

Co-Author
Bauer-Kahan

Bill to Cap
Utility Fees
Introduced

By Ruth Roberts

REGIONAL — Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) has co-authored a bill that would repeal state legislation that ties utility fees to customer incomes.

Assembly Bill 205, passed in 2022, allows the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) to authorize the state’s major utility companies to set their fixed-rate fees based on customer income versus energy use.

“Utility rates here in California are too damn high and we are ready to take action,” said Bauer-Kahan in a recent press conference with other lawmakers announcing the legislation. “The ways that California families drive down their personal costs are being taken away from them ... and that is not OK, so we’re here to take on the fixed charges proposals at the PUC.”

As presented, the proposed Assembly Bill 1999 would cap the fixed-fee rate at \$10 per month. A fixed fee is a cost added each month

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Sunol Glen School

Registrar
Certifies
Recall Drive

By Larry Altman

SUNOL — The Alameda County Registrar’s Office last week certified petitions calling for an election to remove Sunol Glen Unified School District Trustees Ryan Jergensen and Linda Hurley from their positions.

The decision paves the way for an election that could occur sometime this summer.

“Local Sunol residents have made their voices heard,” Chris Bobertz, a member of the Committee to Recall School Board Trustees Jergensen & Hurley, said in a statement. “There is now a clear path forward to restore the school’s stability, retain the staff and teachers, and remove the division caused by Trustees Jergensen and Hurley.”

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Illegal bike activity in a Livermore flood-protection basin has some worried about its unintended consequences. (See story on page 3.) (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Primary Election Results Tallied

(As of March 5 at 11:30 p.m. Statewide turnout: 15%)
See updated results at www.independentnews.com

Zone 7 Board (full term, three seats)		16th State Assembly (top two advance)		10th Congressional District (top two advance)	
Laurene K. Green	32.3%	Rebecca Bauer-Kahan	66.0%	Mark DeSaulnier	66.7%
Kathy Narum	25.5%	Joseph A. Rubay	34.0%	Katherine Piccinini	18.6%
Sandy Figuers	24.5%			Nolan Lee Chen	10.4%
Alan Burnham	17.8%	20th State Assembly		Joe Sweeney	3.5%
		Liz Ortega	100.0%	Mohamed Elsherbini	0.8%
Zone 7 Board (short term)		24th State Assembly (top two advance)		14th Congressional District (top two advance)	
Catherine Brown	81.6%	Alex Lee	66.2%	Eric Swalwell	63.4%
Seema Badar	18.4%	Bob Brunton	23.2%	Vin Kruttiventi	18.3%
		Marti Souza	10.7%	Alison Hayden	10.8%
Alameda County Board of Supervisors District 1		State Senate District 5 (top two advance)		U.S. Senate (top two advance)	
David G. Haubert	100.0%	Jim Shoemaker	41.7%	Adam Schiff	35.2%
Alameda County Board of Supervisors District 4		Jerry McNerney	33.4%	Steve Garvey	30.5%
Nate Miley	62.9%	Carlos Villapudua	24.9%	Katie Porter	14.4%
Jennifer Esteen	37.1%			Barbara Lee	7.3%
				Eric Early	3.5%

Sheriff Opposes Building Mental
Health Wing at Santa Rita Jail

By Larry Altman

DUBLIN — Alameda County Sheriff Yesenia Sanchez informed the Alameda County Board of Supervisors last week that she does not support building a Mental Health Services Unit at the Santa Rita Jail campus, calling the \$81 million proposal outdated and saying it fails to meet the county’s needs.

Sanchez’s announcement appeared to put an end to the proposed 40,000 square-foot building. The proposal was partially funded by the state in 2015, but languished without approval in the county for more than eight years, primarily under Sanchez’s predecessor, Sheriff Greg Ahern.

Sanchez, speaking to the Board of Supervisors during

their Feb. 27 meeting, said her staff, along with county Behavioral Health Care officials, determined during a year-long evaluation that “the best way to deliver services through our behavioral health team is inside the living areas where (inmates) are housed.”

“Through the evaluation process, we have found that the design and the planning behind this building to be placed on the Santa Rita Jail campus is not the most ideal and it is not something that I support anymore,” Sanchez said. “Building a facility of this size and placing it where it is planned would mean logistical nightmares with staffing and then moving individuals from one side of the jail to another.”

Sanchez, whose department is required to improve

mental health care and jail conditions under a federal consent decree imposed by a federal judge in 2022, said the services should be provided within the existing jail. The consent decree followed the county’s decision to settle a civil rights lawsuit filed in 2018 on behalf of Santa Rita Jail inmates to improve conditions in the facility. County officials agreed to hire staffing, improve accommodations for prisoners with mental health disabilities, expand out-of-cell recreation time, and coordinate emergency mental health care with outside facilities. The decree also ordered the county to pay some \$4.3 million toward attorney and reform-monitoring fees.

Sanchez said that work to comply with the consent

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Dublin Unified School District

Board Approves
Layoffs to Restore
Required Reserve

By Ruth Roberts

DUBLIN —For the first time in its history, the Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) has submitted a qualified budget — a mark of financial instability — to the County Office of Education.

A qualified budget is assigned to a district if it has not met its financial obligation for the current year or two subsequent years. According to the County Office of Education, the other three school districts filing qualified budgets are Hayward USD, Newark USD and Oakland USD. Alameda County has 18

school districts.

Chris Hobbs, DUSD’s assistant superintendent of business services, said that the district is required to maintain a 3% cash reserve of its general fund expenditures, or \$5,705,846, based on the size of the district. The district’s annual operating budget is \$190,194,877.

Hobbs said that the district discovered in December that they would not be able to maintain the required 3% reserve for the 2025-26 fiscal year, thereby falling into the qualified status.

Angela Ruggiero, with the County Office of Education, said, “The Alameda

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The Niles Canyon Railway celebrated 100 years of operation of its Clover Valley Lumber Co. #4 steam locomotive last Saturday with train runs and speeches. Built in Philadelphia, the engine has been part of the Sunol museum since 1973. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Industrial Use Questioned Outside UGB

USDA Tool Shows Quality
Soils East of Greenville

By David Jen

LIVERMORE — Some believe that high-quality agricultural soils should play into the city’s decision of whether to develop a 1,100-acre area outside the city’s eastern urban growth boundary (UGB) for industrial and commercial uses.

The city is currently in the process of updating its General Plan, intended to guide land-use and development decisions through 2045. As part of the process, the city’s General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) is considering four focus areas

within the city and one outside the city’s UGB for land-use changes. The latter, East of Greenville, would require voter approval to move the UGB before development could occur.

Passed into law in 2000, the UGB preserves agricultural and open space lands outside its limits, while promoting infill development within.

At an Alameda County Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting last week, during public comment, Dick Schneider said that the city’s reasoning for considering East of Green-

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A member of Alameda Fire’s Hand Crew 8 uses a chainsaw to remove downed trees in unincorporated Livermore on Feb. 4. The chainsaw, along with other equipment, was stolen shortly afterward from a Pleasanton hotel parking lot where the crew was staying. (See story on page 3.) (Photo courtesy: Alameda County Fire Department)

Pleasanton Students Advance to
National Civics Competition in D.C.

By Ruth Roberts

PLEASANTON — Amador Valley and Foothill high schools’ civics teams are heading to Washington, D.C. in April to represent California in the national We the People competition.

The Amador team won first place in the state championships in February. Foothill High School will also be attending as the second team from California to participate after grabbing the wild card spot in the state contest.

“The Pleasanton Unified

School District Board of Trustees and I congratulate both the Amador Valley and Foothill high school teams on their incredible efforts and earning spots at Nationals,” said Superintendent of Schools David Haglund. “I am incredibly proud of our young people, and their teachers and coaches, and wish them great success as they move on.”

We the People is an annual civics and history competition for U.S. high school seniors. The event is sponsored by the Center for

Civic Education and culminates in a national finals contest, which simulates a congressional hearing at the National Conference Center and in congressional hearing rooms on Capitol Hill, according to the group’s website.

