

Fire Union And Cities at An Impasse

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — The union representing Livermore and Pleasanton firefighters recently asked the California Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) to become involved in its contract negotiations between the two cities.

The request on March 31 occurred nearly a month after the union, the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local 1974, formally declared an impasse following eight months of negotiations, according to the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LFPD) statement posted on <https://lpfdlaborupdates.com>.

LFPD firefighters have worked without a contract for about three months.

Union officials did not respond to requests for an interview but post nearly daily updates on the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Local 1974 Facebook page. In the posts, the union often encourages residents to email

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Mony Nop Announces Candidacy For Mayor

LIVERMORE — Mony Nop, former City of Livermore police officer and current realtor, has announced his candidacy for mayor in the coming November election.

In a press release issued this week, Nop described his five-point vision for Livermore which would include: alternatives for Eden Housing, increasing public safety, addressing homelessness, increasing access to affordable

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Mony Nop



The Foothill Falcons of Pleasanton recently won the 2022 Service Champions Classic on Saturday, April 9. The Falcons defeated the Redwood Giants of Larkspur with a score of 6-2. See story on page 10. [\[See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia\]](https://www.independentnews.com/multimedia) (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Two Sentenced for Casino Fraud

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — A baccarat dealer and her husband were each sentenced to eight months in prison for working together to steal more than \$500,000 from the Parkwest Casino 580 in North Livermore, prosecutors said last week.

Khanh “Tina” Tran, and her husband, Eric Nguyen, must also pay restitution of \$507,600 following their March 30 guilty pleas in Alameda County Superior Court.

“Breaking the law is never the right way to get ahead,” California Attorney General Rob Bonta said in a statement. “We will not tolerate criminal activity in our state.”

The attorney general’s office, then under Xavier Becerra, charged the couple

in August 2020 with conspiring to cheat at the card game at Tran’s table. At the time, prosecutors alleged the couple made off with about

Police arrested the pair on May 6, 2020 in Harris County, Texas, following an investigation by the California Department of

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\$4 million, but convicted them of the lesser amount.

Prosecutors said the couple ran the scheme from 2015 to 2017. According to the complaint, Tran would peek at a sequence of cards after shuffling and then convey the sequence to her husband as she left the table. Nguyen would then begin to play at the same table and place significant wagers when he recognized the card sequence.

Justice’s Division of Law Enforcement. Prosecutors charged them with grand theft, conspiracy to commit grand theft and an enhancement that alleged the couple stole more than \$500,000.

In the end, the pair pleaded guilty to the grand theft charge. Besides ordering them to pay restitution and serve eight months in prison, a judge placed the pair on two years of supervised probation.

Memory Care Center Plans Unveiled

By Larry Altman

DUBLIN — A Sausalito real estate developer unveiled plans last week to the city council to build a 55-bed memory care center and an 84-bed assisted living facility on 4.5 acres at the Valley Christian Center (VCC) in Dublin.

Steven Ring, managing principal at Fulcrum Real Estate Development, said his company hopes to construct a two-story, 35,000-square foot building for the memory care facility and a three-story 75,000-square-foot building for assisted living residences on each side of Inspiration Drive near Dublin Boulevard.

Fulcrum is in escrow to

purchase the VCC-owned land for a project that Ring estimated will cost more than \$50 million.

“We want to build great, quality, safe senior housing,” Ring told The Independent. “Our motto is ‘A place where Mom and Dad want to go, not where they have to go.’”

Ring and Dublin city planners presented the proposal for 4.26 acres of the 51-acre VCC property during a Dublin City Council study session April 5. It will require planning commission and city council approval.

“The views up there are beautiful,” Ring said. “You see all across the Tri-Valley, and you see the rolling green

hills, which are open space to the west. If you brought Mom or Dad there, they would love to be here.”

Ring said VCC officials came to his company about three years ago, seeking a developer to fulfill a 20-year plus vision to care for people from preschool age to senior citizens at their site. VCC operates preschool, elementary, middle and high schools at the site, along with a church.

VCC officials did not respond to a request for an interview.

According to the proposal, the assisted living facility will include studio and one-bedroom units, a courtyard, kitchen, lobby,

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Save Livermore Downtown

Community Group Files an Appeal On Eden Decision

LIVERMORE — The citizen activist group Save Livermore Downtown (SLD) announced this week that it is appealing Alameda County Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch’s ruling on the Eden Housing lawsuit. The deadline for the appeal is April 15.

SLD spokesperson Jean King noted that the group decided to appeal after careful consideration. Roesch’s February 2022 decision in the Alameda Superior Court had denied the SLD lawsuit filed last June that challenged the Livermore City Council’s approval of Eden Housing’s 130-unit downtown affordable housing development project.

“Save Livermore Down-

town firmly believes that the city unlawfully approved the project without conducting additional necessary review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA),” the release stated, also noting the project design is inconsistent with the Downtown Specific Plan.

The release further indicated the group believes Roesch ruled incorrectly when he concluded that the city had complied with CEQA and when he deferred to the city’s argument that Eden Housing’s project conformed with the Downtown Specific Plan.

“According to research cited in a recent news article, 35% of Judge Roesch’s

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City Approves Outdoor Dining Expansion

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — Two years after officials allowed downtown restaurants to serve customers outdoors during the COVID-19 pandemic, the city moved this week to make the popular experience permanent and expand where tables can be placed.

A unanimous city council vote established two districts east and west of Livermore Avenue for outdoor eating. Each will allow up to 25% of available parking spaces for use as outdoor dining.

One district will include First Street from M Street to Livermore Avenue and segments of J and K streets from First Street to Second Street. The second district will encompass First Street from Livermore Avenue to Maple Street and a segment of McLeod Street from First Street to Second Street.

Before COVID-19, the city had 28 spaces designated for outdoor activities, but upped it to 56 during the pandemic to allow restaurants and other businesses to temporarily expand dining and other activities into private parking lots, sidewalks, parks and public parking spaces. Formal consent was not required and design standards were relaxed.

Now with the vote and regulation, the city’s plan alters the number of available spaces to 42, midway between the pre-pandemic and pandemic numbers, and establishes design standards for dining areas, fixtures, furniture and signs.

Mayor Bob Woerner said the change will improve the appearance of the makeshift eating areas that were set up to allow food serving businesses to stay open.

“I really appreciate this being done,” Woerner said. “As you know, we moved pretty quickly to let people expand into the outdoor spaces. The aesthetics of the whole thing didn’t matter that much. It was more of survival really for the businesses. Now, in addition to tightening this up, one of the things that is also happening here, is it’ll look a lot better.”

Beyond design standards, the ordinance requires an outdoor eating area to be directly in front of the restaurant. It allows for use of one to two parking spaces within that area and requires consent from a neighboring property owner or tenant for the area to extend into its footage.

Sidewalk corridors be-

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Tri-Valley Gears Up for Spring Activities

By Lauren Farrauto

REGIONAL — This Easter, there will be plenty of opportunities for families to celebrate across the Tri-Valley. From egg hunts to crafts to entertainers, locals will surely find something to make them bunny hop on Saturday, April 16.

In Dublin, check out the Spring Eggstravaganza hosted at Heritage Park and Museums. The event runs from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. with egg hunts being held at 9 a.m., 10:15 a.m., and 11 a.m. Two separate styles of egg hunt will be available, one geared toward younger kids that will be less difficult, and one traditional egg hunt for older children.

“It’ll be a really fun and festive event,” said Lauren Marriott, Dublin’s special events coordinator.

There will also be the

opportunity to take photos with Peter Rabbit and Flopsy, play games, jump in a bounce house, get a face painting, and make arts and crafts. Children attending must preregister for the event online, as there will be no on-site registration. The registration fee is \$15 per child for residents and \$18 per child for non-residents. Parents, grandparents and guardians receive free admission. Space for each egg hunt session is limited, so be sure to register online at www.dublinrecguide.com.

Livermore is also having a Spring Eggstravaganza and Egg Hunt. The event will take place in Sycamore Grove Park with time slots for the egg hunt at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. Candy and other prizes will be given out based on the number of eggs collected. Rangers will teach all kids in atten-

dance about adaptive eggs, conduct some “egg-citing eggs-periments,” and check out the local birds’ nesting habits and egg specimens. Those interested can register for a time online at the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District website. There is a \$10 fee for egg hunt participants.

The fourth annual Bunny Hop Scavenger Hunt will take place in downtown Pleasanton. Beginning at Museum on Main, participants will check in to obtain a Bunny Hop map. All children participating will receive a goody bag, while adults receive a list of clues and locations to lead them to participating businesses.

“Our event is unique, because we try to involve as many businesses as possible to raise awareness for what they do for the com-

(See ACTIVITIES, page 12)



Little ones of all ages, such as this enthusiast at a previous Dublin Egg-stravaganza event, will converge on cities throughout the Tri-Valley this weekend in search of the perfect candy egg. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

PETS OF THE WEEK



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Nonprofit Provides a Place to Sleep for Youth in Need

By Lauren Farrauto

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is a national organization with the goal of helping get children ages 3-17 off the floor and into a bed they can call their own. SHP's Alameda County chapter is

just one of 286 chapters nationwide supporting young kids' sleeping situations.

Christy Curtis, co-president of the Alameda chapter of SHP, recalls her first experience with the organization.

"I felt a calling to do

this," she said. "We loaded up two to three beds for a family. I was nervous, because I didn't know what to say or do. There were no beds for the three kids in this particular family. I helped my brother [Daniel Curtis, the president of the chapter] put the beds together, and the kids were ecstatic. I was hooked from that day on."

A project that began with the building of one bed for a single-family developed into something a whole lot more. After Luke Mickelson, the SHP Founder, built his first bed, he used the leftover wood from the first bunk to create another idea. He posted on Facebook to find others in need and received an overwhelming response from families and a litany of locals eager to help and volunteer. And so, Sleep in Heavenly Peace was born.

If someone has a child that does not have access to their own bed, they automatically qualify for help from SHP. Those interested can visit SHP's website, search for a local chapter and fill out the application form. After reviewing the application, someone will reach out to the family, and then they will be placed on the list for a bed.

The beds are handmade by volunteers with Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

"SHP starts with raw

material from local lumber stores, such as 2x4s and 2x6s," said chapter president Daniel Curtis. "We have around seven different stations located throughout the workspace and outside areas of the location where we hold SHP bed builds."

The local chapter's team base is located on the Crosswinds Church property in Livermore. Those interested in volunteering can visit the website: www.shpbs.org to reach out. From that page, donations that are made will directly benefit the local chapter. Funds allow the chapter to buy materials for the beds, such as mattresses, pillows, bedding and other essentials.

"My favorite part is talking to the families. They all have a story. I like to listen and show them someone who genuinely cares," said Christy Curtis.

Daniel Curtis agrees. "The rewarding part is watching a small child race around the house with pure happiness knowing they are about to have their own bed. Not a single bed delivered has ever not moved my heart and soul to tears. My belief is that no child is ever responsible for where they live, how poor they are or their sleeping arrangements. If we can deliver a bed free of charge to a family in need, then I will do it," he said.



Daniel Curtis, above, president of the Alameda County chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, with some happy recipients of newly made beds. (Photo courtesy of Christy Curtis)

DISH Network Settles California Hazardous Waste Suit

The DISH Network, a nationwide provider of satellite TV and wireless services, has agreed to pay \$5.5 million to settle a California lawsuit accusing the Colorado-based company of illegally disposing of hazardous waste in Alameda County and elsewhere in the state, according to Attorney General Rob Bonta.

"If you break the rules, we will hold you accountable," Bonta said in a joint statement with Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley.

DISH was alleged to have repeatedly violated California's environmental laws and regulations by disposing of electronics equipment,

including remote controls, transformers, batteries, power adapters, and other items classified as hazardous waste in municipal trash bins.

That waste ended up in local landfills that were not equipped or authorized to receive it, in violation of the Hazardous Waste Control Law and Unfair Competition Law.

