

Sunol Recall Signatures Submitted

Yet to be Verified by Registrar of Voters

By Larry Altman

SUNOL — The committee behind a movement to recall Sunol Glen Unified School District Trustees Ryan Jergensen and Linda Hurley has submitted its completed petitions to the Alameda County Registrar’s Office, saying its members had substantially exceeded the 246 signatures required to force a special election.

The group, United for Sunol Glen (USG), met the required Feb. 20 deadline following a campaign that

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Sunol District 24

Lee Seeks to Defend Seat In Assembly

By David Scholz

REGIONAL — Republican challenger Bob Brunton is hoping the third time is the charm, while incumbent Democrat Alex Lee is looking for a three-peat in the California 24th Assembly District race, as the duo prepares to square off in the March 5 primary.

Also sticking her toe in

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California Senators

Top Five Vie In Race for U.S. Senate

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — California voters will be selecting a new senator to represent the state in Washington this year. Twenty-seven candidates are on the March 5 primary ballot with recent polling showing five with apparent shots to finish in the top two for a November runoff.

The top polling candidates are Democratic Congress members Barbara Lee from the Bay Area; Katie Porter from Orange County; and Adam Schiff from the Los Angeles area. Los Angeles attorney Eric Early and

(See SENATE, page 8)



The Sunol Repertory Theater will return on March 2 with its “Rise of the Superheroes” melodrama. (See story on page 2.) (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

DUSD Facing Litigation Over Senior Injured During Assassin Toy Gun Game

By Ruth Roberts

DUBLIN — The family of a Dublin High School senior is pursuing legal action against the school district after their daughter was hit in the eye with a bead from an Orbeez gel-ball gun from a game of Assassins — an unsanctioned competition that involves seniors shooting at other seniors with toy guns.

The student, whose name was not released, is recovering at home from what doctors are calling blunt-force trauma to the right eye. Her prognosis is

unclear, said Ashley Meyers, an attorney who is representing the family.

“We have full faith that every effort is being made to identify the shooter,” said Meyers. “It’s just a very scary thing and a concern for everyone.”

The shooting occurred in the parking lot of Dublin High School on Jan. 31, where the victim was sitting in her car when she was shot in her right eye by an Orbeez gun. The victim was not actively participating in the game at the time and had not signed up to play, said Meyers, who added

that participants typically sign up to play the game by putting money into a community pot. The last person standing at the end of the game takes home the money.

Chip Dehnert, public information officer for the Dublin Unified School District (DUSD), said the district could not comment on the legal action, but was aware of the claim.

The district sent out a statement prior to the incident warning parents of the dangers of the annual game, reiterating that it is unsanctioned by the district.

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Lawsuit Filed

Zone 7 Looks to Collect \$18.5M From Pleasanton

By David Jen

PLEASANTON — The Zone 7 Water Agency is suing the City of Pleasanton for some \$18.5 million in unpaid meter-connection fees, pointing at alleged misreporting on the city’s part dating back to 2015.

Connection fees for new or upgraded meters are calculated based on meter size. The city underreported its meter sizes for new installations between 2015 and 2022, according to legal documents filed by Zone 7 on Jan. 26.

The city also began upgrading its existing meters to larger ones without

corresponding payment increases around 2015, continued the claim. If proven to be true, the errors amount to several million dollars annually in missed payments to Zone 7 during the eight-year period.

Zone 7 wholesales water to retailers within the Tri-Valley. It also manages area flood control and groundwater. Pleasanton currently sources all its water from Zone 7.

On Nov. 17, 2023, Daniel Repp, Pleasanton’s former managing director of utilities & environmental services, filed his own lawsuit against the City of Pleasanton, alleging that

(See LAWSUIT, page 7)



Gretchen Kyle, above, raises money for rescue horses and donkeys through her nonprofit Big Bay Ray. (See story on page 3.) (File Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Candidates Compete for Two-Year Zone 7 Seat

By David Jen

Seema Badar

REGIONAL — Voters will choose next week between two newcomers to the Zone 7 Board of Directors — Seema Badar and Catherine Brown — for a shortened two-year seat that expires in 2026.

The seat arose when former Zone 7 Director Olivia Sanwong won elections for both the Zone 7 board and the East Bay Regional Park District’s Ward 5 in 2022.

When Sanwong resigned from the Zone 7 board to take the parks district position, former Pleasanton City Councilmember Kathy Narum filled the opening on a temporary basis. Narum’s term expires this year. She is currently running for a four-year Zone 7 seat. The remainder of Sanwong’s 2022 to 2026 term remains open.

Dublin resident Badar is a development director at the social-justice nonprofit Secure Justice and hopes to bring her experience in strategic partnership building to the Zone 7 board. She also serves as vice chair on the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee, as a member on the Dublin Police Chiefs Advisory Panel, as well as on other boards in the area.

“Being a community advocate (would) make me an asset to the Zone 7 board,” said Badar.

Her key concerns include contamination in the water — such as PFAS, potable reuse, and infrastructure development in response to climate change and seismic risks.

While Badar believes that some water-rate increases are

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Stomach Cancer Patient Hopes to Spread Awareness of the Disease

By Christina Cavallaro

LIVERMORE — February is National Cancer Prevention Month, but Livermore resident Leah Basciani would like to get more specific and spread awareness about stomach cancer with the help of a nonprofit called Debbie’s Dream Foundation (DDF). The disease is less talked about and less funded than other cancers, but it is very deadly and the symptoms of it can be confusing.

On Nov. 16, 2023, just a few days shy of her 44th

birthday, the mother of two heard the words no one ever wants to hear.

“My doctor said, ‘You have cancer.’ He compared the size of my tumor to a golf ball and told me it was all bloody and looked like a chewed-up apple,” recalled Basciani. “I was in shock as soon as I Googled stomach cancer. I cried because the prognosis is poor. Every time I looked at my children, I cried more and kept pinching myself to wake me up from this nightmare.”

She said she’s not blaming

her doctors, but does think most are trained to look for symptoms that are almost stage IV. “And that’s when it’s too late,” she said. That’s when there’s blood in the stool or vomiting. Basciani, who is gluten and lactose intolerant, did have some ongoing stomach issues that she told her doctors about, but she and her doctors chalked them up to her issues with gluten and dairy. They even said maybe it was irritable bowel syndrome and that she should eat more fiber.

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Livermore’s girls softball league held its opening day on Feb. 24 to kick off the 2024 season. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

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Livermore

Nonprofit and City Go After Same “Cross on the Hill” Parcel

By Larry Altman

The nonprofit that maintains the iconic “Cross on the Hill” property overlooking the 580 Freeway will compete with the city to buy the land, according to an announcement at Monday’s city council meeting.

Bill Turnquist, pastor of Capstone Christian Ministries, told the council that his nonprofit will file an application with the Altamont Landfill Open Space Committee (ALOSC) for grant funding to keep the property as “open space into perpetuity (and) keep the cross there.”

“It really lifts people’s hearts,” Turnquist said.

During the council meeting, speakers expressed concern that the 550 feet by 240 foot cross carved into the grass, emblazoned with the words

“Jesus Saves,” could disappear if the city secured the property.

Several other speakers urged city officials to drop the city’s plan of seeking the same funding to help purchase the 32 acres outside Livermore’s urban growth boundary (UGB), about a half mile east of Greenville Road and Altamont Pass Road. The landmark, north of I-580, is visible while traveling east. Speakers said they feared the city might destroy the giant symbol.

Livermore’s interest in the land came up during a recent ALOSC meeting, where the committee discussed the city’s four proposals to obtain \$3.7 million in grant funding to help buy 271 acres of land. The properties included 32 acres at Garaventa Hills, 82 acres at Hartford Hills,

125 acres at 18 Greenville Road, and the cross property.

The council did not take action on the issue on Monday because it was not on the meeting’s agenda.

The ALOSC manages some \$24 million in funds intended to preserve open space in the Tri-Valley.

In its proposal, Livermore said it hoped to receive \$520,000, about half the money necessary to buy Cross on the Hill from owners Doris and Terry L. Brooks of Hawthorne, Nevada. The other 50% of the funding would come from the Dougherty Valley Settlement Agreement fund.

Livermore’s proposal described the city’s intention to preserve the land as a greenbelt around the city. The city also noted the property could be used to create a passageway for

wildlife to safely cross the freeway.

In its written proposal to ALOSC, Livermore did not indicate what would happen to the cross.

“When I see the cross, it reminds me that I have a God that has people that I love in His care that I’ll see again, and that I have the strength to go on,” said Melanie Hendrickson, tearfully recounting the deaths of loved ones. “I’m sure I’m not the only one that drives by that cross and gets a little help. Maybe a mom who has a daughter or a son who’s considering suicide and she’s at her wit’s end... Somebody whose house is in foreclosure. I’m just asking if there’s any way to keep it. If you can, please do that.”

Another speaker, Jan Higdon, said her husband climbed the hill for 15

years to maintain it.

“I got cards, letters, texts, emails, thanking us (that) the cross is there,” Higdon said. “It brings encouragement, hope and comfort.”

Councilmembers did not respond to the commenters during the open forum, but later in the meeting, Vice Mayor Robert Carling addressed the open space issue, saying the city could not develop it without public support. He reminded the audience that the land is located outside the UGB.

“It would take a vote of the people to do anything else other than making that open space,” Carling said. “If we have some other intent, it would take a vote of the public to change that designation.”

The ALOSC did not act on Livermore’s proposal at its Feb. 16 meeting. The

topic was postponed to the next ALOSC meeting because of time constraints. Turnquist and other supporters said they would attend the next meeting.

“We would really like to figure out a way to get a grant and continue that open space,” Dane Lowry told the council. “It would save the taxpayers money. If we can figure out a way to do that, it would take care of maintaining that and keep the cost from the city from having to maintain that area, since it’s all being maintained by volunteers currently.”

Kelle Gouveia asked the council to withdraw the city’s petition, saying she feared the outcome.

“Don’t do anything under false pretenses or with another agenda,” Gouveia said. “Please make a difference this time. Listen to the people.”

Sunol Repertory Brings Heroic Melodrama

By Christina Cavallaro

Sunol Repertory Theater (SRT) is back for its 41st year of taking itself as un-seriously as possible, and all for a good cause. The same core group has been putting on melodramas, comedies and murder mysteries since 1982 to provide wacky entertainment, galvanize the community, and raise funds to benefit the students of Sunol Glen Unified School District, which receives the profits from each year’s production.

SRT is presenting the melodrama “Rise of the Superheroes.” As the story goes, three out-of-work su-

perheroes open a detective agency just as a longtime super villain escapes from prison and a new mysterious outlaw also begins to stir up trouble.

Co-director Klay Kunkel, who’s been involved with the yearly productions since 2001, said that audiences should expect to be entertained, but not expect to find any redeeming messages.

“Generally, the characters in the play don’t grow, so they’re not like, you know, learning anything or changing their lives or anything like that,” said Kunkel. What they are trying to do is save the day and their city “War-kopolis” from doom.

The problem is the superheroes, of varying skill levels, are all out of shape. They’ve put away all the villains and have been working at the mall or doing other non-hero-like jobs; and they’ve gained weight. The main superhero, Tremendous Man, a Superman kind of guy, can’t even fly anymore. He’s always snacking.

“It’s silly,” said Kunkel.

But silly is one thing Sunol has never shied away from. The small unincorporated town has always valued tongue-in-cheek humor. In 1981, a charcoal black Labrador-Rottweiler mix named Bosco was elected town mayor, served for 13 years, and brought international attention to Sunol. Today, Bosco is memorialized with a statue in the center of town.

And after more than 40 years of pulling off productions on a shoestring budget, SRT is now well established for bringing humor and dollars to the Sunol community.

“When it first started out, it was just for the locals to have fun,” said Kunkel. “They built sets out of cardboard at the local school and maybe gave a couple-thousand bucks to them.”

Now, they do one show a year with eight performances to audiences of 50 to 100 a night. They give \$8,000 to \$12,000 a year to Sunol Glen school. Over its 40-year history, SRT has donated over \$200,000 to the school.

This year’s theatrical feat may turn comedic as well, said Kunkel, with the placement of a newly added small band. The Sunol Glen school auditorium, built in 1925, though quite large, is very echoey, he continued.

“Even the piano we’ve had to stuff with blankets and pillows to tone it down. So I’m not sure how the live instruments of a band are gonna go. We might have to put them in the hallway,” he said with a laugh. “We’re gonna have to work that out.”

The band will support a new piano player who joined after the retirement of longtime player Alan Shell. Shell, a Livermore resident, is in his 90s now.

The play opens on Saturday, March 2, with subsequent performances on March 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 and 23. All performances begin at 8 p.m. Admission is \$20-\$30 for reserved seating, available at www.sunol.net/srt.



The characters in Sunol Repertory’s “Rise of the Superheroes” are out of work and out of shape just as new threats emerge in their city. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Livermore

County Cracks Down on Vehicles Stored East of Greenville Road in Response to Zoning Complaint

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Responding to a 2022 complaint claiming violations of Alameda County’s zoning requirements, residents of a Livermore property are working with the East County Board of Zoning Adjustments to bring their property up to code.

Residents Jenna Winslow and Albert Amavizca asked for more time at a meeting this month — their fourth since the complaint — to remove more than two dozen vehicles stored on their property and to construct a building to house others.