“The We the People program is the best curriculum I have seen to expose students to all facets of government,” said Amador teacher Stacey Skylar, who leads the teams of high school seniors. “They have to prepare broadly, so that

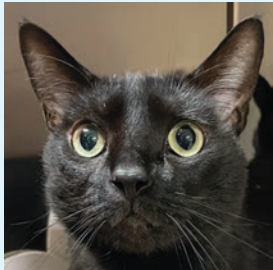
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PETS OF THE WEEK



JANICE

Janice is a gentle, genteel kitty, and a joy to be around. Jovial, jubilant, and just a bit jumpy around other cats, she’s searching for a serene sanctuary to call her own. Visit valleyhumane.org to learn more or email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption application process. (Photo – Valley Humane Society)

Including Dublin, Pleasanton Locations

Oracle to Pay \$25 Million to Settle Wage Dispute Case

By Larry Altman

Oracle Corp. has agreed to pay \$25 million to about 4,000 women to settle a class-action lawsuit that revealed female employees were paid less than their male counterparts to do the same jobs at the tech company. Attorneys for the three women who filed the suit announced the agreement following 6.5 years of litigation. The settlement will cover women employed in Oracle's Product Development, Support and Information Technology jobs in California since June 16, 2013. Oracle has 22 offices in California, including Dublin, Pleasanton, Oakland, Mountain House, Cupertino, San Francisco,

San Jose, Santa Clara and Sunnyvale. Forbes ranked Oracle as one of the world's 10 largest tech companies in 2023. San Mateo County Superior Court Judge V. Raymond Swope set a hearing for April 8 to approve the settlement deal. "The settlement is a great result because it ensures that settlement class members will receive compensation for the alleged equal pay violations," said Erin Pulaski, an attorney with the San Francisco-based law firm, Rudy Exelrod Zieff & Lowe, one of two law firms that represented the women. "The settlement also provides for programmatic relief designed to address the concerns

raised by plaintiffs in the lawsuit on a going-forward basis," Pulaski said. "Specifically, a third-party expert will analyze the affected jobs and make recommendations to ensure that Oracle's compensation policies and practices are consistent with applicable law." The agreement, if approved, will settle a 2017 lawsuit in which the plaintiffs accused Oracle of violating California's Equal Pay Act and committing unfair business practices. The lawsuit alleged that women employees were paid an average of \$13,000 less annually than men doing the same work. The lawsuit contended payroll data showed female employees earned 3.8% less in base salaries

on average than men in the same positions, 13.2% less in bonuses, and 33.1% less in stock value. In addition to the monetary payout, Oracle must allow an independent third party to analyze the jobs in Oracle's Product Development, Support and Information Technology divisions and make recommendations to "ensure that Oracle's compensation policies/practices relative to such job functions are job related, consistent with Oracle's legitimate business needs and objectives, and consistent with applicable law including state and federal equal pay and anti-discrimination laws," attorneys said in a statement released by Rudy, Exelrod, Zieff & Lowe and by Altshuler Berzon, another

law firm involved in the lawsuit. If the judge approves the settlement, a third-party administrator will allocate payouts to qualified employees. The plaintiffs in the case were Marilyn Clark, a database administrator from 2005 to 2015; Sue Petersen, a senior technical support engineer from 2005 to 2015; and Manjari Kant, a software QA engineer from 2005 to 2017.

"As a woman who's spent her entire career in the tech industry, I'm optimistic that the actions Oracle has agreed to take as part of this settlement will ensure more equity for women," Clark said through her attorneys. Oracle, which moved its headquarters from Silicon Valley to Austin, Texas in 2020, did not respond to a request for comment.

Las Positas Winery's Chef Curt Pipes Concludes Tri-Valley Restaurant Week

By Christina Cavallaro

Visit Tri-Valley's fourth annual Taste Tri-Valley Restaurant Week finished off its 10-day foodie romp around the Tri-Valley with the "Fizz, Food & Fun" brunch at Las Positas Winery. It was hosted by Chef Curt Pipes, for whom "fun" deserves equal billing when it comes to wine and food experiences.

Pipes, for example, took fun to the hilt at a Halloween dog costume and tasting event this past October, when he created a "pawcutterie" board of tiny gourmand canine nibbles presented on a miniature cheeseboard — placed on the ground — for all four-legged guests upon their arrival.

Amid Tri-Valley Restaurant Week's flurry of offerings throughout the region, highlighting its best dining establishments, wineries and breweries, The Independent caught up with Pipes in advance of his March 3 seated brunch service. The meal marked the conclusion of Restaurant Week until next year. He gave a sneak peek at the menu and some insight into what inspires him to always try and bring the fun.

"I think people are looking for a place to go where they can feel comfortable and have a relaxing experience and get away from all the pressures of life," said Pipes. "I just try to find food that everybody can kind of share and enjoy together. Mostly tapas, flatbreads, salad, dessert. It's the way I like to eat."



Chef Curt Pipes (Photo – Ron Essex Photography)

The desire to move toward this convivial, communal way of eating is what prompted a shift in how the winery began to approach its events.

"We kind of pivoted," said Pipes. "We stopped doing events and weddings. We slowed the experience down. Instead of bellying up to the bar, we wanted to offer table

service where people can relax and enjoy."

And lately, the winery has been giving the Tri-Valley community and beyond plenty of reasons to visit. Winemaker Brent Amos notably beat out 5,500 other wines with his 2023 Las Positas Estate Verdelho at the recent San Francisco Wine Competition, tying for first place in the white wine category.

"Brent's wines are very balanced," said Pipes. "They're very easy to just complement the food. So, you know, we wanted to do something that showcases what we do."

The award-winning Verdelho was the star of the meal when it was paired with a first-course simple fruit parfait. But before that, guests were greeted with orange creamsicle mimosas, featuring Las Positas's sparkling wine.

The meal unfolded from there in the family-style way that Pipes said resonates with the way he himself likes to dine.

There were some seasonal frittatas with wine country potatoes rendered in bacon fat, a chicken and

waffle, and chocolate eclair to finish, all paired with Las Positas wines.

Of the stellar menu Pipes said, "I'm just a normal guy, trying to do the best he can with what we have to deliver to our guests."

A portion of the proceeds from both the opening and closing Taste Tri-Valley events benefited Sunflower Hill, a nonprofit organization based in the Tri-Valley that aims to create affordable housing and opportunities for people with disabilities and special needs.

Visit Tri-Valley is the official destination marketing organization for the California cities of Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Danville. The 501(c)(6) non-profit organization attracts visitors to the region through creative marketing campaigns, community outreach and sales initiatives. For more information about Visit Tri-Valley, please visit visittrivalley.com/gettoknow/.

Dublin Recognizes Local Volunteer Efforts With Annual Awards

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Dublin recognized several local volunteers during its March 5 city council meeting. The city's 2023 Citizen, Young Citizen and Organization of the Year were all honored alongside the recipients of the Mayor's Award and the Mayor's Legacy Award.

Nominated citizens and organizations are chosen by a panel of independent judges to recognize outstanding individuals and groups who have contributed to the quality of life in Dublin over the past year. The Young Citizen of the Year recognizes the volunteer service of Dublin's youth in first through 12th grade.

The Citizen of the Year for 2023 award was given to a married couple, Michael and Tammy Goldstein.

"We were nominated and thought that was cool and when we won, it was like, 'Are you kidding me?'" said Tammy Goldstein. "It's quite an honor."

The Goldsteins are heavily involved in the Dublin Lions Club, and help organize a range of community events, including the city's St. Patrick's Day Parade, family campouts and local school events.

"They have truly become a cornerstone of these cherished events and their genuine kindness and willingness to serve others exemplify the values we hold dear," wrote nominator Shelby Perry of the couple.

Dublin High School senior Troy Matheny was recognized as Dublin's 2023 Young Citizen of the Year. A busy student, Matheny maintains a 4.0 GPA while serving as co-captain of the football team and student body vice president. He also takes a leadership role in Best Buddies, a nonprofit fostering

relationships between neuro-normal students and those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

"Troy sets the standard for hard work and maximum effort," said his coach, Warren Parker. "He is reliable, never quits and he gives 100% of himself for his teammates and his school."

