

Classifying Tesla Park Is Delayed For 2 Years

Park's Future as Natural or Cultural Reserve in Question

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — State Park and Recreation planners announced recently that they will delay a decision on how the public will eventually utilize Tesla Park until sometime in 2027.

The decision on the park's classification — a finding that would determine whether the 3,100-acre site will be preserved or used for recreational activities ranging from hiking to camping or even if roads will be built in the park — was expected to come this fall during the first half of a lengthy two-part planning process.

But officials announced at a Sept. 12 Park and Recreation Commission meeting in San Diego that they have received

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Pleasanton

PUSD Wants Ghysels For '24-25

Superintendent Asks For Full-time Salary

By Ruth Roberts

PLEASANTON — The Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) board of trustees has unanimously agreed to rehire Interim Superintendent Maurice Ghysels for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year pending approval of a new contract by Ghysels and the board.

"I am hopeful that we can come to an agreement with Dr. Ghysels," said PUSD Board President Mary Jo Carreon. "He is working hard to rebuild trust and increase communication and visibility. We have tough times ahead with budget cuts looming and we need someone who can lead us during this difficult time."

According to Carreon, staff will work on a revised contract and report back to the board for discussion during an upcoming closed-session meeting.

Ghysels, the retired superintendent of the Menlo Park City School District, has been working as interim superintendent since July. Under the California education code, a

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Visit Tri-Valley has unveiled plans to build a massive 100,000-square-foot events center in Dublin, Livermore or Pleasanton. The facility would host major sporting events such as basketball or volleyball tournaments, in addition to corporate events and trade shows, and can be converted into a 5,000-seat performance venue. (Image courtesy of Visit Tri-Valley)

Visit Tri-Valley

Multi-Use Events Center Proposed

Arena to Host Sports, Arts, Trade Shows and Corporate Events

By Christina Cavallaro

LIVERMORE — Visit Tri-Valley, the marketing organization for overnight visitors, unveiled a plan to build a state-of-the-art events center in either Dublin, Livermore or Pleasanton.

The events center would have a footprint of at least 100,000 square feet, large enough to support multiple uses including national and

international sporting events, plus arts and entertainment, corporate events and trade shows, and a variety of smaller events. The facility is planned to be able to seat 5,000 people.

Visit Tri-Valley has not estimated what the total cost of the new events center will be, but the project will be funded as a private-public partnership, said Robin Fahr, the organization's vice president of marketing and communications.

Construction of the project is expected to start within the next three years, although an opening date has not been set.

"We didn't want to waste any more time, or lose any more business to competitors," said Tracy Farhad, CEO of Visit Tri-Valley. "So we formed a task force and with some regional thought leaders, got to business right away."

The group has identified a half-dozen locations and

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Alameda County

Civilian Oversight Board Imposed On Sheriff's Dept.

Decision Follows Jail Deaths and Lawsuits

By Larry Altman

ALAMEDA COUNTY — Nearly four years after the legislature gave them the authority to act, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday to establish civilian oversight of its sheriff's department, an agency beset with lawsuits and deaths in its county jail.

Supervisors Lena Tam, Elisa Marquez and Keith Carson voted in favor of the measure.

Supervisor David Haubert was absent from the meeting. Supervisor Nate Miley abstained, saying he disagreed with some facets of the plan.

The approval will require a second vote following conferences with unions representing sheriff's deputies and other

county employees that could result in some changes.

For now, the supervisors' approval will establish a nine-member civilian board to monitor the Sheriff's Office's activities and create an independent Inspector General (IG) to watch over the agency's activities, conditions at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, use-of-force incidents, and compliance with civil rights laws, public complaints and more.

"(Public safety) is one of those sacred areas, just like voting is one of those sacred areas, just like healthcare is one of those sacred areas, that we have a responsibility of overseeing as elected officials in this county," Supervisor Keith Carson said before casting his vote in favor

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The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department marked the 23rd anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks at Fire Station 1 in Pleasanton with a ceremony and a lowering of the U.S. flag to half-staff. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)

Dublin

School Board Considers Cell, Electronics Ban

Students Concerned Policy Is Too Strict

By Ruth Roberts

DUBLIN — The Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) board is hanging up on cell phone use in the classroom.

DUSD trustees got a first look at a district-wide proposal last week during a regular board meeting, presented by Matt Campbell, assistant superintendent of educational services. The plan would ban in-class use of all electronic devices such as cell phones, smartwatches, headphones and other mobile devices.

Since 2019, the state education code has left decisions regarding cell phone and other electronics use up to administrators and teachers. But now, under a new state law signed on Aug. 13 by Gov. Gavin Newsom, all school districts must have a cohesive policy plan by 2026. Those policies will have to also be reviewed and updated every five years.

As proposed, DUSD students up through 8th grade must turn off and put away all devices during the school day. High school students may use their devices before and after

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Splatter, Dublin's annual family celebration, brought its usual colorful music and entertainment events to Emerald Glen Park. The day's attractions included concerts and a sunset dance party (See story on page 3). (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)

Livermore

Lions Mark a Century of Service

By Christina Cavallaro

LIVERMORE — The Livermore Lions Club roared in 100 years of service with a celebratory anniversary luncheon at Cattlemens restaurant on Sunday, Sept. 15.

Linda Wagner-Griffin, past district governor of 4-C3, the district that comprises Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, welcomed the group. Lions District 4-C3 has 1,076 members among 43 clubs. "You're growing, you're doing great things in your community and we look forward to more

in the next 100 years," said Wagner-Griffin.

Lions Clubs are a network of over 1.4 million members in 49,000 clubs as part of the largest service organization in the world, Lions Club International, active in 200 countries and geographic areas around the globe.

The western-themed room was packed with past and present leaders of the organization and even two Livermore chapter members based in Philadelphia who made the long trip just to be there.

Ben Barrientos, Livermore city council member and president of the Livermore Lions Club, pointed out the presence of Livermore and Foothill High School's Leos, members of the Lions' youth program. The Leo program was introduced in 1957 to give youth an opportunity for personal development through volunteer work. Today there are 200,000 Leos worldwide.

"Hopefully they will be Lions in the future," Barrientos said.

He also acknowledged Mayor John Marchand,

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PET OF THE WEEK



MARCUS WASHINGTON

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Ex-Girlfriend Arrested in Year-Old Stabbing Death

By Ruth Roberts

An Oakland woman has been arrested in connection with the fatal stabbing last year of 32-year-old Pleasanton resident Edevion White.

Kennedy Stith, 27, was arrested in her home in Oakland on Sept. 12 and booked into the Santa Rita Jail on homicide charges, according to the Pleasanton Police Department. She

is being held without bail. White, originally from Tennessee, was killed in his home on Owens Drive in Pleasanton on May 1, 2023. It was initially reported by a witness that two male suspects wearing ski masks had invaded White’s home, where they fatally stabbed him.

During an investigation that ran nearly a year and a half, Pleasanton detectives determined the claim was

false, and that White knew his assailant.

“They were in a relationship,” said Lt. Erik Sillaci in an email to The Independent. “Through our investigation, we determined the suspect fabricated the robbery story to cover up the homicide.”

Last month, Pleasanton police issued a press release stating that new developments, including an anonymous tip, may

have provided additional insights into the case and urged the public to come forward with any information to help corroborate the new information.

“The City of Pleasanton extends its heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Edevion White, and we are working closely with them during this challenging period,” police said in a statement on Sept. 13. “We appre-

ciate the community’s patience and cooperation during this investigation, and we remain committed to ensuring the safety of our community.”

The Pleasanton Police Department worked closely on the investigation with the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office and the California Department of Justice and the California Highway Patrol’s Special Operations Unit.



Edevion White

Denis Pascal Brings Ravel and Brahms to Life at the Bankhead

By Christina Cavallaro

The first concert of the 35th season of the Pacific Chamber Orchestra started off with a bang — or a slap, actually, from a slapstick, which is a symphony percussion instrument that consists of two pieces of wood that are hit together to create a whip cracking sound.

“And we’re off to the races,” said Lawrence Kohl, the Pacific Chamber Orchestra’s conductor and musical director, known for his creative programming and daring interpretations.

True to form, Kohl selected two seemingly incongruent works, Ravel’s Concerto in G followed by Brahms’ Symphony No. 3, and joined forces with French national

treasure, pianist Denis Pascal, to express them at the Bankhead Theater this past Sunday, Sept. 15.

Kohl told the audience, “So we’re putting Ravel and Brahms together today. It’s an interesting juxtaposition.”

“Ravel was from the Impressionist era,” he said, akin in art terms to Van Gogh or Monet, when it was all about colors and giving the impression of a thing, versus creating a realistic representation of a painting or a composition. “But he has a classical aesthetic.” Brahms on the other hand, Kohl explained, was from the Romantic era. “He was a classicist with a romantic heart.”

When Pascal touched the keys of the Steinway with such majesty, it’s no exagger-

ation to say that the warmth felt like the light of golden hour had washed over the entire theater.

The French pianist is known for his performances



Denis Pascal (Photo courtesy of Pacific Chamber Orchestra)

as a soloist and chamber musician, as well as his re-

cordings of the complete Hungarian Rhapsodies by Liszt, in which his expressive power earned him worldwide acclaim. At the Bankhead, he seemed to be using himself, the piano, and the rest of the orchestra as a palette from which he filled the room with color and memory.

What felt like passages of birth, first love, heartache, longing, lust, resignation, contemplation, and solace were conveyed through Ravel’s use of unusual instruments.

“Not just the regular old oboe, but the English horn, which has a little different texture to it,” Kohl pointed out. “He uses the E flat piccolo clarinet, as well as the clarinet. You know, so he adds some extra colors in there and he does things with the

percussion.”

There was something so familiar, you could easily, and mistakenly, have attributed the work’s familiarity to the soundtrack from a movie or TV show that you couldn’t quite put your finger on... until it dawned on you that it was intended be the musical score of a life — your life — with all its highs and lows, that ebbed and flowed through Pascal’s fingers dancing along the keys.

Pascal and the orchestra played almost as one; the flutes became whispers; the harp a caress; the horns a goodbye. It was impossible not to be moved to tears.

Kohl chose to end the program with the Brahms piece. “Some people find it hard to end a concert with

this because it ends quietly,” he said. And often conductors will make sure to have the Brahms in the first half of the program and some other big work in the second half.

“I really think that just destroys what the symphony is all about. I like to think of it as after going through all this drama and angst and yearning and everything, you know, in life, you kind of find this angle of repose, where things settle. And you don’t need crashing and banging after that.”

Kohl ended the Brahms Symphony No. 3 with a literal self-hug. Facing the orchestra with his back to the audience, he slowly wrapped himself with his own arms to indicate the slow descent, and by the time he was fully enveloped, the orchestra was silent.

Vietnamese Artists to Discuss Diaspora Experience in Exhibit

Three artists of Vietnamese heritage will join curator Ken MacLennan on Saturday, Sept. 21, to discuss the “Textures of Remembrance” exhibit currently on display at the Museum on Main in Pleasanton.

The exhibit, “Textures of Remembrance: Vietnamese Artists and Writers Reflect on the Vietnamese Diaspora,” uses the end of the Vietnam War in April 1975

as a starting point to explore the experience of the Vietnamese diaspora through visual arts, prose and poetry.

It features work by 25 Vietnamese artists, including Terri Trang Lê, Vi Son Trinh and Julie Thi Underhill, who will be participating in the discussion.

Lê is a first-generation Vietnamese American, born to immigrant parents, who say she grew up curious

about her family’s roots.

She now holds a bachelor’s degree in art history from the University of Maryland and master’s degrees in both museum studies and business administration from John F. Kennedy University in Pleasant Hill, California.

Lê is currently major gifts manager at Stop AAPI Hate, a San Francisco nonprofit that works to protect the civil and human rights of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the U.S.

Trinh is a Vietnamese American who was born in a refugee camp in Indonesia. A “visual storyteller,” he is now based in the Bay Area and currently working on two projects, “Stories We Carry,” about immigrant and refugee experiences and “Silk Rise,” a photo series that explores the traditional and contemporary wearing

of the “ao dai,” a split tunic worn over silk pants that is considered the national garment of Vietnam.

He is also a registered cardiac nurse in the Los Angeles area.

Underhill, who describes herself as a “mixed-race daughter” of the Vietnam war, is now an artist, photographer, filmmaker and scholar.

She has an interdisciplinary bachelor’s degree in fine arts, film and history from The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, and a master’s degree in ethnic studies from the University of California, Berkeley.

She teaches parttime at the California College of the Arts in San Francisco and is a grant writer for the Diasporic Vietnamese Artists Network.

Her contribution to the “Textures of Remembrance” exhibit is a painting, “21 Gia Long Street,” based on

news photographs and her parents’ personal stories of evacuating Saigon, now Ho Chi Minh City, in April 1975.

The panel discussion, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the museum, 603 Main St., is free and open to the public. However, seating is limited and registration is required. To register for the program, call 925-462-2766.

“Textures of Remembrance” is a traveling exhibit created by the Diasporic Vietnamese Artists Network

in partnership with the Oakland Asian Cultural Center.



Archival photograph from The Stories We Carry series, 2018, by Vi Son Trinh (Courtesy of the artist)

Livermore-based Nonprofit Culinary Angels Names Mansoor Sakhiy Executive Director

Mansoor Sakhiy, former chief executive officer with Orphans in Need USA in Dublin, has been named executive director by Culinary Angels.

Culinary Angels is a Livermore-based nonprofit that provides meals and nutrition education for cancer patients and their caregivers in the Tri-Valley area.

Sakhiy succeeds Lisa McNaney, who announced this summer that she would be stepping down as executive director of the organization she founded in 2016.

“I am incredibly honored to join Culinary An-

gels as the new executive director,” Sakhiy said. “The mission of providing

Mansoor Sakhiy

nourishing meals to those facing a cancer challenge deeply resonates with me.

I’m excited to work alongside such a dedicated staff, volunteers and board members who have been instrumental in driving this impactful mission forward.”

According to his LinkedIn profile, Sakhiy has a bachelor’s degree in sociology and marketing from California State University, Northridge and a master’s in business administration from Regis University in Colorado.

He was with Orphans in Need USA, a local nonprofit that partners with the British charity, Orphans in Need, to provide support

for orphans in more than a dozen countries, for almost three years.

Sakhiy was also with the Islamic Relief Fund USA from 2007 to 2017, when he left to co-found and serve as executive director of Muslim Aid USA. He also ran his own consulting firm, Rumi Consulting Group, from 2017 to 2023.

