

Livermore

Court Rules City Violated Election Law

Eden Housing Project Subject of Community Discussion for More Than Two Years

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — An Alameda County Superior Court judge ruled Friday that the Livermore City Council violated an Appellate Court order and the state elections code. In a six-page ruling, Judge Michael Markman said the Livermore council’s June 2024 resolution to rescind its 2022 approval of the Eden Housing project and replace it immediately with a “virtually identical amended” Disposition, Development, and Loan Agreement, with only funding for Veterans Park stripped out, was legally wrong. The city should have either waited a year to do so or put the decision on the entire project before voters, he wrote.

Markman states that Elections Code section 9241 requires that the city “entirely repeal the ordinance against which the petition is filed.”

“It is too clever by half to say that the city ‘entirely repealed’ the original resolution when it immediately substituted almost all of the original language in the replacement resolution,” Markman wrote. “The omission of the provisions concerning Veterans Park is certainly material, and the new resolution may be different in important ways, but that is not the test.”

The judge continued: “Absent an ‘entire repeal’ of the resolution, the city was obligated to send petitioners’ referendum to the voters. The court finds that the city effectively repealed only part of the original resolution. Under section 9241 the new resolution cannot be enacted for a period of a year following the repeal.”

Markman’s ruling is the latest

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Livermore resident Bianca Covarelli stands on the Garaventa property in north Livermore that Lafferty Communities wants to develop. Her group, Save the Hill, led lawsuits against the project. (File photo — Doug Jorgensen)

Livermore

Garaventa Returns to Council Planning Commission Clears Contentious 44-Unit Housing Development in North Livermore

By David Jen

LIVERMORE — The controversial Garaventa Hills housing project cleared the Livermore Planning Commission last week, with the commission voting unanimously to recommend that the city council authorize development of the project. The city’s Planning Commission is an advisory body to the City Council on issues of development and growth.

“As a planning commission, our responsibility is to determine whether or not the project meets the legal standards,” said Chair Jacob Anderson after several residents spoke out against the project.

“It’s not to make any judgments about the project as a whole or our opinions on the project.” The project’s applicant, Livermore Lt Ventures I Group LLC, first submitted a development application in 2011 to build 76 detached single-family homes on the vacant 32-acre site. The site is located north of Altamont Creek Drive between North Vasco Road and Laughlin Road, inside the city’s urban growth boundary.

After several years of community feedback and revisions to its environmental documents, the applicant pared down the project to 44 residential units and added a pedestrian bridge connecting

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Livermore Granted Funds From Open Space Committee to Buy Vacant Land

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — The Altamont Landfill Open Space Committee (ALOSC) on Friday approved \$2.65 million in grant funding to help the City of Livermore buy three parcels totaling more than 209 acres to preserve as vacant land in perpetuity.

Two of the properties, known as the Collier Canyon Property and the Goecken Road Property, lie outside the Livermore city limits and are governed by the city’s urban growth boundary (UGB).

The 3-0 vote authorizes \$1.5

million toward the approximate \$3 million purchase price of the 86-acre Collier Canyon Property located north of Interstate 580 and to the west of Las Positas College, and \$650,000 toward the \$1.32 million price tag for the 82-acre Goecken Road Property in the Altamont Hills north of I-580.

The decision also provides \$500,000 toward the \$1.63 million cost of the 41.3-acre Quint Property located between Vasco and Laughlin roads, north of Altamont Creek, which is within city limits and not covered by the UGB.

The Quint Property lies adjacent

to the Garaventa Wetlands Preserve. The city states in its funding application that it will work with the Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District and Tri-Valley Conservancy to “help facilitate biological and recreational enhancements to the property through a conservation easement.”

Livermore applied for the funding with plans to pay the \$3.33 million remainder of the costs — \$1.13 million for the Quint land; \$670,000 for Goeken; and \$1.53 million for the Collier Canyon land — from its own Open Space Fund. Each of the property owners

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UC Merced Scientist Details Benefits of Carbon Storage

Sequestration Can be a Viable Use of Agricultural Land and Open Space to Fight Climate Change

By David Jen

LIVERMORE — Climate change is driving many innovators to look for technical solutions to put into place, which might help slow or reverse the environmental crisis when coupled with large reductions in carbon dioxide emissions.

One potential solution being considered is much more low-tech. It’s literally beneath our feet.

This approach involves farming practices that use soil to capture and retain carbon from the atmosphere, and are now being put to use in the Tri-Valley.

“Soil happens to be the most complex biomaterial that we know of anywhere in the Earth’s system,” said Asmeret Berhe at the Nov. 6 meeting of the Rotary Club of Livermore. “It also supports more life, more abun-

dance and more diversity of life than anywhere in the Earth’s system.”

Berhe, a professor and soil biogeochemistry scientist at University of California, Merced, went on to say how a palmful of soil contained more living things than there are people on Earth.

Although human activities release some 11 billion tons of carbon every year into the atmosphere, roughly half of these emissions have been reabsorbed by lands and oceans, said Berhe.

“The natural ecosystems are basically bailing us out right now,” she continued. “We’re only facing the consequences of about 50% of our actions.”

But such help will not last long, as the ability of natural ecosystems to absorb carbon is currently dropping. About half of the world’s soil is consid-

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With a peak performance of 2.79 exaflops, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory’s El Capitan supercomputer (above) has been verified as the most powerful computer in the world. The computer is named after the famous rock face in Yosemite National Park. (See story on Page 2) (Photo — Garry McLeod/LLNL)

Pleasanton

School Board Approves \$70M Foothill High Expansion Plan

Project to Include Auditorium, Athletics Facility

By Ruth Roberts

PLEASANTON — The Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) Board of Trustees has taken the next steps toward building a \$70 million athletic facility, new auditorium and additional upgrades to Foothill High School, one of the campus’s most extensive overhauls since it opened in 1973.

In a unanimous 4-0 vote at the PUSD’s regular meeting on Nov. 14 (Trustee Laurie Walker was not present), the board entered into an

agreement with Hayward-based Rodan Builders Inc. to design the expansion of Foothill’s campus. The project is expected to be completed in 2026.

“I love the new plans and am looking forward to our students using these new facilities,” said Mary Jo Carreon, PUSD board president in an email to The Independent.

The design includes a renovated large gymnasium which will seat 1,100 people, as well as new weight, fitness and team rooms, according to the staff report. The

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David Everett, director of Las Positas College’s Viticulture & Winery Technology program, highlights several of the school’s student made wines in the Campus Hill Winery. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)

Las Positas College Celebrates Opening of New Viticulture Facility for Student Vintners

By Christina Cavallaro

LIVERMORE—Las Positas College has opened a new building for its Viticulture and Winery Technology program. The new facility, located in Buildings 3600 and 3700 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore, represents an \$8.6 million investment from proceeds of Measure A, the 2016 bond program for Chabot and Las Positas colleges that was approved by 65% of voters.

Shortly before a ribbon-cutting

event held on Nov. 19, David Everett, the faculty and program coordinator, was blasting a wine barrel with a power washer.

“Fastest way to freshen up an old barrel,” he grinned and stuck out his hand, stained slightly purple, for a handshake. The barrels were being prepped for use as decorative tables for the public event.

The winery program was launched in 2004 with a single class and, over the course of 20 years, has grown into a certificate program known through-

out the California wine industry.

Everett, who has been at the helm of the wine program since the beginning, is seeing a dream realized. “My main pitch 15 or so years ago was, ‘if you build it, they will come.’ And it’s really happening.”

The new facility equipped with state-of-the-art winemaking technology—including a covered crush pad, temperature-controlled stainless-steel tanks, a bottling line, and a dedicated barrel room—offers students hands-on experience in viticulture, enology

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Deputies Charged in Santa Rita Jail Inmate’s Death

By Larry Altman

District Attorney Pamela Price filed criminal neglect and abuse charges last week against nine current and former Alameda County sheriff’s deputies, plus a doctor and a nurse, over the death of a Santa Rita Jail inmate under their care.

During a Thursday news conference, Price declined to discuss details about the case, including whether the charges will stand up if she is indeed removed from office. She is currently losing a recall vote in the Nov. 5 election by a 2-to-1 margin.

“Now is not the time or the place for me to address what the campaign will do,” she said.

Price identified those charged in the Nov. 15, 2021 death of 45-year-old Maurice Monk as Deputies Donall Chauncey Rowe, Ross Ohalloran Burruel, Robinderpal Singh Hayer, Andre Gaston, Syear Osmani, Mateusz Laszuk and Sgt. Christopher J. Haendel; former deputies Thomas Mowrer and Troy Hershel White; Alameda County Behavioral Health doctor Neal Edwards and Wellpath nurse David Everett Donoho.

Each of the felony charges carries up to four years in pris-

on. In addition, Hayer, White and Osmani face charges of allegedly falsifying their reports. Those charges carry an extra year.

“The criminal complaint alleges that between Oct. 20, 2021, and Nov. 15, 2021, 11 defendants did under circumstances and conditions likely to produce great bodily injury, harm and death, knowingly and willfully cause and permit Maurice Monk, a dependent adult in custody, to suffer, and/or having care and custody of Mr. Monk, willfully caused and permitted him to be placed in a situation in which his health was endangered,” Price said.

Video recorded on deputies’ body worn cameras showed Monk lying motionless and face down on his bunk for three days as they and nurses dropped food and medication inside. When they finally checked on him, it was too late.

The video revealed that Monk lay flat on his stomach in the same position for so long, the logo from his jail-issued T-shirt transferred onto his bedsheet. He was covered in urine and other bodily fluids.

The county said Monk, who was arrested Oct. 11, 2021, in Oakland when he got into an argument with a

bus driver for refusing to wear a mask, died from a heart attack, noting he suffered from hypertensive cardiovascular disease. His family sued, saying he could have been saved. Deputies and medical personnel, they charged, showed a callous disregard for human life.

The county settled the case for \$7 million. Wellpath, which provides health services in the jail, is still defending the case separately. A trial date is set for next summer.

Adante Pointer, an attorney who represents Monk’s family, called the charges merited.

“There was a dereliction of duty, a very conscious disregard of a person who was vulnerable, who was in dire medical distress, and who they treated less than human,” Pointer said. “I think that these defendants earned their criminal charges, and they earned this criminal prosecution by way of their conduct.”

Price campaigned with a platform to hold law enforcement accountable for alleged misconduct. During the news conference, she said her Public Accountability Unit filed the charges based on a thorough review of the evidence.

Should Price be recalled, the case would be directed by a replacement appointed by

the county Board of Supervisors, who might not support the decision to prosecute.

“We all should be concerned about the morning after, because the district attorney is duty-bound to protect each and every one and hold everyone accountable under the law,” Pointer said. “There’s a long history in Alameda County of that not happening and Pamela Price was committed to doing that.”

Pointer said no one knows who will succeed her.

“All that we as a community can hope for is that that person, whoever that person is, is just as committed to dismantling the two-tier system of justice that operated one way for everyday citizens and completely different from members of law enforcement,” he said.

Price said arraignment for the defendants had not been scheduled but would occur in a reasonable time. Prosecutors were negotiating with attorneys for their surrender.