"DISH carelessly disposed of and sent hazardous waste to local landfills, ignoring the consequences for our communities and our environment," Bonta said.

Under terms of the settlement, DISH must pay \$3.32 million in civil penalties, \$835,500 in court costs, and \$845,000 for supplemen-

tal environmental projects, according to the attorney general. DISH must also spend another \$500,000 to implement environmental compliance measures at its California facilities to ensure the proper management of hazardous waste.

O'Malley noted that "hazardous electronic waste is ubiquitous, and everyone must do their part to keep these items out of the landfill, especially large corporations who handle high volumes of electronic waste."

"My office is committed to holding corporate polluters accountable for violations of state environmental laws," O'Malley said.

Iyer Announces Run for Congressional District 14

East Bay businessman and community leader Sri "Steve" Iyer, an East Bay businessman, has formally announced his campaign for the 14th Congressional District of California in a run to replace Democratic incumbent Eric Swalwell.

The newly redistricted area encompasses the East Bay cities of Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, Castro Valley, Hayward and Union City.

"Our nation's founding fathers envisioned the United States Congress to be comprised of citizen representatives and not professional politicians," said Iyer. "My opponent, Eric Swalwell, epitomizes a professional politician. Swalwell has never held a job in the pri-

vate sector and has little achievements to show for our district and communities. Over the past 10 years that he has represented us, he has demonstrated that actually serving our community is the last thing on his mind. It is well past time for an elected congressional representative to put the voters of our East Bay district first for the desperately needed change we need here in California and at the federal level."

Iyer intends to work hard for the citizens of Congressional District 14 to bring that needed change.

"I no longer recognize the beautiful country and the freedoms it afforded when I immigrated here 36 years ago," he said. "I, and many others like me, are very wor-

ried that the uncontrolled spiral towards socialism, driven by the woke progressives is depriving us and our future generations of our freedoms, opportunities, and our way of life we hold so dear. I am determined to work hard to prevent that from happening."

For more information, visit iyer4congress.com.



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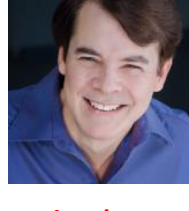
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City of Dublin to Sponsor Annual Weeklong Event to Promote Volunteerism

Dublin will sponsor the annual “Dublin Pride Week,” a weeklong series of events to promote volunteerism and environmental awareness, from Saturday, April 24, through Sunday, May 1.

This year’s theme is “40 Years of CommUNITY,” in celebration of the city’s 40th year of incorporation.

The week will begin with “Volunteer Day,” on April 24, with volunteers helping to clean up Dublin parks and schools.

Activities will include picking up litter from trails and waterways; planting trees and other vegetation; spreading crushed granite on pathways; spreading

sand and mulch in playgrounds and park; weeding and raking at Dublin Pioneer Cemetery; and cleaning up around the buildings at Dublin Heritage Park and Museums.

Volunteers will meet at Emerald Glen Park, 4201 Central Parkway, at 8 a.m. for breakfast and to receive their assignments. The Dublin Lions Club will also provide a barbecue lunch for volunteers at Emerald Glen Park at noon. All ages are welcome, but volunteers under 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

Other Dublin Pride Week activities will include:

- Volunteer Resource Fair at Emerald Glen Park, 11

- a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 24.
- Children’s Emergency Food Bank Food Drive with collection bins placed throughout the city, including the Dublin Civic Center, Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, The Wave, and Dublin Library.
- Second Annual Plogging Challenge, which will combine walking or jogging around the city with stops to pick up trash along the way.
- 22nd National Prescription Drug Take Back Event, hosted by Dublin Police Services at 100 Civic Plaza, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday, April 30. Residents can

drop off unwanted prescription drugs, however intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted.

- The annual Pride Week Poster and Essay Contest, sponsored by the Dublin and San Ramon Chapter of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs and open to all Dublin students, kindergarten through high school.
- The fourth annual “Nature in Our Backyard” photography contest. Photos can depict any wildlife or nature setting in Dublin, but photographs that include humans will not be accepted. The deadline to submit pictures is no later

than midnight on Monday, April 10.

For more information or

to volunteer, call 925-556-4500 or visit dublinpride-week.com.

Las Positas College Celebrates Film Festival's Return

By Lauren Farrauto

Following a six-year hiatus, Las Positas College’s (LPC) Film Festival is enjoying a renaissance. Organized by the students and faculty at Las Positas, the festival encourages local students and recent graduates to showcase their short films.

In the past, the festival was difficult to organize and sustain, so producers of the event decided to take a hiatus. But now, with newly implemented film and photography programs on campus, the festival has been resurrected.

“LPC hosted a student film festival from 2009-2015,” said Dr. Elizabeth Wing Brooks, one of the festival co-directors. “Being able to revamp and revive the festival with involvement from LPC’s new film studies program and students and faculty has been well worth the hard work. We had several Zoom festival-planning meetings last fall due to the pandemic, and this spring we have been able to do some in-person collaboration. We are all looking forward to a live event!”

Interested student filmmakers submitted under-

10-minute short films earlier this month. LPC received around 30 submissions in the primary submission categories, which include narrative films, documentaries, animation, music videos, LPC alumni and high school films.

“It’s always nice to see the spread of work,” noted Deanna Horvath, another of the festival’s co-directors. “Maybe they’re a year or two out of college and have stepped up their game. And, the high school students submit some great work, too.”

All submissions are from current or recently graduated students in high school, community college or four-year college.

“I’m looking forward to getting back to live events that everyone can participate in. It will be fun and nice to support the filmmakers,” said Horvath.

On April 28, 2022, Las Positas will host a free screening and awards night for the filmmakers, their friends and family, and community members from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. in room 2420 at the college. Awards categories include direction, comedic and dramatic performance, editing, story/

narrative, score/sound and audience choice, to name a few. Recipients will receive a small trophy, a certificate and a surprise gift. While the organizers are still uncertain about which films they’ll be showing, the screening will be about two hours with an intermission.

“Screening student films together on a big screen with

a live audience is really fun, but then being able to offer awards for student filmmaking is the cherry on top,” says Wing Brooks. “We hope that the Las Po Film Fest can continue to grow each year, providing a platform to celebrate student films, as well as build community on campus and in the tri-valley area.”



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EDITORIAL

All-Ability Playgrounds Support More than the Special Needs Community

Pleasanton’s recent unveiling of its new all-abilities playground on the campus of the IPAL (Inclusive Play and Learn) Preschool is a welcome addition for special-needs families and the community. Located within the Pleasanton Unified School District at Harvest Park Preschool, the play area is designed for children between three and five years of age and has all the protective and supportive materials to make play meaningful, safe and, above all, fun. It includes wheelchair-friendly swings, quiet sensory areas, soft turf and ADA-compliant features, such as restrooms and access ramps.

It wasn’t that long ago that all-abilities playgrounds were the exception, not the rule, in cities throughout the country. In 2021, Dublin opened the area’s first such playground at the Dublin Sports Grounds. Since then, nearly a dozen have been constructed throughout the Tri-Valley.

While the benefits of these playgrounds for children with special needs are obvious, the long-term gains are even greater. Study after study has shown that all-ability playgrounds foster inclusive interaction, promote understanding, reduce prejudices and support social integration. All-encompassing environments allow individuals of all ages and abilities to develop independence and feel included, while contributing to meaningful play experiences.

Learning the values of respect and support are also key components to a successful community; stronger relationships among children help to build better citizens. On the playground, they learn things like taking turns, leadership, negotiation and conflict resolution. Involving children of all abilities in play helps them learn to cooperate with each other.

It’s a good lesson for the adults, too.

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Yes, on A!
John Stein, Livermore
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All three of my children graduated from Livermore’s public schools. Their well-rounded education prepared them for further education, good careers and fulfilling lives. As a senior I am happy to continue to do my small part to pay it forward.

As an engineer, I am well aware of the importance of hands on scientific and technology training in preparation for living in our increasingly complex society. It prepares our students for good jobs and provides a basis for evaluating the risks and benefits of their scientific choices.

A scientifically well-educated population supports the good jobs that are vital for our community’s prosperity, helps to maintain our local property values and to helps our children’s to be successful.

Thank you for voting YES on A.

A Festival, a Really Big Donation, and Coping With Drought

Trish Munro, Livermore
Spring is around the corner and there’s a lot going on. Want more? Sign up here for weekly emails: www.cityoflivermore.net/communityupdate.

1. Come to the Korean Cultural Festival at the Civic Center Library this Saturday afternoon, April 16, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Participate in traditional Korean folk games and crafts on the library’s patio, watch a Korean orchestra performance in front of the library, and look at an exhibition in the Children’s Storytime Room.

The festival is hosted by the Livermore Public Library in partnership with the Korean American Parents Association.

2. Yes, we still have a drought and yes, people still garden and grow plants. Thursday, April 14, there are two back-to-back webinars on how to manage gardening in a drought.

First, at 5:00 pm, find out how to grow fruits and vegetables the Eco-Friendly Way—Registration at: bit.ly/3wZfagd. Then, at 6:30 pm, Loren McIrvine, owner of Allied Landscape, leads a program on the steps needed to turn your yard into a water-wise garden. Register at: bit.ly/36CKAhI. Don’t say “brown is the new green,” go lawn-free instead!

3. Learning to drive or white-knuckle teaching someone who is? Need to learn about CA traffic laws and the written and road tests? This past Wednesday the Livermore Public Library hosted Claudia Castro, Senior Driver Ombudsman at the DMV to discuss all of the above. You can find the presentation on the Livermore Library’s YouTube channel and take notes at your leisure.

4. No new drivers will be driving LPFD’s newest truck: a 1997 Tiller Truck, donated by Berkeley Fire Department to become our Fire Department’s reserve truck. LPFD will use this vehicle primarily for training or as reserve when newer vehicles are in for maintenance and repairs.

5. There’s another addition at LPFD: a new Fire Chief! LPFD has just announced that Joe Testa has been appointed to the position. Chief Testa joined LPFD in 1996 and has served the department as an engineer, fire captain, battalion chief, and deputy fire chief. Welcome, Chief Testa!

Board Was Unanimous on Measure A
Lu See Kwik, Livermore

The proposed ballot for Measure A was unanimously approved by LVJUSD elected board officials on February 1, 2022. In the resolution, the Board proposed to continue the quality education parcel tax because the revenues will benefit only the district’s schools and cannot be taken by the state or by other schools. The resolution also called for the May 3 mail-in ballot election. This was approved by all five Livermore school district board officials after a public hearing on February 1 where public comment (written and in-person) was allowed by all Livermore citizens on Jan 11 and Feb 1. And all arguments opposing the parcel tax measure would have had an opportunity to have been heard prior to their vote. Those passionate regarding this ballot’s timing, additional costs and other concerns should have exercised their right in addressing them to the the Board BEFORE the vote instead of voicing them afterwards. It’s been reported there was a legal challenge against this Measure A ballot. However, Alameda County Superior Court Judge Frank Roche ruled the complaint was without merit and denied

the request to halt the May 3 vote-by-mail election, and the ballot in question language. He also rejected requests requiring amendment.

I did notice one public comment by Alameda County Board in the Feb 1 meeting encouraging LVJUSD to ensure that all regular positions, certificated and classified, that are impacted by the expiring one-time funds of nearly \$4.0 million, are properly noticed as required by the education code. The Board approved the May 3 election to ensure any legal notices are served timely as required by law. In other words, a June election would have forced non-compliance in taking the legal action to serve notices to employees if the measure didn’t pass.

We elected our Livermore school board officials entrusting their judgment in governance and education based on experience, staying updated on the district’s finances throughout the year, updates on our education programs and perform site visits on the progress and growth our children benefit from state and parcel tax funds.

If you prefer to vote in-person, you may do so on April 30, May 1 and 2 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and May 3 from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Go to vote.org/go to confirm the location and vote Yes on A.

