

Trustee Kuo Files Claim Surrounding Wife's Death

By Larry Altman

DUBLIN — The husband of a Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) trustee killed in March during a food giveaway at Fallon Middle School has filed a claim alleging the district is responsible for her death.

William Kuo, who was appointed to replace his 48-year-old wife, Catherine, on the board, alleges the district created a "dangerous condition" that resulted in his wife being crushed between two cars.

William Kuo's claim, the precursor to a possible lawsuit, was served to the district Aug. 16. Kuo also lists their children — Thomas, 15, and Natalie, 11 — as claimants.

"They've suffered an indescribable loss," their attorney, Nick Casper, said. "Catherine was a real shining light both in the community and in the family itself, and she's going to be dearly missed ... They are always going to be living with this loss. They feel it every mo-

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By Late August

New Filtration System Set To Operate

By Larry Altman

PLEASANTON — The city recently began installing a large filtration device to capture trash floating through Pleasanton's storm drain system to prevent it from making its way to the San Francisco Bay.

Known as the Koll Center Trash Capture project, the 10-foot-wide, 18-foot-long, 17-foot-tall concrete structure at the storm drain easement at 6900 Koll Center Parkway should become operational at the end of August.

"It captures everything from 5mm and up," said Zach Crear, marketing director for BioClean, an Oceanside company that manufactures devices to clean stormwater. "To give you a perspective on that — like a cigarette butt and up."

City officials said the device is connected to a 60-inch storm drain to collect floating trash and other pollutants before they reach the Arroyo del Valle and eventually the San Francisco Bay.

Approved at the March 2 city council meeting, the BioClean Trash Capture device will help Pleasanton meet National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements to reduce the amount of garbage that flows from the city's streams and drains into Arroyo del Valle, explained Adam Nelkie, Pleasanton's senior civil engineer. Water from Arroyo del Valle ultimately flows through miles of waterways through Alameda County to the Bay.

At a price of more than \$650,000, Pleasanton funded the project alongside Caltrans, which was required under other federal requirements to reduce trash that could enter storm drains from along I-680 and flow to the Arroyo del Valle.

This prefabricated device

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Reshma Singh, Laurence Berkeley National Laboratory program director, speaks during a groundbreaking ceremony at Camp Parks in Dublin on Aug. 19. Officials celebrated the construction of the first of 10 nodes of a Resilient Replicable Modular Microgrid (R2M2), a backup solar power generator for Parks Reserve Forces Training Area. To read more, see page 10. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen) [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia]

Pleasanton Council Addresses Public Concerns over Livermore Plane Noise

By Ruth Roberts

PLEASANTON — The city council heard from residents and staff during

a public hearing last week regarding noise issues at the Livermore Airport and KaiserAir's proposal to set up operations at the facility.



With noise complaints up, the Pleasanton Council resurrected a liaison committee to address concerns over Livermore Municipal Airport's potential KaiserAir project. (Photo — John McArthur via Unsplash)

Following the discussion, the council sought to resurrect a long-stagnant commission to enhance communication between Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin.

"We have been receiving comments about noise that seems to be increasing," said Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown. "And the goal of this evening is not only to hear from the report of studies that have been done, but to hear from residents themselves."

The concerns in Pleasanton stem from a project

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Gov. Newsom Appoints Former LLNL Engineer, Astronaut to Board of Regents

REGIONAL — Jose M. Hernandez, a former Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) engineer and program manager, has been appointed to the Board of Regents for the University of California by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

The appointment requires state Senate confirmation. Regents receive no compensation.

"First, let me say that I am humbled and excited to have been appointed by Governor Newsom to the UC Board of Regents," said Hernandez, a father of five. "Having worked the first 16.5 years of my career at the UC-managed Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory gives me a unique perspective of the UC system as a whole. I will work

hard towards increasing accessibility and affordability for all Californians who want a UC education, while ensuring we are good stewards of our medical centers and national labs that we have been entrusted to manage."

Hernandez, 58, worked at LLNL from 1985 to 2001. He left the Lab to join NASA — Johnson Space Center from 2001 to 2011. During this time, he was a legislative analyst and a branch chief and materials research engineer. NASA selected Hernandez in 2004 to join its Astronaut Candidate Class. He had been interviewed as a potential astronaut candidate two times before the selection. He later went on to become a flight engineer aboard



Jose Hernandez

Space Shuttle Discovery for a 14-day mission to the International Space Station in August 2009.

In 2011, Hernandez ran for Congress as a Democrat in the newly redrawn

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Schools Address Complaints as Students Return to Campuses

By Dawnmarie Fehr

REGIONAL — As Tri-Valley students return to campus full time, districts are experiencing a range of reactions from parents in response to the state's mandates.

In Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD), parents bombarded the school board during its Aug. 17 meeting with requests to allow mask choice for their students. During the more than two hours of public comments, a minority of speakers supported masking.

"While most of our live speakers were those speaking against mask mandates, there were also supporters of masks that spoke," said district spokesperson Michelle Dawson. "Additionally, while I did not do

a tally of the total written correspondence received, there were a large number of written letters in favor of upholding the mask mandate set forth by the California Public Health Department."

During the meeting, the district also voted to approve a contract with the Alameda County Health Department for student COVID-19 testing.

"We're very excited to be entering into an agreement with the county health department to provide testing for students whose parents provide permission," said Deputy Superintendent Chris Van Schaack. "This will allow us to help limit the number of students who are required to quarantine when there is a confirmed case of

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State Water Board Pauses Pumping From the Delta

No Impact Expected on Wineries this Year

By Tony Kukulich

REGIONAL — Approximately 4,500 water rights holders have been ordered to stop pumping water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, as water supplies across the state dwindle under withering drought conditions.

So far, local wineries, olive growers and other ag producers in the Tri-Valley do not expect the decision to impact them this year.

The Aug. 20 action, taken by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), aims to protect drinking water supplies, prevent salinity intrusion, and minimize impacts to fisheries and the environment. Water from the Delta provides drinking water for 25 million Californians and is used in the irrigation of three million

acres of productive cropland.

Water rights holders who continue to divert water from the Delta in violation of the curtailment order face fines of up to \$1,000 per day plus \$2,500 for each acre-foot of water illegally diverted. An acre-foot of water equates to approximately 326,000 gallons.

"Curtailling water rights has an impact on livelihoods and economies, but it is painfully necessary as severe drought conditions this year and next could threaten health, safety and the environment," said Erik Ekdahl, deputy director of the SWRCB Division of Water Rights. "We will do everything we can to make compliance both straightforward and fair. We are offering reporting and technical

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Senate Bill 10 Passes In the State Assembly

By Tony Kukulich

REGIONAL — One of two bills aimed at improving the availability of affordable housing was narrowly passed by the state assembly this week.

Senate Bill (SB) 10, authored by Sen. Scott Wiener, D - 11, allows local governments to approve the construction of up to a 10-unit apartment building in areas currently zoned for single-family residences. To qualify, the lot must be close to mass transit or be in an existing urban area.

The bill required 41 votes and passed with 44. There were 12 votes in opposition and 23 assemblymembers did not cast a vote on Aug. 23. Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D - 16) was among those who opposed the legislation. Sen. Steve Glazer previously voted to approve the bill when it passed the Senate floor on June 2.

In a published statement, Wiener noted, "California's severe housing shortage requires many strategies, and making it easier and faster for cities to zone for multi-unit housing is a critical piece of the puzzle. This voluntary tool will help local governments throughout California fundamentally

reshape their zoning in infill areas, and help our state climb out of the housing crisis we face. Today is a step in the right direction, and we must continue to build on this victory to end California's housing crisis."

Having now passed both the senate and the assembly, the bill will return to the senate for final approval before it goes to Gov. Gavin Newsom's desk for his signature.

Another housing bill, SB 9 is still circulating in the assembly. It allows homeowners to divide their property into two lots and build two housing units on each lot. In effect, a property that once supported a single residence would be capable of supporting four housing units.

Opponents of both bills point out that development allowed under SB 9 or SB 10 does not require a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review or housing affordability. Further, SB 9 prohibits local governments from applying zoning restrictions that would inhibit property owners from modifying their property in accordance with the state legislation. The loss of local control over housing and zoning decisions is a major sticking point for opponents.

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In Livermore, Altamont Creek Elementary School's new principal, Andrea Tapia, welcomes students back to school Tuesday, Aug. 24. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen) [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia]



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Construction Underway for Dublin Park, Bridge, Road Widening

By Dawnmarie Fehr

A detour on the Iron Horse Trail between Dougherty Road and the Dublin-Pleasanton BART station

will likely be in place at least through next September to accommodate construction for three different projects. The detour will bypass ongoing work at Don Biddle

Community Park, the Iron Horse Trail Dublin Boulevard crossing, and the Iron Horse Trail Scarlett Drive extension.

“We are excited to see these long-awaited capital projects take shape, bringing us closer to experiencing an improved transportation corridor along Iron Horse Trail and Dublin Boulevard along with a new recreation space for the community,” said Alex Eisenhart, communications analyst for the City of Dublin. “While detours like this are never convenient, we are taking measures to efficiently consolidate construction within the projected timeline of the trail segment closure.”

Don Biddle Community Park’s completion is expected late next year. The park will be centrally located on a portion of the former Camp Parks Army Base. It will include an array of amenities, such as athletic courts, playgrounds, public art, veterans’ art and a picnic area. Named for former Dublin Vice Mayor Don Biddle – who served the community for more than four decades – the 30-acre

park will cost approximately \$24.8 million.

The Dublin Boulevard crossing project will construct a pedestrian and bicycle free-span bridge, allowing trail users to safely cross multiple lanes of traffic. One side of the bridge will be on the north side of Dublin Boulevard within Don Biddle Park, and the other side will be on the south side within the Iron Horse Trail right-of-way. The project, which has \$11.6 million price tag, is fully funded with a combination of Measure B/BB funds, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Transportation Fund for Clean Air, and BART’s Measure RR. Construction is expected to begin this summer, with completion late next year.

The Scarlett Drive project will widen and extend the existing road from Dougherty Road to Dublin Boulevard, creating a new section of the Iron Horse Trail. This project will improve connectivity to the East Dublin BART Station and alleviate traffic congestion at the intersection of Dublin Boulevard and Dougherty Road. It is expected to cost \$6.77 million.



A runner navigates the Iron Horse Trail detour and closure between Dougherty Road and Dublin Boulevard in Dublin. The detour is expected to be in place through next September due to construction on three different projects. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Alameda County Seeks Poll Workers for Upcoming Election

Alameda County is recruiting poll workers for the gubernatorial recall election Saturday, Sept. 11, through Tuesday, Sept. 14.

The county said this week it needs election workers to help run more than 100

voting locations. Election workers can earn up to \$500.

Election workers must be registered voters in California, legal permanent residents or Green Card holders living in California, or a student enrolled in the state

High School Poll Worker Program.

All election workers must be proficient in English, but the county Registrar of Voters also needs workers who are able to offer assistance in 13 foreign languages, includ-

ing Chinese, Khmer, Korean, Hindi, Punjabi, Spanish, Tagalog, Burmese, Laotian, Mien, Mongolian, Telugu, and Vietnamese.

To apply to be an election worker, go to www.acvote.org/community/ew-apply.

Assembly Approves Bill to Streamline Valley Link Construction

The State Assembly last week approved a bill to streamline the permitting process for construction of the 42-mile Valley Link passenger rail project connecting the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) system and the Altamont Corridor Express.

The bill, SB 548, designates Valley Link as a Rail Transit District, which under state law exempts projects that run through

multiple jurisdictions from local building codes during construction.

The vote in the Assembly was 74-0-2. The state Senate approved the bill 36-0-4 in May. SB 548 now goes to Gov. Gavin Newsom for his signature.

“Valley Link is a transformational project that will carry more than 33,000 riders a day on zero emission vehicles,” said Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez,

vice chair of the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority, which is responsible for the project. “I believe an end to the difficult super-commute is in sight with Valley Link.”

The Legislature created the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority in 2017 with the primary goal of developing transit connectivity between the San Joaquin Valley and the Bay Area. The rail author-

ity is governed by a board representing 15-member agencies, including Dublin, Pleasanton, and Livermore.

According to transit studies, the first Valley Link trains could be operating by 2028 and carry more than 33,000 passengers daily by 2040.

Valley link has a cost of \$2.5 billion. The funding identified for the project is approaching \$800 million.

Deputies Sentenced for Assaults, Threats

By Larry Altman

Two former Alameda County Sheriff’s deputies who directed inmates at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin to throw bodily fluids on other inmates were sentenced Aug. 19 to more than four years in prison.

Justin Linn and Eric McDermott were sentenced in Alameda County Superior Court after each pleaded guilty in July to 11 felony counts, including 10 counts of assault by a public officer and one count of dissuading a witness by threat or force, the District Attorney’s Office said.