Pleasanton Pizzeria Earns Award and Recognition for Best Sauce Recipe

Much Ado About Pizza, a Pleasanton pizzeria,

finished second in a Best Traditional Sauce Com-

petition sponsored by the Pizza Tomorrow Summit at the California Restaurants Show in Los Angeles.

The Pizza Tomorrow Summit is an annual pizza industry convention that will be held in Orlando, Florida, in November. It sponsored a pavilion at the California Restaurants Show and hosted the inaugural California Pizza Challenge.

The Pleasanton pizzeria, owned and operated by Kira Zabrowski, also finished in the top 10 in the 3 Cheese Challenge. Much Ado About Pizza is at 1991 Santa Rita Road.



Much Ado About Pizza takes 2nd prize in Los Angeles contest. (Photo courtesy of Kira Zabrowski)

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Splatter Gives Big-Time Festival Feel to Dublin

By Christina Cavallaro

Splatter, Dublin’s annual family-friendly festival, closed out summer this

past Saturday, Sept. 14, in Emerald Glen Park. The event, which has been held since 2012, featured a colorful array of car-

nival rides, games, food trucks and vendor booths sprinkled throughout and lining the perimeters and walkways.



The Las Vegas Taylor Swift tribute band, Twist On Taylor, performed on the main stage at Splatter on Saturday, Sept. 14, in Emerald Glen Park. The annual daylong festival featured music and interactive entertainment for families. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)

The food, wine, art and music event is known and loved for reflecting Dublin’s racially diverse and multicultural community. According to the city’s website, the one-day festival attracts approximately 20,000 visitors who stroll through its World Craft Bazaar shopping zone, sampling local wines and beers, and noshing on an overwhelming array of multinational foods.

But this year’s buzz was all about the music — specifically the Las Vegas-based Taylor Swift tribute band, Twist on Taylor, who performed in the second-to-last slot of the day’s shows. Any young person from about age 8-18 seemed to be present and accounted for in front of the main stage. The performer’s talent at emulating the pop star

(she did look like the real Taylor) and/or the kids’ ability to suspend their disbelief to an audience so enthusiastic it was as if no one had told them this was not the real Taylor.

The music wasn’t just confined to the stages: Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles, America’s first all-female mariachi ensemble, roamed through the crowd in bright blue ornamented trousers and short jackets. Established in 1994, Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles has blazed a trail for female musicians in a traditional Mexican musical landscape dominated by men.

Beyond the three performance stages which showed a variety of hip hop, Chinese, Hawaiian and Scottish dance, martial arts and poetry readings, there were a substantial

number of carnival attractions. Unlike many county fair rides which can sometimes feel a bit gritty, these rides and games were cheerful and clean. A cute little caravan of VW bus replicas chugged around on a small track with smiling kids inside. A bungee jump located in the middle of everything was seldom without a child yo-yo-ing above the crowds.

The well-run event featured enough interactive activities that kids were kept entertained and parents could kick back and enjoy the food and drink. For one man, apparently a Splatter veteran, the event offered an opportunity to erect an open-sided inflatable tent to create a little house for the day for his family, as if he hoped to never leave.

GPAC Debates Greenbelts, More Park and Open Space Access

By David Jen

Livermore’s General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) is considering policy initiatives that could lead to the establishment of greenbelts and areas for wildlife movement, more recreational opportunities, supporting agriculture and preserving open space views.

The committee also provided policy feedback on public safety in a meeting last week.

Livermore is updating its general plan, a document that establishes broad principles and goals in the city that will guide development and planning for the next 20 years. City staff expect the city council to adopt the updated plan next year, which will set the stage for the city’s growth and evolution through 2045.

The plan’s Open Space and Natural Resources Conservation Element focuses on “protecting and restoring the environmental resources within and surrounding the city and ensuring access to parks and open space,” according to a city staff report.

For the update, city staff focused on the es-

tablishment of greenbelts and urban separations, and equitable park and open space access. The greenbelts would facilitate wildlife movement, recreational opportunities, agriculture and viewsheds, according to a city staff report.

Resident Jean King urged GPAC to look beyond greenbelts when considering open space policies.

“I’m glad that you’re emphasizing a greenbelt around Livermore, but I don’t think you want to just do a greenbelt,” said King. “You want to support saving the rest of the open space around Livermore, which has just scenery and open space for the good of all of us (who) enjoy it.”

Open space also ties in with the area’s agriculture, in the form of vineyards and ranches, as well as the habitats throughout the area, she continued.

Committee member Paul Halvorsen supported the idea that open space preservation should not be limited to a greenbelt outside the city’s urban growth boundary.

“I think what you’re going to end up getting is a very stark urban separa-

tion,” said Halvorsen. “If everything up to the UGB is fair game, essentially, at some point in time, someone somewhere, whether it’s this city staff or generations to come, are going to seek that out, develop it, build it.”

The committee also wrestled with what Livermore could do as a single city, speculating what would happen if neighboring Dublin or Pleasanton chose to develop right up to the city boundaries.

Committee member Alan Burnham felt that Livermore needed to be proactive in getting control of land if it were to achieve its open space goals.

“The point is if it’s not in your city, if you don’t have a conservation easement, you don’t own land, you have no control,” said Burnham.

Halvorsen also questioned Livermore’s own commitment to its open space goals.

Earlier in the general plan update process, city staff proposed developing 1,100 acres of undeveloped land east of Greenville Road outside the urban growth boundary. After several months of public comment and GPAC discussion, the

idea was set apart from the current update until the results of further environmental and economic studies become available.

But Halvorsen cited the discussions as a reason for the city to think hard about its open space stance.

“Everyone was more than ready to eat up a ton of open space for non-open-space uses,” he said. “There’s some soul searching that has to go on at the policy level too, because it’s like if we actually do want this, then it’s in direct conflict to industrial and tech hubs.”

The general plan’s Safety Element covers topics such as emergency notifications, droughts, energy resilience, flooding and agricultural resilience.

Proposed policy updates include expanding the city’s communication systems, encouraging recycled water projects, establishing community resilience hubs,

turning properties within a flood zone into passive recreation areas, and helping the agricultural community develop worker evacuation plans.

At an upcoming meeting, the committee will review a draft land use map that incorporates the direction the committee has received from the planning commission and city council.

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EBRPD Hires Deputy General Manager

Max Korten, director and general manager for Marin County Parks since 2016, will join the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) as deputy general manager in October.

“After a very competitive nationwide search, I am so pleased to bring Max on board to help us continue the impressive growth we’ve experienced in recent years,” said EBRPD General Manager Sabrina Landreth. “Max’s breadth of knowledge and passion will bring new ideas in our efforts to provide open space, parks, trails, safe and healthful recreation and environmental education to our growing and diverse community.”

Korten has a bachelor’s degree in environmental

studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz and a master’s degree in natural resources from Humboldt State University, now known as California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt.

He joined Marin County Parks as a parks superintendent in 2014 and was named director and general manager, with overall responsibility for 34 open space preserves, 45 parks and 150 employees, two years later.

Prior to joining Marin County, Korten spent seven years as natural resources program director for Conservation Corps North Bay.

He also worked for the U.S. Forest Service as a wilderness ranger at the Los Padres National Forest and for the Bureau of Land Man-

agement as a back country ranger in the King Range National Recreation Area, both in California.

Korten lives in the East Bay area and said he is “excited about serving my community through this role with East Bay Regional Parks.”

“East Bay Regional Parks have been a core part of my family’s life,” Korten added. “My son learned to walk on the narrow, winding trails of (Tilden Botanical Garden) and learned to ride his bike at Point Pinole (Regional Shoreline). I look forward to being part of this team.”

Based in Oakland, EBRPD manages 73 parks, including 55 miles of shoreline and more than 1,300 miles of trails in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

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

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

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A Multiuse Events Center Is a Celebration of Our Unique Values

Visit Tri-Valley last week revealed plans for a convention and events center to serve the region.

This would be no ordinary project. The organization wants to construct a 100,000-square-foot facility that will host national and international sporting events, trade shows and other corporate events, and touring entertainment. The heart of the plan would be an arena seating up to 5,000 people, but its design would be flexible enough to be divided into smaller spaces, depending on the needs of the groups.

The Tri-Valley needs this kind of facility. While our cities already offer many amenities for visitors, making the area a true destination requires being able to accommodate larger groups. According to

Visit Tri-Valley, our region has brought in 107,000 people from outside the area since 2018, or approximately 15,000 people per year. Three major sporting events could double that number.

The economic impact of bringing that many additional visitors into Tri-Valley will be remarkable. Those 107,000 visitors account for tens of thousands of hotel rooms, meals, shopping and other spending. Visitors already spend \$723 million annually and support 6,600 local jobs, state Rep. Rebecca Bauer-Kahan said at the launch event. An events center of the size envisioned could bring in up to an additional \$100 million per year.

Visit Tri-Valley suggested that the new events center could play

host to major indoor sporting events, such as basketball, volleyball and fencing tournaments. Corporations might come to view the area, with its wineries and laboratories, as an ideal location for a large conference or employee gathering.

Just as significant will be the cultural impact of having a large events center in our community that can draw touring performers seeking an audience in the thousands.

We have the opportunity to demonstrate to these out-of-town visitors what makes the Tri-Valley special. The appeal for residents and visitors alike is as much in our surrounding open space and rural backdrop as in our urban amenities.

If the building’s design and construction incorporate recycled building materials and energy-efficient technology, for example, the events center could also become a showpiece that reflects our concern about preserving the natural environment. A focus on innovation and technology would reflect our history as a center for scientific study.

The events center is going to present a broad picture of our region. Visitors to our area should not just recall the specific event that brought them here, but also the many unique values that we hold dear. Visit Tri-Valley’s vision is providing us with an extraordinary opportunity to share them with the outside world.

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What's Common about Dublin Commons?

Shirley Lewandowski, Dublin

What’s up with Dublin Commons? What happened to Dublin Council’s promise years ago of a walkable, pedestrian friendly “downtown” area that would be community focused?

Today’s proposed downtown called Dublin Commons is supposed to be the “showcase” center for the city. It should depict the essence, culture and heartbeat of its diverse community, hopefully similar to the creative and pedestrian friendly downtowns of Livermore and Pleasanton. But the design of Dublin Commons is NOT creative or pedestrian friendly, NOR reflects the essence, culture and heartbeat

of its diverse community.

Dublin Commons is common in its alignment with all past Dublin development projects that predominately design in lots of housing units, 1,510 of them. These multi-family high density housing units will be built into three blocks of 8-story high buildings with potentially 3,000 people living in them. The units will be for rent only, and not for sale, thus eliminating the American dream of home ownership.

Along with the proposed blocks of housing are two tall life science buildings for research and development and an 8-story public parking garage. They all form the walls surrounding and overshadowing a small Town Square in its center for community gathering. Another “common” element of this downtown’s design is its lack of consideration for Dublin residents. How can a 28-acre downtown project design in only 0.82 acre space for community gathering? Just imagine 200 residents out of Dublin’s 73,000 population gathering in the Town Square made to feel like squeezed sardines in a tin can in an area smaller than a football field!

The City agreed to pay for the \$75 million public parking garage. Why doesn’t the developer pay or contribute to the cost instead burdening it all on residents’ pocketbooks in the form of higher property taxes? Why is the City agreeing to pay when they don’t have enough money to pay for another project like the \$57 million Dublin Blvd. road extension to Livermore?

Bottom line: this \$1+ billion Dublin Commons is like a little concrete city plopped into a small city. Not anything at all what was promised by the city council years ago for a downtown Dublin residents can enjoy and be proud of. This downtown is NOT designed FOR the PEOPLE, it IS designed FOR the hefty profitable bottom line of the DEVELOPER!\$!

Protect Scenic Corridor For Future Generations

John Stein, Livermore

For over four decades,

Livermore’s Scenic Corridor protected our views of green and golden hills and distant vistas. It also provided a glimpse into Livermore’s agricultural history of ranching, wine growing and orchards.

There are other benefits beyond the Scenic Corridor’s beauty. It emphasizes Livermore’s small town character to both residents and visitors alike, benefiting many local businesses. This highly visible open space counter balances the urbanization occurring elsewhere in the city and reminds us of the importance of open space protection. The required setback helps buffer residents from highway noise and pollution.

With sound planning, we can continue to protect the Scenic Corridor’s views for the enjoyment of future generations, rather than views of high rises, sound walls and hills covered with endless rows of houses.

About Measure PP

TJ and Sheila McGrath, Pleasanton

My name is TJ McGrath. My wife Sheila and I are 38-year residents of Pleasanton. We raised two children here while my wife worked at the local grammar school. Upon retirement a few years ago, we thought about downsizing and moving someplace else in Northern California, but after looking at five other areas, we realized it doesn’t get any better than Pleasanton. When Pleasanton offered a Community Academy, we attended the five-month program which included interactive sessions on City Government, Police/Fire, Public Works, Parks/ Recreation and Good Citizen Skills. We now understand and appreciate the city “behind the scenes”. We saw first-hand how the departments within the city operate and know what we will lose with any cutbacks.

As it relates to Measure PP, I cannot speak to the details of “how we got here” on the deficit, but I can express concern about where this might lead. Of the current sales tax, only 1% goes directly to Pleasanton. The proposed cuts represent the core of everything we need in the city.

As citizens of Pleasanton, let’s all approve the tax increase and then be more involved in the future as to how the city funding is managed and distributed. This whole situation is a “wake up call” for all of us, but needs to be addressed with forward thinking. I fear extreme cuts across city departments will diminish essential services and impact the quality of life many of us have taken

for granted in our wonderful town.

Support Reelection of Karla Brown for Mayor

Neil Kripalani, Esq., Pleasanton

I have been a proud and happy resident of Pleasanton now for over 33 years.

Mayor Karla Brown is a diplomatic listener and balances multiple competing interests in a true executive manner.

She really cares, which matters the most. She is also kind and benevolent with disadvantaged populations and does her best to further those groups within our society. Please join me and support her reelection as the Mayor of Pleasanton.

It's Our City, Livermore!

Greg Scott, Livermore

We in Livermore elect city council members that hopefully promote our wishes for the future. After we elect city council members, does the "political machine" that runs Livermore still fulfill our visions?

I have lived in Livermore for nine years. Previously, I resided in the Tri-Cities (Fremont, Newark, Union City) for fifteen years. What I have seen in Livermore is that Livermore is turning into a Fremont. Twenty years ago, Fremont was voted the best middle-class city for quality of life in the United States. Not anymore: Does Livermore desire to be a Fremont?