In a Nov. 8 email to “Sheriff’s Office Personnel” reviewed by The Independent, Sheriff Yesenia Sanchez said she had been notified that Price intended to file the charges. She said, “those involved have been notified, and the Deputy Sheriff’s Association and our Peer Support

Group will ensure they have the support they need.”

“I must acknowledge mistakes were made in our handling of Mr. Monk; however, those mistakes do not rise to the threshold of criminal negligence,” Sanchez said. “I am very disappointed with Price’s decision to pursue charges in this case, as I believe they are not warranted. I will continue to support our staff through this challenging process.”

Sanchez added “I implore all of you to support them as they navigate this very difficult situation. I will not tolerate rumors or distasteful comments made in response to this news. Please continue to conduct yourselves as the professionals you are.”

Sanchez said the health and safety of those in custody “must remain paramount in our daily tasks.”

“This effort requires each of us to be diligent and remember our core principles,” she said. “Remember, I am thinking of all of you as we face this latest trial.”

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Former Deputy Sentenced in Dublin Murders

By Larry Altman

A former Alameda County Sheriff’s Deputy was sentenced last week to spend 50 years to life in prison for killing his former girlfriend and her husband in their Dublin home.

Devin Williams Jr., 25, received two back-to-back prison terms of 25 years to life during his Nov. 12, sentencing in Alameda County Superior Court.

A jury found Williams guilty in October of shooting Maria Tran, 42, and her 57-year-old husband, Benison, “execution style” on Sept. 6, 2022, at their home in the 3100 block of Colebrook Lane. Williams, prosecutors said, shot his vic-

tims with his service weapon in their heads and necks.



Devin Williams Jr.

The couple’s son and Maria Tran’s mother were home at the time.

“While this sentence does provide a measure of justice

for the Tran family, it does little to ease the grief and lasting impact of this deadly act of domestic violence,” District Attorney Pamela Price said in a statement. “I want to thank the jury that rendered this just verdict on behalf of our community. I also want to thank the prosecution team that worked diligently to get the conviction and provide services to the victims’ families despite the intense public scrutiny and questioning of our commitment to successfully prosecute this case.”

Price, who is the subject of a Nov. 5 vote to recall her, drew strong criticism from Tran’s relatives in August when she dropped special circumstances charges filed

by her predecessor, Nancy O’Malley, against Williams. Those allegations could have resulted in a murder sentence of life in prison without a chance at parole, but Price has repeatedly said she believes everyone should have eligibility for release.

The final vote has not been certified by the county, but approximately two-thirds of voters were in favor of recalling Price.

The case was among several that Price’s opponents used to accuse her of being soft on crime.

During a news conference Thursday, Price declined to discuss the election.

Williams fled the crime

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LLNL Supercomputer Confirmed as World’s Most Powerful

By David Jen

The El Capitan supercomputer at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) was verified as the most powerful in the world on Monday, providing the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) a new computational resource to secure the nation’s nuclear weapon stockpile without the need for nuclear testing.

Built by Hewlett Packard Enterprise, the system performs 1.742 exaflops — or 1.742 billion billion calculations — per second, and can reach a peak performance of 2.79 exaflops, according to benchmark testing using High Performance Linpack software, announced at the 2024 Supercomputing Conference in Atlanta this week.

“For those of you, like me, who need to put that into some context to understand it, that’s the equivalent in one second of doing one calculation every second for 54 billion years,” said Corey Hinderstein, NNSA acting principal deputy administrator, at the conference. “This capability significantly improves our ability to model and predict nuclear weapon performance, aging effects and safety. These advancements are vital for supporting stockpile modernization and our concurrent life extension programs, which are critical to ensuring our nation’s nuclear deterrent remains strong as the stockpile ages and as we introduce new systems.”

The United States con-

ducted its 1,054th and last nuclear test on Sept. 23, 1992 before committing to a nuclear testing moratorium. Simulations, such as those performed at LLNL, allow the NNSA to continue its work in lieu of actual detonations.

At peak power, the El Capitan system will use about 30 megawatts of power, roughly equivalent

to 24,000 homes.

While the new system’s work will largely remain classified, its sister system, Tuolumne, will support both national security work and open scientific missions. Tuolumne uses the same accelerated processing units built by Advanced Micro Devices Inc. as El Capitan and, with speeds reaching 288

petaflops — or 288 million billion calculations per second — Tuolumne ranks as the 10th most powerful supercomputer in the world. Both outpace their LLNL predecessor, the Sierra supercomputer, which can run at 125 petaflops.

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Bay Area Pianist Jon Nakamatsu Returns to the Bankhead

By Christina Cavallaro

Del Valle Fine Arts continued its 45th season by welcoming back Jon Nakamatsu for his fifth appearance in the Bankhead Theater on Saturday, Nov. 16.

Nakamatsu played the evening's performance on the 9-foot Steinway Concert



Pianist Jon Nakamatsu opens his performance at the Bankhead on Nov. 16 with a lilting chorale prelude by Bach. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)

Grand-Model D piano that he personally helped Livermore Valley Arts to select, and which is now used for all performances by touring and resident artists at the theater.

At times the sleek majesty of the piano itself seemed to hold as much artistic focus as its pianist. Nakamatsu opened the evening by speaking about the experience of selecting

it. "It's a kid in a candy store experience," he said. "They say, 'OK, pick a piano and we'll pay for anything that you choose.'"

Chris Carter, Livermore Valley Arts executive director added, "He will tell you it's one of the finest pianos in the Bay Area and we're really fortunate to have this piano.

delivered to the Bankhead, he remembered everyone holding their breath. "But as soon as I played it in the hall, I thought, thank goodness. I think we've got a winner. I've enjoyed playing it here every single time."

The musical program explored themes of lyricism in the works of Bach, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Liszt and Chopin. The tonal beauty of the piano illustrated its prowess at emulating wind and stringed instruments or the sustain of a vocal line. And at the hands of Nakamatsu, especially Beethoven's Sonata No. 15 in D Major, Op. 28 "Pastorale," the instrument sonically painted a picture of a bucolic field with sun-warmed grass blowing in the wind.

Long before he won the Gold Medal at the 1997 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition that kicked off his professional classical music career, Nakamatsu's musical inklings began when he was four-year-old and became transfixed by a piano he saw at preschool.

He described the early pull to music, and to the piano specifically, as "the great mystery."

"I think for kids with a musical predisposition, there's a call very early. Somehow it

finds us... and early, because it has to. We have to develop; I mean our bodies have to develop these special applications in order to do this."

And he credits all of his success in music, touring year-round, working with leading conductors and orchestras, and appearing in recital and chamber collaborations worldwide, to his teacher of 20 years, Marina Derryberry, with whom he started lessons at age six.

"Anything that happens in my career, it goes back to her," he said. Neither of his parents were musicians, and it was her nurturing and discovery of his unique gifts that made his music path possible.

He believes it's teachers like her that are keeping classical music alive today.

"It comes down to these kinds of grassroots teachers who are really working in the trenches. And that's largely what my teacher was."

She was also a mentor who understood a child like him in a way that his non-musician parents probably never could have.

"Otherwise, we would feel like complete aliens, you know, like there's no one in school that's like me. There's nobody who really gets why I can't go to the party but have to practice all day. If there isn't

a support system for those kids, it's really hard because they do feel very isolated otherwise."

So he honors her memory every time he sits at the piano to perform. "It really was because of her, that any of this is possible. And so I have to remember that every time I walk on stage. It's something that makes me feel really wonderful."

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Community Nonprofit Leaders Honored

By Ruth Roberts

City officials, regional dignitaries and local nonprofit organizations gathered to honor the power of philanthropy and its impact on communities during the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance's (TVNPA) Fourth Annual Power of Giving: A Salute to Impact Makers celebration. The gala, which also marked the alliance's 10th anniversary, was held on Nov. 13 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore and included Wizard of Oz-themed

performances by the Royal Theater Academy.

Hosted by TVNPA and moderated by Dyrell Foster, president of Las Positas College, the evening highlighted several nonprofit organizations and individuals whose work has impacted some of the Tri-Valley's most vulnerable populations.

"The financial support and recognition that TVNPA provides to nonprofits and their leaders serving the Tri-Valley area and beyond truly strengthens our community," Foster said.

"I am moved by the work of the nonprofits in the Tri-Valley community and beyond," he added. "Their hard work, dedication and commitment to creating positive change and helping those in need speaks volumes about our caring and giving community. It was a pleasure to recognize and honor their amazing work."

KTVU Fox 2 meteorologist Roberta Gonzales was the evening's keynote speaker. The Tri-Valley resident and longtime philanthropist spoke of how her back-

ground and roots led her to a lifetime of giving back to the communities that have given her so much.

"It's because my mother was my mentor," said Gonzales. "My mother always told me that no one will ever remember me as the world's best reporter or most accurate meteorologist, but they would remember me as a philanthropist. She said I needed to give back because I had been given a blessing to pursue my dreams and

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Tri-Valley Cities Move Closer to Joint Human Services Grants

By Ruth Roberts

The recent joint meeting of the Tri-Valley’s Human Services Commission, which included representatives from Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin, was held on Nov. 12 in Livermore. The gathering outlined the strategies of the Eastern Alameda County Human Services Needs Assessment document, which is a review of the commission’s long- and short-term goals.

“Each year the three cities conduct a joint Human Services Commission meeting and it gives us a unique opportunity to hear different perspectives and continue our commitment to working on regional human services

needs,” said Josh Thurman, human services programs manager for the City of Livermore.

Recently, the commission began implementing a new two-year grant cycle (previously it was done annually) and creating a single grant application for all three cities as a way to simplify the grant application process. The new approach, Thurman said, will create one general application for all cities to fill out, and will also develop one central Tri-Valley database which will apply the same language for each city’s applicant.

Other short-term priorities in the works include continuing to ensure food

stability for those in need through area food banks and the nonprofit organizations that serve them; ensuring ongoing support for domestic violence victims; expanding youth services to address mental health needs for all; and increasing the ability of all nonprofits to grow their services to meet more of the area’s growing needs.

Shaun Chilkotowsky, Dublin’s parks and community services manager, said these types of meetings are critical to enhancing services and cementing solidarity among the local cities and organizations.

“We want to make sure the most vulnerable in Dublin have a voice and

have access to services,” said Chilkotowsky. “From the beginning, this has been a collaboration amongst the three agencies to serve the Tri-Valley as a whole, and like any kind of needs assessment, strategic plan study, general updates are important to ensure goals and objectives are being met.”

Chilkotowsky added that the meetings also offer an important opportunity to review progress and adjust processes where needed.