The charges stemmed from 2016 and 2017 when, while working in the jail, Linn and McDermott directed two inmates to “gas” at least five other inmates within Housing Unit 2 at the jail.

“Gassing,” prosecutors explained, involves throwing bodily fluids, including feces and urine, on another person.

In return, the so-called “gassers” received special

treatment from the deputies, including extra food, supplies and time outside of their cell area.

“These former deputies directed, facilitated, enabled and committed sadistic and terrorizing acts against several men whose protection fell directly within the responsibility of their positions as correctional officers,” District Attorney Nancy

O’Malley said in a statement.

“The conduct of these defendants violated the law, and there was no rational explanation for their actions aside from abject cruelty and a disregard for the humanity of the inmates.”

Deputy District Attorney Tim Wagstaffe, who prosecuted the case, called the former deputies’ behavior “egregious.”

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Schools Seek Additional Workers to Meet an Increased Lunch Program Demand

By Ron McNicoll

The popular summer food program, which offered free meals to students, will continue into the 2021-2022 school year. Sustained with subsidies from the federal and state governments, school districts are now seeking additional workers to serve the meals.

Gov. Gavin Newsom signed AB 130 on July 9, an education omnibus bill that extended many programs in state education because of the pandemic and the return of students to the classroom. The Biden Administration

has also pledged to continue its support for the summer program, which provides free breakfasts and lunches for school kids.

The state will provide \$0.2487 per meal. That's \$2,487 for 10,000 meals. A larger appropriation will come from the federal government, with lunches subsidized at \$3.51 per meal and breakfasts at \$2.26.

In the Livermore Valley Joint Union School District (LVJUSD), where school began Aug. 24, that will mean a potentially huge increase in the number of

meals provided.

Dana Dodge, director of Child Nutrition Services at LVJUSD, said approximately 3,500 meals were served during the summer version of the program. Now in the new school year, the district is gearing up to serve as many as 10,000 meals per day.

And with more meals being served, the cost of implementing that growth also rises.

Dodge said more storage space, including freezers and refrigerators, is needed, as well as extra staff to prepare and serve the food.

Funding for the items and staff will come in the form of AB 130, which is offering districts a total of \$120 million for upgrading kitchen facilities, and \$30 million to hire and train additional staff.

In Pleasanton, Mary Fell, director of the Child Nutrition Services Department, said the district needs more people for the expansion, and added the jobs are hard to fill because they are for only two or three hours per day.

"We have reached out to parents to check their interest in working a couple of hours per day," said Fell.

Fell estimated the district is currently serving about 35% of its students for lunch, and only 5% for breakfast. But she expects those numbers to change.



Surrounded by local and regional officials, Livermore Mayor Bob Woerner cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of the Chestnut Square Family Housing complex, Friday, Aug. 20. The mixed-income, intergenerational community is located at 1665 Chestnut St., in Livermore. Chestnut Square boasts 42 affordable rental apartments. Ten of those 42 units are set aside for formerly homeless households. (Photo courtesy of MidPen Housing)

Alameda County to Mark 20th Anniversary of Terrorist Attack

Alameda County will mark the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C. with a memorial ceremony at the Alameda County Fairgrounds amphitheater on Saturday, Sept. 11.

The hour-long ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. and include representatives from the Alameda County Fire Department, Pleasanton-

Livermore Fire Department, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, and Camp Parks.

On Sept. 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked four commercial airliners from three airports in the Northwest. Two of the airlines were flown into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York, killing more than 2,600 people.

A third plane was flown into the west side of the

Pentagon in Washington, D.C., killing 125 military and civilian workers, while passengers aboard the fourth airliner fought back against the hijackers. The plane crashed into a field in Pennsylvania, killing all aboard.

"I remember that day vividly," said Alameda County District 1 Supervisor David Haubert, who encouraged the public to attend the ceremony.

"It is hard to imagine that was 20 years ago. Our First Responders put their lives on the line that day to save our people. We should always remember those we lost and our heroes on that horrific day."

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EDITORIAL Climate Change Is Here and Now

It is no surprise that the world is warming. Surface temperatures have been inching steadily upwards at least since the 1970s, with the 10 warmest years on record occurring since 2005. Higher thermometer readings are one sign of warming, but they tell only a little of the story.

As Earth’s atmosphere warms, 90% of the added heat energy disappears into the oceans, hiding the warming temporarily, but affecting the planet all the same. The oceans are warming, too, rising inexorably and at a faster pace today than in the 20th century. Cruise ships now cross Arctic oceans once thought impassable. Glaciers are shrinking at an alarming rate around the world. Extreme heat waves with never-before-seen temperatures as high as 120 degrees now kill marine life along the northwestern Pacific Coast and devastate entire towns inland. Here in California, formerly carefree summers now bring megafires and choking smoke. Even rainfall has become more extreme, like last weekend’s 17-inch downpour that killed over 20 in Tennessee.

Humans are “unequivocally” responsible for most of the warming, according to a major report released this month from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC,) a unit of the United Nations. The report’s alarming conclusion is that we have put so much green-

house gas into the atmosphere that the planet must continue to warm into the 2030s. The situation is not without hope, however. The report also tells us that we can take action now to slow warming after the 2030s, with the possibility of protecting our children and their children from some of the climate extremes that the world will face otherwise.

The report is called the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report. It should be a matter of local pride that key input to this and all previous IPCC reports came from climate scientists at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). In 1995, LLNL’s Ben Santer helped establish the “balance of evidence” that there is “discernible human influence” on warming. The evidence has grown far stronger with the passing years, leading to the Sixth Assessment assertion that it is unequivocal.

LLNL oceanographer Paul Durack is lead author of the Sixth Assessment Report’s chapter covering human influence on climate. Other contributors from LLNL include Celine Bonfils, Peter Gleckler, Mark Zelinka and Santer.

Local pride aside, it is a matter of the highest importance that we accept and act on the recommendations of the Assessment Report. The quality of life of the Earth’s future inhabitants depends on it.

MAILBOX

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Cancer Culture Paul Stone, Dublin

I wish Gavin Newsom and his family nothing but the best in their personal lives. I mean it. But politically speaking, the man is a cancer on the California body politic. A political malignant tumor who is letting out thousands of prisoners including felons and murderers into our communities.

He and his fellows in the Capitol are doing little if anything in the way of securing additional storage for water for when the rains return. Folks, what are our plans for when we really run dry as many communities in the state already have?

He meets with lobbyist buddies in a maskless, unsocially distanced dinner in Yountville while we were told to shelter in place. He awards rich contracts to his cronies.

If the voters do not recall Newsom, it will be a case of statecide. We will be destroying ourselves.

Please vote to recall the governor. And don't worry about his future. He's quite wealthy, doncha' know.

Resolving the Conflict Carol Chargin, Livermore

The majority of the recent letters to The Inde-

pendent have been from citizens who want to protect the character of the historic town of Livermore and provide a central park for all to enjoy. At the same time, the majority recognizes the need to provide housing for low-income families. Now is the time for the Livermore City Council and its legal representatives to engage in serious negotiation with Save Livermore Downtown and its legal representatives.

Mayor Woerner has considered himself to be a dealmaker. Now is the time for him to employ his skills to help come up with new ideas for the city plan that will satisfy the goals of both sides.

The citizens of Save Livermore Downtown must also be involved in developing creative solutions that will address the housing concerns of the city council and Eden Housing. Neither side can just ‘dig in’ and not be willing to entertain new possibilities and changes.

But, honesty and integrity from both sides is necessary to accomplish the goal of creating a downtown plan that satisfies the housing need and the desire of Livermore citizens to have a beautiful central gathering area that all will be proud of and enjoy into the future.

The people involved in this downtown development plan are all good people who want the best for Livermore. These decisions will affect the City of Livermore far into the future. These plans will affect the character of Livermore for many decades.

Downtown Compromise Needed Don Maroney, Livermore

History has proven even the most intractable political issues can be resolved with strong leadership, openness, fairness and ingenuity. For several years, the fate of the downtown Livermore development has pitted good citizens on both sides of the issue against each other for no good reason. The fact of the matter is, most reasonable residents understand and agree with the need for affordable housing. The issue is where. Although the city leadership has stood behind the current Eden Housing plan, there are a substantial amount of people that believe a true win-win solution can be accomplished by moving the housing from the downtown park location and delivering on the promise of a unique, family-friendly and accessible park environment — Livermore's version of Golden Gate Park, if you will.

Through all of the hyper-

bole and posturing over the past couple of years, a few of the facts are indisputable.

1. Although a possible last resort, litigation is never the answer, as it takes time, money and never satisfies either side. 2. More delays will certainly drive construction costs up. 3. The downtown business community deserves to have this issue resolved sooner rather than later. 4. Residents require the property to be developed in a manner that will guarantee all residents and visitors the maximum amount of environmental safety. 5. The original plan as presented to the public has certainly changed over time.

The answer is pretty simple. Identify and appoint a neutral, respected, knowledgeable and unaffiliated third-party individual or maximum of three individuals that can meet expeditiously with the political apparatus, Eden Housing and the Save Livermore Downtown group. All great negotiations start by clearly stating points of agreement, of which there are many in this situation, and then working through issues in dispute, and recommending a compromised solution for each until an overall framework can be developed and presented for review.

We are all very fortunate to live in a town that is home to two of the world's great innovative thought and practical application leadership organizations; Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories. Why can't we follow their lead, and look for a solution to a complicated problem? Obviously, this suggestion will take strong leadership and compromise. Time is of the essence.

State Bill Would Benefit Everyone Mike Wade, Executive Director, California Farm Water Coalition

All Californians will benefit if the House passes the bi-partisan infrastructure bill approved by the Senate.

It gives Congress a once-in-a-generation opportunity to promote drought resiliency, adjust to climate change, protect the environment, mitigate wildfires, maintain a safe, healthy, local food supply and ensure communities have the water they need for their homes and businesses.

This balanced package expands our capacity to capture and store water in wet years for use in dry ones; repairs the existing water infrastructure that delivers the water we have; provides rural and disadvantaged communities with access to clean water; and allows us to “Build Back Better” by investing in green infrastructure, recycling and desalination.

Making our water supply more reliable will protect our environment, our citizens and the farms providing more than half of our fruits, nuts and vegetables.

We urge Representative Eric Swalwell and the entire California delega-

tion to support this critical legislation.

Learn from Warren Buffett Marcus Libkind, Livermore

It has been clearly shown that the Livermore City Council has no desire to implement a downtown plan that is supported by the vast majority of the citizens of Livermore. This is borne out by their insistence on continuing with the Eden Project in its current form, although two-thirds of the citizens of Livermore oppose it and favor moving the project to the north side of Railroad Avenue. So why is this the case? I can come up with only two reasons.

The first possible reason is that the members of the city council will benefit financially or in some other way from the construction. I see no facts that point to this.

The second possible reason is that they have gone down this road so far, having clearly made errors in judgement, that they are simply embarrassed and/or afraid to change direction at this late time. It is this possibility that leads to an observation as one of the reasons Warren Buffett has been such a successful investor.

Among Buffett’s skills and traits, he has shown that he is capable of admitting he made an error in judgement and changing course midstream. Hurray for Buffett, and too bad the city council does not share this trait. Instead, the council is dogmatically going down a road that will result in an inferior Livermore downtown.

This is why I have supported the Save Livermore Downtown lawsuit both with letters and donation. I urge you to do the same.

Dublin Affordable Housing Bruce Fielding, Livermore

I read with great envy last week’s article about approval of yet another low-cost housing project by Dublin (“Council Approves More Affordable Units”, August 19). Imagine a project to be built:

- Without controversy, years of protest or lawsuits – built legally in accordance with Dublin’s Specific Plan;
- With 300 units, including very low-, low- and moderate-income units (41 spaces for homeless/special needs folks);
- With ground-floor retail and amenity spaces that won’t be built on strategically located open space in the middle of downtown;
- With adequate parking;
- With contemporary design, interspersed masonry, stucco, glass and metal screens and awnings. Also, each façade will include grouped windows and varying window patterns.
- That will be completed in less than two years, with about 20% less city investment compared to Livermore’s failing attempt.

No doubt an informed reader will notice these glaring contrasts versus Livermore’s attempt to build a small, token-sized project. Instead, we are still dealing with – years later – city

leadership that is clinging to a project that ignores the major elements that residents deemed necessary, all to appease the special interests that have funded recent city council campaigns – while disregarding the wishes of a majority of citizens. Why can’t we put egos aside, and discuss how everyone can win by relocating (and enlarging) our affordable housing project, while preserving invaluable open space?

Rethink Downtown Brian Bonner, Livermore

The worrisome lack of activity at the NW corner of First and L Streets should be of concern to everyone interested in Livermore's downtown. We have been assured that everything will be fine, but I see no construction workers who seem to accept those assurances. I am no lawyer, but bankruptcies involving millions of dollars seem likely to be complicated and time-consuming. Delays and uncertainties are not a plus for our downtown's future.