After an hour of discussion, the board of three voted unanimously to have the pair return in 90 days and show evidence of progress, both to remove inoperable vehicles and to secure a building permit for a structure for the remaining inoperable vehicles.

The property under discussion is located in the county on Lupin Way, east of Greenville Road, which is an unincorporated area outside of Livermore. The original complaint led to a series of visits by code enforcement throughout 2022, 2023 and one this year. Alameda County code enforcement manager Edward Labayog said the violations are due to the property’s zoning ordinance.

“It’s an agricultural property and they aren’t allowed to store vehicles,” said Labayog, who also expressed

the hope the issue would be resolved soon.

According to a letter written by Winslow to the county in 2022, the vehicles were initially moved to the property that year due to the loss of their auto shop space in Modesto. Since the complaints began, some vehicles have been removed.

Amavizca is a classic car collector and owns all of the cars on the property, but own-

ership isn’t the county’s issue. The cars must be parked out of view of the roadway, and so the couple plans to build a carport “of some kind” with “enclosed walls to conceal the vehicles.”

This isn’t the first time Winslow has dealt with the county on this same issue. In 2015, she and Amavizca were asked to remove excess cars. Although that case was closed after the cars in question were

removed, the complaint in 2022 brought them to the local authorities’ attention once again.

“We’ve been dealing with these same kind of complaints for years,” said Winslow. “It’s our property, so it’s kind of dumb they can control what you can have and store on your property.”

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Pleasanton Group Bags Donations to Save Horses, Donkeys

By Ruth Roberts

Buy a bag, save a horse. That's the motto and simple business plan behind Big Bay Ray (BBR), a Pleasanton-based nonprofit organi-

zation that raises money to rescue horses and donkeys. In 2017, Gretchen Kyle, founder of BBR, came up with the idea of repurposing canvas feed bags found in landfills or donated by feed stores,

and turning them into stylish, functional shopping bags. The proceeds from the bags support horse and donkey rescue groups. The organization also personalizes cosmetic bags and wine totes as well.

"The situation is that everyone knows that dogs and cats need rescuing and I'm very happy we have learned that over the past 20 years," said Kyle. "But what people don't know is that there is a real need for horses and donkeys, and it's in the 100s (the animals that need to be rescued) ... so I am always looking for support."

Named after her beloved thoroughbred Ray Ray — who died in 2018 — Kyle and her team of volunteers take their products and display them in shops and local businesses, who offer them for sale to the public.

All proceeds from the sale of the bags and accessories go to a specific rescue group chosen at the beginning of each year. Past groups have included Livermore's Reins in Motion, Bay Area Angels for Minis and the Equine Assistance Project in Petaluma.

This year, BBR has chosen a rescue named Sammy — an aging quarter horse

whose owners were planning to euthanize. When Kyle heard about it, she began making calls and eventually found a home for Sammy at Hagemann Ranch in Livermore. Now, the 21-year-old equine is enjoying life as a lesson horse for children with disabilities.

Dan and Erica Starkey, owners of Iron Horse Realty in downtown Pleasanton, are supporters of BBR and the work they do.

"As soon as we met (Kyle) and she told us she supports rescue horses and donkeys, we didn't have to give it much thought," said Dan, who has a display of bags and accessories in their office on Main Street. "We are both horse people, and we wanted to be part of an organization that supported horses. She does great work."

Kyle estimates BBR receives more than \$2,000 in donations a year from the product sales and through

private donations. Lorissa Wayne is a long-time volunteer and social media manager for BBR. She said the experience of working with BBR and Kyle has been gratifying. "I am always looking for support from businesses, whether it's a temporary sign in their window ... or the hands-on help of a volunteer," said Kyle. "This is a bag that does good, and we are grateful for any and all support."

For volunteer or donation opportunities, visit www.bigbayray.com.



Gretchen Kyle, above, started the Big Bay Ray nonprofit, which sells repurposed canvas feed bags to help rescue horses and donkeys. (File Photo – Doug Jorgensen)



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School Board Bringing Back Fifth Grade Science Camp

By Ruth Roberts

Outdoor Education is returning to Jackson Avenue Elementary School.

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) board has agreed to reinstate the off-site sleepover science camp for next year's fifth graders following a break of several years due to the pandemic.

A rite-of-passage for generations of students, the five-day overnight camp was put on hold due to COVID-19 restrictions. Once students returned to the classroom, the district replaced the program with an onsite camp, which included outdoor activities and day trips to area parks and open spaces. Administrators had planned to make the on-campus camp a perma-

nent program because of the lowered cost and availability to students who might not be comfortable sleeping away from home.

However, dozens of parents expressed an interest in returning to the sleepover program and submitted letters to the board. Many also spoke at a recent LVJUSD meeting. "We feel that this experience is irreplaceable," said Viva Chavez, a parent at Jackson Avenue. "So many parents have wonderful memories of attending a camp themselves ... After enduring all of the stress, anxiety, mandated increased screen time and lack of socialization of the last few years; we believe that having less interactive, real world, not to mention fun experiences with peers is detrimental."

After hearing from the

parents, the district agreed to bring back the popular program and eliminate the onsite camp.

"When Jackson parents shared their desire for students to return to an overnight outdoor education camp, it provided their principal and staff with an opportunity to reevaluate the outdoor education experience for their students," said Chris Connor, LVJUSD's director of elementary education. "(As a result) Jackson is in the planning stages of an overnight outdoor ed camp for next year and we look forward to students participating in this educational milestone."

Traditionally held at either Camp Arroyo in Livermore or Camp Campbell in the Santa Cruz mountains, the cost of the overnight

camp can run from \$280-\$450 per student depending upon the camp and factors such as transportation costs, said Michelle Dawson, coordinator of community development for LVJUSD.

"Jackson's fifth-grade teachers and principal are researching programs used by other schools in our district and will be making a decision soon," said Dawson. "It's important to note that our district budget does not include funding for (a) science camp for any elementary school, so students and families participate in fundraising to help reduce costs. Students who choose not to attend sleep-away camp can attend school for alternate activities."

A camp location will be chosen in March and students may attend next school year.



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County Fire Department Offers Free Emergency Training Program to Residents

The Alameda County Fire Department, which serves Dublin and unincorporated areas of the county, is inviting residents to participate in a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program in March.

The free, three-day program will be taught at the Alameda County Office of Emergency Services, 4985 Broder Boulevard, Dublin,

from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. the following two Saturdays, March 23 and 30.

Participants are expected to attend all three sessions.

The training will cover emergency preparedness, fire safety and utility controls, disaster medical operations, and light search and rescue. Participants will complete 20

hours of classroom instruction and hands-on training.

The program is free and open to community residents 18 and older. Teens from 14 to 17 can also participate if they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For more information, call 510-632-3473 or 510-833-3473, extension 1721, or go to fire.acgov.org. To register, go to tinyurl.com/5n788puk.

Livermore Library to Offer Summer Teen Academy Including Paid Internship

The Livermore Public Library will offer a three-week Livermore Teen Academy program this summer for high school students that includes skills workshops, including personal finance and how to apply for jobs, and a brief internship with a city department.

The workshops will also include information about municipal government and how to become an informed member of the community.

The program will run

from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, from June 10 through June 28. The workshops will be held at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., while participants will report to their assigned sites on internship days.

Those accepted into the program will earn \$15.50 an hour during their internships, which will be capped at 24 hours in total.

The program is open to Livermore students who

will be attending high school next fall. Applicants must be at least 16 years old by the start of the program on June 10.

The library is accepting applications through Thursday, Feb. 29.

Application materials are available under "Teen" on the Livermore Public Library website, library.livermoreca.gov. For more information, contact Nathan Brumley at 925-373-5572 or at njbrumley@livermoreca.gov.



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EDITORIAL

Catherine Brown for Zone 7

Catherine Brown’s expertise in PFAS treatment solutions would be a welcome addition to the leaders who manage water in the Tri-Valley. This group of synthetic compounds, also known as forever chemicals, has become a serious concern in the area’s

groundwater, as it damages human health even at very small concentrations. While we applaud Zone 7’s actions so far, including the speedy installation of a PFAS treatment facility at its Stoneridge well, state and federal regulations remain in flux, and

we believe significant work still lies ahead in this area.

We support Brown’s bid for the two-year seat on the Zone 7 board.

Her opponent Seema Badur is passionate about the community and its relationship with water, including

PFAS contamination and water rates. Brown, however, brings more technical expertise than Badur, which the Tri-Valley currently needs for its contamination issues, as well as those issues relating to flood control and state-level supply concerns.

Looking for Action From Haubert in His Second Term

We applaud Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert’s recent efforts to address homelessness in our area. This rising problem, often behind-the-scenes, requires the assistance of the entire community.

Our open space, however, also needs attention. The voter-approved Measure D, established 24 years ago, creates an urban growth boundary that prohibits non-agricultural development outside

of its limits. Recent projects approved by Haubert — the Aramis utility-scale solar project and the Monte Vista cemetery and mausoleum — violate Measure D and should not have been approved.

After 24 years, the county needs to adopt a zoning policy to codify the intentions of its residents. Without such a policy, similar development projects will chip away at the voter-approved growth

limit one piece at a time. More care must be taken to protect our surrounding open space, a unique benefit, and one that is critical to the Tri-Valley’s quality of life.

The Alameda County Sheriff’s office also needs attention. Just this month, the Santa Rita Jail marked the 69th death of a prisoner within its custody. The sheriff’s office, which manages the jail, has also improperly hired dozens of deputies in

recent years and been the subject of costly litigation criticizing its substandard offerings of mental-health and medical care to its prisoners.

The sheriff’s office is in desperate need of an overhaul.

In his second supervisory term, we look forward to plans and actions from Haubert to protect Measure D and improve the care at Santa Rita Jail.

Liz Ortega for 20th State Assembly Seat

We are pleased that Liz Ortega will retain her seat representing those in the California Assembly District 20. She is running unopposed on the March 5 primary ballot.

Her district covers the western portions of Dublin and Pleasanton, along

with other parts of the Bay Area stretching from Union City to San Leandro.

On her own, she authored 12 bills that made it to the governor’s desk for his signature. AB 917, for example, makes the Low-Cost Auto Insurance program permanent. AB 1213 reforms workers’

compensation regulations by reducing the delay of medical care for those who are out of work due to injury.

Ortega also co-authored 110 pieces of legislation, notably ACA 1 that enables local governments to build more affordable housing or provide more local

services, AB 701 that increases penalties on high level fentanyl dealers, and SB 525 that creates a pathway to a \$25 hourly minimum wage for all healthcare workers in California.

We think she will continue her strong leadership role in her second Assembly term.

Lee’s Experience Gives Him Political Capital

Incumbent Alex Lee has learned the legislative ropes on the job since first being elected to the Assembly in 2020. He also gained valuable experience in the halls of state government when he worked on statewide policy regarding public safety, climate change, and education for California State Senator Henry Stern and Assemblymember Evan Low.

His bills include Assembly Bill 652,

which formed the Environmental Justice Advisory committee to give voice to communities disproportionately affected by pesticides; and Assembly Bill 1627, which reserves the state’s authority to implement the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

Lee should be re-elected to the 24th Assembly District.

In contrast, his chief rival of multiple campaigns, Bob Brunton, 65, brings

little political experience.

Bruton has owned and operated California businesses for 40 years. He has also been active through various civic organizations and the Ohlone College Community District. Although admirable, these activities don’t compare to Lee’s legislative achievements when the Assembly seat is in question.

Lee has done yeoman’s work serv-

ing the district. In the past legislative term, 11 of his bills earned the governor’s signature to become law. And, now he has been appointed to the chair of the Committee on Human Services, as well as being asked to serve on the committees for Housing and Community Development, Budget and Labor.

Now it is time for him to continue leveraging his experience for the good of his constituents.

Adam Schiff Has the Experience and Resolution to Serve as Senator

We endorse Adam Schiff in his run for the U.S. Senate.

He has shown courage dealing with controversial issues in the House. In addition, he has shown leadership as chairman of the House Intelligence

Committee.

Schiff’s extensive experience through 12 terms in the House of Representatives, along with time in the state legislature and as an assistant U.S. attorney, will strengthen his work in the Senate.

He has a record of bringing federal investments to California. We look forward to his continued support of affordable housing, climate action and education once in the Senate.

Schiff’s main opponent, Steve Gar-

vey, also supports worthy causes, such as solutions for the homeless, clean energy and education improvements. Garvey, however, lacks Schiff’s political experience, which is necessary for the Senate seat.

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Re-elect Laurene Green for Zone 7

Karla Brown, Mayor of Pleasanton

Director Laurene Green has exceeded all of my expectations, and she has earned a second term on the Zone 7 Water Agency, Pleasanton’s water source. As the mayor of Pleasanton, I have spent 12 years learning about the science of clean water, and options

for expanding our water resources. Throughout my leadership, Laurene Green and a small group of water experts have been critical resources for me and other city councilmembers. Her Stanford Master’s Degree in Civil Engineering – Water Resources, and her extensive professional experience are extremely valuable regarding technical environmental and water issues. Green’s career has included field experience in both environmental cleanup projects at Chevron internationally, and locally at Lawrence Livermore National Labs. As a director, Green was an early advocate for Zone 7’s purchase of filter vessels to remove PFAS from our drinking water. This early purchase was key to bringing the Stoneridge Well Treatment Center online expeditiously. Looking to the future, Zone 7’s Board must be prepared for the next “emerging contaminant” in either surface or ground water. We need a board that advocates for residents, agriculture, and businesses, and reliably provides plentiful clean safe water during wet and dry years.

