameda County Treasurer-Tax Collector Henry Levy. "This state program is a way to give those eligible a lift to get back on their feet. Up until now, the only tool we

had was to waive penalties and interest (on past-due taxes), but here is a program to also pay the actual taxes."

The HRC, an affiliate of the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA), also expanded the program to include homeowners who missed at least two mortgage payments prior to June 30, 2022. The program previously provided

assistance to homeowners who missed payments prior to Dec. 27, 2021.

Homeowners are eligible for assistance if their annual household income is at or below 150% of their county's Area Median Income, or about \$230,000 for a family of five in Alameda County. Funding for the program comes from the federal American Rescue Plan stimulus bill approved

by Congress in 2021.

Homeowners can check to see if they are eligible for a one-time grant through the California Mortgage Relief Program at CaMortgageRelief.org.

MAILBOX

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Referendum on Eden
Ted Schaefer, Livermore

The city clerk MUST verify the 8000 signatures gathered for the referendum.

This is democracy in action to negate a purely un-democratic initiative to tie the hands of any future city council, which would be a terrible precedent and totally illegal, especially just months before an election in November.

The Eden project is

on the wrong side of the street, too tall, too wide, and has no breaks between buildings. It looks for all purposes to be a medieval prison wall.

Eden was sold to the public as housing for public servants, like teachers, firepersons, police, librarians, etc. But that was so much propaganda to gain voter support, and they all make too much money to qualify.

So, who will qualify to rent at Eden?? Those who

were born and raised in Livermore, or from anywhere?

What age groups could rent there--young, elderly, or any age?

What marital status will be allowed --only young singles, only marrieds with/without children, divorced, widowed, etc. Who decides? Who sets occupant preferences or percentage quotas by class?

Is there a minimum income to qualify for rental, or will Eden just be home

to the homeless and very marginally employed? How soon will Eden devolve into Section 8 housing like elsewhere at their properties?

Eden must be moved across the street-- or to small parcels throughout the city, or to subsidized apartments at Legacy -- and Livermore should build a beautiful downtown park for future generations of Livermore families to meet at and enjoy, like thousands of towns across California and America.

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DECISION

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at the police station, people caring for our elderly in nursing homes, and people teaching our kids. We owe so much to these workers and to return their service by scornfully denying them a place to live is not becoming.”

Mayoral candidate Mony Nop, who helped lead the signature gathering campaign with support from council candidates Ben Barrientos and Carol Wahrer, commended the city clerk for her work and professionalism, but said disagreeing with her decision is not bullying.

“I, along with many other residents in our community, have worked very hard to gather signatures,” Nop said. “I can personally say I walked door to door. I spoke to many residents that have signed the referendum, and during my walk door to door to gather signatures, I found most of the residents — over 85% of them that I had contacted — would like to see a change of location for Eden Housing.”

City Attorney Jason Alcalá contended that only a petition which challenges a legislative act can be processed as a referendum. He said the petition challenged Resolution 2022-085, which approved an amendment to an agreement to sell property the city owned to Eden Housing. He said the act was administrative, not legislative, and therefore not subject to referendum.

“While performing her duties as the city’s elections official, the city clerk is a constitutional officer,” Alcalá said. “In that capacity, she acts independently from the city council. Her duty is to the voters. Her duty

is to ensure their rights are upheld and respected. It’s also her duty to ensure the voters are not manipulated or misled. Here, the city clerk declined to process the petition as a referendum, so that her office is not used to further mislead the voters about the nature of the resolution. She must stay above the fray and avoid politics.”

Longtime resident Doug Mann, however, called into question the city attorney’s explanation. Alcalá “chronically gives very poor legal advice,” Mann said, and pointed to a recent California Supreme Court denial of the city’s request to depublish the Garaventa Hills’ Court of Appeals ruling against the City of Livermore. (For the full story: https://bit.ly/Indy_SaveTheHill)

“I was one of the people who presented the signatures to her (city clerk) on that Friday, and she told me directly that they would be delivered to the county the following Tuesday or Wednesday,” Mann said. He added that she later was counseled by the city attorney and declined to verify the signatures.

Failing to verify the signatures is illegal, Mann noted. “Making quasi-judicial evaluations, as the city attorney seems to want the clerk to do, is prohibited by law,” he added.

Others felt the time for changing the plan had passed. Alan Burnam said a compromised plan could have been possible two or three years ago but is now too late.

“If the city is not sued by the Save Livermore Downtown group or one of their affiliates, it will be sued by affordable hous-

ing groups,” Burnam said. “Unless someone comes up with tens of millions of dollars very soon, you will get the current Eden plan or worse, after wasting more time and money on pointless posturing.”

Darcie Kent of Darcie Kent Vineyards expressed her support of Eden Housing and the clerk’s decision. “This is a small group, and their tactics are ruthless and unfair,” Kent said.

Robin Groth-Hill, whose business was once located where the Legacy Apartments are being built, said plenty of residents wanted the housing moved, contrary to what the city’s supporters are claiming.

“I know a lot of people in this town, being here 53 years, and I’ve not heard anybody that is for the downtown placement of the affordable housing,” Groth-Hill said. “Everybody is for affordable housing, just not in that location. So, I believe that it is something that the city council should put to a vote of the citizens. If you are so sure that this (Eden site) is what the citizens of Livermore want, there is no harm in letting us have a voice come November, and finding out if this truly is what is voted for by the majority of Livermore citizens.”

Jean King stated that those who want the Eden project relocated are not a small group. She counted 75 who had submitted statements to the city on Monday asking for the referendum to proceed, and only four who supported the city’s refusal to do so. At the council meeting, 17 residents spoke in support of the referendum and 12 opposed it.

“South Livermore Sewer Extension Project,” which will appear on the Nov. 8 ballot.