The 2023 Organization of the Year award honors Dublin Partners in Education (DPIE), a nonprofit providing after school and summer programs for students to enrich their experience. DPIE also raises funds for the Dublin school district, committing a total of \$160,000 in 2023.

"We are very grateful for this ongoing source of support," said Dublin High School Principal Maureen Byrne. "It is always a challenge to raise money during hard economic times. DPIE was able to do so while providing a service."

Alongside these volunteer recognitions, the mayor bestowed two awards: the Mayor's Award, presented to those the mayor believes have worked tirelessly for the community in the past year; and the Mayor's Legacy Award, presented by the mayor to recognize extraordinary, long-term service to the Dublin community.

Receiving the Mayor's Award were Captain Miguel Campos of the Dublin Police Department, Lt. Misty Carausu of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, and the entire Dublin Police Services Investigative Services Unit (ISU). The award recognized their collaborative work in apprehending a criminal in a 2015 case. Suspect Matthew Muller left his cell phone behind after attempting a home invasion in Dublin, leading ISU to tie him

to the Vallejo kidnapping of Denise Huskins. The case was profiled on the Netflix show "American Nightmare."

"Our folks did a great job, but obviously it was a group effort, and it was all hands on deck," said Dublin Police Chief Nate Schmidt.

Margaret Liang was handed the Mayor's Award. Liang serves as board chair of the Tri-Valley chapter of Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs (APIAPA), and as a board member of the Three Valleys Community Foundation. In those roles, she helps organize many community events, often highlighting Asian American culture in the area.

Liang said she had no idea she was nominated and was surprised and honored by the recognition.

"I was really humbled, because I know there are so many dedicated and outstanding volunteers in our community," said Liang. "I am really blessed to be able to call Dublin home, with so many people putting in so much work to shape our community and make it better."

Liang's family emigrated to the United States from China when she was 13. She said she learned she had choices and the ability to take initiative for the first time while attending school here. She has dedicated her time to serving her community since then.

As Organization of the Year, DPIE received a \$500 cash prize. A \$300 donation will be given to each of the Citizen of the Year and to the Young Citizen of the Year's favorite non-profit organizations. Information on all nominated individuals and groups can be found on the City's website at www.dublin.ca.gov/volunteers.



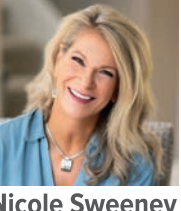
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County Fire Crew Copes With Equipment Theft, Damage After Storm Cleanup Work

By David Scholz

An incident of equipment theft and vehicle damage made combatting storms even more difficult for the Alameda County Fire Department last month.

The event, which occurred in the parking lot of Pleasanton's Double-Tree hotel on the night of Feb. 5, has siphoned away funds from other department resources. The costs that total about \$15,000 include the replacement of five high-performance chainsaws, new locks on three vehicles, and a new window on a fourth vehicle.

"It's robbing Peter to pay Paul," said Cory P. Rutherglen, division chief, with the department's wildland operations.

Rutherglen acknowledged that emergency funds are available, but said it is disappointing that they must

be squandered because of the opportunistic behavior of those responsible for these crimes.

"It just undermines the efforts of the crews," he continued. "Everyone relies on first responders (doing) their jobs. ... It is very disappointing. It hurts."

Staying at the hotel was Hand Crew 8, the first local hand crew engaged as part of the Field Mitigation Crew program. Started last October with a \$2 million grant from the California Coastal Conservancy, the firefighters housed at the hotel that night assist with the cleaning up of storm damage, fighting of wildland fires, and the creation of fuel breaks to help contain wildfires during the year. A mix of firefighters ranging from those fresh out of the academy to others with as many as 20 years of experience in the fire service make up the crew.

During recent stormy weather, which dropped more than 1.5 inches of rain on the Tri Valley, normal shifts of 10 to 12 hours worked by personnel were replaced with 48-hour tours. In early February, crews worked a pair of 48-hour shifts during a one-week span in conjunction with the California Office of Emergency Services.

Rutherglen explained that a nine-member crew and their two vehicles had just finished up their second tour of duty on Feb. 5. They returned to the Pleasanton hotel where they could shower up and rest. When the morning arrived, the damage and thefts to multiple vehicles of different agencies parked in the hotel's parking lot were discovered.

The look on their faces was like they had lost a family member, Rutherglen said.

In the short term, only enough saws were available for one full crew before five new chainsaws could be acquired to replace those that were stolen. The hope now is the original ones can still be recovered as the investigation by law enforcement continues.

The Pleasanton Police Department is continuing to investigate the thefts and damage to the fire department vehicles. No arrests have been made.

Also taken when the rigs were broken into were individual kits that contain a firefighter's fire shelter and other personal effects belonging to the individual firefighters.

"Some of those members have had those kits their entire careers," he said.

In the wake of this situation, Rutherglen noted they are looking at other security measures to stop this from happening again.

E-Bike Activity Along Livermore's Arroyo Mocho Threatens New Zone 7 Flood Basin

By Christina Cavallaro

An increase in motorized-bike play at a city flood-diversion basin has raised worries about the damage caused by the bikes, while the teens involved reason they have nowhere else to go.

Since early January, there has been a noticeable

flooding. It's also dramatically damaging the walls of the Zone 7 Water Agency's new \$2.2 million flood-diversion basin. Zone 7 issued an educational video to help explain how flood channels keep the community safe during the rainy season and the importance of maintaining them, so they are intact when needed.

"Sometimes people don't

were, he'd go there instead, he said. "If it were close."

William Payne Sports Park, the city's only BMX-designated area, is over four miles away.

"We are aware that there has been increased bicycle activity in the area and are monitoring it and coordinating with the City of Livermore and its police department," said Zone 7 General Manager Valerie Pryor. "We have taken (the) immediate action of placing signs in the area and are analyzing more permanent options."

The Livermore Police Department said, "We prioritize critical calls for service. Officers assigned to the area can do extra patrols as time allots. We have been in touch with Zone 7 regarding the resident's concerns. LPD has also spoken to riders reminding them to stay on the trail. Anyone who sees violations is encouraged to call Livermore Police's non-emergency line at (925) 371-4987."

Naomi is troubled that tax-payer dollars may be diverted for the repairs needed to fix the increasing damage. "They're going to need heavy equipment to fix all the destruction. And that's not how I want to spend my tax dollars."

For her, it's not about being punitive. It's about trying to build awareness and a grassroots movement to stop the destruction. There are those who don't even know about the situation and, of those who do, "(they) don't know what to do about it," she said.

That's what prompted her to do her own letter-writing campaign and outreach to local officials. She's been appreciative of the city and police who've given her some direction. Namely, she was told that only the police have the authority to stop the kids from riding in the arroyo, and that people need to call the non-emergency

number when they see illegal e-bike activity.

As far as efforts to mitigate the current ongoing damage, Zone 7 added, "We plan to restore disturbed areas to remove jumps, which will hopefully discourage more jump-building. We continue to consider what permanent solutions to install to discourage jumping across the trail. We also have more signs on order and should be receiving those next week."

Naomi hopes bringing awareness will bring change. "It's getting worse and worse. We used to see lots of wildlife here. Now there's nothing here. The kids are here."



The Zone 7 Water Agency recently posted signs at its Arroyo Mocho flood-diversion basin in hopes of deterring bike riding that damages the basin. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

increase in the number of teens and pre-teens riding their electric motorcycles, gas-powered motorcycles and e-bikes along the Arroyo Mocho from Holmes Street all the way to the rodeo grounds.

That increased activity has also brought extensive damage to a flood diversion basin, completed in 2022, noted area resident Naomi. Naomi asked that her last name not be used out of concern for her privacy after some teens harassed her for documenting the destruction on her iPhone.

She said she understands why the teens would view it as their own private playground, since there has been no one to tell them to stop building their ramps and digging deep holes for their jumps. "It's word of mouth; it's fun; I totally get it."

But she stated that their fun is killing the grasses and plants needed to maintain the topsoil and protect against

understand the implications of their actions, so this may help explain why it's important not to build ramps there, as that can prevent the channels from working properly," the agency said.