Measure A
Van Rainey, Livermore

Last Sunday, I attended the monthly meeting of Livermore Indivisible when part of the meeting centered on a discussion of Measure A, the funding measure for Livermore schools, before the voters on May 3. I was pleased by the calm, measured and detailed arguments put forth by the school board president Craig Bueno and superintendent Kelly Bowers. The discussion helped clarify the value of the investment Measure A provides for maintaining the excellence of our district’s education of the children of Livermore. I was surprised to learn about the arcane State rules our district officers need to navigate to remain competitive and be treated equitably compared to other communities. I have never been more convinced that we are being served well by dedicated, experienced and expert public servants leading our district and calling them bureaucrats is a disservice.

While explaining the matters confronting our district, these leaders gave rational and clearly explained reasons for why the district is compelled to hold this special mail in only ballot measure on May 3. It could not be delayed to align with the June primary because this critical funding measure needed to be decided by May 3. State law requires that teachers need to be informed by that date that they will be continued to be retained for the following academic year. If Measure A is not approved ahead of that date cutbacks would need to be forecasted that would eliminate positions for teachers in which the district has invested and trained.

My point in writing this letter to the editor is to illustrate the value of well-reasoned civil discourse that is lacking in many discussions of what policies best serve the interests of our community, our state and the nation. I learned much from this discussion, but I also realized how well it felt to be informed without inflammatory rhetoric and respected to understand in more detail the complexities facing the leaders of our community as they seek to make the best decisions for us. It feels gratifying to know that

these elected and appointed officials are worthy of our trust and that they rely on our feedback in the public arena to guide them. This function of democracy in our community is essential and I simply hope that it is practiced more at all levels of government.

Moving Eden is Feasible
Jim Hutchins, Livermore

Livermore residents for years have been petitioning the City Council to look at alternatives to building apartments on the last remaining open space in Livermore’s downtown. Numerous letters to the Independent, speakers at City Council and Planning Commission meetings, in person meetings with councilmembers, all showing they want the city to build a downtown park, not fill it with housing. In the 2017 community outreach conducted by the city, common themes by residents include “Housing is not appropriate in the center of downtown” and “Downtown Livermore needs a central green space”.

When Bob Woerner was running for mayor in 2020, one of his campaign promises was that he would look at moving the planned housing off the old Lucky site, saying he “believes it is still possible in principle to relocate the housing element”, calling such a plan a “win-win”. But like a good politician, after he won the election, he claimed such a move wasn’t feasible and ignored what both he and the residents had said.

Many who oppose relocating the housing say there is no viable alternative plan, often claiming there is no source of funding for it. But Save Livermore Downtown (SLD) has created plans to show that the move is feasible, including showing where the funding is available. For example, the city has allowed developers, by paying an in-lieu fee to the city, to “buy out” of the requirement to include affordable housing in new projects. As of July 2021, this fund had over \$14 million. There is also the Housing Successor Fund (formerly Low-Moderate Income Fund) with over \$3 million. These funds can only be used for projects like Eden Housing, so the city does have the resources if it wishes to do what Mayor Woerner promised to consider. There have also been discussions with LVJSUD to provide additional funding to assist teachers with housing.

Funding to move Eden Housing isn’t the issue; the desire by those currently in power to put housing on this land despite alternatives and the will of the people is the issue. We need our elected officials to listen to their constituents, not special interests.

Progressive Left Kool-Aide is Dishonest
David Ott, Pleasanton

Paulette Kenyon has decided to deny science and foolishly drink the progressive left media Kool-Aid that is filled with lies. She must use CNN, MSNBC or the NY Times as her news source. She can choose this, of course, but others should heed the warning. Case in point, Kenyon denies the authenticity of The Great Barrington Declaration. This declaration was written back in Oct 2020 by three world renown epidemiologists from Stanford, Harvard and Oxford. It informed the world that the best way that we should have handled the COVID pandemic was by protecting the elderly and other people at risk, treating those infected with medication and allowing the rest of the population to follow herd

immunity. Within days of its publication, Fauci and the progressive left media tried to discredit these men and this accurate study. Recently John Hopkins followed up with their own study that proved The Great Barrington Declaration to be correct. Fauci and the progressive left mandated lock downs for all people instead of allowing herd immunity to naturally combat the virus. The John Hopkins study proved that Fauci’s plans were ineffective, wrong and deadly. There have been countless other lies that the progressive left media has claimed that have all been debunked (Hillary’s and the DNC’s fake dossier about Russian collusion, defund the police will bring peace to the city streets, the Marxist BLM organization is an honorable and moral organization, an open southern border doesn’t allow illegal drugs or convicts into our country, Hunter Biden’s laptop did not include any damning evidence against his father, government spending will fix inflation – all lies from the left). It is critical to obtain your news from various sources and to do your own research so you can determine and validate the truth. The Wall Street Journal is an excellent source of factful and truth news. Drinking the progressive left Kool-Aide and believing the lies and rhetoric is dividing the citizens, ruining our great country and can be deadly to us all.

Not All Parks Are the Same
Jim Caselli, Livermore

I couldn’t help but think about comments made regarding little or no need for a downtown central park because we have so many parks all around the city. It’s true that our city is blessed with many parks, but they all cater to different needs. Some provide baseball fields, some soccer fields, dog runs, skateboards, local playgrounds, etc. A large central park serves yet a different purpose. One only has to look at cities such as Healdsburg to see what that purpose is.

Yes on Measure A
Alan Marling, Livermore

Teachers deserve double their salary. Occupations traditionally held by women are underpaid and underappreciated it. As a society we should value education more. Good education increases opportunity and reduces crime.

In the meantime, let’s vote yes on Measure A. It’s the least we can do.

Let’s Encourage a Council Run
Bill Leach, Livermore

There is still much discomfort in our community about Eden Housing plans. The upcoming election gives us a chance to have fresh eyes looking at the possibilities, from the faces of new Council members if current and new potential candidates are willing to step into the ring. Let’s encourage our fellow citizens to run for Council.

Yes on Measure A
Noah King, Livermore

My name is Noah King, and I’ve been an Elementary Technology Specialist in Livermore schools for the past six years. Technology specialist teachers in Livermore schools are funded by our local voter-approved parcel tax, which will expire this summer unless renewed by voters this May. I’m writing to share information with the community about the importance of the technology specialist positions in ensuring our teachers and

students have access to current technology resources and practices.

I started in LVJUSD in 1995 after earning my teaching credential and a master’s degree in education. For 20 years, I worked as an elementary classroom teacher. In 2015, after the passage of Measure G, I joined a newly created team of technology specialists. While I always loved being a classroom teacher, this role allowed me to have a positive impact on a greater number of students. So far this school year, I have personally worked with 137 teachers and their classes. That means I’ve been able to impact over 3,200 students in one year.

What does an elementary technology specialist do? We coach teachers directly in their classrooms, modeling lessons with their students while they observe and learn. We also observe them teaching lessons, with us there for immediate support. We provide ideas to incorporate technology into teachers’ usual lessons, units, and projects. We head into schools’ Makerspaces to teach about all the exciting equipment and materials. For example, our students are learning how to create videos in front of a green screen, how to code simple robots to do various tasks, and how to design 3D models on their Chromebooks that they can print on our 3D printers. We send out weekly “Cool Tools” and other suggested lessons. And we promptly answer “emergency” texts and emails to help with whatever tech emergencies pop up.

When the pandemic hit, it was all hands-on deck. The team was already in place, ready to show teachers how to use Schoology, hold video conferences, post assignments, and make teaching videos for their classes. Not only were we helping all the teachers, we were also corresponding with parents and students to guide them through their distance learning tech woes, big and small.

Your Yes vote on Measure A will ensure that we continue to have much needed technological coaching support for our students and teachers in Livermore schools. Please vote Yes on A by May 3.

The Ruse of Livermore’s Downtown ‘Affordable Housing’

Greg Scott, Livermore
I, apparently, wear the ad populum ‘crown of thorns’ of being “misguided and entitled,” along with “desperately trying to convince us that this [Eden Housing’s downtown project] is not a good project. They demand a majestic park.” (Marc Ross, “In Defense of Affordable Housing”, The Independent, Apr. 7). Schism is the “[d]efense” with “us” and “They”? “He who knows only his own side of the case knows little of that from persons who actually believe them.” (John Stuart Mill).

I do not require aggressively throwing ‘darts’ at Mr. Ross to prove my virtuousness, and ‘brilliance’, and I need the same thing: a solution or solutions to the housing crisis.

It is an over-simplification that the answer to the housing crisis is ‘affordable housing.’ Housing is not merely an edifice: it is home, which requires being welcoming, belonging, inclusion, trust and a sufficient ‘sense of place’. Downtown Livermore is not that place, for above ‘majesty’ is the character of a community, and imperative to that is a central square, with adequate space for the “art of association.”

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Would the solution to New York City’s ‘affordable housing’ crisis be building housing in the 843-acre Central Park? Would the solution to 49-square mile San Francisco’s ‘affordable housing’ crisis be... building housing in Golden Gate Park’s 2-square miles, or perhaps a high rise in Union Square?

Fundamental to the housing crisis problem is economic inequality. How is this structurally solved when Eden Housing’s Executive Director makes \$415K per year and the ‘top brass’ of the Eden Housing organization takes 40% of that organization’s payroll? We are in an asset-and-leverage-bubble, which is accentuating the housing crisis. There are two types of inflation: consumer price inflation and asset inflation. Asset inflation is 3 to 4 times on average what consumer price inflation is, which is the highest it has been in 40 years. How are “churners,” renters and homeless, going to ‘belong’ by spanning the inflation inequality chasm by becoming asset - housing - owners?

The ‘affordable housing’ crisis is not solved by merely building housing. Having adequate, essential downtown open space is not “misguided and entitled.”

My Uncle’s Back Yard
Vic Avila, Livermore

My uncle’s back yard reminds me of something a few Livermarians want. It has a coup for chickens and geese, a tool shed, some bird baths and feeders, a putting green, couple windmills, some plastic pink swans in a pond, a hot Sento, a trampoline for the grandkids, a dog run, and a few cat climbers. It has practically everything.

It reminds me of the mayor and city council’s plan for the downtown development; it has practically everything. It has so much planned for its footprint that it’s become crowded, densely developed, inappropriate, and unattractive. It wants to do too many things. The 4-story Eden Housing Development is the cherry on top..... the sorest thumb on the block.

My uncle would like it, but he doesn’t always have the best taste or judgement.

Vote Yes for Measure A!

Anne White, Trustee, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District

Since 2004 Livermore students have had the advantage of science specialist teachers in elementary classrooms, small class sizes and up-to-date technology in all grades. Voting Yes on A will continue these important pro-

grams for students by extending local school funding that is set to expire. There will be no change in your taxes and exemptions will continue to be available for seniors. Our students are succeeding in many ways! A Smith Elementary School student will compete in the State Spelling Bee finals. Livermore High Choirs, Band, Orchestra and Jazz Bands won top awards at the recent Disneyland Festival with 3000 students in the competition. Mendenhall eighth grade students swept the Alameda County History Day competition with eight projects earning Champion awards. More than 350 students participated in the 22nd Livermore Annual Science Odyssey earning many, many awards in all categories. Let’s protect our tradition of outstanding schools in Livermore. Don’t mess with success! Vote Yes on Measure A! Our students deserve no less.

Missing Man
Ministry Cares

Carol Cook, Pleasanton

I want to give a shout-out to a fantastic group--- Missing Man Ministry. The volunteers at this small but mighty organization provide whatever support they can to Tri-Valley widows and their children struggling to cope

after losing their husbands and fathers. The volunteers listen and show that they care. They provide shoulders to cry on and hands to pull people up.

Since working through grief and getting back on some kind of solid footing (financial and otherwise) can take a while, MMM also follows up with its clients. Having referred people to MMM, I know of several

cases where the group first helped with immediate needs and then saved the day some months later with something like an emergency car repair.

Given its mission and the varied needs of its clients, Missing Man Ministry welcomes volunteers and financial contributions. See www.missingmanministry.org for more information.