The "political machine" of Livermore wants to put two (expanded) housing blobs in the showcase core of Veteran's Park in downtown Livermore. What kind of "vision" is this?

I have a good comprehension of the need for "affordable" housing in Livermore, for I was homeless here until two-and-a-quarter years ago. I have been called a "contradiction." I think it is equally important both where you place types of housing and the quality and quantity of the housing itself. Livermore's "vision" is to showcase the economic segregation of "affordable" housing in its last remaining regional showpiece of its downtown core Veteran's Park?

Citizens of Livermore have every right to have a voice by referendum on the location of the Eden Housing Project. The Livermore city attorney came up with a contrivance to thwart democracy on this issue. Has the Livermore city attorney put equal energy into promoting a democratic say on the location of this project?

The current Eden Housing Project location is just one of the machinations by Livermore's political ma-

chine, which promotes its will by selecting tractable sycophants for its commissions. The Eden Housing Project location is not the only issue where this occurs. The Livermore political machine also wants to bludgeon through Livermore's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) on Greenville Road. Livermore's political machine is waiting to pounce on this after the election. The political machine thus facilitates the ease of extending the UGB in the future for influential interests. This portends major change in the overall character of Livermore.

There are other qualified choices than those of Livermore's political machine for city council! Please elect Jeff Kaskey (District 3) and Tom Soules (District 4)!

"Until you make the unconscious conscious, it will direct your life and you will call it fate." (Carl Jung)

Latinx /Hispanic Heritage Month Is Here!

Patricia Munro, Livermore

In 2020, Livermore City Council appointed a subcommittee to work on issues of Equity and Inclusion. In 2021, that subcommittee made ten recommendations, one of which was to find ways to celebrate cultural diversity within Livermore. Over the past few years, the scope of those activities has grown. The many activities offered throughout Latinx / Hispanic Heritage Month which began on September 15, are an example of this. Here are some of those activities:

- All month (Sept.15 through Oct.15): Take and Make Ojo de Dios projects are available. Participants will create their own Ojo de Dios as they learn about the artistic and cultural history of the craft. For children, ages five and up.
- Sept. 20, 3:30 p.m. at the Rincon Branch Library: Horchata Making Workshop. Learn to make this delicious drink enjoyed by everyone. Space is limited, so register now at 925-373-5505. All ages!
- Sept. 21, 1 p.m. at the Civic Center Library. Enjoy the Cultura Poetry & Art Fest with La Raiz Magazine, a literary journal featuring visual art and multilingual poetry by community members, writers, and artists. For all ages.
- Sept. 27, 3:30 p.m. at the Rincon Branch Library. Children can make llama figurines as they learn about these South American animals. For ages 4 and up.
- Sept. 28, 2 p.m. at the Civic Center Library: Members of Amigos Unidos, a group of Lawrence Liv-

ermore National Lab employees, are featured at this STEM Career Day program. Students — and adults — can learn about what they do, ask questions, and complete a fun hands-on science activity. Especially for middle school and high school students.

- Oct. 7, 6 p.m. at the Rincon Branch Library: Bomba y Plena Workshop. Through drumming, singing, dancing, and storytelling, children and teens can learn about Puerto Rican music and dance traditions.

- Oct. 8, 4 p.m. at the Springtown Branch Library: Craft a quetzal bird while you learn about their importance in many Meso-American cultures. For children 5 and up.

- Oct. 12, 1 p.m. at the Civic Center Library: Enjoy live music and dancing while learning about Herencia Guantanamera's mission to preserve, celebrate, and share the rich cultural heritage of Guantánamo, Cuba.

Vote for Tom Soules for City Council

Donna Cabanne, Livermore

Think Livermore City Council needs to change? Looking for a candidate who listens, is honest, and will treat residents with respect?

Then Vote for Tom Soules. A vote for Tom is :

- a vote to keep our Urban Growth Boundary intact
- a vote to protect our vineyards and farming culture
- a vote for a council member who will treat residents at City Council meetings with respect, NOT personal attacks
- a vote for no new taxes
- a vote for a larger central park downtown for residents and visitors to enjoy
- a vote for low income housing north of Railroad or on the former Nob Hill site
- a vote for a council member who will respect referendums
- a vote for responsible economic growth, not haphazard development and increasing traffic
- a vote for a council member who will listen to the people first, NOT the developers
- a vote for a council member who will preserve the character of our neighborhoods

It's time for a change of direction. If elected, Tom will serve Livermore with honesty, integrity and transparency. Check out his website TomSoules.com.

I think you will agree it's time to elect Tom.

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Amador Valley High School senior Mohit Ramesh Kumar, a member of Scouts BSA Troop 948, received his Eagle Scout badge at a court of honor in July. To become an Eagle scout, the highest rank in the Scouts BSA program, a Scout must earn at least 21 merit badges and complete a community service project. For his project, Ramesh Kumar, a member of his school's marching band, led 15 Scouts and adult leaders in constructing a drum set flight case to protect the band program's drums, cymbals, stands and other equipment during transportation to and from performances. (Photo courtesy of Suganya Ramesh Kumar)

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Endorsement for John Morada

Danny Wang, Dublin

I am a 23-year resident of Dublin and I live in District 3.

I fully support John Morada in his candidacy for Dublin City Council Member in District 3. As someone deeply invested in our community, John has demonstrated a tireless commitment to improving the lives of Dublin residents and has a clear vision for the future of our city. I've seen firsthand his dedication to public service, and I know that John is the kind of leader who will bring genuine integrity and thoughtful decision-making to our city council.

John Morada's candidacy comes at a crucial time for Dublin. We need leaders who are deeply committed to the community they serve. John is exactly that kind of leader. He believes in responsible growth, public safety, and ensuring fiscal accountability — all issues that are critical to Dublin's future. As someone who has lived in Dublin for many years, John understands the local issues and challenges residents face, and he approaches every decision with the best interest of the community in mind.

One of John's most admirable qualities is his ability to make decisions based on objective information and careful analysis. He doesn't come to the table with predetermined opinions or hidden agendas. Instead, John listens to the concerns of residents, does his research, and uses facts to guide his decisions. This pragmatic, data-driven approach is exactly what we need in local government to ensure that Dublin continues to grow and thrive in a way that benefits everyone.

In these challenging times, having a leader like John who isn't afraid to make tough decisions is essential. Whether it's ensuring responsible development, improving infrastructure, or enhancing public safety, John Morada has the courage and wisdom to tackle the tough issues. His experience and integrity make him the right choice to represent District 3.

John's candidacy isn't just about making promises — it's about bringing real, meaningful change to Dublin. I encourage you to get to know him as he campaigns throughout our district, and you'll see why he's the leader we need on the Dublin City Council. This November, vote for John Morada — an honest, hard-

working candidate who will serve Dublin with integrity and transparency.

Meet Pleasanton City Council Candidate – Craig Eicher

Ken Mano, Pleasanton

Craig Eicher is a newcomer to City Politics, but certainly not a newcomer to the city he loves.

Craig and his wife Kim are long-time residents of over 40 years. Craig went to Lydikson and graduated from Foothill High School. He began a 32-year career as a volunteer in the Pleasanton Police Department, got hired and moved up the ranks to captain and served as Interim Chief of Police for about eight months during the Covid Pandemic.

In addition to his career, he served the residents of Pleasanton through volunteer service. He was board president of Hope Hospice for six years, and facilitated them coming out of a million dollar debt to financial solvency. He founded the Police Officers Charitable Foundation to help the needy. He has been with the Foothill Band Boosters, the Chamber Foundation Board, helped Special Olympics and is president of the Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative.

He has worked with his family to bring the "Widmer World Christmas Display" to Pleasanton for the past 30 years, bringing the holiday spirit to thousands.

He is endorsed by past city managers of Pleasanton and four out of five current Pleasanton Unified School District trustees.

If you follow issues in the city, you've heard of the budget crisis, sales tax increase, water contamination and the police department where officer count is down, services reduced, and response time is up.

He knows this city; he loves this city and wants to keep it a wonderful place to live. Public safety and fiscal responsibility are his top priorities.

It's time for a change! Elect Craig Eicher to the City Council.

For more information, to volunteer or donate: www.EicherForPleasanton.com.

Vote for Steven Dunbar, Livermore City Council District 3

Gina Bonanno, Livermore

I'm writing in support of Steven Dunbar for Livermore City Council, District 3. I've known Steven for

many years dating back to my time on the Planning Commission and City Council. During that time, as a member of the public, Steven frequently came to commission and council meetings and spoke on a wide range of issues and agenda items. He came thoroughly prepared and offered constructive feedback and insights. He made an impression on me then as someone committed to making a positive impact in his community. Since then, as a member of the City's Asset Management Committee and currently as a Planning Commissioner, Steven has brought the same level of preparation and consideration while focusing on the best outcome for the community. I consider Steven one of the City's, if not the region's, experts on transportation issues, policy and solutions. He is smart, hard-working and brings a rational, data-driven approach to making decisions. At the same time, Steven is a thoughtful listener and values the public's input and perspective. He will be an excellent Councilmember.

Lacrosse Moms Vote David Farley for City Council

Kristin Linehan, Livermore

I am honored to endorse David Farley for City Council. Having gotten to know Dave over the years, I've seen firsthand his unwavering enthusiasm for our community and our children, and his willingness to step up and contribute — all with positivity and kindness. We are all busy, with jobs and family, and Dave is no different. He balances his job at Sandia National Labs and his family, including a daughter in college and his youngest, Jessica, at Granada, who also plays competitive travel Lacrosse. Dave still takes the time to support the community. In 2020, Dave was asked to help coach the first Livermore Phantoms Girls Lacrosse team — even though he never played lacrosse! But he stepped right up — and successfully coached for several seasons. Because of this dedication, he was asked in 2023 to be the head coach of the Granada High School JV Lacrosse team — and it resulted in their first winning season in Granada history.

Dave's volunteer work spans numerous local initiatives, reflecting a deep-rooted concern for the well-being and growth of our city. Whether coaching youth and high school lacrosse teams or being a Commissioner for Livermore airport, he has always brought enthusiasm, leadership, and a problem-solving mindset to every task.

Dave is focused on several key areas that are crucial for our city's progress. His vision for smart housing development advocates for balanced growth within development requirements while preserving the character of our neighborhoods, ensuring that new developments are not only sustainable, but also contribute positively to our community's fabric.

His commitment to enhancing public safety reflects his deep concern for every resident's well-being. He will advocate for increased resources and innovative strategies that will continue a safe environment in our city.

Dave also champions responsible financial management and is dedicated to ensuring that our city's resources are used efficiently and effectively, focusing on maintaining a balanced budget while pursuing necessary improvements will help safeguard our city.

While Dave brings a wealth of experience and a proven track record of community service, it's his character that we have seen and experienced first-hand through his deep involvement with supporting our girls and being a great role model in our community that is the reason I hope you vote for him! Please take a minute to learn more about Dave at www.DavidFarley4Livermore.com.

Endorsement of Jeff Kaskey

David Rounds, Livermore

The newspapers are filled with endorsements and citizens input about what a candidate will/should do when elected. It is sometimes difficult to believe the plethora of promises particularly when all of the candidates are non-incumbents. It helps, however, to step back and focus on what a candidate has actually done and accomplished. Doing that has made it easy for me to decide to endorse Jeff Kaskey for city council in district 3.

In his 43 years as a resident of Livermore, Jeff has worked as a technician, manager or director at LLNL, ten start-up companies, four large tech companies and he currently owns a small manufacturing company in Livermore. Jeff has a penchant for the environment, historical preservation and the homeless as is demonstrated by his numerous activities.

- 8 years on the City's Historic Preservation Commission
- Board member of Livermore Valley Arts which is responsible for presenting at the Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Art Center
- Past Member of the City's Downtown Steering Committee
- Past Member and Vice President of the Livermore Cultural Arts Council
- Past President for 10 years of the Livermore Heritage Guild, managing the (city owned) Building
- Historic Hagemann Ranch
- Lincoln Highway Museum
- Duarte Garage
- Traveling History Mobile
- Curator of Livermore's historic Hagemann Ranch
- Conducts 3rd grade programs in local history
- Board member of Livermore Lions Club
- Past Volunteer at Asbury Church homeless services
- Volunteer with 4-H, and Hearts and Horses Riding and Rescue
- Graduate, Alameda County Stop Waste Environmental Educator Training

In doing this work, Jeff has demonstrated a keen ability to work with City government, staff and city committees to accomplish the goals of the organizations where he is involved. Jeff lives in the old southside, supports a successful, vibrant and inclusive downtown and has demonstrated time and again the ability to listen to everyone, understand the issues and if necessary to compromise in order to recognize and solve the concerns of all the stakeholders.

Please join me in electing Jeff Kaskey to the Livermore City Council for District Three.

Strong Support for Kristie Wang for D4 City Council!

Peg Folta, Livermore

I am happy to support Kristie Wang for City Council, District 4!

I learned of Kristie long before I met her. Friends and colleagues spoke of this force of nature taking on the vaping companies trying to attract our youth. In partnership with others, she helped drive the companies within Livermore to drop flavored products targeting our youth, then engaged with neighboring cities who reached out for her help to do the same for their areas. As I now know Kristie to do, she dove deep to understand the issue and figure out what needed to be done, networked with other citizens, and connected to government offices/agencies across the city, county, and state. They won their fight, but I recently heard her comment that the fight needed to be re-engaged, as the companies are slowly introducing the same flavored products while no one is looking. Follow-through is part of her nature.

I met Kristie when she ran for School Board, and followed her progress on the board, where she listens, researches, and drives toward balanced solutions. She will bring this approach to the Council.

Kristie began her city council campaign by hosting listening sessions to meet people and better understand how they feel about their community and what is important to them. She has used this knowledge to learn and shape her campaign. Kristie is now launching into her "house parties" to meet more people and engage in dialogues. She enjoys knocking on doors in her district to maximize her understanding of the community. She makes herself available at the Farmer's Market's. If you don't know her, stop by.

Kristie has a strong moral compass, maintains a high ethical standard, and is respected by all who know her. She is part of the fabric of the community and Livermore will be a better place with her on the council.