Community members have expressed strong support for the initiative during public comments at various meetings. If passed, the initiative would modify existing policies to allow for a municipal sewer extension to the South Livermore Valley — an area currently dependent on septic systems. In addition to concerns about groundwater contamination, local stakeholders have previously noted that regulations governing wastewater treatment limit the South Livermore Valley’s wineries from expanding their service capacities.

art forms. Ndungu-Case said CNF has brought the program to Santa Cruz and San Francisco with great success.

“So, I thought we would bring this to Las Positas ... it’s a donation-based program for the community to come and try their hand at these art forms,” she said. “There are dance workshops, and drumming workshops, and then we have a culminating performance, curated by Cheza Nami Foundation ... we have built a collage of some incredible artists that will bring their individual presentations.”

CNF is based in the Tri-Valley, but travels all over the Bay Area with its ensemble. For more information, to register for the Las Positas Workshop, or purchase tickets for the culminating performance, visit www.chezanami.org or call 925-398-3827.

To that end, the council unanimously agreed to hold elections for districts one and three in 2024, then districts two and four in 2026. Councilmembers Michael McCorriston, who lives in the proposed district 1, and Sherry Hu, who lives in the proposed district 3, both term out of their current four-year at-large seats in 2024.

The council’s mayoral seat will remain at-large.

NDC will return to city council with the requested map alternatives next month for the final public hearing in Dublin’s districting process.

MEASURE

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currently are allowed that additional 2.5% FAR. The winery would still get the 1% FAR for visitor-serving uses such as a tasting room, restaurant, and events.

ballot is the correct way to make changes to Measure D.

“I also support the proposed ballot measure because it is narrowly tailored

“This is a type of change that would require a ballot measure. It is very, very tight, very restricted, very surgical.”

— Supervisor Nate Miley

Additionally, the measure will enable equestrian business owners to erect covered arenas of at least 20,000-square-feet on smaller farms and up to 2.5% of the square footage of a larger parcel. Arenas would be capped at 60,000-square-feet regardless of whether the parcel size would allow for a larger building.

Rancher Chuck Moore, who also served as commissioner of the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC), contended during the AAC meeting last year, that larger arenas would enable them to hold larger equestrian competitions and riding events that currently seek venues in other counties.

Supervisor David Haubert, who represents East County, said the measure has drawn support from individual members of the Sierra Club, the county’s Agricultural Advisory Committee, the Friends of Livermore and Dick Schneider, a co-author of Measure D.

“This has been discussed for many, many, many years,” Haubert said. “Unintended consequences, which have allowed agriculture to not flourish as much as it could, will be resolved by this and so I’m in full support.”

Following its passage in 2000, Measure D, the “Save Agriculture and Open Space Lands Initiative,” amended portions of the East County Area Plan (ECAP) and Castro Valley General Plan (CVGP) to create limitations on development on parcels with general plan designations of Large Parcel Agriculture (LPA) or Resource Management (RM).

The proposed ballot measure drew significant support from AAC members last year when FOL, which closely monitors Measure D and other development issues, offered ballot language the group said it would support.

In a letter to the board, Friends of Livermore thanked county officials for involving its members in the discussion. FOL’s suggested ballot measure language made its way through the AAC, the Board of Supervisors’ Transportation and Planning Committee, and other county advisory committees, before getting to its final destination, the Board of Supervisors.

“Friends of Livermore wholeheartedly supports the initiative as written,” the letter said.

Schneider, who closely watched the potential measure’s progress, said the

to solve specific problems that have been discussed in detail for several years,” Schneider said. “Allowing the existing .025 FAR for greenhouses to apply to a wider range of agricultural buildings in the Large Parcel Agriculture designation will further the goal of the South Livermore Valley reaching 5,000 acres of vineyards, as contemplated in the 1993 South Livermore Valley Area Plan.”

Schneider said mid-sized wineries are needed to generate the demand for thousands of acres of new grapes to be planted.

“Together with the Livermore sewer initiative also on the November ballot, these two measures will rejuvenate the Livermore wine country region,” Schneider said. “Second, the new FAR for covered equestrian riding arenas will help equestrian centers retain and attract new riders.”

The resolution and ultimate vote would affect agriculture buildings in Large Parcel Agriculture designated areas, and equestrian arenas in LPA and Resource Management designations, including in the Castro Valley and Palomares Canyonlands.

Carson said he voted against the ballot measure because he was concerned the San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the Sierra Club had not yet taken a position on the proposed changes to Measure D.

“The Sierra Club historically has said that any opening of the cracking of the door, around building on what is still the remaining vacant land out there, opens the door toward other things,” he said.

Chance Cutrano, who works on Measure D-related issues for the Sierra Club, said in an interview with The Independent that he appreciated Carson addressing the organization’s concerns. The Sierra Club withheld an opinion while awaiting a new environmental impact report (EIR) on the ballot measure’s effect. Ultimately, county officials decided to add to an existing EIR.

“We are going to, as a chapter of the Sierra Club, pull together our working group with leaders from around the area and probably just draft another letter to clarify our position before the second reading,” Cutrano explained.

Although the organization has not taken a position, the Sierra Club hasn’t found anything in the amendments to oppose, Cutrano noted.

“Our membership is concerned about the integrity of Measure D and the precedents that could be set, reopening these things,” Cutrano said.

“If we think this is the appropriate approach for the supervisors to take...it should go to the voters that passed Measure D originally,” he continued. “Just want to make sure (Measure D) remains as strong as ever.”



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play structure for the new development, so that future residents wouldn’t use the one within the Montage community.

One speaker wanted to know how the development would impact the Scenic Corridor, the view from the freeway of the hills to the north. Another stressed the importance of providing housing for those who have been priced out of the area.

During the July 12 Livermore Planning Commission meeting, Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce (LVCC) President Dawn Argula had voiced the LLCC’s support for the development in a written public comment, emphasizing the need

for affordable housing in Livermore.

“Employers of every size and industry sector in the Livermore Valley are experiencing challenges filling current and planning for future job openings,” wrote Argula. “The high cost of living in the region is a barrier for entry level and service sector workers, many of which provide essential services. This project cannot be delivered soon enough.”