The Independent spoke to two teenagers spotted riding some jumps on their e-bikes. They explained they were both new to the neighborhood and to e-biking in the arroyo.

One of them said, "We saw all these jumps here and thought it was okay."

It's illegal to ride motorized vehicles in the Zone 7 area, according to two county ordinances. It's also punishable by a \$500 fine. The signage for that just went up last week and is very small and probably not being read, says Naomi.

Asked if they'd be deterred by the \$500 fine now that they know about it, the one boy said, "Yeah, I mean, yeah, but, like, there's nowhere else to ride." If there

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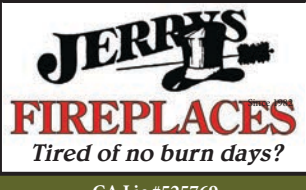
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EDITORIAL

Mental Health Services Belong Outside the Jail

We echo Alameda County Sheriff Yesenia Sanchez’s statement against expanding the Santa Rita Jail with a new mental health services wing. Sanchez detailed, at a Feb. 27 board of supervisors meeting, the conclusions of a year-long evaluation into the feasibility of the new building. Since state funding was allocated in 2015, the price of the project, recent-

ly evaluated at \$81 million, has more than tripled the cost from \$7 million to \$27 million left for the county to cover. Its plans also suffer from logistical inefficiencies dealing with the placement of the building. More importantly, the prison system is a poor substitute for mental health care. Treatment centers within the community, those designed to keep people

out of jail in the first place, are better suited to provide the care that these people need. Funding for the Santa Rita project would be better spent outside the jail, in the community, to maximize its benefits. Despite this show of prudence in rejecting a new jail facility, our confidence in the sheriff’s office remains shaken. A stream of custody jail deaths

at Santa Rita, on top of a 2022 consent decree to improve how mental health care is provided to inmates, spotlights the need for a serious overhaul at the jail. While we agree that the funds for the mental health wing can find better use elsewhere, further progress toward prisoner-care improvements must be shown soon.

MAILBOX

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Aaron Bushnell and Michigan Votes Against Genocide Joe

Greg Scott, Livermore

“My name is Aaron Bushnell. I am an active duty member of the US Air Force, and I will no longer be complicit in genocide. I’m about to engage in an extreme act of protest – but compared to what people have been experiencing in Palestine at the hands of their colonizers, it’s not extreme at all. This is what our ruling class has decided will be normal.” (Aaron Bushnell)

Aaron Bushnell poured a flammable liquid on himself in front of the gates to the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C. and lit himself on fire and died on Sunday, February 25, 2024 to bring attention to the genocide and ethnic cleansing by Israel currently happening in Gaza. The United States and President “Genocide Joe” Biden and his administration are complicit in this genocide insanity. Rather than stopping the slaughter, it is allowed to continue by Israel’s benefactor, the United States, which supplies money and armaments, at the behest of the U.S. Congress and the Executive Branch.

This genocide will be a

significant factor for President “Genocide Joe” Biden not being re-elected. In the Michigan Democratic Presidential Primary, more than 100,000 voted “uncommitted” instead of voting for the president. Donald Trump’s Michigan margin of victory in 2016 was around 11,000 votes. The support in Michigan for President “Genocide Joe” Biden is diminishing. These votes will not change unless somehow, he can resurrect more than 25,000 women and children killed in Gaza by the Israeli Defense Forces since the heinous Hamas attacks on October 7th. Thousands of civilian Gazan males have also been annihilated. And Michigan has a critical fifteen Electoral College votes in the presidential election.

The counter is that any vote not for President “Genocide Joe” Biden is a vote for Donald Trump. Not true. The driving forces to elect Donald Trump are now the Democratic nomination of President “Genocide Joe” Biden and the corrupt US Supreme Court. If the Democrats don’t want Donald Trump as president, then the Democrats should find another nominee. If this does not occur, then the Democratic Party is on a political sinking ship in the election for the White House.

“Many of us like to ask ourselves, ‘What would I do if I was alive during slavery? Or the Jim Crow South? Or apartheid? What would I do if my country was committing genocide?’ The answer is, you’re doing it. Right now.” (Aaron Bushnell)

It is Humanitarian
Diana McGregor, Dublin

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” – Margaret Mead

A cease fire in Gaza is not anti-Israel or pro-Palestine: IT IS HUMANITARIAN.

President Biden and Former President Trump are both grandfathers. With which grandfather would you want to share your Thanksgiving dinner?

New Research Funding Offers Hope for Cure
Paul Stone, Dublin

In light of last week’s announcement regarding the Supreme Court taking up the former president’s claim of presidential immunity and the subsequent media meltdown, I have decided to substantially

increase my monthly donation to the Trump Derangement Syndrome (TDS) Finding a Cure Foundation.

My heart hurts from endless Mailbox letters from folks suffering from TDS; I am only too happy to help. I feel your pain. Great strides are being made in finding a cure for this debilitating disease. Perhaps the greatest stride forward would be the reelection of the 45th president on November 5th. For further information on the foundation’s important work, please visit DonaldJTrump.com.

The Most Outrageous Lies
Philip La Scola, Livermore

The Independent has recommended Eric Swalwell and Adam Schiff as worthy of our vote in the March 5 primary.

The one thing about politicians is that they lie all the time; Democrats, Republicans, Independents and all others. It’s a reason to really dislike them, as they present dubious facts and or stretch the truth.

However, these two are front and center, and if there was an award for the most outrageous lies, these two would be winners.

Both of them were media darlings as they made many appearances on FOX, MSNBC and CNN stating unequivocally that Trump had colluded with Russia to win the 2016 presidential election. They continually stated there was undeniable evidence out there and it just had to be found and published. Most of us, I think, know these media shows are opinion shows and 90% of what is said should be taken with a grain of salt. This was especially true with Swalwell and Schiff. However, that was not the case with Trump; it led to the Mueller investigation and to Trump being impeached.

No one remembers that both of these politicians appeared in front of Congress, under oath, and stated they had not seen any evidence that Trump had colluded with Russia; they never stated they knew there was “undeniable” evidence out there somewhere.

It appears the Independent does not take an individual’s character into consideration when making a recommendation. It doesn’t matter that these two are liars because all politicians are liars. There are liars and then there are liars, but these two are over the top with the gravity of their lies and what it put this nation

through while Trump was president.

As for Trump, I believe he is unelectable. Because of his hyperbole, his mouth has got him into disfavor with Independents. He is being judged by his hyperbole and not his policies.

However, the first thing the Independent would judge Trump by is his character.

What happened on January 6 was disgraceful. Trump is being blamed as if he was Genghis Khan leading his supporters to the Capitol. When in truth, he said to them to be polite and peaceful.

Empty-Nester Housing Instead
David Farley, Livermore

As I wrote before, Livermore is trying to satisfy the affordable housing requirement as mandated by the RHNA, which is 5,256 new housing units between 2023-2031 (including the 15% safety margin.) Of these, 1,515 must be very low-income units, and another 872 low-income units.

In speaking to friends, especially those nearing retirement or are otherwise “empty nesters,” they voice a common dilemma: they have significant equity in their homes, and would like to “cash out”; the kids are gone, so they have a large, single-family house bigger than they need, but they have to live somewhere that they like and can afford.

One hears of scouting trips to Santa Fe, Oregon, South Carolina, etc., but in general there are not great options: too hot, too far from kids, insufficient medical facilities, etc. So, they end up probably just staying put.

I have an idea. What if instead of just building a collection of new single-family, townhouse, and condominium homes for no one in particular, we build homes that are attractive to our large population of “empty nesters”? According to the Livermore Chamber of Commerce data and the Housing Element report prepared by the City’s consultant Placeworks, there are about 20,000 owner-occupied family homes in Livermore. Also, about 29% of Livermore’s population is 55+. Roughly, therefore, about 5,800 single-family homes are occupied by empty nesters, and to be conservative, let’s reduce that down to 5,000.

If “empty nester attractive” homes were instead built rather than as current-

ly being contemplated, and if even only about half of empty nesters were willing to make such a move, the non-low-income Housing Element would be completely satisfied. The amenities would be different than currently envisioned, such as single-floor, smaller homes, and one could imagine walking-distance medical facilities and pickle ball courts, for example. Furthermore, with the passage of Proposition 19 in 2021, homeowners 55+ can transfer their existing property tax bill to a new home without increase; in effect, we can “subsidize” their move at no cost to the City.