Little Orphan Eden

Daryl R Carlson, Livermore

The long overdue Eden Affordable Housing Project, delayed obstreperously for years by a splinter group of Downtown Advisory attendee tricksters, whose God's lips to their ears wisdom was pondered and rejected by the sensible democratically elected council and mayor, is now threatened with extinction by two "Daddy Parkbucks" candidates for city council seats whose

DIY notions of Urban Planning, Finance, and ignorance of federal, state and county Housing laws amounts to unMagical Realism.

Please save Little Orphan Eden by voting for Kristie Wang and Steven Dunbar who see the bright promise of Livermore's future, rather than a fading sepia memory of a small town that has moved into a new century.

Steven Dunbar – Bring Vibrancy to City Council

Lisa A. Tromovitch, Livermore

Steven Dunbar is running in District 3 to represent Livermore at Council. I love Livermore. I believe it's imperative we vote in representatives who have proven their dedication to our city and put in the time to learn the job. Dunbar has done that with five years of service on the Planning Commission and Livermore Community Asset Management Program Outreach Committee. He will be immediately effective because he already knows what one can and cannot do as a city representative. Steven knows how the city works. He's ready to start now.

It's the role of council members to represent all citizens to the best of their ability. It's our role as voters to create a council that can do that effectively. We've done a great job recently voting in members with differing perspectives, so they work as a team on our collective behalf. Let's be sure we have a younger member, (age 30 is young as far as city councils go), someone with the point-of-view of those considering raising a family and seeking exciting work opportunities, as well as a person with the lived-experience he has looking out for those with disabilities and how they navigate the city. These important viewpoints complement some of the perspectives already in office. We'd do well to bring Dunbar's experience and empathy to the table. He's also a truly

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The Granada boys water polo team suffered a 15-1 defeat at the hands of Foothill on Sept. 12. The girls game earlier in the day was a much closer match, with Granada edging out Foothill in overtime. (See story on p. 10.) (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)

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decent guy. District 3 voters — we can do it!

Lucky to Have Kaskey on City Council

Veronica Stewart Long, Livermore

An experienced, dedicated community leader, Jeff Kaskey, is running for the District 3 City Council position — and we, the citizens of Livermore, are so lucky to have the opportunity to elect him. I have met Jeff Kaskey a few times, but mainly know him through his active involvement in organizations, commissions, boards, and committees. In any personal interaction, I have found him to be friendly, helpful, very smart, and very articulate in his speech and writing.

Jeff Kaskey will be the Council member that the Livermore City Council needs. He is an independent thinker who will not participate in the “group think” that can be seen there so often. He is a critical thinker; he logically analyzes issues, and does not shy away from asking important questions — the difficult ones. One could look at the letters of endorsement here in this newspaper to learn about the candidates — Jeff Kaskey does not have letters of support from city officials, or council and community members who have been devoted to letting developers shape our city. Actions speak louder than words, and with decades of committed involvement in making the City of Livermore a better place, Jeff Kaskey’s record speaks for itself.

Vote for Tom Soules! Fabian Moreno, Livermore

As a father of two small children, I value the approach Tom Soules, candidate for District 4, brings to this city. I am so happy knowing he is an honest, common-sense, and transparent candidate. His agenda is clear and honest.

Check out Tom for yourself. The soul of the city is at stake! We need truth and transparency. Vote for Tom! www.tomsoules.com.

Small Business Support for Dunbar Debbie Casey, Livermore

As a small business in Livermore, I am constantly in awe of Steven Dunbar’s vision for our community. I became acquainted with Steven when he became a customer of mine over the summer, but I have also had a chance to sit across a table from him and listen to how much he cares for our community. Steven shares my views on continuing the city’s support for local small businesses to be able to thrive, ensuring accessible housing, small business opportunities, quality food, and entertainment options in or close to all neighborhoods.

His intelligence and experience in our government, paired with compassion for our city, is driven by a vision of transparency, inclusion and accessibility that we are more than ready for with this new generation of leadership.

He is a leader that will not only get things done, but he has the patience and determination for the long-game.

Vote Steven Dunbar for

City Council in District 3!

Vote for Tom Evans for Mayor Ann Thompson, Dublin

I enthusiastically support Tom Evans, a man of impeccable integrity, for mayor. Although Mr. Evans has not held elective office, this lifelong resident of the Tri-Valley has attended Dublin city council and commission meetings and spoken out on important issues. He cares deeply about our city and its residents. He wants to preserve what is best about Dublin while providing for its future. He will not sell us out to the highest bidder. I urge all Dublin residents to vote for Tom.

Vote Jeff Kaskey Glenn Stewart, Livermore

Livermore is growing, and the future will be shaped by City Council members who have a heartfelt concern for the quality of life, who listen to the residents and who are committed to a place called ‘our hometown’.

If you’re reading this, take a few minutes to check out Jeff’s website at Jeff4Livermore.com, click on ‘Commitments’; and if you like what you read, ‘Support Jeff’. Vote for Jeff.

Dr. David Farley for Livermore City Council District 3 Chung Bothwell, Livermore

As a resident of this city over 40 years, I am writing this letter to express my full support for Dr. David Farley, who is running for the City Council in District # 3.

I knew Dave when he worked at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and now at Sandia National Laboratory. Dave is a man of integrity, intelligence, creativity, and a hard worker and patriot! He was a formal Navy officer and a military pilot. He is also an entrepreneur, having his own business, and a current Livermore Airport commissioner. He loves our city and wants to contribute his talent in many areas to make our city a better place for all.

Livermore is a growing city with some issues that face our residents that will need innovative solutions to solve. Dave can bring in some fresh perspective with regard to the housing crises; he believes in maintaining public safety and strongly supports our law enforcement.

A vote for Dave is a vote for a new fresh approach to our city problems. Dave is the best candidate for District 3! Vote on Nov. 5 for Dave and you will not be disappointed.

You can visit Dave’s website at DavidFarley4Livermore.com

Jeff Kaskey: A Leader with Heart Sheri Ann Dante, Livermore

There are a few people running for Livermore City Council District 3, but Jeff Kaskey might have the biggest heart of all the candidates.

I have known Jeff for many years, and he has always been devoted and hardworking in whatever he takes on. Jeff has been on various City commissions and vol-

unteered with non-profits, but I’ve known him primarily at the Livermore Heritage Guild (LHG) where he was president for many years. He is now the curator of the historic Hagemann Ranch, which also means he’s the guy who helps feed the horses, muck the stalls, and paint the fences. Jeff even volunteers to lead the walking tours and drive the tractor for hayrides during the monthly Hagemann open houses.

When our volunteer auctioneer passed away, Jeff became the auctioneer for the annual LHG auction. Last year, the planning committee asked Jeff to be our MC for the LHG 50th Anniversary Gala, and he showed up in a tux and top hat for the event! As always, Jeff combined his sparkling personality with a commanding presence — a great combination in a leader.

Every May you will see Jeff driving the History-Mobile to local elementary schools, giving hands-on presentations to every third grader in the district as they learn Livermore history.

Lastly, I want to give an example of Jeff’s big heart. My neighbor posted on Nextdoor saying that her young daughter was developing an interest in horses. She asked if anyone had a horse that her daughter could ride. Jeff responded, met with the mother and little girl at Hagemann Ranch where she got to meet and ride a horse. I think this shows Jeff’s true core values: he goes out of his way to help someone whom he’s never met. That in a nutshell is Jeff Kaskey. If you want a hardworking leader with heart, vote for Jeff Kaskey for Livermore City Council District 3. Check out Jeff4Livermore.com to learn more.

Jen Flynn for PUSD School Board, Area 4 Jocelyn Martin, Pleasanton

Like many Pleasanton residents, I moved to our city for the schools. I am the mom of two Hearst Elementary students and am invested in making sure their educational experience is the best possible. Since the time my now-fifth grader was in TK, I repeatedly heard the name “Jen Flynn” in almost every conversation about who will do what’s needed, who knows what’s going on, or who you need to get in contact with for the task at hand.

For those who may not know her personally, let me tell you about the incredible lady I have come to appreciate, respect, and depend on to do so much hard work for our kids and community. Jen is a mother of three, a former PTA president, the face you see when you walk in the school office, on the Superintendent’s Budget Committee, and on the PPIE board. Jen is incredibly competent and service-oriented. Her style is compassionate, transparent, and humble.

I am relieved we have such a capable and experienced candidate to replace the greatly respected, longtime Trustee Steve Maher on our school board. Mr. Maher is also endorsing Jen Flynn as his replacement for Area 4 Trustee.

To find out more about

Jen and what she hopes to accomplish if elected, please visit www.votejenflynn.com.

VandenHeuvel for LVJUSD School Board Diana Wyland, Livermore

I was delighted to hear that Christiaan was running for School Board; we are very fortunate to have him, if elected. He is all about service to the community, and has proven that for years. If you don’t know him, I encourage you to meet him and hear what he’s all about. He is kind, funny, engaging, smart, an excellent listener to all sides and perspectives with respect, not to mention a dad to LVJUSD students, a husband to a LHS teacher, and the perfect person to bring balance to the school board. He rocks!

I’ve known him since 2005 and always get a kind hello and chat when I see him; he asks about me and my family (LVJUSD family for 14+ years), and genuinely cares. He’s not about himself or any political aspirations, but rather to serve our Livermore schools and do his best to help. He wants us all to succeed. Just the way he runs his campaign shows his dedication and the fact that he takes this very seriously. This is exactly what will add positively to our school board.

Maggie Tufts Untrue Rumor! Louise Simons, Livermore

I was surprised to learn that an untrue rumor was being spread about LVJUSD School Board Candidate, Maggie Tufts. To say that she supports the banning of books in our schools is utter nonsense! As a longtime, now retired LVJUSD School Library Media Specialist, I can firmly state that MAGGIE IS A PRO-PONENT OF READING! She was a strong advocate of the Sunset School Library during her kids’ tenure at the school. She ran the Sunset Student Book Club for over six years and also encouraged students to read over the summer by coordinating our “Used Book Exchange”. Her passion for promoting reading involved many, many hours, willingly given, making sure that every student in our school had the opportunity to read and share their love of books with their peers. Her enthusiasm in engaging students extended to parents getting involved in these programs as well.

I’ve seen her use her passion for education through the elementary, middle and high school levels. I know Maggie’s desire is that LVJUSD is setting up students for a fulfilling life beyond our schools. She will use district resources to make sure every student in our district is on the path to reaching their full potential. Please join me and vote for Maggie Tufts to be one of our next LVJUSD School Board Trustees.

Deena Kaplanis for School Board Delilah Dominguez, Livermore

Deena supports and practices ideals advocating for all children in the public school setting. As a fellow PTA member, I have watched her contribute years of service on the PTA to support not only her children, nieces and nephews, but all children as a whole. Deena has worked tirelessly to ensure PTA community events take place and to provide a place for all children to be welcomed. While unfortunate and uncontrollable events occurred, such as lack of teacher for a full year and no room at the public school for both of her children, forcing her to put her children in a different setting, she still continues to volunteer her time and efforts to the public school system and advocate for her nieces, nephews and all children attending public school.

She is an admirable candidate, who is and has been hands-on in the public schools and works daily for equal education and community opportunities for ALL children!

Vote for Christiaan John Lombardi, Livermore

As someone who has known Christiaan for 12 years, I can attest that he is an individual who truly listens, thinks, and acts on the behalf of others. His empathetic capacity lends itself to his well-rounded perspective in ways that others are drawn to because it’s so rare. Christiaan is someone whose unshakable hope in the potential of others drives him to sacrifice his own time and energy; using it to build up those around him without expecting something in return. I can personally vouch for the heartwarming ear Christiaan offers, and how refreshing it is to sit with someone who you know is listening to you.

As a member of the LVJUSD Board of Trustees, I truly believe that he will act in a way that builds our students up. He has also overcome unique obstacles since immigrating to a brand new culture as an adult, proving that the challenges he has faced can shine a helpful light on what our students will come up against. Christiaan has witnessed what it’s like to be a parent within the LVJUSD school system. His marriage to an educator, partnered with being a teacher himself, has granted him first-hand knowledge of what it takes to help our children strive to be their best versions.

Being the parent of a toddler, I’m encouraged when I see members of our community such as Christiaan step into a role like this. Knowing that someone like this is advocating for my children offers me reassurance amidst a world filled with uncertainty. I will gladly endorse Christiaan to be a member of the LVJUSD Board of Trustees and am excited to see how he can help our education system continue to improve.

Deena Kaplanis for School Board Sydney Cushman, Livermore

Deena Kaplanis, a Livermore parent and business owner, has entered the race

for the LVJUSD school board. As a parent and aunt of many school age children in Livermore, Kaplanis holds academic excellence in high priority. As a successful businesswoman, she values accountability and has high expectations of those in public office. Kaplanis is a longtime resident of the community and owner of multiple businesses, including being a practicing healthcare professional. In addition, she volunteers time to serve the Livermore community as an active PTA board member, a participant in the district’s Parent Information Council meetings, a team parent in multiple sports leagues, a participant in the local non-profit Monthly Miracles, and a volunteer in her church’s children’s ministry.

Kaplanis’ priorities as a member of the LVJUSD school board include analyzing and improving school safety and allocating funds where necessary to secure all campuses with features such as power locks and cameras. She is concerned with current student reading and math test scores, in the 50-60% range, and targeting ways to improve academic success to match neighboring districts. Kaplanis would like to identify and implement tools for improving student mental health, including introducing meditation and wellness courses. Finally, she would like to see the district analyzing ways to bring back more courses and pathways for students who have the aptitude to be successful in the trades.

Overall, Kaplanis aims to improve the performance of schools while being responsive to the priorities and concerns of taxpayers, unifying the community for the betterment of our students.

Maggie Tufts for LVJUSD School Board Leslie Lemieux, Livermore

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Maggie Tufts in her candidacy for the school board of the Livermore Valley Joint

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Rock and soul powerhouse, Eliot Lewis (of Hall & Oates), will perform live at Almost Famous Wine Lounge on Friday, Sept. 20, at 8 p.m., 2271 South Vasco Road. Known for his 20-year tenure with Hall & Oates’ band and a career sharing the stage with over 100 of music’s biggest legends, Lewis brings his electrifying energy and unique style to Livermore for a one-of-a-kind rock and soul show. For ticket information and reservations, go to almostfamous.wine. (Photo courtesy of Almost Famous Wine Lounge)

MAILBOX

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Unified School District (LVJUSD). Having observed her unwavering commitment to education and community service, I am confident that she is an ideal candidate to help shape the future of our schools and provide the best possible environment for our students to thrive.