Sewer Resolution Approved

During the July 25 meeting, the city council also unanimously approved a resolution calling for and giving notice of an initiative,

as well.

“It’s about the fact you can learn through play, touch, feel, dance, sing the songs,” she said. “It’s a play-based approach, because we don’t want you to just sit in front of a stage and watch; we want to engage you, so you have that hands-on learning.”

The workshop at Las Positas will do exactly that. Cheza Nami has partnered with multiple artists to show Africa not as a country, but as a vast continent of offerings. Ndungu-Case said Foster’s desire to make LPC the number one destination for youth from emerging communities fit in with her mission to spread awareness of African culture.

CNF’s program “Moving Together” is funded by a grant from the California Arts Council and promotes black artists of traditional

CNF

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cultures across the continent of Africa. Made up of 54 countries, Africa has unique traditions in areas even within the same country.

“There is a rich context of the multicultural groups of people that exist within Kenya alone, and I had a desire to represent some of those traditional art forms,” she said. “Cheza Nami is not just about Kenyan culture, it’s also about creating that shared space for other communities of African origin to display, promote, give voice to traditional art forms.”

“Cheza Nami” is Swahili for “come play with me,” a name meant to denote the hands-on learning Ndungu-Case uses to engage her audience. Once she had her organization up and running, she discovered a community of African immigrants who wanted to share their cultures

MAP

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to win councilmember seats in Dublin’s 2018 and 2020 elections as support for its accusation.

Due to the timing of the process, Dublin will not begin the new system until its 2024 elections.

Map #112 would create two districts — districts three and four in the eastern portion of the city — where a majority of Asian, Pacific Islander voters reside and make up 54% of Dublin’s voting age population, according to NDC.

“When you’re talking about communities of interest, when you’re talking

about voters, you want to hold them together because that concentrates their power for being able to choose a representative of their choice,” said Vice Mayor Jean Josey.

In addition to district boundaries, the council also discussed an election sequence moving forward.

“We’re going to have two of the districts up for election in 2024 and two of the districts up for election in 2026,” said NDC consultant Kristen Parks. “Think of it as a rollout; we just have to decide where we start the rollout.”



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Attorney General Bonta Supports Federal Crackdown on Ghost Guns

By Olivia Wynkoop
Bay City News Foundation

In the company of attorneys general from 19 states and the District of Columbia, California Attorney General Rob Bonta backed a new federal rule against ghost guns in an amicus brief filed Monday.

The amicus brief, which is an opinion submitted to the court by a party not involved in a case but who carries weight, was supported by Bonta in the wake of mass shootings and the rise of ghost guns, his office said.

Ghost guns are firearms that are privately made without a serial number, making them essentially untraceable for law enforcement. Flying under the radar of state requirements, unlicensed owners and manufacturers forgo background checks and ownership recordings for these illegally produced firearms.

The U.S. Department of Justice said it has seen a tenfold increase in the amount of ghost guns seized by law enforcement since 2016. last

year alone, 20,000 suspected ghost guns were reported to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

In response, the Biden Administration issued a federal rule in April to extend firearm regulations to include homemade guns and easy-assembly gun kits. The rule, which will go into effect next month, will require buyers to pass background checks and for manufacturers to be licensed and produce serialized gun kits.

The rule has since been challenged by a Texas-based gun parts manufacturer, which argues the rule is not legally sound and threatens manufacturers' ability to stay in business. The group of attorneys general, along with Bonta, say state regulations need to be backed with meaningful federal oversight.

"There have been more mass shootings in the nation than days in the year in 2022," Bonta said in a statement. "In California, we know our protective measures work, but we need to

see such action nationwide."

In California, state law enforcement officers seized 12,388 ghost guns last year, in comparison to 26 in 2015. Though the California has the 44th lowest gun death rate in the nation, it is no exception to fatal shootings involving ghost guns. A recent example was in March 2022, when a shooter banned from purchasing firearms killed his three children, a chaperone and himself in a church in Sacramento. Or in 2019, when five Sagus High School students were shot, two killed, by their 16-year-old classmate with a gun made by a kit.

"I am in support of stronger federal efforts to curb the gun violence sweeping our country and the killing of thousands of Americans, including children," Bonta said. "We refuse to accept that gun deaths are somehow normal when we know that there are effective strategies to stop them. My office will continue to use every legal tool available to end this gun violence epidemic and to keep Californians safe."

Reporting of Positive Home COVID-19 Tests May Depend on Where You Live

By Eli Walsh , Bay City News Foundation

Two lines appear on your at-home COVID-19 test, indicating you've tested positive. Now what?

The answer can vary by county. Public health officials at the state and local level have advised that those who test positive stay home for at least five days if they have symptoms.

After five days, a negative test and improved symptoms are generally the ticket out of isolation. People are also not encouraged to seek additional PCR testing after the initial positive antigen test, which is sufficient on its own to seek treatment such as antiviral medication.

Across the Bay Area and Central Coast, only Marin and Sonoma counties encourage residents to report their at-home test results. Those who report a positive test will subsequently receive isolation and treatment guidelines and resources.

The other nine counties in the region either do not accept results from at-home tests or only request them in

the context of an outbreak at a workplace, office, or school. Those seeking to report an outbreak can do so via the School and Shared Portal for Outbreak Tracking, which is run out of the California Department of Public Health.

The increase in easily available at-home tests has lessened the testing burden on local public health agencies and larger multi-county health care providers, but officials have noted that fewer and fewer test results are being recorded at testing sites run by local governments or health care providers, both of which do report their positive COVID tests to the CDPH.

As a result, health officials have said in recent months, the true number of active COVID cases at any one time is likely higher than the figures that are tracked and publicly available.

"The testing in the community is now people testing at home, the antigen tests," San Mateo County Health Chief Louise Rogers told the county's Board of Supervisors Tuesday. "Which is great

that it's so accessible, but we don't receive those results."

Health officials have pivoted away from tracking raw COVID case numbers as an indicator of local virus transmission, focusing instead on hospitalizations, intensive care unit admissions and the amount of virus present in local wastewater systems. In any case, those who test positive are encouraged to contact their health care provider for further instruction on treatment, isolation and contact tracing.

