

Livermore Council Revisions to Downtown Hotel Parking Plan Finalized

By Aly Brown

LIVERMORE — The city council unanimously approved revisions to the downtown hotel plan by 2205 Railroad Avenue LLC, also known by its parent company Presidio.

The changes resulted in the removal of an underground parking garage from the design for a 133-room hotel on the southeast corner of Railroad Avenue and South Livermore Avenue. The project will now include on-site surface and off-site valet parking.

"I'm very much in support of this," Councilmember Robert Carling said. "I hope that we can move forward."

Carling expressed appreciation for Presidio's patience throughout the years of delays, including Measure P and a worldwide pandemic. The project has seen its share of local controversy and been the subject of a referendum and political action.

During Monday's meeting this week, public commenters also spoke in favor of the revisions with a theme of urgency to move forward with the hotel viewed as a critical tourism component for the local Wine Country. Livermore Valley Chamber

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Attorneys Disagree on Eden Housing Referendum

LIVERMORE — After Barry Fadem of Fadem & Associates LLC law firm initiated a referendum process on May 27 on behalf of Richard Ryon, City Attorney Jason Alcala issued a report stating that a referendum could not be invoked for administrative acts.

Alcala presented the report at the end of Monday's city council meeting, in what community group Save Livermore Downtown (SLD), speaking through its attorney Winston Stromberg of Latham & Watkins LLP, has called a "thinly veiled response" to the current referendum petition. Signature

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Warm temperatures didn't dampen the spirits of these Granada High School seniors as they celebrated the school's 56th commencement ceremony on Friday, June 10 in Livermore. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

City Council Approves Ordinance For Arnold Road Senior Care Plan

By David Jen

DUBLIN — The city council greenlighted its second eldercare project in as many meetings on June 7 with the unanimous introduction of an ordinance in support of the Dublin Senior Living Project.

The ordinance included approvals for a planned development rezone with a stage one and stage two development plan, and a site development review permit.

The project by South Bay Partners LLC plans to

build a two-story building with 114 assisted living units and 38 memory care units at 5751 Arnold Road next to the existing Hites Plaza office building. It will include amenities such as courtyards, offices, medical facilities, a theater, activity areas and dining rooms.

"I'm excited about this one, really excited about this one," said Vice Mayor Jean Josey. "Not necessarily for the location, but for the size of it and the amenities of it."

Councilmember Shawn Kumagai portrayed the project, and other senior-living projects like it, as a service for Dublin and the Tri-Valley that meets the rising demand for eldercare in the region.

South Bay estimated that roughly 85% of the facility's residents will come from within five miles of the location.

"It's really an opportunity to provide high-quality care for Dublin's loved ones," said Kevin Fryer on behalf of South Bay.

The facility, when complete, will generate almost

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County Zoning Board OK's Marijuana Dispensary for Kent Estate Winery

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — The Darcie Kent Vineyards has received approval to operate a cannabis dispensary at its Tesla Road property, the first business of its kind to open in the unincorporated East County area near Livermore.

According to the East County Board of Zoning of Adjustments (ECBZA), Garden of Eden at the Highlands will open in a building previously used for wine tasting. However, it is required to

keep its cannabis business separate from vineyard operations. The ECBZA board unanimously approved a conditional-use permit for the venture on May 26. Cannabis will not be grown at the farm and is not allowed to be consumed on the property.

The dispensary, located on the southern portion of the property at 7000 S. Tesla Road, hopes to open for business within several weeks. The Darcie Kent Estate Winery, including its barn tasting room and production facility,

are on the north end.

"In California, wine and cannabis are both legal, highly regulated consumer products that bring a lot of joy into people's lives," Darcie Kent said in an email. "My family has been licensed to sell wine in California since 1996, so this is the kind of business we understand."

Darcie Kent's daughters, Kailyn Kent and Amanda Benjamin, will serve as the owners and their mother as manager. Alameda County

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Sanchez, Price Taking Lead in Primary Races

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — Alameda County Sheriff's Office Cmdr. Yesenia Sanchez appeared this week to be on the verge of ousting long-time Sheriff Gregory Ahern without the need for a runoff election in November.

The latest vote counts released Tuesday evening by the Alameda County Registrar's office — in time for The Independent's print deadline — showed Sanchez with more than half the vote — nearly 53% — enough to win the position outright. Ahern, the sheriff since 2007, had secured 31%. San Francisco police Officer JoAnn Walker trailed with 16%.

"If present trends hold, and I believe they will, the people of Alameda County have entrusted me with a solemn duty: to serve as the next Sheriff of Alameda County," Sanchez said in an email. "I won't let them down. I want to thank the many supporters who rallied around our

campaign for reform, transparency and accountability. This victory may come as a surprise to many people, but it's a clear indication that Alameda County is hungry for change."

A spokesman for Ahern said the Sheriff would make a statement when the vote count was completed.

According to the California Secretary of State's Office, Alameda County had an estimated 82,623 ballots remaining to process as of Monday evening. The Registrar of Voters office, however, was still receiving mail-in ballots. Ballots postmarked through June 7, have up to 17 days to arrive to be counted. The county must complete and certify the county no later than 30 after the election.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

In other races, civil rights attorney Pamela Price apparently will face a runoff with Chief Assistant District Attor-

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Livermore School District Superintendent to Retire

LIVERMORE — Dr. Kelly Bowers, longtime superintendent of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD), has announced her retirement after 12 years at the helm of the more than 13,000-student district.

Appointed LVJUSD's superintendent in May 2010, Bowers is the longest serving continuously seated superintendent of a unified school district in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Bowers has served the district for 23 years in a variety of other roles, including assistant superintendent of educational services, director of curriculum and special projects, elementary and middle school principal, grant writer and teacher.

"Dr. Bowers' work ethic, drive for excellence and commitment to students and staff has continued to elevate Livermore schools throughout her tenure," said Board President Craig Bueno. "She leaves a solid foundation for ongoing growth to be built upon."

As superintendent, Bowers led a diverse district with a \$187 million operating budget and a \$245 million facilities bond. She oversaw

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Kelly Bowers

"I have been fortunate to have had such a long and meaningful career in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District," said Bowers. "Throughout my 34 plus years in public education, I have had the privilege of working with incredibly dedicated, talented and pas-

Pleasanton Police Cleared for the Use of Certain Military Style Weapons

By David Jen

PLEASANTON — Certain police equipment designated by state legislation for military use — such as semiautomatic rifles, tear gas and nonlethal munitions — will remain at the disposal of the Pleasanton Police Department (PPD), according to an ordinance introduced at the June 7 city council meeting, despite calls for tighter restrictions.

"If we don't have the right tools, will we be able to defend our community and our buildings and our public?" asked Mayor Karla Brown. "They tell us that this is what they need, and I trust them."

The ordinance, introduced unanimously by the council, approves the PPD's Military Equipment Use Policy and Equipment List, and seeks to bring the de-

partment into compliance with Assembly Bill (AB) 481, enacted last September by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

AB 481 requires that law enforcement agencies receive approval of their military equipment use policies from a governing body prior to funding, acquiring or using military equipment.

"While the term military equipment is used in the legislation many times, a number of these items are not used in the military and some of them are very law-enforcement specific," said PPD Lt. Brandon Stocking. "Pleasanton Police Department has not owned any equipment previously owned or used by the military."

Except for a request for 25 new nonlethal impact launchers, the PPD already owned all of the listed equipment.

The use policy's lack of detailed, scenario-based usage restrictions raised some concerns with the council.

"I don't see it being very prescriptive in the policy of when these items can be used and also when it's inappropriate to use them," said Vice Mayor Valerie Arkin. "I'm struggling with approving something (when) I don't know how often we use these things and for what purposes."

PPD Chief David Swing explained that while the department adheres to other supporting policies that specify how the equipment may be utilized, when use may be appropriate or inappropriate is not prescribed.

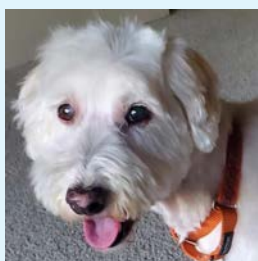
Residents at the meeting echoed Arkin's discomfort with the ambiguity and feared a link between military equipment and police

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Retroactive performed during the Friday, June 10 Concert in the Park event at Lions Wayside Park in Pleasanton. Hosted by the Pleasanton Downtown Association, the Concerts in the Park series runs every Friday through the end of the summer. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

PETS OF THE WEEK



JUNIOR

Junior is justifiably joyful, and is jovial when it comes to bath time. Aside from snuggle time, he is jauntily in spirit. Junior would be just jubilant to join your family! Learn more about Junior and other cats and dogs at valleyhumane.org. Email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption application process.

(Photo - Valley Humane Society)

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New Pleasanton Police Officer Rob Gallinatti, left, is officially welcomed to the department by Police Chief David Swing, right, during a recent city council meeting. (Photo courtesy of City of Pleasanton)

Pleasanton Police Welcome New Officer

The City of Pleasanton and Pleasanton Police Department are excited to welcome Officer Rob Gallinatti. Gallinatti joins the community after nine years with the Oakland Police Department. His previous experience with Oakland includes promotion to sergeant, serving as a field training officer,

and working as a community resource officer. Gallinatti has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois. "I was drawn to Pleasanton because of its small-town charm and diversity," said Gallinatti, "As part of the department, I'm excited

to engage with community members and provide quality service." The Pleasanton Police Department is actively hiring new officers, including laterals. For more information, call 925-931-5210, or follow the department on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter @pleasantonpd.

Non-Profit Youth Organization Working To Raise Funds for Local, Global Causes

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Rhapsody for Youth, a student-led nonprofit organization, recently made its annual donations, supporting both local and global causes.

Founded in 2019, the group has made significant contributions to various organizations over the past two years, working to identify needs both close to home and far away. This year, Pleasanton co-president Tony Wang said it wasn't difficult to choose an international cause to help. "When we were brainstorming ideas for where to send our money this year, we decided to support the current global crisis in Ukraine," said Tony, 16, a senior at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton. "So we are sending \$2,500 to the AirBNB Ukrainian Refugee Support Program, which is providing temporary housing for Ukrainian refugees."

For their local cause, Rhapsody leaders sent another \$2,500 to the San Francisco Conservation Corps. Wang noted the corps supports "youth and the environment, something our organization really believes in."

To raise funds for its annual

donations, Rhapsody for Youth offers classes on a variety of topics, including public speaking, creative and persuasive writing, entrepreneurship and leadership. All classes are taught by high school students, and most are geared toward middle schoolers.

Vivian Chang, a senior at the College Preparatory School in Oakland, serves as Rhapsody's co-president with Tony. She said she's proud the group was able to make an impact through its donations. "We have been teaching classes for the last two years," Vivian, 17, said. "With the donations, we wanted to spread out our impact, and make sure we were giving the money to an area of urgent need. As a teenager, watching the news, it feels like I am very helpless ... through this organization, I was able to make an impact."

Last year, Tony said the group donated a total of \$10,000 to the Alameda County Food Bank, Larkin Street Youth Services and Aim High, an Oakland-based nonprofit supporting low-income and at-risk youth through education.

"It feels incredible to be able to send off the funds that we've accumulated

through our efforts and to see the impact that they actually have," said Tony. "It really validates all the hard work that we've put in and serves as a great reminder of why we do what we do and helps to keep us motivated."

Pleasanton resident Caroline Gong is the founder of Rhapsody for Youth and still serves as a senior advisor, even though she's finished high school. She said her goal in offering classes through Rhapsody was to provide students with the skills to become confident activists.

"Often, students are ruled out of the narrative because they are considered too naive or inexperienced," Gong, 18, said. "I think this narrative undermines (real life) experiences for many students in America. For example, K-12 students are among the most common victims of gun violence. Marginalized students face discrimination and bullying every day. We do understand what violence looks like, which is why it does not make sense for us to be ostracized from conversations about our own safety, protection and future."

For more information, email info@rhapsody4youth.org or visit www.rhapsody4youth.org.

Tuesday Tunes Summer Series Continues With Local Jazz Groups

The June 21 'Tuesday Tunes' features local jazz favorite "Matt Finders and Friends" and "Element 116" on the Shea Homes Stage next to the Bankhead Theater.

A Livermore native, Finders loves playing in Livermore, especially for Tuesday Tunes, remembering his high school days, when he played jazz in local festivals.

The quartet includes Karen Marguth, an internationally acclaimed jazz singer who has performed with Gilbert Castellanos and Pearl Django; pianist John R. Burr, singer and songwriter, who has performed and recorded with Robben Ford, Chris Cain, Paul MacCandless, Jeff Beal, Dennis Chambers, and Charlie Musselwhite; and percussionist Jason Lewis, who has toured and recorded with Boz Scaggs, Michael Brook, Djivan Gasparyan, Ann Dyer, and Taylor Eigsti.

