

DA Looking Into Death Of Santa Rita Inmate

Criminal Charges for Sheriffs/Medical Staff Are Being Considered

By Larry Altman

DUBLIN — Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price opened an investigation last week into the death of a Santa Rita Jail inmate who laid face down for days on his bunk before any deputies checked on him.

The investigation into whether any Alameda County Sheriff’s Office deputies or Wellpath medical staff should face criminal charges follows Alameda County’s recent agreement to pay Maurice Monk’s relatives \$7 million to settle their wrongful death lawsuit.

“Mr. Monk, I am told, had a mental illness — a diagnosis. He had medical issues,” Price told reporters at a Nov. 8 news conference. “We all know that mental illness is not a crime, and it should not be a death sentence in Alameda County.”

Price’s inquiry into the alleged lack of care at the Dublin facility also follows last month’s release of deputies’ body-worn cameras (See INMATE, PAGE 8)

City Seeks Input on Its 2045 Plan

Expansion of the UGB is Debated

By David Jen

LIVERMORE — The proposal to annex land east of Greenville Road outside the city’s urban growth boundary (UGB) has become a core issue for those discussing the city’s General Plan update. This plan will guide the city’s development through 2045.

Arguments for and against the recommendation to expand the UGB have hinged on growth projections of Livermore jobs and population over the next 20 years.

The plan update process, conducted by the city’s General Plan Advisory Committee

(See UGB, page 8)



Hula Auana dancers from Te Pura O Te Rahura’a are shown above celebrating the opening of Ululani’s Shave Ice at the Shops of Livermore on Saturday, Nov. 11. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen) (See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia)

Dublin Ballot Measure Will Propose Term-Limit Extension

By David Jen

DUBLIN — Voters will decide next November whether to extend the term limits for council members and mayor from eight to 12 years.

A ballot measure that begins with gifting policies and lobbyist restrictions will present the term-limit question, drawing criticism from both councilmembers and residents who characterized the measure as an attempt to sweeten the core term-limit issue.

“The only reason that that wording is in the measure is to get the term-limit

thing to pass,” said Councilmember Jean Josey at last week’s City Council meeting. “I want to ask the voters a clean question.”

The Council voted 3-2 to place the packaged ballot measure, which sandwiches the term-limit change between a prohibition against councilmembers and commissioners from accepting gifts from lobbyists and city contractors, a prohibition against lobbyists sitting on city commissions, and a requirement that city contracts be posted online for public review.

Councilmembers Sherry

Hu and Josey opposed the measure.

“I think this additional language is in the ballot for reasons purely because we want to pass (the term-limit extension),” said Hu.

Two other measure options, which asked only about term limits, failed to gain majority support.

City Attorney John Bakker explained that the package option, labeled the Dublin Government Accountability Act, offers the highest chance of success at the ballot box, based on elections in the cities of Oxnard and Temple City.

(See BALLOT, page 8)

City Council OKs 30% Residential Water-Rate Hike

By David Jen

PLEASANTON — A 30% increase that will hit water ratepayers next year will be funneled into a fund to try and resuscitate the city’s water-enterprise fund.

The added revenue will help fund upcoming infrastructure projects and replenish city water-fund reserves that would fall negative in 2025 without intervention, according to City Manager Gerry Beaudin. The new rates, however, will not cover the two city wells planned in the Bernal subbasin.

The size of the increase dwarfs those of recent years, which saw rate increases averaging about 1.3% annually between 2011 and 2020. Those

increases, however, failed to “account for the growth in the community or the ability to address necessary but not funded system improvements,” according to a city staff report.

The city’s water program saw no rate increases between 2021 and 2023 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020-2022 drought, and the discovery of forever chemicals in Pleasanton wells.

But last week, the City Council voted 3-2 to increase water rates an average of 30 % starting Jan. 1, 2024 and by another 12% in 2025, resulting in total bill increases between 44 % and 60 %.

“There’s just not a lot of options,” said Mayor Karla Brown. “Bankrupting our

(See WATER, page 8)

Carolyn Wente Named American Wine Legend

By Laura Ness

LIVERMORE — After 42 years in the Livermore-based family wine business, Chairman of the Board of Wente Vineyards, Carolyn Wente, has been named an American Wine Legend for 2023 by Wine Enthusiast.

She is the first woman to be honored in the 24-year history of the award.

Jim Gordon, Wine Enthusiast senior tasting editor and reviewer for Sonoma

and Napa wines, said she was being honored “for her lifelong leadership as a woman in a male-dominated industry, for her faith in a family business and cool head during difficult times.”

The honor came during Wente Vineyards’ 140th anniversary.

“I’m humbled, and honored, of course, and after all this time, I’ve certainly done a lot of stuff!” Wente said. “But the bottom line? I’ve gotten really old.”

Growing up surrounded (See WENTE, page 8)



Carolyn Wente of Wente Vineyards is being honored by Wine Enthusiast Magazine as an American Wine Legend for 2023. (Photo courtesy of the Wente family)

Tri-Valley College District Receives \$18.1M from Collaboration it Created

By Christina Cavallaro

LIVERMORE — Chabot-Las Positas Community College District (CLPCCD) and its partners were awarded an \$18.1 million grant from the state to help provide students, especially those who are marginalized, with more job and career opportunities and with improved access to higher education and workforce opportunities.

“Every Californian should have the freedom to succeed by obtaining real life skills and fulfilling careers — including those that don’t require college degrees,” Gov. Gavin Newsom said in a statement. “With today’s investment,

California is yet again going further to prepare students and workers for high-paying, long-lasting and fulfilling careers.”

The grant, one of four that California distributed, was earmarked to come from the 2021 state budget.

A spokesperson for the college district said that the grant was given to a collaborative, but the district sought out the partners, convened the group and will be the fiscal agent for the grant.

“So, this is a Tri-Valley led project. I think it’s significant that while it included UC Berkeley and three CSUs and a lot of other organizations, it’s the com-

munity college district that’s leading the project,” said Dionicia Ramos, the director of marketing, public relations and government relations for the college district.

The funding for the grant is part of the California Regional K-16 Education Collaborative Grant Program, a statewide strategy for strengthening education-to-career pathways and ensuring that stakeholders work together to address inequalities that persist in education and job market preparation.

Led by the CLPCCD, the Bay Area K-16 Collaborative was formed to leverage the funding opportunity created

(See COLLEGE, page 8)



Runners throughout the Tri-Valley are gearing up for the Turkey Burn, Family Fun Run held on Thanksgiving morning at Ken Mercer Sports Park in Pleasanton. The popular event, seen above in a previous year, is hosted by the Pleasanton North Rotary Club. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen) (See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia)

Turkey Run for Thanks and Giving

By Christina Cavallaro

PLEASANTON — Time to lace up those running shoes and don that turkey costume — the annual Tri-Valley Turkey Burn 5k/10k Family Fun Run is back, now in its ninth year. This popular community event hosted by the Pleasanton North Rotary Club attracts upwards of 2,000 runners and walkers on Thanksgiving morning at Pleasanton’s Ken Mercer Sports Park.

Participants of all ages come out in droves in the name of giving and gratitude to run, walk or stroll the 5k or 10k versions of the charity event.

One of the highlights of the day are the iconic “I am thankful for...” race

bibs that invite participants to share personalized messages of thanks during the festivities. Previous years’ bibs have displayed everything from gratitude for family, friends, health, clean air and rain to turkey, hot chocolate, cold beer and Kid Rock.

The community-spirit filled event has become a tradition for many families and circles of friends who run, push baby strollers or walk their dogs on leashes. All participants will receive Turkey Burn medallions at the finish line. Souvenir caps and T-shirts will be available for donations.

Online registration can be made at www.trivalley-turkeyburn.org. The entry

fee is \$10 for adults (age 18 and older) and \$5 for teens and pre-teens (ages 10-17). Children (9 and under) are free.

Funds raised from the Turkey Burn—including contributions from Elation Real Estate and other community sponsors—will support local Rotary youth services for next year. Everyone is encouraged to bring non-perishable, non-expired food items to donate to Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry for distribution to folks needing assistance during the holiday season. A list of items that are particularly needed at the pantry can be found on the website, as well as a map and other details of the day.

PETS OF THE WEEK



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(Photo courtesy of Valley Humane Society)

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Livermore Residents Prefer Keeping Open Space Buffer With Dublin

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE – A “high level” of Livermore residents support keeping a 180-acre parcel of unincorporated land separating the city’s northwest boundary from the City of Dublin as open space, the City Council was told Monday night.

The finding during a recent survey could trigger a difficult negotiation between the two Tri-Valley cities about what becomes of the land and who ultimately controls it. Although Livermore officials have suggested annexing the parcel and keeping it open, Dublin officials also are looking at annexation and turning the parcel into a business and industrial park that would help pay for the \$160 million Dublin Boulevard extension to Livermore.

“Our community is very interested in preserving open space,” Livermore City Manager Marianna Marysheva told the council. “Dublin had a similar survey conducted and the results were the opposite. Their community is very interested in studying that space for development.”

Dublin’s survey earlier this

year found 59% of its residents supported the development plan, which also would bring jobs to the area.

Livermore did not release the percentages of how its residents — or how many responded — to 18 questions posed via email, telephone calls and text messages from Oct. 30 to Nov. 5. Marysheva said staff provided a summary to the council. Livermore resident Jean King asked the city to make public the 18 questions and received a positive answer.

In October, Livermore’s City Council called for the survey to confirm whether residents shared the city’s position to maintain the Crosby Properties in Doolan Canyon north of the 580 Freeway as open space. The survey found that, besides agreeing with that position, a majority of Livermore residents were more likely to support the Dublin Boulevard extension if the land remained open.

Dublin’s survey also found that 71% of its residents strongly or somewhat supported the roadway extension, but that number dropped to 59% when they considered the development. Still, a majority preferred

the city’s development plan.

Negotiators from the two cities are already discussing how to come to a resolution by next summer. The issue arose recently because Dublin’s Open Space Initiative of 2014, which prevented development outside the city limits, allowed for the city in 2024 to study whether commercial development along the Dublin Boulevard extension was necessary.

Dublin is looking at development to reduce the price tag of extending the road to North Canyons Parkway. Both cities would share in the cost. Dublin already has committed \$80 million. Livermore is obligated to pay \$27 million, with other funding coming from the Alameda County Transportation Commission’s Measure BB, the Tri-Valley Transportation Council and Local Traffic Impact Fee funds. Federal, state and other grants will also be required to pay the balance.

Dublin’s City Manager Linda Smith has said annexation and development of the Crosby property would avoid the cost of acquiring land for the roadway, along with costs to protect habitat and species mitigation.