My idea not only provides empty nesters with a great option while satisfying the required Housing Element, but it would also open up thousands of existing single-family homes to new families. If such homes need some updating, local contractors stand to benefit. I see my plan as a win-win, and am a bit surprised it is not already being considered by the GPAC.

Patricia Thorstad, Livermore
Dark Patricia vs. MAGA

Mostly daily since Summer of Riots, 2019... Biden and Trump deliver different messages in person on the same day at the southern border, as per CBS News.

The president praised U.S. Customs and Border Protection workers for their efforts at the southern border, but noted that they “desperately need more resources,” more agents, more officers, more equipment “in order to secure our border,” Mr. Biden said. “Folks, it’s time to act. It’s long past time to act.”

Former President Donald J. Trump said this, last night, and then again, today, outside the courtroom and at the southern border, “Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, ...”

Mr. Biden called on Republican leaders to “show a little spine” and pass the border and national security deal that was agreed upon, and then scuttled amid Trump’s rejection of the agreement.

Do you know what happens to your spine when you are starving? Your stomach churns until it feels like your spine is all that stops you from breaking out of your body. I heard that in a western desert movie.

Border Crisis
David Ott, Pleasanton

Biden and Trump visited the U.S. border last week. When Trump was

President, the border was secure. On Biden’s first day in office, he opened the border for illegals to pour into our country. Biden blames the border crisis on Republicans, but the American people know this is a lie. The recent Senate bill would still have allowed 5,000 illegals to enter each day. When the Republicans took over the House last year, they passed border security bill HR2 which will secure the border. The Senate democratic leader Schumer has refused to bring HR2 up for a vote because he knows the border would be secure. The border catastrophe was caused by Biden, and now the democrats refuse to use common sense and secure the border. Blaming the republicans for the border crisis is a lie to deflect that the democrats have failed the American people again.

The U.S. is Complicit in War Crimes
Stephanie Ericson, Dublin

Many use the Oct. 7 war crimes against Israeli civilians to rationalize Israel’s indiscriminate bombardment, mounting civilian deaths and injuries, blockage of critical aid, and wholesale destruction of Gaza. However, they seldom look further back into history.

One historian has written about the six declared wars against Palestine over 100 years. Another concluded that Israel has attacked Gaza 15 times in the last 75 years. Power has been increasingly lopsided in Israel’s favor in these conflicts, yet Palestinian resistance to oppressive military occupation and siege couldn’t be stamped out. Brutal collective punishment is not only inhumane and a war crime. It is ultimately ineffective.

Is that why Israel now seems to be going full-throttle for ethnic cleansing? By death or forced migration?

The U.S. is fully complicit in these war crimes by militarily and politically empowering Israel to continue. In the 1982 Israeli bombardment and siege of Beirut, President Reagan, no friend to Palestinians, finally called Menachem Begin to demand it stop. Twenty minutes later it did.

If you want to see this humanitarian crisis end, call on your elected representatives to support a permanent ceasefire and oppose more military aid to Israel. And ask Biden to make that call. NOW.



Local artwork helped raised awareness of Palestinian children. (Photo – Loay Dahbour)

Mobile Artwork Exhibit Focuses On Plight of Children in Gaza

The mobile Soul of my Soul art exhibit, aimed at elevating the voices of the Palestinian children living in occupied Gaza and the occupied West Bank, held its inaugural event at Pleasanton’s Firehouse Arts Center in January. The exhibit, which showcased the artwork of local children, welcomed over 150 attendees.

The event organizers are a group of moms who didn’t even know each other three months ago.

“We are not all Muslim, we are not all Arab, but we are all humans and felt we needed to do something about this,” said event organizer Yosra Abdelaziz.

What is even more unique about this exhibit is that all the artwork on display was made by children in the community.

“When we put out a call for children’s art, the response we received was overwhelming,” said Abdelaziz. “It shows us that this conversation is missing from the public space and our children in the Tri-Valley community have little avenues to express and process their feelings about what’s happening in Gaza publicly.”

The artwork served as a start to various conversations. At the event, people from different backgrounds engaged in conversation with perfect strangers as they tried

to process their role within the context of a broader global society.

One attendee, Charles Cannon, said, “I work at Berkeley School of Law, and of course, the university students are in a constant upheaval and yet, not shedding much light (on the issue)... I thought this did a much better job of striking to the heart without... confusing people with some of the politics. Focusing on the children, it’s huge; I am stunned.”

Soul of my Soul will next visit Lafayette on March 16. Find out more about the exhibit at www.soulofmysoullexhibit.com.

RECALL

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Robertz ran against Hurley for her seat in 2022 and lost 250-224.

Alameda County Registrar Tim Dupuis said the recall group met the required 246 signatures needed to force the election.

“The petitions have been found to be sufficient. The district has been notified,” Dupuis said.

Dupuis said the school district has until 5 p.m. on March 15 to schedule an election.

Jergensen said that decision will likely occur at the board’s March 12 meeting. Jergensen, Hurley and Trustee Ted Romo, who is not subject to the recall effort, will set the date.

“There is a minority of Sunolians that have apparently stated they want a recall of all but one board member,” said Jergensen, who serves as board president. “We will have to wait and see what the majority of voters of Sunol want. I have also heard from many Sunolians who are very disappointed by

the group bringing this recall effort and want the board to continue the business of the school board. That is what I will continue to do.”

If the three-member board acts on March 12, the election must be held sometime between 88 and 125 days from then, putting it on the calendar sometime in June or July. If the board fails to act, the county registrar will set a date.

The drive for a recall began last year following a series of contentious board meetings, in which Jergensen and Hurley voted 2-1 — with Romo in opposition — to prohibit the district from flying the LGBTQ Pride flag and other non-U.S. or non-California flags on school property.

The recall committee did not release the number of signatures collected, but election laws require 30% of the roughly 800 registered voters in the district to sign the petitions for success in demanding a recall. The registrar’s office also did not

release how many signatures were submitted.

The recall committee said in its statement that the recall effort is not just about the flag resolution. The recall “resulted from a complete breakdown in public trust in both trustees and the vote of no confidence by both the teacher and the staff unions,” the committee said.

“Their attempts to bypass the by-laws, the systematic silencing of public voices, and the creation of policies motivated by personal agendas make both Trustees Jergensen and Hurley unsuitable for the school, its student body, or its future,” the committee said.

Jergensen and Hurley are fighting to stay on the board, calling it an effort driven by people outside of the district.

Hurley did not respond to an email. Jergensen, who received 287 votes to win his seat in 2022, rejected the

Tri-Valley Mayors to Discuss City and Nonprofit Collaboration at Bankhead

The Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance (TVNPA) will mark its 10th anniversary in March by hosting a panel discussion with the mayors of Danville, Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, Danville, and San Ramon.

The program, “In Conversation with Tri-Valley Mayors,” will be held on Thursday, March 14, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown, Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez, San

Ramon Mayor Dave Hudson, Livermore Mayor John Marchand, and Danville Mayor Karen Stepper are all expected to participate.

According to TVNPA, the panel discussion will focus on “strengthening the connections between cities and local nonprofits in today’s evolving society, aiming to enhance collaboration and mutual understanding.”

This is the fourth year the TVNPA has hosted a panel discussion with Tri-Valley mayors.

Created in 2014, TVNPA

describes itself as a “regional convener,” designed to support, bring together, and encourage collaboration and the sharing of resources by Tri-Valley nonprofit organizations. The TVNPA network now includes more than 300 nonprofits.

Following the panel discussion, TVNPA will celebrate its 10th anniversary with cake and a toast, a review of the group’s achievements over the past decade, and a look ahead at future endeavors.

To register for the meeting, go to tvnpa.org.

Dublin to Honor Local Veterans In Military Banner Program

Dublin is now accepting applications for its annual Military Banner Program to honor local veterans and active-duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Since 2018, the city has flown banners along Dougherty Road, near the Parks Reserve Forces Training Area (Camp Parks) with pictures of those being recognized, along with their name, rank, and branch of service.