COVID-positive people should also alert potential close contacts that they may have been exposed to the virus.

Full guidance from the CDPH about isolation after a positive COVID test can be found at bit.ly/3PwXfUg. In addition, specific COVID-positive guidance in a given county can be found via a county's public health department. Those living in Marin County can report their positive at-home COVID test at bit.ly/3RLxuSx. Sonoma County residents can do the same at bit.ly/3RN8jhA.

OBITUARIES

Virginia M. Williams
Dec. 8, 1945 — July 2, 2022



Virginia (Dee) Williams passed away very peacefully on July 2 after a valiant, heroic and very long battle with Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis. Dee touched many lives and always demonstrated love and affection to all she met. Caring for and teaching children were her passions and brought great joy to her during her life.

Dee was born and raised in Oakland, California. The daughter of Mercedes and James Isom, Dee was one of nine children. She moved, with her mother and two sisters, to Pleasant Hill, California in the late 60s. She was a graduate of St. Elizabeth High School. Her first job out of high school was as an Executive Secretary for the Department of Agriculture in Berkeley, California. She held that job after she and her husband Nick were married in 1967. After college, for Nick they moved to Livermore, California in 1969 to be close to her husband's job at the Lawrence Livermore Lab. To provide a second source of income, she ran her own day care center. She had this job for many years and once tallied up how many different kids she had in her charge, and the total was 87.

When her health was in decline, she went to work at a local pediatrician's office of Abbanat and Lee. Her MS

slowly increased in severity, so she then took on a job at St. Michael's School in Livermore as a first-grade teacher's assistant. As you can tell, all of her jobs involved being around and supporting children. Her volunteer involvements included the head of the St. Michael's Church Altar Society for many years and as a volunteer of for the American Cancer Society in the Livermore-Pleasanton area for the "Look Good, Feel Better" Program for women who have undergone breast cancer and chemotherapy. Dee was a breast cancer survivor, so her work with the American Cancer Society was very important to her.

One of Dee's favorite activities after retirement was playing cards with her Bunco peeps: Eileen, Jan, Rita, Rosemarie, Diane and Loretta. Of course, money was always in-

volved! Dee is survived by her husband of 54 years, Nicholas (Nick) Williams of Livermore; four children Christopher (Elizabeth) of Livermore, Nicole Williams of Santa Barbara, Paul (Megan) Williams of Truckee and Laurie (Brent) Gallant of Longmont, Colorado. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, Lindsay, Ashley, Chloe, Madeline, Samantha, Teddy, Kai and Finn; and two great-grandchildren, Leland and Josie.

In lieu of flowers the family requests a donation to the MS Society at www.nationalmssociety.org/Donate or St. Michael's School, Livermore. Friends and Family are invited to the funeral service at the Graham-Hitch Funeral Home 4167 First Street, Pleasanton, California, 925-846-5624 on August 16, 2022, at 6 p.m. A reception will follow at 7:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse at Las Positas Golf Club, 915 Clubhouse Drive, Livermore. Dee has requested that you please wear happy clothes, like pastels with plenty of happy colors and be happy. She says that one day she will see you all again, and when you do, if heaven is like she thinks it is, she will be skinny again. One of the lines from one of the best songs ever written is the line, "The greatest thing you'll ever learn is to love and be loved in return." That was Dee's life.

Larry L. Shaw
Dec. 22, 1934 — June 29, 2022



Larry, a 52-year resident of Pleasanton, passed away peacefully on June 29 at home, surrounded by his family, after a brief battle with Leukemia. He was a beloved husband of 57 years to Carol, loving father to Kerry Miller (Mike) and Eric Shaw (Margaret), an adored grandpa of Justin Miller, Conner Miller, Alexis Shaw, Sophia Shaw and a newly great-grandpa to Addison Miller.

He was born in Thief River Falls, Minnesota to Bert Shaw and Inger Mikelson. As a child, he lived in Westly, Wisconsin, Newton, Iowa and Northfield, Minnesota. He attended Saint Olaf College where he was a stand-out on the track team, graduating in 1957. In 1958, Larry moved West, accepting a position at the Lawrence

Livermore National Laboratory as a physicist. He spent most of his time at the lab working on hydrodynamic test diagnostics, specializing in ultra-high-speed photography. He worked at the Lab for 36 years, retiring in 1994.

Larry was extremely active and had numerous interests and hobbies. He enjoyed fly fishing with friends, traveling with his wife Carol, relaxing in "his chair" with a good book and listening to music. He was a longtime member of SIR branch 101 in Livermore and enjoyed the monthly luncheons with friends, discussing a wide variety of topics. He was a huge sports enthusiast and enjoyed watching all the local teams compete.

Larry will be missed by friends and family and will be remembered with love and fondness by all who knew him. A celebration of life will be held August 20 at 11 a.m. at Lynnewood United Methodist Church located at 4444 Black Avenue Pleasanton, California 94566.

Juanita Perry
July 25, 1934 — July 19, 2022



Juanita (Nita) Perry, a longtime resident of Livermore, California, passed away on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, in Tracy, California. She was 87.

Nita was born on July 25, 1934, in Saratoga, California to John and Sofie Elizzary. She married Edward Perry in July 1954. Though she had several jobs, she retired from Valley Memorial Hospital after 25 years of service. After which, she worked part-time as a "sampler" at Costco and was recognized several times for her demonstration skills and high number of product sales.

Nita enjoyed country music, playing bingo, walking and spending time with her family. Her two favorite teams were the San Francisco Giants and Golden State Warriors.

She would proudly wear their colors on the days they played. Nita lived at Heritage Estates in Livermore for 18 years. She enjoyed the lifestyle this community offered, the many

friends she made and didn't miss a game of bingo.

Nita is survived by her daughter Cyndie Ross; her two sons Wayne Perry and Jeff Perry; sister Thelma Maldonado; two granddaughters Ashton McManus and Kendra Perry; great-granddaughter Perry McManus; and great-grandson Pierce McManus.