Maggie Tufts brings a wealth of experience and a profound dedication to educational excellence. Her bi-cultural background and experience as an educator and volunteer has equipped her with a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities that our schools face. Her vision for LVJUSD emphasizes not only academic achievement, but also the holistic development of each student, recognizing the importance of both educational and emotional support.

One of Maggie’s most commendable qualities is her commitment to inclusivity and equity. Maggie is also bilingual, which will help our Board be an inclusive and diverse body. While I was employed at our District, she worked in a supporting role for an organization that supported students and families as they worked towards college and career readiness. She has consistently demonstrated an ability to listen to diverse perspectives and advocate for policies that ensure all students have access to high-quality education, regardless of their background. Her approach aligns with the core values of fairness and respect that are crucial in fostering a positive and productive learning environment.

Maggie has continued to volunteer in our District, even though she doesn’t have a student in any of our schools. She is a volunteer with the Quest Science Center, and has served our community in other volunteer roles as well.

I wholeheartedly endorse Maggie Tufts for the LVJUSD School Board and believe that her election will be a significant step forward for our district. Her passion, expertise, and unwavering dedication make her an exemplary candidate who will work tirelessly to support our students, teachers, and the broader community.

Thank you for considering my endorsement of Maggie Tufts. I am confident that her contributions will have a lasting and positive impact on our schools.

Political Violence Must Stop

Jan Brovont, Livermore

Today September 15, 2024, there was a potential attempt on former President Donald Trump’s life, but it was thwarted by a Secret Service agent.

United States of America is supposed to be the “beacon on the hill”. Meaning the country everyone else looks to for a better life.

Regardless of your po-

litical beliefs this has GOT to STOP! Besides that, we could lose a former President and possible future presidents. We are setting a very BAD example for the rest of the world. We are showing Russia, China, and other countries that we are not very good at protecting our Presidents. So why would we protect our citizens any better? In the eyes of the world, it makes us look weak and “off kilter,” making us easy prey. Future attempts could be directed toward others too.

Deena Kaplanis Would Be Great on the School Board

Cathryn Villasenor, Livermore

Deena Kaplanis is a skilled businesswoman who cares for her family and community. She would be great on the school board. As to why her sons are at a private school is convoluted. One son spent a whole year without a teacher in public school. Then the next year she was not able to get her second son in the same school. I think she made a wise choice.

Maggie Tufts for School Board

Monya Lane, Livermore

I support Maggie Tufts for LVJUSD School Board and urge others to support what she uniquely brings to the important role of a school board member. Maggie is considered a leader in the community by families and educators alike, with her incredible dedication and focus on the success of students from all backgrounds. She clearly has a unique understanding of the school district system and ability to help families connect the dots, so that each student has the same opportunity to thrive and prepare for their future. In her work as Program Manager for the Pedrozzi Young Scholars, many students are from immigrant families and every student has gone on to some higher education after high school. Maggie is one of the most positive people I know, a Latina with an outgoing personality who can get along with anyone. She keeps an open mind and is always on the lookout for new ways to benefit students by connecting people and organizations around Livermore. Maggie has made a big difference in the lives of many students and families, and is ready to make a big difference bringing her skills and experience to the LVJUSD School Board.

Consider the Consequences

Henry D. Shay, Livermore

The coming presidential election presents a challenge to U.S. voters. Let me cite just one problem resulting from poor choice.

One presidential candidate has acted as if U.S. national boundaries are unimportant. Consider the consequences of this position. A small town

in the Midwest with a population significantly less than Livermore has had a sudden influx of aliens nearly equal to a quarter of its population. The governor of that state is sending aid to the little city, yet services are swamped.

My advice for the readers is to learn as much as possible of the various issues arising from from this and other positions advocated by presidential candidates, and to try to access a variety of sources.

Fellow, vote carefully!

First Amendment and Various Topics

David Ott, Pleasanton

It is very important that The Independent newspaper continues to support our First Amendment rights to freedom of speech. I have read various letters in this space calling for the censoring of truthful, factual conservative views. It is critical for all views to be published and for America to get back to a place where people can have an open dialogue explaining their views, and just maybe we can find common ground with each other.

When I submit a letter with my opinions and facts, I stick to the issue at hand and do not leverage personal attacks on other letter writers. I can’t say the same for some writers of the opposing view who personally attack the conservative letter writers and call for censorship. This is the behavior of Marxist communists. Let’s address the issues — not attack the writers.

Fact: When a person enters America illegally, they have in fact broken the law and they are an illegal alien. Conservatively, MSN reported that over 10 million illegal aliens have entered our country during the Biden/Harris administration, so the problem is much worse than the Dems admit. This is a major threat to our national security.

The Biden/Harris spending policies (like the inflation reduction act that increased spending and inflation and reduced nothing) over the past 3+ years have caused the worse inflation in over 40 years and the biggest deficit in the history of America. If Harris is elected, it has been reported that her policies will add \$5T in NEW taxes and it is estimated that her administration will spend \$7T, causing the deficit to be even greater and the economy to flounder, inflation to increase and the American people to suffer.

We must cut taxes, cut spending, reduce the size of government and stimulate the private sector businesses. With small and large businesses thriving, more Americans will be working and paying taxes and we will have low inflation, reduce the deficit and America will be prosperous once again.

An ABC News whistleblower reported that ABC News gave the debate ques-

tions to Harris days before the debate. Will they go to no end to cheat and stay in power?

The Federalist website reported that Harris made at least 25 false statements during the debate. Check out their website.

Your vote is precious — use it wisely.

Congressman Swalwell’s Agenda

Daniella Karo, Pleasanton

Congressman Swalwell, of the Fang Fang affair and Russia collusion lies, has expressed concerns about homes lack of affordability in the Tri-Valley, as well as in public safety. He is also endorsing Kamala Harris for president. During her reign as VP for the last 3.5 years, we witnessed runaway inflation that affected the cost of homes and a sky-high mortgage interest not seen in decades. The cost of everything has gone up and up including bare necessities like food, electricity, gas, etc. She is now promising a \$25,000 tax credit for any first-time home buyer, but unless new, more affordable homes are being built, no new-time buyer will be able to afford one here.

Of course, Kamala will continue to tax-regulate-spend, something we have seen done during her administration that will affect my and your taxes to pay for all the promises made as a candidate. Swalwell is also concerned about public safety, something that seems to affect all of us. Kamala helped defund police, and the high and brazen crime rate has alarmed the public. She also raised money to help Minneapolis arson criminals out of prisons. I recently witnessed an individual helping himself to a myriad items at a local CVS who then walked out without paying! Nobody dared to stop him! Crime is on the rise without police to enforce safety, and the millions of unvetted illegal aliens are also adding to the problem in communities.

Swalwell’s concerns are legit, but his endorsement of Kamala Harris for president will ensure that nothing will change, no police, continued inflation, economic hardship for all of us!

Responding to Previous Letters

Donn Day, Livermore

There has been a string of letters recently decrying the frequent postings of Pleasanton’s David Ott. Although I have never met David, I like and always read his letters...why? Because he is a conservative just like me. All the people that don’t like David’s letters are...what? Not conservatives! It’s really that simple.

Thomas Gray started off the festivities by declaring that Ott’s letters need to be censored due to their voluminous “lies” and then goes on to commit several of his own. Anyone, as Mr. Gray does, who tries to blame the border crisis on Republicans, is living in fantasy land. Day one in office, Biden started weakening previous border laws, for the sole purpose for

what has taken place over the last almost four years. Hard to believe Mr. Gray believes Ott’s use of the term “The Dems” needs to be censored. Check out what Glenn White called Republicans below!

Bob Codeglia, Livermore is next up, responding to Thomas Gray’s letter: “Thomas, I, too, am tired of seeing these untruths being posted repeatedly in our local paper, by a small group of the same letter writers.” At least, Bob retains the sacred liberal position of “free speech,” seemingly a foreign concept to Democrats today. As far as untruths go, if I see one more Democrat (Biden, Harris, et. al.) spouting the “very fine people” hoax, my head is going to explode. (Check Snopes if you think Trump called Nazi’s “very fine people.” It’s a HOAX! There are over twenty more just like it!)

Finally, frequent Dublin writer Glenn White jumps on the pile, again decrying the nasty Trump supporter lies! Mr. White’s much bigger lies, however, revolve around his misuse of scripture. Here’s but one (of many) possible examples: he claims Ott’s statement that “Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed because they were gay” was a lie and cites Ezekiel 16:49-50 for support. What he leaves out is Gen. 19:4-5, which supports Ott’s statement. Mr. White is an expert at using scripture out of context, and when you do so, you can almost support anything you wish. He does here, again, when he states: The Republican base are Satan’s children that have been brainwashed by their Satanic MAGA churches, “Ye are of your father the devil ...for he is a liar, and the father of it.” (John 8:44) That scripture only applies to the Republican base in Glenn’s fevered imagination!

Suicide Prevention Awareness

Janie Dobbs, Pleasanton

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Experiencing a suicidal crisis often lasts a short period of time, and most people who survive a suicide attempt do not go on to die by suicide. That’s why it’s so important to take immediate action.

Talking about suicide can be hard, but it is critical. When someone is in crisis, do have an open and honest conversation with them and ask them directly about thoughts of suicide. If they say they’re thinking about suicide, take them seriously. Encourage them to seek

help. Help them call or text 988 for free and confidential support. Stay with them and/or accompany them to mental health services or an emergency room. And, make sure they don’t have access to a gun.

Did you know that in California 49% of gun deaths are suicides? That’s an average of 1,606 deaths per year. When it comes to suicide, guns are uniquely lethal—more so than any other method of suicide. Across all suicide attempts not involving a firearm, less than 5% will result in death. Data reveals that 70% who attempt suicide and live, get the help they need and don’t attempt suicide again.

There is a continuum of interventions family members and friends can take when a gun-owner is experiencing a suicidal crisis.

Store firearms securely — locked, unloaded, and separate from ammunition to prevent unintentional shootings and gun suicides. Visit BeSMARTforKids.org for more information.

A gun owner in crisis can securely store firearms in a locked storage device and temporarily give the keys or code to a friend or family member.

Firearms can be voluntarily and temporarily stored out of the home with a family member or gun dealer/range during a period of crisis.

A person who knows they are at risk for suicide can voluntarily block themselves from purchasing and possessing a firearm temporarily, known as a Voluntary Do Not Buy List.

When a person poses a serious threat of self-harm, different community members can seek a Gun Violence Restraining Order. If granted, this temporarily restricts access to guns. Visit OneThingYouCanDo.org to understand California’s law.

Suicide is a complex issue, but we have the power to make a difference. Access to a firearm triples the risk of death by suicide. By securing guns and being aware of resources, we can help save lives and prevent the heartbreak that too many families endure.



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The Tri-Valley and the Musical Ties That Bind

By Christina Cavallaro

September is a kind of no man’s land of fall months in terms of holidays. Even Labor Day, the only holiday of note, manages to sound like work. I saw a meme recently that said, “If August is summer’s Sunday, that makes September its Monday.”

But something that literally never stops in the Tri-Valley, regardless of the season, is music, which can make every day feel like a holiday. Without it, as local musician Gabe Duffin’s oft-worn T-shirt reads, “Life Would B Flat.” Duffin hosts a twice monthly open mic on Sunday evenings at Swirl on the Square in Livermore.

Del Valle Winery takes a sort of U.S. Postal Service approach: neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night will hinder the music. They simply move their outdoor entertainment into their temperature-controlled Barrel Room if weather becomes an issue.

Pleasanton is so devoted to their music scene and its summer outdoor concert series that they are about to embark in the winter months on a \$1.9 million bandstand renovation in Lions Wayside and Delucchi Park.

Around these parts, music is in our collective DNA. It’s everywhere.

When I was in 4th grade, my mom enrolled me in private lessons with local classical flute music instructor Nan Davies who played with the Livermore-Amador Symphony. I used to also babysit for Nan and her husband Walter. Until I stumbled upon an archival photo of Walter’s familiar bearded face captured mid-song alongside Livermore Valley Opera founder Rebecca Holt, I had no idea that he also sang with the opera in his spare time.

McGrail Vineyards’ winemaker, Mark Clarin, also fronts a band that rocked crowds at Rosa Fierro Cellars’ stage during the Vasco Row Block Party this past summer.

Around here, it’s like we live among musical superheroes: realtors, winemakers, scientists, cowboys by day—musicians, singers and songwriters by night.

When I rattle off the list of instruments I had the chance to explore as a kid growing up

here, mixed in with the ones I’ve picked up as an adult, I guess it can seem sort of crazy to some; flute, French Horn, piano (a little), drums, tenor saxophone, harmonica, guitar, cello and voice.

I blame (or give credit to) this eclectic experience on growing up in the Tri-Valley and being given the chance to try things out musically. My 6th-grade band teacher at East Avenue Middle School, Bernie Burke, gave me and a friend, another flutist, free French horns and taught us how to play just so we could perform the famous solo in the William Tell Overture.

Dublin just wrapped its annual Splatter event, where an estimated 5,000-6,000 people show up each year at Emerald Glen Park for a full day of live music across three stages that culminates in a giant community dance party.

And just last week Visit Tri-Valley announced its intent to develop a massive new multi-use event center in the heart of the Tri-Valley that will support major sporting events, touring music concerts and much more.

It’s the gift of music that took me all over Europe and Japan as a performer, where I gathered experiences and languages that serve me well to this day.

But there was a time when I let the music in my life go dormant. I returned to my hometown of Livermore a couple of years ago after many years away and found Pinot’s Palette off First Street downtown, which was hosting a weekly open mic. It was there that I stepped through the doors and back into the music community, as if I’d never been gone.

To echo the title of the editorial we published last week in the Indy; we need the arts for individual and community growth. I know I did. Music is the Tri-Valley’s love language. And my gratitude here is my love letter for its enduring beauty in our lives.

Do you have tidbits about the Tri-Valley or know of interesting people, places, events or unique perspectives that should be featured in the Heart of the Valley monthly column? If so, we want to hear from you. Please email me at christina@independentnews.com

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so much public input on how the land should be used, as well as academic studies on its biological resources and Native American heritage, that they will fold their classifying decision into the general planning process for the park. Once that plan is completed, a park’s classification will be announced to the public.

“The team is looking sometime in early ’27, but we’ll see,” Jim Newland, a state Parks and Recreation department planner, told the committee. “Sometimes these things move quicker and sometimes they need a little more analysis.”

The timeline is expected to be similar in length to the original plan, which involved classifying the park first and then afterward issuing a completed general plan. A general plan will define the park’s primary purpose and establish a management direction for its future, the commission said on its website.