Now is the time to rethink and reconfigure the Lucky site to include a viable park, turn the Legacy site problem into an opportunity, and provide Livermore with the innovative affordable and workforce housing that is already being constructed in forward-looking cities.

Keep Newsom in Office Johnna Thompson, Livermore

Please vote NO on the recall election and don't neglect to return your marked ballot.

Reading the candidate statements of those who would like to replace Newsom as governor of a state of 40 million souls made me want to weep. The thought of any of them ascending to the governorship is terrifying.

The media tells us that Republican Larry Elder is the front runner of the sorry lot of replacement candidates. Elder says the climate crisis is a ‘crock’, even as California suffers through increasingly more devastating wildfires each year. Elder opposes a minimum wage and doesn't believe a gender gap exists in wage compensation. He opposes gun control and has vowed to repeal mask and vaccine requirements, proven to keep Californians from dying from COVID-19. His ex-fiancée has reported that he threatened her with a gun while he was high on marijuana.

Please don't let this man anywhere near the Governor's Mansion.

VOTE NO ON THE RECALL and then return your ballot!

Save Livermore Downtown Jean King, Livermore

In the August 12 issue of The Independent, I submitted a letter with a link intended to send readers to Save Livermore Downtown's website. By mistake, I provided a website that we had abandoned, because someone who does not support our goals for a better

downtown had taken over our name. We then created a new website. Please use this correct link for more information and to support a better Livermore Downtown: savelivermoredowntown.com.

Don't Let Recall Exploit Weakness Glenn White, Dublin

The recall of Newsom is the exploitation of a weakness in California law where a person getting less than 20% of the vote can take the governorship from an incumbent who gets 49% of the vote.

Don't let Republicans exploit weaknesses in our republic that allow for minority rule by a party whose leader said we should give president-for-life a shot. This is exactly how it happened in Germany in the 1930s when a right-wing demagogue, whose followers believed that he and he alone could save the country, exploited the Weimar Republic weaknesses to end any chance of peacefully removing him from power.

If a Republican takes office, we can expect big government penalties for business owners who choose to protect their customers’ and employees’ health like we see in Republican states. This adds a tremendous strain to our health care system and appears designed only to appease Republican national leadership at the expense of the local government, economy, health and freedom.

Some point to Newsom’s spending on programs, falsely implying that Republicans are fiscal conservatives. In fact, it was Democrats, Brown and Newsom, who took California from deficit spending under a Republican governor and a radical Republican minority in the legislature that used the budget process to annually cause chaos and obstruct the orderly process of government, and created our \$76 billion surplus we have today. Republicans continue to imply and pretend they’re fiscal conservatives because they cannot accept accountability for anything at any time, especially deficits.

The California Republican Party of Kevin McCarthy doesn’t tolerate dissent from their national objective to take power by any means (even violence according to some) without regard to the will of the majority of voters. This is evidenced by their leader’s claim that the only way he can lose an election is if it’s rigged and any Republican who expresses otherwise risks ostracism like Representatives Cheney and Kinzinger. Fascists never break rank.

If you don’t like Newsom, vote him out at the end of his term next year. But don’t upset our democracy, a republic is like the People’s Republic of China, North Korea, Russia and all other non-democratic elitist republics in history going back to ancient Rome

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which is why Republicans claim we are not a democracy. Once gone, democracy doesn't come back. It can happen here.

Thankful for Technology Support
Steve Van Dorn, President/
CEO Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce takes great pride in representing a community that is among the best in the country to live, work and raise a family. And it is our mission to continue advocating for measures and policies that anchor businesses here and catalyzes economic growth because we want to keep our community as vibrant and attractive as ever.

For decades, the technology sector has become an increasingly important component of our economic engine, and it continues to push the Pleasanton and California economy forward, bringing jobs, a strong workforce, capital investments, high wages and more to our area.

Like much of the Bay Area, the innovation economy is our top industry, and the livelihood of our community relies upon it. It has been disappointing to

see technology come under fire by other members of Congress in recent months. As business advocates, we understand the importance of competition and fairness within the free market. However, the six antitrust measures introduced in the House do not fully account for the increased importance of the tech industry and the far-reaching consequences these policies have—on every sector and throughout our economy, driving high-tech companies and jobs out of California and the U.S.

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we are all doing business, and companies of every size within every industry now rely on technology to reach customers and create efficiencies. And as we look to recover, and while the virus still poses a very real threat, Congress must not look to disrupt the industry that is providing our economy a lifeline. Introducing instability into the marketplace, banning integrated technology tools and moving forward with proposals to break up leading innovators are not the policies that our recovering economy and communities need today.

We are thankful to have

Representatives like Eric Swalwell standing in opposition to this misguided package. We can all agree that we have bigger things to focus on than damaging an industry which has delivered critical support, especially throughout a global crisis.

Disappointed in Woerner
Ruth Ann Hunt, Livermore

Let me add my name to the list of Livermore voters who are disappointed in Mayor Bob Woerner because of his broken promise to consider a different location for the Eden Housing Project. I do not know Mayor Woerner, but voted for him based on his pre-election offer of a win-win possibility, which raised my hope that the area could be used for an inviting park and Eden Housing placed somewhere else, across Railroad Avenue.

Like other Livermore citizens who have addressed this issue, I am in favor of affordable housing, but not in the currently approved location. A more favorable location could still be possible if the mayor and council members would choose to revisit the issue, listen to Livermore citizens, and do some creative problem

solving — actions.

When Your Cash Ain't Nothin' but Trash
Greg Scott, Livermore

You all are probably in possession of Federal Reserve Note bills that have printed on them "THIS NOTE IS LEGAL TENDER FOR ALL DEBTS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE." These "DEBTS" would include \$26 for delicious "Third Wave" coffee, coffee products and pastries (Lorraine Mann, "All Businesses Should Accept Cash", The Independent, 8/19"); lower-priced gasoline at Costco; and parking fees paid by meter on the San Mateo Coast by Half Moon Bay. Is it not illegal to not accept "LEGAL TENDER" for such payments? In regard to a Livermore coffee business not accepting cash, Ms. Mann asks, "What would a homeless person do, dependent on cash generosity and looking for a cool place to sit in the heat of the day?" The simple answer is: They can no longer purchase coffee at that establishment, even if they had been a regular patron previous to the 'No Cash Policy.'

I also would like to point out to Ms. Mann that while "cash generosity" may be

helpful to homeless, it can also be deleterious and used for unhealthful purchases, such as for methamphetamine, fentanyl, heroin, cannabis and/or alcohol. And not all homeless are "dependent" on "cash generosity", they actually work, yet from their wages cannot afford the cost burden of housing, which is defined in excess of 30% of gross income. In addition, possessing and/or using a credit card also remains unlikely or not prudent, as Ms. Mann exemplifies. Nevertheless, a 'No Cash Policy' is socio-economically and demographically discriminatory.

It is true that cash can be unsanitary. Lucre can harbor pathogenic bacteria and viruses. Objects which can carry pathogens are called "fomites." Ms. Mann's solution of hand sanitizer is valid for food and beverage employees and for the concerns of the employer/business owner(s). The 'No Cash Policy' got traction with the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. Your chances of getting a SARS-CoV-2 infection from fomites hovers right around zero. I do not want to discourage "hygiene therapy," but most of the thinking around it is erroneous in regard to SARS-

CoV-2. If the paranoia is so strong, then think about what you touched when you opened the door to get into the business in the first place.

I do not recommend boycotting the businesses that have "Credit Card Only" policies, however, I do hope these businesses change away from that policy and accept cash!

Insist on Complete EIR
Donna Cabanne, Livermore

All Livermore residents want a downtown free of contamination. How do we achieve this shared goal? Contamination at the Eden Housing site is serious and requires further wide-spread sampling of soil and groundwater. Investigations, so far, "have found elevated levels of lead and arsenic in shallow soil, total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) in soil and groundwater, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs)", including perchloroethylene (PCE) and trichloroethylene (TCE), "in groundwater and soil gas (air in between soil particles)."

PCE and TCE are known to cause cancer and learning disabilities. The water board rejected the city's (See MAILBOX, page 6)

Mayor Bob Woerner



Vice Mayor Trish Munro



Councilmember Gina Bonanno



Councilmember Bob Carling



Councilmember Brittni Kiick



They're Still Not Listening



Proposed Eden Housing building that is shown stretches for a block along Railroad Avenue from L Street to the extension of K Street. Source: City of Livermore Planning Document.

- On August 18th, Save Livermore Downtown met with representatives from the City of Livermore and Eden Housing at a settlement meeting required by the lawsuit.
- Neither the City nor Eden Housing showed any willingness to consider alternatives to the flawed Eden Housing plan.
- Save Livermore Downtown publicly requests further meetings to find common ground that would give Livermore the downtown plan we deserve.
- In the meantime, we ask our supporters to help us fund the lawsuit – the means of reversing the flawed plan. You can donate at [SaveLivermoreDowntown.com](https://www.SaveLivermoreDowntown.com).



It's not too late to Save Livermore Downtown!

DONATE to the Lawsuit and Sign the Petition at [SaveLivermoreDowntown.com](https://www.SaveLivermoreDowntown.com)

Dublin City Council Approves Outdoor Seating Program Extension, Other Contracts

The Dublin City Council approved a number of actions during its regular meeting on Aug. 17. The following offers a recap of some of those items.

Outdoor Seating

The council approved amendments to the zoning ordinance to facilitate outdoor seating for eating and drinking establishments on both a long-term temporary and a permanent basis to aid in economic recovery post-COVID-19. Following the unanimous passage of a resolution on July 20, during the council's regular meeting, the board approved two new small business support grant programs: Commercial Rent Relief and Outdoor Operations, using American Rescue Plan Act funding. The

original, temporary program started in June 2020, which waived zoning requirements for 41 local restaurants and expired on June 15, 2021. The new program will now run through September 2022.

Agreement for Small Cell Pole Attachment

An agreement with Crown Castle was approved for the installation of a small cell pole attachment which will provide enhanced service throughout the community. Once Crown Castle obtains their licenses, the city will collect annual revenue from Crown Castle over the next 10 years for \$270 per pole, which will go into the city's general fund. To date, the city has agreements with New Cingular Wireless Company PCS, LLC (March

20, 2018); Extenet Systems (California), LLC (March 20, 2018); Mobilite, LLC (September 4, 2018); and GTE Mobilnet of California, LP (June 18, 2019).

Police Cameras

The council approved a three-year, \$139,359 agreement with Consiliant LLC for the Situational Awareness Camera (SitCams) program. SitCams can capture real-time footage of an entire area, such as a major intersection. This allows an intersection to be reviewed for investigative leads on vehicles involved in a crime or other criminal activity. Consiliant LLC oversees the installation, training, maintenance, and upkeep of the SitCam Program established, owned, and operated by the City of

Dublin. The contract with the Dublin Police Services will include the renewal of software subscriptions, licensing, hardware and software support for the current City of Dublin SitCam Program.

Paul McCreary Sports Pool

The outdoor sports pool at The Wave was named the "Paul McCreary Sports Pool" in honor of Paul McCreary, former Dublin Parks and Community Services Director, and his longtime, dedicated service to the community.

At the July 20, 2021 meeting, the city council accepted a donation of \$50,000 from the McCreary Family Foundation to be used as an endowment fund to assist eligible Dublin youth with

accessing the Green Gators swim program. The donation was presented by long-time city employee and former Dublin Parks and Community Services Director, Paul McCreary, who formed the foundation with his family. In addition to expressing gratitude for the McCreary family's generosity, the city council acknowledged Paul's long and distinguished career in the City of Dublin. Throughout more than 20 years of service in the Parks and Community Services Department, Paul helped implement and operate many of the recreational opportunities still enjoyed in Dublin today.

Voting Delegates

Councilmember Jean Josey and Mayor Melissa

Hernandez will attend and vote on the city's behalf, at the National League of Cities Summit in November 2021. Josey is the voting delegate and Hernandez is the alternate.

The National League of Cities (NLC) is an organization through which city officials work together on a national level to further their common interests and the interests of their citizens.

The NLC City Summit is scheduled to be held November 18-20, 2021 virtually and in Salt Lake City, Utah. During the conference, the annual business meeting is held, and each member-city casts a vote on preferred policy recommendations as put forth from the NLC's federal advocacy agenda.

Granada Student Tracks Near-Earth Asteroid

Over five intense weeks this summer, Anusri Saraf of Livermore, a student at Granada High School, operated a research-grade telescope remotely to take images of a near-earth asteroid. She then calculated its orbital path, including the chance it will impact Earth in the future. Saraf participated in the Summer Science Program (SSP), joining 35 other top science students from around the world online for academic challenge, collaboration, and personal growth. Since 1959, this unique and highly selective program has offered teenagers their first taste of hands-on, collabora-

tive experimental research. Years and even decades later, alumni describe it as "the educational experience of a lifetime." Most go on to earn advanced degrees and leadership roles in their chosen careers.