There will be no service. The family would like to thank the staff at National Hospice for their care and support. The mantra she lived by was, "Love, light and peace."

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

Ann Kip West
July 6, 1929 — June 13, 2022

Kip was born in San Francisco on July 6, 1929, the first child of Charles and Mary Watson. She graduated from Convent of the Sacred Heart High School in 1947. She became a Registered Nurse in 1952 after graduating from St. Luke's Nursing School, San Francisco. She loved skiing and went on many different ski trips around the West. On one ski trip, she met Harry I. West, Jr. They were married at Grace Cathedral Chapel, San Francisco, on June 28, 1956, and settled in Livermore, as Harry worked at Lawrence Livermore Lab. In addition to Kip becoming involved with her children's activities, such as Boy Scouts and Camp Fire, the family enjoyed outdoor adventures, spending summers in the Sierra's camping, backpacking and taking burro

trips and winters skiing. Hobbies included Stitchery Group, Genealogical Society, Friends of the Vineyard, dancing and playing Mrs. Tru at Ravenswood. Kip especially enjoyed flower arranging, mostly in Ikebana - Japanese style, for which she won many awards. She had a passion for travel that began in infancy. Kip loved visiting her grandchildren, living overseas in her later years. Kip was active in St. Bartholomew's Church, being on various committees, serving as lay reader, flower guild, sewing many of the banners, vestments and other items.

Kip passed peacefully in her sleep at Creekview Health Center, Pleasanton, on June 13, 2022. She will be laid to rest in the Kip Family plot in Cypress Lawn, Colma,

California. She is survived by her children, Karen Gruhlke (Russ), David West, Liza Brozek Boyer (Jeff), Leonard West (Angela); grandchildren Brandon, Melanie, CJ, Klara and Ethan. She was preceded in death by her husband Harry.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to St. Dorothy's Rest Episcopal Camp and Retreat Center, Camp Meeker (She was involved with them since her childhood). And, to St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Livermore. The Memorial Service for Kip West will be held on Saturday, July 30, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Bartholomew's Church on 678 Enow Way, Livermore, California. A reception in the lounge at the church will follow.

Lee O. Tennant
Sept. 30, 1934 — June 29, 2022



Lee O. Tennant passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on June 29, 2022, at the age of 87. He was born on Sept. 30, 1934, in San Francisco, California. He is predeceased by his parents William and Hildegard Tennant; and his sister Arlene Rosenberg. Lee is survived by his wife of 56 years Mitsuko (Mona) Tennant; children Bill Tennant (Carol), Larry Tennant and Mari Waite (Jeff); grandchildren Charlotte & Violet Waite; and nieces Barbara Rosenberg and Janice Keever.

Lee was born and raised in San Francisco, attending Lowell High School, San Francisco City College and then graduating from San Francisco State University with a mathematics degree. Lee resided in Livermore for many years and always considered Livermore his true home. He met and married the love of his life, Mona. He

worked at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for 29 years as a computer programmer. After retirement, he went to work for himself as a tax preparer from his home. He loved being his own boss.

He loved to read, listen to jazz and classical music and play the piano. He cultivated an amazing vegetable garden and traveled the world. He loved his animals ... cats and his "favorite" dog, Enza.

Robert Manuel Calaway
Dec. 23, 1948 — July 4, 2022



Bob Calaway peacefully passed away after a long illness at the age of 73 in his home surrounded by his loving family and a few dear friends on the evening of July 4. Bob was survived by his wife of almost 53 years, Janet; children Rob (Naomi) Calaway and Lorri (Brad) Gronley; grandchildren Jacob, Matthew and Abigail Calaway and Cole and Chloe Gronley.

Bob grew up in the Hayward area. Their story began when Bob and Janet met in 7th grade and later graduated from Tennyson High School in 1967. Bob and Janet were married in 1969. They started their family and moved to Livermore in 1974 when Bob became a Livermore Firefighter. Bob participated in all of his kids' activities, including being a chaperon for many field trips, music events and sports activities,

being their coach, driver, snack provider and whatever else was needed. That support continued with all of his grandchildren, transporting them to and from school, taking them to activities and, again, the list goes on. His philosophy through life was always "family first."

Bob was one of the few people that truly loved his job. He was promoted to Captain in 1979, was Firefighter of the Year in 1988 and 2000, certified EMT, Hazardous Materials Specialist, Training Officer, acting Division Chief and played many other roles. Bob retired in 2002 and returned part-time as a training coordinator for the fire tower, where he taught, created videos and wrote procedural manuals. Bob enjoyed traveling but never liked to be gone too long. Besides travelling to different states and countries, he also enjoyed Disney, whether it was their resorts, theme parks or movies. He had many DIY projects, and he enjoyed cooking. Bob was a beautiful, kind, loving person. His family and friends are heartbroken over his passing, and he will always be forever in their hearts.

Tuesday Tunes Series Blows In With the Hurricane Band

August 2, Tuesday Tunes welcomes The Hurricane Band to the Shea Home Stage at 6:45 p.m.

Hosted by the Livermore Cultural Arts Council (LCAC), the popular musi-

cal event takes place in front of the Bankhead Theater.

For the past 30 years, The Hurricane Band specializes in rock, classic rock, R&B and dance tunes. Hailing from the San Francisco

East Bay area, the band includes lead singer Joanie Davis backed up by Dave Gamble on electric and acoustic guitar. Corey Norton brings solid bass riffs and Greg Johnston brings a wide scope of lead guitar licks ranging from Santana to Tom Petty. Patrick Alvarez rounds out the band with impeccable rhythm on the drums.

Through August 16, LCAC brings family-friendly, free entertainment to downtown with additional funding from Fremont Bank, Las Positas College Foundation, Uncle Credit Union, Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard, The Independent, and Joan and Lynn Seppala.

Next up is LunaFish on August 9. City Municipal Codes restricts alcohol consumption in public places.