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Marlene Brown a Livermore resident for over fifty years, worked in the Livermore school district office and then as a secretary at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory until 2008. She married and brought up her son in Livermore, and has been rooted in Livermore issues since her arrival here.

"The Last Available Land In the Center of Town"

"I am very disappointed that the City Council approved the Eden Housing Project on the last available land in the center of town.

We need a new council that understands that the lower income housing buildings need to be placed across Railroad Avenue, opposite to where the City Council chose to build them. The land opened up could then be used for a park with wandering paths and tables under trees near areas for children to play – a place where families and friends could gather.

We also need more parking than is currently planned for the hotel, the housing and the cultural amenities. Otherwise, traffic in the downtown will be backed up.

Affordable housing for teachers was promised. Their needs must be addressed, as well as the needs of those who work downtown.

We have a wonderful community. Let’s elect those who will make the Downtown Plan much better."

– **Marlene Brown, Livermore**



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MAILBOX

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Flawed Leadership

Deborah McQueen, Livermore

Excellent Leadership traits are essential for a mayor, but does Marchand possess them? Daniel Gilbert, professor of Psychology at Harvard, states that “The greatest achievement of the human brain is its ability to imagine objects and episodes that do not exist in the realm of the real, and it is this ability that allows us to think about the future...the human brain is an ‘anticipation machine,’ and ‘making future’ is the most important thing it does.” “Leaders are idealists. Leaders are possibility thinkers. All ventures, big or small, begin with the belief that what today is merely a yearning will one day be reality. It’s this belief that also sustains leaders and their constituents...”

Yet when supporters of the downtown park attempt to persuade the council to rethink the Eden Housing project, they are called names by Marchand and his supporters, which include things like magical-thinkers of “fantasy-alternatives”, even though it was these very same people (Friends of Livermore) that had the farsighted vision to protect Livermore’s open space and imagine a town where growth is carefully planned, and local controls are safeguarded over State control. Kudos to “Save The Hill” and “Save Our Valley,” who have successfully fought off “destructive development.” Marchand obsessively denigrates two elderly women (King and Seppala) who have done more for keeping Livermore a beautiful, bucolic and pastoral town than any others in Livermore.

Marchand fails at understanding that the public wants to have a voice, be heard, and walk beside their leaders in decision-making. The public wants to “dream with them, invent with them, and be involved in creating their futures.” Citizens voicing opposition to Marchand’s goals are branded as members of a secret Cabal run by wealthy old ladies who push their elitist agendas. Castigating methods were employed by the Council, including “Public Shaming” when John Stein voiced his concerns about the City’s plan to build segregated housing downtown at the expense of a world-class park and was branded as a “racist” for comparing it to a “ghetto,” i.e., segregated housing. There is nothing elitist about envisioning a beautiful downtown park, a public space with benches, paths, fountains, and native plants for all 90K people and tourists to enjoy. No one is against affordable housing, but they want it built where it makes the most sense and doesn’t impinge on the rights of all the other 90K taxpayers in Livermore.

NO on Measure A

Fabian Moreno, Livermore

Signs around Livermore advertise Measure A is for children. How could you not want more for science programs? Why would you want teachers laid off? All playing to your sympathy. The truth is that it’s a lie. I have no sympathy for this school board as they have no respect for the parents. They don’t deserve another dime. More taxes for many more years is an open checkbook to them. The district did not suffer during this “pandemic” - they kept our children out of class so they could pocket \$34 million in Covid relief from the Fed and State. LVJUSD hid this \$34 million from the Parents, the Public, and the Independent - they only told Wall Street in a financial disclosure <https://bit.ly/3E6SSKP> pg. 38-39. I’m so upset with the school board as many parents have been. Their policies - not mandated by the state or county - had teachers requiring little children to wear masks even outside during recess. They humiliated students who had suspicions of exposure. Even though these students had a negative COVID test they were marched out of class in the middle of the school day in front of their peers. This has resulted in over 700 children and their families fleeing this school district. Please Vote NO on Measure A!

No on Measure A!

Joanne Duncan, Livermore

We don’t need business as usual, We need a renaiss-

sance of American values. I strongly urge you to Vote No on Measure A. The state has a surplus of money, they don’t need ours. The general funds have been mismanaged and I add my agreement on this matter along with Robin Hill’s response in the Independent. With the bloated salaries of school administrators, we don’t need to add to their largesse.

Confused by Letter

Maryann Brent, Livermore

I am a member of Save Livermore Downtown (SLD) and was mightily perplexed after reading Marc Ross’s letter in last week’s Mailbox. Perplexed, because I agree with his support for low-income housing, as do other SLD members. He seems to believe that we do not.

Every member of SLD supports convenient housing for our service community, our underpaid teachers, police, and fire units, and the homeless, as we have always done. We also very much want a downtown park. A park would break up the growing canyons of concrete and add a perception of grace to our unique town. Why can’t we have both?

Mr. Ross admits that the Eden project in its currently planned location doesn’t “even come close to what we need.” Then, why not move the project across the street and even increase the number of housing units?

Vote NO on Measure A

Bernadette Fernandez, Livermore

So tired of our taxpayer money being squandered as is evident by this special election when the primary is only a month away. This proves there is no accountability. The \$600K wasted on this and the \$150K wasted on Critical Race Theory could have been better spent on a program for kids. The school board does not seem to be listening to the parents in advocating for our kids and now they want us to cough up more money. Enough is enough. Vote NO on Measure A.

Give Me Land, Lots of Land

Denise Leddon, Danville

I spend many of my days in Livermore volunteering for 4 groups -- Cantabella Children’s Chorus, Del Valle Fine Arts, Livermore-Amador Symphony and the Livermore Cultural Arts Council.

One of my greatest joys is working on Tuesday Tunes, the 10-week summer series providing music to families including children. Some bands attract crowds that overflow our current downtown open areas. I have been asking the City Council for years to create a larger green space downtown for everyone to access. It occurred to me that this larger space could be used for an expanded ArtWalk, too.

There will be many wonderful uses, but we need to do more than just dream.

We need a City Council that is responsive to the citizens of Livermore.

No On Measure A

Russ Greenlaw, Livermore

I have thought about it and decided to vote “NO” on the Livermore School District’s

new parcel tax, Measure “A”, for three reasons:

First, I question the need. I read that the superintendent’s compensation package is over \$435,000 per year, more than the President of the United States, for somewhat less responsibility. More also than the Livermore city Manager, who has wider ranging duties. I understand the next three assistants total over \$ 700,000. Wow! The district must be awash in money to afford such lavish pay and perks.

Second, I question the judgement of the district administration.

A beautiful new sports building has been built at Livermore High, and I understand that the pools for both high schools have been replaced but remain old-style short pools rather than the current 50-meter by 25-yard competitive standard. As long as one is building a new swimming pool, why keep a 1950s size? Other high schools in the area have regulation 50m x 25yd pools.

Third, I question the integrity of the School Administrators. In the ballot, the text of the measure (which reads like a ballot argument) says, “... any parcel owned and occupied by a person

65 years of age or older shall be exempt from the education parcel tax.” The previous parcel tax contained similar language with the word “automatic” included. When I failed to be exempt, I found it wasn’t true- one must APPLY for the “automatic” exemption, which must then be “approved” by the district before becoming an exemption. I asked for “a refund of taxes paid while eligible for exemption” as provided for in the measure and received no response. Shocking!

Lastly, the proponents advertise that this is not a tax increase, but it is. The old parcel tax expired and will not appear on our tax bills ever again. This measure would create a new parcel tax, which would not otherwise exist.

In Support of Cook-Kallio

Garima Desai, Former We the People Student and Rhodes Scholar

I will never forget when Mrs. Cook-Kallio told me that my peers see integrity and honesty within me after I got accepted into the ‘We the People’ program in my school. I wasn’t even going to apply, because I never thought I would get in, but Mrs. Cook-Kallio kept encouraging me to simply try. This was the first time I had a teacher recognize that there was something special and unique about me. ‘We the People’ helped shape me into who I am today by giving me a safe outlet where I could unveil my passion for social issues. None of that would have been possible without Mrs. Cook-Kallio. I couldn’t imagine anyone else more fit to serve on the AC School Board.

Vote No on the New Measure A Parcel Tax

Alan Heckman, Livermore

There are a few issues with the Livermore Independent’s Editorial in favor of Measure A regarding a non-existent law, LVJUSD “financial hardship”, and the

senior exemption.

There is no law that states parcel tax money can not be used for administrator salaries. California Education Code § 15100 restricts school bond proceeds, such as Livermore’s Measure J \$520,000,000 tax).

This law does not allow for administrator salaries and pensions, but even then this law is broken by LVJUSD. The most recent audit report for Livermore’s Measure J performed by Nigro & Nigro PC shows that

\$1,120,680 was spent on administrators and pensions this past year despite this law, and despite the text of Measure J which cited “no money for administrators”. In California, the government is allowed to lie to get taxes passed, and then spend proceeds on whatever they want.

The editorial claims the school district underwent financial hardship through COVID. In reality the district received \$34,000,000 in COVID relief from the Federal and State Governments. The district did not announce this monetary windfall to the taxpayers, the parents, nor apparently the Independent, this was only detailed in a financial disclosure to Wall Street. They got the money and we got \$6 gas and exploding food prices. It was the public and the parents, NOT the Government, that endured hardship.

The Yes on A crew is using a boiler room call center financed by construction firms who want more of our Measure J tax money to hound seniors to vote for this parcel tax. Seniors who have no recent experience with the actual current management of our schools and who are told they, like Mayor Bob Woerner, won’t have to pay the tax. The district promises seniors that they will be exempt. But here is the catch. The deadline for filing an exemption is May 1, 2020. The election does not finish until May 3, 2020. If this new tax passes and a senior then tries to get an exemption, it will be denied because it is too late. The school district may extend this exemption, but only if they are called out. They want as few exemptions as possible.

Please Vote No and Send in your Ballot Immediately!

Where is the Money?

Joseph Grcar, Castro Valley

Recently Congressman Swalwell came back to his district in Alameda County to announce that the Infrastructure Bill would pay to renovate some bridges here (Castro Valley Forum, January 26, 2022). A member of his staff said altogether California gets 4.2 billion and it would be up to local officials to decide on which bridges to spend the money. Now suppose you are President Biden and you have 1 trillion dollars. California is 20% of the United States so it gets 200 billion. And Alameda County is 4% of California so it gets 8 billion. In fact, President Biden actually has 1.9 trillion from the Covid Relief Bill and 1.2 trillion from the Infrastructure Bill, for a total of 3.1 trillion. That means Alameda County gets 24.8 billion (3.1 times 8). But Congressman Swalwell says the whole state only gets 4.2 billion. Where is the rest of the money?

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Next Meeting: April 6th

Historic Preservation Commission (2 Vacancies)

Join us in identifying, protecting, and preserving Livermore's historic resources. The Commission's successes are visible in the beauty of Livermore's historic structures and landmarks.

(1) Unexpired term ending 5/1/2025

(1) Regular term ending 5/1/2026

Meets 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM.

Next Meeting: April 7th

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Join us in helping to set goals and objectives for the broad variety of services and programs the Library provides and recommend policy modifications to City Council.

Regular term ending 6/1/2025

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Next meeting: March 24th

Livermore Area Youth Advisory Commission (6 Youth and 2 Adult Vacancies)

Join the Commission in bringing together young people and adults, and private and public sectors of the community, to address responsibility for the care, health, safety, welfare, and education of Livermore's young people.

(6 Youth) Regular term ending 9/1/2024

(2 Adult) Regular term ending 9/1/2024

Meets 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 PM

Next Meeting: April 4th

Livermore Housing Authority (1 Vacancy)

Join us in administering and overseeing low-income housing units and the Section Eight Voucher Program for subsidized housing.