Saraf and her colleagues spent over 300 hours collecting and analyzing data in teams of three, overseen by experienced researchers. They also had the opportunity to engage with prominent guest speakers including two Nobel Laureates, physicist Eric Cornell and oncologist James Allison. SSP is operated by an independent non-profit, in cooperation with host campuses New

Mexico Tech, University of Colorado Boulder, Purdue University, and Indiana University, and academic affiliates Caltech, MIT, and Harvey Mudd College. For complete information visit summerscience.org.



Anusri Saraf

New Girl Scout Cookie to Join Lineup

Girl Scouts of Northern California (GSNorCal) and Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) recently announced that the new "Adventurefuls" cookie will join the nationwide lineup for the 2022 Girl Scout Cookie season.

Adventurefuls is a brownie-inspired cookie with caramel-flavored crème and a hint of sea salt. The new flavor will be the ninth cookie flavor that will join other Northern California customer favorites, such as Thin Mints, Samoas, Do-si-dos and Trefoils for the 2022 Cookie season, which runs Feb. 1 – March 27, 2022.

"We couldn't imagine a better cookie theme to rein-vigorate our cookie program for 2022 and highlight the adventurous spirit that the Girl Scouts bring," said Marina Park, Girl Scouts of Northern California CEO. "When customers buy a package of Girl Scout cookies, they are making a real difference to support girls in their very own community to build real-life skills, self-assuredness and a lifelong connection to nature preservation."

Girls Scouts of Northern California, which has a chapter based in Alameda County, is one of the largest Councils in the country of-

fering unique outdoor experiences, civic engagement, entrepreneurship opportunities, skill-building, leadership, and fun. Proceeds from the cookie program provide critical funds for girls' access to affordable virtual and in-person programming, outdoor, camp and program centers, financial aid and volunteer support services.

For more information, visit www.ilovecookies.org. For information on joining Girl Scouts, visit www.girlscouts.org/join.

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cleanup plan, because it was deficient. Now the city must add additional gas monitoring wells and groundwater monitoring wells to determine how extensive and dangerous the contamination is.

No one has suggested that children play in contaminated soil. However, is the continuous venting of treated contaminants into housing units, elevators and stairways a safe solution? Does venting treated contaminants into enclosed areas sound like a good idea? What is the best solution? Should Eden Housing be moved to a safer site?

We need the facts. The city should mail the water board work notice to all residents, not just downtown residents. All residents have a right to know the contamination levels and total costs of Eden soil and water cleanup. The city needs to hold a joint public hearing with the water board after testing is completed.

Furthermore, the city should complete a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to evaluate the extent of contamination, and ana-

lyze possible ALTERNATIVES, including moving Eden Housing to another site.

Without a full EIR, we cannot analyze the strengths and weaknesses of proposed solutions.

Here's how you can help: Please email Sherry Gamboa at waterboards.ca.gov and all city council members: mayorwoerner@cityoflivermore.net, pkmunro@cityoflivermore.net, bkiick@cityoflivermore.net, rwcaring@cityoflivermore.net and rebonanno@cityoflivermore.net.

Ask Ms. Gamboa and the council to; send the water board work notice flyer to all residents; hold a joint public hearing after testing; and complete a full EIR to analyze extensive contamination and alternatives.

For your health and safety, please send emails today.

City Council Needs to Listen Bob Bishop, Livermore

Dear City Council,
I am not happy with your plan for the downtown project. I do not feel our

voices have been heard and taken into account. So much has changed since the early plan was adopted. We really need to reconsider what we're doing before construction starts. There is plenty of room outside of downtown for residential expansion.

We should not waste our precious downtown real estate on low-income housing. We want a spacious open area for parks, picnics, and playtime. We want to be able to enjoy a trip to our downtown area as part of a fun family experience with food, shopping, entertainment and play areas.

Where is House Intelligence Committee? Anthony Beckett, Pleasanton

Rep. Swalwell needs to spend some energy, which he seemed to have in limitless excess while pursuing what proved to be baseless impeachments of our president, in figuring out what is to become of the equipment we are leaving behind in the wake of the debacle of Biden's exit non-strategy.

Left in Afghanistan are

over \$85 billion in weapons including 600,000 firearms, 200 airplanes, hundreds of helicopters, drones, air-to-ground missiles and combat vehicles.

Rather than posing for photo-ops, sit down in congress and figure this out.

Al Qaeda is now better equipped to carry out terror attacks than prior to 9/11. Does the House Intelligence Committee actually do anything?

Affordable Housing is an Unseen Option Susan Putnam, Livermore

It's puzzling to me how the Livermore Mayor Bob Woerner and the city council assert that the only location for affordable housing is directly in the center of our downtown. Open space exists for housing in close proximity, and yet exploring other locations, particularly those that could add additional housing units, is completely closed to their thinking. Even when their plans are deemed illegal, they shrink away from exploring reasonable alternatives.

Is there a deficiency in

their thinking process? Is there no "Plan B" for affordable housing? Unseen options are left unexplored. Unfortunate and unacceptable.

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SCHOOLS

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COVID. Asymptomatic students who are tested will not be required to stay home."

Vineyard Alternative, LVJUSD's independent study program, offers virtual options for students who do not wish to return to campus this year. However, new state legislation, AB 130, has prohibited districts from offering last year's education model. In last year's model, students across the state attended a daily virtual class with teachers and fellow classmates participating in the live meeting. In the new model, the virtual option mimics an independent study program, where students learn mostly on their own and check in with a teacher periodically.

In the Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD), parents have expressed concern over the risk of returning students to campus, considering the increased number of the Delta variant of COVID-19 cases, and what they call the inequity of the district's virtual option.

A letter from "Parents of PUSD" to The Independent detailed these concerns, noting positive cases of COVID-19 had been reported in schools and daycares.

"Due to this, it has Pleasanton parents very worried and concerned," the letter

stated. "The virtual option that's offered by PUSD is disconnected from the school and is not equitable. There is already a petition started before school started and currently has 784 supporters. The school district is not responding and is just being silent."

The group did not respond to requests for comment.

Patrick Gannon, PUSD's communications and community engagement coordinator, said all efforts are being made to keep students safe on campus, including universal masking both indoors and outdoors.

"We are currently doing more than what's required by the county and the state," Gannon said. "We are requiring every student and staff member to complete a daily health screening before they come on campus that asks whether the individual has been exposed or diagnosed with COVID in the last 10 days and if they are experiencing new symptoms."

Gannon noted at this time last year, parents were concerned about the effects of not being in school. Now the complaints, he said, are centered around the format of the district's Virtual Academy, which offers a home-school option for families.

In Dublin Unified School

District (DUSD), Public Information Officer Chip Dehnert said some of his district's families are also trying to recapture the distance learning experience from last year.

In May, the district sent communication to its families to see who would be interested in remaining in a virtual school setting. Over the summer — especially in the last weeks before school started — many families who wanted more time to decide asked to switch from in-person instruction to virtual. By the first day of school, 500 families were on the waitlist. Dehnert said the virtual academy was not staffed or prepared for that number. "That's been an issue, moving students from the waitlist to virtual learning," said Dehnert. "We said if families are not currently in virtual, they need to bring their students to class, or it will be an unexcused absence. This week, we have been in the process of moving about 100 students from the waitlist into the virtual class. It will be a challenge to meet the needs of everyone who wants to be in a virtual classroom at this point."

Dehnert said parents who are unhappy with the style of the virtual learning offered and want to return to last

NOISE

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that could possibly take off in the neighboring City of Livermore, as officials there consider a proposal from KaiserAir to add a new phased fixed-based operator (FBO) facility on a 45-acre parcel at the airport. KaiserAir proposes to use the facility to store and service aircraft for charter flights. The proposal would include bringing in three Boeing 737 aircraft to the facility. Here, the company would run an estimated two flights a week, or about 100 a year. KaiserAir has until July 2022 to submit a formal application for the project, following a second extension recently granted by the City of Livermore.

But with a steady increase in flights at the airport over the past few years — from 117,708 in 2015 to 160,746 flights in 2019 — residents and neighboring cities are keeping an eye on the KaiserAir proposal.

“We have gotten a lot of noise complaints,” said Brian Dolan, Pleasanton’s assistant city manager. “We have received a total of 85 emails and 61,000 people signed a petition to do something about the noise at the airport.”

Sean Moran, airport interim manager, agreed that there has been an uptick in complaints.

“The airport has received a substantial increase in noise complaints for 2021,” he said. “So far for this year,

we have received a total of 2,452 complaints through the end of July.”

In 2016, the airport received 56 complaints; in 2017, there were 46. In 2018, there were 30 complaints; 34 in 2019; and 128 in 2020.

Moran attributes the increased numbers to a rising interest in the airport from KaiserAir’s proposal and from the effects of COVID-19 when more residents were staying and working from home.

Livermore Mayor Bob Woerner agreed that increased interest in the airport fuels noise complaints, but he also offered an additional theory.

“In my own view, (complaints are) being stirred by someone who wants complications,” said Woerner. “You need to ask yourself; with the jets that are out there now, whose tenants are they? Five Rivers (Aviation). I think they are trying to stop this.”

Pete Sandhu, owner of Five Rivers Aviation, said everyone should be trying to stop the project.

“He thinks I am throwing a wrench into it. It’s suspicious to me that Bob Woerner is defending this, because there is no benefit to the City of Livermore to bring this here,” Sandhu said. “My response is I think the whole city should be throwing a wrench into this.”

In a previous interview with The Independent, Sandhu also said the city could have denied the second extension granted to KaiserAir to give others a chance to file paperwork with alternate plans. At the time, Moran said approving an extension request is a routine administrative decision.

Should the KaiserAir project eventually pass, it has, according to the Livermore city website, the potential to generate approximately \$300,000 a year in tax revenue — with half of the money designated for the school district.

Pleasanton resident Richard Cortez said he has struggled with the airport noise for years.

“I’ve lived in Pleasanton for the last 18 years ... in Pleasanton Meadows,” said Cortez. “And I understand that Pleasanton is not the approver, or even that they have a veto power of the expansion, but I would like the city to take a more active role in advocating for the public.”

Last year, Pleasanton conducted two noise-monitoring studies at the invitation of the City of Livermore to compare data. Pleasanton’s preliminary data indicated average noise levels were below the city standard of 60 decibels for residential compatibility.

Flight patterns, noise abatement and night flying

restraints are not dictated by Livermore, but rather are controlled on a voluntary pilot basis only. Livermore has made an attempt to implement a voluntary nighttime policy to refrain from flying between 10 p.m. and 6 p.m., but has met with varied success.

“It has not been 100% effective,” said Dolan. “Not even close.”

The City of Livermore will have the final say in approving KaiserAir’s proposal, but the FAA has exclusive authority in regulating airspace. Pilots have discretion in regard to when they take off and land.

“There are open and frank conversations going on right now (about the airport),” said Woerner. “But I think the liaison meeting could be a good thing.”

At the end of the public hearing, the Pleasanton City Council recommended that staff keep working with Livermore to learn more about the project as it progresses. The resurrected liaison committee, which hasn’t met since 2010, would discuss the noise concerns and any additional issues with the airport project.

“This is really a quality of life issue for the residents,” said Councilmember Kathy Narum. “I live on the west side, and I can tell you every now and then, we are awakened by what I think is a single engine plane, and

that is not a lot of fun. This is about the (flyover) time and level of intensity.”

For additional informa-

tion on the project, visit www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/clerk/comms/aac.htm.

SB10

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Additionally, the bills fail to accommodate the impact of increased populations on local resources, like schools, roads, parking and public safety.

“SB 9 and 10 are wolves in sheep’s clothing,” said Pleasanton Vice Mayor Julie Testa in an interview with The Independent earlier this month. “They have absolutely zero affordability (requirements) in them. They destroy the CEQA requirements. They absolutely will destroy our neighborhoods and not resolve any of the affordability issues. What we have is proof from other

areas that have put these kinds of zoning changes in place, and the production of housing was not affordable.”

A sponsor of SB 10, Brian Hanlon, chief executive officer of California YIMBY said legalizing small apartment buildings near transit and in urban infill areas reduces environmental impacts and slashes climate pollution.

“SB 10 will make it easier for cities across our state to approve these types of homes, and put us on track to more sustainable, affordable, inclusive communities,” Hanlon said.

Regarding SB 9, an open question remains as to whether additional dwelling units (ADU) will also be allowed on lots that feature two duplexes. Under current California law, every homeowner is permitted to build an ADU and a junior ADU on their property. SB 9 does not specifically exclude ADUs. As such, as many as six housing units could exist on what was previously a lot that supported a single-family home. A recent amendment to the bill requires an applicant to sign an affidavit stating they intend to occupy one of the housing units as

their principal residence for a minimum of three years from the date of the approval of the urban lot split, unless the applicant is a community land trust or a qualified non-profit corporation.