“By providing a clear purpose and vision, guidance on long and short-term goals, and guidelines, the general plan guides day-to-day decision-making and serves as the basis for developing focused feasibility and management plans, specific project plans, and other management actions necessary to implement the goals of the general plan,” the website said.

Should planners stick to their timetable, a vision for the park will come six years after Gov. Gavin Newsom signed legislation that protected the land from use as an off-highway vehicle park. Advocates for preserving the land located in the Diablo Range between Livermore and Tracy rejoiced at the decision following decades of seeking to prevent the state from expanding the adjacent Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area into the park.

Following a lengthy delay, state officials last year began

holding community workshops to gauge the public’s opinions on whether the land should be completely shut off to humans or utilized for varying forms of recreation.

During the last year, Newland said, parks officials have been studying the land, consulting with Native tribes, and “assessing a large amount of information on the natural, cultural and tribal resources.”

“Due to the robust and voluminous feedback that we’ve been receiving, the state parks are determined to fold the classification and naming process into the general planning process,” Newland said.

So far, he said, officials have narrowed their classification decision to “state park” or “state reserve.” (Other possible designations included state recreation area, historical unit, or state wilderness.)

The park’s name comes from a 19th century coal mining town at the head of Corral Hollow Canyon, which in turn was named after the inventor Nikola Tesla, who had first harnessed alternating current in generating electricity.

According to the commission’s website, a “state park” designation will “Preserve areas of outstanding natural, scenic, ecological, and cultural value; allow for public enjoyment and education.” A “state reserve” preserves “native ecological associations, unique biotic characteristics, geological features, scenic qualities, and/or cultural resources; allow(s) for public enjoyment and education.”

Beth Wurzburg of the East Bay California Native Plant Society (CNPS) said a coalition of groups, called the “Friends of Tesla Park,” hope to prevent park planners from building roads, parking lots and campsites and to keep the land in its natural state. CNPS supports its designation as a “reserve,” which allows hiking.

“It puts the highest priority

on protecting either the natural or the cultural, or both, resources at the site,” Wurzburg said in an interview. “It allows only low-impact recreational activities, as opposed to high impact activities.”

Wurzburg told the commission her organization was concerned about delays in moving the park forward.

“Indigenous groups have been waiting for decades for access to Tesla for traditional and ceremonial purposes, but public access is not allowed until the land is officially opened,” Wurzburg said.

Katherine Perez, a tribal leader for the Northern Valley Yokuts, Ohlone and Bay Mewuk, and president of Nototomne Cultural Preservation, said on the Friends of Tesla Park website that the land’s vistas, native plants, wildlife and solitude are “central to the power of Tesla’s Native American cultural sites.” A reserve classification, she said, “is the only way to ensure its cultural resources and natural resources are properly protected in perpetuity.”

Wurzburg said in an interview that she understood that planners have received a large volume of research and scientific data to evaluate, and she hoped they would agree “reserve” is the right designation.

“We are not seeking to exclude humans. We are seeking to do the least damage, the lowest impact, to be the most respectful of the place because of how special it is,” Wurzburg said. “Sometimes places don’t have an iconic species. We might not have redwood trees or something that’s really iconic to show off a place. But oftentimes in those quiet places, there are other things you don’t hear or see. And then the more you study and the more you learn, the more special you realize the place is. And that’s Tesla.”

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potential sites in Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton for their proximity to amenities, like restaurants, hotels and transportation options.

“Our goal is to narrow it down to the most perfect site with nearby lodging, dining and shopping options by the end of this year,” Farhad said.

Visit Tri-Valley revealed its plans during a Cirque du Soleil-themed presentation that it sponsored on Sept. 11 at the Bankhead Theater. A stilt-walker and unicyclist gave the event a festive atmosphere.

Fahrad said Visit Tri-Valley had commissioned a report that identified a need for a central sports complex capable of accommodating and attracting a wide range of sporting events, including basketball, volleyball, fencing and other indoor athletics. This need was determined based on data showing the region had brought in more than 107,000 attendees for events and sold 33,000 room nights at hotels since 2018.

However, the report found the absence of a large-scale facility to host sporting events

hindered the Tri-Valley from reaching its full potential in sports tourism.

In addition to major sporting events, the proposed venue also will cater to arts, entertainment and corporate events with features such as advanced audio-visual technology, divisible meeting rooms and hybrid meeting capabilities.

The project is envisioned to take part in three phases, the first and second focusing on design, fundraising, site selection and community outreach, and the third on construction.

Rep. Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, who represents the 16th District in the California State Assembly, highlighted the need for an events center, noting that visitors to the Tri-Valley spend \$723 million annually, which supports approximately 6,600 local jobs.

“The revenue generated by tourism helps fund our essential public services, including the maintenance of our parks and trails, our public safety and everything our communities enjoy,” Bauer-Kahan said.

Visit Tri-Valley’s report also indicated a need to think differently and take a three-

pronged approach, said Jennifer Koidal, general manager of SF Premium Outlets in Livermore and board secretary for Visit Tri-Valley.

“We (also) encompassed sports, entertainment and corporate events. Based on this model, we can augment current sales annually up to \$75 to \$100 million and really drive a positive economic impact for our communities,” Koidal said.

“The venue will need to be memorable, iconic, economically and culturally attractive and serve all communities for generations to come,” she said.

Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert added his endorsement with a cameo in the video presentation. “I couldn’t be more thrilled about this project, and I think it’s exactly what the Tri-Valley needs to generate civic pride, to bring more jobs and to increase visitor spending and needed tax revenue for our region. Let’s make it happen, and really put the Tri-Valley on the map as a world-class sporting, entertainment and meeting center.”



A “Cirque Tri-Vallée”-themed presentation was Visit Tri-Valley’s reveal party for a 100,000-square-foot sports and events center. The facility is expected to attract major events, bringing millions in revenue into the community. The center will be located in either Livermore, Pleasanton or Dublin. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)

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of civilian oversight. “This has been an issue of concern, not only in this county, but because of the fact that it’s been a ... law since (2021). It’s an issue that is a concern not only here in the state of California, but on a national basis.”

Although neither the appointed oversight board nor IG will have authority to take actions, both will have power to subpoena witnesses to testify in their investigations. The oversight board and IG will present reports of their investigations to the Board of Supervisors, who will have the authority to change policies.

Once the board takes a second vote following meetings with unions, the civilian oversight board and IG are expected to begin operations in 2026. The budget for those positions, who will work independently of each other, will be determined during the county’s budgeting process.

The action lagged far behind other counties in California that already have appointed various forms of civilian oversight boards and inspectors general to monitor their sheriff’s agencies. After California legislators gave counties the authority to establish civilian oversight in 2021, Marin and Santa Clara counties did so in Northern California. Counties including Los Angeles, San Diego and Sonoma already had some form of civilian oversight of their Sheriff’s Departments before that law took effect.

The issue moved to the fore-

front in the last year in Alameda County as reports of deaths mounted at the Santa Rita Jail. Seventy people have died in the institution since 2014, with lawsuits costing taxpayers tens of millions of dollars. The U.S. Department of Justice declared mental health care in the jail to be inadequate, and a lawsuit filed on behalf of inmates resulted in the jail’s placement under a consent decree monitored by a federal judge. The decree requires the county to ensure jail inmates receive mental health services, limits restrictive housing, ensures out-of-cell time and other mandates intended to improve jail conditions.

A new lawsuit filed this month accuses the jail of mismanagement after a mentally ill inmate was placed in general population and killed by his cellmate in 2023.

In recent months, the ACLU and community groups have pushed the county supervisors to act. Although the county has been developing policies in committee for years, the supervisors placed the issue on their agenda at least four times, only to repeatedly postpone action.

During the process, county staff and supervisors worked on issues including how citizens would be appointed to the board and how much power each supervisor would have to choose members.

At a meeting in June, the supervisors failed to take a final position on civilian oversight, but voted 4-1 on some aspects,

including increasing the number of panelists from seven to nine. In addition, the panel guaranteed a seat for Dublin, the only city in the county to contract with the county for its policing services. Supervisor David Haubert, who represents the Tri-Valley, proposed the idea for Dublin representation, saying its 75,000 residents deserved a prominent role. Only Supervisor Keith Carson, who represents the 5th District in northwestern Alameda County, voted against the idea.

Under the approved plan, each of the five supervisors will appoint one member from his or her district; Dublin’s City Council will nominate one; and an advisory selection panel will nominate three from a pool of candidates.

During that June meeting, the panel also determined that the inspector general and oversight panel will utilize independent counsel instead of the county’s attorneys to avoid conflicts of interest.

On Tuesday, about 30 people spoke before the board, mostly in favor of civilian oversight. The board discussion, however, continued to haggle over whether the civilian oversight board would have independent counsel.

Of the four, Miley was alone in saying he preferred that the county’s attorneys represent the panel and IG. He also said he was concerned that the ordinance did not establish what the panel, IG and an IG staff will cost.

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retired, part-time superintendent’s salary cannot exceed \$74,733 a year, or they risk losing their pension. Ghysels told the board last month that he was fast approaching the limits of his contract and that he would need to either be rehired or replaced with a new interim superintendent.

He also told the board that if he were rehired as a full-time superintendent, he would expect to be paid the same base salary as his predecessor

David Haglund, which was \$265,000. The board also can hire a new permanent superintendent, but trustees have said recently that they are not ready to make a permanent appointment.

If the board rehires Ghysels as they have indicated they want to, he can stay with the district for as long as it takes for the board to hire a new permanent superintendent. Ghysels stepped into the interim position following the

abrupt resignation of Haglund at the end of the school year.

“We are in a time crunch,” Ghysels said during the same board meeting. “I’m only saying this to put the elephant in the room on the table. I have been pretty much consistent with saying that it has to be full-time and it would have to be at the full compensation rate of the previous superintendent. That is what it would take.”

The board’s next scheduled meeting is Sept. 26.

Entrepreneur Announces Bid for Dublin City Council

John Morada, who describes himself as an entrepreneur and a longtime advocate for balanced growth and public safety, has announced his candidacy for the District 3 Dublin City Council seat, representing the southeast area of the city.

Morada is running against small business owner Razi Hasni, who is also a member of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce board of directors, in the November general election.

“I’m committed to being the voice of our community, focusing on thoughtful development and organizational health,” Morada said in his campaign announcement.

Morada said his platform was inspired, in part, by his experiences taking his three children to and from Dublin schools.

While he “applauded” the recent residential and commercial development in Dublin, he empathizes with

his neighbors over safety concerns and the time it can now take to get to places in the city.

Morada said his daughter was also hit by a car while on her way to Fallon Middle School.

“This is unacceptable because the driver was on her phone whilst kids were in the crosswalk,” Morada said.

Morada, whose LinkedIn profile shows an association with Bay Angels, a San Francisco venture capital company, added that his experience in the commercial sector, especially in mergers and acquisitions, would be a plus for the city council.

His position, Morada said, is that Dublin, which in recent years has become California’s fastest growing city, “will not grow beyond its means.”

Both the Fallon Economic Development Zone and the Dublin Boulevard ex-

tension projects fall within the district Morada seeks to represent.

“It is extremely important our citizens are fully aware of what has already been zoned and what is being considered to be built because we walk and bike around there every day,” Morada noted.

Morada also said he wants to work with Dublin police and fire services to create educational programs to address the proliferation of battery-powered bikes and standup motorized scooters among the city’s younger population.

“The speeds at which our kids are traveling on these motorized vehicles is incredibly fast,” Morada said, noting that they must travel along busy roadways to reach Fallon Sports Park and Emerald Glen Park, which are also in District 3.

For more information, go to johnmorada.com.

Poetry Reading to Celebrate Hispanic Heritage

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Tony Aldarondo and Nina Serrano will be the featured guests at a Verse on the Vine poetry reading at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept 29.

Their appearance at the poetry reading, hosted by Livermore Poet Laureate Peggy Schimmelman, is part of the library’s Hispanic Heritage Month celebration.

Aldarondo is of Puerto Rican descent and lives

in the Bay Area. He is the author of three collections of poetry, including “Big Heart Poet,” and a recorded a CD titled “Tony the Poet.”

Serrano is a poet, media producer and cultural activist now based in Vallejo, California.

She is the author of an award-winning three-volume collection of poetry, “Heart Songs,” “Heart’s Journey” and “Heart Strong.”

Serrano is also the author of “Nicaragua Way,” a novel

about a female San Francisco Nicaraguan-American poet who supports revolutionary struggles in Latin America and the Sandinista solidarity movement in the U.S.

The 90-year-old Serrano still produces monthly radio programs on Hispanic culture.

The Verse on the Vine program is free, and registration is not required. An open mic opportunity will follow readings by the featured poets and refreshments will be served.

LIONS

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who issued a proclamation from the city honoring the 100-year-old club.

Marchand read a poem by Rabindranath Tagore that he said inspired him.

“I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy,” Marchand read. “And I think that’s what we all understand here that service is joy. When you’re doing for the community, when you are doing for others, there is a tremendous amount of joy. And that is really why we do what we do.”

Guest speaker Liz Croke, incoming director

of Lions Club International, recognized members for their commitment to upholding the organization’s mission for the past century.

“100 years ago, a group of civic-minded individuals came together in Livermore, united by a single goal — to improve the lives of those in need and to build a stronger, more resilient community. Your mission was simple, but profound: We serve. And serve you did — tirelessly, selflessly and hearts full of compassion.”

Fertile GroundWorks executive director, Brenda Kusler, was honored with the esteemed Citizen of the

Year award, for her dedicated service to the nonprofit teaching garden that has been an invaluable community resource for more than 14 years, growing food for those in need and giving residents a place to learn how to garden.

The afternoon concluded with a surprise special service award given to longtime president Barrientos, known for his sense of humor and voluminous recruitment of members.

“I’ve been president for 13 years. I want to stop being president,” he laughed. “I’ll support a coup if anyone wants to do it.”

CELL BAN

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school and during lunchtime. Exceptions would be made for students with medical issues such as diabetes which can be monitored with a phone app, or students with individualized education programs or other educational plans.

The rule would also be suspended in the case of an emergency or perceived threat. Schools would be able

to discipline violators of the policy and have their devices confiscated.

The proposed plan also extends the ban to school-sanctioned events such as football games or other occasions.

“Just because the bell rings doesn’t mean the policy stops,” Campbell said.