Lia Bushong, Pleasanton’s assistant director of library and recreation, agreed that the joint meetings were essential to addressing the

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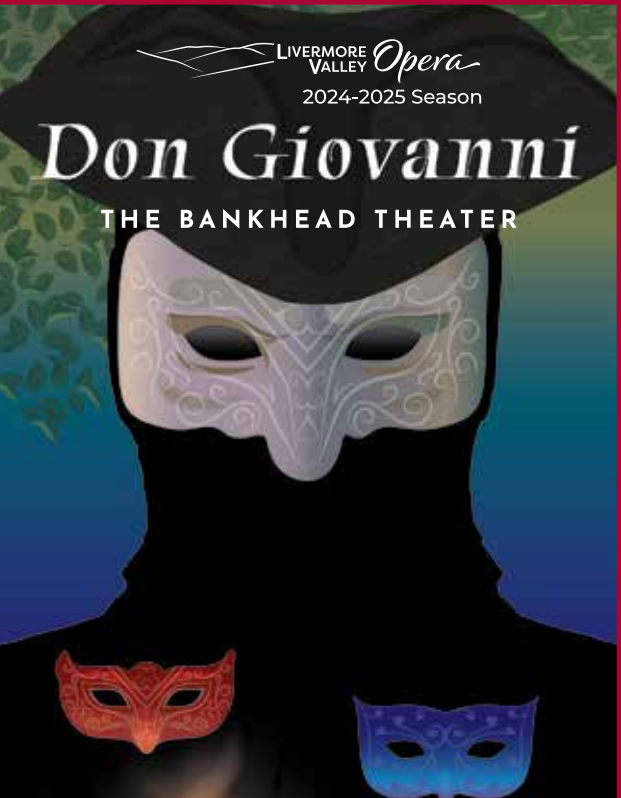


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OPEN SPACE

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is a willing seller and has negotiated the prices with the city, the Livermore grant application said.

Dick Schneider, who led passage of Alameda County’s open space initiative in 2000, raised concerns before the committee about the high price being paid for the Collier Canyon property, and that it might set a comparative value for future real estate purchases outside the city’s urban growth boundary. ALOSC chair Shawn Wilson said he also had questions, but said the committee had to strike when the landowners made their properties available.

“We have the opportunity to acquire property and keep that as open space in perpetuity,” Wilson said. “I really can’t put a land value on that.”

The ALOSC’s grants, which follow applications from the city, must be approved by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. The Livermore City Council also must approve the ALOSC’s expenditure, as well as authorize its own share of the costs.

In August, ALOSC also granted nearly \$2.3 million to Livermore to help purchase nearly 207 acres of vacant unincorporated parcels for open space preservation elsewhere outside its boundaries.

During the Nov. 15 meeting, Livermore’s economic development manager, Andy Ross, said the buying spree for

open space preservation began because landowners made their properties available.

Collier Canyon Property

According to the city’s grant application, the city intends to acquire the Collier Canyon land owned by Livermore Venture Partners for “conservation, open space, hazard mitigation and strategic purposes.”

The land, the city wrote, contains habitat for a variety of species and would provide the city with “future stream bank stabilization and sediment control and habitat preservation opportunities along Collier Canyon Creek.”

“The property is strategically located to preserve the open space buffer around Livermore and satisfies the City General Plan, Hazard Mitigation Plan, Climate Action Plan and Draft Habitat Conservation Plan objectives,” the city wrote.

The site is home to species including the California red legged ford, the California tiger salamander, the San Joaquin kit fox, and potentially is home to the American badger, western burrowing owl, callippe silverspot butterfly, Congden’s tarplant and golden eagle.

Acquiring the land for permanent open space would maintain the existing greenbelt. The land to the west is encumbered with conservation easements and land to the east is occupied by Las Positas College.

“The property represents the last link along Livermore’s northern edge, and preserving it as open space would secure Livermore’s northernmost greenbelt, would ensure residential development to the southwest does not further encroach into wildlands and would ensure the hillside remains free of any future college expansion,” the city wrote.

Goeken Road Property

The city wrote in its grant application that the city plans to keep the Goeken Road Property as open space in perpetuity. The land currently owned by Jeanne Moghadam is critical habitat for birds, frogs and salamander species.

The city wrote that preserving the open space opens possibilities for trail connections and recreational uses in coordination with the East Bay Regional Park District and would serve as a greenbelt around Livermore. The property is protected under the state’s 1965 Williamson Act, which restricts development for a set period of time, and which renews annually until the owner applies to have the restrictions removed.

Quint Property

Owned by Western Title Insurance Co., the Quint Property acquisition would also protect the habitat, including the vernal pool fairy shrimp, a threatened species. The land purchase also would preserve the greenbelt around the city.

FOOTHILL

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upgrades also feature new lockers throughout campus, a 413-seat auditorium and choir and band rooms. The project includes renovation of the existing practice gym and extensive remodels to Building H, the arts classrooms and student center. Additionally, the design includes a new multi-use athletic field and landscaping.

The total \$70 million contract for the design-build project will be paid for with funds from Measure I, the \$395 million school bond measure approved by voters in 2022.

Throughout the planning

process for the project, multiple public meetings were held to provide input for the creation of the criteria documents, which serve as guidelines for the development of the projects. In April of this year, interested designers submitted their qualifications to the PUSD board. Of the 12 applications submitted, three were selected to advance to the RFP (Request for Proposal) phase which involved a design competition among the three firms. The designs were then judged by a committee consisting of facilities and construction

and site staff, as well as administration and PUSD trustees who are members of the facilities committee. The evaluation was based on design, cost, firm history, schedule and phasing. The committee eventually selected Rodan Builders and SVA Architects.

“The contract includes all design costs and construction costs, allowance for interim housing (\$782,804), contingency for owner initiated/unforeseen conditions (\$1,750,000) and a contractor contingency (\$2,000,000),” the staff report said.

Dublin Candidates Declare Victory

Dublin Vice Mayor Sherry Hu declared victory last week in her campaign for mayor, while businessman John Morada declared victory in the city’s District 3 City Council race.

Both were leading in election returns with all precincts reporting, but the results will not be official until the vote is certified this week.

Michael McCorriston, who was appointed to the District 1 council seat in June, ran unopposed for a full term in the general election.

“I am deeply honored to be elected as Dublin’s new mayor,” Hu said in a news release. “My priorities of public safety, economic growth, quality community programs, and support for education res-

onated strongly with voters. I am eager to collaborate with my fellow council members to make Dublin a city we are all proud to call home.”

In the unofficial results, Hu, who also pledged to strengthen the city’s relationship with the Dublin Unified School District, received 33.3% of the vote and held a 960-vote lead over Tom Evans in the four-person race. Hu called the lead “decisive.”

Morada, a newcomer to city government, credited the dedication of his volunteers, friends and family for his victory.

“Their efforts have paid off, and I am energized to officially begin serving the citizens of Dublin,” Morada said.

In the unofficial results, Morada received 51.3% of the

vote cast for District 3 and held a 121-vote lead over Razi Hasni.

During his campaign, Morada stressed public safety, proud with economic growth.

“We cannot forego public safety over uncontrolled commercialization,” Morada said. “When people feel secure, it naturally draws in well-known enterprises, supporting the sustainable infill efforts outlined in the City’s new economic development strategy.”

“Dublin is a vibrant community that I call home,” Morada said. “The next four years are pivotal to a balanced approach in Dublin’s overall prosperity.”

Hu, Morada and McCorriston are expected to be sworn in at the Dublin City Council meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 17.

SOIL

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ered degraded, with its ability to support plants compromised, Berhe said.

“If we were to change how we manage working lands — agricultural areas, grasslands — then there is a significant potential of drawing down CO₂ from the atmosphere,” she added.

Such changes include cropland management, conservation agriculture, rice management, optimal grazing, enhanced root phenotypes and biochar, which is a form of charcoal created by heating organic matter in an oxygen-free environment. Farmers can also avoid excessive tillage and excessive use of agricultural chemicals.

Using soils for carbon removal is a “prime target” for near-term carbon removal because of the vast amount of agricultural land already under management in the country, according to a report released by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory last year, titled Roads to Removal. The report maps out the feasibility of the United States achieving carbon neutrality by 2050, which will require a carbon-removal rate of 1 billion metric tons per year by that time

The Alameda County Resource Conservation District (ACRCD), in partnership with the

California Department of Food and Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, provides funding for carbon-sequestration practices — “carbon farming” — such as cover cropping, compost application, hedgerows, no-till and reduced-till practices, mulching and riparian plantings.

“Carbon farming is not new; it is simply a different way of planning and prioritizing on-farm management,” an ACRCD fact sheet states.

Livermore’s 3 Calhoun Sisters’ Ranch, for example, began a carbon-capture project in 2019, spreading compost on their 100-acre ranch. Under the guidance of ACRCD and the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, the compost has helped capture greenhouse gases and retain that carbon in vegetation and soil.

Rancher Nancy Calhoun, in a presentation to ACRCD, said that while past issues have centered around garbage in the compost, their partnership with Livermore-based Vision Recycling to spread compost on the ranch helped make the project a success.

“With Vision Recycling and that certified level of compost, that stuff was amazing,” said Calhoun. “It smelled like a forest floor. So that problem (of a bad odor) had definitely been

rectified over the years.”

Beyond projects already underway, Berhe, with her experience teaching undergraduate students, took heart in the interest the next generation exhibits in addressing climate change.

“Everywhere you go, I think the one universal thing is: young people are engaged,” she said. “They care and they want us to do the right thing.”

Rebecca Spector, the executive director of Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC), who has a background in food and agriculture, said that while the land trust doesn’t use carbon sequestration as a criterion for weighing projects, conservation easements can result in more retention.

Development, especially commercial development, and tilling the soil releases the carbon in the soil, she said, so conservation activities to allow wildlife access or passive recreation serve to help retain the carbon.

“One of the outcomes of conservation, conserving lands in open space as well as keeping lands in viticulture — both of those which are the core of TVC’s mission — do result in more carbon sequestration and helps reduce the impacts of climate change,” she said.

VITICULTURE

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and wine hospitality.

“We have certain things that we had installed here in the building that really kind of lifts up our reputation.” He pointed out a dedicated compressed air compressor, forklift-accessible cold storage room, and a glycol system that adds chilling capability to their winemaking as well as their own nitrogen generator. “So we don’t have to go out and buy nitrogen — and all that’s hard-piped,” Everett said. “I’m not really bragging because I mean, there’s a lot that this place doesn’t have. But this is one of the nicest wineries in the valley — taking the big players out of that, but as far as the small capacity wineries, this is pretty sweet, right?”

And he’s not the only one who thinks so. Current student Teri Stivers of Livermore told The Independent via email that she thought the new winery was “awesome.”

“There is so much more room than at the old facility,” Stivers said. “We have a covered outdoor work area that helps in the heat of the summer and when it’s raining in the winter. We also have

temperature-controlled spaces to store grape must, barrels of wine, and bottled wine which is really helpful.”

Everett said he plans to leverage the addition of some of the most advanced analysis equipment a winery could have. “We’d like to turn into the valley’s go-to analysis lab.”

Wineries could get results — and fast — in terms of brix, sulfur dioxide levels and malolactic fermentation statistics. “You show up with your stuff and you’ll walk out with your results. Most wine labs take about two days and it’s really expensive,” Everett said.

“I know there’s a lot of dreaming going on, but you know what, hey, I can dream. I’m a dreamer.”

Everett added he would most like to impress guests at the ribbon-cutting event with the number of alumni in attendance. “Those coming back to the program and saying, ‘I’ve been part of this too.’ It’s all about that. They are the ones that helped build it from nothing.

Glenn Sulzberg, a long-

time student with Everett, has been there since the program’s early days and credits the program with his job at Rodrigue Molyneux Winery in Livermore for the past eight years.

“I have been taking classes in the program since 2008. I have earned my viticulture certification, and I am one class away from my A.S. (degree) in winemaking. I have seen the program mature from just planting the vineyard, having no facility, to the build-out of the original facility in Room 806 to the new state-of-the-art winery facility on campus. It’s been an amazing evolution.”