Dublin’s plan would limit commercial development to areas directly north and south of the roadway. Eighty acres would be developed with the remaining 100-acres kept as open space, including a 200-foot-wide view corridor.

Officials from both cities have said they hope to come to an agreement to take to the Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), a body of Alameda County representatives who oversee boundary changes to cities and special districts.

If the cities can’t come to a compromise, representatives from each government would provide separate proposals to LAFCO. City Councilmember Brittni Kiick said Livermore’s purpose is to come to an agreement with Dublin and not go to LAFCO as opponents.

“Our goal is to come to a good place with Dublin,” Kiick said. “Our goal is to come together as two cities with one plan.”

In a statement, Smith agreed. “The City of Dublin

intends on working with the City of Livermore to find an appropriate compromise in anticipation of the LAFCO discussion in 2024.”

No one spoke in favor of Dublin’s position during the Livermore meeting, but Dublin resident Shirley Lewandowski told the council her city has “never met a developer it didn’t like.”

“Please continue to work with them, negotiate with them to save the open space,” Lewandowski said. “Mother Nature is there for a reason.”

Livermore residents spoke in favor of open space.

“I really hope that there’s some thought put into these negotiations with the city of Dublin, because all they seem to want to do is expand, expand, expand, cut down hills, put homes on top of it, and it seems like they’re already planning commercial and industrial development,” Carol Silva said.

Donna Cabanne said Livermore “residents have spoken and given the city clear direction on how to proceed.”

“In any future negotiations with Dublin, please remember the voice of the residents,” Cabanne said. “Protect the county and city’s (urban growth boundaries) and the open space buffer.”

In other council news, the City Council voted 5-0 to appropriate nearly \$440,000 in Alameda County Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funds to local organizations. Of the funding, nearly \$401,000 will go to Vineyard 2.0, which provides 23 units of housing for people experiencing homelessness, along with resources, shower and laundry facilities, a kitchen, mailboxes and storage.

Additionally, Tri-Valley

Haven emergency shelters will receive \$18,766 to purchase a multi-passenger vehicle for its staff to transport people to its shelters and appointments to find permanent housing.

CityServe of the Tri-Valley was awarded \$19,000 for its rental assistance programs to help the homeless pay deposits and processing fees to secure housing.



In honor of Veterans Day, members of the VFW Post 7265 raise a flag during an event in Livermore on Saturday, Nov. 11. The remembrance was held at Carnegie Park. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

PCO to Perform Handel’s ‘Messiah’

The Pacific Chamber Orchestra (PCO) will usher in the holiday season with performances of George Frideric Handel’s “Messiah” at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church in Lafayette and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 26, at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

The presentation will feature soprano Leslie Katter, contra alto Sara Couden, tenor Jon Lee Kennan, and bass-baritone Ben Brady, along with PCO’s 50-member chorus.

Handel, a German-born composer, wrote the English-language oratorio in 1741, with much of the text coming from the King James’

Bible. It was first performed in Dublin, Ireland, in 1742, and has become one of the most revered and frequently performed choral works in Western music.

Legend has it that when King George II heard the Hallelujah Chorus during a performance of “Messiah” in London in 1743, he rose to his feet, causing the audience to do the same. The tradition of standing for the Hallelujah

Chorus continues to this day.

Tickets for either PCO performance are available online at pacificchamberorchestra.org. Tickets for the Livermore performance are also available at the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First St., or by calling 925-373-6800.

Formed in 1989, PCO is a Livermore-based, professional nonprofit orchestra under the musical director of Lawrence Kohl.

Founders of Missing Man Ministry Have Now Retired

Lori and Craig Rochin, Livermore residents who helped form the Missing Man Ministry in 2011, have retired from the board of directors.

Missing Man Ministry (M3), a Pleasanton-based nonprofit that helps families that have lost a husband or father to sudden death or prolonged illness, made the announcement at its annual meeting at Darcie Kent Vineyards in Livermore on Oct. 28.

M3 President David Doyle also gave a report of the organization’s activities, including collaborative efforts with two other nonprofit Christian ministries, Livermore-based TriValley Seek & Save and Monthly Miracles. Doyle said the organization had extended help to 21 families this year.



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Parent Cafes Helps Families With The Challenges of Raising Kids



James Chen, a father of two, said that Hively educated him about how to take care of young children. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

By Hannah Ferguson

Anybody who has raised a child knows that parenting can be physically and mentally exhausting. Parents play nurse, taxi driver, maid, teacher and many other roles for their often ungrateful and checked out kids. With children constantly plugged into phones and computers, parenting has an ever-greater

challenge these days. However there are many resources to help Tri-Valley families. Hively, which offers social services for children and families in Alameda County, recently hosted “Parent Cafés” in a 6-week series. Parents came together, enjoyed hot meals, and connected with other parents over the ups and downs of raising kids. All parents,

aunts, uncles, grandparents and guardians raising young children were welcomed. The Hively Family Resource Center in downtown Dublin has successfully been supporting and providing resources to families for nearly 2 years. One of the organization’s main beliefs is that thriving communities begin with thriving families, which they have written on their wall in the Dublin resource center. At the 3rd Parent Café on October 7th, there were nearly 30 people at the Parent Cafe. Jeanette Lema, Family Resource Coordinator, and Christabell Rodriguez, Translator and Program and Resources Assistant, taught the parents ways to exercise effective parenting strategies to guide their families. Maria Zepeda served food to the children and parents. Children played amongst each other while parents watched the presentation, which was given in both English and Spanish. Hively provided booklets for parents and introduced

them to the donated children’s items in the store , including clothing, shoes, books, toys, food, diapers, baby wipes and more . Candy Duperroir, the Vice President of Community Services and Public Policy at Hively, said that families are recruited through their Hively Family Resource Center and mental health Programs. Hively also uses their child care providers and multiple social media platforms to find families who can use their help. Parents face many challenges, especially because of the high inflation rate they are experiencing now. According to Duperroir, Alameda County’s parents are currently having difficulty acquiring financial assistance for housing, utilities, and transportation. They also are looking for employment mobility and security.

One of the parent café participants, Elhansadat Bagheriyehhagh, explained,. “It was really hard when I had a newborn baby and no family around me.” James Chen, a father of two, said that Hively educated him about how to take care of young children.” He and his wife Kim, as well as their children, 4-year-old Chloe and 2-year old Daniel, started going to Hively for diaper distributions in Oakland. Now, they attend events fre-

quently at both of Hively’s locations. They have learned about safety precautions for children, such as listening, making emergency plans, and of course, being involved in their childrens’ day to day lives. The staff at Hively notes that families in the Tri-Valley benefit from their store, but mainly from the broad education that that their organization provides. The programs help parents to better care for their children.

Dublin to Host Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be collecting blood donations from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8, at the Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza.

To schedule a donation, go

to TRedCrossBlood.org and use the sponsor code “DublinCommunity” or 94568 zip code, or call 800-733-2767. To streamline the donation process, go to redcrossblood.org/rapidpass on the day of

the blood drive to complete the pre-donation questionnaire. Dublin Civic Center hosts blood drives on the first Friday in February, April, June, October, and December.

Wineries to Collect Toys for Tots

Participating wineries in the Livermore Valley will be collecting for the annual Toys for Tots program from noon to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, and Sunday, Dec. 3. Sponsored by the Livermore Valley Wine Community, originally known as the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, this year’s Holidays in the Vineyard weekend events

will also include special wine tastings, art displays, and holiday music. Pacific States Petroleum has also offered to match the value of the wineries’ Toys for Tots donations, up to \$25,000, according to the nonprofit Livermore Valley Wine Community. The Marine Toys for Tots program, which collects new, unwrapped toys for less for-

tunate children at Christmas, was started in 1947 by a U.S. Marine Corps Reserve major in Los Angeles. It became a nationwide Marine Corps Reserve initiative in 1948 and was handed off to the nonprofit Marine Toys for Tots Foundation in 1991. For a list of participating wineries and their scheduled activities, go to lvwine.org/events.

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EDITORIAL

Dublin Should Clarify its Term-Limit Question

Dublin will ask voters next November whether to extend the term limits for City Council members. If passed, those serving the city will be allowed to sit in a councilmember or mayoral seat for 12 consecutive years, compared to the current eight. The change will not apply to the existing council.

The role of mayor requires experience and broad support from the community. To secure these, we agree a 12-year total limit better serves the city. The increased term limits allow for greater institutional knowledge on the council and more experience.

While the city’s current term limit provides eight years to split between councilmember and mayoral terms, it creates only two natural points from which to run for mayor from a council seat. The first, at two years, occurs

when council experience is likely still wanting. And the second, at six years, arises when the term limit leaves only two more years to serve as mayor. A mayoral campaign at year four risks the councilmember’s previous seat.

A 12-year total limit could open the mayoral seat to more experienced councilmembers and, at the same time, still avoid excessive tenures.

However, we think it’s important for council terms to remain at eight years. The door should be open after this period for new candidates to be elected, bringing fresh ideas and connections from their district to the council. Having as many as five able to remain on the council for twelve years could slow down needed innovation.

Livermore and Pleasanton both limit their council members to eight-year terms.

Also, the language of the ballot measure should be amended; it is burdened with some serious flaws.

The new aspects of the measure were sandwiched between gifting policy and lobbyist restrictions. They were introduced only last week to boost the chances of passing the term-limit extension, according to city staff. The umbrella “government accountability” title seems concocted to sweeten the term-limit question.

We join Councilmembers Jean Josey and Kashef Qaadri in calling such a bundled measure disingenuous. It is an attempt, at best, to trade votes, and at worst, to deceive voters. This should be the city’s chance to ask a clear, direct question about whether to extend term limits, and the bundled measure fails to do that.

These benefits should be what the city uses to drive its ballot measure argument. Keep the measure to a single subject.

Members of the Council recently pushed to put the term-limit question to voters in March, arguing that a complicated November election might overload voters’ abilities to parse the issue. While we applaud the city’s decision to forgo the extra costs of a March election, the bundled ballot measure now seems designed to confound the issue.

Regulations requiring government accountability are worthy. Protections against lobbyist corruption are welcome. But if the Council would genuinely like to confirm these statements among voters, do it in its own ballot measure, so that the will of the voters can be heard clearly.

MAILBOX

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America Through an African American Army Veteran’s Eyes
Sergeant Cornelius Barnes, Dublin

We (American veterans) are people that consciously joined the military. Our motives for joining varied: some of us joined for VA benefits, some joined just for a job, some joined for a college education, some joined because of a broken heart or a failed relationship, some joined as an alternative to criminal proceedings, and some joined because they were PATRIOTS.