The banners are flown for

almost six months, from Memorial Day through Veterans Day. After they are taken down and cleaned, they are presented to the honorees or their sponsors at a Dublin City Council meeting.

Honorees must be a current Dublin resident, a former Dublin resident with a demonstrated long-term, positive impact on the community, or have immediate family living in the city.

To nominate someone for

the program, go to dublin.ca.gov/militarybanners.

After an online application is approved, the city charges a \$200 sponsorship fee, although financial assistance is available. Applications must be submitted by Friday, March 15.

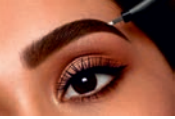
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FEES

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to a utility bill on top of regular usage charges. It is designed to pay for the utility company’s increased costs to provide customer service, including meters, poles, wildfire preparedness, operations and maintenance.

In December 2023, PG&E’s regular rates increased by approximately \$34.50 for the average user. Last year, in a joint submission to the CPUC, PG&E, along with San Diego Gas & Electric and Southern California Edison, proposed the following fixed-rate fees based on customer income ranges: Households earning less than \$28,000 a year would pay a \$15 monthly fee; households earning \$28,000 to \$69,000 a year would pay \$30; households earning \$69,000 to \$180,000 would pay \$51, and households earning more than \$180,000 would pay \$92.

The utilities also said the change would lower the average amount that all residential customers pay for each kilowatt hour of electricity purchased from the three utility companies.

Opponents say the income-based plan, if approved, will drive even more residents out of the state and could discourage energy conservation.

If energy bills were based on someone’s income, said Tri-Valley resident Scott Mal-

com, and not on how much electricity they use, customers would have little incentive to turn off the air conditioner during peak hours.

“I am already struggling to pay my PG&E and I know I am not alone,” said Malcom. “If you pop another fee on top of everything else, where does it end? We need someone to say, ‘enough already.’”

PG&E counters that customers will still be able to lower the portion of their energy bills that is based on usage by doing such things as investing in solar panels or strategically running appliances during non-peak times. In other words, energy conservation would still result in savings for consumers.

Igor Tregub, of Reimagine Power, which specializes in clean-energy policy, said he is “thrilled” to have AB 1999 proposed.

Reimagine Power was part of a 220-organization coalition that demanded that “the legislature put a stop to efforts by the investor-owned-utility monopoly to tax a single mother living in an apartment and earning less than \$40,000/year ... just for being hooked up to the grid,” said Tregub.

Last month, PG&E reported 2023 profits of \$2.2 billion — some 25% higher than the previous year.

In June, the CPUC will

make its determination as to whether to implement the income-based changes.

Bauer-Kahan has also introduced another bill, Assembly Bill 2054, which would prevent conflict of interest within California’s regulators by instituting a 10-year cooling off period before a public utilities or energy commissioner can be employed by a regulated entity. The bill, according to Bauer-Kahan, would help prevent former regulators or commissioners from moving to high-paying positions within state-regulated utilities after their terms are over and jeopardize the integrity of the regulatory process.

“With California’s electricity rates consistently the highest in the nation, it is crucial to safeguard against potential conflicts of interest and undue industry influence on regulatory bodies,” she said in a press release last week. “AB 2054 is a crucial step towards restoring faith in our regulatory process and ensuring that commissioners act solely in the public interest. California ratepayers deserve a regulatory system free from undue industry influence.”

Bauer-Kahan added that the proposed cooling-off period protects the independence of rate-regulators, thereby alleviating the pressure to approve unnecessary rate increases.



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Virtual Academy to Offer College Board AP Seminar Course

Pleasanton Virtual Academy, a fully accredited independent-study program, will begin offering a College Board advanced placement (AP) course for high school students next fall that focuses on developing skills considered essential for college and career success, such as critical thinking, research, collaboration, and communication.

The yearlong AP Seminar

course is the first step in completing the College Board’s AP Capstone Diploma program. The second-year AP Research course requires students to complete a college-level research project.

Students who score 3.0 or higher for both courses and on four additional AP exams of their choice, receive an AP Capstone Diploma.

The College Board is a nonprofit organization that

administers the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and other standardized testing for college admissions and scholarship eligibility. It also offers university-level advanced placement (AP) courses for high school students.

The Pleasanton Virtual Academy is an alternative, project-based independent-study program offered by the Pleasanton Unified

School District (PUSD) for students from transitional kindergarten through high school. PUSD describes the program as “a unique blend of flexibility through virtual and in-person support to students who desire or need an alternative to the traditional daily in-person classroom.”

PUSD Superintendent David Haglund said the College Board Capstone courses are a good fit for the Virtual

Academy independent-study program.

“In line with the Pleasanton Virtual Academy’s personalized approach to education, the Capstone courses will give students flexibility to explore and find solutions for the complex academic and real-world issues affecting their lives and our community,” Haglund said. “The AP Capstone program is a unique opportunity for our

amazing students to develop their research skills, while becoming active collaborators, critical thinkers, and responsible world citizens.”

About 3,500 schools worldwide now offer the AP Seminar course, which is typically taken in 10th or 11th grades in the U.S.

For more information on the Pleasanton Virtual Academy, go to pleasanton-virtualacademy.com.



On Feb. 20, Murphy, a Livermore Police Support K-9, completed certification to become a first responder support dog. The program is designed to provide first responders with free emotional support across the country, including firefighters, paramedics, EMA, law enforcement, dispatch centers, and search and rescue personnel. (Photo courtesy: Livermore Police Department)

COMPETITION

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stretches the limits of their knowledge.”

At nationals, each team will be divided into six subgroups called units, with each unit given three questions to prepare for ahead of time. During the competition, the students will be given four minutes to answer their questions, and then three experts will ask follow-up questions about the topics and the students’ answers.

In preparation for the nationals, students study the Bill of Rights, the Constitution and the general workings of government. During the competition,

more than 1,200 students will testify before panels of judges versed in history, law and political science, according to the We the People website.

Owen Short, a senior at Amador High and a member of the team going to nationals, said the experience has been a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

“The best part of the (state) competition was being able to have conversations that very few are able to have at this age,” said Short. “The judges at (states) asked really in-depth and thought-provoking questions, and it definitely felt

like all of our research paid off whenever we gave an answer. I’m looking forward to continuing this at nationals after putting everything we can into it, and also seeing the sights of Philadelphia and D.C.”

The national competition, while prestigious, also comes with a price tag of \$70,000. The team is looking to raise the funds in a short amount of time.

“We are in desperate need of funding for the trip,” said Skylar. “And we welcome all donations.”

For more information on contributing to the team’s trip, visit bit.ly/3V2fIOj.

Writing Coach to Discuss the Magic of Characters

Writing coach Linda Joy Myers will hold a workshop for the Tri-Valley Writers on “The Magic of Bringing Characters to Life on the Page: Secrets for Memoir and Fiction” on Saturday, March 16, at Los Positas College in Livermore.

Myers is the author of four books about writing memoirs and is founder and president of the National Association of Memoir Writers.

She has also written two prize-winning memoirs, “Don’t Call Me Mother: A Daughter’s Journey from Abandonment to Forgiveness,” published in 2013, and “Song of the Plains: A Memoir of Family, Se-

crets, and Silence,” published in 2017.

Her first novel, “The Forger of Marseille,” about a Jewish artist in Paris in 1939, was published last year.

The workshop will cover “the psychology of cre-



Linda Joy Myers

ating characters and the observable ways characters present themselves,” according to the Tri-Valley Writers, the local branch of the California Writers Club.

Meyers will also discuss how writers can learn to “discover and present characters’ thoughts, needs, and personality” and how to “weave imagination with facts and the importance of context, setting, and scenes in creating characters.”

The workshop, in the community college’s Multi-Disciplinary Building, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., will run from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and is open to the public. To register, go to trivalleywriters.org.



The Amador Valley High School civics team, above, will travel to Washington, D.C. next month to compete in the national We the People competition. (Photo – Dave Cook)

SHERIFF

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decree is underway and she is committed to improving mental and physical health care in the facility.