Sulzberg added, “David (Everett) has built a program that has sent many of the students into the industry, some are winemakers in Livermore, others have opened wineries, and many are working in tasting rooms and cellars throughout the valley.”

Everett hopes to continue that trend. “I hope they’ll (visitors) show up and say, ‘Congratulations. This is amazing. Do you have anybody who can work for my winery right now?’”

Dr. Chirag Pandya, board certified in Pulmonology, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine, has moved to a new location.

He has been serving the patients in the Tri-Valley area for the last 15 years and has held several leadership roles at Stanford Tri-Valley (ValleyCare) hospital.

Dr. Pandya specializes in asthma, emphysema/COPD, trouble breathing, lung infections, lung cancer, interstitial lung disease, snoring, sleep apnea, trouble sleeping (insomnia), narcolepsy and restless leg syndrome.

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On Nov. 7, Livermore Police staff hosted Tip-A-Cop at Zephyr Grill & Bar and raised over \$2,600 to support local Special Olympics athletes. Livermore Police will be at Strizzi's (2205 First Street) on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. to help raise more funds for Special Olympics. The public is invited to enjoy a meal, meet the officers, and make a difference. Officers will be filling water glasses and bussing tables, all while mingling with patrons. Tips and donations directly support Special Olympics athletes, who get to play multiple sports at no cost to them. (Photo courtesy of the Livermore Police Department)

EDEN
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litigation regarding Eden Housing's plan to construct two buildings with 130 units at the southeastern corner of Railroad Avenue and South L Street. Supporters of the project say it will provide affordable housing for residents unable to meet the region's steep housing costs. Opponents want the development relocated to property on the north side of Railroad Avenue, so that a park could be created on the current Eden site in the center downtown. Opponents note a development at the alternative site could contain more units. A park at the current Eden site, they contend, is preferable to housing of any kind.

Linda Mandolini, CEO of Eden Housing, said, "We are deeply disappointed by the recent ruling of the Alameda Superior Court and the resulting impact it has on the 130 low-income families still waiting for a place to call home in Livermore."

"It is unfortunate that a well-funded, small group of individuals, Move Eden Housing, continues to pursue legal actions designed solely to delay and stall projects aimed at addressing our region's critical housing crisis. We remain committed to working with the city to provide much-needed housing for Livermore's

local workforce, who are struggling to keep up with skyrocketing rent and food costs," she added.

The City of Livermore issued a statement in response to the ruling: "The City intends to appeal the decision so that the Appellate Court can finally resolve this matter by explaining that the referendum only challenged the legislative acts related to Veterans Park, and therefore, it does not affect Eden Housing's affordable housing project."

The Livermore City Council unanimously approved the project in May 2022, providing Eden with a \$7.8 million loan at a 3% interest rate from its affordable housing fund to buy the parcel from the city. Eden would need to pay back the loan over 55 years. The council's resolution also limited the city's own liability to \$4.3 million for cleaning up contamination on the site. In addition, the city's agreement authorized it to give \$5.5 million to develop Eden's required public park in between the project's two buildings.

A community group, Save Livermore Downtown (SLD), sued the city because it believed the project did not follow the law, but it lost in court. SLD argued the project violated Liver-

more's Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) and the development's approval violated the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Another group, Move Eden Housing (MEH), mounted a petition drive to put the development before voters. The group collected more than 8,000 signatures and submitted their petitions to the city. However, City Clerk Marie Weber refused to process them after receiving advice from City Attorney Jason Alcalá. He told Weber that the council's vote was not subject to a referendum, because the council's resolution was an administrative matter and not a legislative decision.

Legislative actions establish policies and can be put to a public vote. Administrative actions only execute those policies and can't be placed on a ballot.

MEH sued to have its petitions processed and the referendum scheduled. After losing to Markman in Alameda County court, MEH appealed to the California 1st District Court of Appeal, where judges ruled in the group's favor. The appellate court found that Livermore's decision to fund the park made it a legislative matter subject to a vote.

Instead of putting the matter last June on the No-

LHS Music Director Receives Jazz Educator Award

Livermore High School (LHS) music director Justin Enright has been awarded the Frank Sumares Outstanding Jazz Educator Award by the Bay Section of the California Music Educators Association (CMEA).

Named for Frank Sumares, a Bay Area musician and college instructor, the award honors individuals who have demonstrated their dedication to teaching and promoting jazz music.

The award "emphasizes the impact of educators who not only teach musical techniques but also cultivate an appreciation for jazz culture and history among students,"

according to the CMEA.

"I am humbled by this recognition from CMEA Bay Section," Enright said. "It is an honor to have my name added to a list of Bay Area colleagues who I look up to and deeply respect."

Since joining LHS in 2016, Enright has expanded the school's jazz band and orchestra programs.

In 2023, LHS band and orchestra students were invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City as part of the National Band and Orchestra Festival.

And earlier this year, eight LHS music ensembles captured

the Festival Sweepstakes and Instrumental Sweepstakes awards at a Worldstrides OnStage Heritage Festival in Anaheim, beating out ensembles from more than 35 other schools from across the country.

"We're incredibly proud of Justin Enright for being recognized by the California Music Educators Association with the Outstanding Jazz Educator Award," said LHS Principal Roxana Mohammed. "His dedication to fostering a dynamic jazz program has enriched our students' musical experiences and elevated the arts in our community."

GARAVENTA
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the site to Hawk Street. The Livermore City Council approved the revised project in 2018.

"We greatly reduced the development impact, thereby preserving more of the beauty on the site," said David Ragland, president of Garaventa Hills developer Lafferty Communities, and member of Livermore Lt Ventures, at the Nov. 12 planning commission meeting. "We're providing affordable housing under the City of Livermore affordable housing ordinance, which the state mandates. We're providing additional housing, which the state of California desperately needs."

In an effort to preserve the site as open space, a 2019 lawsuit brought by the community group Save the Hill challenged the approval and called the project's environmental impact report inadequate. Although dismissed by the Superior Court for the County of Alameda in 2020, the 1st Dis-

trict Court of Appeal ruled in 2022 that the EIR was indeed inadequate, because it provided insufficient detail about available open-space funding that might be used to buy the project site.

But Livermore special projects coordinator Steve Stewart emphasized, "The court of appeal found all of the Save the Hill Group's other challenges, other than the use of open-space funds in that no-project alternative, to be meritless, including challenges to the impact report's biological resources and mitigation measures, and hydrological impacts to the Springtown alkalized sink."

On July 30, the city published a revised draft report addressing the possibility of buying the site for open-space preservation.

The owners of the property have refused to sell it to the city, however, and have asked the city to stop offering to purchase it. Because the owner is not a willing seller, "the preservation of

this site as open space is not feasible and the no-build alternative, in my opinion, is not feasible," said Commissioner Daniel Leary, summarizing the revised report.

Save the Hill has attested that the prices the city has offered were too low for consideration, but the city has responded that it has offered a fair-market price for the property.

Following an Aug. 20 public hearing on the city's conclusion that preserving the land as open space is infeasible, some commissioners received threats, prompting a police presence at the Nov. 12 meeting, said Anderson.

Although residents last week viewed a planning commission rejection as unlikely, they continued to voice concerns about the project, including the decision to supply the property with utility service from Pacific Gas & Electric.

"One of the things I wanted to bring up that was very distressing to me that

involved the city and the developer is at one point, they tore up Bear Creek to put in PG&E lines to line up to the new development while this project was in litigation," said resident Michelle Mitchell. "So having done something like that, I'd like you to try to understand from a resident's standpoint: that's not building trust."

Daryl Reid, one of the founding Save the Hill members, worried that the already substandard PG&E service and traffic in the area would be worsened by the additional homes.

"This project has repeatedly been turned away due to poor planning, and I think that it is in Livermore's best interest to hold builders to a higher standard," said Reid.

The project will next go before the city council for a vote on approval.

together. For now, however, the City must rescind its resolution readopting the agreement and comply with the Elections Code, as required by the Court of Appeal's opinion earlier this year."



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Dublin School Board to Appoint Trustee to Fill ‘Vacated’ Area 3 Seat

By Ruth Roberts

The Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) board of trustees has voted to make a provisional appointment to the unfilled seat representing Area 3. The move comes following the removal of the sole candidate, Jeff Clark, who dropped out of the Area 3 race just days before the Nov. 5 election. Clark was to replace Board Vice President William Kuo, who was named to the board in 2021 to finish his late wife Catherine Kuo’s term. Kuo was then elected to serve a two-year term in November 2022.

The board voted 3-2 to proceed with the resolution to appoint a new board member, during its regular

meeting on Nov. 12, instead of opting for a costly special election. Trustees Dan Cherrier and Gaby Blackman voted against the resolution, stating they did not believe the board could move forward with plans to fill the vacancy because the county has not yet certified the election results: Therefore, they said, Clark cannot resign from a seat he has not officially won.

“I have a couple of issues with this,” said Cherrier. “Technically right now, there is not a vacancy. The election will be certified and then we decertify on the 17th (board meeting). So, there is nothing to resign from immediately. A resignation has to be submitted to the superintendent of the county. We haven’t met

the rules for there to be a vacancy yet and I think this conversation is premature.”

The board eventually agreed to add the condition that Clark submit his resignation to the county to the resolution, but Cherrier still voted against the resolution for procedural reasons.

Blackman agreed with Cherrier.

“He (Clark) is elected as a trustee and has to be validated for the board to accept his resignation ... I am worried that we are getting into dicey territory,” Blackman said, adding that she would rather wait and not “have to worry about cleaning up whatever mess we may have created at this point.”

But DUSD Superintendent Chris Funk said the district’s legal team has

agreed that Clark’s written resignation to Funk and the Alameda County Elections office, was sufficient proof of his resignation and is sufficient to pass the resolution to post the vacancy, not to take action. That would not happen until the election is certified on or before Dec. 13. The board’s Dec. 17 regular meeting would be when appointee candidates could be interviewed and voted on.

“The board is not taking action to fill the seat because there is no seat to fill,” said Funk in explaining the motion for the resolution. “The board cannot fill the seat but they can announce the process of intent to fill it.”

Attempts to reach Clark for comment have not been returned, but in a letter to

DUSD Funk dated Oct. 16, Clark outlined his intentions.

“...Due to a personal matter, I would be unable to serve as trustee on the DUSD board,” he wrote. “With this in mind, I am writing to formally resign from the board effective immediately.”

Trustee Kristin Speck agreed that with a vote on necessary budget reductions for the 2025-’26 school year looming, it was important for Area 3 to be represented soon, and that by advertising as far in advance as possible, the board might attract more candidates.

“I think it is really important that every area in Dublin is represented up here,” said Speck. “I don’t see anything that says you

can’t start a process ... I don’t see how we are not following the board policy. I also think we should be trusting our legal counsel.”

Applicants interested in filling the Area 3 seat must complete and submit an application packet by 4 p.m., on Friday, Dec.6. Applicants must reside within Trustee Area 3. A map of the DUSD Trustee Areas can be found online at <http://bit.ly/4eE4kOY>.

On Tuesday, Dec. 17, the board will hold a special meeting to interview qualified Area 3 candidates and possibly appoint one at the same meeting.