The Hurricane Band performs live on the Shea Homes Stage, Aug. 2 at 6:45 p.m. The East Bay band plays rock, classic rock R&B and popular dance tunes. (Photo courtesy of Livermore Cultural Arts Council)

Firehouse Arts Hosts Exhibit of Floral Photographs

The Firehouse Arts Center is sponsoring a solo exhibition of floral photographs by Vanessa Thomas on the Pleasanton Art League Wall now through Saturday, Sept. 3.

Most of the 13 images are of Thomas's own garden in Dublin and reflect the diversity of California flora.

"Flowers are my passion

and photography provides the ideal window on their world," Thomas said of the exhibit. "Communing with nature is healing and observing the complex beauty of flowers is a meditative practice which is what draws me to create images that are joyful, colorful, and radiate positive vibes. People often say my work makes them

happy and that makes me happy, too."

Originally from South Africa, Thomas is the owner of Fable & Flora and co-founder of the Dublin Arts Collective.

at 4444 Railroad Ave. in Pleasanton. Firehouse Arts Center is also located at 4444 Railroad Ave., in Pleasanton.



The Firehouse Arts Center is hosting a solo exhibition of floral photographs by Dublin resident Vanessa now through Saturday, Sept. 3. (Photo courtesy of Firehouse Arts Center)

Theater Group Offers ASL Production of 'Joseph'

Stage 1 Theatre will perform "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" in English and American Sign Language (ASL) at the Firehouse Theater, 4444 Railroad Ave., in Pleasanton.

Including matinees, 11 weekend performances are scheduled between Saturday, Aug. 13, and Sunday, Aug. 28. The musical, with lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Weber, is a

family friendly retelling of the Biblical story of Joseph sung in different musical styles, including country and rock 'n' roll.

Joseph will be played by Noelle Wilder, a deaf actor, and voiced by Dane Lentz, a professional ASL interpreter and the son of deaf parents. Ashley Castellon, also the child of deaf adults, will be the narrator.

Directed by Patricia Pit-

piton and produced by Lorraine VanRod, "Joseph" will mark the Alameda County community theater group's return to in-person performances after a two-year break because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information or tickets, visit firehousearts.org or call 925-931-4848. The Firehouse Theater is part of the Firehouse Arts Center at 4444 Railroad Ave.

Alameda County Fair Attendance Tops 400,000

Visitors to the Alameda County Fair, which wrapped up a 19-day run on July 10, consumed more than 61,000 corn dogs, 25,000 funnel cakes, 13,000 barbecued turkey legs, 12,000 hamburgers, and 800 deep fried Twinkies, according to the nonprofit Alameda County Fair Association.

The official attendance for the fair, dubbed the Road to Summer 2022, was 418,553. Nearly 60,000 fans took in the 13 days of live horseracing at the historic, one-mile track at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

"The road to summer was a fun ride, packed with summer traditions and memories made," said Jerome Hoban, CEO for the Alameda County Fairgrounds. "We are thankful to all our amazing guests and community members who came out to enjoy the Fair and we can't wait to make more memories next year."

In addition to traditional activities, including concerts and family friendly outdoor movies, the fair, which returned to its summertime dates for the first time since 2019, introduced

a nightly drone light show over the Stella Artois Grandstands.

More than 2,200 exhibitors entered nearly 8,000 competitive events hosted by the fair. The Junior Livestock Auction brought in nearly \$900,000. A "Feed the Need" food drive collected more than 20,000 pounds of food for needy families, while a pet food drive collected another 3,500 pounds of pet food.

The fair association also reported 728 volunteers put in more than 7,500 hours during the run of the fair.

UNCLE Credit Union Hires New Mortgage Executive

Michele Murphy, former vice president of real estate at SF Fire Credit Union in San Francisco, has been named vice president of mortgage lending for UNCLE Credit Union in Livermore.

Over the past decade,



Michele Murphy

Murphy also held managerial and executive positions with the Operating Engineers Federal Credit Union, KeyPoint Credit Union, and Chevron Federal Credit Union, all in the Bay Area. She was also a senior account executive and underwriter with SunTrust Bank.

"Michele's extensive knowledge and experience in real estate and mortgage lending within credit unions will be a great asset to our executive team," said Harold Roundtree, UNCLE president and chief executive officer. "Her expertise is exactly what we at UNCLE have been looking for to oversee our entire Mortgage Lend-

ing Division."

A former member of the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) Lending Council, Murphy is a CUNA-certified credit union business lending professional. She is a board member for the East Bay Chapter of the California Association of Mortgage Professionals. Murphy also volunteers with the Livermore-based Open Heart Kitchen and was a board member for the Livermore Chapter of the National Charity League, which she helped form.

UNCLE Credit Union serves about 33,000 members in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus counties.

New Women's Basketball Coach Hits the Court at Las Positas

By Matt Schwab

New Las Positas College women's basketball coach Caleb Theodore describes being hired as a college head coach for the first time as a "blessing, 100 percent."

The enthusiastic Theodore comes to the Hawks after enjoying a highly successful season as first assistant coach for the Cal State East Bay women's team, which advanced to the NCAA Division II West Region Final, had a 24-3 overall mark and won the CCAA Tournament title. The Pioneers were 15-1 in conference play.

"In our minds he was a slam-dunk hire," said Las Positas athletic director James Giacomazzi of Theodore, a Modesto native who has played professionally in Montenegro and Australia.

Theodore has made a good first impression in Livermore by showing up early and staying late.

"He's got a lot of work to do and he's been doing it," Giacomazzi raved. "He's in the office every day; he's out in the community recruiting like crazy. He's really active in social media. He's done a good job of getting some early commitments already while still working on the roster."

The Hawks women's basketball program needs a quick jump-start after having been sidelined over the previous two seasons. The 2020-21 season was lost due to the Covid pandemic, and the 2021-22 campaign was canceled for the Hawks after former head coach Clarence Morgan retired.

Theodore says his primary goal is to "empower young women through the sport of basketball."