As an army vet myself, I can tell you that once we all got through basic training (black/white, rich/poor, and everything else) and we realized what our mission, our purpose was, we realized what this country represents. I mean what it REALLY means! The freedoms we have and how we are so unique compared to other countries and how soooo many smaller countries entire lifestyle and independence depend on the success of the United States of America. Hey, I’ve been there and it’s TRUE! It is NO JOKE we are indeed protectors of the FREE WORLD!

Everyone I met there in the service, regardless of

their purpose for joining, were ALL willing to risk their lives to protect their fellow brothers and sisters and the common interests of the United States of America, democracy and our republic, and I tell you SO WAS I! And unfortunately, some of them lost their lives doing so.

Our country has now become spoiled. My last words in this article to all of you reading is: “You never know what you had until you lost it, America.”

Breaking the UGB
David Rounds, Livermore

For twenty years, the urban growth boundary (UGB) has been an important contract between Livermore and the voters — an agreement that has contained Livermore’s growth within the city limits. City government has done a good job in managing growth within the UGB which has helped Livermore become the wonderful place it is today. At some point, if the city becomes built out (or for other compelling reasons), the city can ask voters to move the UGB. We have not reached that point yet, and the current General Plan review is very premature in suggesting that now is the time for Livermore to sprawl outside of the current city limits.

The four focus areas that are inside of the UGB call for a significant increase in housing; more housing and at a growth rate higher than Livermore has seen since the 1970s. Certainly, this is more housing than the mandated RHNA goals and more than the city’s own staff projections. Fortunately, the proposals for the four focus areas will add a large amount of new commercial/industrial space, which will maintain and improve Livermore’s jobs/housing balance without any of the commercial/industrial zoning shown east of Greenville Rd.

Other reasons offered to support breaking the UGB are:

A wine/viticulture/tourist area is envisioned for focus area five, but this type of use is already allowed with the zoning that exists today in the county. This is not a compelling reason to annex the land between Greenville Rd and the canal.

There is also a vision to create an R&D campus with links to LLNL on the land east of Greenville Rd. It is a great vision, but there is no reason that this vision cannot be realized within the current UGB. It is not a compelling reason to open this fifth focus area for commercial development.

Finally, the plan for east of Greenville calls for a portion of the area to be zoned as open space. But this area is already protected open space. So again, not compelling.

There probably will be a time that the UGB has to be moved, but there are no compelling reasons today for this to happen now. Meanwhile this area, east of Livermore, can continue to be protected open space and agricultural land.

Please do not include the east of Greenville Rd focus area in the revised General Plan.

The Not So Precision Vision of Livermore in 2045
Greg Scott, Livermore

Knowing where we are is the basis for understanding where we are headed. It is analogous to “You are here” on a guide map. Where are we Livermore?

We in Livermore are in the throes of crafting a new General Plan through 2045. We are given three options in five areas for the future general plan. Our current status is not adequately assessed to determine our future needs.

One example would be our water usage. What is our total water usage in Livermore? What is the quantitative assessment of water usage in the future for each of the three proposed options in each of the five identified areas? The answer given is only relative and not quantitative. This is unsatisfactory given the trends in our area and in calculating the projections of those trends.

In one of the areas, the suggestion is to extend the Urban Growth Boundary and the Sphere of Influence, which is driven by the plans of a Livermore-located precision agriculture corporation’s purchase of mostly undeveloped land.

We in California are in trouble with not only our present water usage, but also our projected water usage. We overdraft our groundwater supplies severely as seen by GRACE (Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment) satellites, which measure the water in aquifers and the amount of water being drawn from them.

There are thirty-five major aquifers on the planet, seventeen of which are in enormous trouble from overuse. The San Joaquin Aquifer is one of those troubled aquifers. What do we think is the future of water supplies in the Livermore area through 2045, especially considering the changes in rain, snow, and temperature patterns?

The lack of foresight in the new Livermore General Plan extends to other factors beyond water usage. An element that is in all the options is jobs. With the launch of OpenAI’s chatbot, the clarion call has been deafening of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (artificial intelligence (AI), robotics, synthetic biology). The Livermore General Plan for 2045 does not sufficiently address this. When we talk of “jobs,” what are we referring to? Vinod Khosla, a technology investor, astutely states that in ten years eighty percent of the tasks of eighty percent of the jobs will be accomplished by AI and AI ancillaries (robots).

We need more complete assessments of our current status and quantitative estimates in our projections for the Livermore General Plan.

Fund Unleaded Fuel Stations at LVK
Donna Cabanne, Livermore

On November 6th, the Airport Commission voted 4 to 0 to require the Fixed Base Operator (FBO) to sell unleaded av fuel at Livermore Airport (LVK). We commend the Airport Commission for their timely and important recommendations. We are disappointed those recommendations were not on the City Council agenda Nov.13th.

To sell unleaded fuel at LVK, an additional fuel tank is necessary. A second fuel tank exists at the airport but has a limited capacity of 1,000 gallons and needs to be recertified. A better option would be for the city to purchase a new 8,500 gallon tank using Airport Enterprise Funds. The city could also apply for FAA grants but that will take longer, and the delay could increase health risks to lead exposure. The cost of a new tank, installation, and permitting would be about \$200,000, not much considering the total airport budget.

In an email to the Airport Commission, Mr. Ron Baskett, a Certified Consultant Meteorologist and Chair of the Tri-Valley Air Quality Climate Alliance (TVAQCA), wrote “Decades of research have shown that piston-engine aircraft runup, taxi and takeoff operations, produce significantly harmful lead air levels within a mile downwind of runways. The TVAQCA and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) concur that now is the time for the City of Livermore to fund the installation of unleaded av fuel stations at LVK.”

A mile downwind of runways would include lead air exposure to residential homes on Arlington Road and many other residential streets.

35 public airports across the US are now selling unleaded av fuel. 100gami will be sold at Centennial Airport in Colorado, and airports in Washington and Oregon. The price difference between leaded and unleaded av fuel would be about one dollar more per gallon.

Please ask City Council members to place the Airport Commission’s recommendations on the next city agenda. The City Council can require selling 100UL or 100Gami, which all aircraft can use. Pilots like 100UL because it has higher octane, does not corrode spark plugs, and requires less engine maintenance.

A dollar a gallon difference is not much to ask to protect the health of Tri-Valley children and residents. Let’s act now for reduced lead exposure for all.

Language Matters
Patricia Munro, Livermore

Last week the Independent published a story on the Garaventa Hills Development. The land for this development is privately owned. Its owner has the right to sell or develop the land as she sees fit. I would hope that, in describing that owner, the writer would refrain from using irrelevant adjectives. Yet, in the second paragraph, the writer uses the phrase “the two female landowners.” Is their gender relevant in any conceivable way? Worse, in the next paragraphs, he refers to them as “elderly women.” In what way is their age relevant?

Words matter. By specifying gender and age, those modifiers become the distinguishing characteristics for the landowner, raising implicit doubts about competence. The only way that the landowner should have been referred to was as “the landowner.”

An apology is in order.

Releam World War II History
Ellen Raber, Livermore

This is in response to Greg Scott’s comments last week. It is clear you need to go back to high school and releam World War II history. You don’t seem to even know that the majority of the lands that were designated “Palestine” were given to Egypt and Jordan. Israel represents a small area of that land given to the Jews after over six million Jews were

exterminated in the concentration camps. Can you even comprehend that number? It is terrible what is happening to the civilians in Gaza. And if you wanted to be constructive, you might suggest that the United Nations put pressure on Egypt and Jordan to temporarily allow the refugees to enter those countries. You talk about the number of civilians dying in Gaza, but you don’t mention the number of civilians dying in the Ukraine at the brutal hands of the Russians from that invasion, which is equally bad. Are you just antisemitic? Israel has a right to exist and protect its borders from terrorists and try to find the hostages, which includes U.S. citizens that have yet to be released. And I guess you also forgot that HAMAS was the government elected by the people of Gaza to “govern” Gaza. Nice government that uses its people as human shields.

Your comments were so factually inaccurate and antisemitic that I am even surprised the Independent would print them. I won’t be spending any time responding to you.

To High-Rise or Not
Alan Burnham, Livermore

Susan Mayall asks in a recent letter why not build high-rise housing. It is a valid, important question. That said, her description of the new Legacy apartments as squat is ironic given the vociferous criticism of the project by some as being too high for Livermore – they said it should have been three stories. Regardless, it is important in the days of high housing prices to address the question of whether building taller apartments or condominiums would increase or decrease housing unit costs.

In any given area, there is an optimum height that minimizes the cost per sq. ft. Barr and Jedwab (2023, DOI:10.1111/1540-6229.12436) state that the optimum height is when the marginal cost of another story equals marginal revenue, and that height depends on all sorts of local factors. Those factors include the prevailing cost of land, rental rates, and natural hazards such as earthquakes

Past a few stories, land cost per building sq. ft. decreases, but construction costs per sq. ft. increase by more. The increase is especially important in earthquake country, particularly in areas susceptible to ground liquefaction. The majority of Livermore,

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Big Bad Voodoo Daddy Leads Off LVA Holiday Performances

Livermore Valley Arts (LVA) will close out 2023 with an eclectic array of Bankhead Presents performances beginning with “Big Bad Voodoo Daddy’s Wild and Swingin’ Holiday Party” on Saturday, Nov. 25, and closing with “New Year’s Eve with the Four Freshmen” on Sunday, Dec. 31.

In between, the Bankhead Theater in downtown

The band’s holiday shows feature quirky nods to classic Christmas melodies and artists such as the Andrews Sisters, Chuck Berry, Lou Rawls, and Elvis Presley, along with original songs from two Big Bad Voodoo Daddy holiday albums, including “Rockabilly Christmas,” “Last Night (I Went Out with Santa Claus),” “Christmas Time in Tinsel Town,” and the reflective “It

in 2009 and reached the Top 20 on the Billboard Magazine jazz chart. Her second album, “Way Down Low,” released in 2012, and her third album, “The Big Picture” released in 2014, both reached No. 1 on the Billboard Heatseekers chart.

A holiday album, “Holiday Swingin’,” released in 2021, was included on a New York Times list of “13 Albums That Revisit (and Redefine!) Holiday Classics.”

Tickets for “A Kat Edmonson Christmas” at 8 p.m. begin at \$25.

Irish Christmas in America, which played to a sold-out crowd at the Bankhead Theater in 2021, is a family-friendly holiday show that features Irish music, including fiddle, flute, and uilleann pipes, storytelling, and energetic Irish dancing, with a backdrop of evocative photographic images of Irish heritage and traditions.

Tickets for the 3 p.m. Sunday matinee begin at \$25.

Two days before Christmas, on Dec. 23, the Ballet Folklórico de Los Ángeles and Mariachi Garibaldi de Jaime Cuéllar will join in a presentation of the traditions and customs celebrated by the people in México during the holiday season.