Finders, a bassist, composer and arranger, spent 17 years as a trombonist with the Jay Leno's Tonight Show. Now, he gives back to the community that raised him, directing the jazz programs at Mendenhall and East Avenue Middle Schools. He also founded the Jazz Labb music camps and Element 116, a Livermore-based jazz band.

"It's great to get these kids playing again," he said. "It's nice when you have a teacher who influences you and makes you want to dig in more. The early connections you make really are the ones that benefit you later on."

The performance starts at 6:45 p.m. Attendees are advised city municipal codes restrict alcohol consumption in public places. Tuesday Tunes is sponsored by Shea Homes, and also funded by Fremont Bank,

Las Positas College Foundation, Uncle Credit Union, Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard, The Independent, and Joan and Lynn Seppala.

Next up in the series, the Chris Bradley Band plays traditional New Orleans Jazz, on June 21. For more information, visit lcac.org.

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Livermore Celebrates Juneteenth with Several Events This Weekend

By Lauren Farrauto

Juneteenth is a national holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved Black people on June 19, 1865.

This year, Livermore residents and other community members can celebrate this historic holiday with two events on June 18 and 19, at the Bankhead Theater.

On June 18 at 2 p.m., "Juneteenth: Steps of Faith," will be put on by actress, educator, speaker and comedian Faith Alpher. The event seeks to educate audiences on the lives of four (often overlooked) women of color.

fortunate enough to work at Cornerstone Fellowship for a few years and started writing curriculum. I did hundreds and hundreds of hours of research and saw there was a rich history that most people didn't know about. Like before Rosa Parks, there was a teenager who refused to give up her seat. And, I had no idea Josephine Baker spoke at the March on Washington before Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's speech, 'I Have a Dream.'"

Alpher is uniquely positioned to provide a funny, yet educational experience. However, she cautions parents about bringing along

"(My) ultimate goal is for attendees to take away that black history is American history. Period," she said. "I think people need to know there's more that unites us than divides us. I'm trying to call people in, not call them out."

A regular guest performer at the Bankhead since 2009, Alpher is especially excited to put on this event in her home theater.

"I look forward to the theatre-goers, the smiles from volunteers, staff and awesome ushers," she said. "I'm also really looking forward to doing my music at the end (of the show)."

On June 19, the celebration continues with the third annual "Juneteenth Celebration on the Bankhead Plaza," from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event partners with Tri-Valley for Black Lives and will feature performances and entertainment from drummer King Tacuma, singer-songwriter Alise Bradford, Oakland Originalz, Feline Finesse dance crew and storytelling with the Livermore Library.


"Our Juneteenth celebration started as a youth-led demonstration, marching from Livermore's police station to Carnegie Park," shares Isaiyah Campbell with Tri-Valley for Black Lives. "This demonstration was held for Tri-Valley residents to show solidarity with the Black community in the acknowledgment of the progress that has been made, and of the work that has yet to be done. Over time, this event has evolved into a community wide celebration to celebrate Black liberation and to uplift local businesses and organizations led by and working with the Black community."

The family-friendly event will host a variety of vendors and local organizations in addition to the talent performing, allowing attendees to interact with and support local Black owned businesses and community members.

"I am personally most looking forward to the advancement and publicity of local Black run business and organizations, as well

as the community's exposure to more diverse celebrations," says Campbell.

Both events are free and open to the public, however, Steps of Faith requires online reservations in advance. For more information, call 925-373-6800 or visit www.livermorearts.org.



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"I think people need to know there's more that unites us than divides us. I'm trying to call people in, not call them out."

— Faith Alpher.

"Let's be honest," said Alpher. "Most history books don't have people who look like me, but I was

their children. Some of the material may not be appropriate for younger audiences.

Local Non-Profit Chapter Sews Dresses for Girls in Need

By Lauren Farrauto

Buying a new dress or outfit is something most young girls take for granted, but in many third world countries, a new garment is not always available.

That's where Dress a Girl comes in. Founded by Rachel Cinader in 2009 after a trip to Uganda, where she was given a sewing pattern for a pillowcase dress. Years later, the pattern would create the foundation for Dress a Girl.

Although the non-profit organization traded out the pillowcases in favor of more study cotton fabrics, the goal remains the same - to clothe young girls in need.

"We dream of a world in which every girl has at least one new dress," reads their

mission statement. "We want girls to know they are worthy of respect, and they are loved by God."

The local Bay Area chapter was formed in early 2011 by Suzanne Beck and a group of five other women. Now, the nonprofit has 300 people on its mailing list and 60 regular volunteers at their 'Sew-Fests' — gatherings where volunteers can come together and create the dresses to be sent out.

"We meet each month or so, usually at a local church hall, for a Sew-Fest," said Beck. "There is a lot of chatting, camaraderie and fellowship. We typically have 300 to 400 dresses turned in at each event."

Non-sewers are also welcome to participate and can volunteer at the Sew-Fests.

Their work involves ironing and cutting fabric for the kits, while the sewers bring their machines and create the dresses from the kits. Additionally, donations of good-quality cotton fabric, cash, or Joann's or Amazon gift cards are always welcome.

The next two Sew-Fests will be held on June 25 and Aug. 6. Both events will take place at Holy Cross Lutheran in Livermore, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers are invited to stop by and help for just an hour or all day. For those unable to attend, dress kits are available anytime and can be picked up from Beck's home to be returned when finished.

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EDITORIAL

School District and Community Thank Dr. Bowers for Her Leadership

As the Classes of 2022 said goodbye last week, another graduate of sorts also moved on.

Dr. Kelly Bowers has announced her retirement after 12 years as superintendent of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) and a total of 23 years in the district.

As the longest sitting superintendent in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, Bowers leaves behind a legacy of competent and compassionate leadership. Goal-oriented and student-driven, Bowers oversaw two parcel taxes during her tenure and led LVJUSD to be recognized five times as a Bay Area Top Workplace recipient; the only public school to receive that honor.

The job of a school superintendent is a difficult one—a role which simultaneously requires fortitude for those sometimes-difficult conversations, a pragmatic eye for seeing what needs to be done and an unwavering dedication to the students and their education.

Bowers has displayed all those traits and more during her time at LVJUSD. As a longtime member of the community where she and her husband Rob raised their two children, Bowers has been a familiar face in Livermore as both a parent and active resident who has conducted herself with professionalism and grace both within the school district and out.

With the news of her retirement last

week, many of Bowers colleagues praised her accomplishments while mourning the loss of their stalwart leader.

“Dr. Bowers has been superintendent for almost the entire time my children have been in the school district,” said Board Trustee Kristie Wang. “We are privileged to have had her at the helm of LVJUSD for the past 12 years... We will miss her greatly.”

On that, we agree. As Bowers moves into the next phase of what will surely be a grand new adventure, the community thanks her for her impeccable service and years of dedication. We wish her well and look forward to seeing what she embarks on next. It will surely be something worth watching.

MAILBOX

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Preventing Fires

Eve Sprunt, Dublin

The area in Dublin on the west side of Fallon Road south of Turnberry Drive, including the path from Fallon Road to the bridge over the creek to the Dublin Ranch Trail, has not been mowed or pruned for over two years. The dry grass is now taller than I am, and overgrown shrubs narrow the entry and exit to the bridge. This morning as I made my way through the unmaintained area, I found several cigarette butts within inches of the dry grass.

Next time I walk through there, I plan to take baggie, so I can collect the cigarette butts. If there is a serious fire, the butts can be used to identify who started the fire. Unfortunately, that is not the only public area near my home where inconsiderate smokers toss their cigarette butts near dry vegetation. They leave them around Ted Fairfield Park, and I counted 14 along the short trail northeast of the Eleanor Murray Fallon Middle School. I will take a plastic glove and several baggies to gather and label those, too.

On May 24, the day after the 90-acre grass fire broke out to the north off Tassajara, I spoke to a woman with the Dublin Fire Department who said they were trying to get the Dublin Ranch Golf HOA to fulfill their contractual landscape maintenance obligations. Several years ago, when I was trying to get that HOA to fulfill their obligations, the manager told me that the HOA felt

the conditions imposed to secure permission to build the gated home community of homes over 5,000 square feet were unfair. The Dublin Ranch Golf HOA is obviously still trying to shirk its responsibilities to maintain the area along the east side of the golf course.

Everyone should be aware of how high the fire danger is and do their part!

Support Momy Nop For Mayor

Mary Anne Rozsa, Livermore

I am recommending Momy Nop for Mayor. He has worked in Livermore since 1995 serving for 17 years as a Livermore police officer, as well as 15 years as a small business owner. Momy is recognized also for starting the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance and the Thanksgiving Turkey drop supporting several food pantries in the area. His background in law enforcement, business and non-profits makes him well versed to deal with many issues that are prominent in the City. He represents diversity and inclusion and wants to engage citizens in the political process. Momy wants to make a difference in our City bringing fresh directions and ideas, leading with innovation and transparency. His concerns and priorities involve Eden Housing, public safety, homelessness, access to affordable housing and bringing higher paying job opportunities to the community. Our City needs Momy to represent us now and into the future!

Rebuttal

Steven Fox, Livermore

Today I read a laughable editorial comment by Mike Grant that claims two things that simply aren't true:

1- His first claim was that gun laws don't work. I think Mike wants us all to forget that America passed a bill that banned assault style guns quite a while ago. And almost as soon as that ban took effect, violent crimes and gun deaths dropped dramatically. Unfortunately, the GOP allowed that assault gun ban to expire after 10 years. And not that surprisingly, as soon as that ban was lifted, gun deaths and violent crimes both rose dramatically. Mike and those like him want us all to forget that. In fact, those like Mike don't even want to agree to something as sane as more efficient background checks in a country that has far more gun deaths than any country in the industrialized world.

2- Mike also wants people to believe that Biden is the worst president in American history but offers not one fact to back that statement up. Which is weird considering Biden has dropped unemployment and lowered this country's deficit by

\$1.3 trillion AND raised our country's GDP dramatically from what he inherited by the recession that the previous president left us all in. For some reason, those like Mike never talk about those numbers. They only want to talk about an inflation that is WORLDWIDE due to lack of supply (due to COVID) and strangely want to blame Biden for that WORLDWIDE inflation.

Does Swalwell Deserve Your Vote?

Tom Murphy, Pleasanton

The Independent endorsed Eric Swalwell based on, "Swalwell's efforts toward tighter gun laws, stronger local and regional infrastructure, and enhanced support for transit police and cybersecurity." The question is what has Swalwell actually accomplished that has benefited you in his five terms in Congress?

He has been successful in achieving many photo opportunities supporting various causes, but what has he actually accomplished other than delivery of political rhetoric? While proposing tighter gun laws, what has he actually done to reduce the alarming increase in crime in your neighborhoods and enforcement of existing laws? While proposing stronger local and regional infrastructure, what has he actually delivered in better roads, preservation of fresh water, homeless reduction, and prevention of electrical brownouts? Talk is cheap. Results should be the expectation, and Swalwell has fallen far short in delivering results.

The Independent stated that Swalwell "serves with integrity, honesty and passion." However, he has never answered the questions about his involvement with the Chinese spy, Christine Fang. She helped fund his campaign and convinced him to include an intern on his staff. Swalwell serves on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and is privy to some of the highest classified information in the country. His involvement with Fang should have required his removal from that committee, due to the potential for having been compromised by a Chinese spy. He did not demonstrate the integrity to remove himself or the honesty to answer the questions regarding his relationship. Can he be trusted to have access to the highest level of classified information?

Swalwell wants to forgive student loans. He stated he owes \$80,000 in student loans despite having a base salary of at least \$174,000/year for the last five terms. How is it that a person with his education, a law degree and a high salary with excellent benefits still has a debt of \$80,000 in student loans? What has he done to alter his lifestyle or manage his personal affairs to allow him to satisfy the debt that he freely obligated himself to? If he cannot better manage his personal debt obligations, how can you support him to another term in office and expect him to be able to be responsible for the proper spending of your hard-earned tax dollars?

Swalwell has found a seat on the gravy train and has not produced the results that you should expect from him.

Keep and Enhance Livermore as a Great City

Richard Ryon, Livermore

Last week, I submitted a letter to your newspaper in support of the referendum to allow the new City Council to be elected in November to decide the fate of downtown Livermore. The referendum is needed because the current Council is unanimously and irrationally stubborn in not considering proposals that would allow all factions in the City to celebrate a beautiful downtown, with ample housing and open space for all who wish to call our fine city "home."