Unexpired term ending 1/1/2024

Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM

Next meeting: April 14th

SAVE THE DATE! In-person Interviews will be tentatively held the week of May 2nd, 2022. For more information or to apply, please visit www.cityoflivermore.net/AB, call the City Clerk's office at (925) 960-4200, or email: cityclerk@cityoflivermore.net. Must attend at least one meeting of the applicable advisory body before applying.



ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR POET LAUREATE

The City of Livermore and the Commission for the Arts is seeking a local poet to serve as the City of Livermore's Poet Laureate. The person selected will serve as a public advocate for the appreciation and advancement of the arts, particularly poetry. The person selected for this position will not receive compensation, as this is a voluntary position. **The deadline to apply is Friday, April 29, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.**

The Poet Laureate will be called upon to write themed-based poetry and read poetry at civic events such as public ceremonies and dedications. He or she will serve as a resource and liaison between the City's Cultural Arts Program, local schools, and literary organizations.

Following are the requirements for the Poet Laureate:

- Be a Livermore resident
- Be the author of published poetry deemed appropriate by the selection committee
- Be affiliated with the poetry culture
- Promote and advocate the City of Livermore as a venue for poetry
- Be an advocate for the inclusion of poetry in public and civic events
- Inspire and foster an awareness and appreciation of the role of poetry in the community through poetry readings, writing educational programs, and other outreach events, activities, and programs
- Interface with various literary organizations
- Collaborate with elected officials and city staff
- Serve a two-year term with no compensation
- Work with the previous Poet Laureate during a 6–12-month transition period
- Orient and train the next Poet Laureate.

Interested applicants must submit:

- A two-page letter of interest
- Five original poems, two of which have been published
- Your resumé indicating active participation in promoting the literary arts in the community
- An outline of your vision, goals, projects, and activities for the Poet Laureate Program during your tenure (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024).

If you have questions, please contact the City Clerk's office at (925) 960-4200 or by e-mail at cityclerk@cityoflivermore.net

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From left, Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance President Kathy Young, Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown, and Vice Mayor Valarie Arkin recently helped deliver hot meals to seniors in Pleasanton and Dublin, as Spectrum Community Services celebrated the 50th anniversary of federal funding for nutrition programs for older Americans. In March 1972, then-President Richard Nixon signed into law an amendment to the Older Americans Act, which helped fund such community-based programs as Meals on Wheels and Senior Meals. During the weeklong celebration, the Hayward-based Spectrum Community Services invited Alameda County community leaders and elected officials to visit two of its 12 senior meal locations and on ride-alongs for three of its 90 weekly Meals on Wheels delivery routes in Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin. Alameda County residents 60 and older can register for Senior Meals or Meals on Wheels by calling 510-881-0300 or visiting [SpectrumCS.org](https://www.spectrumcs.org). Spectrum is also seeking volunteers to help deliver meals. (Photo courtesy of Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance)

Arts Commission Seeks Public Input on Parking Garage Artwork

Dublin residents have an opportunity to share their thoughts about the community with artists interested in a new public art project for a parking garage Alameda County is building near the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station.

The Alameda County Arts Commission (ACAC) announced last week that it is conducting a short, online survey for Dublin residents, and will share those responses with prospective artists.

The commission, a division of Alameda County government, will eventually select someone to create artwork for a five-story glass

surface at the corner of Campus Drive and Martinelli Way. The commission said it hopes the public comments will influence the artists' proposed designs. The chosen design would be "printed on the glass" and would "be a highly visible expansive artwork integrated directly into the building."

The Dublin Transit Center Parking Garage, expected to cost about \$34 million, will have more than 500 parking spaces, with priority for vanpool parking and electric-vehicle charging stations.

To complete the survey, visit tinyurl.com/DubGarage-ArtSurvey by April 30.

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, City of Pleasanton Present "Damn Yankees"

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, in conjunction with the City of Pleasanton present "Damn Yankees," the Tony award-winning musical about American's favorite pastime - baseball.

The musical opens on April 30 at 8 p.m., at the Pleasanton Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton.

"Damn Yankees" is a modern twist on the Faustian fable that questions just how far the leading protagonist is willing to go - in this case, sell his soul - for a major league victory.

"Damn Yankees" tells the tale of Joe Boyd (played by Jess Martinez), a middle-aged, fanatical and frustrated fan of the Washington Senators, who is willing to give up everything to lead his team to victory against the New York Yankees. Boyd is granted this opportunity by the devil incarnate himself, Applegate (played by Ray D'Ambrosio), who transforms Boyd into Joe Hardy (played by Dominic Lessa), a 22-year-old slugger, in exchange for his soul.

For more information, visit trivalleyrep.org.

Hank Williams Tribute at Bankhead

With hits such as "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry," "Your Cheatin' Heart," "Hey Good Lookin'," "Cold Cold Heart," "Lovesick Blues" and more, Jason Petty's Obie Award-winning performance brings Hank Williams' timeless music to life on June 3, 8 p.m., at the Bankhead.

In "Hank and My Honky Tonk Heroes," Petty gives audiences a personal look at Williams growing up, how he became famous, and who influenced the legendary singer and songwriter. The great songs of Hank Williams Sr. will be performed, along with songs from some of Hank's influences, including Jimmie Rodgers, Carter Family, Roy Acuff, and Ernest Tubbs, and those influenced by Hank, such

as George Jones, Elvis, and Alan Jackson.

Please be advised organizers are no longer requiring patrons to show proof of vaccination for ticketed events. Additionally, patrons, staff, and volunteers will be encouraged, but not required, to wear masks during ticketed performances. This is a good sign that things are continuing to improve, but as always, these policies are subject to change based on recommendations from the Alameda County Health Department or due to contractual obligations with the artist.

For more information, call 925-583-2305 or email membership@lvpac.org.

Second Smothers Brothers Show Added

The Bankhead Theater has added a second performance of The Smothers Brothers, a popular folk duo and comedy act dating back to the 1960s, for Tuesday, June 14.

Livermore Arts, which operates the theater, initially booked the Smothers Brothers for a January performance, dubbed "An evening of comedy, video clips, and Q&A," but later moved the show to June 13 because of ongoing concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic. That show is now sold out.

However, Livermore Arts announced last week that the brothers have agreed to a second show at 7:30 p.m. on June 14.

Tom and Dick Smothers were folk singers who turned their sibling rivalry into a comedy act, with Tommy's signature line, "Mom always liked you best!" They got their start while attending San Jose State University. In 1967, CBS launched the award-winning "Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour," but the program was cancelled two years later because of its edgy political satire and conflicts with network censors.

Tickets for the June 14 show are \$20 to \$75 and can be purchased at livermorearts.org or the Bankhead box office, at 2400 First St., in Livermore.

Bankhead to Present 'Funny Women of a Certain Age'

The Bankhead Theater will present "Funny Women of a Certain Age," with stand-up comedians Carole Montgomery, Leighann Lord, Monique Marvez, and

Julia Scotti, at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 28.

The show premiered on Showtime in 2019, making history as the first comedy special to feature six female

comedians over the age of 50. Showtime followed up with "More Funny Women of a Certain Age" specials in 2020 and 2021.

Tickets for the Bankhead

Presents performance are \$20 to \$75 and are available at the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First St., or at livermorearts.org.



Bankhead to Celebrate The Rat Pack

On Friday, April 29, the Bankhead Theater in Livermore will take a trip down memory lane to the 1960s, when the legendary Rat Pack sang and joked their way through lounge shows on the Las Vegas Strip.

Sebastian Anzaldo as Frank Sinatra, Andy DiMino as Dean Martin, and Lambus Dean as Sammy Davis, Jr., accompanied by the Rat Pack Orchestra, will recreate those Sin City performances with "A Toast to the Rat Pack." The tribute show will include

many of the Rat Pack's greatest hits, including Sinatra's "Come Fly with Me," "Lady is a Tramp," "My Way," and "New York, New York;" Martin's "Volare," "Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime," and "That's Amore;" and Davis' "That Old Black Magic," "Mr. Bojangles," and "Candy Man."

"A Toast to the Rat Pack" will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 to \$98 and are available at the Bankhead box office, 2400 First St., or at LivermoreArts.org.

Library Restarts Homework Help Program

The Rincon Branch of the Livermore Public Library has restarted its Homework Help program. The free program offers students of all ages in-person help with math and reading from 3 to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, and from 2 to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Students are also welcome to study or do homework independently in the Homework Help Center at the library, which includes computers and printers reserved for student-use only. The homework center also provides pencils, pens, paper, highlighters, markers, calculators, rulers, glue, flash cards, and resource books. The Rincon library is located at 725 Rincon Ave., in May Nissen Park. For more information, call 925-373-5540 or visit livermorelibrary.net.

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TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Now to April 22 Lions Seafood Fundraiser

The Livermore Lions Club is taking orders for its annual seafood fundraiser. This year's event will feature cioppino, a delicious Italian stew brimming with shellfish, tomatoes, wine, spices and herbs. Each 64-ounce container of cioppino serves four and comes with a bread round. The cost is \$70 per order, and deadline to place orders is April 22. Drive by pick up will be Saturday, April 30, from 1 to 4:00 pm, at the Singing Wine Maker, 5143 Tesla Road, in Livermore. To order, call 805-405-8742. Proceeds will benefit Lions Clubs International Relief Fund for Ukrainian refugees.

Now to Nov. 12 Master Gardeners of Alameda

County Demonstration Garden The Master Gardeners of Alameda County's demonstration garden at the Martinelli center in Livermore highlights low-water plants that look beautiful and offer diversity through all four seasons. During the monthly workday - the second Saturday of the month - the group offers free talks on garden topics from March to November. Talks are out of doors in the demo garden, at the Martinelli Center; 3585 Greenville Road, in Livermore, from 10 to 11 a.m. Demos are scheduled as follows: March 12 - Native Plant Propagation (dividing, cuttings); April 9 - Monarch Butterflies and Milkweed Myths and Truths; May 14 - Growing Succulents (low water plants); June 11 - Photography in the Garden (an introductory class); July 9 - IPM: Integrated Pest Management (steps to control pests); Aug. 13 - Sheet Mulching (how to get rid of your lawn); Sept. 10 - Vermicomposting (worm composting); Oct. 8 - Evolution of a Garden; and Nov. 12 - Native Plant Propagation (seed saving). For more information or to sign up for a free monthly gardening newsletter, visit acmg.ucanr.edu.

Thu., April 14 Gardening for Butterflies and Caterpillars with LAVGC

Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club members and guests will be entertained and educated during a Zoom meeting with guest speaker Susan Karasoff, a member of the California Native Plant Society-Yerba Buena (San Francisco) chapter. Susan will be assisted by CNPS-East Bay member Lesley Hunt, and

with local knowledge provided by members Bill and Carrie McCormack. Visitors may join the meeting by contacting club president Jeri Stark at jjstark-home@comcast.net. Meetings begin with a business agenda at 7 p.m., followed by the guest speaker's presentation at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit lavgc.org.

Sat., April 16 Annual Spring Eggstravaganza

Bring your kids out to Dublin Heritage Park and Museums for the City of Dublin's annual Spring Eggstravaganza! Children will hunt for eggs, play games, meet Flopsy and Peter Rabbit, and enjoy arts and crafts. Registration is now open, and space is limited for each session. Cost is \$15 per child for residents and \$18 for nonresidents, and parents and grandparents are free. Children must be preregistered to participate, and onsite registration is not available. To register, visit bit.ly/3tr2PPB.

Sat., April 16 Lessons in Literary Law With California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch

Authors should know their rights, and Attorney Kelley Way will describe five areas of law - copyright, trademark, right of privacy and publicity, defamation, and contracts - and explain how to protect these rights as well as how to avoid infringing on the rights of others, during "Lessons in Literary Law," at the Tri-Valley Writers meeting, at 2 p.m. Attendees can participate either in person or through Zoom. The in-person venue is Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road, in Pleasanton. The Tri-Valley Branch of the California Writers Club (CWC) hosts the meeting. Reserve and pay at trivalleywriters.org. Reservation deadline is Friday, April 15. Fees for CWC adult members are \$14; nonmembers are \$18; CWC student members (ages 14 to 22) are \$6; and student nonmembers are \$10. For more information, contact Deborah Jordan Bernal at president@trivalleywriters.org or visit trivalleywriters.org.