Join me, VOTE Director Laurene Green for a second four-year term

Livermore Land Grab is Unconscionable

Doug Mann, Secretary, Citizens for Balanced Growth, Livermore

The Altamont Landfill Settlement Fund exists to buy and protect agricultural land from development. Working the system to its advantage as an insider, Livermore city staff nearly got away with acquiring

millions of dollars in grant money to buy land — for itself! We consider the City’s action to be an abuse of the process.

On Feb. 8, they applied for \$3.6 million in funding. The ALOSC Committee accepted the applications, and a special board meeting agenda was drafted the next day. When CBG heard about it, we intervened in every way we knew possible.

One week later, Livermore attended the hastily arranged gathering, poised to receive their payments. Committee Chair Shawn Wilson did exactly what a voting member should properly do. He listened to the facts without prejudgment, and guided the committee members to carefully consider the issues. Enthusiastic and passionate residents attended and pleaded their case. The votes were cast, and Livermore didn’t receive any money. The CitizensForBalancedGrowth.org website has a video of the meeting.

The next ALOSC meeting will be held on March 15 at 12:30 p.m. at the Public Works Building in Dublin, 4825 Gleason Drive. Livermore will likely try the same maneuver again. Everyone is encouraged to attend and speak. Zoom is also available.

Since Livermore is currently attempting to eat up over a thousand acres east of Greenville, it adds credence to the argument that this administration is no friend to open space protection. Grant funds intended for preservation should only be used for situations where land is actually be-

ing preserved, as through a parks department or land trust. Stewardship of environmental resources should never be entrusted to entities that may themselves become a threat.

Vote Burnham for Zone 7

Jim and Heather Hammer, Livermore

We support Alan Burnham for Zone 7 Water Agency. With a PhD in Physical Chemistry and many years’ service at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Stanford University, Alan has a very high level of technical skill. Having known him for nearly 45 years in Livermore, we can vouch for his integrity and commitment to the community. Alan has been actively involved in many aspects of civic life, for example supporting individuals through Partners for Change and founding the Quest Science Center. We are confident Alan will be a great asset on the Board of Directors.

Kathy Narum, The Right Choice

Kathy Hall, Pleasanton

If you are still making up your mind as to who to vote for the Zone 7 Water District Board of Directors, I encourage you to consider Kathy Narum. I have followed her career over the past 15 years and she has proven herself to be a selfless leader who does what is best for the community; she comes to every meeting prepared and asks questions that reveal a deep understanding of the issues; she listens to the community; she makes decisions that are logical and she balances costs with results. Her

integrity, intelligence, and years of leadership roles throughout the Tri-Valley community and on the Zone 7 Board, in addition to a degree in Chemical Engineering, make her the ideal candidate. Kathy is the informed voice of reason and always does her best to ensure the right decisions are made for the right reasons. Please consider voting for Kathy Narum, the right choice.

Now is the Time to Speak Up

Donna Cabanne, Livermore

Concerned about the continued use of leaded aviation fuel at Livermore Airport?

Concerned about unacceptable noise from night flights?

Concerned about aircraft flying too low and too loud over residential areas?

Concerned about aircraft repeatedly circling the airport?

Now is the time to speak up. The City of Livermore is holding stakeholder’s meetings to determine where, when and how the airport will develop its remaining acreage – over 400 acres. The information and feedback gathered at these meetings will lead to “project deliverables”, including a map indicating which areas of the airport should be developed. These findings will be presented to the Livermore City Council in June. Any Tri-Valley resident, group, organization or agency may comment. Non-aviation groups have been under-represented.

Now is the time to voice your comments and concerns about future airport development. To partic-

ipate, please contact Director Brandon Cardwell: bwcardwell@livermoreca.gov. Please ask to be notified about dates and times for all upcoming meetings. With your input, we can ensure the health and safety of all Tri-Valley residents.

More Changes Are Coming

Owen Brovont, Livermore

Contrary to common attitudes and beliefs of its residents, Livermore is not an island independently steered by its city council and its subordinate working groups. Similarly, California and the Tri-Valley area are not islands; they are like the country at large though, teetering on the edge of disaster like many other states and cities, heavily entrenched in leftist economic and political philosophies, which appear to find the dynamics of a democratic republic an obstacle to their preferred methods of implementing changes by fiat.

One only has to have lived in Livermore for the past fifty or so years to perceive how the growth philosophy has all but ruined the hometown environment in which we live. The best metric to judge that is the traffic density on all of our roads and highways, and the density of structures around and in town. Soon, there will not be a piece of open land capable of providing a foundation space for another house, let alone another building. It appears that the goal of the current administration is to replicate the high population and traffic

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Girls Scouts of Northern California CEO Bri Seoane and her daughter are all smiles as they kick off the 2024 Girl Scout cookie season. To find when and where cookies will be sold in the Tri-Valley area, go to girlscouts.org/en/cookies. The cookies will be on sale through March 17. (Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts of Northern California)

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density environment found in the Los Angeles basin. Room to expand is necessary. To address this limitation, the powers that be, who commonly ignore or mislead the residents, will be the attempt to break the Urban Boundary that was passed by the Livermore residents twenty years ago. Several opportunities have been available for residents to make known their negative opinions regarding breaking the Urban Boundary established two decades ago, but the “powers that be” have continued to keep the idea alive, even having reportedly appropriated about \$300,000 to survey the proposed approximately 1,100 acres to be annexed. It is another example of how preferred decisions originating with the city administration are kept alive, reminiscent of the three projects in the heart of the city. Who has noticed that the proposed parking facility being erected on South L Street, across from the Legacy project, appears to be three times larger than originally depicted on the project map. South L, between First Street and Railroad Avenue, is destined to become a concrete tunnel. If that is what you want, you merely have to sit back and let it happen. Be aware that other surprises in the central town are in the wings.

Livermore Gets Things Done
Patricia Munro, Livermore

This week’s City Council Meeting featured two very important updates and a very long consent calendar. Each of the updates represents a year’s work of improvements in two very important areas: addressing the effects of climate change (2023 Climate Action Plan Progress Report) and assessing the needs of the most vulnerable residents of the Tri-Valley (2024 Eastern Alameda County Human Services Needs Assessment and Final Report). The reports on both areas are publicly available and easy to read. For the full story, go to www.livermoreca.gov, click on the agenda link, then on the council meeting agenda. The consent calendar is often the hidden gem of any council meeting, with the council placing its stamp of

approval on how the City uses resources: city staff, money, and time. Sometimes these are items are for maintenance. Sometimes they are for new projects. This past week, the council approved money and contracts for two very different projects to improve public spaces.

Item 5.3 authorized the design of and construction support for improving the Flagpole Plaza. Once a grassy public space, it was repurposed for outdoor dining shortly after the COVID-19 pandemic began. Now, the City is renovating the space to balance public space with opportunities for outdoor dining. The renovations will ensure the flagpole, the large existing fountain, and the plaza are all connected, maintain public walkways, increase landscaping and lighting, and ensure accessibility. All of this will allow a central and well-loved area to better act as a community gathering space.

Item 5.4 helps to fund Phase One improvements for the Springtown Open Space. Phase One features a 3-4-acre park located at the southern end of the Springtown Open Space near the Springtown Library, with a play area, shade structures, picnic benches, a multipurpose field, and a community garden. It also includes pickle ball/tennis courts located in neighboring Marlin Pound Park (on the advice of LARPD,) a disc golf course for a fast-growing sport, and shaded benches through the entire open space.

From caring for the environment to caring for our most vulnerable residents; from the center of town to North Livermore, I am grateful to the public servants who care for and create Livermore.

A Tri-Valley Water Supply Vulnerability
Greg Scott, Livermore

We are at war with the People’s Republic of China (PRC) - cyberwar. FBI Director Christopher Wray stated recently that the PRC is now conducting computer hacking against the United States at “a scale greater than we’d seen before.” PRC computer hacking is at the top of threats to the

United States, according to Director Wray. It should be remembered -- especially with the utmost attention given to the United States’ proxy war against Russia in Ukraine, and the Middle East turmoil from the apartheid State of Israel’s Gaza and West Bank genocide and ethnic cleansing acceleration after the October 7th Hamas attacks -- that the PRC is our number one global adversary (Reference: John Mearsheimer, Distinguished Service Professor at the University of Chicago).

The PRC is, and has been, maliciously infesting U.S. infrastructure operations via computer hacking, through PRC state sponsorship of organizations such as the Ministry of State Security (the lead PRC hacking agency); the People’s Liberation Army, with a hacking headquarters at PLA 61398 just outside of Shanghai; and the PRC national police. The knowledge and extent of the hacking has become evident from these entities farming out their hacking to private organizations. One of these outfits, I-Soon, leaked a treasure trove of data revealing PRC hacking activities (Paul Mozur et al., “Leaked Data Files Expose China’s Hackers for Hire: Rare Look at Beijing’s Secret Effort to Spy on Target’s Overseas and at Home,” The New York Times, 2/23/2024). The U.S. Intelligence Community was previously aware of PRC hacking, exemplified by the PRC nefarious “Volt Typhoon” mission, which has the goal of incapacitating electrical supplies, water supplies, and communications.

With two national laboratories in the Livermore Valley, it would be naive to think that PRC entities are not busy attempting hacking, or have not hacked into Zone 7 infrastructure. Do any of the current Zone 7 board candidates mention these possibilities? What is being done about it?

We can get a glimpse of Zone 7’s computer prowess by looking at the Hazen and Sawyer 2022 Water Supply Evaluation Update. The software used is RiverWare. Does this software incorporate generative artificial intelligence (GenAI)? If not,

this software is Third Industrial Revolution software. We are in the Fourth Industrial Revolution (i.e., artificial intelligence, robotics, synthetic biology). If this is the projection software “sophistication,” what is Zone 7’s level of cybersecurity? We need to be aware of our water infrastructure vulnerability.

Vote for Alan Burnham for Zone 7 Director
David Lunn, Livermore
Retired Zone 7 Water Resources Manager

Vote for Alan Burnham, Flood Control and Water Conservation District Director, Zone 7.

I first met Alan Burnham at a Quest Science Event. I was impressed with his passion for demonstrating the science of water percolation and groundwater storage in a welcoming inquisitive environment.

Alan Burnham stands out for his keen focus on understanding the fundamental technical issues. While the incumbents also may have technical qualifications, I strongly endorse Burnham because we share the belief that boards must receive comprehensive descriptions of the issues along with supporting data.

His proactive and inclusive approach to decision-making would include providing all board members with a clear description of the issue along with the necessary facts and figures. This contrasts with the current situation where data sometimes seems lacking or incomplete, as demonstrated in a January Energy Policy presentation where basic energy monitoring reports weren’t provided beforehand.

Burnham’s engagement after the presentation, highlighted by his astute question about a significant jump in energy use, underscores his commitment to thorough analysis. Burnham is quick to identify discrepancies and omissions, actively

seeking to rectify them in an open collaborative manner.

If you need evidence, I recommend watching the January energy presentation on the Zone 7 web site which included the energy policy PowerPoint, board questions, Alan Burnham’s question and the staff response that they typically don’t respond to questions from the public. I believe that democracies improve with the engagement of the public and we need to hear the voice of Alan Burnham on the Zone 7 Board.

Alan Burnham was clearly engaged in evaluating the information just presented in the PowerPoint presentation on energy. Alan is a keen listener and his interest in water and energy shows.

In essence, Alan Burnham’s emphasizes the importance of basing decisions on an understanding of the system combined with concrete data and facts. By electing him, we can help ensure that the Zone 7 Board operates effectively,

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Hydrogen-aviation company ZeroAvia has set up shop at Daybreak Labs, an incubator space in Livermore. Above, Yolanda Fintschenko (second from the left), i-GATE Innovation Hub and Daybreak Labs executive director, welcomes (from left to right) ZeroAvia product manager Matthew Pates, head of product Parker Bryant, scientist Gurjap Singh, and liquid hydrogen engineer John Messeder to Daybreak Labs. (Photo courtesy: Daybreak Labs)

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unavoidable, she said, “I think that we need to advocate for our communities, especially our agricultural workers (and) our small-business workers. We need to be making sure that while we’re raising rates, we’re also finding ways to support those who need our support. Water is something

that should be available to all.”

She said she needs to learn more about state-level water issues, such as the State Water Resources Control Board’s update of its Bay Delta Plan this year, before taking stances there.

Catherine Brown

An environmental scientist for over 30 years, Brown’s water experience includes work at Environmental Protection Agency sites treating ground and surface water for contaminants such as PFAS, according to her campaign website. The Pleasanton

ABBA Tribute Band Plays at Firehouse Theater

The Firehouse Arts Center will welcome the ABBA tribute band, ABBAFab, for two shows in March, the first of four spring concerts at the Firehouse Theater, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton.

The legendary Swedish group ABBA was one of the most successful pop bands in history, with four Billboard Top 10 singles between 1974 and 1982, including the disco classic “Dancing Queen,” and another 14 songs in the Top 40.