For additional information contact Vicki Bustos, executive assistant to the superintendent at 925-828-2551.

Immersive Bankhead Theater Experience Showcases the Beauty of the Cosmos

By Christina Cavallaro

Galaxies far, far away have been brought up close and personal through an absorbing 360-degree experience now showing at the Bankhead. “Cosmic Odyssey: Immersive Encounters with the Universe,” is a 45-minute projection show running through Wednesday, Nov. 27. Guests sit on the stage in a specially designed viewing canopy and gaze at the planets and stars as if they are floating among them.

Anne Giancola, visual arts and education manager at Livermore Valley Arts, shared the vision that she, graphic designer Ken Ball and retired Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory scientist Dan Bergmann had for the immersive experience.

“Dan Bergmann felt strongly that we wanted it to be widely appealing to all ages and for viewers to experience that vastness of the universe and how unique Earth is situated,” she said. “We wanted people to leave with a sense of the importance of protect-

ing this amazing planet and to be inspired by the beauty of the cosmos.”

Narrator Tamara “Tammy” Jernigan, an LLNL astrophysicist and former NASA astronaut who has been to space four times, gave meaning and wonder to the images that swirled by. The imagery displayed was captured by spacecraft — Voyager I, launched 50 years ago and still transmitting data today from beyond the heliosphere, and New Horizons, which flew by Pluto in 2015 — in addition to the Hubble Space Telescope in orbit around Earth since 1990, and the newer James Webb Space Telescope, launched in 2021 into a solar orbit.

Accompanied by the larger-than-life imagery, Jernigan’s explanations at times bordered on the poetic, sparking imagination and dreaming.

“Saturn’s largest moon is Titan. With its low gravity and thick atmosphere, if you strapped wings on your arms you could fly through the air, a magical experience many humans have dreamed about.”

Alan Burnham, founder of Quest Science Center, was on hand to answer audience questions following a recent show. He further shed light on the genesis of the experiential exhibit.

“There’s the whole idea of trying to look at science from a broader perspective and Anne (Giancola) was interested in something that really showed the amazing photography that modern telescopes have been able to create,” Burnham said.

The immersive “Cosmic Odyssey” presentation is being shown in conjunction with the “Back to the Moon and the Stars Beyond,” a free photography exhibit on display in the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery inside the Bankhead lobby through Sunday, Jan. 5, that features NASA telescope imagery. The stunning Hubble and Webb still imagery if anything surpasses that in the projection show, although the knowledge gained in the show is beyond comparison, and suitable for all ages.

“It came out a little bit more educational in the sense of, you know, maybe

more suited for school kids to learn a lot of stuff than just the graphic art visual aspects of it — but it’s a mixture of both,” Burnham said about the “Cosmic Odyssey” show.

He spotted a young teen during the after-show discussion and asked her what she had liked best about the laser screening. She had liked learning about the stars, she said, and the exploding supernovas, as Jernigan had explained.

“If there are young stars, they must have been born,” Jernigan said.

“Orion’s Nebula... is one of the many places in our galaxy where gravity pulls gas and dust together to form new stars. Do stars last forever? The answer is no.”

Stars usually burn out at the end of their lives, she added, but sometimes larger stars die in a spectacular explosion called a supernova.

“These novas are the source of many of the atoms in our bodies. In this way, we are from the stars.”

As the immersive experience concluded, Jernigan’s voice left viewers with

thoughts about the singular and unique beauty of Earth, the only planet with liquid water on its surface that makes life as we know it possible.

“Perhaps our planet is just a tiny part of the Milky Way, but it’s everything to us. A treasure to be cherished and protected for the future we can only

imagine; in a universe we continue to explore, Jernigan said. “Earth is a gem indeed.”

Multiple shows are scheduled daily. For a complete schedule of show times, go to livermorearts.org. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for children, and free for those 12 years and younger.



City lights on Earth as seen by the James Webb Space Telescope are shown above. A collection of cosmic imagery is on display at the Bankhead through Jan. 5. (Photo courtesy of NASA)

EL CAPITAN

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include things like energy security, climate modeling, seismic modeling, gaming (and) computational biology, the latter of which is supporting other government agencies who will benefit from NNSA’s expertise in modeling at the exascale,” said Rob Neely, associate director for weapon simulation and computing, strategic deterrence at LLNL.

Neely also expects the two systems to help accelerate the development of inertial confinement fusion,

which LLNL’s National Ignition Facility focuses on. LLNL’s Inertial Confinement on El Capitan, or ICECap, project will combine the simulation and machine-learning capabilities of the new supercomputer with the experimental results of actual fusion reactions possible at NIF.

Artificial-intelligence-based workflows on predecessor machines have already allowed NIF to redesign its fusion targets with previously unthinkable

able speed, according to LLNL press material released in October.

“With ICECap, we’re trying to see how we can leverage AI to really change the way we do scientific discovery,” said ICECap principal investigator Luc Peterson, an LLNL physicist. “We have supercomputers that can do fantastic simulations, but how can we use AI to help us take advantage of them to find new things? We’re doing this on El Capitan because

we think we’re at the point where we can actually do both breadth and depth in computing, so you can search lots of parameter spaces to find what you’re looking for and do it all in extremely high fidelity.”

El Capitan is now the third confirmed exaflop-speed supercomputer in the world. Prior to El Capitan’s debut, Oak Ridge National Laboratory’s Frontier system, at 1.206 exaflops, ranked as the world’s most powerful.

DEPUTY

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scene but later surrendered to Dublin police in Fresno. Shortly before his preliminary hearing was set to begin in March, Price asked Alameda County Superior Court Judge Paul Delucchi to drop the special circumstances allegations. Delucchi refused, prompting Price to drop the case and refile it without them.

During her news conference, Price said the case was “a crucial victory in our fight against gun violence and domestic violence and the intersectionality of those two things.” The investigation revealed Williams had a romantic relationship with Maria Tran.

“We will continue to work to bring perpetrators of domestic violence to hold them accountable and bring them to justice, as well as providing resources and assistance to those impacted by domestic violence in our community,” she said.

Price also said the Tran slaying brought great shame to the sheriff’s department. Following Williams’ arrest, a check of the ACSO’s hiring practices since 2016, which included Williams, resulted in the assignment of 47 deputies to desk duty. The audit found they were hired despite failing psychological evaluations. Thirty worked at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin.

“These deputies should never have been hired in the first place,” Price said. “Some of them had been on the job for many years. My information is they were all allowed to retake the psychological evaluation, and most of them have been returned to work at the Santa Rita Jail.”

In addition to prison, Judge Jennifer Madden ordered Williams to pay fines and restitution to his victims’ families, including \$12,818 for burial expenses.

NONPROFITS

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goals ... and I have always followed her advice.”

There were six categories in which winning organizations were named.

The Unsung Hero Award category had two winners: longtime volunteer Chuck Dehnert was recognized for his decades of commitment to nonprofits including volunteering at the Open Heart Kitchen Refuge, serving lunches at the Senior Center, and organizing an annual blood drive. Lisa McNaney, who founded Culinary Angels in 2016, was honored for her vision, guidance, and leadership in creating a heart-centered volunteer organization. Culinary Angels provides nutritious, warm meals to cancer patients and their families/caregivers.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Marsha McInnis, founder and president of NAMI Tri-Valley, the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. McInnis founded NAMI’s Tri-Valley chapter in 2005, providing support for people affected

by mental illnesses, and she continues to be an active mentor and leader in the organization.

The Arts & Culture honors went to SPARC, the Shakespeare & Performing Arts Regional Company, for bringing theater into the community in a variety of ways, including summer theater programs and educational outreach programs that use Shakespeare to teach literacy to second-grade students.

Locally owned Fremont Bank was recognized as Corporate/Philanthropic Partner for its longtime support of regional nonprofit organizations. Over the years, the bank has contributed nearly \$40 million to 4,500 Tri-Valley organizations.

The Impact Award for Nonprofits with a budget under \$1 million went to Tri-Valley Reach. The organization provides resources, education, activities, community and unhoused opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Tri-Valley Reach has 14 homes in area neigh-

borhoods which provide security for 44 local adults to live and expand their opportunities and independence.

Open Heart Kitchen received the Impact Award for a nonprofit with a budget of over \$1 million. During the last few years, Open Heart Kitchen has created strategic partnerships with organizations and local cities. The results have been the opening of the Vineyard Resource Center, a facility offering permanent housing and essential services, and the Open Heart Food Bank, which enhances food distribution and availability for the region.

“Open Heart Kitchen is part of the fabric that TVNPA helps weave in the Tri-Valley to bind us together,” said John Bost, executive director of Open Heart Kitchen, in an email to The Independent. “Being a recipient of any award that recognizes Open Heart Kitchen’s work in the TriValley is an honor but it’s particularly special to receive an award from TVNPA because this is an organization of folks who genuinely un-

derstand the work we do and why it’s so important.”

TNVPA Executive Director Kathy Young said the evening was an opportunity to honor not only the groups and organizations on the front lines everyday but to also recognize the impact that a single gesture can make.

“From nonprofits working on the front lines of issues like housing, food insecurity, mental health, and domestic violence, to philanthropists, corporations, and foundations, this event honors the collective power of giving that fuels real change,” Young said in an email to The Independent. “These organizations and individuals — whether large or small — work hard with limited resources, often in thankless roles, and their impact is immeasurable. The celebration reminds us that their work is not just appreciated, but essential to the fabric of the Tri-Valley. It’s a chance to lift up the people who are making our community stronger, and healthier.”

HUMAN SERVICES

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Tri-Valley’s vulnerable populations.

“Pleasanton has been actively involved in this collaborative effort with Dublin and Livermore to address human service needs throughout Eastern Alameda County,” said Bushong. “Since our initial meeting in late July with the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance and regional nonprofits, our three cities have participated in ongoing discussions to identify community needs and explore joint strategies. One of the key achievements of this collaboration has been the simplification of the joint grant application

process. This streamlined application is used for grant funding requests, including federal grants, making the process more accessible and efficient for applicants across all three cities.”

By Spring 2025, Thurman added, the three cities, the nonprofit alliance, other nonprofit organizations and other advisory committees will meet again to address the details of their implementation plans and strategies. The cities will also determine responsibility areas for key activities, metrics to track progress, potential partners and anticipated budgets.

OBITUARIES

Patricia Lee King
March 1, 1939 — Nov. 11, 2024

Patricia Lee King, aged 85, passed away peacefully on Nov. 11, 2024, in Dixon, California. Born on March 1, 1939, in Livermore, California, Pat was a cherished member of her community and a loving figure within her extensive family.

She graduated from Livermore High School in 1957 and embarked on a successful career in banking and the savings and loan sector. Later, she transitioned to United Airlines, where she worked in the engineering and repair division at Oakland International Airport until her retirement.

Pat’s personal life was marked by deep connections and a genuine appreciation for her loved ones. Known for her thoughtful gift-giving, she celebrated every milestone of her family and friends with heartfelt enthusiasm. Pat is survived by her husband, Ron King, sharing 55 wonderful years of marriage. She is survived by her sons, Danny King of Waterford and Ronnie King of Mad River, California; her granddaughters, Emily Roller of Modesto and Katie King of Manteca; her grandsons, Travis King of Stockton and



Thomas King of Manteca; as well as her brother, Ken Rettig of Pleasant Hill, and niece, Heather Rettig of Lodi. Pat also leaves behind seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, August and Pauline Rettig; her sisters, Betty Meyers, Bernice, and Loretta Rettig; and her grandson, Kale King.