I just read a report that the formerly filthy city of my birth, Pittsburgh PA, just completed 50 miles of bike paths connecting the vibrant neighborhoods of this now beautiful, compact city. I think there is something to be learned from Pittsburgh, other great cities of America, elsewhere in the world, and right here in California.

The lesson is: great cities have open space in their centers to enhance the lives of citizens and visitors! Think of the great central parks in Vienna, Paris, London, New York, and San Francisco! And small cities like Sonoma right here in California! Citizens and visitors in fine cities can enjoy strolling, playing, and relaxing in central parks. Physical and mental health is enhanced in people with access to open space. Why not in Livermore?

I am on my way to enjoy six weeks of kayaking in Glacier Bay National Park in Alaska. After my time cut off from the struggle and strife of the world, I hope to return reinvigorated to find the inhabited part of the world in better shape than when I left it. Please do your part: Contact "Move Eden Housing" by e-mail <contact@moveedenhousing.com> or telephone 925-222-5344. Volunteer. Donate. Write letters. Talk to friends and neighbors. Support good candidates.

Partners for Change Tri-Valley Fundraiser

Eric Dillie, Livermore

Doing good in your community was never so tasty, or so easy! Partners for Change Tri-Valley is hosting a Spaghetti Cookoff at Fiver Rivers Aviation at the Livermore Airport. Come hang out in a real hangar as you taste some of our local favorites. We have several restaurants, breweries and wineries all coming out to support this worthy cause.

So, who will earn the title of "Best Spaghetti of the Tri-Valley Area?" Which beer or wine will be your favorite? Open Heart Kitchen and City Serve will also be onsite. Don't miss this unique opportunity to join our community in their efforts to alleviate poverty!

There are multiple ways you can support. Below you can purchase drink and food tickets with an advanced sale discount, or you could sign up below to volunteer to pour or serve day of. (P.S. You can actually do both as most shifts are half-day!) Don't forget to share with your friends and family, as well.

All proceeds will support Partners for Change Tri-Valley. We are a community-based effort to empower people to chart their course

out of poverty and toward self-sufficiency by intentionally creating personal relationships that bridge financial class lines. We offer a transformative curriculum and community networking, as we believe that everyone has enough money, meaning and friends to thrive. Learn more at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/348370073267>

New Rehab Center's Poor Location

Nicole Ferreira, Livermore

I read, with interest, that the City Council voted to turn a former church into a rehabilitation center. I think a rehabilitation center is needed in the Tri-Valley. However, when I looked up where the church (Victory Baptist) was located, I realized that it was on Junction Avenue, very close to Junction Avenue K-8 School. I drive past that area on occasion, and during the school year, many children walk through that area on their way to school. Parents often park in that area and let their children out near the church to walk the rest of the way to school. I doubt the City Council realized how close the church's property is to Junction Avenue School, but it seems unsafe to me to have a drug rehabilitation center that close to an elementary school.

Mr. Fibber

Deborah McQueen, Livermore

There is a darling children's book called "Mr. Fibber, The Storyteller" by Lea Goldberg.

The character Mr. Fibber tells crazy stories, boasts about accomplishments that never occurred, and otherwise entrances his audiences with unbelievable tales. As I wrote in "Ripley's Believe It or Not," people love to be entertained by bizarre stories that seem unbelievable—except when those stories are true about their own town's governance.

Livermore has its own Mr. Fibber, John Marchand, a teller of tall tales that honestly become more preposterous with each passing day. This Mr. Fibber has decided to run for Mayor—again—as if 15 years of being a career politician in Livermore wasn't fulfilling enough for him. Here is a list of some of Mr. Fibber's whoppers:

1. "I have never so much as taken a cup of coffee from any developer"—just \$5,000 from Shea Homes and \$467 from David Eichler at Legacy. No conflict at all!

2. "My integrity is intact"—Shouldn't that be left to the people to decide? Spoken by a man who deliberately misrepresented the status of available property in the Garaventa Hills project, and lied to Bianca Covarelli, saying that alternative conservation land was not for sale and that the DVSA funds could not be used. He also obfuscated a campaign donation from David Eichler Senior Managing Director for Legacy Partners on his campaign donations form claiming David Eichler was a real estate agent living in Livermore to mislead the public. He is neither a real estate agent nor does he live in Livermore.

3. "I worked... and stopped... a 10 story theater with 426 housing units"—another whale-of-a-tale—the project lost its funding at the state level. Mr. Fibber doesn't

have that much power, although he wants you to think he does.

4. "My generation is going to have to get out of the way and allow the next generation to inherit this community",—but then Mr. Fibber decided to block the next generation by running for Mayor—again. He wants to make sure Eden's high-density housing project is achieved.

5. "... the downtown will have twin 7 story towers... that the state will impose... by right"—

Mr. Fibber is not a lawyer, but he plays one online.

No to Multi-Family Residences

Karen Wilson-Fontaine

I have watched with growing alarm as the city council approves downtown residential housing with inadequate parking. As a Real Estate Broker with property management experience, I have observed the change in the composition of families living in multi-family residential buildings over the last several years. 25 years ago, a multi-family residential tenant family typically consisted of two adults and children with one or two cars and an occasional visitor. Two parking spaces per unit were adequate for the needs of the tenants and their guests.

Today's multi-family residents are much more diverse: 4 or more co-habiting adults each with multiple visitors, two cohabiting families each with visitors; older single adults with multiple children and grandchildren visiting, extended families with even more family members as visitors. Today, the same property with 2 parking spaces per unit has parking disputes because some residents do not understand why they cannot have 4 parked cars on site, since there are 4 adults paying rent, and why their guests have to park on the street. Two parking spaces per unit are no longer adequate.

Clearly, if two parking spaces per unit are not adequate for today's residents, the Downtown Specific Plan with its 230 parking spaces required for Eden Housing's 130 units is also inadequate, even if its 230 spaces are fully required. Not only do they not have at least 260 parking spaces (2 per unit), they are only requiring Eden to provide 117 parking spaces. That is not even ONE parking space per unit! This level of parking is absolutely damaging to downtown businesses as well as the prospective tenants of Eden Housing who will be forced to look for off-site parking spaces on the streets and walk home. Businesses will lose customers who cannot find a parking space and not gain business from all of the new "low income" residents. By definition "low income" means not a lot of extra money for dinners and entertainment.

I would strongly suggest that no more new multi-family residential buildings be approved or built with inadequate parking requirements until we are able to access the effect on downtown parking that the multiple buildings currently under construction are finished and occupied.

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Constant Council Missteps

Jim Hutchins, Livermore

Over the last few years, the Livermore City Council has repeatedly shown they no longer are working for the people.

In 2016 the Council, under Mayor Marchand, proposed a development plan for downtown that was based on 'data' from public workshops that was "designed to persuade not inform the residents". The plan didn't reflect what the citizens wanted, and due to the backlash, Marchand's Council authorized spending \$500k on the 2017 PlaceWorks outreach, then ignored it.

In 2018, Marchand's Council quickly approved the four-story Legacy Apartments development, the one now towering over the west side of downtown and diminishing the "historic character" the Council's published priorities said they needed to preserve.

In 2019, Marchand's Council approved a development at Garaventa Hill and were sued. They lost on appeal due to hiding facts from the citizens about options to preserve the land for open space rather than paving it over for housing. The overturned ruling was by Judge Roesch, the same judge whose ruling is now being appealed in the Eden Housing lawsuit. "Judge Roesch has history of bias, overturned rulings" (cabia.org), with 44% of appeals successfully reversing some or all of his rulings. (In 2020 the judicial review board disciplined Roesch "due to

his egregious biases in two cases he had presided over.") The city is now seeking to 'de-publish' the appellate decision in fear of the legal precedent it sets regarding other approvals.

In 2021, the Council approved the four-story Eden Housing development in the direct center of downtown, which will further erode the downtown's character. In 2021, they also approved the construction for the five-level L Street garage, which will sit directly behind and tower over First Street businesses, putting a nail in the once quaint rural downtown character.

Now in 2022, the Council approved accelerating the transfer of the downtown property to Eden Housing to prevent a new Council from interfering with their "redesign" of Livermore's downtown, namely, to fill it with high density housing, exactly the opposite of what the PlaceWorks report said people want. Citizens are now collecting signatures for a referendum to reverse this approval and stop the Council's power play. Please sign the petition. The Council works for the people, the people don't work for the Council.

Since at least 2016, the Council has not been listening to the people and needs to be replaced. In November, vote in new representatives who listen.

Let's Talk About Housing, Part Two

Trish Munro, Livermore

On March 26, I wrote about the City of Livermore's

update of its Housing Element with the context of state and regional allocation of housing to cities—including Livermore. Part Two is about what affordable housing is and why it matters.

For a very long time, 30% of one's income has been the go-to number that defines whether a household can afford a given home. Those who pay more are called "cost-burdened." Pay more than 50% in housing costs? That's "severely cost burdened."

The definition of "affordable housing" is housing that is affordable to people with incomes at or below 80% of the Area Median Income. (As a reminder, median is that midpoint of a given set of numbers.) To make it more complicated, the AMI differs with different household sizes and for renting or buying.

Two examples:

The median income for a two-person household buying a one-bedroom home is around \$100K. That household could afford to buy a home for about \$375K or rent for about \$2.4K.

The median income for a five-person household buying a four-bedroom home is about \$136K. That household could afford a home selling for about \$536K or to rent for about \$3.4K.

(Here's a link to the complete chart: <https://bit.ly/3ty2Ukb>)

Housing in California in general and the Bay Area specifically is in short supply and very expensive. Livermore is no exception: there is virtually no housing in Livermore to buy or rent for

households with the median AMI. Or rather, any household with that AMI will be cost-burdened. Those households making less than that AMI will be even more cost burdened. (For example, a preschool teacher typically makes a salary of \$42K. 51% of that would go to rent a one-bedroom apartment.)

We typically think of housing as an individual problem: people should buy or rent where they can afford to live. However, there are consequences to limiting housing, especially affordable housing. Many who provide Livermore's essential services cannot afford Livermore's housing prices. They commute for up to an hour. That is not good for people's health, for building strong communities, for economic strength, and for the environment.

Cities can encourage affordable housing in a number of ways. Stay tuned for those in Part Three.

Slaughter of Innocents

Ann Giannini, Livermore

Hello Citizens. By now, we are all very aware and appalled regarding the murder of little, innocent children and their teachers at a charming school in Uvalde, Texas. The cowardly, selfish, disorganized behavior by the Texas Rangers and many others is absolutely unforgivable. Do you wonder if they even bothered to stay at the school long enough to see the little victim's remains splattered everywhere — on the walls, windows, desks — classmates all soaked in blood, many headless on the

floor? Do they even care at all? Oh, they make weak excuses and hide. What a slap in the face to all honest, responsible, caring law enforcement officers around the country.

A question for them, would have they have responded differently if this were where they live? There is a song that goes, "The eyes of Texas are

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To all Fathers; whether you are past, present, soon to be fathers and father figures. May your Father's Day be filled with joy and laughter with your loved ones.



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- ▶ A new organization called "Move Eden Housing" has been formed to conduct a signature drive to overturn City Council resolution 2022-085, passed May 23rd.
- ▶ The City Council resolution will block any future City Council with a new majority from ever moving the location of Eden Housing.
- ▶ We have less than 30 days to collect nearly 6,000 signatures from Livermore voters to reverse the City Council resolution and allow a new Council majority to move Eden Housing!

About the Flawed Eden Housing Plan

- ▶ Massive 4-story buildings in the city center will seriously degrade Livermore's downtown and will make parking and traffic in Livermore much worse.
- ▶ The flawed plan doesn't include housing for teachers, police and firefighters that was promised.
- ▶ By moving the housing off the city center, we can build more affordable housing *and* create a park that would be a gathering place in the center of our downtown.

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upon you..." Now the eyes of America are on you!

Livermore's Western Culture

John Lawrence, Livermore

A huge thank you to President Sheila Fagliano and everyone associated with the Livermore Stockman's Rodeo Association for the 104th year of local rodeo. Always the second weekend in June, Livermore's rodeo represents the western culture and traditions that helped create the most fantastic country in the world. With strong support from the Livermore Area Recreation and Park Department, the City of Livermore, local sponsors and, of course, thousands of rodeo fans, the Livermore Rodeo creates community and connects us with our historical roots and customs.

Livermore Affordable Housing Funds Tagged for Housing Consortium of the East Bay Rehab Center

Brandon Madera, Livermore

I spoke to two administrators for Horizon Services Cherry Hill in San Leandro (the rehab center Livermore City Council is attempting to replicate), and I was informed of the following:

- anyone from Alameda County can be taken in at their facility
- individuals come to detox and get sober by choice
- no one is forced to stay and can leave if desired anywhere into the city
- the Cherry Hill location is NOT in a residential neighborhood
- intake occurs 24 hours a day
- not a medical facility

This is NOT what we want near Lawrence and Junction Avenue elementary schools and residential areas.