"It's very significant to me knowing that I can still be in the East Bay Area in Alameda County (at Las Positas) and still be able to make an impact in the community and in the lives of these young athletes. I've got some incredible women that I have the opportunity to work with," he says.

Previous to his work at Cal State East Bay, Theodore was a graduate assistant with the University of the Pacific women's team, in 2020-21, running the Tigers scout team and assisting with player development of guards and posts. He worked with the likes of Valerie Higgins, a third-round draft pick (25th overall) with the WNBA New York Liberty.

Theodore is finishing his second master's degree from Concordia University in Irvine, in Exercise Science (fall, 2022); and will be starting his PHD Candidacy program at the United States Sports Academy (USSA) for a doctoral degree in Sports Management with an emphasis in Exercise Science, Coaching and Title IX.

He also has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology at William Jessup University, where he played as a guard-forward. He also has 16 years coaching experience with the Modesto Basketball Academy, and was an assistant for the boys team at Gregori High in Modesto, among other Central Valley coaching jobs.

Though he was not signed professionally right after college basketball, that didn't stop Theodore. From 2017-2019, he went to international showcases in Germany and Ukraine to get exposure and land with a team. He performed well, networked, and hooked on with Montenegro, where he was named Basketball Association of Montenegro Newcomer of the Month in October 2019, also making history as the first Big Valley Christian College Prep (Modesto) graduate to play pro basketball.

tasks with the Pioneers were recruiting, scouting, film, and strength & conditioning. A dream season followed for the Pioneers.

"She (Stires) gave me a chance and we made history last year, and the rest is history," Theodore said.

He wants to show his new Hawks' players that they are capable of reaching the mountaintop themselves.

Giacomazzi appreciates that Theodore has "a lot of energy ... He's always doing something to try to advance the program ...



Caleb Theodore, far left, is the new women's basketball coach at Las Positas College. (Photo courtesy of Las Positas College)

He's doing a great job."

* Theodore took a step forward by hiring former Hawks player Ashley Hart as an assistant coach.

"She's great," Giacomazzi said of Hart. "She knows the lay of the land having played for Clarence and been a part of Las Positas, and now coming back on the coaching side. It's really exciting for her too."

* In other news, Las Positas is set to hire a new women's volleyball coach to fill that vacant position. Expect an announcement soon.

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The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Loyal Towing; 2. Angelos Towing; 3. ASAP Towing; 4. Advantage Towing; 5. Expedite Towing; 6. Quality Towing, 7573 National Drive, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Quds Holdings LLC, 2815 Andora Ave, San Diego, CA 92123. 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/: Kevin Mansour, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 23, 2022. Expires June 22, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5205 Published July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590005

The following person(s) doing business as: STS, Inc., 2476 Armstrong Street, Livermore, CA 94551-7617, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Special Tactics Solutions, Inc., 2476 Armstrong Street, Livermore, CA 94551-7617. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/6/2011. Signature of Registrant/s/: Shaun M. Rice, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 27, 2022. Expires June 26, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5206 Published July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589854

The following person(s) doing business as: BLV Insurance Services, 39812 Mission Blvd, Ste 107, Fremont, CA 94539, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Roberta Jean Severson, Tee of The Walter Reed Severson & Roberta Jean Severson 1993 Trust, 4077 Red Hill Road, Angels Camp, CA 95222; Laura Lilly, 34280 Tupelo Street, Fremont, CA 94555; Jessica T. Hum, 38712 Blacow Road, Fremont, CA 94536. 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: 1993. Signature of Registrant/s/: Laura Lilly, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 17, 2022. Expires June 16, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5207 Published July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590118

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Green Remodeling; 2. Green coffee; 3. Green Drone; 4. Rhyme Investing, 3168 Paseo Granada, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Stephen Ng, 3168 Paseo Granada, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Stephen Ng, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 1, 2022. Expires June 30, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5208 Published July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589796

The following person(s) doing business as: Asian Pacific Janitorial Service, 2188 Rosedale Ave, Oakland, CA 94601, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kao Saele,

2188 Rosedale Ave, Oakland, CA 94601. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/1/22. Signature of Registrant/s/: Kao Saele, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 16, 2022. Expires June 15, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5209 Published July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590096

The following person(s) doing business as: His & Hers - Title 24 Raters, 18941 Stanton Ave, Castro Valley, CA 94546, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nes Desk, 18941 Stanton Ave, Castro Valley, CA 94546. 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: 4/1/22. Signature of Registrant/s/: Seli Kisos, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 30, 2022. Expires June 29, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5210 Published July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590161

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Giin Thai Cafe 2. Tora Ramen 3. Tiger Ramen, 3276 Adeline Street, Berkeley, CA 94703, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tiger LLC, 3276 Adeline Street, Berkeley, CA 94703. 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/: Jaturakorn Pinpech, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 5, 2022. Expires July 4, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5211. Published July 14, 21, 28, August 4, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590040

The following person(s) doing business as: Mavens & Co. Collective, 616 Main St. Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Cheers to Happy Hair, Inc., 616 Main Street, 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: 6/15/22. Signature of Registrant/s/: Keith M. Osile, Treasurer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 28, 2022. Expires June 27, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5212. Published July 14, 21, 28, August 4, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590163

The following person(s) doing business as: Elevated Auto Shine, 609 Heather Glenn LN, San Leandro, CA 94578, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Rise and Shine Mobile Detailing LLC, 3400 Cottage Way, Ste G2 #9958, Sacramento, CA 95825. 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/: Terry Saetum, Owner/Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 5, 2022. Expires July 4, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5213. Published July 14, 21, 28, August 4, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590130

The following person(s) do-

ing business as: Doing Single Gods Way LLC, 6701 Koll Center Parkway, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Doing Single Gods Way LLC, 6701 Koll Center Parkway, Pleasanton, CA 94566. 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/: Jacquelyn Washington, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 1, 2022. Expires June 30, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5214. Published July 14, 21, 28, August 4, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590232