Pat and her husband, Ron, were avid outdoor enthusiasts, enjoying camping, hunting, fishing, and hiking. They nurtured their love for nature on their property in the Mt. Lassen National Forest, which they transformed into a beautiful retreat over the

last 20 years. Pat particularly enjoyed campfires at night, where Grandma and Papa provided delicious barbecues and s’mores for their grandchildren. Pat’s grandchildren always cherished their time at the property, where she and Ron spent years creating a welcoming space for family gatherings.

A lifelong Methodist, Pat was baptized at the United Methodist Church in Lynchburg.

Virginia. Her faith was an integral part of her life, guiding her actions and interactions with others.

Memorial services to honor and celebrate Pat’s life will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024, 1 p.m., at Callaghan Mortuary, located at 3833 East Ave. in Livermore, California.

Pat’s life was a testament to her kindness, generosity, and unwavering dedication to her family and friends. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew her.

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

Marjorie Elaine Harter
Aug. 31, 1925 — Nov. 1, 2024



Marjorie Elaine Harter, longtime Livermore resident, died on Nov. 1, 2024. She was 99. She outlived most of her family and friends, but those of us who remain behind mourn her loss and hold her dear in our hearts, taking nourishment and joy from our memories of her strength, good humor, generosity and abiding love. The story of her life and family, below, is told in Marjorie’s own words, written in 2023.

The second of three children of Velma Stevens Haley and Lucy Marshall Haley, Marjorie was born and grew up in Kingsdown in southwest Kansas. She was a graduate of Kingsdown High School and Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia. In 1947, she and James G. Harter, elder son of Fred and Stella Harter, were married and settled in Morrisville, Pennsylvania. She worked as a librarian at

Morrisville High School for two years until the birth of their first daughter, Jan Louise, followed by the births of her sisters Lynn Susan and Lee Ann. In 1960, the family moved to Livermore, California. In Livermore, Jim was an employee of Sandia Labs and Marjorie worked at the Livermore Public Library for ten years after her girls were in high school. In retirement, Jim

and Marjorie traveled a lot via a private plane from his flying club and on his own motorcycle with his motorcycle club.

Marjorie lost her parents in the 1960s, her husband of 43 years in 1990, her brothers Wendell Haley in 2014 and Delbert Haley in 2017, and a niece.

She leaves her daughters Jan Evans of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Lynn Harter of Houston, Texas, and Lee Peralta of Livermore; her son-in-law, David Evans; her grandson Jesse Frank, his wife Tiffany and their sons Abel and Michael; her grandson Taylor Frank and his children Juniper and Eloise; her step-granddaughter Rhu Bikszer, her husband Avi and their children Slade and Cheyenne. She also leaves her sisters-in-law Mable Ann Haley and Faustine Haley, one nephew, three nieces, her cousins and friends.

Celebration of Life

Ryan Thomas Humphrey
Feb. 18, 1972 — Nov. 2, 2024



Ryan Thomas Humphrey was born February 18, 1972, and died on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at Kaiser Permanente Antioch, with his brother, Clint Humphrey, and best friend, Heidi Salas, at his bedside. Ryan was a Livermore native, graduating from Livermore High School in 1990. As a kid, he enjoyed riding his bicycle in the creek beds of Livermore and playing organized sports. As an adult he made frequent trips to Lake Tahoe and enjoyed many deep-sea fishing trips out of Half Moon Bay with his family and friends. He is missed and will be forever loved by the many people who knew him in Livermore and beyond.

Ryan developed a passion for tackle football while still in grade school. He played seven years of tackle football before graduating from high school and played three more years of college football at Laney College in Oakland and California State University, Hayward. His teammates and his opponents will tell you that he was a ferocious linebacker, who relished the intensity of the sport. He earned many awards and much respect for his talent and leadership on the field. His teammates and coaches regularly chose him as a team captain, and he earned “All-League” and “All-State” honors as a player in high school and college. After college football, Ryan began training as a tradesman in commercial plumbing and became a Raiders season ticket holder.

While still a young man, Ryan moved to Santa Catalina Island, where he lived with

his brother for several years. Working for the Catalina Island Conservancy, he did everything from herding up bison, to construction and maintenance on Conservancy properties. His hilarious stories of being chased by bison while trying to corral them have become legendary among family and friends. Yelling and flailing his arms, he would attempt to scare the bison down a chute and into the corral, though sometimes an old bison bull would stop, turn around, and reverse the chase. His niece, Alina, still asks for funny “Uncle Ryan stories” when she is missing him. Ryan had a vibrant sense of humor. He liked to laugh, and he always laughed from the gut. When he wasn’t working, you could find him listening to country music while exploring Catalina’s rugged interior or ocean fishing for yellowtail in his little blue skiff. For Ryan, country music was without question the best music for every mood and occasion. Perhaps the one exception was the music of Jimmy Buffett, whose songs would conjure up fond memories of beaches, boats,

and fishing for him.

Ryan was never afraid of hard work and became a proud union member of Local 342. He worked hard and he played hard. He was not one to sit around the house and wait for something to happen. Being an extrovert, he found great joy in spending time with his friends and family, especially when fishing, grilling, and watching football. He loved his people and was not afraid to tell them so. If he wrapped one of his long arms around you, there was no getting away from the old linebacker; you were trapped until he was satisfied with how he conveyed his affection for you. His friends and family feel the same way about him. He was a big guy, with an exceptionally big heart.

Ryan is survived by his mother, Beverly Humphrey, his father, Scott Humphrey, and his brother’s family, Clint Humphrey, Natasha Garic-Humphrey, and Alina Humphrey. He is also loved and missed by his many uncles, aunts, and cousins. One of Ryan’s oldest friends, Ron Harrison, has graciously offered his ranch as a venue for a celebration of life. The service and celebration of life will take place Saturday, Dec. 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 280 Camino Diablo Rd., Brentwood, CA 94513. All of those wanting to pay their respects and say goodbye to Ryan are welcome to attend.

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

Mary Aflague Mitchell
Oct. 29, 1931 — Nov. 13, 2024



Mary Aflague Mitchell was born in Agana, Guam, to Juan and Isabel Aflague. She passed away peacefully on Nov. 13, 2024, at home in Livermore, California. She is survived by her husband Kenneth (Ken) Mitchell; children, David, Michael, Ann Marie, Elizabeth, and her daughter-in-law Cynthia; grandchildren, Joel, Chad, Nikolas and Kennedy; great-grandchildren, Daylin and Silas, and many loving nieces and nephews. Mary is the last of the Aflague siblings of Juan and Isabel Aflague.

Mary was a survivor of the Japanese occupation in Guam during the Pacific War along with her siblings and mother, while her father was away in the Navy. In 1946, after the Guam Liberation, her parents relocated her six siblings to Pleasanton. A year later, her family settled in Livermore. She was a resident of Livermore for 80 years.

Her family were egg producers in Livermore (over 7,000 hens) and she took the eggs to market every day before school. In her teen years, her father and siblings volunteered joyfully to provide hula dancing entertainment to lift patients’ spirits at the V.A. and local convalescent hospitals. Mary graduated from Livermore High School in 1952.

Mary met Earl Clay through her cousin Rose, and they mar-

ried. She raised David solo after Earl’s passing in 1960. Mary worked as a secretary at Sandia Lab where she met her future husband, Ken Mitchell. They married in June 1962.

Mary was featured as the “Valley Homemaker” on the front page of the Herald Newspaper in July 1969. She enjoyed cooking, entertaining, gardening and was very active in Saint Michael Catholic Church and the Livermore community. She participated with the Columbian Women Auxiliary to the Knights of Columbus. Mary taught catechism to children preparing for First Communion for 18 years. Mary taught tennis at Granada high school. She volunteered for Saint Michael School, “Discovery Day” teaching tennis to the 7th and 8th graders for many years. Mary was also the first female usher at Saint Michael’s

for over 20 years. Her other calling was a homebound minister, to visit the sick and give them Communion.

Mary would tell herself that there must be a purpose for her on earth, because there were so many ways she escaped death. Her life was a gift, and she thanked God for giving her a good husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. God’s purpose for her was small things but serving Him was a joy. God’s love has always been guiding and protecting her. She said, “Whenever Satan comes around, just tell him to get out! Just wake up every day and say, ‘Lord, I come to do Your will.’ And you will have peace.”

Rosary will be held Thursday, Dec. 5, at 11:30 a.m. Mass of Christian burial will follow at 12 p.m. at Saint Michael Catholic Church, followed by burial at Saint Michael Catholic Cemetery. A celebration of life reception will be held after the service and burial at Saint Michael Parish Hall.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Mary’s memory to Saint Michael Catholic Church.

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

Celebration of Life

Paul E. Faure
May 6, 1934 — Oct. 27, 2024



Paul passed away Oct. 27, 2024, at his home, held by those he loved most. He was born in Livermore, California, at St. Paul’s Hospital—hence his given name. He and his wife, Beverly, were childhood neighbors and played in school yards and streets as children did when Livermore was small, safe and everyone knew each other. When they were very young and playing on a tree that fell in the street, his shoes came untied. Beverly quickly tied them for him, and he knew then that she was a keeper.

He spent summers with his dad at Lake Tahoe working at Henry J. Kaiser’s estate where he learned to swim in those icy waters. He graduated from Livermore High School, played football, was a student council representative, and FFA President, which he enjoyed, raised steers, pigs, and received many honors at the Cow Palace. He attended Modesto Junior College. He and Beverly continued to date and always knew they would spend the rest of their lives together.

Paul and Beverly married. After he received his draft notice from the Army, he said he would rather “ride the waves” than walk, so he enlisted in the Navy. Paul served four years on the USS Mt. Katmai, an ammunition ship carrying nuclear weapons to U.S. bases in the Philippines and Japan, never speaking of the danger involved. He was a Boatswain’s Mate and had many

stories of picking up sailors on shore leave after a night of partying. During this time, he and Beverly welcomed their beautiful daughter, Laurie. After discharge, he began his apprenticeship as an electrician at Kaiser Sand and Gravel. He attended Laney College and earned his journeyman’s paper. He became an electrical foreman at the plant, retiring after 35 years. During this time adding another little girl, Kristy, and son, Steven.

Paul played golf and especially enjoyed ocean fishing with his best friend, Budge Anderson. He and Beverly built a second home in the Sierras, which they shared often with family and friends, and enjoyed for 30 years. He took several classes at the recreation center, some with daughter Laurie. He could build and repair just about anything and remodeled their home several times. He was always happy to lend a hand to anyone. He coached son

Steven’s soccer team, wanting the boys to learn and enjoy the game. He was a proud member of the IBEW Local 595 for 65 years. He and Beverly loved traveling and road trips to Canada, Yellowstone, yearly to Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Sedona, Arizona, and anniversaries at Pismo Beach and Carmel. Favorites were 12 cruises, (the first with the Andersons having the most fun four people can have), three to the Panama Canal and Caribbean islands, and an Alaskan cruise with the whole family for their 60th wedding anniversary.