YES, we do want to help. Let's actually follow the example in San Leandro and move the location to a non-residential area or an area near centralized services.

We must STOP the sale of the site using public funds to provide ownership to HCEB to develop a rehab center at the Victory Baptist Church site.

Locations:

2035 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro, California (detox)
15480 Foothill Boulevard, San Leandro, California (sobering)

The facilities are located near centralized services (ex: John George Psychiatric Hospital - 2060 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro, California 94578)

Mony Nop(e)

Maurice Duenas, Livermore

Mony Nop is / was a huge supporter of Eric Dillie, a mandatory reporter, who plead no contest to failure to report child abuse to authority.

Fortunate that many of us and Mercury News, East Bay Times and Independent News pointed out that Dillie was wrong for the education board, and he lost by landslide.

Mony Nop says he trusts and loves Dillie like a brother and they have much in common and have spent much time together in past few years (Independent News April 28, 2022).

Nop seems to have lost his ethical and moral compass.

Now Mony Nop wants to be mayor of Livermore.

Judge a man by the company he keeps.

Birds of a feather flock together.

Mony Nop(e) in November.

On Father's Day

Lucas Nelson, Livermore

There's a quote by Clarence Kelland about father-

hood that I refer to often: "He didn't tell me how to live; he lived and let me watch him do it."

As a father of three, two in elementary school, I am always thinking about their safety and well-being. More than anything, I want to know they are protected and cared for, so they can focus on schoolwork and on being kids. This is never more evident than right now.

While I hope they are safe in school and their minds are well-nourished, I'm also responsible for making sure their bodies are nourished, which is why we have chosen to raise them on a plant-based diet.

A whole-foods, plant-based diet is optimum for all stages of human development. Meat, dairy and eggs feed heart disease and cancer in children as young as 10. With an array of plant-based food options now available, it's easier than ever to raise vegan kids.

As parents, we have a responsibility to tend to our children throughout their entire lives and to live by example. This Father's Day, choose compassion for our shared future.

Assessment of the State Of Livermore City Council Theodore Schaefer, Livermore

Let's review the recent past.

1) The Mayor and City Council gave away, almost free, very expensive land for a downtown hotel, then loaned them \$2 million, at a giveaway rate and a very long repayment period, to create an off-site parking lot, after they begged-off doing the agreed underground parking.

2) Now, the city is giving/loaning \$8 million tax dollars to Eden to buy the land we DON'T want them to build ugly low-income housing on, which money should be going to building a beautiful city park for all families for the next 100 years plus.

3) Now a few wineries want \$12 million from taxpayers for a sewer line extension out to a few of their locations (but not to all the small family wineries who are not on Tesla). These wineries should a) continue dumping grape skins/water on their own land and not in our precious water supply, or b) get city permission for the sewer and build it with their own money, just like any other for-profit business has to do when they want something for their own greater profits. Instead, they want to dump into our water treatment plant, without any greater cost/penalty and another freebie from you. Aren't we generous, while not including small vineyards at all! Vote NO in November.

Name Change Doesn't Erase Shame

Alan Marling, Livermore

The LVPAC, which runs the Bankhead, is changing its name to Livermore Valley Arts (LVA). Its Executive Director Christ Charter said last year to Livermore City Council, "Diversity, equity, and inclusion is important to us and a priority in our leadership." Unfortunately, LVA's board members fund and promote lawsuits that are anti-diversity, iniquitous and excluding.

LVA Board Members Joan Seppala and Jean King's litigation campaigns are blocking a local solar farm, the Aramis Project, and local affordable housing, the Eden Project. The more solar energy we have, the less we will have to rely on dirty power, which is produced in areas of low privilege. This is called environmental racism. The more affordable housing we

have, the less working-class people have to commute and suffer from threats of eviction. Housing is also a matter of racial justice.

"African Americans represent 13% of the general population but are 40% of people experiencing homelessness and more than 50% of homeless families with children. Black families are 26% of all extremely low-income renters," wrote Diane Yentel, president of the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

As long as its board members litigate against blocking solar energy and affordable housing, Livermore Valley Arts is guilty of hypocrisy and harming our community, regardless of its name.

Let the Celebrations Return

Lori Martin, Tracy

Routines similar to pre-pandemic years are returning. My effort to keep drunk drivers off the road is not ending.

When I was sixteen, 30 years ago, I was hit by a drunk driver. I suffer daily. My gait and speech were affected, and I lost my driving and hearing abilities.

Look at these statistics for California:

According to law enforcement, 35 people were killed and 979 were arrested for drunk driving on Memorial Day weekend in 2021.

In 2022, 15 were killed and 891 people were arrested for drunk driving.

For the enforcement period of 4th of July in 2021, 43 people were killed and 997 were arrested for DUI.

I noticed arresting and killing from drunk driving were lower in 2022 than 2021 for Memorial Day weekend. Hoping this trend continues.

People are excited for the future. Enjoy colorful 4th of July fireworks in downtown Livermore or start vacationing in our Golden State.

Have some fun in the sun but think before you drink. Freedom does not come from breaking laws.

A little drinking may be too much. You never know. Enjoy the season and have a sober driver to drive you if drinking. Don't risk it.

Nuclear War

Raiza Marciscano-Bettis, Livermore

I am increasingly concerned about the possibility of nuclear war. That risk is heightened by Russian nuclear saber rattling and its war on Ukraine.

But, in actuality, the possibility that a nuclear weapon could be launched deliberately — or by accident or miscalculation — is with us every day. There are nine nuclear-armed countries; this means any one of nine fallible men could end life as we know it.

I understand that a nuclear war cannot be won and must not be fought. This was stated eloquently by Presidents Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev. It bears repeating today.

Therefore, I am calling on the United States to join the Treaty of Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), which was adopted by 122 countries. It entered into force in 2021 and is now part of international law.

The United States boycotted the proceedings, but that was a shortsighted move by the Trump Administration. It is time for us to realize that our long-term security depends on the global abolition of nuclear weapons.

The TPNW contains a list of prohibitions, including the development, testing, production, and threatened use of nuclear weapons. The treaty also contains positive obligations. I especially want

to make known the TPNW's requirements for countries to mitigate the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of global nuclear testing.

I would rather help victims of past nuclear testing and focus on cleaning up contaminated areas than continue a dangerous global arms race that could end in unimaginable horror for us all.

Prohibiting nuclear weapons sends a powerful message that they are not only unacceptable but also immoral. This was the message that Pope Francis sent to the TPNW negotiations. Indeed, the Vatican was the first in line at the United Nations to sign and ratify the TPNW. We should pay attention.

The U.S. has an opportunity this month to take a small step to support the TPNW. The First Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty will take place June 21-23 in Vienna, Austria. The U.S. could send an observer.

I call on President Biden to consider a future free of nuclear weapons. Biden, send your representative to Vienna. I also call on the U.S. media to cover this historic first meeting. We all need more information about the TPNW, in my hometown of Livermore and around the country.

Dublin, Ireland and Livermore?

Vic Avila, Livermore

What do Glasgow, Sonoma, London, Atascadero, San Francisco, Liverpool, Galway, Paso Robles, Yuba City, Portland, Paris, New York, Washington D.C., Boston, Monterey, Brussels, Solvang, Edinburgh, and Dublin, Ireland have in common. They all have downtown parks, timeless masterpieces of open space that mean the world to their residents -- parks where people gather, linger, and enjoy a patch of greenery surrounded by buildings, streets, signs, vehicles, hustle bustle, and noise.

Livermore today has some downtown open space, a patch of dirt ready to be transformed to another use. If the 4-story Eden Housing project is built at the corner of S. L Street and Railroad Avenue, across the street from the currently under construction four-story Legacy Apartments, Livermore will have more in common with Dublin, California than Dublin, Ireland.

Sign the referendum circulating through the city now to prevent the city council from locating Eden Housing in this location. Eden Housing will be in Livermore, but at a site that benefits everyone.

Livermore Rodeo

Holly Massey, Livermore

The Livermore Rodeo, one of the city's cherished traditions, has for over one hundred years been an inclusive community event that celebrates our Western Heritage. The purpose of the first rodeo (held in 1918 in the midst of WWI) was to raise money that California assessed each city in order to support the Red Cross. As I understand it, that charitable spirit of giving back to the community is carried on to-

day by the Livermore Rodeo Foundation. Their work is one of the best things to come out of the rodeo.

During my 45 years in Livermore, I have attended many rodeos, setting aside my dislike of rifle raffles and discomfort over potential animal suffering to enjoy the spectacle and the championship-level competitions. A heart-warming part of the festivities is the honor paid to our flag, our country, and its veterans—and the sense of camaraderie and unity this imparts to the crowd.

So, I regret to report an incident at the Sunday, June 12 rodeo that destroyed that atmosphere of mutual respect and tolerance. A T-shirt worn by the rodeo clown had the words, "Let's Go Brandon." The clown referred to the shirt, displayed the shirt to the crowd, solicited audience response to the shirt, and continued to wear it during portions of the rodeo. Because the shirt's slogan is political and crude (the words are stand-ins for foul language directed at the current President), this display was incendiary and divisive. It was disrespectful to some attendees and to the spirit of rodeo.

I immediately complained to the rodeo organizers in the hope they would cry foul (pun intended) and discipline the offender. A prompt reply and apology came from the "Secretary/Director" of the Livermore Rodeo, who acknowledged they had failed and said that the mistake would not happen again. The apologizer added he hoped this one negative incident wouldn't overshadow "104 years of hard work and commitment to the community." I agree, but I think letting it go unmentioned publicly would also be a mistake.

Invisible No More

Mary Perner, Livermore

On June 7, I joined a group of friends at the gates of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory to raise our banners and our voices against the mounting threat of nuclear weapons. But that is only half the story.

Equally, I was at the Lab to extol a solution to this threat, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

122 countries voted in favor of the treaty's adoption at the U.N. in 2017. The TPNW

entered into force in January 2021. Each country has its own procedures for treaties. The TPNW has already garnered 86 signatories, with 62 states parties having completed ratification, the most recent being this month. The treaty is continuing to grow and represents a positive future for humanity.

The TPNW provides a comprehensive set of prohibitions on participating in nuclear weapons activities (development, testing, production, etc.)

States parties to the TPNW agree to be bound by the treaty's provisions. Unfortunately, the nine nuclear weapons holding states, including the U.S., are not yet among these parties.

So, how do we get from here to there? What practical steps might Americans take to maneuver out from under a nuclear Sword of Damocles and onto a path of nuclear elimination?

We can start by calling on the Biden Administration to send an observer to the upcoming First Meeting of TPNW States Parties in Vienna, Austria June 21-23.

Never heard of the TPNW or the states parties' meeting? You are not alone. Despite its growing international importance, the TPNW is rarely mentioned in local or national U.S. media, including here in the Tri-Valley. And, that fact leads to the second step to be taken.

Let's call on the media, including our Independent newspaper, to focus on this beacon of hope. In the TPNW, we all have a way out of the nuclear dilemma. The possibility of a worldwide solution to the nuclear weapons threat is real.

For information on ways each of us can help, visit <https://trivalleycares.org>. To read the text of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, go to https://www.wicanw.org/tpnw_full_text.

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SENIOR CARE

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100 jobs, including nurses, caregivers, drivers, administrators and accountants, according to Josh Johnson of West Bay Senior Living LLC, the planned operator of the facility.

The council also voiced appreciation for West Bay's explicit support of the state's Assisted Living Waiver Program, which helps seniors and persons with disabilities transition from nursing homes to assisted living facilities.

Additionally, West Bay's willingness to work with the Veterans Administration for

resident assistance and its plans to offer adult daycare also caught the council's attention.

Mentioning the city's climate action plan, Josey did urged South Bay to redesign the building as all-electric even though the city's codes do not yet include that requirement. The developers, however, cited cost feasibility as reason to stick with their current plans to run the swimming pool heater, water heater and commercial kitchen on natural gas.

South Bay will build

the project on a site that, although previously zoned for campus-office use, has sat vacant for over 20 years.

"While this has been available and certainly accessible for an office user, the surrounding use has changed over time ... there (are now) far superior locations that could serve, if there were to be, a user that came forward looking for office use," said Fryer.

South Bay expects to finalize the project's design over the next 9 to 12 months and complete the project by early 2025.

REFERENDUM

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gathering efforts are currently underway.

SLD disagreed with Alcalá's interpretation of the law as it refers to the local referendum.