SB 9 could go to a vote as early as this week.

Testa concluded, “I am not willing to allow our neighborhoods and communities to be sacrificed to what we know will not improve the affordability issue.”

The Independent is still reporting on this issue. Check online at www.independentnews.com for the updated story.

KUO

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ment of every day.”

The claim states DUSD was negligent for “failing to implement basic safety protocols” for the food giveaway, “creating an unreasonable, foreseeable risk of severe harm to volunteers.”

A district spokeswoman issued a brief statement but declined to answer questions about the Kuo family’s claim.

“Trustee William Kuo informed the district of his plans to file a claim,” the statement said. “We have received the claim and have submitted it to our insurance carrier. At this point, the district has no further comment.”

The district has 45 days from service to respond, either by settling the claim, rejecting it or not acting at all. William Kuo would then have six months to file a lawsuit.

Catherine Kuo, 48, died March 24 at Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley, where she was taken following the 11:45 a.m. accident. The claim said she died of “catastrophic blunt force injuries, including multiple severe injuries to her internal organs.”

A mother of two who was elected to the board in November 2019, Catherine Kuo was volunteering at a U.S. Department of Agriculture “Farmers to Families” event, providing free boxes of food to needy families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Police said Kuo was standing at the rear of a car when another vehicle behind her lunged forward and pinned her between the vehicles. Police called the crash a terrible accident. The Alameda County District Attorney’s Office declined to file charges against the driver.

Casper said the program’s organizers advised volunteers to wear masks and engage in social distancing but offered no other safety measures.

According to the claim, members of the public who wanted to pick up a food box entered the school on Kohnen Way and were directed to drive to the playground blacktop area. Motorists drove in a single-file line until they reached the front, where they were told to open their trunk. Volunteers then placed the food box inside.

When the accident occurred, Kuo was standing behind a 2018 Tesla, loading a food box into the trunk. At that time, a 2019 BMW pulled up behind. A DUSD employee advised the driver to open the rear hatch so he could load a box into it. The BMW suddenly drove forward, crushing Kuo between the cars, the claim said.

The claim states DUSD “created an unreasonable risk of harm” for instructing volunteers to place boxes in cars while standing between vehicles, failing to require motorists to turn off their engines and failing to maintain a minimum safe distance between vehicles.

“DUSD failed to communicate any of these safety protocols to volunteers and to members of the public in advance of the events or at the events, either through written, verbal or posted instructions,” the claim said. “DUSD’s failures to implement these safety protocols were a substantial factor that directly and proximately caused claimants’ harm.”

The claim also said DUSD was negligent for failing to train and supervise employees to utilize safety measures.

Casper said he had no information about whether Catherine Kuo had expressed concerns about safety that morning.

“Our investigation has informed us that (motorists) were never instructed to turn off the ignition, and for an unknown reason, that vehicle went into the back of the other vehicle, crushing Catherine,” Casper said.

Other sites using curbside service during the pandemic, such as grocery stores and restaurants, utilized other methods of delivery, including asking customers to pull into parking spaces and to turn off their engines, Casper said.

“There is a basic duty of care. It’s all about managing foreseeable risk,” Casper said. “One foreseeable risk is having individuals between cars that are not turned off. A car behind it may have, for whatever reason, some issue where they hit the accelerator too early. You don’t want to create a scenario where someone is between those cars. You want to manage those risks.”

The Kuo family’s claim, which, as is typical, does not include any amount of damages sought. It claims the loss of their wife and mother’s love, companionship, care and guidance and other factors in addition to financial losses and medical expenses.

Asked if it was “awkward” for a board trustee to file a claim against the district he serves, Casper said William Kuo would refuse

himself any time trustees and district administrators discussed his case.

“I don’t think he would describe it as being awkward,” Casper said. “He wishes for many reasons (that he) was not in the position he’s in.”



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LIVERMORE RESIDENTS: Share your talents with the community by volunteering on one of the City of Livermore’s advisory bodies. We are accepting applications now through Friday, September 3, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

Community Asset Management Program (CAMP) Outreach Committee (1 vacancy)

The City of Livermore manages more than \$3 billion in community assets that include our streets, sidewalks, traffic signals, storm drains, public facilities, and more. Join the Community Asset Management Program (CAMP) Outreach Committee and advise the City on how we can ensure the sustainability of our essential infrastructure investments. CAMP members will provide input and serve as outreach ambassadors—sharing our efforts and educating the broader community about the important decisions we face.

Unexpired term ending 12/31/2022.

Meets 3rd Monday of the quarter at 6:00 PM.

Historic Preservation Commission (1 Vacancy)

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

Unexpired term ending 5/1/2025

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

Next Meeting: September 2nd – Virtual

Housing Authority (1 At-Large Vacancy)

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

Unexpired term ending 1/1/2023.

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

Human Services Commission (3 Vacancies)

Join us in discussing community social needs, assisting local agencies in procuring grant funds, and more.

(1) Unexpired term ending 11/1/2021 with a regular term ending 11/1/2025. *

(2) Regular term ending 11/1/2025.

(3) Unexpired term ending 11/1/2022.

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM

Library Board of Trustees (1 Vacancy)

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

Unexpired term ending 6/1/2022.

Meets 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM

Next meeting: August 26th – Virtual

Livermore Area Youth Advisory Commission

((3) Youth & (1) Adult Vacancies Available)

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

Regular terms ending 9/1/2023.

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

SAVE THE DATE! Interviews will be tentatively held September 8, 2021. For more information or to apply, please visit www.cityoflivermore.net/AB, call the City Clerk’s office at (925) 960-4200, or email: cityclerk@cityoflivermore.net. Must attend at least one meeting of the applicable advisory body before applying.

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Livermore Valley Opera to Launch 30th Season with Evening of Ensembles

The Livermore Valley Opera (LVO) will launch its 30th anniversary season with “Celebrate! An Evening of Favorite Operatic Ensembles” at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore at 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct 9, and 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 10. “Celebrate” will include selections from “Carmen,” “The Magic Flute,” “The Barber of Seville,” “Madame Butterfly,” “La Bohème,” “Lakmé,” “The Merry Widow,” “Der Rosenkavalier,” and “La Traviata,”

and feature several of the opera’s lead singers, including Marie Plette, Liisa Davila, Shawnette Sulker, Nikola Printz, Molly Mahoney, Alex Boyer, Thomas Cilluffo, Eugene Brancoveanu, and Robert Mellon. LVO will also host an opening night dinner at Uncle Yu’s at the Vineyard. In March 2022, the opera will present “Otello,” an opera by Giuseppe Verdi based on the Shakespearean play “Othello.” A tragic tale of jealousy

and rage, “Otello” will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 5; 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 6; 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 12; and 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 13. The LVO will again host an opening night dinner at Uncle Yu’s at the Vineyard. Tickets for “Celebrate” and “Otello” range from \$20 for patrons 20 and younger up to \$95, and can be purchased through the LVO website, www.LVOpera.com. Separate tickets are required for the opening

night dinners. The LVO will also celebrate its 30th anniversary on Feb. 12, 2022, with an evening of music, games of chance, and selections from “Otello” and a scene from “Othello” performed by actors with the Livermore Shakespeare Festival. “The Venetian Affair” gala at The Club at Ruby Hill in Pleasanton, will also include an auction and three-course meal and wine pairings. Tickets are available on the LVO website.

Volunteers Sought to Help Cancer Patients

The Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation in Pleasanton is recruiting volunteers to check on local cancer patients, by phone and e-mail, and answer questions about the nonprofit’s services. Established in 2008, the foundation provides grants for cancer patients in Alameda and Contra Costa counties to access complementary healing therapies, including acupuncture, acupressure, guided/visual imagery, deep-breathing meditation, and therapeutic massage. Volunteers must commit to providing one to two hours of remote contact per month, plus three video-conference meetings per year. To volunteer, go to www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org/volunteer.

Sign Up for SCS Property Notifications

The City of Dublin is calling on residents who are interested in learning more about the planning process for the SCS Property to sign up to receive notifications about any future developments. SCS is the vacant 76.9-acre property located north of I-580 between Tassajara Road and Brannigan Street. At press time, the city’s consultant team, Courbanize, was set to hold its first virtual community meeting to review the SCS Property potential and receive input from residents on Wednesday, Aug. 25. Several outreach events are expected to take place in the fall, though dates have not been set. Visit www.dublin.ca.gov and click on the “Stay Informed” banner under the large banner photograph, or visit www.dublin.ca.gov/list.aspx. Search for SCS Property under “Notify Me”. To find more information on the property, visit courbanize.com/scsproperty. The City of Dublin will post information regarding any updates and/or potential community meetings regarding the SCS Property.

REGENTS

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California 10th district, which encompasses part of the northern San Joaquin Valley. He won the Democratic primary but lost the general election to Republican Jeff Denham. Hernandez also founded Tierra Luna Engineering in 2012 to provide consulting and manufacturing support for aerospace companies.

In 2013, Hernandez became president of PT Strategies at PT Capital/PT Strategies, where he stayed until 2016. A first-generation Mexican American, Hernandez was born in French Camp, California. When he was a child, he worked alongside his parents as a farmworker. After graduating from Franklin High School

in Stockton, he earned a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from the University of the Pacific in 1984 and a master’s degree in electrical and computer engineering from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1986. Alongside Hernandez, Newsom also announced appointments for the Cal-

ifornia State University Board of Trustees and the California Community Colleges Board of Governors in an Aug. 20 press release. “These leaders bring a wide array of knowledge and experience from across the state’s diverse regions, including the Central Valley, to our world-class colleges and universities, and

DELTA

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assistance to all right(s) holders and will also be regularly conducting inspections and investigating complaints to ensure that diverters are complying.” While the curtailment order is not currently expected to impact Tri-Valley supplies, the area has already seen a diminished water allocation. Amparo Flores, Zone 7 Water Agency manager of integrated planning, explained that Zone 7 is not subject to the curtailment order, since it receives water from the State Water Project (SWP). That water is stored in Lake Oroville; Zone 7 pumps its allocated water after it is released from the reservoir into the Delta. However, the Department of Water Resources (DWR), the agency that manages the SWP, initially promised an allocation of 10% of each agency’s requested water supply for 2021. That allocation was later reduced to 5%. Additionally, a letter sent by Zone 7 to its users of untreated water for irrigation warned of a challenging year ahead.

water-saving measures on the farm. He said he uses drip emitters and irrigates at night to reduce evaporation. “We do have to be concerned, but the other side of the coin is that with agriculture — although agriculture uses a lot of water — we apply the water right back down to the ground, which goes back down to the water table,” Crohare said. “It’s a little different than residential water, which gets treated, and unfortunately way too much of it gets pushed out into the ocean. So agriculture already does a great job in terms of utilizing water at a higher level, but we all have to work as a team.” The SWRCB issued the Aug. 20 curtailment order for the Delta region after initially approving the regulations earlier in the month. Prior to the implementation of the order, approval by the Office of Administrative Law and filing with the Secretary of State was required. The order will remain in effect for one year, but it can be extended or repealed as conditions dictate. The water board has taken other curtailment actions in Northern California, where the effects of the drought are particularly severe. A curtailment order for the upper Russian River was implemented in early August, and a similar action is imminent in the lower Russian River watershed. SWRCB approved emergency regulations that

will shut off the pumps to the Scott and Shasta rivers for 3,500 holders of water rights in Siskiyou County. Bordering the State of Oregon, Siskiyou County predominantly produces field crops, such as alfalfa hay, oats, barley and herbs. In addition to the curtailments, the state has taken a range of actions in recent months in reaction to worsening drought conditions. A drought barrier was constructed on the False River in June after receiving emergency approval. Its purpose is to keep saltwater from the San Francisco Bay from reaching the SWP pumps in Tracy. “Keeping saltwater from intruding into the central Delta is essential as a large portion of the state’s fresh water for urban and agricultural use goes through this part of the Delta,” said Ted Craddock, SWP deputy director, in a press release issued when construction of the barrier commenced. Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a drought emergency in Mendocino and Sonoma counties in April. That declaration has since been expanded to 50 of the state’s 58 counties. Last month, Newsom signed an executive order asking Californians to voluntarily reduce their water usage by 15%. “The realities of climate change are nowhere more apparent than in the increasingly frequent and severe

drought challenges we face in the West, and their devastating impacts on our communities, businesses and ecosystems,” Newsom said. “The entire state is in a drought today, and to meet this urgent challenge, we must all pull together and do our part to reduce water use as California continues to build a more climate resilient water system to safeguard the future of our state. We’re proud of the tremendous strides made to use water more efficiently and reduce water waste, but we can all find opportunities this summer to keep more water in reserve as this drought could stretch into next year and beyond.”