Paul loved his special grandchildren, Roxanne and Buddy, and loving daughter-in-law Donna. He was humble and non-judgmental and will be loved forever. Bon Voyage dearest Paul.

Paul is survived by wife Beverly Faure; daughter Laurie Faure (Roy deceased); daughter Kristy Faure (John); son Steven Faure (Donna); granddaughter Roxanne Faure (Geoffrey); grandson Buddy Faure; niece Barbara Boehme (Dale); niece Karen Chavet (Diedier); and predeceased by infant son Paul Raymond Faure and by brother-in-law Ray Dias Jr.

The burial is private. All are welcome to a celebration of life on Dec. 14, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Canton Village Restaurant, 1070 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, CA 94550

Special thanks to Kaiser Hospice.

Deborah Lee Disbrow
July 24, 1964 — Oct. 28, 2024



Deborah Lee Disbrow, aged 60, passed away on Oct. 28, 2024, in Livermore, California. She was born on July 24, 1964, and during her vibrant life, Debbie embodied qualities of kindness, compassion, and generosity, touching the lives of many with her energetic, loving spirit and infectious smile.

Debbie graduated from Granada High School in 1982 where she excelled in track, basketball and volleyball. She set an EBAL and Southern Alameda County record in the high jump, scored 43 points in a league basketball game, and placed 4th in triple jump at the state meet. After graduating from high school, she attended Idaho State under a track scholarship. She worked as a cable splicer, crew foreman and training coordinator during her 38 years at PG&E, retiring in 2022.

Beyond her professional life, Debbie enjoyed cooking,

gardening, and socializing with her friends and family. Debbie never forgot a birthday or anniversary and was the center of the family. Her pride and joy were her nieces and nephews whom she showered with love and attention. She celebrated their successes with the same enthusiasm as if they were her own.

She leaves behind a loving family: her father and mother, Paul and Shirley Disbrow; sister and brother-in-law, Susan

and Joe Silva; brother, Mike Disbrow; and her cherished nieces and nephews, Brooke, Joey, Brandon, Aaron, Taylor, Bryce, Carli, Jordan and Elijah.

For many years Debbie volunteered with the Lil Pardners Rodeo as part of the Livermore Rodeo. She loved working with the kids. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Livermore Rodeo Foundation, c/o Lil Pardners Rodeo, P.O. Box 646, Livermore CA 94551. For more information, check out www.livermoreroдео.com/lilpardners.

Debbie’s absence leaves a void in the hearts of those who knew her, but a piece of her lives in each of us. The date of the celebration of life event is TBD.

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

Undefeated Dublin Girls Tennis Team Wins NCS Title

By Phil Jensen

The Dublin High School girls tennis team had already set program history before Saturday, as it went undefeated in the East Bay Athletic League and advanced to the final day of the North Coast Section Division I team tournament.

Then the Gaels closed the tournament on Nov. 16 by upsetting the No. 1 (Miramonte-Orinda) and No. 3 (Redwood-Larkspur) seeds to win the first NCS girls tennis team title in school history.

“I had faith in my girls. They came in strong, they came in prepared,” said Dublin coach Jason Wilson, whose team has a 13-1 overall record this season. “We know we’re a tough team.”

The Gaels now move on to the California Interscholastic Federation NorCal Regional on Nov. 22-23 at Broadstone Sports Club in Folsom.

In the NCS semifinals, the fourth-seeded Gaels faced No. 1 Miramonte. Dublin’s four singles players were dominant, each winning in straight sets, as Dublin upended Miramonte 4-3.

Dublin took a 3-0 lead on its way to victory. No. 2 singles player Mady Peav, No. 3 singles player Olivia Halim and No. 4 player Kashvi Ravi all won their matches 6-1, 6-2. Maya Peav, Dublin’s No. 1 singles player who has lost only once this season, clinched the win with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Miramonte’s Caitlin Chan.

“My singles players were playing so solid,” said Wilson. “They weren’t down any point in the match.”

In the final, Dublin faced defending Division I champ Redwood. Again, the Gaels swept the singles matches to win 4-3. Halim won the No. 3 singles match 6-0, 6-0. Her other singles teammates also won in straight sets: Maya Peav at No. 1 singles (6-1, 6-1); Mady Peav at No. 2 singles (6-1, 6-4) and Ravi at No. 4 singles (6-2, 6-3).

“We kind of had a feeling coming in (to the season) that our team was going to be depth-solid. We were going to be solid all the way down,” said Wilson, who also said the six singles players during the regular season were the backbone of the team. Dublin’s second through fifth singles players never lost a

match.

Dublin was 13-0 in the EBAL. In addition to winning the EBAL Valley Division with an 8-0 mark, the Gaels beat each of the five teams in the Mountain Division.

Maya Peav also won the EBAL singles title the week before the NCS tournament, and Halim and Ravi teamed up to win the doubles tournament.

“I think I’ve really improved from last year,” said Maya Peav. “I’ve improved on my serves, and also I’m more willing to play offense now. ... like trying to hit a winner if I need to.”

The Gaels’ NCS quarterfinal match against No. 5 American-Fremont was postponed on Nov. 14 due to rain. When it was played the next day, host Dublin dominated to win 7-0. The team was victorious in the four matches that were contested; the other three matches were forfeited. American coach Michael Lindsay said that the five players who missed the match did so due to academic commitments.

Maya Peav, a junior, won the first eight games of the No. 1 singles match against



The undefeated Dublin girls tennis team plowed through the quarterfinal and semifinal matches on Nov. 15 and 16. Olivia Halim (above), the no. 3 singles player, won all her matches against Redwood and Miramonte High Schools. (Photo courtesy of Dublin Unified School District)

Shrisha Karthikeyan. But Karthikeyan came back to tie the second set at four before Peav won the final two games to prevail 6-0, 6-4.

Halim won the No. 3 singles match 6-1, 6-3 over Maddie Slater, and Mady Peav was victorious 6-0, 6-3 in the No. 2 singles match over Jadelyn Li. The No. 1 doubles team of Alyssa Ma and Niyati Ravi (who played No. 5 and 6 singles during the season) beat Mridula Anand and Muyao Li 7-5, 6-3.

Dublin beat No. 13 California High 6-1 in the first

round of the NCS tournament on Nov. 12.

Girls Volleyball

Foothill upset two higher seeds to advance to the CIF Division I NorCal Regional final on Nov. 19. The match was played after this article’s deadline. The winner of that match has advanced to the CIF Division I state championship match on Nov. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Santiago Canyon College in Orange.

The Falcons opened the NorCal Division I tournament by beating No. 12 Christian Brothers-Sacra-

mento 25-14, 25-19, 22-25, 21-25, 15-7 on Nov. 12. Foothill had five players with double-digit kills, led by Kaycie Burdick with 18. Olivia So added 21 digs for Foothill.

Two nights later, the Falcons traveled to Union City on Nov. 14 and beat No. 3 James Logan 19-25, 21-25, 25-5, 25-22, 15-11. Burdick slammed 24 kills and Lulu Hoenninger added seven blocks in the win.

On Nov. 16, the Falcons took a much longer road trip north and upset No. 1 Folsom 25-19, 23-25, 25-18, 25-13.

Granada Wins Rematch with Livermore in Playoffs, Advances to Semifinals

By Phil Jensen

It was the same matchup at the same place — and with the same result.



Granada junior Damien Miles dodges a tackle in the Nov. 15 quarterfinal matchup against visiting Livermore. The Dons surged forward from a halftime tie to defeat the Cowboys 28-14. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)

One week after the Granada High School football team won an historic battle against visiting Livermore, the two teams played again in the first round of the North Coast Section Division IV playoffs on Nov. 15. Granada surged forward from a 14-14 tie at halftime to outscore visiting Livermore in the second half to win 28-14.

“This was a little bit

different because this was a winner-go-home,” said Granada coach Brandon Black about the single-elimination NCS tournament.

“We didn’t want to end (the season) yet, so this one was really important, really special to us.”

Granada (7-4), the No. 3 seed in Division IV, will travel to face No. 2 American Canyon (9-2) on Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. in a semifinal matchup.

Against Livermore on Nov. 15, the Matadors again fell behind in the first quarter. The Cowboys (6-5) took

the opening kickoff and drove 76 yards to score on a 19-yard pass from Matteo Lortie to Matthew Benson. The point-after-touchdown

grabbed by Chad Harper inside the 10-yard-line and he proceeded into the end zone for a 42-yard touchdown with 30.2 seconds left in the second quarter. But Granada proceeded to move the ball 60 yards in 26.4 seconds, scoring on a perfectly placed 32-yard pass by Jack Badger to Peyton Richards into the far right corner of the south end zone with 1.1 seconds left in the half. A PAT kick ended the half with a tie.

“We’ve had this play in our back pocket for a while and it was a perfect time to call it,” said Black. “We were going to run it and then there was a timeout, so all we did was split formations, stayed with it.”

After entering the second half tied 14-14, Granada took the lead to stay on its first possession of the third quarter. The Matadors drove 80 yards in four plays, highlighted by a 51-yard touchdown pass from Badger to Seth Sanchez less than two minutes into the quarter.

The longest Livermore drive after that ended at the Granada 46. The final touchdown of the game was a five-yard run by Duarte with 2:31 remaining to cap a 66-yard drive. Granada had four players with more than 18 yards rushing in the game, including a team-high 62 by Noah Blake.

Badger completed 12 of his 17 passes for 231 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. Duarte caught a game-high four passes for 32 yards, and Sanchez added three receptions for 97 yards. Defensively, the Matadors had two sacks from Christian Mendenhall. Livermore received a game-high 83 yards rush-

ing on nine carries from Kamarri Robinson, who rushed for 1,570 yards and 12 touchdowns this season. Livermore coach John Wade said that Robinson played through a high ankle sprain. “He was limited all week,” Wade said. “We knew we couldn’t hand him the ball 20 or 25 times for the game.”

Benson had three receptions for 82 yards in the Cowboys’ season finale, and Harper added three receptions for 75 yards. Hayden Druba had a third-quarter interception for the Cowboys defense.

When asked how he felt about the way his team

played this season, Wade said “We faced a lot of adversity early on,” referring to the death of defensive coordinator Scott Baswell before the season. “It was devastating ... I was really proud of the kids and how they persevered throughout the year and played some good football and got us into the playoffs.”

In addition to Granada, Amador Valley also advanced to the NCS semifinal round with a 42-21 victory over Las Lomas on Nov. 15 in a Division II first-round game. The second-seeded Dons (7-4) host No. 3 Windsor (8-3) on Nov. 22 at 7 p.m.