If placed on the ballot, voters would decide whether the Eden Housing resolution "harms the community," as Ryon previously explained. The petition follows the council's May 24 decision to amend the city's Disposition, Development and Loan Agreement (DDLA) with Eden Housing, whose project to build 130 affordable housing units on the southeastern corner of Railroad Avenue and South L Street was approved by the council last year.

During the report, Alcalá explained the law governing the types of agency actions that may be subject to a voter referendum. He noted that city councils function in two roles: legislative, establishing policy and making law; and quasi-judicial, applying law and policy. Alcalá said a referendum gives the people power to approve or reject only legislative acts taken by the council.

"That is, executive, administrative and ministerial acts are not subject to referendum," Alcalá continued. "This is because the power of referendum cannot be invoked to null or delay the implementation of previously approved legislative policy, since that would impair essential governmental functions."

In a statement submitted to The Independent, SLD

wrote that the report correctly acknowledged that the voters' power of referendum only applies to legislative acts. However, they noted the law regarding what constitutes a legislative versus an administrative act is not as cut and dry as Alcalá's report would suggest.

"Contrary to the implications in the city attorney's report, our position is that the city council's approval of Eden's DDLA was a legislative act subject to voter referendum," the statement noted.

Alcalá's written report attached to the council agenda offered examples of court decisions to showcase the difference between legislative and administrative acts.

Alcalá wrote, "For example, in San Bruno Committee for Economic Justice v. City of San Bruno, the city refused to process referendum petitions seeking to challenge a city council adopted resolution approving a purchase and sale agreement to sell land for a hotel that had been previously approved. The court agreed with the city and held that... the resolution implemented the city's long-standing policy and prior legislative decisions for the development of the subject property as a hotel. The court then concluded the resolution was an administrative act, not a legislative act. In that case, the court held the resolution was not subject to referendum, and therefore any petition against it was not eligible for processing as a referendum."

In response, SLD's statement noted that an important part of the San Bruno court's

reasoning was how it differentiated the facts of that case from an earlier, significant California Supreme Court decision titled Hopping v. Council of City of Richmond.

"In the Hopping case, the California Supreme Court concluded that resolutions to accept an offer of land that would be used for a new city hall were legislative and subject to referendum," the statement remarked. "The San Bruno court reached a different result than the Hopping case by noting that in San Bruno, the city was 'not appropriating any of its own funds in connection with the real estate transaction' and was 'not providing any subsidy to the developer.'"

SLD continued, "The city's May 24 approval of the DDLA is more analogous to Hopping than it is to San Bruno. The city is appropriating its own funds under the DDLA and is providing a subsidy to Eden Housing. Under the DDLA, the city is providing Eden Housing with a \$7.8 million loan at 3% simple interest to purchase the former Lucky's site. As the city is using its own funds for this project, the resolution approving the DDLA is a legislative act subject to voter referendum."

Alcalá's report also pointed to another example, in which the California Attorney General issued an opinion that a resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement to sell property for development pursuant to an approved plan for the disposition of former redevelopment agency property is not subject to referendum.

"California Courts have

consistently held that the electorate cannot invoke a referendum to annul or delay the government's actions that carry out its legislative policies," Alcalá wrote. "The courts have reasoned that referendum is not applicable because the inevitable effect would impair governmental operations. They have also reasoned that if administrative decisions were subject to referendum, then a small group of electors, through repeated referendums, could interfere with essential governmental functions making it impossible to carry on the public business. The California Attorney General has also opined that the referendum power cannot apply when the potential consequences could indefinitely prevent the sale of property for development consistent with an approved long range property management plan for the disposition of former redevelopment agency property."

SLD further responded to Alcalá's remarks on the California Attorney General.

"The Attorney General's analysis emphasized that the resolution was issued in accordance with the redevelopment dissolution law, which 'leaves no room for voter input on a settled long-range property plan.' That is not the case here," SLD wrote. "Unlike appellate court decisions, Attorney General opinions are not binding on California courts and are only of persuasive value. Because the facts underlying the Attorney General opinion are different from those related to the DDLA, the opinion has limited value."

"The failure of the city

attorney to even mention the Hopping decision in his report casts a shadow on his analysis. Under that decision, City Council Resolution No. 2022-085 is clearly a legislative act subject to voter referendum."

During public comments, former Livermore Mayor John Marchand, who is running to fill the mayoral seat that will be vacated by Mayor Bob Woerner this fall, said the referendum advocates were "playing a dangerous game of chicken."

"What the paid signature gatherers are not telling residents is that the referendum will repeal the four-story height limit for downtown development that the council wisely imposed on Eden Housing," Marchand said. "The loss of that agreement

means that the development could go as high as seven stories based on new state laws. A successful referendum would mean that Eden could come back with a seven-story project and the city could not stop it. Furthermore, because it's 100% affordable, parking requirements now in place would be eliminated, and the newer design could pass without any parking provided."

SLD called this demonstrably false.

"The DDLA does not address design requirements for Eden Housing's project," SLD concluded. "The height limitation and parking requirements are standards built into the Downtown Specific Plan. The referendum in no way affects those design issues."

HOTEL

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of Commerce CEO Dawn Argula said the Tri-Valley's rapidly expanding business sector supports healthy weekday hotel traffic and that capturing overnight weekend tourists is a critical piece of the regional tourism strategy.

"Presidio companies has brought us a thoughtful, elegant downtown project that will serve both a corporate business traveler and the Wine Country visitor," Argula continued. "With a regional innovation economy of over \$42 billion, it is imperative that we build the mechanisms to keep the tourism dollars at work inside the region."

One speaker wondered how the city plans to address the future possible parking congestion. Attorney Winston Stromberg of Latham & Watkins LLP, rep-

resenting community group Save Livermore Downtown (SLD), submitted a letter to the planning commission on the same topic. His letter called for the commission to work with planning staff to find a different location for the hotel's required parking.

"SLD continues to support the development of a hotel in downtown Livermore and recognizes that the city and its voters realize the benefits the hotel will bring to downtown Livermore," the letter dated May 24 read. "SLD remains concerned by the fact that the project's use of the 2080 Railroad Avenue parcel for off-site parking is inconsistent with the Downtown Specific Plan and applicable planning and zoning rules."

Carling noted that there

had been several questions about valet parking for the project in the past.

"The people that are questioning valet parking are never going to stay in this hotel," he continued. "I'm not sure that that's an important point of view other than they don't think valet will work, but the hotelier does think it's going to work."

Vice Mayor Gina Bonanno and Councilmember Trish Munro also said they were excited to see the hotel move forward, while Mayor Bob Woerner noted that it was the first time he'd only heard public commenters speak-

ing all in favor of an item at a city council meeting. Councilmember Britni Kiick said she sees the value of supporting the Wine Country industry.

"When we're talking about wine, we are not just talking about wineries," she said. "We're talking about one piece of critical infrastructure for our economy as a whole... I don't particularly like wine very much, but I do really like the wine industry, because I understand that if the wine industry falls, it is the first domino that could destroy our service industry as a whole."

RACE

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ney Terry Wiley to become the county's next District Attorney, replacing retiring Nancy O'Malley. Through Tuesday's count, Price received about 43% of the vote to Wiley's 27%. Deputy Attorney Jimmie Wilson tallied 20% and former San Francisco prosecutor Seth Steward received 10%.

EDUCATION

Retired teacher Cheryl Cook-Kallio appeared to be the winner of the Alameda County of Education 7th Trustee area seat to represent the Tri-Valley. Cook-Kallio received 53% of the vote. Her competitors, Diemha "Kate" Dao received 26% and school administrator Eric Dillie received 21%.

Through Tuesday, San Francisco Unified School District administrator Alysse Castro had pulled ahead of ACOE Superintendent L.K. Monroe, who is seeking reelection to the post. Castro led 52% to 48% in the latest available count at press time.

ZONE 7 WATER AGENCY

In the Flood Control and Water Conservation District Directors Zone 7 Board of Directors race, where four out of the five candidates

were set to win, incumbents Dennis Gambis, Sarah Palmer and Olivia Sanwong were being re-elected to seats, in that order. Water agency professional Dawn Benson will take the fourth spot. A fifth candidate, Todd Shinohara, who did not actively campaign, is finishing a distant last.

CONGRESS

In the 14th Congressional District, incumbent Democrat Eric Swalwell led easily with 64%, but it was not immediately clear which Republican he will face in the November runoff. Alison Hayden, who Swalwell defeated in 2020, received 10% to finish second. Hayden's lead over third-place finisher, Tom Wong, was 1,000 votes, 600 votes higher than Monday's tally. Fourth place finisher Sri "Steve" Iyer was 1,648 votes behind Hayden.

ASSEMBLY

In Assembly District 16, incumbent Democrat Rebecca Bauer-Kahan took two-thirds of the vote against her only opponent, Republican Joseph Rubay, but the two must face off again in November, according to the rules.

expose children to equipment at community events also changed the original staff recommendation.

While the department previously used some listed equipment, like the PPD's armored rescue vehicle, to encourage community interaction, the council asked that the department reevaluate its outreach guidelines regarding children.

The ordinance approving the policy will return to city council for a second reading later this month.

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2850 VINE CT
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2422 WELLINGHAM DR
2155 WESTBROOK LN
1682 WHIPOOLWILL ST
1214 WINDING STREAM CT
5733 WISTERIA WAY
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County Fair Opens This Weekend

The Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton opens this weekend with free admission from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, June 17.



Horse racing is back at the Alameda County Fairground this year with opening day of the fair this Friday, June 17. The fair runs for two weeks and features a variety of rides, musical events, artisan booths, food and more. For more information, visit www.alamedacountyfair.com.

(Photo courtesy of Alameda County Fair)

R&B singer and songwriter Ginuwine will headline the Big O Tires concert in the Lucky Amphitheater at 8 p.m. on opening night. The fair will be open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily through July 10, except for Monday, July 4, when the fairgrounds will close at 8 p.m.

Opening weekend continues Saturday, June 18, with the only West Coast regional qualifier for the annual Nathan's Famous Hot

Dog Eating Contest. The competition gets underway at 3:30 p.m. The three top male and female finishers at the Alameda County Fair

will be invited to compete at Coney Island in New York on July 4.

Brew Fest is also on tap from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, with more than 15 breweries. The rock band Neon Trees is set to perform in the amphitheater at 8 p.m.

The Sun's Out Fun's Out Run is also scheduled for Saturday, before the fairgrounds officially opens for the day. The fun run will consist of a mile

around the historic fairground racetrack, plus a course laid out through the fairgrounds. The fun run will also include the "Pleasanton Mile," which is once around the racetrack. Proceeds will benefit Sunflower Hill, a local nonprofit that develops affordable housing communities and offers support programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

In honor of Father's Day on Sunday, June 19, dads will be admitted free until 3 p.m. The fair will also celebrate Pride Month on Sunday with its "Out at the Fair" festival. L.A. Vation, a U2 tribute band, will perform at the amphitheater.

The fair will also offer a family movie on the concert lawn, beginning at 6 p.m. every day, along with a drone light show at the Stella Artois Grandstand, and the midway carnival rides. For foodies, the fair will offer an array of new items, including Hot Cheeto Pizza, lobster nachos, and bubble waffles, along with the traditional fare like corn dogs, cotton candy, and kettle corn.

General admission is \$18, with a \$3 discount for children from 6 to 12 and adults 62 and older. Children under 6 are free. For more information and a full schedule, visit alamedacountyfair.com.

Pleasanton School District to Fence Portion of Donlon Field

By Dawnmarie Fehr

The Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) will build a fence around a portion of the 8.3-acre Donlon Elementary Field to allow entrance to the field during recess.

The current fence allows children access to the school's hardtop, but not the grass field, and is coming down. The district hopes to have the new fence in place before school resumes in the fall, giving the school approximately three acres as a playfield.

"The district is pleased to find a solution that provides safe access to the playfield for the students," said Ahmad Sheikholeslami, assistant superintendent, business services. "In

addition to the fencing, the district will also work on improving the field condition."

Colleen Hake is a local resident and parent of a Donlon Elementary student. She has been a voice for the Val Vista neighborhood surrounding Donlon, asking the city to keep the field as is, splitting the acreage between public use and school use.

"The community is relieved that these steps have been taken to secure the field for our students," Hake said. "The community now has its sights set on ensuring the city council does the right thing in making sure the community has its rightful space as well. We want the city council to get involved in taking care of

the remaining acres for the kids. We want four acres for the kids and four acres for a city park."

Sheikholeslami said the fencing project will cost about \$50,000, paid for by the Measure 11 bond. There will be 800 linear feet of chain link fence cutting across the field once the project is complete.