Sat., April 16 & Sun., April 17 Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour and Green Home Features Showcase

Now in its 18th year, the tour will cover four days of inspiration: two days on-line and two days in-person. The on-line portion

will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event will be kicked off on April 16, with a keynote presentation by the inspirational, best-selling author Doug Tallamy. The two-day virtual tour will also feature beautiful native plant gardens that attract birds, bees, and butterflies, as well as visits to homes with Tesla solar panels and Powerwall backup batteries, heat pumps for heating and cooling the house and heating water, induction ranges, and more. For more information, contact kathy@kathykramerconsulting.net or call 510-236-9558 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. To register, visit bringingbackthenatives.net.

Tue., April 19 Title VI American Indian Education Program Virtual Public Hearing

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District is hosting a virtual public hearing for the Title VI American Indian Education Program for the 2022 to 2023 school year, at 7 p.m. This meeting is a requirement of the federal government to provide a full opportunity for participants to understand the program and to offer recommendations regarding the program. Contact Mary Puthoff at mputhoff@lvjUSD.org to join this meeting.

Wed., April 20 Hours Extended for Weekly COVID Testing at the Dublin Senior Center

Dublin's weekly COVID-19 testing site, managed by Curative, Inc., is now open every Wednesday in the parking lot of the Dublin Senior Center (7600 Amador Valley Blvd.) from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Walk-in appointments are available, but those seeking a COVID-19 test can also visit curative.com to book an appointment.

Sat., April 23 Livermore-Amador Symphony Vibrant Voices

Soprano Heidi Moss Erickson and narrator Faith Alpher join the Livermore-Amador Symphony at the Bankhead Theater in a program celebrating freedom, renewal, and hope. A prelude talk begins at 7 p.m., and the concert starts at 8. Tickets are available at the Bankhead box office and livermorearts.org.

Sat., April 23 & Sat., April 30 Tea Party in a Box Fundraiser

The Assistance League of Ama-

dor Valley is inviting everyone to participate in the Tea Party in a Box Fundraiser. The boxes, catered by Crown & Crummet in San Francisco, are beautifully presented and contain delicious sweet and savory items and of course, the (regular or decaffeinated) tea. Proceeds will greatly help those in need through Assistance League's many philanthropic and community programs. Tickets may be purchased at bit.ly/3v6pJvH. For more information, call 925-998-8605.

Thursday, April 28 Personal Emergency Preparedness Class

Join the City of Dublin and Alameda County Fire Department for an online, Personal Emergency Preparedness workshop, at 6:30 p.m. In the workshop, you'll learn how to minimize potential dangers, prepare disaster kits, and create emergency preparedness kits. To register, visit acfdcert.eventbrite.com.

Fri., May 6 to Sat., May 7 Community Unity Conference

The International Baha'i Community is inviting the public to attend a unity conference at the Shannon Center in Dublin. An informal Zoom meeting will take place on March 26, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., for details and questions. To access the meeting, visit bit.ly/3iDnk5h. The meeting ID is 895 8148 1141, and the passcode is SpiritChat.

Sat., May 14 Hike For Hope

The Hike for Hope is an annual memorial hike and fundraiser that generates support for Hope Hospice. This year's hike will take place at Del Valle Regional Park, Fiesta Grande Picnic Area, in Livermore. The event has a rolling start between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m., and a complimentary barbecue lunch, sponsored by MCE Corp., awaits you upon your return to the staging grounds. Registration fees are \$35 for adults 18 and up; \$15 for youths 13 to 17; and free for kids age 12 and under. For more information or to register, visit bit.ly/3LjpR0Z.

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

Pleasanton Farmers Market

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

Email non-profit events to calendar@independentnews.com for newspaper calendar and visit our website www.independentnews.com to promote all events online.

Flutist for Livermore-Amador Symphony Nan Davies Passes

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Livermore lost a pillar of the arts community with the passing of Nan Davies on Sunday, April 3.

Principal flutist in the Livermore-Amador Symphony (LAS) for many years, founding member of the Livermore Opera, and a musical pioneer in the Tri-Valley, Davies loved the arts and dedicated much of her time to their support.

“She loved supporting music and the arts,” recalled Davies’ daughter, Bryn Davies. “She was very involved with the Symphony Guild and helping them with anything they needed. Mom and dad attended concerts regularly with the Philhar-



Nan Davies with Livermore Symphony Conductor Lara Webber. (Photo courtesy of Alan Frank)

monia Baroque and were very interested in supporting the symphony. She was just amazing, and she was incredibly well-rounded and so giving in all those directions.”

Davies was born in Eugene, Oregon, in 1937. She grew up in the Pacific Northwest, then married Walter Davies in 1963. The couple settled in Livermore after Davies completed her master’s degree in mathematics.

Bryn Davies said her mother was a pioneer for female professionals at Lawrence Livermore National Lab, where she worked as the only woman on a team of men.

“She was an incredible, groundbreaking mathematician because she entered the workforce at the lab and was working on computing in teams of all men back when there were big, huge room-sized computers at the lab,” Bryn Davies said. “I don’t think she would consider herself a huge feminist, but I think she did a lot for pioneering for women in the Bay Area, just by being a pleasant, hard-working person.”

Once her children came into her life, Davies put her career aside for a time, and

threw all her energy into raising her family. Bryn Davies said she recalled her mother’s cooking and sewing with fondness, and always felt supported and encouraged to try new things.

Davies joined LAS after hearing the group’s first concert. In a previous interview, she told now-conductor Lara Webber the concert was “terrible,” but she knew the group would improve with time. She then became the LAS principal flute and played with them for 50 years.

“Nan was a leader in the orchestra for decades, a musical pioneer in Livermore, leading the woodwinds as principal flute for years,” said Webber. “Nan was a tireless leader of the extraordinary Symphony Guild from its earliest days, recounting fondly to me stories of her son Wally squirming in his playpen at many a meeting. She and Walt played host to many chamber music recitals in her home, which was where I first tasted her fabulous fudge.”

Davies not only touched people through her playing and support, but also as a music teacher. Alan Frank, president of the LAS As-

sociation, said Davies gave his daughter flute lessons, passing on her passion and love of music. Frank also played in the symphony with Davies, and was friends with her husband.

“She was always a dedicated musician,” Frank said, noting she kept playing until her physical health prevented it. “I think it was actually Nan and Walt who brought me into the orchestra when I first moved to Livermore ... she had a wonderful smile, and magnificent tone. She was a very fine flute player.”

Davies and her husband raised their two children, Walter and Bryn, in Livermore. In addition to enjoying music and the arts, the couple loved to travel and frequently left home for a variety of destinations, hikes and star-gazing spots. Davies would often wait patiently as her husband, an amateur photographer, set up his camera to get the perfect shot of their surroundings.

Davies also loved to plan and cook for her annual family reunions, and spend time with her four grandchildren. After Walter Davies passed away last year, she moved to Tennessee, to be closer to her daughter.

OBITUARIES

Kathleen Jane Hoffman
Sept. 27, 1942 – March 25, 2022



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Marilyn Joan (Ford) Kimber
Oct. 29, 1933 – March 8, 2022

Joan passed away peacefully on March 8, 2021. It is fitting now, to finally take time to celebrate her life. The service, followed by a reception, will be held April 23, 2022, at 11 a.m., at Saint James Episcopal Church, 37051 Cabrillo Terrace (corner of Thornton Avenue and Cabrillo Drive) in Fremont, California. Friends of Joan are cordially invited to attend.



EDEN

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decisions have been fully reversed on appeal, and 44% have been reversed in full or reversed in part,” the release continued. “We believe that this is another instance where a decision should be reversed.”

The Eden Housing development project was unanimously approved by the Livermore City Council in May 2021. Opponents of the project have expressed the desire to move the housing across Railroad Avenue to the north, where they say as many as 230 affordable units could be built. Relocation, they added, allows the city to create a park on the city’s site, which abuts Stockmen’s Park — an opportunity that will be lost if tall buildings box in the heart of the city. They further stated that there are other sites the city could consider.

However, supporters of the Eden plan have said the “desperately needed” project would create diversity and help house the local workforce, including teachers, restaurant servers and others whose incomes are considered low in the Bay Area’s expensive real estate market. The project is supported by several Livermore and Bay Area anti-poverty and environmental organizations, including the Livermore Housing Authority, East Bay Housing Organizations, the Tri-Valley Anti-Poverty Collaborative and Greenbelt Alliance. Citing the California housing crisis as one of the reasons for approval, members of the council have unanimously expressed their support for the development.

When Roesch first made his ruling, Livermore Mayor or Bob Woerner said the lawsuit was meritless.

“In October, my view was bolstered when the court ruled on the motion, requiring them to post a bond for damages,” Woerner wrote in an email to The Independent in February. “Now, the court has definitively ruled that, indeed, their claims were meritless. I firmly believe it would be best for the community if they would stop these extremely divisive and futile delaying tactics and let us move forward.”

Linda Mandolini, Eden Housing CEO and president, also offered her viewpoint at the time of Roesch’s ruling.

“While we at Eden are pleased with the court’s decision, we would vastly have preferred to be proceeding with the construction of this development in 2022,” Mandolini said. “The delays created by this action required Eden to return a \$68 million award of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. Had we been able to retain that award, we would be starting construction later this year. Instead, we will be starting over to apply for this funding. Alameda County and the greater Bay Area Region face an affordable housing crisis of epic proportion. Developments like the one correctly approved by the City of Livermore provide permanent affordable housing that helps solve the region’s affordable housing shortage.”

SLD continued to note that it looks forward to the California Court of Appeal deciding the merits of its lawsuit, which the group says it firmly believes is “critical to ensuring downtown Livermore can be developed in a way that is inviting to all of its residents and visitors.”

MEMORY

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offices, medical facilities, dining room, activity area, cafe, theater and a wellness spa/salon. Jobs for about 43 staff members spread over six shifts would be created.

The memory care building would include 51 private units and two shared units with similar amenities to the assisted living center, including a television room, courtyard, kitchen, lobby medical facilities, dining room and activity area. The site would create approximately 36 jobs.

The buildings will be designed to look similar to the nearby California Highlands residential development with materials including stone veneer, stucco and tile roofs.

“We wanted to design a really attractive building so when people see it coming or are in Dublin, they can be proud to say, ‘This is where the seniors of Dublin live.’”

The proposal, which was to be similarly shown to the Dublin Planning Commission on Tuesday (April 12),

initially was said to require the city council to change the area from a land-use designation of “open space” to “public/semipublic.” In exchange, VCC had agreed to change an adjacent five acres of land designated as public/semipublic to open space. Ring noted that city officials have determined the land already was designated as “public/semipublic,” not requiring the land-use change or land trade. Ring said Fulcrum plans to build on two of the 4.5 acres, leaving the rest open.

In an agreement with the city, Fulcrum also plans to donate \$250,000 to design and construct outdoor bocce ball facilities, and \$20,000 to buy 10 laptop computers at the Dublin Senior Center.

Keyser Marston Associates, a real estate advisor working with Fulcrum, said in a memo to the city that the site will generate about \$53,000 in new property tax revenue for the city and that typical facilities generate

NOP

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housing, and bringing high-paying jobs to Livermore.

“This election is about leadership and two clearly different visions for our downtown and our city,” said Nop. “Maintaining the character of our city center and historic downtown and providing much-needed open space for all to enjoy is important to Livermore residents. We need to identify alternative locations that increase the number of affordable units, increase parking and decrease traffic congestion. As your mayor, I will do everything possible to work with Eden Housing to find a compromise solution for all of us.”

The release continued to note that, for the future of Livermore, voters will have to consider who can lead with bold new ideas and the courage to make a change.

Nop said he is not a career politician, but a longtime resident and public servant dedicated to making Liver-

more a Tri-Valley destination and one of the best cities in which to live and raise a family in California.