Thirteen of the group’s albums also landed on the Billboard 200 from 1974 to 2011, led by “The Album” in 1978.

Since its formation in 2010, ABBAFab has been playing to sold-out crowds across the U.S. and abroad. The group’s 90-minute

shows also include a multimedia tribute to the original band.

Tickets for the group’s appearances, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 3, start at \$20 and are available online at firehousearts.org.

Next up for the Firehouse Theater will be the Oakland-based band, T Sisters – Erika, Rachel, and Chloe Tietjen – with the sibling trio’s eclectic mix of folk music at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 8. The group’s latest album, “Big Girl Pants,” was released in December.

Tickets for T Sisters start at \$30.

The Firehouse Theater will also celebrate St. Patrick’s Day, two days early, with a return appearance by CaliCeltic at 8 p.m. on

Friday, March 15.

CaliCeltic is a Livermore-based group that plays tradition Irish tunes influenced by the band’s laid-back California roots.

Tickets for the CaliCeltic appearance start at \$15.

Lastly, for jazz enthusiasts, guitarist and music educator Mimi Fox will take the stage at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, as a member of the B-3 Trio to commemorate the 100th birthday of celebrated jazz artist Wes Montgomery, who died in 1968. Joining Fox will be Brian Ho and Lorca Hart.

The performance will include several original pieces by Fox, plus her arrangements of popular Montgomery compositions.

Tickets for Mimi Fox and the B-3 Trio start at \$20.

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making informed decisions for the benefit of all. Vote for Alan Burnham because public facts really matter!

Re-elect Laurene Green for Zone 7 Water Board Phil Bowman, Pleasanton

Laurene Green should continue to serve on the Zone 7 Water District board. Laurene and I are fellow volunteers on the leadership committee of a local non-profit environmental organization, and I have seen her excellent abilities first-hand.

Laurene is smart, impartial, pragmatic, and receptive to new ideas. She cares deeply about clean water and our environment, while also being fiscally responsible. For example, she recognizes the need for expanding statewide water storage options so seeks to invest in economical dam projects which have low impact on the environment.

Laurene is not a career politician; she is a veteran water system engineer with experience at Lawrence Livermore Labs, as well as on a number of international projects and she holds an MS in Civil Engineering – Water Resources from Stanford.

Please re-elect Laurene Green to the Zone 7 Water District.

Robbed of the Ability to Grieve

Yosra Abdelaziz, Dublin
Soul of My Soul Exhibit Organizer

I am writing to express my disappointment with an article published on Feb. 15 titled, “Artwork Focuses on Plight of Children in Gaza,” which highlighted a children’s art exhibit in Pleasanton on Jan. 28. As an organizer of the event, I was excited to see our exhibit shared in the local paper. However, my excitement quickly turned to disappointment once I realized this wasn’t about featuring a local children’s art exhibit, but rather pushing negative views of Palestinians, Muslims, and Arabs.

The second paragraph alone shows the negative intent and lack of journalistic integrity of the publication. The unknown writer insisted on tying a children’s art exhibit remembering child victims with the words “Hamas” and “terrorist.” In two sentences, these terms were mentioned four times.

This article fails to mention the plight of Palestinians, whose land has been occupied since 1948, with Gaza under blockade since 2006. It is, at best, biased journalism, and at worst, blatant Islamophobia and anti-Arab bigotry to ignore

reporting on the death toll of the 13,000+ children when describing an event mourning Palestinian children killed by the IDF. This almost incomprehensible number does not include children whose bodies are decomposing under the rubble and excluded from the statistics.

Furthermore, the article falsely stated that the event was sponsored by the Muslim Community Center of the East Bay. Soul of My Soul Exhibit is an independent organization. One has to wonder if the placement of a local mosque’s name in the same article as such derogatory words is intentional. The responsible thing to do would be to reprint or retract this article.

We, the organizers, were heartbroken to hear the child artists who worked so hard on this exhibit express their dismay at their efforts being tarnished by their local newspaper.

Truthfully, this article proved why there is a need for our exhibit: we need to allow our local community to publicly grieve the loss of Palestinian lives, especially children.

Palestinians in the occupied territories are often robbed of the ability to grieve their dead. Who would have thought we would be robbed of grieving our dead here too?

As a proud organizer of Soul of My Soul Exhibit, I encourage our neighbors to come to our next event and judge for yourself whether or not The Independent did it justice.

Editor’s Note: The Independent strives for the highest standards of journalism. We regret to have published inaccuracies in the article titled “Artwork Focuses on Plight of Children in Gaza,” and we will publish a corrected version next week.

Vote Kathy Narum Zone 7 Susan Hayes, Pleasanton

As a Tri-Valley resident, I care about the water coming out of my tap, and I know Zone 7 incumbent Kathy Narum does, too.

Kathy’s commitment to public service and strong regional network were great assets when appointed to Zone 7 in February, 2023. Beyond that, her education and experience as a chemical engineer; nine years on the Pleasanton City Council; and service on the Tri-Valley Water Round Table, Zone 7 Liaison Committee, and Water Rates Sub-Committee, all informed her broad understanding of the complex technical and fiscal issues surrounding our water supply. As a result, she ramped up quickly as a

valuable and effective Zone 7 director.

If we want high-quality water, we need to vote for a high-quality candidate. Join me in voting on March 5 for Kathy Narum for a full four-year term on Zone 7. We need her education, experience, and commitment to transparency and fiscally-sound decision-making, now more than ever.

Vote for Alan Burnham for Zone 7 Director Werner Schlapfer, Livermore

I urge you to vote for Alan Burnham for Zone 7 Director. While the incumbents appear technically competent, they have not been responsive to public questions. Alan has demonstrated that he will bring up important issues and questions. He has the ability to quickly identify important issues and will voice them to the group for discussion and technical evaluation. The Board as a team needs Alan Burnham.

As an example of the Board’s unresponsiveness is the request by two hiking groups, the Livermore Hill Hikers and the hiking group of the SIR retiree organization, to use the trail built on Zone 7 property, the 5000-acre former Patterson Cattle ranch located on the ridge tops overlooking Lake del Valle. This trail was built adjacent to LARPD’s Sycamore Grove Park in 2021 and 2022 by volunteers and LARPD staff at a minimal cost with the specific aim of allowing use by hikers entering from Sycamore Grove.

The Zone 7 staff has resisted giving permission to use this trail using all kinds of irrelevant objections. They claim that the lease holder is worried that the hikers would disturb the cattle. In fact, hikers are near cattle all the time in East Bay Regional Parks, like Del Valle, Sunol or Morgan Territory, without unduly disturbing them. Another restriction demanded by the Zone 7 staff is that the hikes on the trail be guided by a LARPD staff guide and that two weeks’ notice be given. In fact, it is even worse than that; Zone 7 did not even respond when given a list of possible dates. Why all these unnecessary demands?

Just let the hikers hike without restrictions! This is what they do in Los Vaqueros, EBMUD watershed and all other parks.

The hiking groups have asked the Zone 7 Board several times for a public explanation of these unnecessary demands. The Board is unwilling to have a public discussion of the facts. The

resident has also served on the city’s Energy & Environment Committee for the past four years.

“I bring extensive experience to environmental problem-solving and wish to contribute to Zone 7’s mission to provide and improve the water supply and

storage management, as well as flood control,” she writes on her website. “I will also work to keep water rates reasonable for businesses and residents.”

She lists as her top priorities: maintaining clean water, reducing climate-change impacts on the water supply,

supporting sustainable management related to flood control, continuing the agency’s PFAS mitigation efforts, and investigating the feasibility of desalination in the Bay Delta.

Brown could not be reached for an interview before press time.

Board as a team needs a director like Alan Burnham, who is willing to listen to the facts in an open public forum and let the facts guide the final decision.

To maximize the chances for Alan to win a seat on the Zone 7 board, I urge voters to vote for Alan Burnham alone.

Common Sense vs Progressive Left Democrats David Ott, Pleasanton

I am sure that you have noticed that our state and federal government has been taken over by the progressive left democrats. Biden, Newsom and Adam Schiff have stopped using common sense in their policies and instead replaced it with their progressive left Marxist doctrine that has ruined our state and country. Common sense would say to have a secure border, but instead the progressive left allows the world to enter our country without ID or any other vetting. This has caused a national security catastrophe. Common sense would say that we should enforce all laws, but the progressive left has weakened the laws or they choose not to enforce them when it fits their purposes for the illegal aliens or in the name of equity. And there are countless more examples where the progressive left party of Biden, Newsom and Adam Schiff goes against common sense. Common sense says to prosecute criminals but the left is soft on crime. Cash bail vs cashless bail, government benefits for US citizens vs benefits for all illegal aliens, balanced budget vs endless spending, low to moderate tax rates vs excessively high taxes, low to moderate regulations on business vs excessively high regulations, strong military vs weak military, responsible and sensible climate control vs irresponsible climate control with an extra dose of fear mongering, secure elections vs election interference, free speech vs government controlled media, impartial DOJ vs weaponized DOJ against political opponents, parents in charge of their children’s health, wellbeing and welfare vs the government in control of our children, strong economic sanctions on China, Iran and Russia vs weak economic sanctions, eliminate Iran’s ability to create nuclear weapons vs enabling Iran to secure nuclear weapons with billions of dollars from the US, eliminate the terrorists in the middle east and secure the shipping industry in the Red Sea vs allow the terror-

ists free reign in the middle east, full support of Israel vs limited support of Israel and full support of Hamas Palestine, negotiate a peaceful settlement between Russia and Ukraine vs continue to send money to Ukraine without any accountability for what the money is spent for, eliminate the funding of the UNWAR vs continue to send aid to UNWAR that goes directly to Hamas. Your vote counts. Remove the progressive left democrats and restore democracy to our state and country.

Age is Not Standardized Marjorie Haggin, Livermore

Would you want an 81-year-old man handling your finances? More about that in this letter.

This letter is about high prices. Several weeks ago, a writer blamed President Biden for higher prices. I give the President a pass on that. There are many reasons for high prices. Here is an example; around Christmas, egg prices were sky high. Do you think President Biden wanted to play Grinch and make cookie baking very expensive? The fact was more than a million chickens in Sonoma County were euthanized. Avian flu wiped out the flocks. The disease hit all across the country and still affects the price of chicken and eggs.

Price can be because of an event further from home. A freshwater lake in Panama is part of the reason for higher prices. That lake feeds the locks of the Panama Canal. A long drought has caused the lake to be too low. That lack of water means the locks cannot work at full capacity, and fewer ships can be moved at a time. Ships are at anchor outside the zone. Some ships are even going south around the tip of South America. Those extra miles mean 14 to 22 days more at sea, and thousands of dollars more in fees for the cargo.

Not drought, but heavy rain caused Black Rot in Ghana, Africa. Africa supplies 75% of the world’s cocoa. The Black Rot damages the cocoa pods and plants. This year, cocoa will be in short supply.

We should understand that everything is linked. For every action there is a reaction, and some cause a change in our lives.

Now, for the 81-year-old man. I’m talking about Warren Buffet; he was 81 about 12 years ago and he is 91 now. I ‘m guessing that his financial advice would have been welcomed. Age is not standardized.

Don’t forget to vote!

Relics: What Relics? Patricia Thorstad, Livermore

We buried my baby cousin five years back; interred in the historical family cemetery: his siblings, older and still living were all there, as well as most of the cousins and second-cousins. He was in his late 50’s.

That historical family cemetery has an older section, with my grandparents and baby sister resting there, as well as my mother’s World-War II brothers and friends.

She, herself, is buried in the newer section of the cemetery, alongside Dad, or excuse me; Dad joined Mama several decades later.

Me, myself? Whole Body Donation. Yup, they will transport me to UCSF, if it happens 100 miles from there.

So, I know that what can be used will be used, and rightly so.

I read with fascination an article about the cadaver program for advanced anatomy students at Las Positas College (East Bay Times, Aug. 15, 2016) soon after the lab was established, equipped, facilitated, and accredited by UCSF, and about how the students felt about the cadaver-body that they learned, in their words, so much from, and made them recognize, in research, how to expect to learn different conditions may exist.

The remains, the college insists, after research is done, are returned to the family.

I’d like to end up in the cadaver lab, I really would. I love Las Positas College.

However, if I don’t: my remains will be respected by the UCSF Willed Body program, cremated and interred (i.e. not returned to any of my family, which I am o.k. with).

I mourn the loss to his family and to Russia of Alexei Navalny and recognize his murder at the Polar Wolf prison-system in deepest, darkest Russia. Do you believe it is anything else but that?

I believe he sacrificed his freedom, his family, and his life returning to Russia and fully expected to die there, as he is quoted as saying.

My bones, my relics: no matter.

His bones, his relics, won’t be found, recovered, or returned to his family quickly. Both are evidence of a lived life, his cut very short at 47 (just 20 years younger than I am).

I believe everyone is a legend, a legend of themselves, that no other being can match against in body, mind, character, all of that. My orb is small; Alexei Navalny is mourned as a hero.

ASSASSIN

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Capt. Miguel Campos of the Dublin Police Department said they are working closely with the DUSD and continue to discourage students from participating in the game.

Assassin is a game played by high-school seniors in which participants are assigned a random target whom they must “assassinate” by tagging them

with a toy gun.