However, roughly 5.5 acres of Donlon field are being considered as part of the City of Pleasanton's housing element plan to meet the state's demand for increased housing. No sale of the property is imminent, nor could a sale happen without an extensive public process, including opportunities for the public to make comments to both PUSD and city council.

RETIRE

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the successful passage of two parcel taxes, bringing more than \$56 million in local revenue to expand district-wide STEM education, and helping to bridge a base funding gap that exists between LVJUSD and other

the importance and value of social emotional learning for students and its positive impact on their overall mental health," said Board Clerk Emily Prusso.

Bowers and her husband Rob, a Livermore High

relationships with students, families, staff, board trustees, and community members," Bower said.

And for those who have worked with her over the years, the feeling is very mutual.

The LVJUSD Board of Education and Bowers have begun the work of succession planning. The board expects to have a new superintendent in place before the start of the 2022-23 academic year.

"It really cannot be overstated how valuable competent, consistent leadership is to an organization."

— Board President Craig Bueno

MARIJUANA

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last year awarded Darcie Kent with a Cannabis Retail Operators Permit (CROP).

"The addition of a much-needed dispensary to our area will attract new consumers to the region, which will directly contribute to the area of a planned vision for us to be an attractive full-service destination," Kailyn Kent told the ECBZA panel during the meeting. "Our boutique dispensary will educate consumers not only about cannabis, but about the wide array of agritourism opportunities in our region."

The business will include a sales room and counter, along with an "Education and Resource Galley" that will provide information on the responsible use of cannabis and the agricultural products grown in Eastern Alameda County.

"We'll be featuring locally grown products from the area, like cannabis infused olive oil and honey," Kailyn Kent said. "Many of the brands of cannabis goods that will be on sale will also contain local raw materials, such as terpenes."

Oakland-based Eden Enterprises, which grows hemp in Byron and operates the Garden of Eden dispensary in Hayward, is partnering with the operation. Eden also operates a farm in Calaveras County; a manufacturing and distribution center in Watsonville; and a research center in Union City. A "campus" with cultivation to distribution and retail operations is coming soon to Union City, along with another dispensary in Sunol, the company's website says.

Darcie Kent said the firm has "extensive knowledge of the local cannabis industry" as a retailer and grower.

"Collectively, their management team has more than 100 years of cannabis experience at their existing dispensary, Garden of Eden Hayward," Darcie Kent said. "They have over 17 years of retail experience with an impeccable reputation for security, safety and customer service."

According to the Kents, the permitting process took about two years, gaining support from local winegrowers, the county's Agricultural Advisory Committee and the Tri-Valley Conservancy.

The Kents said they hope the dispensary can invigorate the local wine industry, which suffered during the pandemic. Darcie Kent said her winery's tasting rooms were closed for the better part of a year and other local wineries curtailed their businesses, laid off staff or ceased operations.

"The recovery process has begun, but we need more

visitors to our Wine Country," Darcie Kent said. "This will be the first dispensary in the entire Tri-Valley and will bring thousands of new customers to our area. I am always surprised how many people have driven along I-580 and never knew that such a beautiful wine valley is hidden behind the rolling hills just a few miles to the south."

Darcie Kent said the hope is new visitors will frequent many local businesses nearby.

County documents showed the Kents have plans to add or have already completed improvements for security, including video surveillance systems, motion detectors, burglar alarms, panic buttons, fire alarm systems and lighting.

During a recent inspection, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office offered security advice, including the replacement of rollup doors with security-grade doors, sealing off the inventory area from view, moving some cameras for better views and adding or replacing some indoor doors.

"Due to all the added security and surveillance, statistics actually prove that crime drops in the vicinity of a dispensary, and I don't think we will be any different," Darcie Kent said. "We raised our daughters in this neighborhood and my family remains very active with a long list of nonprofits that contribute to our community on a daily basis. It's important to us to preserve the quality of life for both our family and our neighbors."

A county reported stated that there is a demand for a cannabis dispensary in East County since there are none in the immediate vicinity. Four other businesses have been approved in other parts of the county, officials said. The report also said county planners believe the dispensary meets conditions of Measure D, the East County Area Plan and the South Livermore Valley Area Plan "to preserve the area's unique rural and scenic qualities" because it will operate in a building already on the property. They believe it also conforms to Williamson Act provisions, because the cannabis business is replacing the winery tasting room in the same structure.

ECBZA member Derek Eddy expressed concern during the approval meeting about the separation of the wine and cannabis operations. He questioned whether some customers might try to enjoy both marijuana and alcohol during a visit.

But Pamela Epstein, Eden's chief regulation and

licensing officer, assured him the site will have security to try to prevent customers from consuming cannabis products there.

In approving the CUP, Eddy and his fellow commissioners, Lori Souza and Frank Imhoff, voted to review the business in a year to make sure it is meeting conditions. The CUP includes more than 30 requirements for the Kents to meet, including not selling to anyone under 21 years old; maintaining records of customers; complying with state and county laws; and meeting security requirements.

No one spoke against the business' approval during the period for public comments during the meeting. Three people voiced support for the Kent family.

Darcie and Kailyn Kent said their family had already discussed the dispensary with neighbors and local business owners, posting public signs and offering preview tours.

"Everyone has been really supportive of our efforts," Kailyn Kent said. "We truly believe this is an outstanding opportunity for the Livermore Valley Wine Country."

Tri-Valley districts. Under her leadership, LVJUSD has been recognized five times as a Bay Area Top Workplace, the only public school district to receive that distinction.

"It really cannot be overstated how valuable competent, consistent leadership is to an organization," added Bueno. "It creates a safe and trusted environment for those who work within it and promotes confidence in the shared vision and mission for those it serves."

A cornerstone of Bowers' leadership was the creation and development of the Framework for Success program to support the district's mission that "each student will graduate with the skills needed to contribute and thrive in a changing world." Framework recognizes and supports the idea that students require academic, behavioral, and social-emotional learning (SEL) to achieve at the highest levels. Bowers' work in SEL and mental health made LVJUSD a national model, earning millions in federal grants to support the growing needs for mental health education and support.

"Even before the pandemic, Dr. Bowers recognized

School alumnus, have lived in Livermore since 1996 where they raised and educated their two children. In the future, Bowers said she looks forward to pursuing new opportunities that many her passion for high-impact public and community service with her extensive leadership experience.

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TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Thursday, June 16
Summer Concert Series at Emerald Glen Park

Dublin's Summer Concert Series returns to the Emerald Glen Park Amphitheater during the Dublin Farmers' Market.

The event kicks off with the '80s cover band, the Spazmatics, performing at 6 p.m. That evening is also LGBTQ+ Night at the Dublin Farmers' Market. The concerts are free, and guests should plan on bringing blankets or lawn chairs. The Dublin Lions Club will also be on hand for wine and beer tastings, and dinner can be purchased from one of the many food vendors. For more information, visit bit.ly/3PN5yPl.

Thursday, June 16 to Sunday, June 19
"Shrek the Musical"

Christian Youth Theater (CYT) Tri-Valley will present "Shrek the Musical" from Thursday, June 16, to Sunday, June 19, at the Livermore High School Performing Arts Center, 600 Maple St. Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 16; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Friday, June 17; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 18; and 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 19. Tickets are \$16 in advance and \$18 at

the door. For more information or tickets, visit bit.ly/3IArnRx.

Saturday, June 18
Hazardous Waste Disposal

Dublin residents can drop off unwanted household hazardous waste for safe disposal and pick up free bags of compost at Amador Valley Industries' annual drop-off event and compost giveaway on June 18, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Zeiss parking lot (5300 Central Parkway, in Dublin). This event requires an appointment, and registration will close on June 10 or when all appointments are filled. To register, call 925-557-1091 or email psc-appointments@answerquick.com.

Wednesday, June 22
State of the County with Supervisor David Haubert

Join Supervisor David Haubert as he delivers his first State of the County, during which he will reflect on recent accomplishments achieved by Alameda County, as well as the challenges that lay ahead, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30

p.m., at 6680 Regional St., in Dublin. Sponsorships are still available. For more information, call 925-828-6200.

Sunday, June 26
Wine It Up Fitness Fundraiser

Joya's third annual Wine It Up fitness fundraising event takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Dante Robere Vineyards. The event will feature four Joya fitness classes, three raffles, and food available for purchase from The Color of Fresh. Event proceeds benefit Putnam Clubhouse and Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance. Dante Robere and The Color of Fresh will donate a portion of sales to the event. For more information, visit wineitup.org.

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

Pleasanton Farmers Market Open for the Season

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

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

OBITUARIES

Karen Naomi Whiteley 1943 – 2022

Karen Nioma Whiteley, wife, mother and friend to everyone she met, passed away after a long illness on May 27, 2022, peacefully surrounded by family at the age of 78. Karen was born in Portland, Oregon to John Delbert Hathaway of Kansas and Jessie Helen Hardaway of Idaho.

Karen attended Shadle Park Highschool where she graduated in 1961; she attended Whitworth College receiving her bachelor's in business education majoring in psychology and education. She continued at Whitworth receiving her master's in psychology. Karen moved to Livermore, California in 1971 with Lee, her husband of 42 years and their two boys, Craig and



Rick Whiteley.

She received her teaching credentials from the state of California in 1973. She later went on to have various positions as a teacher, counselor and therapist. Karen worked at The Center as a therapist before starting her own practice,

Kare Recovery Inc.

Karen was a faithful member of Crossroads Fellowship and had 34 years in sobriety. Karen sponsored many women in the program and was active in helping others to achieve recovery.

Karen is survived by her brother John Hathaway (Linda); two sons and their wives Craig (Tracie), Rick (Christina); her grandchildren Cassy, Craig Jr., Brittany, Calista, Stone and Beau; great grandchildren Landon, Noah, Liam, Payton and Mawston.

Private funeral services will be held with a celebration of life afterwards. Donations may be made in Karen's honor to The General Service Office of AA or at AA.org.

Betty Lou Hansen Nov. 23, 1930 – June 5, 2022

On Sunday, June 5, 2022, Betty Hansen, devoted aunt to all her nieces and nephews, passed away at the age of 91. Betty was born on Nov. 23, 1930, in Alpine, Texas to Howard and Beatrice (Henley) Hill.

Betty grew up travelling around the country with her family of six, following her father's construction work on military bases. When she entered high school, her family settled in Livermore, California on Mines Road, and Betty became a student of Livermore High along with her younger brother Harvey. Betty married Bill Hansen on June 13, 1953. Betty and Bill bought property on Mines Road just down the road from her parents. Their piece of paradise in the country became the gathering place for family and friends as Betty orchestrated baseball games, Easter egg hunts, swimming pool parties and BBQs. Not having any children of her own, Betty enjoyed entertaining and interacting with her many nieces and nephews.

Betty was an extraordinary woman in many ways. She was a gifted artist who pursued her passion for



color and design through multiple mediums and outlets. She was known best for her exquisite designs in quilting, acquiring many awards and accolades. Her quilts are coveted treasures by family and friends. As a bowling enthusiast, Betty helped her team, of whom her mother was also a member, win many championships through her bowling prowess. Betty loved exploring the outdoors and hunting with her husband Bill as they traveled between their homes in both Dell, Montana and Livermore.

Betty spent her final months reminiscing with her many friends, nieces and nephews about her rich and fulfilling life. For this,

we are thankful. Betty lived through many experiences that most would have succumbed to. Lymphoma of the brain was her final adversary. However, being the resilient woman she was, she stayed active both mentally and physically until the last few days of her well-lived life. The family would like to thank Frances and Bruce Lowe for their care of Aunt Betty as she struggled with cancer and the pandemic during her last two years, as well as Hope Hospice for the care of both Betty and her family during the final days of Betty's illness. And, although Aunt Betty has passed in body, her spirit for the game of Rummikub will continue to live on through her friends, nieces and nephews.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband Bill; parents Howard and Beatrice; brothers Howard and Harvey; as well as her sisters Martha and Patsy Hill-Grimmsley. Betty is survived by her many nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be held on Friday, June 24, 2022, at the Roselawn Cemetery located at 1240 North Livermore Avenue at 11 a.m.

William David O'Connell Aug. 8, 1946 – May 24, 2022

William O'Connell, husband and father, passed away on May 24, 2022.

Born in Yosemite, he was a father of two boys, Charlie and Will

O'Connell, and has eight grandkids. He loved going fishing, camping and hiking with family and friends. Cathy is his wife of 35 years. Maxine Wol-

len is his sister. William was a member of the Eagles and the native son of Livermore.

We miss you. Rest in Peace - Cathy.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Julie (Burns) Frick July 12, 1961 – June 1, 2022

Julie Anne Frick passed away on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at the age of 60. Although Julie was afflicted with a multitude of health issues stemming from kidney failure brought on by strep throat in 1975, an unrelenting spirit of joy and natural happiness defined her until the very end of her life.