Nochebuena, which means Good Night in Spanish, refers to Christmas Eve, which traditionally was when Hispanic cultures held their most important and festive Christmas celebrations, including midnight mass and early-morning holiday feast.

“Nochebuena: A Christmas Spectacular” will take the audience on a journey of traditional Mexican and other Hispanic celebrations, including music, dancing, and dazzling costumes.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. pre-



As Fall in the Tri Valley proceeds, leaves turn brilliant colors. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Livermore will also host “Holiday Swingin’! A Kat Edmonson Christmas” on Friday, Dec. 1, “Irish Christmas in America” on Sunday, Dec. 3, and “Nochebuena: A Christmas Spectacular” on Saturday, Dec. 23.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy is a contemporary swing revival band from Southern California.

Founded in 1989, the band’s big break came when three of its songs were featured on the soundtrack for 1996 buddies’ comedy “Swingers,” which was both a critical and commercial success.

Feels Like Christmas Time.”

Tickets for “Big Bad Voodoo Daddy’s Wild and Swingin’ Holiday Party” at 8 p.m. start at \$25.

Next up will be “Holiday Swingin’! A Kat Edmonson Christmas” on Dec. 1.

Edmonson is a singer-songwriter known for mixing jazz, cabaret, and pop-rock music genres. She also enjoys weaving anecdotes, philosophical musings, and commentary on popular movies into her performances.

Her first album, “Take to the Sky,” was released

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including downtown, is in a high-liquefaction-risk zone (<https://gis.data.ca.gov/datasets/cadoc::cgs-seismic-hazards-program-liquefaction-zones-1/about>). If you want to build higher in those zones, the allowable cost for land can quickly go negative! Who is going to pay the subsidy in those cases? Ironically, a location not threatened by liquefaction is at the corner of Concannon and Holmes, but nearby residents fought even low-rise housing there

I raise these issues not to argue for higher or lower buildings. Instead, I merely point out that there are many tradeoffs involved, and simply saying that we want such and such is not enough. How much are we willing to pay for such and such?

In the days of housing mandates, an additional factor is that if the city decides not to provide adequate land

zoned for housing for whatever reason, it will simply lose its ability to control what happens. Is that what one vocal faction wants? In reality, Livermore can supply enough viable housing sites for the next 22 years only by reducing industrial zoning. Jean King in the same issue implies that reducing Livermore’s jobs/housing ratio is fine. It may be fine for retirees with high pensions and/or savings, but it is not fine for the majority of residents.

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LLNL Begins Work on Imaging Inside of Mountains

By David Jen

The ability to photograph the insides of objects has found applications from medicine to security, but what if we could peer much deeper, applying the same concept to objects as big as mountains?

A new program at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory began work last month on a truck-sized device to do just that, visualizing the interiors of solids as deep and dense as 30 meters of concrete, using a technique called muon imaging, according to the lab.

When high-energy particles from outer space, such

as those created by exploding stars, reach Earth, they shatter against the particles in our atmosphere and rain down a shower of smaller particles, such as muons, onto the surface. Something like heavy electrons, scientists think muons are one of the fundamental particles of the Universe.

Because muons travel through solids, muon imaging allows scientists to non-invasively look into the interiors of large solids if these muons are subsequently captured on film.

In 2017, for example, an international collaboration of scientists shared the discovery of a secret chamber

in the Great Pyramid of Giza using the technique.

But cosmic-ray muons are scarce, requiring months for the process to form a single image

LLNL scientist Scott Wilks and his team hope to change that.

As the lead scientist of the new Intense and Compact Muon Sources for Science and Security team, Wilks plans to leverage LLNL's laser expertise to generate muons, on demand, using high-power lasers at a rate several orders of magnitude greater than naturally occurring muons

The project, if successful, will cut exposure

times down from months to hours, and allow a truck to transport the muon source to sites as needed. Such a portable device could find applications inspecting volcanoes, nuclear reactors or cargo containers, said Wilks.

To generate those muons, the Livermore team will work to build a laser-plasma particle accelerator capable of doing the work of a 3,200-meter conventional linear accelerator under 10 meters.

“Without the compact, high-average power lasers that Livermore is developing, we would never be able to contemplate making a

mobile source with enough muons to reduce exposure times by so much,” he continued.

LLNL is partnering with the Extreme Light Infrastructure (ELI) European Research Infrastructure Consortium at the ELI Beamlines Facility in the Czech Republic, Colorado State University, the University of Maryland, Lockheed Martin, XUV Lasers and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory on the project.

Following a proof-of-principle demonstration of la-

ser-produced muons, the team will work to scale down the technology into a portable muon source within the four-year program.



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Troop 999 Opens Christmas Tree Lot



(Photo Courtesy of Katherine Booth, Tenderfoot Scout)

Come and support local youths and prepare for Christmas by visiting Troop 999 at Granada Bowl on Railroad Avenue in Livermore starting Nov. 24.

For many years, Scouts

BSA Troop 999 has been supplying Christmas trees to hundreds of homes every year. This year, they are offering Douglas and Noble firs, which are sourced directly from Noble Moun-

tain Tree Farm in Salem, Oregon.

Purchasing a Troop 999 tree helps support scouting events and campouts such as Camporee, Philmont, white-water rafting trips, skiing

trips, fishing trips, summer camp, hikes and volunteer activities.

Through the troop's annual tree lot, scouts learn salesmanship, financial competence, confidence, manual labor, and many other essential life skills that prove useful in adulthood.

Something as simple as buying a tree from the scouts provides valuable and unforgettable experiences for young members of Troop 999.

Kathryn Booth, who has been in the troop for a year now, recalls that she “had a lot of fun and learned salesmanship, which was a new experience for me.”

Troop 999's tree lot is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends and 5-8 p.m. on weekdays.

DSRSD Promotes Assistant General Manager



Jan Lee

The Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) has named Jan Lee, who has served as assistant general manager since 2020, to succeed General Manager Dan McIntyre, who will be retiring in December.

Lee will be the first woman to serve as general manager in the district's 70-year history.

Founded in 1953, DSRSD provides potable and recycled water to Dublin and the

Dougherty Valley area of San Ramon, wastewater collection and treatment for Dublin and south San Ramon, and wastewater treatment for Pleasanton.

During her 27-year career, Lee also spent seven years in the private sector with West Yost & Associates and Carollo Engineers, 13 years with the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), and four years with the City of Hayward.

She has a bachelor's degree in civil and environmental engineering from the University of California, Davis and is a registered professional engineer in California.

“With the retirement of an excellent leader like [McIntyre], we could not have picked a more suitable candidate for this position,” said DSRSD board member Dinesh Govindarao. “I am impressed by [Lee's] technical expertise and the strong relationships she has

built with our regional partners.”

Board member Ann Marie Johnson added, “Lee was hands-down the best candidate given her diverse professional experience and understanding of DSRSD's current and future needs.”

Lee will assume her new role on Dec. 23.

McIntyre is retiring after seven years as general manager at the DSRD and a 34-year career in the water and wastewater industry.

As assistant general manager, Lee was responsible for the district's Alternative Water Supply Study and an update to the DSRSD Water Resiliency Policy highlighting the need for interagency partnerships.

She also led an update of the agency's Emergency Response Plan and managed its COVID response.

Since 2022, she has also been authority manager for a joint-powers collaboration be-

tween DSRSD and EBMUD.

A Tri-Valley resident for 25 years, Lee lives in Pleasanton with her husband and two daughters.



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Coalition Offers Free Thanksgiving Dinner

The Tri-Valley Community Outreach Committee, a coalition of churches, community organizations, and businesses, will serve a free Thanksgiving dinner for “anyone in need of a place to go” from noon to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 23, at St. Raymond Catholic Church, 11555 Shannon Ave, Dublin. The meal will be a traditional sit-down turkey dinner with guests served at their tables, according to an announcement from the coalition. The dinner is free, and reservations are not necessary. There will also be entertainment and children’s activities.

Tri-Valley Haven Seeks Donations for Holidays Stockings

Tri-Valley Haven, a Livermore-based nonprofit that provides support services for victims of sexual assault, domestic abuse, and homelessness, is asking for donation to help fill holiday stockings for children and adults in need. For adults, the nonprofit is suggesting hand sanitizer, fuzzy socks, mittens, body lotions, facemasks, games, and non-perishable snacks. For children, Tri-Valley Haven suggests crayons, crafts, small puzzles, card games, mittens, and medium-sized fuzzy socks. Tri-Valley Haven, which said its annual holiday stocking program reaches more than 3,000 individuals, is also accepting Walmart and Safeway gift cards, which allows recipients to choose items or groceries that meet their specific needs. Donations are being accepted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Tri-Haven Community Building, 3663 Pacific Ave., until Tuesday, Dec 12. For more information, go to trivalleyhaven.org.

Tree Lighting Planned to Winter Wonderland

Dublin will hold its traditional Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza. The city plans to bring in more than 15 tons of snow to create a Winter Wonderland, with a play area for children, cookies and hot chocolate, Polar Express train rides, and photos with Santa Claus. Local musicians and the Dublin Unified School District Choir will provide entertainment and food trucks will be on site. The city will light a 28-foot tree near the Civic Center clock tower at 7 p.m.

Fratello Marionettes Offer A Holiday Performance

The Fratello Marionettes will present a “North Pole Review,” with ice skaters, Russian dancers, and acrobatic penguins, on Friday, Dec. 8, at the Livermore Public Library’s Rincon Branch, 725 Rincon Ave. The free program begins at 3:30 p.m. and is considered suitable for all ages. The Danville-based puppeteers will perform in full view of the audience, followed by a question-and-answer session. The Fratello Marionettes were started in 1989 by Kevin Menegus, who received his first puppet as a gift when he was six. He has a bachelor’s degree in percussion performance from the University of the Pacific Conservancy of Music.



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that showed Monk lying face down and half naked on his bunk for at least 72 hours, as deputies and jail workers made their rounds past his cell door. Monk's family's attorneys said Monk lay in his own body fluids for so long, his jail issued T-shirt stained his bedsheet. Plates of untouched food that jailers had slid through a slot in his cell door piled up for at least three days, along with medication dropped off by health care workers.



Maurice Monk

"The family and the community welcome this investigation into the death of Maurice Monk," said the family's attorney, Adante Pointer. "Justice is long overdue for his family. We anticipate the District Attorney will file charges once she is able to get her hands on the true facts around how Mr. Monk died."

Alameda County paramedics pronounced Monk dead on the floor outside his cell door on Nov. 15, 2021, about a month after he was arrested in Oakland following a fight with a bus driver over his refusal to

wear a mask. Accused of disorderly conduct, he was taken to Santa Rita Jail for failing to appear in court on another misdemeanor incident on an AC Transit bus, the District Attorney's Office said.