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TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, Aug. 27
Goodguys 34th West Coast Nationals presented by BASF
Known as the “Crown Jewel” event, the West Coast Nationals presented by BASF is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 27, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 28, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 29, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This weekend is the perfect blend of old school traditions and new school trends, with over 3,000 of America’s finest 1987 and older hot rods, customs, muscle cars, trucks and classics. Bring out your late models in celebration of America’s car culture for the All American Sunday celebration on Aug. 29, featuring an All American Sunday AutoCross Shootout. For complete details and to register your vehicle or purchase tickets, visit www.good-guys.com/wcn. *Featured attractions subject to change. Please check the website for the most up-to-date information.

Wednesday, Sept. 1
Livermore Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting
The public is invited to attend the monthly meetings of Livermore’s Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee. Learn what steps the committee is taking to help update the city’s plan. For the agenda and more information, visit <https://bit.ly/2WjeAKb>. For recordings of past presentations, visit <https://bit.ly/3sFWJc8>.

Saturday, Sept. 4
Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution Monthly Meeting
Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will host its first in person meeting for the 2021-2022 year. Chapter meets September through May on the first Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. DAR was founded in 1890 to promote education, historic preservation, and patriotism. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible to join. For additional information on joining our meeting or becoming a member, visit <http://jhl.californiadar.org> or contact jhlchapter@yahoo.com.

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS
Dublin Farmers Market Open for the Season
Open Thursdays, 4 to 8 p.m., at Emerald Glen Community Park, 4201 Central Parkway.
Livermore Downtown Farmers Market Open for the Season
Open Sundays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Second Street between J Street and L Street. Open Thursdays, April 15 to Nov. 18, from 4

to 8 p.m., at Carnegie Park, 2155 Third St., between J Street and K Street.
Pleasanton Farmers Market Open for the Season
Open Saturdays, from 10 to 1 p.m., at Main Street and West Angela Street. Seniors 60 and over are welcome for specialized shopping from 9 to 10 a.m.
VIRTUAL ONLINE EVENTS -AVAILABLE ANYTIME
Pacific Chamber Orchestra Offers Musical Podcast
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OBITUARIES

Patty Rae (Bruno) Willmann

Oct. 6, 1943 – Aug. 14, 2021



Patty peacefully passed away Aug. 14, 2021 with her two daughters at her side.

Patty was born in Castro Valley and was raised alongside her four sisters in the central Bay Area. These sisters continued to be best friends. She raised her three children; Kim, Gregory and Danielle with loving arms. It's those loving arms that welcomed five biological grandchildren; Heather, Holly, Erika, Leah, and Noah and five biological great-grandchildren; Cooper, Kenzie, Fletcher, Ellie and Abram. Her arms, heart and home were open to anyone else, people and animals alike who needed love.

Patty was a beautician

by trade. Her sewing skills were highly sought after, as she helped make houses into homes with beautiful quilts and tapestries. She had a love for crafting; an art that allowed her to connect with

family and friends.

Patty loved Jesus and was active in her church and family ministry. She always saw the best in others and her faith, kindness and generosity will always be remembered by those lives that she has touched.

Her celebration of life will be held at Valley Baptist Church, 19835 Lake Chabot Road, Castro Valley, on Friday, Aug. 20, 2021 at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the service.

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

Constance ("Connie") M. Healey

Dec. 8, 1935 – Aug. 10, 2021



Constance ("Connie") Maryann (Voellinger) Healey, age 85, of Brentwood, California, died peacefully at home on Aug. 10, 2021, after losing her battle with breast cancer.

Connie was born Dec. 8, 1935, to Constance (McDermott) and Donald Voellinger, in Waterloo, Iowa. Connie grew up in Waterloo and attended Sacred Heart Catholic School. She met her future husband, Jack, in high school, and she worked as a receptionist for Dr. Thomas Thorton while Jack finished college. Connie and Jack were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on June 14, 1958.

Shortly after marrying they moved to Anamosa, Iowa, where they lived for three years. They moved back to Waterloo, where Brian was born in 1961, then moved to California for a year while Jack pursued a master's degree at Stanford University. They moved back to Waterloo in 1962 where Susan was born and then returned to California in 1963, living in Sunnyvale, and then Cupertino. Michael was born in 1965. The family moved to Pleasanton in 1968. Connie worked for 10 years as a secretary at EG&G, before

retiring.

Jack and Connie moved to Brentwood in 1995, where they became active parishioners at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and dedicated many years of service to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Connie was a devoted mother and wife, spending countless hours supporting her three children as they played soccer, softball, baseball, football, wrestling and basketball. She was an adventurer and loved traveling and camping. She particularly enjoyed travels with Jack's Aunt Helen, including trips to the Panama Canal and the Amazon Rain Forest. She and Jack took several memorable trips to Hawaii, Australia, Europe and Alaska with her

brother Dick and his wife Adorine. Connie was an avid card player, and cards were the centerpiece of most camping trips, holiday celebrations and family gatherings.

Connie was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jack; her parents, Donald and Constance Voellinger; and her brother, David Voellinger. She is survived by her children; Brian Healey, Susan (Craig) Taylor; and Michael Healey; grandson, Patrick Taylor (Kimberly Bauer); great-granddaughter, Kimberly Taylor; brother, Richard Voellinger; and many beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

A vigil service will be held on September 7, 2021, at 6 p.m. at Holy Cross Cemetery and Funeral Center, 2200 E 18th St, Antioch, California, 94509. A funeral Mass will be held on Sept. 8, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 500 Fairview Ave., Brentwood, California, 94513. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Warren Lyal Straight

Warren Lyal Straight passed away on Aug. 14, 2021, at the age of 93.

He was a beloved father, grandfather, husband, coach and pillar of the community. He was a Golden Gloves champion in the Navy and helped fight for the United States in the Korean War.

He was an active member of the First Church of Christ Scientist in Livermore. He

loved coaching sports, umpiring softball, spending time with his family and helping people any way he could.

He is survived by his wife, two children and four grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

Services will be held on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. at Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton, California.



Chris Andersen

Oct. 4, 1932 – Aug. 17, 2021

Chris Andersen, longtime resident of Livermore, California, passed away unexpectedly on Aug. 17, 2021 at the age of 88 surrounded by his wife and two children. Chris was born on Oct. 4, 1932 in a small town in Nebraska. He was a one-of-a-kind man, devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Chris left home at 14, overcame a speech disability, earned his high school diploma and proudly served his country in the United States Navy for four years before marrying his "little one" Kitty.

He worked his way up to be the superintendent of the City of San Francisco Water Department, where he later retired.

Chris was an outdoorsman

and enjoyed hiking, fishing and clamming. He hiked the Grand Canyon with his son and grandsons, up and down Glacier Point in Yosemite and the Matterhorn in Switzerland. He sailed the seas of the world and loved to travel the world with Kitty. He was a cattleman/rancher, master gardener and bread baker. On a regular day you would often find Chris studying the stock market and playing his hand at investing, reading, watching basketball or enjoying a nice evening with Kitty outside on their deck.

Chris was most proud of his two children and his grandchildren. He loved to be with his family and friends and was known to talk your ear off.

He will be deeply missed

but his memory will be cherished and kept alive by the love of his life and spouse of 65 years Kitty; son Rick Andersen and wife Dede; daughter Kristy Sibert and husband Tim; granddaughter Alisha Sibert; grandson Ryan Andersen and wife Shelly; grandson Jason Andersen; and great-grandchildren Evi, Maverick, and Ryker; and his beloved dog Pippa.

There will be no services. In lieu of flowers, we are asking that you make a donation to your favorite charity in his name.

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

Craig Joseph Schwoyer

Nov. 18, 1952 – Aug. 16, 2021



Longtime Livermore resident Craig Joseph Schwoyer died unexpectedly at the age of 68 on Aug. 16, 2021.

Craig was born on Nov. 18, 1952 in Hayward, California to the late William and Pauline (Erb) Schwoyer. Craig attended school in the San Lorenzo school system and graduated from Arroyo High School in 1970. He attended Cal State Hayward (now known as Cal State East Bay) before transferring to Chico State where he graduated in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science in geography.

Craig married Kathy Gallagher on Aug. 2, 1975 and together they raised two sons; Michael and Mathew. He worked for the United States Forest Service from 1976 to 1978 before officially beginning his career as a surveyor with Ron Graves and Associates in Oroville, California. After relocating back to the Bay Area, Craig worked for

Meridian Technical Services in Pleasanton, California from 1983 until his retirement in 2012.

The family enjoyed summers boating on Lake Shasta and winters skiing in Tahoe. Craig was an avid fan of the San Francisco Giants and his lifelong love for the game of golf cannot be overstated. Craig was a passionate consumer of music. He and Kathy attended many concerts throughout their life together. Craig had a nearly encyclopedic knowledge

of classic rock and was frequently challenged by friends and family to guess the artist, album or year of a particular song. He took great pride in rarely being stumped.

In addition to his wife Kathy, Craig is survived by his sons Michael (Katie); and Mathew (Nicole); grandchildren Mackenzie and Vincent; his brother Kirk (Debbie) Schwoyer; in-laws John (Esther) Gallagher; Gail (Dave) Jampolsky; Dave (Julie) Gallagher; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind a wide circle of lifelong friends.

A memorial service will be held at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 28.

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

Elsie Frances Ott Holdener

July 4, 1925 – Aug. 22, 2021



Elsie Frances Ott Holdener, 96, a longtime resident of Livermore passed to eternal life on Sunday, August 22, 2021.

Elsie was born in Lauerz, Switzerland on July 4, 1925, to Gottfried and Agatha Ott. She was the second of six children. She was a resident of Livermore, California since her marriage to Fred Joseph Holdener in 1950. They had four children; Fred (Helen); Janet Inks (Richard); Karen Zumbach (Hans); and 10 grandchildren; Joe, Jens and Dain, Dan, Kevin, Brandon, Kyle, Jason, Alicia and Jessica.

Elsie was active in St. Michael's School's Mothers Club, where her husband and all of her children had attended. One of the highlights of summers with her family was the weekly summer waterskiing trips.

Fred and Elsie were part of the Holdener Dairy family business. Fred Holdener, Sr., also a native of Switzerland, had purchased Valley Dairy in 1931. In 1956, with the addition of a drive-in, the name was changed to Holdener Dairy. In 1966, Fred, Jr. and Elsie became the owners of the Holdener Drive-In Dairy. Elsie did the bookkeeping for

the business.

Upon retirement in 1980, Fred and Elsie enjoyed family, friends and traveling.

Her beloved husband, Fred, passed on to meet his Heavenly Father in January 1993. Elsie always cherished and was devoted to her Catholic faith. She was a member of the Medjugorje, the Our Lady of Perpetual Help, the Father Gobbi and the Blue Army of Fatima Prayer Groups. She also loved and attended many Marian Conferences and went on pilgrimages to holy sites. Elsie handed out well over 10,000 of her inspiring photos of Apparition Hill in Medjugorje.

Elsie welcomed with joy her 10 grandchildren, and her 20 and still-counting great-grandchildren. Elsie loved and was so proud of her family! Elsie was always generous to others with the blessings

God had given her.

She loved to give more than to receive. When asked her key to a long life, she said "Faith, Hope and Charity - Family, Relatives and Friends."

Elsie is preceded in passing by her brothers, Fred and Joe Ott. She is survived by her sisters, Agatha Ott Senn and Frances Ott Schilter, and her brother Tony Ott.

Contributions in Elsie's memory can be made to Hope Hospice of Dublin, St. Michael's Church in Livermore, The San Joaquin Valley or Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club, EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) or Relevant Radio.

A viewing and rosary will be held on Sunday, Aug. 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Callahan Mortuary in Livermore. The rosary will begin at 7 p.m. The funeral Mass will be held on Monday, Aug. 30 at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's in Livermore. Burial and committal will follow at 12:30 p.m. at St. John's Cemetery next to St. Patrick's Church in Ripon.

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

Max Harnon Jeffers

Sept. 9, 1939 – July 30, 2021

Lyons.

Max had been in the floor covering business before coming to Livermore and continued in that trade. He worked various companies in the area including All City Floors in Livermore, as well as his own business, Floor Coverings by Jeffers.

After retiring he and Ann enjoyed traveling in their motorhome, which included a couple of trips to Florida to visit his family there.

Max passed away at home in Livermore. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Ann; son Mitchal Jeffers, (Jill); and daughter Keri Ahern, both of Florida. Also, grandson Corey Ahern of Georgia; great-granddaughter Audrey of Georgia; and great-grandson John of Colorado; sister Marlene of Turlock; and many

nieces and nephews. He also leaves extended family; Tom Ward of Livermore; Kathi Lyons (Tom) of Nevada; as well as grandchildren Tommy, Joey, Donnie, Jeremy and Robert Ward; Christina Hanich; Bill Jeffers; Lori Hoffman; and a number of great grandchildren. Max was preceded in death by his parents; sister Virginia; brother Bill; and as Don and Bob Ward.