Historically, the weapon of choice for the game has been a Nerf gun. Soft, foamy and harmless, the gun hits its target without injury. In recent years, however, Nerf guns have increasingly been replaced with Orbeez guns, which shoot small, colorful water-absorbing beads.

When they hit a person,

they often leave a bruise.

“I think schools need to keep pace with what is happening and that this game is not being played with Nerf guns anymore,” said Meyers. “This is kind of like getting shot with a paint ball gun. They shoot hard and look more like a real gun.”

The DUSD situation is far from an anomaly. There are numerous reports of

litigation across the country from injuries to students from Orbeez guns. The toy gun is available online and there is no age limit to purchase one. Its modern look also comes with the potential for people to mistake it for a real gun.

Patrick Gannon, director of communication for the Pleasanton Unified School District, said the district

sends out letters to the school community each year reminding families of the hazards of the game.

The senior prank game has spurred warnings from the schools and police for years. But aside from the potential dangers of being injured by one of the guns, there is also another hazard — playing the game while behind the wheel.

“Driving while playing a game can be very distracting leading to potential danger,” said CHP Officer Tyler Hahn. “Often, high-school teens are driving together trying to either follow or be ‘sneaky’ to ‘ambush’ their target in the game. Driving may not be the focus, rather trying to locate the other person ... It’s a recipe for disaster.”

RECALL

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began in mid-January. A statement from the group’s Committee to Recall School Board Trustees Jergensen & Hurley called the signature drive successful, but declined to share how many people signed their petitions.

“More Sunol voters signed to recall Trustees Jergensen and Hurley than voted for either of them into office,” the statement said. “The Registrar of Voters has up to 30 days to verify the signatures and will advise the committee on the next steps at that time.”

The recall drive followed a series of contentious board meetings in which Jergensen and Hurley voted 2-1 — with Trustee Ted Romo in opposition — to stop the district from flying the multicolored LGBTQ Pride flag and other non-U.S. or

California flags on school property.

Sunol Glen Superintendent and Principal Molleen Barnes recently announced plans to retire in June, citing the flag controversy as a factor in her decision.

With about 800 registered voters in Sunol, USG needed about 30% of voters to put their names on petitions. About 70% of the district’s 265 students are transfers from other districts, so their parents would not be included in the election.

Once the Registrar’s office has completed its work, officials will notify the Sunol Glen school board — where Hurley and Jergensen hold two of the three seats — that an election must be held between 88 and 125 days later. If the board fails to do that, the Registrar will schedule the date.

In its statement, the USG recall committee suggested the election will be unnecessary if Jergensen and Hurley resign.

“The reality is that both trustees have lost the trust and confidence of Sunol Glen teachers, staff and the great Sunol community,” the committee said. “Given that and the results of our recall efforts, there is no way for these trustees to successfully move forward as the leadership of the Sunol Glen Unified School District.

“The committee feels the respectable thing would be for both trustees to resign and step aside. This would allow new leadership to be put in place immediately and without the burden and delay of the recall process.”

USG, composed of parents and former board members, accused Jergensen and Hurley of refusing to listen to

them, violating board rules, disrespecting staff and losing the community’s trust.

“The committee and many Sunolians who have signed the petition would see (Jergensen’s and Hurley’s) resignations as an act of good faith and applaud their courage to do the right thing,” the committee said. “We all wish to return to the beauty and charm of the Sunol Glen School and the greater Sunol community.”

Jergensen and Hurley have previously vowed to fight the recall, which they contend is an “outsider driven” and funded campaign.

Jergensen said he was unable to confirm for himself that the signatures were submitted.

The Independent did not get a return call or email response from the Registrar’s office.

Jergensen said he “heard that recall proponents have been getting many people from outside Sunol to sign the petitions.”

“We will have to wait and see what the voters of Sunol want,” Jergensen said. “I have also heard from many Sunolians who are very disappointed by the group bringing this recall effort and want the board to continue the business of the school board. That is what I will continue to do.”

Hurley did not respond to an email.

If a recall election is set and voters remove Jergensen and Hurley from the

board, or if they resign, the California Education Code requires that the governing board — which in this case would be Romo — appoint provisional board members to replace them or order a special election to fill the vacancies within 60 days. If Romo failed to do that, Alameda County Superintendent of Schools Superintendent Alysse Castro would schedule the election.

A similar situation occurred last year when Oakland Unified School District Trustee Mike Hutchinson resigned from his Region 5 seat, which was redistributed, to serve as the elected trustee for Region 4. Oakland’s Board of Trustees did not come to an agreement on a provisional appointment or schedule a special election by the deadline, so Castro called for the election, said Angela Ruggiero, a spokes-

person with the Alameda County Office of Education.

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United for Sunol Glen held a signature drive on Feb. 3 at the corner of Bond Street and Main Street in Sunol. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)

LAWSUIT

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his termination from the city last July was a form of whistleblower retaliation and not a result of workplace profanity, as cited in his termination email.

An audit of the city’s water system, conducted in 2022 under Repp’s direction, revealed the unpaid connection fees to Zone 7, according to his complaint. Repp notified City Manager Gerry Beaudin in June 2022 about the discrepancies, but he met disinterest and then anger from Beaudin, stated Repp’s complaint.

While Zone 7 declined to comment on the pending litigation, its complaint stated that the agency became aware of the underpayments through a “whistleblower” at the city “on or about June 14, 2022” and filed an initial claim, which outlined the underpayments, against the city that November.

“Upon receiving the claim of Zone 7 in November 2022, Gerry Beaudin ordered the utilities management department, through his assistant, to stop cooperating with Zone 7 in its

efforts to obtain information about the illegal 2016 installation,” according to Repp’s claim.

Beaudin served as the city’s director of community development between 2015 and 2019 before leaving, and then returning as city manager in May 2022.

The city declined to comment on the pending litigation.

Repp’s audit also uncovered other serious deficiencies with Pleasanton’s water system, according to his claim. It asserted that the

city’s water and wastewater enterprises were “incapable of managing and maintaining” their respective systems, lack a maintenance management system, and that 97% of the city’s sewers have “likely never been cleaned.”

“As a result, customers are paying for services they do not receive because (Pleasanton) lacks method, plan, equipment and knowledge to run the sewer maintenance program it charges for,” stated his claim.

CANCER

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Over the summer before her cancer diagnosis, she began to have trouble swallowing. The food would get stuck, and she’d have pain in her chest and have to drink water so the weight of it would push the food down. “Thinking back now, I’m like, how did I not go to the ER with that symptom?” she said.

Things did not get better; they just got worse, until one day she was eating tacos with her two young children and couldn’t swallow without pushing the food down with water. This symptom kept happening and that’s when an endoscopy was ordered, and when her stomach cancer journey began.

Now she’s on a crusade to inform and help others, and to encourage people to be their own advocates when it comes to their health. She admits she didn’t know enough to ask for an endoscopy.

She is joined on this crusade to raise awareness of the disease by the Florida-based DDF, which she said has been with her holding her hand every step of the way.

Basciani found the organization and her mentor

Colt Blunt on Reddit. “I was frantically Googling ‘who has survived stomach cancer at a young age?’” she said. She found Blunt, a stomach cancer survivor, who has given her hope and encouragement, and most importantly information and answers.

DDF was founded in 2009 by stomach cancer patient Debbie Zelman to fund research and treatment for stomach cancer and to raise awareness among the general population and healthcare providers.

In 2014, the organization took its cause to Congress to push for a bill to provide funding for research and prevention, and ultimately, a cure for the disease. The group has been going every year since to fight for advocacy and continued funding for stomach cancer, the fifth most common cancer in the world and the third most deadly.

According to a recent article published by National Geographic last month, stomach cancer is on the rise, especially in young women. The increase is particularly worrisome because the disease is often more virulent in women under 55, with whom the tumors are

more advanced at diagnosis and more aggressive, stated the article.

Basciani has already gone through four rounds of the most aggressive chemotherapy available, and her cancer has responded well. On March 1, she will undergo surgery for the total removal of her stomach, after which she will do another four rounds of chemo. She’s not sure what being a stomach-less survivor will be like yet.

The stomach-removal operation reduces the body’s ability to hold food and absorb nutrients, necessitating smaller, more frequent meals, according to the National Cancer Institute.

“At least I’m alive, and here for my kids and that’s all that matters, you know,” she said. “After I fight this, I’m going to Congress with Debbie’s Dream Foundation.”

She added, “I don’t want to go back and have regrets, but it’s just like, man, I wish that I would have just listened to my body a little bit more and I wish that I didn’t have a gluten and lactose intolerance because I kept blaming my symptoms on those.”

Basciani, whose 44th birthday passed her by in a wave of shock and fear said, “I couldn’t celebrate my birthday. So, when I turn 45, I’m gonna double celebrate.”

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Dublin Arts Collective Brings Womanhood Art Show to Keypoint Credit Union

By Hannah Ferguson

In honor of International Women’s Day on March 8, the Dublin Arts Collective (DAC) will display conceptual womanhood art at Dublin’s KeyPoint Credit Union, an on-going sponsor of the DAC. The show will run from March 8 to March 30.

“Our customers are very

intrigued by the art and often ask questions about the art and artists,” said Sam Sy, a Key-Point Credit Union associate.

The gallery pieces are not only for display, but are also for sale. Prices start around \$100 and can exceed \$1,000. According to Sy, the art pieces are frequently sold, which helps the local artists in their careers.

DAC is a nonprofit orga-

nization that promotes visual arts in the City of Dublin by representing more than 120 Tri-Valley artists.

In addition to Keypoint, DAC has exhibits all across the city of Dublin, adding color and beauty to restaurants and public institutions. These visual art pieces include watercolor, acrylic, photography and more.

You can see the spring circuit pieces at the Dublin Public Library, Patxi’s Pizza, and the Dublin San Ramon Services District through May 31.

Julia Tomtania is the president and executive director of the DAC. Although busy as a mother of four, being an artist matters a lot to her. “It’s part of my livelihood. It’s a story of my life,” she said.

The goal of the DAC is to “bring awareness to art and artisans, as they are not a big highlight in Dublin,” Tomtania said.

Dennis Baker, a member of the collective, added that it is important for the artists to display their works because “the act of creating something isn’t entirely fulfilled until it is shared.”

Baker also runs a non-profit organization called Alliance for the Visual Arts, which supports and promotes nine art organizations and 86 artists in the Tri-Valley.

He summarized his view by saying, “Art is translating how you relate to the world, your experiences and your emotional reaction to everything around you.”

ASSEMBLY

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the political ring is Republican Marti Souza, a minister who serves a congregation in southern Alameda County.

The 24th Assembly District includes the San Francisco Bay communities of Sunol in Alameda County, Newark and Union City to the west of Sunol, and stretches south to Milpitas and San Jose along the Bayshore Freeway and McKee Road in Santa Clara County.

The top two vote getters among the three will advance to the general election in November.

In the 2022 general election, Lee outdistanced Brunton 75,232 (69.1%) to 33,662 (30.9%). That was slightly closer than Lee’s winning margin in 2020, when he won re-election over Brunton, 135,733 (70.5%) to 56,775 (29.5%).

Alex Lee

In earning his first term in the Assembly in 2020, Lee became the youngest California state lawmaker elected in 82 years. Four years later, Lee, 28, appears to have gotten his legislative sea legs. By last fall, he

managed to push 11 bills across the governor’s desk for signature.

Of these, Assembly Bill 1627 preserves the state’s authority to implement the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, and Assembly Bill 413 calls for making roads safer for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists by keeping 20 feet of an intersection or crosswalk’s approach side clear of stopped vehicles — a safety measure known as daylighting.

“My bills are rooted in addressing the most pressing issues to the constituents of Assembly District 24 and Californians at large, which include the housing crisis, traffic fatalities, and environmental inequalities,” Lee said.

In 2022, Lee introduced Assembly Bill 2053 to create a California Housing Authority that would preserve homes that are “union built, sustainable, collectively owned, affordable for all income levels and financially self-sustaining,” according to his website.

The following year, the governor signed Assembly Bill 652, authored by Lee,

which enables communities disproportionately impacted by pesticides to give their input through a new Environmental Justice Advisory committee.

Flooding and natural disasters, such as the recent collapse and subsequent closure of a portion of Niles Canyon Road, are immediate issues that Lee believes he can now address, using his position in the Assembly to bring resources to resolve them.

Tackling the budget deficit is another important challenge he expects to face if re-elected.

“It will mean defending the progress we’ve made and ensuring that we look at all options — including revenue options like taxing billionaires — to make sure our social safety net, school funding, and climate goals are being supported,” Lee said.

Lee sees returning to the Assembly as an opportunity to continue addressing the housing crisis and building our communities for the common good and not for profit.

“As Chair of the Legislative Progressive Caucus, I am proud to lead the fight to

build social housing, establish universal healthcare, combat climate change, defend everyone’s civil rights — especially LGBTQ+ families — uplift our unhoused neighbors, and root out corporate special interest money from our elections,” Lee said.

He has called both San Jose and Milpitas home for all his life, according to his website.

Bob Brunton

Brunton, a Certified Financial Planner who specializes in business planning and retirement planning, cited proven leadership, extensive business experience, and a practical and creative style to solving problems as qualities he brings to the table.

His political chops were honed while serving 12 years on the Ohlone Community College District Board, having been elected to three four-year terms as trustee.