“We are examining how we can identify locations within our housing units within our facility to deliver care directly,” Sanchez said.

In a statement released before Sanchez’s presentation, the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office said a newly created reception center in the jail assesses inmates as they enter the facility, providing them with psychiatric care, medication checks and clinical counseling appointments. Behavioral health clinicians work with inmates on mental health and substance use.

Juan Taizan, the county’s forensic, diversion, and re-entry services director,

told the board that his department had made “significant progress” to comply with the consent decree, including bringing the number of clinicians available to provide mental health care to 30. He said they still need to hire 30 more.

“We’ve been able to work with the sheriff’s office to create therapeutic housing units where we are providing intensive daily treatments, daily rounds, daily engagement of our clients to make sure that they get the best services available to them,” Taizan said. “We have launched a pilot program...specifically to treat individuals who have been found incompetent to stand trial and make sure that we are able to treat them quickly and reduce any

unnecessary jail time.”

He added that his office has established a team to assist inmates before they are released to help them access mental health and other services they might need.

Kimberly Gasaway, the county’s general services agency director, said work is underway to renovate the jail to comply with the American Disabilities Act. Camera systems in the facility are being upgraded, along with creating spaces for recreation and workstations for treatment. The jail, she said, is 30 years old and requires refurbishment, including replacing sliding doors and water mains on the aging structure.

“We’re looking at master planning for the jail as a whole and how to best

utilize that space,” Gasaway said.

Gasaway said a master plan will be submitted to the board for funding. The state funding allocated in 2015 to construct a new building will not be available. The costs to upgrade the facility and institute required programs will exceed the \$81 million price tag for a new building, she said.

Supervisor David Haubert, who represents Livermore and Dublin on the board, said he supported the work being done “because people’s lives truly depend upon it.”

“I’m excited to hear what we’re doing,” said Haubert. “Godspeed to all of us doing this. And let’s attack this with a moral imperative and a sense of urgency.”

Attempting to deal with a high suicide rate and inmate deaths during the last 10 years, Ahern applied for state funding in 2015 to build the mental health wing. The state offered \$54 million with the county set to pay the rest of the \$61 million cost.

But nothing happened. Last summer, the Alameda County Grand Jury chided the board with failing to act for eight years and encouraged the panel to build the facility. In the meantime, the cost had risen to \$81 million, meaning the county’s share had significantly grown because the state had not increased its \$54 million grant.

Last fall, however, community groups protested the idea, saying the money

should be spent on clinics outside the jail. Opponents to the facility contended that treating people outside the jail would help them to avoid incarceration.

California state officials who received protest letters in January then asked county officials to postpone a discussion on the mental health wing at a Board of Supervisors meeting.



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GREENVILLE

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ville development “is that this land should be zoned for industrial use to compensate for converting industrial land inside Livermore to housing development.”

Schneider went on to present East of Greenville soil data from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). NRCS characterized over half of East of Greenville’s soils as good or excellent, and over 80% of its soils as at least fair.

“In short, this is high-quality agricultural land that should be conserved, not urbanized,” said Schneider. “Once developed, it will never be agricultural land again. ... New high-quality farmland isn’t being made anymore.”

Schneider asked the AAC to advise GPAC of the agricultural value of East of Greenville.

An earlier letter from AAC Chair Karl Went to the city’s planning division expressed a willingness of the AAC to participate in the General Plan process.

“Our committee strongly supports efforts to include agricultural enhancements and sustainability as a part of the General Plan update,” wrote Went.

The letter did not mention East of Greenville specifically or its agricultural value.

At the meeting, committee member William Hoppes said, “I think it would be very appropriate to follow up with the letter you sent if you provided information to the (GPAC) committee to hope that they would take that into consideration in their evaluation.”

While AAC supported the idea of advising the General Plan update pro-

cess, they felt Schneider’s soil evaluation needed more vetting before forming a recommendation.

“Passing this along as is, I’m not comfortable stamping it as AAC, but I think I agree we should go in and (study it further),” said Went at the meeting, who also questioned the availability of water for agricultural use in the area.

Schneider, however, believed that the Zone 7 Water Agency could make available several thousand acre feet of water from the South Bay Aqueduct, adjacent to the East of Greenville area.

Because the soil data was presented as an informational item, the AAC did not vote on the issue. Went, however, said he would share Schneider’s map with the city for review and refinement.

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Library to Screen ‘Oyate’ Film

The Livermore Civic Center Library will host a free screening of the critically acclaimed 2022 documentary “Oyate,” about Native American activists and the Dakota Access Pipeline protests, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 14.

The documentary is sponsored by the Friends of the

Livermore Public Library in conjunction with the “Livermore Reads Together” program, which this year focuses on the novel “There There” by Tommy Orange, a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

Published in 2018, the novel explores the challenge-

es faced by Native Americans living in urban areas and includes several essays on Native American history and identity.

The documentary is considered appropriate for adults and older teens. For more information, go to oyatefilm.com.

Chorale to Perform Spring Concert

Valley Concert Chorale will present its spring concert, “In Paradisum: Music to Soothe the Soul,” at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore on Saturday, March 16, and Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasanton on Sunday, March 17.

Among the selections to be performed is the “in paradisum” from French composer Maurice Durufle’s “Requiem.” The Latin phrase “in paradisum,” or “into paradise,” refers to a refrain sung or chanted during a Catholic Requiem Mass.

The nonprofit volunteer choir will also perform

“Cantique de Jean Racine,” by French composer Gabriel Faure and based on another Latin hymn; Austrian composer Franz Schubert’s “Gott ist Mein Hirt,” based on Psalm 23; and Mozart’s “Ave Verum Corpus,” based on a Eucharistic chant dating to the 13th century.

Contemporary selections will include English composer Sir John Tavener’s “The Lamb,” set to a 16th century poem by William Blake, and “The Lost Birds,” by Grammy award-winning American composer Christopher Tin.

The Saturday performance at the First Presbyterian

Church, 2020 Fifth St., will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Sunday performance at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road, begins at 4 p.m.

There will also be pre-performance lectures about the musical selections and composers at 7:15 p.m. for the March 16 concert and 3:45 p.m. for the March 17 concert.

Tickets for either concert are \$30; \$10 for college students with valid ID. High school students and younger are free. Tickets are available online at valleyconcertchorale.org or by calling 925-866-4003.



Above, members of the volunteer Valley Concert Chorale (Photo courtesy: Valley Concert Chorale)

LAYOFFS

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County Office of Education routinely communicates with all school districts in the county, including Dublin Unified School District. DUSD’s decision to self-certify as qualified (status) reflects the current state of California’s proposed budget projections and responsible financial planning.”

Considering the district’s situation, the board of trustees voted 4-1 this week to cut \$4 million from the budget. Although short of a full restoration, the cut serves as a significant step toward replenishing the district’s reserve.

Trustee Dan Cherrier was the dissenting vote.

“I have been on this board a long time,” said Cherrier. “I have never supported anything that takes programs away from the kids. We have had deficit spending year after year and I kept trying to point that out ... I am sure if Mr. Hobbs and staff put their minds to it, we can find alternative funding sources. This is not something we should be doing, and I will not support this.”

Hobbs said when the DUSD board adopted its budget in 2023 for the current year, it was a multi-year projection based on information from the state.

“(But now), the governor has made his budget proposal for the 2024-25 fiscal year,” said Hobbs. “He is telling us the COLA (cost-of-living adjustment) is going to be 0.76%. That change represents an over \$4 million decrease in our revenue that we had been projecting for our 2024/2025 year. That hit goes right to our bottom line.”

COLA is applied to the per-student funding formula that determines how much revenue the district gets each year.

Following the board’s direction from a previous meeting, staff presented a \$4 million budget cut schedule, which Hobbs said will ideally come in the form of one-time reductions to certificated and classified employees in the district, not to classroom teachers.

Those cuts, effective March 15, will include the elimination of a social worker position and a

coach for teachers working on their certificated status. Three teachers on special assignment will be moved from general fund status to parcel-tax funding, where reserves are adequate to pay them at least through the next school year.

An education technology specialist and the district nurse positions will be removed, as will three music teachers.