Julie was born at Eden Hospital in Castro Valley and grew up in Pleasanton. She attended Valley View Elementary, Pleasanton Elementary and graduated from Amador Valley High School in 1979. She moved to Livermore in the early 1980s.

Julie married Charles Frick in 1988. Their daughter, Vanessa Rose, was born three years later, creating a family fully committed to each other. The family was completed in 2019 when Vanessa married Brian Osgood. Despite the hardships she endured throughout her life, Julie found great joy in gardening, animals, ice cream cones from Meadowlark Dairy and time spent with her loved ones.

Julie is survived by her loving husband of 34 years; her adoring daughter and son-in-law; her precious pups, Lily and Lulu; as well as many treasured family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her devoted parents, Stan and Barbara Burns; her beloved brother, Steve Burns; and her dear grandparents, Percy, and Elaine Bell.

A celebration of Julie's life will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the family home, 601 Orion Way in Livermore. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Julie's name to the National Kidney Foundation or the ASPCA.



Marie Ruzicka June 10, 1929 – Dec. 27, 2020

Marie was born in Butte Montana on June 10, 1929, the only child of Albert and Olga Mondelli.

She earned a degree in microbiology from Montana State College in 1951. In 1952, she began her career at Kadillac Hospital as a medical technologist in Richland, Washington where she met George Ruzicka. They were married in Butte, Montana in 1954. They moved to Livermore in 1958, where George took a position at Sandia National Labs. Marie earned her teaching credential in 1969 and taught in the Livermore area from 1969 to her retirement in 1990. She played the violin in her high school and college orchestras, and in Livermore, she joined the American Association of University Women and

became involved with the formation of the Livermore Amador Symphony. She played in the inaugural season of the Livermore Amador Symphony in 1963 and continued playing up to 1970. Marie was an active member of the Symphony Guild from the beginning and continued her active participation until her death.

She was a devoted member of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church and enjoyed being a member of several bridge clubs, ski clubs, Bunco and a local women's golf group. She had a passion for travel. The family spent most summers in the northwest backpacking, camping and canoe trips. Later, she would enjoy traveling abroad and spent her retirement trav-

eling with close friends. Marie quickly passed on Dec. 27, 2020, while getting ready for her day. She had a nice Zoom meeting with her three sons and their families on Christmas Day.

She is survived by her sons, George Ruzicka (Lori) of Louisville, Kentucky, David Ruzicka (Christy) of Livermore, and Christopher (Laura) Ruzicka of Concord; grandchildren, John, Ashley, Natalie, Stephanie, Edward and August; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, George.

The memorial service for Marie Ruzicka will be held on Friday, June 17 at noon at St. Bartholomew's Church on 678 Enos Way, Livermore, California. A reception in the lounge at the church will follow.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Jean Carol Bibbins Pierce April 26, 1931 – June 2, 2022

Jean Carol Bibbins Pierce, born April 26, 1931, entered Heaven June 2, 2022. She was 91 years old.

The oldest of four children from Pauline Hungerford Bibbins and Kenneth Dodge Bibbins, passing just two years apart, along with her sister Shirley Bibbins Thompson. Jean is survived by brothers Mr. and Mrs. Don Bibbins (83) of Rodman, New York and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bibbins (78) of Adams Center, New York.

Jean was born in Watertown, New York. She grew up on the family dairy farm. They also had their own label of maple syrup. Jean was a third-generation nurse and graduated from Syracuse University School of Nursing on a scholarship after high school. Jean graduated Salutatorian with the second highest GPA of her graduating class of 1956.

Jean joined the U.S. Air Force as a registered nurse during the Korean War and was stationed at a NATO base in Iceland. After completing her deployment, she was stationed at Mather AFB in Sacramento, California. Jean separated the USAF-R as captain and then moved to Stockton where she met Wallace R. Pierce (Wally). They fell in love and were married on Aug. 18, 1962. They settled in Livermore that same year and joined the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore.

The couple had two sons; Wallace Jr. (Walt) and Daniel William (Dan.) Wally worked for PG&E for over 40 years, and Jean worked at the Veterans Hospital in Livermore, retiring after 25 years. In 1974 while on sabbatical from the VA Hospital, Jean completed a Master of Science degree in nursing from the University of California San Francisco. Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Wally, January 2, 1994. Jean is survived by her sons, Wallace and his wife Tanya and their two children, Ashley and Matthew, and by her son Dan and his wife Daniela and their three children, Elizabeth, Danny and Denissa. Jean also has many nieces and nephews.

Jean was well known for her generosity and charitable spirit. Her devotion to God and was a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church of Livermore.

A memorial/celebration of life ceremony was held at the Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore, California on June 10, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., concluding with a brief gravesite ceremony at Memory Gardens Cemetery. Immediately following the service, participants were invited to attend a reception with refreshments at Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. If you wish to give a gift in memory of Jean, she suggested giving to the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, the Salvation Army or a charity of your choice.



Jean Louise Petrilli Sept. 8, 1950 – June 2, 2022

Jean Louise Petrilli, 71, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Thursday morning, June 2, 2022, succumbing to her long battle with a debilitating lung disease.

Jean was born in Monterey Park, California on Sept. 8, 1950, to Shirley Jean and Veator Barton. She met and married her sweetheart, Don Petrilli, in 1970 in Long Beach, California. They quickly added two children, Jeanette and Daryl, and in 1972, packed up and moved up to Livermore, California for a teaching job at Livermore High School for Don. Jean stayed at home with the kids and, over the next eight years, would add three more children to the family: Monica, Andrea and Vincent.

Jean was a hard worker. In 1980 when Vincent was born, and Andrea was still a toddler, Jean and Don became small business owners and opened Accelerated Printing (a printing business). Jean would care for the little ones, work the front desk and assist with much of the technical work. They operated the business together for 20 years while transporting children to various extracurriculars and activities.

In 2000, Jean and Don retired their business, and Jean went right to work at the



Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Office in the curriculum department. Jean supported specialized and categorical programs, including English learners, GATE, and migrant education, for the next 16 years until she retired in 2016.

Jean had a lot of talents and hobbies. She was a skilled seamstress, crafter, a great cook and enjoyed singing and music. She enjoyed the holidays and making various decorations to display. She had the gift of gab, was a joy to talk to and had many wonderful relationships. Jean was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many different capacities. Over the years, some of her responsibilities included teaching children's Sunday school, leading the children's Sunday music program, family history consultant, Relief

Society Activity Committee member and Public Affairs representative for the church in the Livermore area.

Jean was a devoted mother and grandmother and worked tirelessly to care for, provide for and support her family. Jean derived a lot of joy from watching her children and grandchildren participate in sports, plays, concerts and whatever else they were involved in. She spent countless hours travelling the country only to spend hours in the gym watching a lot of volleyball, but she loved it! Jean was patient, kind, loving, thoughtful, dependable and a wonderful mother, grandmother and friend. Her presence in the family will be sorely missed.

She is preceded in death by her eternal companion Don; her parents Shirley and Veator; and her sister Marie. She is survived by her five children and their spouses, Jeanette, Daryl (Claudia), Monica (Darren), Andrea (Ryan) and Vince (Ashlee); 12 beautiful grandchildren; and her two sisters, Karen (Lewis) and Jackie; and her brother-in-law Jay. All who loved Jean are invited to gather for her funeral services on Tuesday, June 21 at 12:30 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 950 Mocho Street in Livermore.

Hike for Hope Sets New Fundraising Record

The 2022 Hike for Hope at Del Valle Regional Park last month set records for both participation and fundraising, with more than 1,300 registered hikers and over \$180,000 raised for Hope Hospice's patient care and community programs.

The prior records were 702 hikers in 2011 and \$114,758 raised in 2018.

"We deeply appreciate the support from our East Bay community, especially during these economically challenging times," said Marc Rovetti, the organization's director of philanthropy.

According to Rovetti, many people participate in the annual hike to honor the memory of a loved one, but

some show up just to show their support.

"A growing number of hikers have no direct connection to Hope Hospice," Rovetti added. "They're community members who hear about our mission and our programs, and they fundraise to help support our cause. We can't thank them enough."

Hope Hospice is a Dublin-based nonprofit that provides support services for the families of terminally ill or dementia patients.

Team Myra Ann's 75 was the top fundraising team, raising \$5,175. Carrie Damschroder was recognized as the top individual fundraiser with \$550.



The May 14 Hike for Hope fundraiser at Del Valle Regional Park broke both attendance and fundraising records this year, raising over \$180,000 for Hope Hospice patient care. (Photo courtesy of Chuck Deckert)

Donations Sought for Used Book Sale

Friends of the Pleasanton Library is conducting a donation drive now through Aug. 12 for its annual fall book sale.

Used books and audiovisual media can be dropped off at the library, located at 400 Old Bernal Road, between 9 and 11 a.m. Proceeds will support special programs and the purchase of equipment for the library.

For more information, call 925-931-3400.

Dublin Challenges Hikers to Cover Every Trail in the City

To celebrate National Parks Month in July, Dublin is challenging hikers to cover all 26.2 miles of trails in the city.

In announcing the challenge, the city said on its website that Dublin's trails add up to the same distance as a marathon. Registered hikers will have from Fri-

day, July 1 to Wednesday, Aug. 31, to complete the Dublin Trail Challenge at their own pace. The challenge is free and registered participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt. They may also track their miles on the RaceJoy app.

To sign up, visit tinyurl.com/2jscfzre.

Dublin Library to Hold Used Book Sale

Friends of the Dublin Library will hold its annual Summer Used Book Sale from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday, June 25; and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., on Sunday, June 26, at the Dublin Public Library, 200 Civic Plaza.

Most items, including books and audiovisual ma-

terials, are less than \$2. Sunday is also Bag Day, when shoppers can fill a paper bag provided by Friends of the Dublin Library for \$5. Proceeds will purchase new library resources and support library programs.

Cash or credit and debit card payments will be accepted.

UNCLE Donates \$100,000 for Bankhead Gallery

UNCLE Credit Union, based in Livermore, has donated \$100,000 to Livermore Valley Arts in return for naming rights at the Bankhead Theater Art Gallery.

Livermore Valley Arts, which operates the Bankhead Theater, said the donation will provide long-term support of the visual art

exhibits at the gallery, while the credit union will have naming rights for all gallery spaces, which include the downstairs lobby, the ramps leading to the theater, and the founders' room at the Bankhead Theater for the next five years.

According to the announcement, the gallery will be named the UNCLE

Credit Union Art Gallery.

The credit union has been a Bankhead Theater season sponsor since 2018. UNCLE is a shortened form of the University of California Livermore Employees Credit Union, which was founded in 1957 and now serves members in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus counties.



Local artist Justin Metoyer Mullon, above, displays work from his collection entitled "Ancestral Lights" during Race Amity Day in the Tri-Valley on Sunday, June 12. Hosted by the Dublin Diversity & Inclusion Alliance, the event was open to the public and held at Las Positas College in Livermore. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Livermore Library to Host Jazz in July Programs

The Livermore Public Library will host two 'Jazz in July' programs next month, featuring Lee Waterman and Jazz Caliente on July 9, and guitar virtuoso Mimi Fox on July 16.

Both performances, sponsored by Friends of the Livermore Public Library, begin at 2 p.m. at the Civic

Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. The performances are free, but seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Led by Waterman on guitar, the Jazz Caliente ensemble includes Marc Levine (bass), Kevin Dillon (drums), Tommy Kesecker (vibraphone), Ami Moli-

nelli (percussion), and Steve Heckman (saxophone). Fox will offer 'An Afternoon of Guitar Magic,' with a range of music from original compositions to hits by The Beatles and Cole Porter.

For more information, visit library.livermoreca.gov, livermore.beanstack.org.

The Answer is: Summer Jeopardy Tournament for Adults

The Livermore Public Library will offer a game of Jeopardy for adults at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, July 7, as part of its Adult Summer Reading Program.

Based on the television game show, the game will be held in the Storytime Room at the Civic Center

Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. Participants will play in teams and compete to win prizes. Joining the game is free, but registration is required. To register, call 925-373-5505.

The library's Adult Summer Reading Program, sponsored by the Friends of

the Livermore Public Library, will run through Aug. 17. Those who complete the program will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate for a local restaurant or business. To register for the summer reading program, visit livermore.beanstack.org.

Pleasanton Library to Host Veteran Medical Outreach

The VA Palo Alto Mobile Medical Outreach team will be at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Road, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, June 27, to facilitate examinations, consultations, and referrals for enrolled

veterans.