Max was a good man with a sense of humor and would like to be remembered by family and friends with a smile and a funny story.

His final resting place will be San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Santa Nella, California. Services will be at a later date. Special thanks to the VA Health System of Palo Alto, as well as Suncrest Hospice, that has many caring and helpful professionals.

Marjorie Elkind Cutler

April 26, 1944 – July 23, 2021



Maggie (Marjorie) Elkind Cutler died on July 23, 2021, after a short battle with cancer.

Maggie was born in New York City on April 26, 1944, to Clara Elkind Sumpf and Aaron Elkind.

After studying classics at Hunter College, Johns Hopkins University and the University of Chicago, Maggie and her husband, Robert W. P. Cutler, moved to California, where Bob joined the faculty of Stanford University Medical School, and Maggie worked as a Technical Editor at Standford Research Institute and IBM, while they raised their son, Aaron Cutler.

In the 1990s, Maggie and Bob moved to their beloved ranch in the hills above Livermore, California. After Bob

plants, and for a while operated Mines Road Natives, advising others on the art of landscaping with native plants.

During the last 16 years, Maggie shared the hard work and joy of the ranch with her companion, John Hohn. Maggie was a devoted mother and grandmother, and loved Aaron, Jen, Charlotte and Alexandra more than words can say.

In addition to Aaron's family, and John, Maggie is survived by her sister, Nancy Elkind; her nieces Erica and Tessa Hibbard; and many, many friends.

Donations in Maggie's name can be made to Friends of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden (nativeplants.org).

Linda Johnson Bingham

Sept. 11, 1943 – Aug. 12, 2021

Linda was born in Ogden, Utah. She attended Weber State University there. She was active in Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Contra Costa Quilt Guild, Clayton Valley Woman's Club and the Diablo Women's Choral.

She and her family moved to Loma Linda, California in 1980 and they also lived in

Merriett Island, Florida. She and her husband, Gene retired in the Bay Area where they lived for 30+ years.

Linda was a sweet mother and a loving nana. She enjoyed traveling, quilting and spending time with her grandchildren. Linda is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, Gene K. Bingham; two

children; Jeffrey Baker of Utah and Jill S. Gile of Livermore, California; two granddaughters; Amanda Gile and Michelle Gile of Livermore, California; and her sister Marian Peregoy of Vacaville, California.

A private service will be held at Oakmont Memorial Park, Lafayette, California.

Mary Henriques

Nov. 3, 1932 – June 17, 2021



Mary Henriques, 88, of Livermore, passed away peacefully this June.

Mary worked for 34 years as a high school Spanish teacher, leaving lifetime impressions with many of her students.

Mary attended St. Michael's School and Livermore High School. She earned a BA from San Jose State College in 1954 and completed additional course work at UC Berkeley, University of Washington and University of Nevada, Reno.

Her early teaching years were at Miramonte High School in Orinda and the majority of her career at Liver-

more High School, where she retired in 1991. She did volunteer work teaching literacy in her retirement.

Mary enjoyed reading, sewing, gardening and travel. She was a charitable woman

supporting many humanitarian causes. She was preceded in death by her father, Antonio; her mother, Isabelle; her brother, Joseph; and sister Louise. Mary is survived by her sister-in-law, Belle Henriques; nephew Michael and his wife Marilyn Henriques; her nephew Timothy Henriques; cousin, Alfred Henriques; and three great-nephews and one great-niece.

Mary was inurned at St Michael's Cemetery during a private family service in a plot near her beloved brother.

Memorial contributions may be made to Open Heart Kitchen at www.openheart-kitchen.org.

Dublin to Implement Designs for Wallis Ranch Community Park

By Ruth Roberts

Plans for the city’s Wallis Ranch Community Park have taken another step forward following a series of public comments and community outreach efforts. During a recent staff presentation, the Dublin Parks and Community Services Commission unanimously agreed to begin implementing designs and additional suggestions taken from one of two suggested options for the 8.75-acre recreation area. The future park is located on three separate parcels between Tassajara Road and the Wallis Ranch Development. The decision is the latest in a series of community outreach programs, which included input from the community, the development of two conceptual plans, and recommendations from the Parks and Community Services Commission. “In early March 2021, staff established a project webpage on the city’s website and distributed both electronic and direct mail communications citywide to receive community input,” read the staff report. “The communications included links to a survey and an invitation to participate in an online community meeting.”

As a result of the public outreach, the city received nearly 1,100 responses to the survey, and 25 residents participated in the March 31 online meeting. During the second phase, the consultant team analyzed the feedback received from the online meeting and survey and developed two concept plans and associated design themes for the park. A second public meeting was held June 5 at the future park site, and over 200 community members attended. At the meeting, the concept plans and design themes were presented. Participants provided verbal and written feedback regarding their preferences for the park. The culmination of the outreach resulted in the development of Alternatives A and B. Alternative A was the preferred site chosen by the commission. It includes the following items to be incorporated into the “Windswept Grassland” themed park: a dog park; three lighted tennis courts, including one with a four-court pickleball overlay; four lighted pickleball courts; two basketball courts; a picnic area; and fitness space and interior pathways for exercise. The park will also include a picnic area, on-site parking, and two playgrounds for ages 2 to 5 and 5 to 12 years. In addition to the ele-

ments proposed above, a local youth group has advocated for the inclusion of a “Buddy Bench” in the park to create an opportunity for connection. If a child is interested in connecting with someone new, they can sit on the bench as a signal for someone else to be a buddy and sit with them. Staff will evaluate options for such a bench near the play area. The commission had just two suggestions for the park going forward: the inclusion of a restroom on-site and lights for the basketball courts. “What we are doing now is researching the cost of those projects, and once we have that information we will take it to the city council and lay out the costs for that design,” said LaShawn Butler, parks and community services director. “We are hoping to take it back to the council soon.” The cost of the project is estimated at \$6.7 million with current available construction dollars at \$5.1 million. According to the staff report, as the project moves through the design development phase, staff will work with the consultant team to incorporate cost reduction strategies into the final construction package. For more information, visit <https://dublin.ca.gov/list.aspx>.



The Dublin Parks and Community Services Commission voted to move forward with designs for the 8.75-acre Wallis Ranch Community Park, between Tassajara Road and the Wallis Ranch Development. The project is expected to cost \$6.7 million. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Camp Parks to Develop Backup Solar Power Grid

The Parks Reserve Forces Training Area in Dublin broke ground last week on the first of 10 microgrid nodes designed to ensure electricity for critical Camp Parks facilities in case of a power outage. Camp Parks is a battlefield simulation, military intelligence, and academic facility that supports military readiness for the Army Reserve and other U.S. forces. The Resilient Replicable Modular Microgrid will divide the 2,700-acre facility into 10 electrical nodes or zones that can operate independently or in unison in case of a public power outage. The electricity, enough to power critical

facilities for at least 14-days, will come from an on-site 2-megawatt solar array and battery storage systems. Construction of the first node, as well as a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, was funded by a \$5 million grant from the California Energy Commission (CEC), developed through a partnership agreement with Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Camp Parks, and the U.S. Army Reserve. The Army Reserve has committed another \$4.5 million in matching funds for the construction of additional nodes, with contracts expected to be awarded by the end of September.

The Army training facility has been planning infrastructure upgrades to support the independent grid system for more than a decade, with design support from Pacific Northwest National Labs, according to Jarrod Ross, Camp Parks resource efficiency manager. “When you can disconnect from the grid and continue to execute your mission and/or operate facilities in the absence of utility power, that is the hallmark of resiliency,” Ross said. “If the electric utility conducts a public safety power shutoff to prevent wildfires, or any other disruption in utility power, this microgrid will prove its value.”

Culinary Angels to Host Western-Themed Fundraiser

Culinary Angels, a nonprofit that provides meals to residents of the Tri-Valley area with serious health issues, will host Cowboys & Cabernet, a fundraiser with food, wine, and live music, at McGrail Vineyards and Winery on Saturday, Sept. 11. The Western-themed event will include a barbecue dinner catered by Smoked Seduction and McGrail wines. The Bell Brothers, a singer/songwriting duo from San Francisco whose work ranges from

country to Americana and rock, will provide entertainment. “This annual fundraiser is critical in providing the financial support that keeps our program going throughout the year,” according to Lisa McNaney, a cancer survivor and founder of Culinary Angels. “While we have amazing partnerships with local gardens such as Sunflower Hill, Fertile GroundWorks, and Clare’s Fare, we have ongoing operational costs that include food and packaging.”

The nonprofit delivers high-nutrition, organic meals to individuals undergoing cancer treatment or facing other serious health challenges in Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and Danville. The evening at McGrail Vineyards, 5600 Greenville Road, Livermore, will run from 6-10 p.m. Tickets are \$125 per person and can be purchased at www.culinaryangels.org. Culinary Angels said attendance will be limited this year to ensure social distancing.

Dublin Establishes Drop-Off Sites for Recall Ballots

The City of Dublin has established three drop-off locations for ballots cast in the California gubernatorial recall Election on Tuesday, Sept. 14. All eligible voters should receive a mail-in ballot in the election, which seeks to recall Gov. Gavin Newsom.

The ballot asks if Newsom, a Democrat elected in 2018, should be replaced, and if so, by which of nearly four dozen candidates. Ballots can be returned by mail or dropped off any time at the Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza, or The Wave recreation

and aquatic complex, 4201 Central Parkway. Staff from the Alameda County Registrar of Voters Office will also accept ballots dropped off from 3-4 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Sept. 3-4, near the roundabout at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza.



Kindergarten teacher Graham Beatts welcomes new students to the first day of school at Cottonwood Creek K-8 School in Dublin on Aug. 16. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Figurative Arts Show Set for September

The 12th annual Fine Art Figurative Show, “The Essential Figure,” which focuses on the human form, will be held Sept. 24-26 at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. Sponsored by the Livermore Art Association and the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, the show is free and open to the public. It is also one of the few local exhibits where nudes

are both allowed and encouraged. In a news release, sponsors said most of the artwork “will feature nudes that are presented in a setting that is natural, safe and comfortable and are not being represented in a sexually accessible manner.” The gallery will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the exhibit. There will also be a reception for the artists from noon to 3:30 p.m. on Satur-

day, Sept. 25, with the presentation of awards at 1:30 p.m. Both the reception and awards presentation at 1:30 will be open to the public. The entries will be judge by David Wagner, an art instructor at Las Positas College and a past Best of Show winner. For more information or a prospectus for the show, contact Barbara Stanton at 925-373-9638 or microangelo@earthlink.net.

Dublin Accepting Registrations for Adult Sports

Registration is now open for Dublin's adult sports programs, including tennis, softball, and basketball.

Tennis classes are available now. Softball and basketball leagues begin next month. To register, go to <https://apm.activecommunities.com/dublinrecguide/Home>.

Livermore Craft Brewery Takes 3 Medals

The Shadow Puppet Brewing Co. in Livermore received two gold medals and one silver at the fourth annual USA Beer Ratings Competition held last month in San Francisco. The craft brewing company, which focuses on developing unusual beer flavors, received gold medals for its Tartbreak - Guava Berliner Weisse and Blood Orange Lupi IPA. It received a silver for its Cinch - Vanilla Cream Ale. “We’re really excited that three of our popular beers scored so highly in competi-

tion,” said Brian Blackburn, Shadow Puppet founder and CEO. “Our brewery has always produced high-quality beers and it is great to get the ultimate seal of approval from the USA Beer Ratings competition.” The brewery, with a tasting room at 4771 Arroyo Vista describes its Tartbreak – Guava Berliner Weisse as a “kettle-soured tart & tangy wheat ale with light hints of guava [and] citrus tones.” The Blood Orange Lupi is described as a “West Coast-style IPA brewed with blood orange purée

[and] a fresh burst of crisp citrus,” while the Cinch is “very light with superior drinkability at the forefront and a hint of vanilla on the back-end. The annual competition is sponsored by the Beverage Trade Network, which organizes trade shows for wine, beer, and spirits producers. This year, the craft beers were judge on quality, value, and, for the first time, packaging, including branding, presentation, and how the judges felt the beer would be perceived by the consumers.

Symphony Guild to Host Prelude Party

The Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild will host a free Prelude Party for the 2021 season at 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 9, at the Springtown Homeowners Association clubhouse, 931 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. Entertainment will be provided by the Livermore School of Dance and light refreshments will be served. The guild supports the symphony by producing concert brochures, holding fundraisers, and planning the annual Pops concerts. For more information, go to www.livermoreamadorsymphony.org.

Livermore Library to Host 10-Piece Mariachi Band

The Livermore Public Library will host two performances of Mariachi San Francisco this fall to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. The 10-piece mariachi band will perform at 12:30

p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25, in front of the Civic Center Library, 1188 Livermore Ave., and at noon on Sunday, Oct. 10, at the basketball courts next to the Rincon Branch Library, 725 Rincon Ave.