According to the lawsuit, Monk's sister, Elvira Monk, repeatedly told jail personnel that her brother needed medication for diabetes, high blood pressure and schizophrenia. Deputies, she said, ignored her, even turning her away

revive him, but it was too late. An autopsy showed Monk died of a heart attack. His family believes he could have been saved.

"Something went wrong," said Deputy District Attorney Zachary Linowitz, who is examining the case. "I don't know what it is yet, but it doesn't feel right, and I am deeply committed to ferreting out the truth here."

Although the county settled with Monk's family, the lawsuit against Well-path continues in litigation.

Price's office sought reports on Monk's death for over a year, but the ACSO refused to provide them until last week, when new Sheriff Yesenia Sanchez informed Price she would do so.

Sixty-eight people have died in the Santa Rita Jail since 2014, prompting lawsuits and a settlement in which a judge is monitoring federally mandated improvements in the facility primarily regarding the medical and mental healthcare of inmates.

In May, Price charged two ACSO deputies with falsifying records following a 32-year-old inmate's suicide. Vivetta Martin, 32, who was found dead in a cell April 3, 2021, hanged herself with a bedsheet.

Deemed a "special management inmate" after telling jail staff she planned to take her own life, Martin was supposed to be checked every 30 minutes.

Prosecutors allege Deputies Sheri Baughman, 49, and Amanda Bracamontes, 30, doctored logbooks to make it appear they had done so. Surveillance cameras showed they had gone up to an hour and 47 minutes without checking her, prosecutors said.

Baughman and Bracamontes have pleaded not guilty.

UGB

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(GPAC), has led to the creation of five focus areas to be studied for future redevelopment. Four fall within the city's boundaries. The fifth focus area, called East of Greenville, is contiguous to the city, but outside Livermore's urban growth boundary.

It's 1,100 acres of Alameda County land are proposed for industrial and commercial uses without any residential development.

Proponents of infill development have opposed the idea of developing land east of Greenville Road, defending the current growth boundary.

"This current General Plan review is very premature in suggesting that now is the time for Livermore to sprawl outside of the current city limits," said Livermore resident David Rounds at a GPAC meeting last week.

Development of the East of Greenville area would require voter approval to move the boundary, throwing a large unknown into the planning process.

"A lot of what the city needs to do depends on whether the Greenville expansion gets voted up or down," said GPAC member Alan Burnham at the meeting. "If it gets voted down, that means there has to be massive changes on the inside, or else we're not going to be able to meet either housing or industrial needs."

Looking at the five focus areas, GPAC members have learned that the East of Greenville acreage would provide a site for the bulk of the proposed new industrial facilities.

Placeworks, Inc., the lead

consultant working on the General Plan update, has quantified the economic benefits of the plan with a jobs-to-employed-residents ratio.

The metrics describes "the number of jobs to the number of people in Livermore who are in the workforce," said Joanna Jansen, Placeworks managing principal.

A value greater than one would mean the city needs to import workers from outside Livermore, while a value less than one would mean Livermore residents need to commute outside the city to work.

"The reason why many communities strive for a balance between these things is to reduce the commuting, reduce the pollution and the traffic that's associated with that, (and) make people more able to be applied to the fabric of the community without having to spend so much time in their car," said Jansen.

From the discussion, audience members also picked up that the city was an advocate for a strong industrial and commercial base because of the financial benefits to the city.

According to Placeworks, currently, Livermore has a jobs-to-employed-residents ratio of 1.07. The four land-use focus area alternatives, plus the Greenville 1,100 acres, would change that balance by 2045 to a range of 1.00 and 1.19.

GPAC members at their Nov. 8 meeting gravitated toward an East of Greenville option favoring industrial-business park uses rather than preservation of the UGB

to protect open space.

But others have questioned the need to cross the urban growth boundary based on their analysis of the city's population and available jobs.

Jeff Kasky, who spoke at the GPAC's meeting on Oct. 18, recently sent his calculations to The Independent.

He wrote, "I used population projections from the city's Housing Element and job numbers shown in the GPAC plans for all the parcels within the city's boundary, not just the four focus areas. The number of employed people comes from the government's published ratios. Looking at the highest and lowest number of job growth available in the GPAC handout, the minimum jobs/employed people ratio is 1.32 and the maximum is 1.41 for all the parcels within the city's boundary."

He added, "This is a healthy ratio. It easily meets the city's desire to have more than enough jobs for its population without breaking the urban growth boundary."

Kasky also looked at the more traditional jobs/housing balance, again planned for all parcels within the city, not for just the four focus areas. He noted, "Here, the minimum ratio is 1.7 and the maximum 1.82, an even stronger ratio that favors the city's desire for economic strength."

The city has planned outreach to the community using a number of methods. Public feedback will be collected. GPAC will present a summary of General Plan public input to the Planning Commission next month.

The State of California is preparing for shifts in the labor market and investing billions in career pathway initiatives to address key areas of need, such as worker shortages in the health and care economy, expanding construction careers and removing barriers to employment for diverse communities.

DELTA

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"Most of these (term-limit measures) get smoked," said Bakker. "They go down in flames, if it's just a straightforward ballot measure."

Dublin's term-limit changes, if approved, would not apply to existing councilmembers, only new councilmembers and a new mayor. They would apply to a person's total combined time serving as councilmember and mayor, and then only to consecutive terms. A break in service would reset the limit.

WATER

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water enterprise fund is not a solution."

The approved increases marked a step back from the recommendation of city staff, which pushed for a 30% increase in 2024 followed by a 20% increase in 2025 and another 12% increase in 2026.

Vice Mayor Jack Balch and Councilmember Valerie Arkin opposed the change based on the magnitude of the increase

"I believe we are hearing our community tell us that they cannot afford this rate increase and that transparency is difficult to understand," said Balch. "From where I sit, we have not done a good job communicating how this increase should be implemented."

WENTE

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by vineyards, she and her brothers Eric and Phil were frequently loaded into their grandfather's truck for a tour of the vines.

"We spent most of the time pinching and shoving each other, like kids do," she recalled.

But she said she fondly remembers those excursions, as well as running around in the winery, which would be a no-no today. An avid outdoors woman, Wente said she loved horses and cattle, and was delighted to help her grandfather with their cow camp in the Livermore hills. She even wanted to be a large animal veterinarian until she got to college at Stanford University, choosing it over UC Davis, where her grandfather had studied viticulture, agriculture, and animal husbandry. She realized the required chemistry classes weren't for her and eventually went to work as a financial analyst.

Wente worked for Crocker Bank until the day she got a call from brother Phil, who asked her to come and work with him and their brother Eric at the winery in sales and marketing. When she protested that she had no experience in those fields, he reminded her that as a child she was always the one who, along with her mother, helped entertain the salespeople, restaurateurs, bankers, and distributors who came to visit.

It was an early education in the fine art of hospitality: the core of the wine business. "Yes," she recalled saying at the time. "I want to come back."

The three siblings of the

Councilmember Kashef Qaadri originally expressed reservations about conflating the governance policies with the term-limit extension.

"It seems like a mask to get something passed," said Qaadri.

But after learning that the measure, if passed by the council, would require voter approval for the mentioned policy changes, he joined Mayor Melissa Hernandez and Vice Mayor Michael McCorriston in supporting the measure.

Both Balch and Arkin supported a smaller increase, followed by a review of the city's budget to possibly reallocate capital funds into the Water Enterprise Fund.

"I would not be opposed to looking at all of our capital expenditures," said Arkin. "If it's something the whole council would be interested in doing, I wouldn't mind, but I'm not going to single out any certain project."

A substitute motion from Balch to increase rates 15% in the first year and 15% the second, failed 2-3, with Balch and Arkin voting yes.

About 25 residents protested the hike during the meeting, offering their

Residents at the meeting largely opposed the term-limit extension, whether presented on its own or part of a package, favoring fresh people and ideas in their city government.

"Our term limits ensure that we can always hear the new voices and free perspective of leadership in the community," said resident John Wu. "I truly believe that the last thing we should do right now is extend the term limits."

own ideas on how to minimize the impact. Solutions ranged from merging water services with neighboring cities, to rethinking the reserve fund policy, to seeking funding from outside the city.

"The homeowners and businesses of Pleasanton should not be paying for the mistakes of former city leadership," said resident Mark Mullaney. "The proposed rate increases are excessive, and could likely negatively impact home values, future property tax base, and ultimately the outstanding Pleasanton schools."

Other residents also called for a city audit to document why such a large need for cash came about so suddenly.

of sales and marketing at Concannon when Wente purchased it in 1981. Wilcox subsequently became Concannon's GM; she and Wente co-founded the annual Livermore Winegrowers Harvest Celebration that same year. The Wente Family sold Concannon to The Wine Group in 1990.

Born in 1955, when Wente was growing up, Livermore was a town with 21 bars and 2 restaurants.

"Not a family friendly town. But moving Highway 84 off Main Street changed all that."

Wente envisions a future with synergistic clusters of wine tasting spots, similar to those in Carmel, Healdsburg and Yountville.

Perhaps more tasting clusters will develop, similar to the one on Vasco Road, where Steven Kent Winery just moved to join Occasio, Longevity, Almost Famous and Wood Family. She says that the fifth generation of the Wente family, all of whom wanted to be part of the business, has plenty of talent and innovative ideas, and it's time to hand over the reins.

They are eager to express what the Livermore Valley is all about, and to drive more energy around specific vineyard sites, and to create new styles of wine," she said.

Wente's goal now is to be a cheerleader and champion for the 5th generation, yet always available to share Gen 4's experiences. "All of us learned by doing, and we had lots of successes along the way, but honestly, you learn so much more from the mistakes than the successes."

meda County when they graduated high school.

Since 2008, when the first Pedrozzi scholarships were announced, the foundation says it has awarded more than \$6.1 million scholarships to 1,670 recipients.

Tate said the recipients included many of her former students and she is happy to continue supporting the education of Livermore students as a board member.

COLLEGE

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by the state's initiative. The partners in the collaborative, including unified school districts, community colleges, universities and employers, have been meeting regularly since March of 2022 to create the foundation for the collaboration with the aim of collectively impacting achievement across the educational continuum leading to high-demand, high-skill careers.

"The importance of this grant is that it's K through 16, which gives focus to creating streamlined pathways from high school to postsecondary education and into the workforce," said Ramos. This means it was mandatory in the eligibility requirements for the grant that the partnership be school districts, the business community, community college, UC, and CSU.

Retired Teacher Named to Pedrozzi Board

Frankie Tate, a retired Livermore science teacher, has been named to the Pedrozzi Foundation Board of Directors.