While running as a Republican, the 65-year-old resident of Fremont touts his membership in the Non-Partisan Problem Solvers Caucus and other groups that advocate for solutions and minimize politics.

“The biggest challenges to moving forward (are) our state’s financial structural deficit, and lack of courage, and lack of vision by our current leaders,” said Brunton. In addition, he notes the problem of overcoming “the reluctance of defenders of the status quo to change and adapt to the future needs of Californians.”

Having owned and operated businesses in California in architectural services, electronics manufacturing and wealth management sectors for more than 40 years, including southern Alameda County, Brunton cited an understanding and appreciation for the opportunities and challenges of operating a business in the state.

His connection to the community is further rooted in past or current association with the Fremont Rotary, Fremont Education Foundation, Newark Toastmasters, Milpitas Cares, Milpitas Chamber of Commerce, San Jose Business Groups, and Santa Clara County Leadership programs.

“I am ready to go,” he said, if elected to the Assembly seat. “I am even more

qualified than the person currently in the office.”

The current race marks Bruton’s sixth attempt at the Assembly seat for his district, which previously was the 25th before it became the 24th in 2022. He went down to defeat to Democrat incumbent Kansen Chu by similar wide margins in the 2014, 2016, and 2018 General Elections, losing by margins ranging from 32,000 to 67,000 votes.

Marti Souza

Also challenging for the Assembly seat is Souza, a political newcomer.

She has been involved in ministry since 1996, and currently is a senior pastor of Freedom Culture Church in Fremont, which grew out of Voice of Triumph Church.

According to the church’s website, “her ministry ushers the father’s heart of kindness, love and integrity to champion, empower, and commission God’s people within our communities, regions and the global family.”

Neither Souza, nor her campaign website, could be reached for more information before press time.

SENATE

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former Los Angeles Dodgers and San Diego Padres star Steve Garvey are the top Republicans.

The ultimate winner will replace Sen. LaPhonza Butler, whom Gov. Gavin Newsom appointed to the position following Sen. Dianne Feinstein’s death last September. Feinstein held the job since 1993. Butler is not running to retain the seat.

Voters will select a candidate to fill the final two months of Feinstein’s term ending Jan. 3, 2025, and a senator for a full six-year term to start that day. The races will be presented separately, with the same candidates, on the ballot.

An Emerson College Polling/Inside California Politics/The Hill poll released Feb. 19 showed Schiff leading with 28%; Garvey in second with 22%; Porter with 16%; Lee at 9% and Early at 2.3%. Seventeen percent were undecided.

If polling is correct, the battle in the race is for second place. If Garvey can beat Porter, it would set up a November ballot where Schiff would likely beat Garvey because Democrats outnumber Republicans nearly 2-1 in California, according to recent statistics. If Porter or



Eric Early

Lee takes second, it would set up a battle of Democrats.

Here are the candidates:

Eric Early

The co-owner and managing partner of a Los Angeles law firm, Eric Early has received endorsements from numerous statewide Republican organizations, including those in San Francisco, San Mateo and Sonoma counties.

On his campaign website, Early said that if he is elected, he would work to “cut overly burdensome regulations that get in the way of entrepreneurship and job creation,” and stand up to the “Socialist woke interests that control Washington, D.C.”

Before his law career, Early worked in entertainment, producing the animated children’s shows “G.I. Joe” and “Jem and the Holograms.”



Steve Garvey

A strong supporter of former President Donald Trump, Early’s platform includes conservative views, such as restrictions on abortion, prohibiting critical race theory and gender identity education in schools; as well as disallowing transgender athletes from playing on the teams of their gender. During a losing bid for attorney general in 2022, Early offered a platform that included broad 2nd Amendment gun ownership rights and abortion restrictions.

The Los Angeles resident ran against Schiff for his Congressional seat in 2020. He ran and lost for the California attorney general seat in 2018 and 2022.

Steve Garvey

Garvey is making his first attempt at elected office following a baseball career starring for the Los Angeles Dodgers and San Diego Padres in the 1970s and 80s.

A Republican, Garvey was the National League’s Most Valuable Player in 1974, and a 10-time All-Star who helped lead the Dodgers to the World Series title in 1981. He holds the record for most consecutive games played in the National League: 1,207.

Following his baseball career, Garvey entered the marketing world; hosted “Baseball’s Greatest Games” on television; and assisted numerous charities, including the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Special Olympics and United Way.

Garvey’s agenda includes solving homelessness through mental health care, addiction treatment, and affordable housing; reducing government waste to improve Californians’ quality of life; backing law enforcement with training, funding, and crime prevention strategies; working with U.S. allies on national



Barbara Lee

security; supporting Israel and Ukraine; securing the border and finding “practical pathways to citizenship”; balancing the state’s environmental needs with cities and agricultural water demands; promoting clean energy, preserving natural beauty and reducing carbon emissions; and improving education.

Garvey is endorsed by the San Diego Police Officers Association.

Barbara Lee

Lee is seeking a Senate seat after serving in the House of Representatives since 1998. She represents the 13th District, which includes Alameda, Berkeley, Albany, Oakland, Emeryville, Piedmont, San Leandro and much of San Lorenzo.

Lee’s political career includes six years in the California Assembly, and two years in the State Senate. In Congress, she chaired the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Progressive Caucus. She was the lone vote against authorizing use of force following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. She also voted against the Patriot Act, which gave law enforcement more authority to battle terrorism. In 2005, she was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize.

Lee’s priorities are climate action, including co-sponsoring the Green New Deal, which would provide funding to state and local governments to curb carbon emissions; Medicare for All; codifying Roe v. Wade; slashing the defense budget and “opposing endless wars”; expanding benefits for housing, childcare and food programs; increasing taxes on corporations and billionaires; funding public education; eliminating student debt; and investing



Katie Porter

in affordable housing and support for renters.

Lee is endorsed by numerous progressives, including San Francisco Mayor London Breed; Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson; numerous labor and Democratic organizations; and the Sacramento Bee. U.S. Rep. Mark DeSaulnier, whose district includes Dublin, and former U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney, who is running for the District 5 State Senate seat, also endorsed Lee.

Katie Porter

Like Lee and Schiff, Porter is looking to move to the Senate from the House of Representatives, where she has served Orange County residents since 2019. She was the first Democrat to flip the normally Republican 45th District, which includes Tustin, Irvine and portions of Anaheim.

A former law professor, Porter is well known for her challenging questions to Trump administration officials, as well as bank and corporation executives during committee hearings. She has refused to take political action committee funding and donations from oil and pharmaceutical companies, or from banks.

Porter’s priorities include detailed plans to build housing, including funding for construction or renovation of triplexes and townhomes for first-time buyers; improving tax credits and government loan guarantees; mortgage programs; banning earmarks and stock trading by senators; halting PAC donations; and abolishing the filibuster. She believes in Medicare for All; protecting women’s reproductive rights; and canceling student debt.

Porter is endorsed by numerous labor groups; Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mas-



Adam Schiff

sachusetts; State Sen. Scott Wiener of San Francisco; and the San Francisco Chronicle.

Adam Schiff

Schiff is completing his 12th term in the House of Representatives serving the 30th District, a Southern California district that includes Burbank, Hollywood, Pasadena, West Hollywood and Universal City. The district includes notable businesses and sites, such as Disney Studios, the Dolby Theater, the Rose Bowl, Paramount Studios and the Hollywood Sign.

Recent polls show the Democrat leading with 21% of voters behind him. Schiff served as an assistant U.S. Attorney and four years in the state legislature before his election to Congress in 2001.

In recent years, Schiff served as chair of the House Intelligence Committee, leading the investigation into former President Donald Trump for allegedly withholding aid from Ukraine. Schiff then served as lead prosecutor in Trump’s first impeachment trial in the Senate. Former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi appointed Schiff to serve on the Jan. 6 committee that investigated whether Trump tried to overturn the 2020 election and encouraged the riot at the Capitol as Congress gathered to certify the election of President Joseph Biden.

On his campaign website, Schiff listed his top priorities as affordable housing, health care, voting rights, climate action and protecting the environment, education and public safety.

Schiff’s endorsements include Pelosi; Tri-Valley U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell; Tri-Valley Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan; numerous labor organizations; and the Los Angeles Times. McNerney and DeSaulnier also endorsed Schiff.



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OBITUARIES

Lorena Hernandez Carmona May 11, 1977 — Nov. 19, 2023

Lorena Hernandez Carmona passed away peacefully on Nov. 19, 2023, in Livermore, California, with her mother, Saralinda Lewis, and sister, Carmen Grundy, at her side. Born on May 11, 1977 in San Jose, California, Lorena was a beloved and cherished member of her community, both near and far.

Lorena was known for her sense of humor, honesty, and above all, her fierce loyalty. She touched the lives of many with her kindness and generosity, especially within the underserved communities of the Bay Area.

Lorena will be deeply missed by her loving family members, friends, colleagues, and those in the community she served. She is survived by her mother, Saralinda Lewis, and father, Jesus Hernandez; her daughter, Isabella, and



son, Isaiah (Jacqueline); the apple of her eye, her grandson, Isaiah Jr.; siblings, Augie Sanchez (Linda Masterson), Carmen Grundy (Richard), Bianca Valencia (Kevin), Celia Hernandez, Miguel Hernandez, Sandra Hernandez, and Jose DeJesus Hernandez. She held a special place in her heart for nephews and niece, Israel, Carmina, Aidan, and Ethan.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Tomas

Hernandez, and her grandparents, Carmelita Aguilar, Albert Lewis, Victorina Torres, and Miguel Hernandez.

A celebration of life to honor and celebrate Lorena's life will be held on Saturday, March 23, at Bethel Family Christian Center, 501 N. P Street, Livermore, California, 94551, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. All who knew her are welcome to attend and pay their respects.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Roots Community Health Center or The National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation in memory of Lorena Hernandez Carmona.

Lorena's legacy of kindness, commitment, and advocacy as a Community Health Worker will continue to inspire and resonate with those who had the privilege of knowing her. May she rest in peace.

Linda Angela Ryan Aug. 24, 1957 — Feb. 10, 2024

Linda joined her dad and mom, Renato and Lidia Bini, on Feb. 10, 2024. She was born in San Francisco and raised in Visitation Valley. Linda was proud of her "Valley" roots. She appreciated how "family" extended throughout the neighborhood. Linda felt a special bond with the late Kay Kwartz, her next-door neighbor. Linda considered Kay her second mom.

Linda attended Our Lady of the Visitation Grammar School and then Cathedral High School where she graduated in 1975. Linda was a very good student, but she really excelled at building friendships. Gifted with that welcoming smile and warm heart, people were drawn to her.

Linda attended college, but the lure of a paycheck was too much of a temptation. With her skill set, she excelled as a secretary. Linda worked for Hewlett Packard for 25 years, and also had stints with Livermore Valley Unified School District and Sandia Labs. Everywhere Linda went, she made more friends.

Linda married her hus-



band, Jim, in 1986 – initially, the smile, yes, but then, oh, so much more! They moved to Livermore in 1988 and were blessed with their son, Fitzjames, in 1994. Being Fitz's mom was a dream come true for Linda. And for Fitz, "Una mamma Italiana e una benediziona di Dio".

Linda enjoyed foreign travel, but when on the road, nothing made her as happy as when she was visiting her "Italian" Frediani cousins.

If Linda had a shortcoming, it was that she could never not put others ahead of herself. What a wonderful world this would be if

each of us was just a little like Linda.

Linda was a three-time cancer victor, a testament to her strength and determination. It is, however, unfortunate that her first victory required treatments using heavy doses of radiation. She beat the cancer, but her heart suffered. Ultimately, Linda died of heart failure.

Linda leaves behind her husband, Jim, her son, Fitz, brother Alex (Nancy) Bini, nephews and nieces Eric, Kevin, Joe, Kristin, Amanda and Katie, sisters-in-law Mary Anne Wold and Maureen Hatfield, as well as sisters in spirit, Sue Muzzin, Nancy Tonna, Andre Changan and so many others.

A funeral Mass will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore, California on March 2, 2024, at 11 a.m.

Rather than flowers, consider an extra act of kindness or a comforting smile where you see a need. A donation to a charity that fosters human dignity would also be appreciated.

Donna Verlene Garvis-Wagner April 9, 1939 — Feb. 6, 2024

Donna Verlene Garvis-Wagner, 84, of Queen Creek, Arizona passed away on Feb. 6, 2024, from complications of pneumonia. She was born in Visalia, California on Easter Sunday, April 9, 1939, to June and Don Thomas. She attended Mt. Whitney High School and San Jose Bible College.

Verlene married Darrel "Corky" Garvis in 1959, and together they had three children, Donette, Darren and Derek. Following Corky's passing, Verlene was blessed to find love again and was

married to Norman R. Wagner of Livermore, California. Verlene fervently loved the Lord and loved music. She loved to sing and learned to play the piano at an early age. She loved to sing in her church choir, as well as playing the piano for church services.

Verlene is survived by her daughter Donette Pelitera and her husband Perry, her son Darren Garvis and his wife Sabrina, as well as her beautiful grandchildren. Verlene is also survived by her two sisters Lorna

Gay Foster and her husband John, Cheryl Maloney and her husband Tom, her brother Don Thomas and his wife, Kathy. She is also survived by her precious nieces and nephews whom she loved so very much. She was preceded in death by her parents, her infant son Derek, her first husband Corky Garvis, as well as her second husband Norman Wagner.