“I am running for mayor because I care about the people and the future of Livermore,” he said. “I would like to lead our city in a vibrant path forward, while making sure we are safe (and) everyone feels represented, heard from and included. My life has always been dedicated to serving others, so I hope that you will give me the opportunity to serve you and our great Livermore community.”

Nop grew up in the Killing Fields of Cambodia and the refugee camps in Thailand and the Philippines. He said he came to America 37 years ago without a penny or the ability to speak a word of English. He shared that his life in America began with dumpster diving for aluminum cans, and then working as a migrant worker on farms from Stockton to Oregon. He

IMPASSE

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city officials to “tell them to settle a fair contract with your firefighters so they can focus on serving the community!”

“Over the past four weeks, the LPFD has left areas of both Livermore and Pleasanton without the proper fire and paramedic services, potentially resulting in severely delayed responses when you called 9-1-1,” the union wrote on April 3. “This has also affected neighboring agencies, as they have been tasked to leave their jurisdictions unprotected in order to make up for the lack of services in Livermore and Pleasanton.”

According to the LPFD, the union declared the impasse in negotiations on March 1 after rejecting the LPFD’s offer of a 12.5%

pay increase for firefighter-paramedics during a 3.5-year contract and a 10.5% general wage increase for all other LPFD employees. The offer included improved benefits and working conditions, the department said.

“A primary sticking point has been the union’s rejection of a proposed drug testing policy — a proposal made after the union earlier objected to the department drug testing a fire captain, who ended up testing positive for cocaine while on duty,” LPFD chief negotiator Art Hartinger said in a statement. “This is a huge safety priority for both cities, and we are urging the union to partner with us to implement a meaningful, clear and impactful policy.”

held three jobs, including a position as a full-time bilingual aide, while attending the police academy at night. Upon graduation from the police academy, Nop was hired as a Livermore police officer on Dec. 4, 1995, and went on to serve the city for 17 years. He received the Alameda County Officer of the Year award when Supervisor Scott Haggerty was still in office. In addition, Nop earned the Officer of the Year award from Knights of Columbus, and the Mothers Against Drunk Driving award.

In 2012, Nop became a realtor and small business owner in downtown Livermore. He now serves as the National Public Policy Committee Chair for the Asian Real Estate Association of America, providing language access for loans for Asian American and Pacific Islanders. In addition, he has co-founded two organizations — East Bay Entrepreneurs Circle and the Tri-

Valley Nonprofit Alliance, which serves more than 400 nonprofit organizations. He participates in various charitable events throughout the Tri-Valley and organizes the annual Turkey Drop, which helps feed needy families during the fall.

Although Nop’s early life was challenging, he said he is an optimist and forward thinker, bringing an “attitude of gratitude to every situation.”

“I revere my beloved city and honor the community that has done so much for me,” Nop added. “I will move the city forward with honor and respect for what Livermore is today and what it can be in the future.”

Nop invited residents to meet with him in person at his campaign headquarters, located at his real estate office, 144 South K St., in Livermore.

For more information, visit www.monyformayor.com.

Joe McThorn that said the LPFD negotiating team had bargained in bad faith and misrepresented the union’s position to the Livermore and Pleasanton city councils.

“We are asking that you step in to make a fair assessment of where we are at and see firsthand that we’re bringing well-founded information to you,” the letter said. “All other labor groups in both Livermore and Pleasanton have received fair and reasonable labor contracts. We are only asking for the same.”

In a statement, Livermore City Manager Marc Roberts said, “We are committed to ensure that our firefighters remain well equipped, well trained and well paid. We think our proposal meets these objectives.”

council unanimously gave themselves their first raise since November 2020 and increased the mayor’s stipend to reflect a greater workload.

Councilmembers increased their pay from \$1,285 a month to \$1,416, or 5% per year. The raises for councilmembers will take effect following the next election in November.

The council also voted to give the mayor a raise for her position, which had previously only paid about \$100 more per month. Effective immediately, Hernandez’s monthly stipend will bump from \$1,385 to just over \$1,900 — about 50% higher than the councilmembers’ pay. Following the election, the stipend will once again raise 50% higher than the council to \$2,124. This is to compensate the top official for extra duties, including ribbon cuttings, meetings and other tasks. A city study found other comparable surrounding cities, including Livermore, paid their mayors

substantially more than other council members.

In comparison, at the top end, San Leandro’s mayor receives nearly \$3,800 monthly, while her counterparts make about \$1,200 a month. Livermore councilmembers earn \$1,070 a month while the mayor makes \$1,490. With Dublin’s change, Pleasanton is at the bottom. Councilmembers receive \$1,200 a month. The mayor gets an additional \$100.

Councilmember Shawn Kumagai said studies showed that Dublin councilmembers receive lower pay than counterparts in other cities.

“I think that while it’s altruistic to keep a low pay, my position stands that I’ve expressed before that it really makes it sometimes prohibitive for certain people to participate,” he said.

Kumagai said the council did not give itself a raise during the pandemic while people were struggling, but it was time to rectify that.

regular council meeting, Councilmember Jean Josey suggested the city look into the feasibility of using American Rescue Plan funds for an adult daycare facility in the city.

“I know it would take quite a lot of staff time to even investigate what kind of licensing is necessary, what kind of space would be necessary, even just polling residents to find out, ‘Is this something that is needed here?’” Josey said. “I believe it is.”

Josey asked city staff to look into the issue of what it would take for a five-day-a-week eldercare daycare program.

Mayor Melissa Hernandez explained that the city would need a partnership with a community-based or nonprofit organization. The mayor said it would be an extremely expensive proposition, which is why there is only one such facility in Oakland.

In other actions, the city



The Granada High Matadors faced off with the Dublin Gales on Thursday, April 7, as part of LHS Softball's Stampede Tournament. Granada won handily 8-0. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Foothill Wins Baseball's 2022 Service Champions Classic

By Nathan Canilao

The Foothill High School baseball team won three straight games to win the 2022 Service Champions Classic with a 6-2 win in the championship game over Redwood High School on April 9. The Falcons started off the tournament with a hard fought 2-0 win over Berean Christian High School. Falcon's pitcher Jackson Flora was spectacular in the win, allowing just one hit while recording seven strikeouts in seven innings pitched.

The Falcons went on to have a dominant offensive performance against Northgate High School in the second round. In their 10-3 win, senior Jack Basseer went 2-for-2 with a triple and a home run while also recording four RBIs. The Falcons scored six runs in the 5th inning which shifted the momentum of the game and ultimately led to the Falcons' victory.

In the championship game, the Falcons were matched up with Marin County Athletic League powerhouse Redwood High School. It was a slow start for the Falcons as they fell behind early, down 2-0 going into the bottom of the second

inning. But the Falcons would turn the tide in the 2nd inning by scoring two runs to tie up the game. After a stalemate in the third and fourth innings,

while scoring one run. Senior Payton McMillan went 2-for-3 as well to go along with one RBI and a double.

Foothill goes on to win the Service Champions Clas-



The Foothill Falcons faced the Redwood Giants of Larkspur in the final game of the 2022 Service Champions Classic, on Saturday, April 9. Foothill won the tournament 6-2. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

the Falcons exploded for four runs in the 5th inning. Junior Brendon Comerford took over the mound in the 7th inning and he closed out the Giants, allowing just one hit against five batters.

Senior Evan Bilter had an efficient game for the Falcons, going 2-for-3 and

sic and secures their 10th straight win to improve to a league-leading 15-1. The Falcons pick up a big tournament win before they circle the rounds back in league play. Up next for the Falcons will be Dougherty Valley High School on the road on April 15.

Matadors Take Livermore Stampede Championship

By Nathan Canilao

The Granada High School softball team won the Livermore Stampede High School softball tournament on April 9, defeating Sheldon High

After holding the Huskies scoreless through five innings, the Matadors gave up a run in the sixth inning as the Huskies cut the deficit to five. After scoring two more runs in the seventh

winning tournament MVP and continuing her stellar play throughout this season. Sophomore Saskia Raab also had a big weekend for Granada as she batted .571, record eight RBIs and hit



The Granada High School Matadors met the Sheldon Huskies at Livermore High School on April 9, for the Softball 2022 Stampede Tournament championship game. Granada emerged victorious with a score of 6-3. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

School in the championship game 6-3. Matadors' outfielder and Notre Dame commit Makayla Winchell won tournament MVP as Granada won the Livermore Stampede for the first time in school history.

The tournament started off slow for the Matadors. They took a tough loss in their first game to Benicia High School 3-2. The loss was the Matadors' first loss of the season after winning 12 straight to start the season.

The Matadors would bounce back to win their second pool play game against Heritage High School 6-4. With the win, Granada moved into the championship portion of the bracket.

In the championship semi-finals, the Matadors would beat Rocklin High School 7-4 to advance to the championship game.

Granada started the championship game off strong, scoring two runs in the first inning. Winchell would hit a two run homer to center field in the top of the second inning to put the Matadors up 5-0 early.

inning, the Huskies luck ran out at the end of the game as the Matadors closed it out, winning the Livermore Stampede Championship.

Winchell came away

a homerun through four games.

The Matadors continue their dominance this season with the tournament win and improve to 15-1 on the year.

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The Foothill Falcons took on the Northgate Broncos of Walnut Creek on Friday, April 8. Foothill won 10-3. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Dublin High Shows Out In Arcadia Invitational

By Nathan Canilao

The Dublin High School track and field team traveled to Arcadia High School on April 8 to compete in the Arcadia Invitational in which the Gaels took first place in the men's 4x400 meter relay and finished in the top 15 in 14 other events.

The team of Manogya Yara, Brandon Burns, Anish Kasam and Alexander Franco won first place in the men's 4x400 meter relay with a time of 3:20.38. Kasam also took second place in the men's 300 meter hurdles with a time of 38.60

In the men's 4x1600 meter relay, the team of Sharvin Manjrekar, Matthew Morgon, Cole Tur-

pin, Daniel Trampe took seventh place with a time of 17:48.28.

On the women's side, junior Leila Champion took fourth place in the women's 100 meter dash with a time of 12.01. Sophomore Jathiyah Muhammad took fifth place in pole vaulting with a score of 13-04.00.