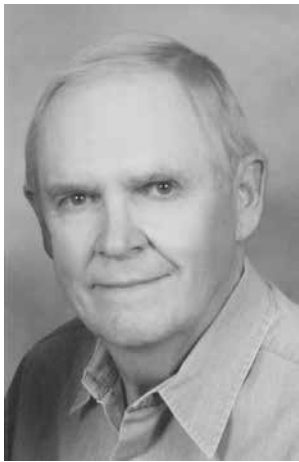
Student Representative Ronit Peswani asked why

devices needed to be turned off versus just silenced. He added that in the case of an emergency, turning a phone back on would be time-consuming and potentially life-threatening.

“I know the majority of high school students mostly just use a cell phone,” Peswani said. “My concern is why is it necessary they be

OBITUARIES

Charles “Chuck” William Meier
May 18, 1936 — Aug. 27, 2024



Charles was born May 18, 1936, in Batavia, New York. He graduated from LaSalle High School and earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. While in college, he was a member of Theta Chi fraternity and the ROTC program. After college, he worked briefly for Carborundum Company, until the warm weather of the west beckoned to him. Beginning in 1959, he began working at the Nevada Test Site near Las Vegas, Nevada. While in Las Vegas, he met and married his wife, Elaine. He continued his commitment to the military and our country by joining the Army Reserves, achieving the rank of Captain.

By 1967, Chuck, Elaine and their two sons, Doug and Dwight, moved to Livermore where he started working at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. While there, he brought his skills of problem-solving and organizing to an array of projects including the Laser Program, Plant Engineering and an En-

vironmental Impact Report. By 1971, Chuck and Elaine moved their family to Pleasanton and added two daughters, Cara and Catherine, to the clan. Chuck remained at LLNL until he retired in 2001.

Outside of work, Chuck could be found travelling around the world or behind his computer. He particularly enjoyed visiting Italy with his wife and children and camping and motorcycling with his sons. He

had a lifelong commitment to staying fit by exercising daily at the local gym, jogging, hiking, playing racquetball and tennis. He also participated in community efforts by getting involved with local issues, especially those concerning new buildings around Pleasanton. Later in life, he became a writer, publishing three thrillers set in and around the Nevada Test Site. He always enjoyed having a glass of Italian wine with his wife on the patio before dinner.

Charles is survived by his wife, Elaine; his two daughters, Cara Hagemeister and Catherine Haley; his sons-in-law Grant Hagemeister and Drew Haley; and his four grandchildren, Jack, Bianca, Charlie and Caitlin.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 11 a.m., at Graham Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton, California.

Memorial donations may be made to Hope Hospice (www.hopehospice.com), Tunnel 2 Towers (www.t2t.org) or a charity of your choice.

Celebration Of Life

Fred H. Johnson, Jr.
Dec. 26, 1949 — Aug. 18, 2024



Fred H. Johnson, Jr. passed away on Aug. 18, 2024, in Walnut Creek, California after a long illness. He was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on December 26, 1949, to his parents Janie Johnson and Fred H. Johnson, Sr.

He was raised in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the eldest son and brother to nine siblings. A good and respectful son, he often cared for his younger siblings.

Following his graduation in 1967 from McKinley High School, Fred joined Job Corps in Dublin, California, where he would tell you that he got to spar with George Foreman, and as a member of the Civil Air Patrol, he was proud to be a member of the color guard when George headed to the 1968 Olympics.

He was hired by Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore, California, where he started his career in the mailroom, but would later apply to the machinist program. He completed his apprenticeship on June 4, 1977 and became a journeyman machinist. After 25 years at Sandia, he entered the private sector until he retired.

Fred was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1970 near the end of the Vietnam War and was stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska for two years.

He was active in flag football, basketball, softball, bowling and fishing. He was a die-hard 49ers and Warriors fan. He coached Little League baseball, volunteered at Pop Warner Football and was a Cub Scout leader. A member of the Livermore Chapter of the American Legion, he would volunteer at numerous events around the

Tri-Valley when he was able.

Fred was a loving husband, father and very proud grandfather. He cherished his family and was a friend to all. He never met a stranger.

Fred is preceded in death by his parents, Janie Johnson Daniels and Fred H. Johnson, Sr., sisters Bernadine P. Bell, D. Stephanie Johnson, and Vetta M. Johnson and his brother Carl Johnson.

Fred is survived by his wife, Mary Johnson, children Tiffany Johnson Henkelman and son-in-law Michael Henkelman, Fred H. Johnson III, Nathaniel Johnson and daughter-in-law Celina Johnson, Candice Johnson and Garrett Johnson. Grandchildren Jasmine, Niah, Amari, Nevaeh, Matea, Cayla, Giana, Milana, Byron and Ayden. Sisters Carolyn J. O’Connor, and Juanita A. Morrison. Brothers Curtis M. Johnson, Clifford L. Johnson, and Cleveland E. Posey, in addition to his large extended family.

A celebration of life is to be held on Sept. 20, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Callaghan’s Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore, California. Reception to follow from 1-4 p.m. at Old Mexico Bar and Grill, 1848 Portola Ave., Livermore, California.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, P.O. Box 22324, New York, NY 10087.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Johnson family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghan-mortuary.com.

WELLS

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only hasten the plume’s westward migration, as water rushes in to replace the water removed from the test wells.

“Such drilling should not be allowed until after completion of CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) environmental review of the proposed project and new groundwater fate and transport modeling of PFAS,” read the petition.

Jim Lehrman, one of the geologists, believes that the test wells are not required for a clearer picture of the area’s hydrology.

“They (Zone 7) insist that test wells are needed to complete their new model, but there’s a lot of existing data from the many wells drilled and produced in that general area, and that data can be used to make reasonable assumptions about the stratigraphy and transmissivity at the proposed locations,” Lehrman told The Independent. “Mak-

ing such assumptions now and running the new model with a range of scenarios would be far less expensive than spending \$2 million on the proposed test wells. And if the validated results show a high risk of accelerating the migration of the PFAS plume, then it would be most reasonable for them to go back to Plan A, wellhead treatment, which would ultimately save taxpayers a lot of money.”

But Minn explained to the Zone 7 board that a geological obstruction likely lies between the plume and planned locations for the new wells. He viewed confirmation of the obstruction, with the help of the test wells, as crucial.

Believed to run roughly north-south to the east of Interstate 680, the Pleasanton Fault was identified by the California Department of Water Resources as a delineation for the Bernal and Amador sub-basins in 1974,

said Minn, adding that a 2006 state Department of Water Resources bulletin wrote that the “Pleasanton Fault acts as a barrier to lateral flow of groundwater.”

While Lehrman remains skeptical an actual barrier exists, Minn said pumping tests conducted by Zone 7 provided evidence supporting the idea of an underground discontinuity.

PFAS Source Investigation

The board also heard an update about the possible sources of PFAS groundwater contamination. Alec Naugle, engineering geologist at the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board, told the Zone 7 board that the water board is investigating whether something in the Tri-Valley might still be feeding the PFAS plume.

“We’re looking for the most likely point sources from commercial-industrial

discharges,” said Naugle. “(Of) those, from the last few years, what we’ve realized is the worst are coming from sites that used the firefighting foams like AFFF (aqueous film forming foam). So, we’re looking at fire stations that are situated in and around that plume map.”

Naugle said the water board also issued a groundwater investigation directive to the Livermore Municipal Airport, which sits atop a high-concentration area of the plume.

Yahn Olson, a toxic-exposure attorney with Environmental Litigation Group PC, told The Independent that most of the country’s PFAS contamination comes from firefighting foam.

AFFF, designed to extinguish fuel fires, has found use on military bases and airports both during training exercises and actual crashes. Once used, the foam can potentially

leech into the groundwater.

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department carried AFFF until around 2002, when it stopped using it for reasons unrelated to PFAS, according to the city’s website.

“No AFFF is stored at LVK (Livermore Airport),” it continued. “LPPD briefly had AFFF on site in 2016 when significant jet traffic related to Super Bowl 50 was anticipated, but it never left the plastic container it arrived in. ... LVK found no record of AFFF ever being used at LVK for either response to an aircraft emergency or training. In response to an inquiry from LVK to LPPD, no records or recollection exist of the use of AFFF at the airport.”

The ubiquity of PFAS, used in everything from food packaging to carpets to cosmetics, makes it difficult to identify a single source, said Minn. The chemicals also do

not degrade over time, which could have produced a gradient pointing back to a source if they did.

An Environmental Protection Agency memorandum published earlier this year explicitly said that the EPA will not seek damages from municipal entities for their release of PFAS.

“They didn’t know,” said Olson. “They had to use it. In a lot of cases, they were required to use AFFF foams. They really don’t have any liability, (and) realistically, they don’t really have the money. I mean, your local fire department doesn’t have the money to remediate a Superfund site. They’re really the victims in this.”

The EPA, along with Olson’s firm, instead focuses on PFAS manufacturers such as 3M and Dupont, who, according to Olson, took efforts to cover up the dangers of these chemicals.

Granada Girls Water Polo Team Edges Foothill in Overtime

By Phil Jensen

It appeared that the girls water polo game between Granada High School and visiting Foothill on Sept. 12 would move into a second round of overtime periods with a tie score.

But Granada’s Mia Harrison had other ideas.

The senior post player fired a shot into the net with eight seconds remaining in the first overtime session for a 7-6 Matadors victory.

“She’s really good at moving her players around and getting open,” said Granada coach Megan McEntee. “She killed it on that one.”

There were a pair of three-minute sessions in the first overtime and interestingly, there were more goals scored in overtime than in regulation time.

Harrison and Larissa Bolanos produced goals in the first two minutes of overtime for a 5-3 Granada lead. But Foothill answered with a pair of goals by Ashby Clark, the last with 25 seconds left in the first overtime session.

Granada’s Maria Aigel-

dinger countered with a goal 17 seconds later, but there was still a second three-minute overtime session to be played. Foothill’s Sarah Overton tied the score with 33 seconds left in that session before Harrison’s game-winner.

“I thought they came together,” said Foothill coach Mark Williams about his squad’s comebacks. “We’ve got a young team. We had 11 seniors graduate last year.”

There were only two goals scored in the first half. Granada’s Sierra Basset scored on the first shot of the game after just 40 seconds had elapsed, and the Matadors took a 2-0 lead on a long shot by Aigeldinger 49 seconds before the end of the first quarter.

But Foothill (1-1 overall and in East Bay Athletic League play) tied the score in the third quarter with goals by Leila Kabouzi and Mikayla Esguerra. Aigeldinger gave Granada a 3-2 lead with 3:48 left in the fourth quarter, but Foothill’s Natalie Williams tied the score with 1:55 to go, setting up the overtime sessions.

Aigeldinger led all

scorers with three goals, and Harrison added two. Aigeldinger added a game-high two assists. Clark paced Foothill with two goals.

Granada goalkeeper Olivia Theile intercepted many Foothill passes near the goal and had a team-high seven steals to go along with 11 saves. Foothill goalkeeper Medha Nadathur had seven saves.

With the victory, Granada improved to 3-3 overall and 1-1 in the EBAL. The Matadors then went undefeated at the Sierra Shootout over the weekend. They shut out Laguna Creek-Elk Grove 14-0 and dominated San Rafael 14-2 on Sept. 13, then beat Rodriguez-Fairfield 12-2 and Sierra-Man-teca 8-4 on Sept. 14.

The Matadors, who enter this week with a 7-3 overall record, had matches this week against Benicia and Carondelet after this article went to press. Granada’s next scheduled match is Sept. 26 at Amador Valley at 5:30 p.m. Foothill will play at California High School on Sept. 19 at 5 p.m., then travels to face Dublin on Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.



Dublin High’s Andre Armendariz attempts to power through a tackle by Heritage. Armendariz scored a fourth-quarter touchdown, but Heritage rallied to win 22-13. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)

Dublin Football Team Suffers Tough Fourth Quarter Loss

By Phil Jensen

The Dublin High School football team led Heritage-Brentwood by three points early in the fourth quarter of the Gaels’ home opener on Sept. 13.

But later in the quarter, Heritage exploded for two touchdowns in a 39-second stretch and Dublin couldn’t recover in a 22-13 loss.

“They played hard, they played valiantly. I thought that they played better than we did last week,” said new Dublin coach Napoleon Kaufman about his team, which fell to 0-3 with the loss. “The biggest change (that needs to occur) is just football IQ, understanding the game of football from a higher level. This is what we’re trying to teach the kids, the details of the game.”

Kaufman, the former Oakland Raiders running back, coached Bishop O’Dowd-Oakland to a state championship in 2016. He said his first season at O’Dowd in 2014 was no different from his experience this season with the Gaels. “You’ve got to get in and teach

the kids how to play a certain brand of football that you’re trying to bring here,” Kaufman said.

After a scoreless first quarter, Heritage scored the only touchdown of the first half on a 21-yard pass from Phillip Babbitt to Jace Torrez with 8:44 left. Dublin allowed Heritage only 74 total yards in the first half but suffered a big blow offensively with less than four minutes remaining in the second quarter. Starting quarterback Jack Duncan left the game with an injury after being tackled on a play that resulted in a 15-yard Heritage penalty.

Dublin’s Logan Smith recovered a Heritage fumble with 2:10 left in the half, and the Gaels had possession of the ball the rest of the half. The drive ended with a 22-yard field goal attempt which hit the left upright.

But Dublin’s defense scored early in the second half. Cornerback Ethan Kennedy grabbed an interception and raced 87 yards for a touchdown. However, a point-after-touchdown run failed, leaving the Gaels trailing 7-6.

Heritage increased its

advantage to 10-6 on a 27-yard field goal by Chiemezie Nomeh, but on the first drive of the fourth quarter, Dublin’s Andre Armendariz scored on a five-yard run and Aydin Kwan’s successful PAT kick gave the Gaels a 13-10 lead with 10:42 remaining. The touchdown was set up by a 30-yard pass from backup quarterback Lincoln Trias to Kennedy.

But the rest of the game was dominated by Heritage. Defensively, it allowed only three more first downs and forced two turnovers (Dublin had five in the game), including a 43-yard interception return by Aiden Donaville with 5:12 remaining for the final touchdown of the game. Offensively, Mekhi Adanandus scored on a 77-yard run in the fourth quarter and finished with a game-high 97 yards on the ground.

Armendariz paced Dublin with 49 yards rushing. Anthony Pickens and Kennedy each had three catches for 40 yards to lead the Gaels’ receivers.

Dublin hosts Windsor (3-0) in a nonleague game on Sept. 20 at 7 p.m.