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 609656

The following person(s) doing business as: Surf Thru Express Car Wash, 3598 Stanley Blvd, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Surf Thru Inc, 11837 Bolthouse Dr, Suite 400, Bakersfield, CA 93311. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 12/16/2019. Signature of Registrant/s/: Todd Gall, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 1, 2024. Expires September 30, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6166. Published October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 610035

The following person(s) doing business as: LW Construction, 3446 Baylis ST, Fremont, CA 94538-3745 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Liju Wu, 3346 Baylis ST, Fremont, CA 94538. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/16/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Liju Wu, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 17, 2024. Expires October 16, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6167. Published October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 609874

The following person(s) doing business as: DC Construction, 1068 44th Ave, Oakland, CA 94601 is hereby registered by

the following owner(s): Donny Chu Construction, Inc, 1068 44th Ave, Oakland, CA 94601. 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: 6/14/2007. Signature of Registrant/s/: Donny Chu, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 10, 2024. Expires October 9, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6168. Published October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 609685

The following person(s) doing business as: Rivers Plumbing Heating & Air, 3958 Valley Ave, Ste G, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Z Home Services, 3958 Valley Ave Ste G, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This

business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/1/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Elizabeth A. Rivers, Director. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 2, 2024. Expires October 1, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6169. Published October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 609964

The following person(s) doing business as: Dante Robere Vineyards & Winery, 1200 Wetmore Rd, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): A3 Winery LLC, 6198 Massara St, Danville, CA 94506. 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/: Ravneet Singh, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 15, 2024. Expires October 14, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6170. Published October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 609730

The following person(s) doing business as: Witimsel, 2693 Stoneridge Dr, Ste 101, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Simin Wang, 2693 Stoneridge Dr, Ste 101, 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/: Simin

Wang, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 3, 2024. Expires October 2, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6171. Published October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610083

The following person(s) doing business as: Worldwide Signs, 2021 Las Positas CT, #161, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Robert Kocik, 2021 Las Positas CT, #161, 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: 7/1/2003. Signature of Registrant/s/: Robert Kocik, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 21, 2024. Expires

October 20, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6172. Published October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 609906

The following person(s) doing business as: Deharo Construction, Inc, 4361 Technology Dr, Unit I, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Deharo Construction Inc, 4361 Technology Dr, Unit I, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/1/2003. Signature of Registrant/s/: Dustin Prusso, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 14, 2024. Expires October 13, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6173. Published October 31, Novem-

ber 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610161

The following person(s) doing business as: C.A Heating and Air Conditioning, 3867 California Way, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Chad Richards, 3867 California Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/22/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Chad Richards, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 23, 2024. Expires October 22, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6174. Published October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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FILE NO. 610233

The following person(s) doing business as: Deena Lynn Reiki, 755 N N ST, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Deena Kennedy, 755 N N ST, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Deena Kennedy, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 24, 2024. Expires October 23, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6175. Published October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610040

The following person(s) doing business as: A&L Financial Services, 53 Wright Brothers Ave, Suite E, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): DMRZ Wright Brothers Ave, Suite E, 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: 10/3/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Daniel Hollenback, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 17, 2024. Expires October 16, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6176. Published October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610086

The following person(s) doing business as: The Dogfather Tattoo Company, 120 J. ST, Fremont, CA 94536 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Dogfather Tattoo Company LLC, 120 J ST, Fremont, CA 94536. 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: Carlo Rodriguez, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 21, 2024. Expires October 20, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6177. Published October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610232

The following person(s) doing business as: Lily Skin Care Studio, 4230 Rosewood Dr, Suite 117, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lilya Bendjedid, 4230 Rose Dr, Suite 117, 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: 10/23/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Lilya Bendjedid, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 24, 2024. Expires October 23, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6178. Published November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610122

The following person(s) doing business as: Binge Coffee House, 2199 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94720 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Boba Binge, 1004 Webster ST, 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: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Minh Nguyen, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 21, 2024. Expires October 20, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6179. Published November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610133

The following person(s) doing business as: New Water Labs, 1130 65th Street Unit 301, Oakland, CA 94608 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Very Good Technology Inc., 1130 65th Street Unit 301, Oakland, CA 94608. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/21/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Bradley S. Roan, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 22, 2024. Expires October 21, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6180. Published November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610273

The following person(s) doing business as: Weslo's, 2825 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, CA 94602 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): W Food Co LLC, 2807 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, CA 94602. 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: Willis Yu, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 25, 2024. Expires October 24, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6181. Published November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610341

The following person(s) doing

business as: Pressure Bright, 31338 Santa Elena Way, Union City, CA 94587 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Benjamin G. Brillo, 31338 Santa Elena Way, Union City, CA 94587. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Benjamin G. Brillo, Owner/Operator. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 29, 2024. Expires October 28, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6182. Published November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610265

The following person(s) doing business as: Blown Away, 516 Jayar Place, Hayward, CA 94544 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ryan Hartsinck, 516 Jayar Place, Hayward, CA 94544. 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: Ryan Hartsinck, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 25, 2024. Expires October 24, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6183. Published November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610390

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Nueva; 2. Xolo; 3. New Vintage Beverage, 2553 6th ST, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): New Vintage Beverage LLC, 2553 6th ST, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Mario Rubio, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 31, 2024. Expires October 30, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6184. Published November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610325

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Imperial Star Empire; 2. Emperor; 3. Empress; 4. Emprex; 5. Emprix, 4075 Compton CT, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): John Marques Jr., 4075 Compton CT, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: John Marques Jr., Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 29, 2024. Expires October 28, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6185. Published November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 609747

The following person(s) doing business as: Kosmetika, 2150 Portola Ave, D214, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Reveca Pereda, 2150 Portola Ave D214, 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: Reveca Pereda, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 4, 2024. Expires October 3, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6186. Published November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 608842

The following person(s) doing business as: JC Skye HR Consulting, 5690 W Cog Hill Terr, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Judy Wu, 5690 W Cog Hill Terr, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 8/22/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Judy Wu, Owner. This statement was filed with

the County Clerk of Alameda on August 22, 2024. Expires August 21, 2029 with legal No. 6098. Published September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024. Alameda County letter# 289306. Corrected on The Independent November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610114

The following person(s) doing business as: Pharmacy Shop, 3809 Boulder Canyon Dr., Castro Valley, CA 94552 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mark John-Yung Lin, 3809 Boulder Canyon Dr., Castro Valley, CA 94552. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/2/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Mark Lin, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 21, 2024. Expires October 20, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6188. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610446

The following person(s) doing business as: Rocca Audiovisual, 45274 Industrial Dr., Fremont, CA 94538 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): The Rocca Group LLC, 45274 Industrial Dr., Fremont, CA 94538. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/26/2019. Signature of Registrant/s: Jessica Rocca, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 4, 2024. Expires November 3, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6189. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610433

The following person(s) doing business as: Takimori Collections, 24842 Sinclair ST, Hayward, CA 94545 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Huang Hua, P.O. Box 12, Hayward, CA 94557. 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: Huang Hua, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 4, 2024. Expires November 3, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6190. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610296

The following person(s) doing business as: Bella Roma Pizzeria, 853 E. Stanley Blvd, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nijjar Family LLC, 853 E. Stanley Blvd, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/25/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Palwinder Singh, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 25, 2024. Expires October 24, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6191. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610450

The following person(s) doing business as: Elevate Property Management Professionals, 22253 N 6th St, Castro Valley, CA 94546 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Good Doge LLC, 22253 N 6th St, Castro Valley, CA 94546. 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: 11/1/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Frank Lee, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 4, 2024. Expires November 3, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6192. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610400

The following person(s) doing business as: Professional Integrity Taxes, 301 Earhart Way, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Julie Ann Rost, 301 Earhart Way, 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: 2/14/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Julie Ann Rost, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 1, 2024. Expires October 31, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6193. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610475

The following person(s) doing business as: Vargas Mechanical Services, Inc., 3573 First St, Suite A, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Taurino Vargas, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 5, 2024. Expires November 4, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6194. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610307

The following person(s) doing business as: Amador Cleaners, 1787 Santa Rita Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Prime Cleaners, 1739 W. San Carlos ST, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Yongjae Ham, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 28, 2024. Expires October 27, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6195. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610337

The following person(s) doing business as: BGG Publications LLC, 4971 Hollice Court, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): BGG Publications LLC, 4971 Hollice Court, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/29/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Electra Gentry, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 29, 2024. Expires October 28, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6196. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2024.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 609616

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s). 1. Imperial Star Empire, Incorporated; 2. Incorporated; 3. Empress; 4. Emprex; 5. Emprix, 4075 Compton CT, Livermore, CA 94550. Registered by the following owner(s): Imperial Star Empire, Inc., 4075 Compton CT, Livermore, CA 94550. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 09/30/2024 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Corporation. Signature of Registrant/s: John Marques, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 29, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 6197. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2024.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

CASEY JOSEPH GRADWOHL Case No. 24PR198447 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the

will or estate, or both, of **CASEY JOSEPH GRADWOHL**. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **Cynthia Gradwohl**, in the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara. The petition for probate requests that **Cynthia Gradwohl** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: **December 18, 2024 9:01 am in Dept. 1 Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara 191 N First Street San Jose, CA 95113** If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (Form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: Jennifer E. Ramirez, Esq. 2021 The Alameda, Suite 225 San Jose, California 95126 The Independent, Legal No. 6198. Published November 21, 28, December 5, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610006

The following person(s) doing business as: Suite Ladies, 4326 Las Positas Rd, Suite 101, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Brooke Cowens, 4326 Las Positas Rd, Suite 101, 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: Brooke Cowens, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 17, 2024. Expires October 16, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6199. Published November 21, 28, December 5, 12, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610640

The following person(s) doing business as: PMI All Bay, 7026 Koll Center Parkway #211, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Reliance Property Management LLC, 7026 Koll Center Parkway #211, 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: 11/14/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Najib Rahmatti, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 14, 2024. Expires November 13, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6200. Published November 21, 28, December 5, 12, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610526

The following person(s) doing business as: Vending Merchant Trade Inc, 1151 Saddleview CT, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Vending Merchant Trade Inc, 1151 Saddleview CT, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 8/26/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Darshan Dixit, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 7, 2024. Expires November 6, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6201. Published November 21, 28, December 5, 12, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610443

The following person(s) doing business as: Bloom's n Such, 638 Dover Way, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nicole Campiotti, 638 Dover Way, 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: Nicole Campiotti, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 4, 2024. Expires November 3, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6202. Published November 21, 28, December 5, 12, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 602088

The following person(s) doing business as: Commercial Maintenance Management Services, 4261 Moreland Drive, Castro Valley, CA 94546 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Alberto Gianneccchini, 4261 Moreland Drive, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s: Alberto Gianneccchini, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 14, 2024. Expires November 13, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6203. Published November 21, 28, December 5, 12, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610554

The following person(s) doing

business as: Skin Evolution Esthetics and Body Bar, 30 W Neal ST, Suite 200, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bobbie Sage, 30 W Neal ST, Suite 200, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 11/8/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Bobbie Sage, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 8, 2024. Expires November 7, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6204. Published November 21, 28, December 5, 12, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610566

The following person(s) doing business as: Becky's Blooming Buds Daycare, 779 William Drive, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jinhua Nie, 779 William Drive, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Jinhua Nie, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 12, 2024. Expires November 11, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6205. Published November 21, 28, December 5, 12, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 610577

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Replenish; 2. Replenish Marketplace; 3. Replenish Refill; 4. Replenish grocery; 5. Replenish Goods; 6. Replenish Market, 1503 Webster Street, Alameda, CA 94501 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nursing The Planet LLC, 3030 Fennside Blvd, Alameda, CA 94501. 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: 4/12/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Laria Phippen, Owner, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 12, 2024. Expires November 11, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6206. Published November 21, 28, December 5, 12, 2024.

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