Tate spent 30 years with the Livermore Joint Unified School District, teaching at both the elementary and high school levels. Since retiring in 2016, she has worked as a docent at Calaveras Big Trees State Park and instructor in the California Naturalist Program.

The Mario Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation was formed following the death of Livermore businessman Mario Pedrozzi in 2002.

Pedrozzi left nearly \$8 million estate to the community, stipulating that scholarships be provided to Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District graduates and seminarians at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park who were residents of Ala-

OBITUARIES

Mary Joan Cuellar
March 5, 1932 – Oct. 11, 2023

Mary “Joan” Cuellar passed away quietly on Oct. 11, 2023, in Walnut Creek, California. She was 91.

Born Mary Joan Hinkle in the Great Depression in Neodesha, Kansas, she was the only child of Simon and Pearl (Hann) Hinkle. Joan was close to many cousins. She grew up poor, and her extended family moved to North Hollywood, California, in about 1937, finding migrant farm work. She returned to Kansas to live with her grandparents for two years before returning with them to California in 1941, this time to Yuba City, where she attended school until the 8th grade. During WWII, Joan ran away from home and got her first job in a Bay Area cannery. Living on her own meant growing up fast, and she was fiercely determined with a very capable spirit. She later met her future husband Johnny on a bus in 1947. It was love at first sight for them both, and they eloped to Virginia City when she was fifteen. Joan stayed very busy, with four children by the time she was twenty, and managed the family while Johnny served in the Navy.

In 1953, Joan was badly burned in Rodeo, California, as a result of heroic efforts to save their baby while the family home was burning to the ground. After the fire, the family moved to Alameda Naval Base, and welcomed their youngest baby in 1956. That same year, Johnny was hired at the Livermore Lab, and they purchased their first home in town, where they would live for the next 32 years. Always a hard worker, Joan re-entered the



work force in the mid 1960s, even surviving an explosion at work.

Johnny taught her electronics, and she made a career for herself riding the early Tech wave from the 1960s on. Joan was a fierce, strong-willed, fun-loving, and talented woman who spoke her mind. She dove in deep with many hobbies and was artistic at heart. She loved dressing up, flirting, dancing, entertaining and being the center of attention. She was rarely seen without her hairdo, lipstick, and earrings in place. Known for hosting large family holiday dinners, Joan was an amazing cook. She and Johnny won multiple dance contests in the 70s. Joan adored her husband, her children and grandchildren, and fishing, camping, swimming, and

playing card games. She often went fishing alone, she loved it so much. Joan also loved adventure, her dogs, playing the guitar, treasuring old photos, and sharing family history. Joan enjoyed a good laugh, garage sales, painting – whether ceramics or canvas, and gardening.

In 1988, Johnny and Joan retired and built a home in Pioneer, California, where they could be closer to nature and the wildlife that brought them so much joy. After 63 years of marriage, Johnny passed away, and managing the mountain property as a widow became difficult for Joan, so she returned to the Bay Area, spending her final twelve years in Stockton, Lodi, Manteca and finally San Ramon. Joan is survived by her five children, John Cuellar (Cheryl), Samantha Cuellar, Frank Cuellar (Linda), Dianne Andrews (Winston) and Daniel Cuellar (Celia); sixteen grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by all her aunts, uncles, and cousins, her husband, Aucencio “Johnny” Cuellar, and two great-grandchildren, Levi Long and Cody Hendrickson. Joan will be sorely missed. May she rest in eternal peace, and fish with no limits.

A memorial service will take place on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023, at Daneri Mortuary in Jackson, California at 11 a.m. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.amadorhills.com and signing the guest book. Daneri Mortuary: (209) 223-0793.

Kaleb Makepeace, from Livermore, California, was the son of Paula Makepeace and stepfather David Martinez in Mesa, Arizona. His brother Levi Makepeace and sister-in-law Breanna Miller are in Stockton. Son Luciano Makepeace and his mom Tereasa Lopez are in Texas. Kaleb died of a horrible motorcycle accident in Oakland, California on Nov.

Kaleb Makepeace
Nov. 11, 1991 – Nov. 8, 2023

8, 2023. He is preceded in death by his grandparents Bob and Helen Makepeace and Aunt Cindy Makepeace. Kaleb grew up in Livermore all his life. He is survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. <http://GoFundMe/2e00ea55> has been set up. Services will be graveside at St. Michael’s.



Leah Erin Van Emmerik
May 13, 1984 – Sept. 27, 2023

Leah Erin Van Emmerik, 39, of Los Gatos, California, peacefully passed away on Sept. 27, 2023.

She was born on May 13, 1984, in Walnut Creek, California, which fell on Mother’s Day. When she was a little girl, she loved to tell people that she was her mom’s best Mother’s Day present ever and she was right! Leah was a brilliant, kind and hardworking individual who made a positive impact on the lives around her.

Leah had a passion for helping others and regularly made donations to her favorite charities which included Doctors Without Borders, Harbor Light Church and The Humane League. She believed in making a difference in the world and supported causes that aligned with her values. She was also a volunteer counselor for women who were victims of assault.

In her professional life, she worked for Daley’s Drywall in construction, and was known for her “can do” attitude. She was known to have simultaneously carried two 70-pound frames. She was given the opportunity of training to become an electrician and worked at Redwood Electric and Rosendin Electric Inc. She was a member of Electricians Union 332. She formed strong bonds with her coworkers in both fields, considering them her extended family. She learned so much from her coworkers, foremen and journeymen.



Outside of work, Leah had a love for dance and horses. She began her journey in dance at the age of three and developed a particular fondness for horses. At the age of nine, her Christmas present was a black quarter horse named Deana. Her love of dance came in handy when she made the NFL San Diego Charger Cheerleading Team. She found the joy of hiking in her 20s and continued to hike until the end.

Leah’s family meant the world to her. She looked up to her big brother Ryan and they both loved camping. During our camping trips, Ryan would take her under his wing while they explored the great outdoors together. He made sure they stayed

within campground boundaries. Leah also enjoyed going to Ryan’s baseball games, just so she could go play in the playground next to the baseball field.

Leah was so happy when she became an aunt to Ryan and Yvette’s son, Rhett. Leah adored her grandparents. All four of them happily spoiled her. Her Grandfather, Carl C. Aaron, has followed her to heaven.

Leah’s beloved partner, David Castillo, was the Love of Her Life. They had made numerous plans for their future and were looking forward to a long and happy life together. Leah found immense joy and happiness with David. David passed away earlier this year, and now Leah is reunited with him in heaven.

Leah is survived by her mother, Amy Van Emmerik, her father, Doug Van Emmerik, her brother, Ryan Van Emmerik, grandfather, Paul Van Emmerik, nephew, Rhett Van Emmerik and many uncles, aunts, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her much-loved grandmothers, (Obaachan) Emiko Aaron and Joan Van Emmerik, her uncle, Randy Van Emmerik, and her cousin, Liv Serene Van Emmerik.

Leah had a strong faith and worshipped at Harbor Light Church in Santa Cruz.

Leah will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Her kindness, passion, and vibrant spirit will be cherished forever. Save a place for us, Leah. We miss you so very much. Until we see you again.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Teresa Ann Flores Cartwright
March 11, 1934 – Oct. 14, 2023
Livermore, California
89 years of age

Teresa was born in Bakersfield, California to parents Mariano and Porfiria Flores. She was the fourth of six children. She grew to embody the values which surrounded her family – hard work, education, faith, humility, and abundant love. Her childhood home included a well-tended garden of flowers, fruit trees, succulents, berries, and veggies that her family valued for beauty and sustenance. She maintained a lovely collection of plants around her casita at Arbor Vista for the last 28 years of her life.

Mom earned her nursing degree from Bakersfield Community College while raising her children. She had innate compassion and a desire to ease suffering, as well as a curious mind that found human biology fascinating. Her work at Bakersfield Family Medical Center, doctor’s offices, and migrant clinics served her community while fulfilling her desire to help others. She developed life-long friendships with many of her co-workers whom she dearly loved.

Mom had enduring faith in God. Her foundation started at home, strengthened by her education at Garces High School in Bakersfield and her lifelong practice of prayer and spiritual growth. Her participation as an active parishioner with St. Charles Borromeo Community filled her spirit and nourished many



treasured friendships. Her light shone brightest for those who found her open arms, her open heart, and her profound ability to listen and comfort a troubled friend or family member.

Mom faced her darkest days with the loss of her son, Timothy Paul Cartwright. He fought bravely for two years against the cancer that ultimately took his life before his 46th birthday. Family and friends were left with a gaping hole in their hearts, and Mom’s was shattered. Her faith led her back along a path of lifelong healing. As she shared her pain and grief with others who had faced the unbearable loss of a loved one, her innate gift of compassion and connection slowly mended together her broken heart, in turn, helping others do the same.

Mom was loved and supported by her Livermore family, St. Charles Community, Arbor Vista neighbor’s and staff, grandchildren, family across California, Oregon, and Washington, and

Ohana in Hawaii. We see her smile in the faces of family, hear her singing in the breeze through the “Timmy Tree,” and feel her warmth in the rays of the sun. Love never ends.

Teresa is survived by her sisters Sr. Cecelia Flores O.P. and Marian Wilson; daughter Linda Cartwright (Greg Koonce); daughters-in-law Julie Cartwright (nee Hernandez) and Barbara Allison (nee Bingham); grandchildren Paul Cartwright (Sara Duman), Rose Cartwright (Kevin Chang), Katie Cartwright, Samantha Allison, Michelle Fitzgerald; great-granddaughter Alma Hope Chang; sisters-in-law Colette Flores and Cherrie Flores; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and other family members here in the U.S. and in Mexico. She is preceded in death by her beloved son, Timothy Cartwright; husband Jim Cartwright; sister Carmen Bustamante; and brothers Richard and Tino Flores.

A celebration of life Mass will be Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 11 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Mass will be live-streamed and recorded (stcharleslivermore.org). Reception in the Church Hall will follow Mass.

Memorial gifts, in lieu of flowers can be made to American Cancer Society or The Alzheimer’s Association.