Granada goalkeeper, Olivia Theile, made 11 saves and a team-high seven steals in the game against Foothill. Granada pulled through in the final seconds of overtime to win 7-6. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)

Las Positas Soccer Coach Wins 300th Game in Two-Decade Career

By Matt Schwab

Andy Cumbo has a new moniker: Mr. 300.

The Las Positas College men’s and women’s head soccer coach earned his landmark 300th career win in the Hawks’ season-opening 8-0 victory over the College of Marin in men’s action. On Sept. 5, he earned win No. 303 with a dramatic 3-2 triumph over visiting Lake Tahoe.

The Hawks men’s team was ranked tied for 20th in the first California Community College Sports Information Association poll of the season.

To Cumbo, it’s all about the players and a love for the game.

“While I do realize 300 is a big deal, what matters

most is the people I’m interacting with on the field,” he said.

Las Positas athletic director James Giacomazzi, who has 365 career wins as a men’s basketball coach, gave high praise to the soccer coach.

“Winning 300 games is a monumental accomplishment,” he said. “It is a testament to the culture Coach Cumbo has created within his teams, the type of student-athlete he recruits, and the work ethic he has demonstrated over the last two decades as a head coach.”

Cumbo’s vast resume as a men’s and women’s head coach includes 15 years in NCAA Division II, coaching for eight years at Humboldt State and another

seven at Cal State East Bay. He has been at Las Positas since 2016, notching over 120 wins in that time.

“Las Positas is extremely excited for Coach Cumbo and proud of him for this outstanding achievement,” said Kevin Kramer, the college’s dean of PATH (Public Safety, Athletics, Advanced Manufacturing, Transportation, Health and Kinesiology). “Our college, staff and students are extremely thankful for his tireless work and commitment to our programs and student-athletes.”

Last season, Cumbo guided the LPC men’s and women’s teams to the 3C2A playoffs—a dream run for a guy who embraces the heavy workload of leading two teams at once.

“To be honest, some years back when I first realized that I had 100 wins I thought, ‘Wow, have I



Andy Cumbo

really been coaching that long already?” Cumbo recalled. “Fast forward a couple hundred more wins

and now I’m, like ‘OK, I guess now the years and the time are adding up.’”

He has a career winning percentage of about .500 and has made it into the playoffs every year at Las Positas with either the men’s or women’s team. Last year, both teams qualified for the playoffs.

Certainly, the win over Lake Tahoe was one to cherish. The Hawks improved to 4-0 early in the season by overcoming 2-0 deficit. Alex Braginsky scored the winning goal in the 75th minute, breaking a 2-2 tie.

Cumbo has many friends in the sport, including scores of former Hawks players. Ex-LPC star and current Cal State Monterey player Danielle

Castro commented on his 300 wins on Instagram with one word: “Legend.”

Cumbo has enjoyed the ride.

“While there are some specific wins that I actually remember, the memories that are most sketched in my mind are all the players and assistant coaches I’ve had the pleasure to work with the past 24 years,” he says.

His mindset as a coach began taking shape when he played the sport.

“I am a first-generation college student; I realize the special opportunity I had as a collegiate student-athlete, and my mission in coaching at this level is to help give that opportunity to others,” he said.

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LEGAL NOTICES	Jackson Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/1/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Season Jones, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 25, 2024. Expires July 24,	2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6087. Published August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2024.	er/s): Too Pro LLC, 1501 Buena Vista Ave # 2523, Alameda, CA 94501. 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: Will Prorok, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk	of Alameda on August 8, 2024. Expires August 7, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6088. Published August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2024.	Unit D, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): JMC Cellars, LLC., 6800 Greenville Rd, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Jessica Carroll, Man-	aging Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 15, 2024. Expires August 14, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6089. Published August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2024.	business as: Hifyak Co., 8014 South Lake Dr., Apt G., Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kristen Hannah, 8014 South Lake Dr., Apt G, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Sig-
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nature of Registrant/s/: Kristen Hannah, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 9, 2024. Expires August 8, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6090. Published August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608667**

The following person(s) doing business as: Scrumpph, 6775 Golden Gate Dr., Unit 454, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): San Francisco Bake-shop, 4847 Hopyard Road, Suite 4438, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 12/23/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Lonny Ng, Fonder, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 15, 2024. Expires August 14, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6091. Published August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608806**

The following person(s) doing business as: Air360 Photography, 4885 Shelton Street, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Edic Sih, 4885 Shelton Street, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 8/21/24. Signature of Registrant/s/: Eric Sih, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 21, 2024. Expires August 20, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6092. Published August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608808**

The following person(s) doing business as: Accentera Decor, 7475 Burnham Way, Dublin, CA 94568-1731 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kristine Oo, 4101 Dublin Blvd Ste F-1013, Dublin, CA 94568-4603. 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/: Kristine Oo, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 21, 2024. Expires August 20, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6093. Published August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608685**

The following person(s) doing business as: Drol Painting and Decorating, 2120 W Ave 136th, San Leandro, CA 94577 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): David Rivera L., 2120 W Ave 136th, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: David Rivera L., Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 16, 2024. Expires August 15, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6094. Published August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608749**

The following person(s) doing business as: Golden Valley Mortgage Corporation, 6200 Stoneridge Mall Rd., # 300-1283, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Golden Valley Mortgage Corporation, 6200 Stoneridge Mall Rd., # 300-1283, 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: 5/2017. Signature of Registrant/s/: James T. Smith, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 20, 2024. Expires August 19, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6095. Published August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608618**

The following person(s) doing business as: Casa Di Vita, 51 West Homet Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Zandi Design Inc., 101 Dublin Blvd, Ste F PMB 1008, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/10/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Henry Chen, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 14, 2024. Expires August 13, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6096. Published August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608514**

The following person(s) doing business as: TA Auto Sales, 44790 S. Grimmer Blvd, Ste 208C, Fremont, CA 94538 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Trebla LLC, 851 Burway Rd, Ste 413, Burlingame, CA 94010. 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:

8/8/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Albert Tran, Director of Operations. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 8, 2024. Expires August 7, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6097. Published September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608514**

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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608624**

The following person(s) doing business as: Achemblock, 26120 Eden Landing, Suite 1, Hayward, CA 94545 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Advanced Chemblocks Inc., PO BOX 1861, Burlingame, CA 94010. 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: 8/14/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Hongwang Du, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 14, 2024. Expires August 13, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6099. Published September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608573**

The following person(s) doing business as: RV Park Marketing Studio, 42314 Thyme Cmn, Fremont, CA 94538 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Clarity Marketing Studio LLC, 42314 Thyme Cmn, Fremont, CA 94538. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Linda Phillips Blue, Owner/Director. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 13, 2024. Expires August 12, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6100. Published September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608731**

The following person(s) doing business as: Center for Sensible Housing Policy, 5258 Crestline Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Peter D. MacDonald, 5258 Crestline Way, 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: 8/1/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Peter D. MacDonald, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 20, 2024. Expires August 19, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6101. Published September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608872**

The following person(s) doing business as: Amia Bakery, 5409 Central Ave, Suite #15, Newark, CA 94560 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Khah Chan & Company, 17470 Murphy Ave, Morgan Hill, CA 95037. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Anh Tran, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 23, 2024. Expires August 22, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6102. Published September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608925**

The following person(s) doing business as: Tara's Organic

Ice Cream, 3173 College Ave, Berkeley, CA 94705 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sweets Society LLC, 3173 College, Ave, Berkeley, CA 94705. 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/: Terence Ching, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 27, 2024. Expires August 26, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6103. Published September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608959**

The following person(s) doing business as: Pimentel Place, 22648 2nd Street, Hayward, CA 94541 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Pimentel Place, L.P., 28000 Mission Blvd, Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by a Limited 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/: Welton Jordan, VI of EAH, Inc.. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 28, 2024. Expires August 27, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6104. Published September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608612**

The following person(s) doing business as: Abigail Energy Group, 4435 First St. Ste 360, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Victor Munoz, 4435 First St. Ste 360, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 8/14/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Victor Munoz, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 14, 2024. Expires August 13, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6105. Published September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608930**

The following person(s) doing business as: Zephyr Spectral, 6321 Tioga Pass Ct, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Daniel Thom, 6321 Tioga Pass Ct, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 8/27/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Daniel Thom, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 27, 2024. Expires August 26, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6106. Published September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608977**

The following person(s) doing business as: Eternal Breathwork, 2351 Bartlett Street, Oakland, CA 94601 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Skylark Property Investments LLC, 2351 Bartlett Street, Oakland, CA 94601. 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/: Samantha Ngwen, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 28, 2024. Expires August 27, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6107. Published September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608863**

The following person(s) doing business as: A Peng Investment, 2269 Haggerty Dr., Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jianfang Peng, 2269 Haggerty Dr., Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jianfang Peng, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 23, 2024. Expires August 22, 2029.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608874**

The following person(s) doing business as: Gundy Pet Services, 2497 College Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Elia Gundersen, 2497 College Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Elia Gundersen, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 23, 2024. Expires August 22, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6109. Published September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608657**

The following person(s) doing business as: Pristine Pools Complete Pool Maintenance and Repair, 3989 1st Street Suite A, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Pristine Pools, Inc., 3989 1st Street Suite A, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 11/7/2014. Signature of Registrant/s/: Matthew K. Vieira, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 15, 2024. Expires August 14, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6110. Published September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608658**

The following person(s) doing business as: Pristine Pools, 3989 1st Street Suite A, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Pristine Pools Renovation, Inc., 3989 1st Street Suite A, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 8/15/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Matthew K. Vieira, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 15, 2024. Expires August 14, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6111. September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608520**

The following person(s) doing business as: CSN Parts, 86 W. Jackson Street, Hayward, CA 94544 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): CSN Parts, 86 W. Jackson Street, Hayward, CA 94544. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Samantha Ngwen, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 8, 2024. Expires August 7, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6112. September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 609077**

The following person(s) doing business as: Metal Seeds, 378 Embarcadero West #526, Oakland, CA 94607 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Metal Seeds LLC, 378 Embarcadero West #526, Oakland, CA 94607. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Alejandro Ochoa, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 4, 2024. Expires September 3, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6113. September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608972**

The following person(s) doing business as: First Choice Business Brokers #289, 4695 Chabot Drive, Suite 200, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

SF Bay Business Sales, Inc., 100 South Murphy Avenue, Suite 200, Sunnyvale, CA 94086. 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: 7/1/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Eric Johnson, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 28, 2024. Expires August 27, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6114. September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608972**

The following person(s) doing business as: First Choice Business Brokers #289, 4695 Chabot Drive, Suite 200, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): SF Bay Business Sales, Inc., 100 South Murphy Avenue, Suite 200, Sunnyvale, CA 94086. 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: 7/1/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Eric Johnson, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 28, 2024. Expires August 27, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6114. September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608524**

The following person(s) doing business as: Bay Area Blind, Shade, & Shutter, 24731 Garwood Glen Dr., Hayward, CA 94541 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Drew K Goodin LLC, 24731 Garwood Glen Dr., Hayward, CA 94541. 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: 5/28/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Drew K. Goodin, Managing member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 9, 2024. Expires August 8, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6115. September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608969**

The following person(s) doing business as: Myungrang Berkeley, 2519 Durant Ave, Suite D, Berkeley, CA 94704 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hot Dog Delight LLC, 2274 27th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116. 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/: Jonathan Truong, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 28, 2024. Expires August 27, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6116. Published September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 609081**

The following person(s) doing business as: CMT Solutions 1203, 2150 Portola Ave STE D, Livermore, CA 94551-1793 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): IGenius LLC, 1330 Stony Brook LN, 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/: Lisa Shah, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 4, 2024. Expires September 3, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6117. Published September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 609068**

The following person(s) doing business as: Leo "The Lion" Music & Entertainment, 1911 De Vaca Way, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Leo Brown, 1911 De Vaca Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/25/2015. Signature of Registrant/s/: Leo Brown, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 4, 2024. Expires September 3, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6118. Published September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 609162**

The following person(s) doing business as: Feast & Finance, 1211 Embarcadero E. Suite D., Oakland, CA 94606 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Feast & Finance, 1211 Embarcadero E. Suite D., Oakland, CA 94606. 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: 9/4/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jennifer Collins, CEO/ Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 8, 2024. Expires September 7, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6119. Published September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608594**

The following person(s) doing business as: Chan Bros Market, 1479 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland, VA 94601 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Chan Bros Market, 1479 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland, VA 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: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Audrey Luna, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 14, 2024. Expires August 13, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6120. Published September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 609228**

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Normalizing Non-Monogamy; 2. Beyond The Mind, 2340 Powell ST. # 352, Emeryville, CA 94608 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Further Together LLC, 2340 Powell ST. # 352, Emeryville, CA 94608. 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: 9/1/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Kristian Bartell, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 11, 2024. Expires September 10,

2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6121. Published September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Four LVJUSD Schools Qualify for Free Meals Under Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

September 9, 2024 – Livermore, CA – For the 2024-25 school year, four Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) schools qualify to provide no-cost breakfast and lunch meals to students attending Junction Avenue TK-8, Marylin Avenue STEAM Academy, Del Valle Continuation High School, and Vineyard Alternative through the federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). Students attending the other 14 schools in the district also receive no-cost breakfast and lunch meals through the California Universal Meals Program. Sharing this information publicly is a requirement of districts participating in the CEP program.

For additional information, contact Katie Crouse, LVJUSD Child Nutrition Director, 685 East Jack London Boulevard, Livermore, CA 94551, (925) 606-3200, childnutrition@lvjUSD.org. The Independent, Legal No. 6122. Published September 19, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 608694**

The following person(s) doing business as: Huvu Store, 6775 Golden Gate Drive, Dublin, CA 94568-4381 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tanima Sarbajna, 6775 Golden Gate Drive, Dublin, CA 94568-4381. 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/: Tanima Sarbajna, Individual. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 16, 2024. Expires August 15, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6123. Published September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 609282**

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Trivalley Wine Shuttle; 2. Trivalley wine Tours; 3. Livermore Wine Shuttle; 4. Livermore Wine Tours; 5. Tri-Valley Wine Shuttle; 6. Tri-Valley Wine Tours; 7. Virtula Therapy Solutions; 8. Norcal Wine Trous 9. Norcal Adventure Tours, 2150 Portola Ave STE D #2014, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): NorCal Tours LLC, 2150 Portola Ave STE D #2014, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Janelle Leyone, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 13, 2024. Expires September 12, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6124. Published September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2024.

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