Graveside memorial services will be held in Paradise Cemetery on March 4, 2024, at 11 a.m.

Linda Mae Sullivan Sep. 27, 1948 — Feb. 19, 2024

Linda Mae Sullivan (Leyva-Rocha) passed away on February 19, 2024, at home with her husband and daughter at her side, surrounded by her family.

Linda Mae was born on September 27, 1948, in Livermore, California to parents Miguel and Marguerita Rocha (Leyva). Linda attended Livermore High School and was a retired bus driver for the disabled.

She filled her days with devotion to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, gardening, antiquing, fishing and traveling with her husband.

She will always be known as "Non"ne" not only by her



grandchildren but all those whose hearts she touched who grew to become part of her family. "The world was a better place with her in it and our loss is definitely heaven's gain."

Linda Mae was preceded in death by her children Mi-

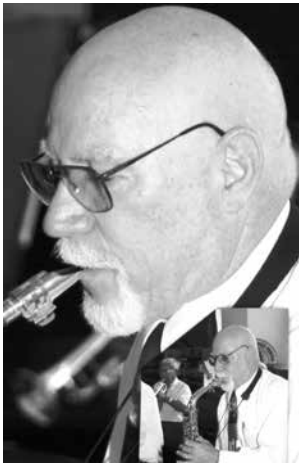
chelle (Sullivan) Ferrario, Clifford Sullivan Jr. and her siblings Gilbert, Crisanto, and Norma Jean Rocha.

Linda Mae is survived by her husband of 56 years, Clifford Sullivan Sr. She spent every day happily "Standing by her Man," the love of her life.

She is also survived by her daughter, Dawn (Sullivan) Erler, grandchildren Carrie Sullivan, Casey Santos, Bailey Guido, Coty Guido, Buddy Holmes, Kailey Inman, Jonna DeLonge, and Kelsey Sullivan, as well as 16 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of her beautiful life will be held at a later date.

Kenneth Dale Salomon July 21, 1937 — Jan. 9, 2024



Ken Salomon passed away peacefully at his home in Pleasanton on January 9, 2024, at the age of 86 after a long and courageous battle with cancer and a lifetime trying to make the world a better place. Born in San Francisco in 1937 to Albert and Laura Salomon, he lived much of his life in the Bay Area.

Emulating his Navy father whom he adored, Ken took up the saxophone in elementary school and played in Hayward Union High School's Marching and Jazz Bands. Upon graduation in 1955, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force (1955-59) having auditioned and been promised a music billet. He was stationed at Langley Field Air Force Base in Hampton, Virginia, playing baritone sax for the band that backed up the DC Capital Band, and once had the opportunity to play for Queen Elizabeth II. He transferred to Eielson AFB in Alaska where he played with the AFB "Modernaires" dance band weekly, and was honorably discharged in 1959. Loving Alaska, he continued to work various jobs until Alaska became a state and he could no longer afford to live there. He returned to California and joined the U.S. Navy Reserve's Electronic Security from 1961-62.

Ken had many stories of his job as a B of A vault teller and as a bartender in the Sacramento area. As a bartender, he learned not only to listen but also to hear people. Relocating to Fremont, he met Mary Viola Barnes at the Fremont Bowl; it was love at first sight. They married in 1963, eventually moving to Calaveras County with Vi's children and their young daughter to enjoy country life. Again, Ken worked as bartender, PG&E General Construction, and at whatever he could find to support his family.

From 1968 – 1982, Ken worked full time for the Calaveras Cement Company. Simultaneously, he completed training with Rescue 3 International as an EMT,

and as a Public Safety Diver and First Responder at Columbia Jr. College. He attended the Modesto Jr. College Sheriff Academy in 1968. As a Calaveras County Reserve Deputy Sheriff, Ken provided extra support to the Calaveras County Sheriff's Office, often working the famed Calaveras Frog Jump County Fair. Deeply committed to protecting their Sheep Ranch community, Ken and others helped start the Sheep Ranch Volunteer Fire Department, raising funds to build the firehouse by holding spaghetti feeds.

Law enforcement experience in Calaveras County led Ken to apply to the Chabot Jr. College Sheriff's Academy when the Calaveras Cement Plant was sold. At age 45, he was one of two older applicants accepted into the academy and was referred to as "Gramps." In January 1983, he joined the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, working at the Santa Rita and Glenn Dyer/North County Jails and at the Oakland Municipal Court.

In 1999, his wife of 36 years passed away, and after a period of grieving, he was persuaded by a co-worker to go on a blind date with Martha Martin. They married in 2001 and in January 2003, after 20 years as an Alameda County Deputy Sheriff, Ken retired to enjoy life and to follow his passion for music. During their 22 years of marriage, Ken and Marti traveled widely.

Nearing retirement, Ken joined several bands. He

was the Director of both the Aahmes Shrine Band and the USS Hornet Museum Band, retiring from the latter role in July 2018. He played with the Night Life Band, the Pleasanton Community Band, and the Castro Valley Reunion Band, What's Up Big Band, In Full Swing and was often asked to fill in with other bands.

Ken belonged to several service organizations. Attracted by their values of morality, charity and service, he joined the Calaveras Keystone Masonic Lodge #78 F & AM, San Andreas, California in 1972. Later he joined the Scottish Rite in Oakland and the Aahmes Shrine in Livermore.

A masterful storyteller with a deep, sometimes gravelly voice, Ken loved to recount experiences from his richly varied life. He always made efforts to treat others with kindness and respect. Whether they were disabled like his younger brother, Jerry, inmates in the county jail, friends or strangers, he regarded all as worthy of respect unless they proved otherwise.

Ken was predeceased by his parents, his wife, Mary Viola, infant daughter Francis Diane, and younger brother, Gerald Salomon. He is survived by his wife Martha (Marti), daughters Laura Lee Salomon, Betty Lou McGraw (Tom) and Barbara Ann Augusta (Leo), sons Mitchell Fee (Kim), Paul Fee (Lisa), and stepsons Mike Martin (Katie) and Josh Martin (Rebecca), 11 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, three great great-grandchildren and his beloved dog, Goldie.

A celebration of life will be held on March 16, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton, California, with reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ken's memory may be made to Northern California Shriner's Hospital for Children, Hope Hospice, or to Lynnewood United Methodist Church in Pleasanton.

Pleasanton Nonprofit Showcases New House for Adults With IDD

Tri-Valley REACH, a nonprofit that provides housing and other support services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), held a ribbon-cutting and open house this month for a recently purchased and renovated Camden Commons townhouse in Livermore's Springtown neighborhood.

The Pleasanton-based nonprofit said acquiring the townhouse begins a "new chapter of expansion" in providing "affordable, safe, and equitable living options for adults with IDD."

"As a result of this collaboration with the City of Livermore, [we] can now offer a beautiful, safe, and extremely affordable home to four more adults with IDD," said Kay King, who

chairs the nonprofit's board of directors.

The nonprofit purchases homes in existing neighborhoods, creating shared living spaces where each resident has a private bedroom and shares communal spaces.

According to the Tri-Valley REACH website, the nonprofit now owns 12 properties in Pleasanton and Livermore, providing housing for 42 tenants. The rental fees are income-based with rates as low as \$350 a month.

"The REACH shared housing model promotes inclusivity at its best, fostering relationships between residents and neighbors while facilitating independent living skills," King said. "Residents engage in every-

day activities like walking to the mailbox, setting out recycling, and waiting for a bus, fostering friendships and understanding among neighbors."



The Camden Commons townhouse adds to living options provided by Tri-Valley REACH (Photo courtesy: Ron Essex)

Author to Discuss San Francisco Ferry Building

Author John King will discuss his book, "Portal: San Francisco's Ferry Building and the Reinvention of American Cities," at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 10.

When the Ferry Building opened in 1898, it was seen as San Francisco's portal to the world, the terminus of the transcontinental railway and the Southern Pacific ferries, and a showcase of civic ambition with its soaring clock tower.

But with the completion of the Bay Bridge and the Golden Gate Bridge, both in the 1930s, ferry traffic fell

off and the Ferry Building began to fall into disuse. As King documents in his 2023 book, the rise of the automobile and double-deck freeways also cut off the city from the waterfront.

King's narrative, according to Amazon reviewers, "spans the rise and fall and rebirth of the Ferry Building."

"Rich with feats of engineering and civic imagination, his story introduces colorful figures who fought to preserve the Ferry Building's character (and the city's soul) from architect Arthur Page Brown and legendary columnist Herb Caen to poet Lawrence Fer-

linghetti and Sen. Dianne Feinstein," Amazon wrote.

The book was a New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice.

King is urban design critic for the San Francisco Chronicle and an honorary member of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

He has also written two other books about San Francisco architecture, "Cityscapes" and "Cityscapes 2: Reading the Architecture of San Francisco," covering 50 buildings in each volume.

The talk is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

Amador Valley Onto NorCal After 5-1 Loss

By Phil Jensen

The Amador Valley High School girls soccer team continued its season after being selected to play in the California Interscholastic Federation NorCal Division I playoffs this week.

Amador Valley (12-2-1) is the No. 7 seed and played at No. 2. Del Oro-Loomis (12-1-6) on Feb. 27 at 5 p.m. in a first-round match. The result of that match wasn't available at press time. The semifinals are Feb. 29 and the final is March 2.

The Dons fell to San Ramon Valley 5-1 in a North Coast Section Division I semifinal game on Feb. 21. Angel Akanyirige tied

the score at one when she dribbled down the middle of the field past a defender and fired a shot into the goal. However, the Wolves pulled away in the second half to win.

"Next year we hope to come back a little bit stronger," said Amador Valley coach Grant Matsumoto after the game. "It was a good group that came out wanting to win.

"It wasn't our best (in the semifinal) ... We learn from it, we move on from it."

Amador Valley, the No. 1 seed, had a hard time getting shots against the fourth-seeded Wolves. "We didn't connect the way that we wanted to," Matsumoto

said. "They pressed us high and it was something where we wanted to skip the line a little bit more. They were able to handle it a little bit."

The Dons and Wolves had split their matches entering the Feb. 21 game. San Ramon won the regular-season matchup 1-0 on Jan. 18, but the Dons were victorious in the EBAL playoff semifinal 2-1 on Feb. 8. Amador Valley went on to win the EBAL playoff championship as well as finishing first in the EBAL regular season.

In the NCS Division I playoffs, San Ramon Valley won the final 2-1 over No. 2. Carondelet on Feb. 24.



On Feb. 21, the Amador Valley Dons varsity girls soccer team fell to the San Ramon Wolves in the Semifinals 5 to 1. Above, Amador Valley's Angel Akanyirige controls the ball. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Dublin Boys Basketball Team Falls in Section Final

By Phil Jensen

It was a tough weekend for the Dublin High School boys basketball team.

On Feb. 24, host Dublin was unable to hold off Dougherty Valley in an incredibly close North Coast Section Division I championship game. Dougherty Valley outscored Dublin 9-6 in the final 90 seconds to prevail 64-61 in a game in which an extremely high number of fouls were called. Dougherty Valley had 29 free-throw attempts and Dublin had 21 attempts in the game.

The next day, Dublin found out it received the No. 16 seed in the California Interscholastic Federation NorCal Division I playoffs and traveled to play No. 1 Clovis West-Fresno (26-6) on Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. The result of that game was unavailable at press time. The second round is Feb. 29, and the semifinals are March 2. The final is March 5.

Against Dougherty Valley with a standing-room-only crowd in the Dublin gym on Feb. 24, the game was tied at 11 at the end of the first quarter. Dublin held leads of 24-20 at halftime

and 43-37 at the end of three quarters.

The Gaels' advantage grew to seven at 51-44 on a layup by Ramir Raymore off an assist by Jalen Stokes with 4 minutes, 50 seconds left in the game. But the Wildcats then went on a 14-4 run to take a lead they would not relinquish.

"Every possession matters," said Dublin coach Tom Costello after the game. "They got loose on the offensive glass for a couple before we got a couple ... I think defensively we were very, very good tonight."

Dougherty Valley's

Aadi Malali sank a long three-pointer for a 58-55 Dougherty Valley lead with 1:12 remaining in the game. A free throw by Stokes cut into that lead, but the Wildcats held a 60-56 advantage with 59.4 seconds remaining after two free throws by Jayden Doty.

However, Dublin cut that lead to two after a steal by Miles Pollard led to a layup with 31.2 seconds remaining. Malali pushed the lead back to four with two free throws with 23.9 seconds to go.

But Dublin, seeded third in the tournament, battled to the end. A three-pointer by Isaiah Wong with 3.2 seconds to play cut the Wildcats' lead to 62-61. Dougherty Valley's Kenny Cloud was immediately fouled, and he connected on both of his free throws for a 64-61 Wildcats advantage with 2.9 seconds to go. Wong was able to get a 3-pointer off before the horn sounded, but the shot bounced off the back rim. Dougherty Valley was 12 for 14 from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter, while Dublin was 1 for 2.

Stokes paced Dublin with 20 points and had game-highs of eight rebounds and six assists. Cameron Anderson added eight points and six rebounds for the Gaels in his first game back after missing the other tournament games with a shoulder injury. Evan Bautista and Pollard each added nine points for Dublin.