The performances, sponsored by Friends of the Livermore Library, are free and open to the public. Hispanic Heritage Month runs from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15.



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Fire Department to Offer Preparedness Classes

The Alameda County Fire Department will offer personal emergency preparedness training classes from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 23, and Thursday, Oct. 14. The classes are free and will be conducted online.

The classes are designed to help families prepare for a disaster by minimizing potential dangers in the home, preparing a disaster kit, and working out a communication plan. They will also cover how to sign up for emergency alerts and manage home utilities following a disaster.

To register for one of the classes, go to www.acfdcert.eventbrite.com, email CERT@acgov.org, or call either 925-833-3473, ext. 1721 or 510-632-3473, ext. 1721.

Dublin to Offer Free COVID-19 Tests at the Senior Center

The city has partnered with Curative, a startup health care company that provides COVID-19 test, to offer free nasal-swab tests at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Based in San Dimas, California, and founded in 2020, Curative developed an oral-swab test for COVID-19, instead of nasal-swab testing. Curative now operates in states across the country.

The city said both adults and children are eligible for the free COVID-19 testing.

Proof of insurance is not required, although adults must have some form of identification. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Appointments are not necessary, and test results will be available within 48 hours.

Dublin said it would offer the testing until the city determines the service is no longer needed.

Las Positas College Auditioning For ‘Peter and the Starcatcher’

Las Positas College will hold both in-person and digital auditions for its fall production of the Tony-award winning musical “Peter and the Starcatcher.”

In-person auditions will be held from 6-9 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 26, in the college’s Building 4000, 3000 Campus Hills Dr. in Livermore. Digital auditions should be submitted to the college by 9 p.m., Aug. 26.

Auditions are open to anyone 15 and older and should include a 1-minute monologue and two verses of a sea shanty.

“Peter and the Starcatcher” presents a backstory to the traditional tale of Peter Pan and is based on the children’s book by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson.

The college said cast members will be required to rehearse masked because of the COVID-19 pandemic, although they may perform unmasked if county restrictions allow. The college is also encouraging all actors to be vaccinated. During performances, audiences will be more than 20 feet from the actors and required to wear masks, according to the college.

For more information, contact producer Titian Lish at tlsh@laspositascollege.edu.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580995

The following person(s) doing business as: MCM, 110 Bayo Vista Ave, Oakland, CA 94611, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jae Mei, 110 Bayo Vista Ave, Oakland, CA 94611 and Felix McKeown, 110 Bayo Vista Ave, Oakland, CA 94611. This business is conducted by Co-Partners. 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: Jane Mei, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 26, 2021. Expires July 26, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4929. Published August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 581018

The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Embroidery and Screen Printing, 2478 Armstrong St, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Brentwood Embroidery and Sewing, Inc., 410 Beatrice CT #E, Brentwood, CA 94513. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/27/21. Signature of Registrant/s: Michael Clemente, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 27, 2021. Expires July 27, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4930. Published August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580926

The following person(s) doing business as: Paleteria y Neveria Mi Lindo Michoacan, 4424 Las Positas Road, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jaime Fernandez Arzate, 3414 Madeira 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: Jaime Fernandez Arzate, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 22, 2021. Expires July 22, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4931. Published August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580987

The following person(s) doing business as: Paragon Armory, 4847 Winterbrook Ave, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Paragon Armory LLC, 4847 Winterbrook Ave, 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: Michael Willeit, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 26, 2021. Expires July 26, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4932. Published August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2021.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 576507

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s). 1. Forest Nectar, 2. Hima Solutions, 1491 Cedarwood LN, Ste A, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Registered Owner(s): Sakhi Natural Inc., 1491 Cedarwood LN, Ste A, Pleasanton, CA 94566. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 2/5/2021 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Corporation. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Bhuvaneshwari Himakunthala, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 8, 2021. The Independent, Legal No. 4933. Published August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580839

The following person(s) doing business as: Ink Mobile Notary LLC, 1195 Holmes CT, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ink Mobile Notary LLC, 1195 Holmes CT, 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: 4/25/21. Signature of Registrant/s: Olanike Butler, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 16, 2021. Expires July 16, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4934. Published August 12, 19, 26, September 2, 9, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580855

The following person(s) doing business as: Bobby Arte, 1300 7th Street, Oakland, CA 94607, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Robert Grant, 1300 7th Street, 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: Robert Grant, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 19, 2021. Expires July 19, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4935. Published August 12, 19, 26, September 2, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 581060

The following person(s) doing business as: Prime Interiors, 1744 5th St, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Frank Monasteri, 1744 5th St, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/4/2001. Signature of Registrant/s: Frank Monasteri, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 28, 2021. Expires July 28, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4936. Published August 19, 26, September 2, 9, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 581437

The following person(s) doing business as: Stoneridge Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram, 2700 Stoneridge Dr, Pleasanton, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mathew Enterprise Inc, 4100 Stevens Creek Blvd, San Jose, CA 95129. 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: 2008. Signature of Registrant/s: Mathew Zaheri, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 12, 2021. Expires August 12, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4937. Published August 19, 26, September 2, 9, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580933

The following person(s) doing business as: N&A Designs Group, 4222 Oak Knoll Dr. Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Samah Nasser and Ahmed Abou-Allotouh, 4222 Oak Knoll Dr. Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/2017. Signature of Registrant/s: Samah Nasser, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 22, 2021. Expires July 22, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4938. Published August 19, 26, September 2, 9, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 581370

The following person(s) doing business as: Sunday Collective LLC, 540 39th ST APT 511, Oakland, CA 94609 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sunday Collective LLC, 540 39th ST APT 511, Oakland, CA 94609. 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: 7/15/21. Signature of Registrant/s: Alexandra Rix, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 10, 2021. Expires August 10, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4939. Published August 19, 26, September 2, 9, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 581456

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Fired Up Lawyer, 2. High Rise Law, 2031 Shoreline Drive #201, Alameda, CA 94501 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lauren Vazquez, 2031 Shoreline Drive #201, Alameda, CA 94501. 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. 7/19/11, 2. N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Lauren Vazquez. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 13, 2021. Expires August 13, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4940. Published August 26, September 2, 9, 16, 2021.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. HG21108124

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner:
Carl Fredrick Ibsen
948 Acacia Way
Livermore, CA 94550
(925) 337-1487
ibsenfredrik@gmail.com
filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name:
Carl Fredrick Ibsen

Proposed Name:
Fredrik Carl Ibsen

THE COURT ORDERS
that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any,

why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 10/22/2021
Time: 11:00 AM
Dept: 17

The address of the court is: Alameda County Administration Building 1221 Oak Street Oakland, CA 94612

A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation printed in this county: The Independent Newspaper 2250 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550 Dated: June 18, 2021 /s/ Judge Tara M. Desautels. The Independent Legal No. 4940. Published August 26, September 2, 9, 16, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 581512

The following person(s) doing business as: Assured Notary and Loan Signing Services, 2905 Calle de la Mesa, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Cathy Butera, 2905 Calle de la Mesa, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Cathy Butera, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 16, 2021. Expires August 16, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4942. Published August 26, September 2, 9, 16, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 581204

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Livermore Physical Therapy and Sports Rehabilitation Clinic, 2. Livermore Pilates Studio, 3. Livermore Personal Training, 4133 Mohr Ave, Suite #F, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Shalaka Gandhir, 1993 Paseo del Cajon, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Shalaka Gandhir, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 4, 2021. Expires August 4, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4943. Published August 26, September 2, 9, 16, 2021.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that bids for a sub-contracting opportunity are being accepted for Project #20192-22017 Wiley Manuel Courthouse - D.A Carpet Replacement.

Proposals must be received by 11:00AM on September 22, 2021 NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 10:00AM at Wiley M. Manuel Court, 661 Washington Street, Oakland CA 94607 - MEET AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY. Contractors will be required to adhere to the latest Alameda County COVID-19 Health Officer orders (<https://covid-19.acgov.org/index.page>). CONTACT: Steve Bang at (925) 989-2171 or via e-mail: oreaconstruction@gmail.com. Information regarding the above may be obtained at the Alameda County Current Contracting Opportunities Internet website at www.acgov.org. The Independent, Legal No. 4943. Published August 26, S2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 581094

The following person(s) doing business as: Landlord Real Estate Team, 39111 Paseo Padre Prkwy, #310, Fremont, CA 94538 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Thomas Connolly, 28 Pescadero CT, 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: 7/29/2021. Signature of Registrant/s: Thomas Connolly, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 29, 2021. Expires July 29, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4945. Published August 26, September 2, 9, 16, 2021.

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Nancy Miller works at her sewing machine during a “Dress a Girl Around the World” sew-fest held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livermore, Saturday, Aug. 21. The campaign aims to make a difference in the lives of girls around the world. Dedicated volunteers throughout the U.S. and beyond gather to sew and distribute dresses to girls in need. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Food Distribution Moves to Senior Center

Open Heart Kitchen has moved distribution of its grocery care packages to the Pleasanton Senior Center.

Open Heart Kitchen, which operates multiple meal programs in the Tri-Valley area, had been managing the free grocery distribution at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, in partnership with Tri-Valley Haven and the Alameda County Community Food Bank since last

November.

However, because of an increase in outdoor events at the fairgrounds, the nonprofit said it needed to move to a more convenient location. Groceries will now be available via curbside pickup at 5353 Sunol Ave., Pleasanton, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

“There are hundreds of families that have come to us during the COVID-19

pandemic for the first time,” said Executive Director Heather Greaux.” As long as the prolonged effects of the pandemic continue, we will provide emergency food assistance.”

Food distribution is currently funded through December by the Alameda County Social Services Agency and the cities of Pleasanton, Livermore, and Dublin.

Library Offers Workshop on College Applications

The Livermore Public Library will offer a free presentation and workshop for high school students on “Writing a Successful College Application Essay” at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, Sept. 1.

Jackie Stamps, an independent college admissions advisor, will explain what colleges look for in an application essay, alert students to potential pitfalls, and offer strategies for composing a distinctive essay.

She will also discuss essay prompts being used by the University of California, how the UC admissions essay differs from other application essays, and how to make the best use of a supplemental essay.

The presentation and workshop will be offered in-person at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., and online via Zoom. Registration is required to attend the presentation or

obtain the Zoom link.

For more information, call Caitlyn Lung, teen

programming librarian, at 925-373-5576, go to www.livermorelibrary.net.

State Urges Residents to Apply for Benefits

With federal, pandemic-driven unemployment benefits set to expire next month, California is urging workers to apply for state benefits that will continue, including money for food, rent, utilities, and health insurance.

The federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program, Pandemic Unemployment Emergency Compensation Program, and Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation Program, along with \$300 per month supplemental unemployment payments, are set to expire on Sept. 4.

However, state agencies said many benefits remain available to California residents through the American Rescue Plan and the California Comeback Plan.

That includes cash aid and services for families with children (CalWORKs), food assistance (CalFresh), free or low-cost health insurance for families and individuals (Medi-Cal and

Covered California), help with rent and utilities (Housing Is Key), and payments for millions of qualified resi-

dents who file taxes (Golden State Stimulus).

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RESIDENTS OF LIVERMORE: The City of Livermore is accepting applications for the General Plan Update Community Advisory Committee. The deadline to apply is September 7, 2021. Applications must be submitted to the City Clerk’s office by 5:00 pm.

The General Plan is the City’s long-range policy document for growth, land use, sustainability and resource and open space conservation. The Committee will review and provide feedback throughout the update, serve as liaisons to the broader community, and advise the project team on effective outreach and engagement. The committee will be in place from Fall of 2021 until the adoption of the General Plan in late 2023 or early 2024.

For questions, email GUpdate@cityoflivermore.net, or call the City Clerk’s office at (925) 960-4200. Applications are available online at: www.cityoflivermore.net/applygpp

Chamber Sets Golf Outing for Callippe

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual golfing fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 1, at the Callippe Preserve Golf Course, 8500 Clubhouse Dr., Pleasanton.

The outing is open to the public and will include an 18-hole golf scramble, lunch, dinner, and prizes.

The annual golf tournament, which was cancelled last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, is the chamber’s primary fundraising event, attracting more than 120 golfers. Sponsors this year include Big O Tires of Pleasanton, 1st United Credit Union, Golden 1 Credit Union, and John Muir Health.

For more information, go to www.pleasanton.org or email susie@pleasanton.org.

Garden Club to Hold Fundraising Sale

The Livermore/Amador Valley Garden Club will be selling plants, garden tools, kitchen ware, and local art from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Friday and Saturday, August 27-28, at 3709 Angus Way in Pleasanton.


Proceeds from the sale will support the club’s community service projects, including care of the public gardens at the Centennial Park Sensory Garden in Pleasanton and the Hansen Park Rose Garden in Livermore.

The garden club’s usual spring plant sale was cancelled this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, go to www.lavgc.org.



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