Marilyn Janet Philbin
June 10, 1942 – Nov. 3, 2023

Our beloved mom, grandma, and friend, Marilyn Philbin, passed away peacefully on Nov. 3, 2023. Born on June 10, 1942, in Grangeville, Idaho, she was independent and a free spirit from the start. She enjoyed the freedom she had growing up as a child in Grangeville, Idaho, and her love of reading gave her knowledge beyond her years and a yearning to explore. She loved rock-n-roll and Elvis Presley, the music of her teenage years. She ventured to California with a friend when she was only 18; the serenity of the beaches in California was a big draw for her. She met the love of her life, Bobby Philbin, shortly thereafter. They loved listening and dancing to country music and were married on Feb. 22, 1963. They had two daughters, Janet, and Barbara, and saved to buy their first house together to raise the girls in San Leandro. Marilyn, always a hard worker, held several jobs over 20+ years, working in the school district driving kids to school first, then working for Gerbers, Cigna Health and Kaiser Health, and finally at a law office. Wherever she worked, she made friends and had a great sense of humor ... she always said a “sense of humor carried you through difficult times.” She was



also a good cook and was known for her wonderful, deviled eggs. She and Bobby made a good life working and saving together, taking vacations to Grangeville and Lake Tahoe. She loved anywhere on the beach, to look at an ocean or a lake.

She and Bobby moved to Livermore after their first grandson was born and had the joy of being grandparents to Patrick and Christopher. They continued the tradition of vacationing in Tahoe with the grandkids. Bobby preceded Marilyn in death in 2012, after 50 wonderful years together. She started working at Open Heart Kitchen and enjoyed making new friends at lunches and dinners out in Livermore. She reconnected with her friend Muriel, and they lived together, becoming known as M&M, wherever they

went. They took many senior trips together through LARPD, and enjoyed many friends they made at the Riata and Oak Door; and, of course, loving her music, she always played the jukebox wherever she went. She enjoyed holiday meals with family because it gave her the opportunity to play dominoes with her grandsons, which had turned into a competitive sport over the years. She felt she had been so lucky and led such a full life, she wanted to share the joy with her family and friends. She will be remembered for her infectious smile, kindness, and generosity. She is survived by her daughters Janet and Barbara, her son-in-law Joe, two grandsons Patrick and Christopher, her dear friend Muriel, and many others.

A memorial service, which will be live streamed, will be held for her at Asbury Methodist Church in Livermore on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. Pacific Time, and she will be laid to rest at Lone Tree Cemetery with Bobby in a private ceremony. In honor of our sweet Marilyn, please donate to a charity of your choice to make a difference and bring joy to another. Some of her favorites: Salvation Army, Wounded Warrior Project, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Granada High Football Falls in Section Playoffs

By Phil Jensen

At halftime of their North Coast Section Division II first-round playoff game on Nov. 10, the Granada High School football team narrowly trailed visiting Rancho Cotate 13-10.

But the sixth-seeded Cougars scored touchdowns on their first four possessions of the second half and eventually won 40-18.

“I thought they handled us on the line a little bit from the defensive side, and I’ve got to give credit to them because they kind of took it to us up front,” said Granada coach Marc Moses, whose squad is seeded third in the NCS Division II playoffs. “I thought we did a lot of good things offensively, but you know, when we get down a couple scores . . . you’ve got to start throwing it all over the place. It just makes it difficult. But I am proud of these young men, especially the seniors.”

Granada, which ended the season with a 7-4 overall record, took a 3-0 lead on the first possession of the game. The Matadors’ Peyton Richards returned the opening kickoff 39 yards to the 50, and after quarterback Quinn Boyd threw for first downs to Mikey Boyd and Christian Clouser, the drive stalled. But Brandon Niemeyer nailed a 45-yard field goal to give Granada the lead.

Rancho Cotate was also aided on its opening drive by a long kickoff return, 56 yards by Gio Martinez. The Cougars moved quickly into the end zone on five plays, capped by a four-yard run by quarterback Jacob Pruitt.

A blocked punt by Granada’s Riley Winchell put the ball on the Rancho Cotate 13 with 7:24 left in the first half. Two plays later, Clouser pulled down a 12-yard pass from Quinn Boyd in the far right corner of the end zone

to take the lead back for the Matadors. Niemeyer’s point-after-touchdown kick gave Granada a three-point lead at 10-7.

The Cougars answered with another touchdown, but the PAT kick was blocked. Later, Granada was in position to try a 50-yard field goal on the last play of the first half, but time ran out before the kick could be attempted.

In the second half, Rancho Cotate (7-4) drove 52 yards, 69 yards, 57 yards and 56 yards for touchdowns. The Cougars running game racked up 252 yards rushing in the game, including 106 yards from Pruitt and 104 from Geovanny Ortiz. Those two players also combined for five rushing touchdowns.

Granada’s final touchdown was a three-yard pass between brothers, Quinn Boyd to Mikey Boyd. Mikey finished with six receptions for a game-high



Matadors quarterback Quinn Boyd hits running back Christian Clouser with a sideline pass during the North Coast Section Division 2 Football Championship, Quarter Finals on Friday, Nov. 10. The Granada Matadors hosted The Rancho Cotate Cougars. Cotate won 40 to 18. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

66 yards. Quinn passed for a game-high 145 yards. Clouser caught a game-high seven passes for 45 yards.

“Overall, I felt good,” said Moses about his team this season. “They made big leaps, and that’s a good thing. . . . Let’s build on this, which

I know we can. We’ve got a good junior class coming up, a good sophomore class coming up, we’ve got a junior class that was very strong.”

Men’s Basketball Coach Earns 350th Career Win



James Giacomazzi, Las Positas College men’s basketball coach, recently celebrated his 350th career win. (Photo courtesy of Las Positas College)

By Matt Schwab

Call him ‘Mr. 350’
Praise came pouring in from across the state after Las Positas College men’s basketball coach James Giacomazzi earned a landmark 350th career win in the third-place game of the Tony Costello Tip-off Classic earlier this month.

The young Hawks defeated Giacomazzi’s former team, Cosumnes River, 76-67, in the contest that connected the dots for the highly respected Giacomazzi, the Las Positas athletic director and former president of the California

Community College Men’s Basketball Coaches Association (CCCMBCA).

“Thank you to all who have reached out,” Giacomazzi wrote on social media, “To hear from so many players brought me down memory lane which was awesome. And to hear from numerous coaches I have the utmost respect (for) was a treat.”

The Hawks, ranked No. 14 in a state preseason CCCMBCA poll and seventh in NorCal, improved to 2-1 on the season with the victory over Cosumnes River — a day after Las Positas fell to

American River, 96-76, in the semifinals of the championship bracket.

All-tournament pick Alex Martin led the way against Cosumnes River with 27 points and 13 rebounds. Elliot Mobley added 11 points and 6 assists. Sterling McClanahan had a double-double with 10 points, 10 rebounds, and five steals.

Giacomazzi, a Livermore resident, had a 148-62 record at Las Positas with the Nov. 4 triumph. He also has a strong reputation for transferring players to the four-year-level. The Hawks have qualified for the playoffs and had an All-State Player every season since Giacomazzi arrived in 2015.

Before coaching at Las Positas, Giacomazzi, a former star player at Washington High, San Jose City and UC Riverside, enjoyed success coaching at Cosumnes River in Sacramento for 11 years, winning two Big 8 Conference titles and reaching the postseason six times. He was Big 8 Coach of the Year twice. “A class guy who had a good coaching run at Cosumnes River,” tweeted Sacramento Bee sportswriter Joe Davidson.

The 2022-23 Las Positas team advanced to the “Sweet 16” of the state playoffs, marking the fourth time the Hawks have achieved the feat in seven years.

Clearly, it was an emotional experience for Giacomazzi

after he reached the 350 mark. He heard from many current and former players, many of whom credit him with shaping their lives.

“It was really cool to hear that they’ve dedicated a lot of their success to things that I’ve talked to them about or I’ve showed them in terms of the mentorship part,” he said. “It really touched me that I’ve had that kind of impact on our previous guys. That was really cool.”

He credited his “terrific” assistant coaches with much of his success and considers them “friends and family . . . A lot of these guys are all head coaches now and very successful. Obviously, they made me a lot better,” he said. “We’ve had so many great, great coaches that coached with me and made me a lot smarter and made me better.”

He also takes pride in having an over 90 percent transfer rate since he started coaching in 1998 as an assistant coach and 2004-2005 when he got his first head-coaching job.

“I’m really proud of that and how guys were moving on and going to college on scholarship, and then getting degrees and becoming great, great products of society with jobs and families and all those things,” he said.

His current young squad, he believes, is on the right path. The Hawks regrouped after the disappointing loss to

ARC and got past a quality Cosumnes River squad.

“We showed some resilience. Our young team, we’re learning on the job,” the coach said. “. . . We’re progressing and getting better, but we still have a lot more work to do, but that’s exciting as well.”

Pleasanton Police to Receive State Grant For Ongoing Programs

The Pleasanton Police Department has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety for ongoing enforcement and education programs to help reduce serious injuries and deaths.

“This funding will strengthen our commitment to public safety in our community,” said Sgt. Steve Ayers. “We will be able to increase our efforts in making our roads safer for everyone and focus on critical areas such as distracted driving, impaired driving and speeding.”

The grant is expected to bolster several ongoing police efforts, including “saturation patrols” to stop drivers under the influence of drugs or alcohol, enforcing state law prohibiting drivers from using hand-held cellphones, and stopping dangerous driving behavior that puts pedestrians and people riding bicycles at risk.

The grant will also support programs designed to crack down on speeding, failure to yield, stop sign and red-light violations, improper turns and lane changes, according to po-

lice, and will help pay for officer training or recertification on field sobriety tests and drug recognition.

City Seeking Entries For Holiday Parade

Pleasanton will sponsor its annual Hometown Holiday Celebration on Saturday, Dec. 2, and is now seeking volunteers and parade entries.

Online applications are

available at hometownholiday.com. Applications for parade entries must be submitted by Monday, Nov. 27.

The parade will be followed by a community tree lighting ceremony.