Pleasanton Library has been a member of Veterans Connect @ the Library, a statewide outreach for U.S. military veterans, since 2013. Veterans Affairs representatives will also be available to pro-

vide information to veterans, spouses, caregivers, family members, and survivors and assist with enrollment for VA care.

Veterans should bring military discharge papers (form DD-214) and a list of current medications.

TV30 to Give Away Alameda County Fair Tickets

TV30 will give away two tickets to the Alameda County Fair every day from June 17 to June 28.

Winners will be contacted by Tri-Valley Community Television and listed on the nonprofit's webpage. To enter the free drawing, visit tv30.org and click on the "Lucky Fan" icon.

Tri-Valley Community Television is a nonprofit public-access television, educational-access television and government-access television channel serving the Tri-Valley area, east of San Francisco, California. The cities include Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton and San Ramon. The organization provides locally focused programming, which includes public meetings, such as the city council meetings of each of the three participating jurisdictions, as well as the Pleasanton School Board, the Dublin School Board, the Livermore School Board and the Zone 7 Water District.

For more information, visit tri-valleytv.org.

Coffee Shop to Host Eden Housing Debate

Joya's Steam House Coffee & Kava Bar, 1935 Second St., Livermore, will host a debate on Thursday, June 30, over the proposed development of 130 affordable housing units in the downtown area.

The city has reached an agreement with Eden Housing in Hayward to develop

and manage the housing project. However, a group known as Save Livermore Downtown (SLD) wants the project moved to a different location.

According to organizers, representatives from SLD declined to participate in the debate, so its side will be represented by reading from

letters to the editor, public statements, and advertisements. Livermore Mayor Bob Woerner will represent the city and respond, debate style, to the SLD statements.

Dubbed the "Eden Housing Debate," the program will run from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will be streamed over Zoom.

Tri-Valley Students Earn Degrees From University of Alabama

Three students from the Tri-Valley have received degrees from the University of Alabama during spring commencement. **Jessica Casey** of Livermore received a bachelor's degree in commerce and business administration, and **Marie Franklin** of Livermore received a bachelor's degree in human environmental sciences. **Taylor Sowers** of Pleasanton also received a bachelor's degree. The university offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in nearly 200 programs, with a student to faculty ratio that averages 23:1. For more information, visit ua.edu.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 22CV011323

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner:
Cheri Diana Zoellner
3421 Cornerstone Court, Apt 116
Pleasanton, CA 94566
(925)775-5043
nolafans@att.net

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name:
Cheri Diana Zoellner
Proposed Name:
Cheri Diana Snyder
THE COURT ORDERS
that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 7/15/2022
Time: 11:00 AM
Dept: 17

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

A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation printed in this county: The Independent Newspaper 2250 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550
Dated: 5/16/2022 /s/ Electronically Filed - Xian-xi Bowie, Deputy Clerk - Judge Hon. Frank Roesch. The Independent, Legal No. 5164. Published May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 589153

The following person(s) doing business as: Bob's Discount Liquors #7, 32154 Alvarado Blvd, Union City, CA 94587, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jay Umiya INC, 32154 Alvarado Blvd, Union City, CA 94587. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/17/2022. Signature of Registrant/s: Nehal Patel, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 17, 2022. Expires May 16, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5165. Published May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 589113

The following person(s) doing business as: Green Valley Landscape, 3991 First Street, Suite B, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Green Valley Group, 3991 First Street, Suite B, 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: 6/6/1996. Signature of Registrant/s: Frank N. Smith, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 16, 2022. Expires May 15, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5166. Published May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 589096

The following person(s) doing business as: JB Plumbing and Water heater, 6210 Cedar

business as: Gilman Brewing Company, 912 Gilman St, Berkeley, CA 94710, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Anvil Brewing Company, 94 Westline Dr, Daly City, CA 94015. 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: 3/21/2016. Signature of Registrant/s: Sean Wells, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 16, 2022. Expires May 15, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5167. Published May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 589025

The following person(s) doing business as: Croffles & Co., 2086 Newark Mall, Suite 2035 Newark, CA 94560, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kelly Isselhardt, 6927 Bear Creek Drive, Livermore, CA 94551; Brett Isselhardt, 6927 Bear Creek Drive, 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: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Yong Kim, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 12, 2022. Expires May 12, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5168. Published May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 588996

The following person(s) doing business as: Ann Richardson, 1147 Mataro Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Her Smooth Voice, LLC, 1147 Mataro Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Ann Richardson, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 11, 2022. Expires May 10, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5169. Published May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 589092

The following person(s) doing business as: Barn It Up With BG, 4696 Amy Court, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bettygene Egan, 4696 Amy Court, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Bettygene Egan, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 16, 2022. Expires May 15, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5170. Published May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 589170

The following person(s) doing business as: Appliance Solution, 3926 Stoneridge Drive, Apt# 6, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ramon Ruiz, 3926 Stoneridge Drive, Apt# 6, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Ramon Ruiz, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 17, 2022. Expires May 16, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5171. Published May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 589042

The following person(s) doing business as: JB Plumbing and Water heater, 6210 Cedar

Bvd, Newark, CA 94560, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jonathan H. Williams, 6210 Cedar Bvd, Newark, CA 94560. 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: Jonathan H. Williams, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 12, 2022. Expires May 11, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5172. Published June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 589321

The following person(s) doing business as: Top Knot Bake Shoppe, 6927 Bear Creek Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kelly Isselhardt, 6927 Bear Creek Drive, Livermore, CA 94551; Brett Isselhardt, 6927 Bear Creek Drive, 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: 6/1/2016. Signature of Registrant/s: Kelly Isselhardt, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 25, 2022. Expires May 24, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5173. Published June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 588837

The following person(s) doing business as: Big O Tires San Leandro, 2201 Washington Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bajwa 76 Enterprises, 2057 Drysdale Street, Danville, CA 94506. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Harman S. Bajwa, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 4, 2022. Expires May 3, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5174. Published June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 588859

The following person(s) doing business as: Vintage Society, 248 3rd St. #460, Oakland, CA 94607, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Vintage Society, 248 3rd St. #460, Oakland, CA 94607. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/1/22. Signature of Registrant/s: Mercedes Alegria, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 5, 2022. Expires May 4, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5175. Published June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 589089

The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Veterinary Hospital, 2494 Railroad Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Livermore Loving Paws Veterinary Corp., 2494 Railroad Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Heather S. Moore, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 16, 2022. Expires May 15, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5176. Published June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 589236

The following person(s) doing

business as: TWS Wholesale, 414 Pendleton Way, Oakland, CA 94621, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): The Window Specialist, 414 Pendleton Way, Oakland, CA 94621. 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: 2/13/15. Signature of Registrant/s: Keith C. Perry, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 19, 2022. Expires May 18, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5177. Published June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 589380

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Wu Commerce; 2. Smarthubleader; 3. Wind Trade; 4. Redseasend Technology; 5. OnlineBest-buy4save; 6. Bestbuyrunner; 7. Smartdealscity; 8. Hillflower; 9. SVPowercell; 10. Couponanddeal, 5393 Hillflower Dr., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Wan Wu, 5393 Hillflower Dr., 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: Wan Wu, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 27, 2022. Expires May 26, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5178. Published June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 589381

The following person(s) doing business as: Diablos Cooperstown, 1549 Darwin Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jeremy Branco, 1549 Darwin Ave, Livermore, CA 94550; Marin Martin Raborn, 2749 Riverbend Circle, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Unincorporated Association Other Than a 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: Jeremy Branco, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 27, 2022. Expires May 26, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5179. Published June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 22CV011739

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner:
Stephanie Abimbola Moses
443 Lee Street, Apt 302
Oakland, CA 94610
(925)759-5740
bimolamoses@gmail.com

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name:
Stephanie Abimbola Moses

Proposed Name:
Abimbola Stephanie Moses

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 7/15/2022
Time: 11:00 AM
Dept: 17

The address of the court is:
Alameda County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street
Oakland, CA 94612
A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation printed in this county: The Independent Newspaper 2250 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550
Dated: 5/25/2022 /s/ Electronically Filed - Jerrie Moyer, Clerk of the Superior Court- Judge of the Superior Court: Charles A. Smiley. The Independent, Legal No. 5180. Published June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 589323

The following person(s) doing business as: Proud Family Creations, 3760 Thornhill Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Amanda Williams, 3760 Thornhill Drive, 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: Amanda Williams, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 25, 2022. Expires May 24, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5185. Published June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 589384

The following person(s) doing business as: Jai Ambe Foods LLC, 46509 Mission Blvd, Fremont, CA 94539, is hereby registered Jai Ambe Foods LLC, 609 Vesper Ave, 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: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Shailesh Patel, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 27, 2022. Expires May 26, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5181. Published June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 589285

The following person(s) doing business as: Tumaini Therapy, 1234 Ashby Ave, Apt D, Berkeley, CA 94702, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Melissa Beckles, 1234 Ashby Ave, Apt D, Berkeley, CA 94702. 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: 5/12/22. Signature of Registrant/s: Melissa Beckles, Licensed Clinical Social Worker. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 24, 2022. Expires May 23, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5182. Published June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 589398

The following person(s) doing business as: Next Venture Rentals, 8905 San Ramon Rd, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Next Venture Rentals LLC, 8905 San Ramon Rd, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Alec Minnick, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 31, 2022. Expires May 30, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5183. Published June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 589147

The following person(s) doing business as: Shree Ram Realtor, 3386 Hadsell Ct, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Rajendrakumar N. Patel, 3386 Hadsell

CT, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/4/22. Signature of Registrant/s: Rajendrakumar N. Patel, Broker Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 17, 2022. Expires May 16, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5184. Published June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 589323

The following person(s) doing business as: Proud Family Creations, 3760 Thornhill Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Amanda Williams, 3760 Thornhill Drive, 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: Amanda Williams, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 25, 2022. Expires May 24, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5185. Published June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 579218

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s). Hospice360, 42808 Christy Street, Suite 124, Fremont, CA 94538. Registered Owner(s): Spectrum Pharmacy Solutions LLC, 42808 Christy Street, Suite 124, Fremont, CA 94538. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 5/18/2021 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Kashif Rana, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 2, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 5189. Published June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 2022.

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A horse and rider make their way around barrels at the Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo on Sunday June 12. The 104th annual event was hosted by the Stockmen's Rodeo Association and drew record crowds over the two-day event. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Dublin Student Winner of DAR Poster Contest

A poster created by Bilal Tariq Rauf, a 14-year-old student from Dublin, was chosen to be the official poster for this year's Constitution Week, sponsored by

the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), according to an announcement from the Jose Maria Amador Chapter in Pleasanton. The DAR chapter said

Bilal is home schooled and enrolled in Valley View Charter Prep, an online school based in Stockton. He received first-place honors this year in the DAR's annual Constitution Week poster contest. The poster will be distributed to classrooms and public facilities across the country to promote awareness of Constitution Week, from Sept. 17 to 23.

The DAR, a nonprofit organization promoting patriotism and history, created Constitution Week in 1955, urging the celebration and study of the nation's founding document. The following year, Congress passed a resolution recognizing Constitution Week, which was signed into law by then-President Dwight Eisenhower.

Bilal's design was selected from more than 1,900 entries submitted by DAR chapters across the country. Copies of the poster are available for \$2 each at shop.dar.org.



Bilal Tariq Rauf, center, a 14-year-old student from Dublin, had his poster chosen by the Daughters of the American Revolution as this year's Constitution Week winner. Bilal's design was chosen from more than 1,900 entries. (Photo courtesy of Daughters of the American Revolution)

Woman Pleads Guilty to Providing a Fellow Santa Rita Inmate with Fentanyl

In federal court recently, a woman from San Leandro pleaded guilty to two counts of distributing fentanyl that resulted in the death of an inmate at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, the Department of Justice announced.

Kameron Patricia Reid, 38, was incarcerated in May 2021 and admitted to distributing fentanyl to other inmates. According to authorities, she had hidden the narcotic inside a body cavity. On May 16, she gave two inmates fentanyl and watched them snort it. Shortly thereafter, they both appeared intoxicated, and the first victim lapsed into unconsciousness and became motionless near her bunk.

In order to avoid getting in trouble, Reid admitted she did not notify anyone in the jail that the victim appeared to have overdosed. Instead, she flushed any remaining fentanyl she had down the toilet, she said in her plea agreement.

Eventually, another inmate called for assistance after several hours. Paramedics arrived, but she was pronounced dead.

Investigators said Reid lied to them about her involvement in the woman's death. In her plea agreement, she admitted the fentanyl she provided killed the victim. Reid pleaded guilty to two counts of distributing

fentanyl and faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, a life term of supervised release, and a fine of \$1 million.

She is scheduled to be sentenced in federal court in Oakland on Oct. 28.

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