The following person(s) doing business as: Jeff's Restoration Company, 3687 Old Santa Rita Rd, #21, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Auto Fixed, 3687 Old Santa Rita Rd, #21, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 3/1/22. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jeff Finley, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 6, 2022. Expires July 5, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5215. Published July 14, 21, 28, August 4, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590277

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Rhythmic Innovation LLC; 2. Drum Innovation; 3. Livermore Drum-circle, 3073 Talinga DR., Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Rhythmic Innovation LLC, 3073 Talinga DR., 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 15, 2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Lisa Mitzel, Founder and President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 8, 2022. Expires July 6, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5217. Published July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590203

The following person(s) doing business as: Canna Spice CBD Seasonings, 26545 Sunvale CT, Hayward, CA 94544, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Rafaele Lane, 26545 Sunvale CT, Hayward, CA 94544. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Rafaele Lane, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 6, 2022. Expires July 5, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5218. Published July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590270

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Norcal Restoration & Remediation; 2. Bay Area Restoration & Remediation, 4181 First Street, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Norcal Restoration & Remediation, 4181 First Street, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/1/22. Signature of Registrant/s/: Michael Harvey, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 8, 2022. Expires

July 7, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5219. Published July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590208

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590208

The following person(s) doing business as: Mark Card & Fine Gifts, 3340 Village Drive, Castro Valley, CA 94546, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): AJ IT I. Patel, 9507 Albert Dri, Dublin, CA 94568; Harshad I. Patel, 45670 Monclaire Ter, Fremont, CA 94539. 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: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ajit Patel, Managing Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 6, 2022. Expires July 5, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5220. Published July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590528

The following person(s) doing business as: Zen Tiger Mind, 22361 Queen St., Castro Valley, CA 94546, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Liza Mitzel, 22361 Queen St, 22361 Queen St, Castro Valley, CA 94546. 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: June 15, 2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Lisa Mitzel, Founder and President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 20, 2022. Expires July 19, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5221. Published July 28, August 4, 11, 18, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590372

The following person(s) doing business as: Bestchoice Enterprise, 26603 Gading Road, Apt. 114, Hayward, CA 94544, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bestchoice Enterprise, 26603 Gading Road, Apt. 114, Hayward, CA 94544. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/17/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Pamela N. Okwodu-Enabunlele, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 13, 2022. Expires July 12, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5222. Published July 28, August 4, 11, 18, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590496

The following person(s) doing business as: Palm Desert Estate Solutions, 6206 Harmon Ave, Oakland, CA 94621, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Marc Ampil, 6206 Harmon Ave, Oakland, CA 94621. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the reg-

istrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Marc Ampil, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 18, 2022. Expires July 17, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5223. Published July 28, August 4, 11, 18, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590481

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590173

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Livermore Police Officer Scott Harrison has been promoted to sergeant, according to a department announcement. Harrison, who joined the force in 2004, has served as a patrol officer, field training officer, motor officer, and narcotics detective. His supplemental duties have included crime scene technician, and firearms instructor. (Photo courtesy of Livermore Police Department)

MADD Honors Livermore Officers

Livermore police officer Kurt Cofer recently received a 2022 MADD Award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) California for making 34 arrests for driving under the influence (DUI) or drugs or alcohol in 2021. MADD is a nationwide nonprofit organization that works to end drunk or drug-

impaired driving and under-aged drinking. The Northern California chapter is based in Dublin. Cofer and Livermore reserve officer Don Swanson also received Outstanding Officer Awards this month at MADD California’s annual awards ceremony in Danville.



Left: Livermore Police Reserve Officer Don Swanson, Livermore Police Traffic Officer Kurt Cofer and Livermore Police Retired Officer Wes Morgan recently received Outstanding Officer Awards during a Mothers Against Drunk Driving event in Danville.. (Photo courtesy of LPD)

Recent Granada Graduate Running for School Board

A Livermore resident and recent graduate of Granada High School, has announced his candidacy for a seat on the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) Board of Education in November.

“I was a student in this



Hayden Sidun

district for over 10 years,” Sidun said in his campaign announcement. “It is crucial that we elect a recent graduate, someone who has recently been directly impacted by this school board’s decisions, and finally have a school board trustee who understands a student’s perspective and can truly advocate for our students.”

Sidun said he hopes to address issues such as outdated textbooks, mental health support, and COVID-19 protocols, that he believes the school board has not properly addressed. A primary motivation, he said, was an attempt by the district to conduct a wellness survey of its students.

“The school district thought it would be a good idea to have wellness surveys that were to be conducted each Wednesday dur-

ing a 10-minute homeroom period,” Sidun said. “One of these surveys included a video from a highly political media organization with absolutely no place in public schools that effectively told students facing stress and mental health issues to suck it up. Thankfully, my teacher turned off the video and moved on with class, but I found it very troubling, as I’m sure many other students did.”

Sidun also has mixed feelings about the school board’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“On top of the abrupt transition to distance learning, the school district provided very little support for teachers who had to adjust their lesson plans to accommodate distance learning and for students who faced worsening mental health, a lack of educational motivation, and a decline in social skills and opportunities,” Sidun said. “I felt the effects of that, and it was blatantly obvious that no one was getting the support they needed.”

Sidun, who graduated from Granada a trimester early in 2022, is now studying political science at Las Positas College. He was active in local campaigns in 2020, focusing on social media and voter outreach, and is now an intern for the California Assembly. He is also a staffer on Dublin councilmember Shawn Kumagai’s campaign for the Assembly.

For more information, visit sidunforlvjUSD.com.

Library to Host Scary Story Campfire

The Livermore Public Library will join the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District to host Campfire Scary Stories for teens at Sycamore Grove Park from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 12.

After a short walk from the Arroyo Road park entrance to the Sycamore Grove Reservable Picnic Area, rangers will get the evening story with a scary story. The teens will then have an opportunity to tell their own scary stories. The evening will also include s’mores.

The event is free and open to students going into grade six through 12. To register, call 925-373-5500 or visit the information desk at any Livermore Public Library branch.

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