Fourth-seeded Dougherty Valley was paced in scoring by Cloud and Malali, who both had 21 points.

Granada Boys Basketball

The Matadors won the fifth-place game of the NCS Open Division playoffs 60-56 over visiting Clayton Valley Charter on Feb. 21. Granada

is the No. 4 seed in the CIF NorCal Division I playoffs and hosted No. 13 Inderkum-Sacramento on Feb. 27 after this edition went to press. If the Matadors won that game, they will host either St. Ignatius-San Francisco or Rocklin on Feb. 29 at 7 p.m. The semifinals are March 2, and the NorCal final is March 5.



Dublin's Isaiah Wong and Anthony Knight console each other after The Gaels' heart-breaking loss to the Dougherty Valley Wildcats in the NCS Divion 1 Championship game. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)



The Dublin Leprechauns signed David Aceron, above, to lead the minor league baseball team as manager in 2024. They will begin their season on May 28 at Fallon Sports Park in Dublin against the defending league champion, the San Rafael Pacifics. (Photo courtesy of the Dublin Leprechauns)

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The following person(s) doing business as: Minitropicalplants, 2093 Hill Ave, Hayward, CA 94541 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Thuypuong Grange, 2093 Hill Ave, Hayward, CA 94541. 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: 01/01/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Thuypuong Grange, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 18, 2024. Expires January 17, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5780. Published, February 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Xiangling C6, 2813 Shattuck Avenue, APT6, Berkeley, CA 94705 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Aqshems Meten Nichols, 2813 Shattuck Avenue, Apt6, Berkeley, CA 94705. 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: 9/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Aqshems Meten Nichols, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 29, 2024. Expires January 28, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5781. Published, February 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

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The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Xpro Auto Glass; 2. Gateway Auto Glass, 5820 Stoneridge Mall Rd #106, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Everloop Capital, LLC, 2511 Brenford Drive, San Jose, CA 94511. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 12/12/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: David, Loo, Owner/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 19, 2024. Expires January 18, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5782. Published, February 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Koffee Time, 618 Main Street, Suite A, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Olguin & Hernandez LLC, 618 Main Street, Suite A, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed

above: 1/29/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ruth Olguin, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 29, 2024. Expires January 28, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5783. Published, February 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603424

The following person(s) doing business as: Apex Pools, 1183 Kottlinger Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Eric Beau Hoff, 1807 Santa Rita Rd., Unit H276, 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: 1/5/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Eric Beau Hoff, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 17, 2024. Expires January 16, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5784. Published, February 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Sparkling Clean Mobile, 2275 Stoneridge Road, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Kathy Lam, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 29, 2024. Expires January 28, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5785. Published, February 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Butterfly Knoll, 7373 Lambert Hills Ct., Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Borui Shen, 7373 Lambert Hills Ct., Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/22/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Brui Shen, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 26, 2024. Expires January 25, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5786. Published, February 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

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The following person(s) doing business as: United Smiles, 1523 N Vasco Rd., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Shahn Doshi Dental Corporation, 1523 N Vasco, Rd., Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Hetal Shah, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 30, 2024. Expires January 29, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5787. Published, February 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

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The following person(s) doing business as: 1. PenseTu Consulting; 2. Sainte Sophie Suceries, 2323 Broadway, #219, Oakland, CA 94612 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): PenseTu LLC, 2323 Broadway, #219, Oakland, CA 94612.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Leisel Whittlock, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 19, 2024. Expires January 18, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5788. Published, February 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Triangle Construction Tri-Valley, Inc., 4463 Buckskin Ct., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Triangle Construction Tri-Valley, Inc., 4463 Buckskin Ct., Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Daniel Curtis, President.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Techno Diesel, LLC, 65 Trevano Rd., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Techno Diesel, LLC, 2150 Portola Ave Suite D #253, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 3/11/2014. Signature of Registrant/s/: Verence Alvarez, Officer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 31, 2024. Expires January 30, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5792. Published, February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603944

The following person(s) doing business as: Verge Landscapes, 3414 Curran Way, Oakland, CA 94602-3214 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jean Koch, 3414 Curran Way, Oakland, CA 94602-3214. 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/: Jean Koch, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 7, 2024. Expires February 6, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5793. Published, February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 2024.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Sabrina Relan Real Estate, 3051 Quantum Dr., #4503, Fremont, CA 94538 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sabrina Relan, Inc., 3051 Quantum Dr., #4503, Fremont, CA 94538. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant

first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Rakesh Relan, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 26, 2024. Expires January 25, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5796. Published, February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 2024.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Kant Kaw, 5811 Highwood Road, Castro Valley, CA 94552 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Amy Sano, 5811 Highwood Road, Castro Valley, CA 94552. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mary Muszynski, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 12, 2024. Expires January 11, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5797. Published, February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 2024.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Landible, 1400 Shattuck Ave, Ste 12, Berkeley, CA 94709. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mary Muszynski, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 7, 2024. Expires February 6, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5798. Published, February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 2024.

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The following person(s) doing business as: star Tae Kwon Do Academy, 1490 N. Vasco Road, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Seong Gon Ha, 1490 N. Vasco Road, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/25/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Seong Gon Ha, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 30, 2024. Expires January 29, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5800. Published, February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603770

The following person(s) doing business as: Alloravida, 720 Alleen St., Oakland, CA 94609 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Paola Ester Flora Tisker, 720 Alleen St., Oakland, CA 94609. 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: 1/1/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Paola Ester Flora Tisker, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 1, 2024. Expires January 31, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5801. Published, February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603671

The following person(s) doing business as: Save Plumbing, 213 Dutra Vernaci Dr., Union City, CA 94587 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mohammad Hussainkhail, 213 Dutra Vernaci Dr., Union City, CA 94587. 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: 7/19/2017. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mohammad Hussainkhail, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 29, 2024. Expires January 28, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5802. Published, February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603992

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Mathematical Sciences Research Institute 2. MSRI, 17 Gauss Way, Berkeley, CA 94720 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Simons Laufer Mathematical Sciences Institute, 17 Gauss Way, Berkeley, CA 94720. 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: 07/10/1979. Signature of Registrant/s/: Tatiana Toro, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 9, 2024. Expires February 8, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5803. Published, February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603993

The following person(s) doing business as: SL Math, 17 Gauss Way, Berkeley, CA 94720 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Simons Laufer Mathematical Sciences Institute, 17 Gauss Way, Berkeley, CA 94720. 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: 08/17/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Tatiana Toro, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 9, 2024. Expires February 8, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5804. Published, February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603914

The following person(s) doing business as: Ru Yi Herbs, 35201 Newark Blvd Suite G, Newark, CA 94560 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Runkang Inc., 1740 N. Milpitas Blvd, Milpitas CA 95035. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/22/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Winnie Huang. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 6, 2024. Expires February 5, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5805. Published, February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604017

The following person(s) doing business as: Heartbeat Health Education, 309 Olivina Ave, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Brandon Recht, 309 Olivina Ave, Livermore, CA 94551. 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: 2/12/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Brandon Recht, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 13, 2024. Expires February 12, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5806. Published, February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603501

The following person(s) doing business as: Onix Concepts, 2022 Elm Street, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Miguel A. Escamilla, 2022 Elm St., Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Miguel A. Escamilla. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 22, 2024. Expires January 21, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5807. Published, February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606881

The following person(s) doing business as: Sherry's, 2213 Va Espada, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lingying Xia, . 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/: Lingying Xia, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 6, 2024. Expires February 5, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5808. Published, February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603571

The following person(s) doing business as: AMS Construction Services, 1063 Serpentine Lane, Ste. B, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Association Maintenance Services Inc., P O Box, 157, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/1/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Michelle McNamara, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 23, 2024. Expires January 22, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5809. Published, February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603839

The following person(s) doing business as: QMS MDR Consulting, 4220 Patricia Ave, Fremont, CA 94536 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Perry Fukui, 4220 Patricia Ave, Fremont, CA 94536. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2/1/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Perry Fukui, Sole Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 5, 2024. Expires February 4, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5810. Published, February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603752

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Immovable Lock; 2. Immovable Locksmiths, 3406 Redhook Lane, Alameda, CA 94502 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Austin Munger, 3406 Redhook Lane, Alameda, CA 94502. 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: 07/10/1979. Signature of Registrant/s/: Tatiana Toro, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 9, 2024. Expires February 8, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5803. Published, February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 2024.

11/1/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Austin Munger, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 31, 2024. Expires January 30, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5811. Published, February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604070

The following person(s) doing business as: Rumi Creamery, 651 Folsom Ave, Hayward, CA 94544 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bon Mange Sweets Inc., 651 Folsom Ave, Hayward, CA 94544. This business is registered by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2/15/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Omid Mehdavi, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 15, 2024. Expires February 14, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5812. Published, February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603600

The following person(s) doing business as: Brow Care Studio, 1491 Cedarwood Ln., Ste. A, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Candice D. Nguyen, 1491 Cedarwood Ln., Ste. A, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/24/24. Signature of Registrant/s/: Candice D. Nguyen, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 24, 2024. Expires January 23, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5813. Published, February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 2024.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603985

The following person(s) doing business as: ATJ Transportation, 1535 Rubino Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Adrienne Thomas, 1535 Rubino Court, 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: 1/22/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Winnie Huang. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 6, 2024. Expires February 5, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5805. Published, February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 2024.

fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/1/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Adrienne Rubino, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 29, 2024. Expires January 28, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5816. Published, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604063

The following person(s) doing business as: Red Lime Real Estate Investments, 6200 Stoneridge Mall Rd., Ste 300, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Brown Developments, Inc., 6200 Stoneridge Mall Rd., Ste 300, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/29/2014. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jacqueline Brown, COO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 14, 2024. Expires February 13, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5817. Published, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603747

The following person(s) doing business as: GVCI, 43456 Ellsworth ST. #3513, Fremont, CA 94539 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): GVCI, 43456 Ellsworth ST. #3513, Fremont, CA 94539. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/31/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Tae Woon Chon, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 31, 2024. Expires January 30, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 5818. Published, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604114

The following person(s) doing business as: Opuenz, 1305 Mersey Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94579 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Maria Lara, 1305 Mersey Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94579; John Michael Salvatierra, 1305 Mersey Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94579. 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: 2/20/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Maria Lara, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 20, 2024. Expires February 19, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5819. Published, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604126

The following person(s) doing business as: JDL Construction, 4900 Hopyard Road, Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): JDL Construction, 4900 Hopyard Road, Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jared Vick, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 20, 2024. Expires February 19, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5820. Published, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603953

The following person(s) doing business as: Panosa Bakery, 2718 College Avenue #2, Berkeley, CA 94705-1244 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bianca Hsieh, 2718 College Avenue #2, Berkeley, CA 94705. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2/7/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Bianca Hsieh, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 7, 2024. Expires February 6, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5821. Published, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604113

The following person(s) doing business as: Juice Appeal, 150 Berkeley Square, Berkeley, CA 94704 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ilham Al Hafnawi, 2305 Helena CT, Pinole, CA 94564. 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/: Ilham Al Hafnawi, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 19, 2024. Expires February 18, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5822. Published, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603873

The following person(s) doing business as: Travel Tonic, 7961 Millbrook Avenue, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Toni Chen, 7961 Millbrook Avenue, 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/: Toni Chen, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 5, 2024. Expires February 4, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5823. Published, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604156

The following person(s) doing business as: Dublin Grocery Outlet, 7991 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sub Ek Inc., 2630 Bayshore Blvd, San Francisco, CA 94134. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2/21/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Harjinderpal Bhatti, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 21, 2024. Expires February 20, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5824. Published, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604121

The following person(s) doing business as: Inches Bamboo Garden Dublin, 4100 Grafton St., Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): PBK Ventures Inc., 4100 Grafton St., Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Sandeep Kumar, President. This statement was

filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 20, 2024. Expires February 19, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5825. Published, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604150

The following person(s) doing business as: Little Beast Coffee, 662 66th Street, CA 94509-1004 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Matthew Gosline, 662 66th Street, CA 94509. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2/20/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Matthew Gosline, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 21, 2024. Expires February 20, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5826. Published, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604116

The following person(s) doing business as: GMJ888, 1305 Mersey Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94579 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Maria Lara, 1305 Mersey Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94579; John Michael Salvatierra, 1305 Mersey Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94579. 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: 9/20/2018. Signature of Registrant/s/: Maria Lara, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 20, 2024. Expires February 19, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5827. Published, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604132

The following person(s) doing business as: Aligned Life Independent Living, 18958 Standish Ave, Hayward, CA 94541 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Aligned Life Independent Living, 18958 Standish Ave, Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2/20/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Anita C. Paule, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 20, 2024. Expires February 19, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5828. Published, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604189

The following person(s) doing business as: Vanpros, 4432 Enterprise St. #R, Fremont, CA 94538 is hereby registered by

the following owner(s): Skaf Commercial Fleets, LLC., 1642 Douglas CT., Fremont, CA 94539. 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: 2/22/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Nabil Alskaf, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 22, 2024. Expires February 21, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5829. Published, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604007

The following person(s) doing business as: Logowear Group, 711 Los Alamos Ave, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Claudia Bustos, 711 Los Alamos Ave, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Claudia Bustos, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 9, 2024. Expires February 8, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5830. Published, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024.

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