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NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601275

The following person(s) doing business as: Green Wellness Group, 4920 Thorndike Lane, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jennifer Green, 4920 Thorndike Lane, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Jennifer Green, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 9, 2023. Expires October 8, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5652. Published October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601221

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Logostak; 2. ADCO Marketing, 3922 Valley Ave, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Logoboss LLC, 3922 Valley Ave, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/1/2023 Signature of Registrant/s: Timothy Joseph Smith, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 4, 2023. Expires October 3, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5653. Published October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601400

The following person(s) doing business as: Akuoma Beauty Oasis Services, 110 Benmore Drive, 110 Benmore Drive, Hayward, CA 94542 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Onyinyechi Obegolu, 110 Benmore Drive, Hayward, CA 94542. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/16/23. Signature of Registrant/s: Onyinyechi Obegolu, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 16, 2023. Expires October 15, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5654. Published October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601484

The following person(s) doing business as: Inspirational Creations by Lleana, 2110 Wedgewood Way, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lleana Hernandez Leal, 2110 Wedgewood Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Lleana Hernandez Leal, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 18, 2023. Expires October 17, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5655. Published October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601402

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Zenful Juice; 2. Zenful Health & Wellness; 3. Zenful Nutrition; 4. Zenful Spa & Wellness Center; 5 Zen and Fit; 6. Zenful Fitness, 377 17th Street, Oakland, CA 94612 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Zenful LLC, 1830 Springs Road, Ste 418, Vallejo, CA 94591. 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: 10/14/23. Signature of Registrant/s: Byron Bock, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 16, 2023. Expires October 15, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5656. Published October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601404

The following person(s) doing business as: Sunrise Concrete Pumping, 6876 Langmuir Lane, Dublin CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): John Cameron, 6876 Langmuir Lane, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/21/01. Signature of Registrant/s: John Cameron, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 16, 2023. Expires Oc-

tober 15, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5657. Published October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601581

The following person(s) doing business as: The Comeback Cafe, 6009 Christie Emeryville, CA 94608 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Van B Ho, 950 International Blvd Unit A, Oakland CA 94606. 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: Van B Ho, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 25, 2023. Expires October 24, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5658. Published November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601138

The following person(s) doing business as: NBI Trading Co, 5775 Las Positas Rd, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): NSI Audio, Inc. 5775 Las Positas Road, 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: 9/28/2023. Signature of Registrant/s: Mohammad Mahir Nabi, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 29, 2023. Expires September 28, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5659. Published November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601445

The following person(s) doing business as: Aiken Underground, 1152 Stealth St, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Platinum Underground, Inc., 1152 Stealth St., 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: 9/1/2023 Signature of Registrant/s: Van Lisa De Freitas Sundberg, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 17, 2023. Expires October 16, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5660. Published November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601163

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. The Modern Boss; 2. Moms Elevate; 3. Thriving Moms in Business, 9850 Reimers Way, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jenny Vukovcan, 9850 Reimers Way, 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: Jenny Vukovcan. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 2, 2023. Expires October 1, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5661. Published November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601502

The following person(s) doing business as: S V Realty, 40472 Valencia CT., Fremont, CA 94539 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): S V Financials, Inc., 40472 Valencia CT, Fremont, CA 94539. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/22/2008. Signature of Registrant/s: Anand Vaidun, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 19, 2023. Expires October 18, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5662. Published November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601535

The following person(s) doing business as: Construct-Zion, Inc., 101 Marlow Dr., Oakland, CA 94605 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Construct-Zion, Inc., 101 Marlow Dr., Oakland, 94605. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 12/3/2016. Signature of Registrant/s: Claudio Menendez Ventura, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 23, 2023. Expires October 22, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5663. Published November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601212

The following person(s) doing business as: Planta, 700 Main St., Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nose Head LLC, 4150 Rennellwood Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: German Ariel Carlucci, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 4, 2023. Expires October 3, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5664. Published November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601575

The following person(s) doing

business as: Son Love Bridge, 5115 Muirwood Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94588-3633 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Two Pillars Mission, 5115 Muirwood Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Sunhee Park, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 24, 2023. Expires October 23, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5665. Published November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 600987

The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club, 1869 Third Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Diablo Foothills District of California Garden Clubs, Inc., 1869 Third Street, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/27/1998. Signature of Registrant/s: Norma J. Foss, Treasurer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 22, 2023. Expires September 21, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5666. Published November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601689

The following person(s) doing business as: Beer Baron, 336 Saint Mary St., Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Judge Brothers LLC, 1185 Orchid St., Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 3/30/2016. Signature of Registrant/s: Harpreet Singh, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 27, 2023. Expires October 26, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5667. Published November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601692

The following person(s) doing business as: Thirsty Agave, 2086 1ST Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Gopa Restaurant Group LLC, 1185 Orchid St., 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: Harpreet Singh, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 27, 2023. Expires October 26, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5668. Published November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601691

The following person(s) doing business as: Fat Pigeon, 2223 1st Street, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Judge Family LLC, 1185 Orchid St., 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: Harpreet Singh, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 27, 2023. Expires October 26, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5669. Published November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601766

The following person(s) doing business as: Jpar Iron Horse Referrals, 550 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Starkey Holdings, 550 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/31/2023. Signature of Registrant/s: Erica Starkey, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 30, 2023. Expires October 29, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5670. Published November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601465

The following person(s) doing business as: Faella, 4908 Hibernia Drive, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Fairy Frolics LLC, 4908 Hibernia Drive Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Swapnal Ambekar, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 18, 2023. Expires October 17, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5671. Published November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601815

The following person(s) doing business as: Hipot Capital, 25568 Crestfield Circle, Castro Valley, CA 94552 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Diya Zhao, 25568 Crestfield

Circle, Castro Valley, CA 94552. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 11/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s: Diya Zhao, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 2, 2023. Expires November 1, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5672. Published November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601811

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. WWW Express; 2. WWD, 1035 Mission CT., Fremont, CA 94539 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Vince Truong, 696 San Ramon Valley Blvd # 128, Danville, CA 94526. 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: 3/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s: Vince Truong, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 2, 2023. Expires November 1, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5673. Published November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601782

The following person(s) doing business as: Serpico, 1764 National Ave, Hayward, CA 94545 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Serpico Landscaping Inc., 1764 National Ave., Hayward, CA 94545. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Roshan Bhakta, CFO - Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 1, 2023. Expires October 31, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5674. Published November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601200

The following person(s) doing business as: Refined Autos, 5285 Irene Way, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Refined Innovations LLC, 5285 Irene 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: Chaudhry Ahmed, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 3, 2023. Expires October 2, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5675. Published November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601403

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Accounting by Brian and Stephen for Property Management; 2. ABS4PM, 7038 Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Brian Conway, 8075 Bethel Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94588; Stephen Conway, 8075 Bethel Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/16/2023. Signature of Registrant/s: Brian A. Conway, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 16, 2023. Expires October 15, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5676. Published November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601662

The following person(s) doing business as: Alta California Agave, 4462 Mines Rd., Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Michael D. Harris, 4462 Mines Rd., Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/26/2023. Signature of Registrant/s: Michael D. Harris, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 26, 2023. Expires October 25, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5677. Published November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601808

The following person(s) doing business as: Fused Permanent Jewelry, 102 Daisyfield Drive, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Anna Richardson, 102 Daisyfield Drive, Livermore, CA 94551; Laurie Hoyt, 32 Vintage Circle Unit 1143, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 11/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s: Anna Richardson, general Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 1, 2023. Expires October 31, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5678. Published November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601653

The following person(s) doing business as: 911 Restoration Bay Area, 6841 Village Parkway, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Worldwide Restoration LLC, 6841 Village Parkway, Dublin,

CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Rajat Mohan, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 26, 2023. Expires October 25, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5679. Published November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601685

The following person(s) doing business as: A1 Enterprises, 105 Rd. 12, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bay Area Sanitation, LLC, 3744 St. Francis Dr., Lafayette, CA 94549. 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: Kurt Winter, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 27, 2023. Expires October 26, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5679. Published November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023.

STATEMENT OF
ABANDONMENT OF USE OF
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
ORIGINAL FILE NO. 569129

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Lavender Valley Ranch, 4462 Mines Rd., Livermore, CA 94550. The fictitious business name statement was filed on March 2, 2020 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by an individual. Signature of Registrant/s: Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 26, 2023. The Independent, Legal No. 5680. Published November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601723

The following person(s) doing business as: TLSC Handyman, 1033 Hollyhock ST., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Anthony Canales, 1033 Hollyhock ST, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 11/15/2021. Signature of Registrant/s: Anthony Canales, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 30, 2023. Expires October 29, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5681. Published November 16, 23, 30, December 7, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601796

The following person(s) doing business as: SLED, 1010 Glen Dr., San Leandro, CA 94577 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): San Leandro Education Foundation, 1010 Glen Drive, 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: 09/03/2008. Signature of Registrant/s: Jill A. Raimondi, Treasurer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 1, 2023. Expires October 31, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5682.

Published November 16, 23, 30, December 7, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601541

The following person(s) doing business as: Shutters Direct, 19077 Meekland Ave, Hayward, CA 94541 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Michael Conforti, 405 Pinenut St., Oakley, CA 94561. 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: 2018. Signature of Registrant/s: Michael Conforti, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 23, 2023. Expires October 22, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5683. Published November 16, 23, 30, December 7, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601818

The following person(s) doing business as: Castro Dental Care Dental Office of Elsa C. Castro, DDS, 39572 Stevenson PL. Ste. 129, Fremont, CA 94539 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Castro Dental Office P.C., 2104 Gomes Rd., Fremont, CA 94539. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/01/2023. Signature of Registrant/s: Elsa C. Castro, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 2, 2023. Expires November 1, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5684. Published November 16, 23, 30, December 7, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601804

The following person(s) doing business as: BEAM Professionals, 2600 Tenth St., Suite 700, Berkeley, CA 94710 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): PBK Architects, Inc., 11 Greenway Plaza, 22nd Floor, Houston, TX 77046. 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: Christopherunico, COO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 1, 2023. Expires October 31, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5685. Published November 16, 23, 30, December 7, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601914

The following person(s) doing business as: Wanah's Transport, 8640 Southwick Drive, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Samir Zemaaryali, 8640 Southwick Drive, 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: 12/01/2022. Signature of Registrant/s: Navita Manyisha, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 18, 2023. Expires October 17, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5690. Published November 16, 23, 30, December 7, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601795

The following person(s) doing business as: Gym Guards, 3620 Andrews Drive, 102, Pleasanton,

CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mickey Cares LLC, 3620 Andrews Drive, 102, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 08/01/2023. Signature of Registrant/s: Mikhail Solomin, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 1, 2023. Expires October 31, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5687. Published November 16, 23, 30, December 7, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601768

The following person(s) doing business as: Leslie's Cookies and Treats, 787 Barleta Lane, Livermore, CA 94550-7157 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Leslie Joan Tregear, 787 Barleta Lane, Livermore, CA 94550-7157. 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: 09/08/2023. Signature of Registrant/s: Leslie Joan Tregear, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 1, 2023. Expires October 31, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5688. Published November 16, 23, 30, December 7, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601875

The following person(s) doing business as: HLCMT, 1415 Pullman Way, Oakland, CA 94607 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Helen Ly Lee, 1415 Pullman Way, Oakland, CA 94607. 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: Helen Ly Lee, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 6, 2023. Expires November 5, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5689. Published November 16, 23, 30, December 7, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 601475

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. The Urban Doll; 2. The Urban Doll Beauty; 3. Highly Illogical Human 1393 Solano Ave, Suite D., Albany, CA 94706 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): the Urban Doll LLC, 5501 De Marcus Blvd #133, 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: 12/01/2022. Signature of Registrant/s: Navita Manyisha, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 18, 2023. Expires October 17, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5690. Published November 16, 23, 30, December 7, 2023.

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