The Gaels will be back in league play for their next meet at Granada High School for the Granada Distance and Sprint Festival on Saturday, April 16.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 587337

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Vittoria Financial and Insurance; 2. Vittoria Insurance; 3. Vittoria Financial, 3283 Vittoria Loop, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Yong Bin Wu, 3283 Vittoria Loop, 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: Yong Bin Wu, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 15, 2022. Expires March 14, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5113. Published March 24, 31, April 7, 14, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 587103

The following person(s) doing business as: Ke Aloha Quilts, 668 South S ST., Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nicole Vieira, 668 South S ST., 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: Nicole Vieira, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 8, 2022. Expires March 7, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5114. Published March 24, 31, April 7, 14, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 587051

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Positive Thoughts Soulful Designs; 2. PTSDesigns, 4902 Lowry Ave, Union City, 94587, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Two Girls and A Dream LLC, 522 W. Riverside Ave, Suite N, Spokane, WA 99201. 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: Loni Posey, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 7, 2022. Expires March 6, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5115. Published March 24, 31, April 7, 14, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 586778

The following person(s) doing business as: Bubbs' Bagels & Coffee, 1606 Holmes Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bubbs' Bagels and Coffee LLC, 3956 Purdue Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s: Davis gunderson, Owner, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 27, 2022. Expires February 27, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5116. Published March 24, 31, April 7, 14, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 587347

The following person(s) doing business as: Tasty Treats by Terry, 800 East Stanley Blvd, Unit 443, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Stephen Brookes Webber, and Terry Rae Webber, 800 East Stanley Blvd, Unit 443, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Stephen B. Webber, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 15, 2022. Expires March 14, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5117. Published March 24, 31, April 7, 14, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 587237

The following person(s) doing business as: First Street Wine Company, 2211 First Street, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Reddharr Enterprises, Inc. 1657 Placer Cir., 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: 2/8/2022. Signature of Registrant/s: Lynn Alfaro, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 11, 2022. Expires March 10, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5118. Published March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 2022.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Inspire Transpiration Solutions, 701 Dwight Way, Berkeley, CA 94710, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Inspire Holdings, Inc., 701 Dwight Way, Berkeley, CA 94710. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/1/2022. Signature of Registrant/s: Adrian Giovenco, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 10, 2022. Expires March 9, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5119. Published March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 587011

The following person(s) doing business as: Mathnasium of Dublin, 7723 Amador Valley Blvd, Unit-A, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): V Empower U LLC, 7052 North Mariposa Lane, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/1/2016. Signature of Registrant/s: Sivakumar Donthamchetty, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 4, 2022. Expires March 3, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5120. Published March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 587602

The following person(s) doing business as: Carpetland, 274 Rickenbacker Circle, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jands Enterprise Inc. 274 Rickenbacker Circle, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/1/1993. Signature of Registrant/s: Sam Hassan, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 23, 2022. Expires March 22, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5121. Published March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 587377

The following person(s) doing business as: Under Concepts, 350 Main St., Suite E, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sheng Liu, 3376 Hartwell CT, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Sheng Liu, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 16, 2022. Expires March 15, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5122. Published March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 587663

The following person(s) doing business as: Little Leaders Livermore, 3579 Oregon Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Little Leaders Learning Center LLC, 3579 Oregon Way, 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: Tonni Renee Bhatia, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 25, 2022. Expires March 24, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5123. Published March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 587682

The following person(s) doing business as: DevXFlow Consulting, 3157 Camdon CT., Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nimesh Misra, 3157 Camdon CT., Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Nimesh Misra, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 25, 2022. Expires March 24, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5124. Published March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 587208

The following person(s) doing business as: Ann Tech, 5231 Tacoma Common, Fremont, CA 94555, is hereby registered

by the following owner(s): Hao Yu, 5231 Tacoma Common, Fremont, CA 94555. 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: Hao Yu, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 10, 2022. Expires March 9, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5125. Published March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 587685

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Luxury Restrooms & Site Services - 2. Lux Restroom Rentals, 4577 Las Positas Rd, Ste A, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Pleasanton Rentals, Inc. 4577 Las Positas Rd, Ste 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: 1/1/2019. Signature of Registrant/s: Sherri Creighton, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 25, 2022. Expires March 24, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5126. Published March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 587562

The following person(s) doing business as: CLC Enterprises LLC, 15981 Marigold Road, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): CLC Enterprises LLC, 1591 Marigold Road, 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: Chantal Clark, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 22, 2022. Expires March 21, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5127. Published April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 537656

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s): The Money Boss, 2231 Hampton Rd, Livermore, CA 94550. Registered Owner(s): AL Michelle Boss LLC, 2231 Hampton, CA 94550. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 11/6/2017 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Linda Michelle Boss, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 15, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 5128. Published April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 587303

The following person(s) doing business as: Quilt or Bolt, 668 South S. Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nicole Vieira, 668 South S. Street, 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: Nicole Vieira, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 15, 2022. Expires March 14, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5129. Published April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 587762

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Swayfit; 2. Sway Fitness; 3. Sway Functional Fitness, 777 Wall Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Vanessa Sweazey, 777 Wall Street, 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: Vanessa Sweazey, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 29, 2022. Expires March 29, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5130. Published April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022.



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 587236

The following person(s) doing business as: Malani Salon, 4230 Rosewood Dr., Suite 110, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Alias Jones 1552 East Gate Way, Apt 229, 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: 2/2/2022. Signature of Registrant/s: Alia Jones, Sole Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 11, 2022. Expires March 10, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5132. Published April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 587848

The following person(s) doing business as: RIR Consulting, 2940 Amoroso CT., Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Randall Ivan Ross, 2940 Amoroso CT, 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: 3/10/1986. Signature of Registrant/s: Randall I. Ross, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 31, 2022. Expires March 30, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5133. Published April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 587354

The following person(s) doing business as: M & M Handyman Services, 943 Helen Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): B & B Legacy Group Inc., 943 Helen Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577. 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: Brooke A. Crossland McGill, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 15, 2022. Expires March 14, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5134. Published April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 587938

The following person(s) doing business as: Livemore, Endodontics, 87 Fenton Street, Ste 105, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Khan & Saaji Dental Inc., 427 Rioja Court, Danville, CA 94506. 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: 2/14/22. Signature of Registrant/s: Ghazala R. Khan, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 4, 2022. Expires April 3, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5135. Published April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 588049

The following person(s) doing business as: Jaded Desserts, 5117 Tulip CT, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Alyson Rothfuss, 5117 Tulip 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: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Alyson Rothfuss, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 588132

The following person(s) doing business as: Orltman Investigations, 1532 Kingsport Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sandra Yuksel Allen, 1532 Kingsport Ave, 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: Sandra Yuksel Allen, Qualified Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 8, 2022. Expires April 7, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5137. Published April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 587535

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. OHM Trauma Recovery Center, 2. The OHM Center, 490 Lake Park Dr. #16071, Oakland, CA 94610, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): ID Marriage & Family Therapy PC, 1401 21st Street Ste R, Sacramento, CA 95811. 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: Inertia Dewitt, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 22, 2022. Expires March 21, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5138. Published April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 2022.

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NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE CARNEGIE STATE VEHICULAR RECREATION AREA (SVRA) GENERAL PLAN

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (the Department) Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division is the lead agency for the preparation of a General Plan Update and associated environmental impact report (EIR) for the original Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA). (A General Plan was prepared for both the original Carnegie SVRP with an expansion area, but the Expansion Area has been removed from the Project). The decision-making body for the General Plan Update and EIR is the OHMVR Commission, a body of appointees that advises the OHMVR Division and has final authority of approval of General Plans and certification of associated EIRs for SVRAS.

The OHMVR Division has prepared this Notice of Preparation (NOP) pursuant to Section 15082 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. This NOP informs agencies and the public that an EIR is being prepared to address potential impacts resulting from approval and implementation of the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area General Plan Update. Agencies should comment on the elements of potential environmental effects relevant to their statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed Project.

The OHMVR Division previously prepared a General Plan Revision and associated Program EIR for the original Carnegie SVRA and the adjacent 3,100-acre Alameda and Tesla Expansion Area in 2016. Lawsuits and subsequent legislation required that the Alameda and Tesla Expansion Area not be designated as an SVRA. The Department elected to prepare a standalone General Plan Update for the original 1,575-acre Carnegie SVRA.

SCOPING PERIOD

Comments on the scope of the General Plan Update and EIR will be accepted until 5:00 PM, April 30, 2022. Please include "Carnegie SVRA General Plan Update" in the title and submit comments to:

By email: planning@parks.ca.gov

By Mail: C/O Katie Metraux, OHMVR Division, California State Parks, P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, Ca. 94296-0001

SCOPING MEETING

A virtual EIR scoping meeting has been scheduled to provide additional information about the General Plan Update and EIR process and allow interested parties to comment on the scope and potential environmental effects of the Project to be analyzed in the EIR.

The scoping meeting will be a virtual meeting using the Zoom platform held at the following date and time: Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 4:30-6:00 PM. Please contact Katie.Metraux@parks.ca.gov to obtain information for logging into the meeting. The meeting link will be posted to the project website.

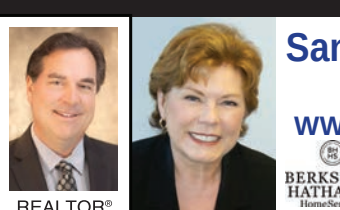


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DINING

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tween outdoor fencing and fixtures must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The design guidelines will have rules for table coverings, umbrellas, waste disposal, lighting, tables and chairs.

Although the city waived fees during the pandemic and through this year, beginning in 2023, merchants would pay a one-time \$400 damage deposit, plus \$1,500 for one parking space or \$3,000 for two parking spaces a year for the outdoor season, March to October.

Ruby Lopez-Villareal, executive director of Livermore Downtown Inc. (LDI), a coalition that works for the interests of downtown businesses, said merchants met with the city several times to voice their opinions on the outdoor plan and were pleased with the result.

“Livermore Downtown Inc. and the LDI board agree that the outdoor dining plan is within the best interests of all of the merchants and it will keep the parking balance for all the downtown merchants while still meeting the outdoor dining needs,” Lopez-Villareal said.

Vice Mayor Gina Bonano said downtown merchants worked together with the city to make sure the whole area thrived, not just restaurants..

“I know it was a lot of work to do — all the communication, all the outreach to develop this plan where there’s a lot of pushing and pulling. Some businesses like having the spots used for dining, some prefer to have their spots open in front

of their store so that people can come in and buy things,” she said. “I think the feedback I’ve gotten both from our service businesses — our retailers as well as our restaurants — they all feel like this was done extremely well, extremely fairly.”

According to a staff report, the city is continuing to work with restaurants wanting to use other outdoor areas, including Flagpole Plaza, for dining. The city has consulted with a landscape architect to evaluate how to make outdoor eating in those areas available.

New Water Rates Approved

In other decisions, the city council unanimously approved Livermore Municipal Water baseline rates for 2023-2027 that will result in about a 1% increase on customers’ bills. Single-family homes in Livermore that use 13 units of water will see an increase of \$2.04 on their bills per month, or moving from \$93.22 to 95.26 a month. Multi-family complexes will see minor reductions on their bills during the first year, assuming they continue with similar water use patterns. Non-residential complexes with a monthly use of 70 units of water will see an increase of just under \$10 a month, or about \$1.7%.

No Action on Garaventa Hill Appeal

Meanwhile, the council took no immediate action regarding the recent California Court of Appeal ruling that potentially stopped the development of a 76-home, 32-acre housing development by Lafferty Communi-

ties Inc. at Garaventa Hill. The three-member panel of judges ruled on March 30 that the Livermore City Council had failed to adequately consider whether the land in northeastern Livermore between Laughlin and Vasco roads could be purchased and conserved before approving the housing plan in 2019.

Following its approval, the community group, Save the Hill, sued to stop the plan. Although they initially lost in a decision by Alameda County Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch that allowed the development to go forward, Save the Hill appealed. The appellate panel agreed with Save the Hill that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) required local governments to disclose the availability of conservation funding in Environmental Impact Reports (EIR) before greenlighting development.

Five people spoke Monday on the agenda item before the council went into closed session to discuss the court ruling.

John Marchand, who was mayor when the city council approved the project, said the city council should not be blamed.

“It was the EIR that failed to address potential funding opportunities and not the council,” Marchand said. “It became clear that no one of the council truly supported the project as originally designed. The council simply followed the rules that it was bound by.”

Marchand suggested the current council not appeal the decision and use the General Plan update process

underway to “look at all potentially environmentally sensitive and prime agricultural lands and consider rezoning them before projects are proposed for them.”

The remaining four public speakers explicitly expressed opposition to the project.

Bianca Covarelli of Save the Hill said the council should “consider in good faith a no-project alternative (and) vote for use of conservation funds to conserve this land.” Speaking on the appellate court’s ruling, Covarelli, who led the lawsuit, said the case set a legal precedent.

“The court found the city had not considered a no-project alternative as required by CEQA and the city’s analysis was inadequate,” Covarelli said. “The court additionally ruled the city had an obligation to disclose the existence of conservation funds to the public and make those conservation funds a well-known fact to the landowners for consideration of conservation, as that was an option.”

Longtime resident Connie Huang said the council had ignored residents who wanted to protect the land.

“I recognize that the Bay Area has a need for housing,” Huang said. “However this land is environmentally sensitive, as they pointed out throughout the years.”

Huang said the hill provides habitat for endangered species and was home for the Ohlone people.

“I hope we continue to honor them by loving their land and taking care of it,” she said.

ACTIVITIES

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munity,” shared Jordon Benson, Pleasanton Downtown Association community and office manager.

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