Currently, students are given music class every week. With these changes, they would receive instruction every other week. However, due to the popularity of the district’s music program, the district is working on finding additional funding to keep the program in place.

“I was a music teacher in the Dublin district for over 30 years,” said Lee Carpenter, one of several who spoke out during the public comment period on behalf of the music program. “Elementary music is the foundation for of all the success that you have built, and you are chipping away at its foundation, and like any structure, eventually this structure is going to collapse. ...I urge you to either budget cut in other places or find alternative funding.”

On the classified side of the house, 6.6 custodians will be removed from the general fund payroll and paid out of the district’s routine funding pot — monies that are in reserve and will provide for cov-

erage for at least the next school year. Other reductions that are non-staff related are also earmarked in the \$4 million cuts.

Although he acknowledged the difficulty of making the various cuts, Superintendent Chris Funk reminded the board and the audience that, even though these layoffs by law must be distributed by March 15, there is still time to find additional funding sources.

“While we have a statutory responsibility to identify cuts by March 15, what that means is that we still have almost three weeks to fine tune our budget to find savings even after March 15,” said Funk. “Tonight is not the final decision, but it is the statutory cover we need, if we have to make these cuts on March 15.”

Funk added that the board has a final vote in May on the proposed budget, which gives staff additional time to watch for budgetary changes at the state level, and for the district to look for even more alternative funding.

School Board President Kristin Pelham recognized the hardship these cuts will mean to affected staff.

“I have personally been in this position before,” said Pelham. “And I understand that it is awful, and it is scary, and it is not what we want to be doing ... but at the same time I just worry if we don’t make the cuts, we dig ourselves too big of



Community Police Academy Class #41 has begun, led by Livermore police facilitators Detective Masingale and Division Clerk Susan Mendel. Twenty participants are spending the next 13 weeks learning more about Livermore police. Graduation is set for May 15. (Photo courtesy: Livermore Police Department)

Dublin Reads ‘How Do You Spell Unfair’

Hundreds of Dublin students and residents will be reading “How Do You Spell Unfair” this month for the One City, One Book program sponsored by the city and the Dublin Unified School District.

“How Do You Spell Unfair,” by Carole Boston Weatherford, is the story of MacNolia Cox, who, in 1936, became the first African American student to win the Akron, Ohio, and the discrimination the eighth grader faced as she travelled to Washington, D.C. to compete in the National Spelling Bee.

The discrimination began as the train she was riding crossed into Maryland,

where segregation ruled, and Cox was forced to ride in a blacks-only passenger car. It continued when she and another African American finalist were refused permission to stay in the same hotel as the other contestants, at a banquet for the contestants, and even on stage during the competition.

Cox eventually finished fifth after misspelling “nemesis.”

In 2004, poet A. Van Jordan published a book of poems, “M-A-C-N-O-L-I-A,” written from the perspective of different people in Cox’s life. The poems inspired Weatherford to write “How Do You Spell Unfair,” which was published in 2023. The

picture book was illustrated by Frank Morrison.

The One City, One Book program is also sponsored by Dublin businesses and organizations and is designed to bring the city together over a shared reading experience.

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Rise in Pleasanton Dog Abandonment Strains Area Shelters

By Sarah Peters

Dog abandonment, also known as dog dumping, is on the rise in Pleasanton, according to its animal services unit.

The episodes occur in both rural and suburban areas. Cases of dog dumping, along with inadequate capacity at shelters, can result in higher rates of euthanasia for dogs.

“I think we are still seeing the residual effects of the pandemic, where we saw a

huge increase of adoptions as people were at home, sheltering in place,” said Pleasanton Animal Control Officer Frankie Ayers. “Once people returned to work, they realized how much of a commitment a pet can be. I also think rising costs and inflation (play) a role. Animals are expensive. Their care is expensive and veterinary care is very expensive.”

Ayers also spoke of the concern of high spay/neuter costs for owners and over-

population in shelters.

“Surplus animals do put a surplus strain on our shelters. We only have so many kennels,” Ayers said.

Within the Tri-Valley, a total of 2,965 animals were taken in during 2023, including 1,221 dogs, according to the East Bay Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Of these, 950 dogs were adopted and 73 were euthanized. Transfers to and from other shelters and organizations also factored into the counts. The

figures are up from a total intake of 2,375 animals and 943 dogs in 2022.

Total dogs accepted from the public were counted at 672 in 2023.

Also to be noted are the challenges in catching a dumped dog, as they are often frightened and “frantically trying to get back home,” said Ayers. In these cases, Ayers mentioned setting out baited traps, such as those that use chicken tenders, while working with other rescue centers.

In the case of witnessing someone abandoning an animal or neglecting one, Livermore Animal Control Officer Kathy Holmes conveyed it is important to capture the person’s license plate. This can lead to an investigation into animal cruelty.

In California, under Penal Code 597.1, pet abandonment in which the animal is “without proper care and attention” can result in a misdemeanor, punishable with a fine up to \$1,000.

Cases of dog dumping have also increased nationally. Forty-six percent of dogs in the shelter system have been abandoned, according to the Shelter Animals Count. Also tracked by the organization is the nationwide number of animals in shelters at 6.5 million, including 3.2 million dogs.

Animal control can react to these situations, but it is also important to work on solutions from the beginning, such as focusing on adoption, said Ayers.



On March 3, runners raced 13.1. miles through Livermore’s downtown and wine country in the Livermore Valley Half Marathon. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Dublin Benefit Concert Looking for Acts

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Dublin is looking for multi-cultural performers for its 10th annual Benefit Concert in May.

The concert is a benefit for the Youth and Senior Fee Assistance Program, which provides eligible Dublin youth and seniors financial assistance to participate in city-sponsored recreation programs.

“In the past, we advertised as looking for bands or music performances, but this year we are looking for multi-cultural performances,” said Yma Santos, who is helping to manage the event. “We have different ethnicities and cultures that need to be represented and are looking for people who can do that through difference types of performances.”

Yma, 16, is part of the Dublin Youth Advisory

Committee which is organizing the benefit. She is working with fellow committee member Braden Ou, 17, to spread the word about the need for performers for the fundraiser.

Traditionally, the concert took place in April, on the opening day of Dublin’s Farmers Market. Because that often falls during spring break when many people go out of town, this year the concert will take place during a farmers market in May. This will hopefully allow more people to participate and attend, as well as give performers more time to prepare.

Dublin’s recreation coordinator, Nicki Wanzenried, is overseeing the benefit and youth advisory committee for the first time this year. She said she is excited to see the committee’s efforts come to fruition.

“This is a great program for people to come out and support,” said Wanzenried. “The farmers market is a great venue because it not only promotes the fee assistance program, but provides entertainment and give(s) exposure to these performers.”

The benefit will be held Thursday, May 2, from 6-8 p.m. at the Emerald Glen Park Amphitheater during the Dublin Farmers Market.

The benefit is free and open to the public. Anyone interested in performing must fill out the application online and submit a video of their act by March 12. Performers will be screened and notified of eligibility by March 15.

To apply as a performer, donate to the fee assistance program, or for more information, visit www.Dublin.ca.gov/benefitconcert.

Children’s Therapy Service Offers Free Screenings

Child’s Play Therapy Services, which provides pediatric speech and occupational therapy, will offer free screenings at its new Pleasanton clinic, 4637 Chabot Drive, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, and Friday, March 15.

During the screenings, speech-language pathologists will assess a children’s speech sounds, pronunciation, language comprehension, and oral motor skills. Occupational therapists will evaluate fine motor skills, upper body strength, visual tracking, hand-eye coordination, and sensory processing.

“Early intervention is key to addressing developmental

challenges in children,” said Christina Gallo, a therapist and founder of Child’s Play Therapy Services. “We’re excited to offer these free screenings to help identify any areas where children may benefit from therapy services.”

Parents with concerns about a child’s language, fine and gross motor development, attention span, handwriting, or learning abilities can schedule a screening by calling 925-954-4546 or emailing admin@cptherapy-services.com.

Child’s Play Therapy Services also has a clinic in Lafayette, California. For more information, go to cptherapy-services.com.

Bay Area Poet, Artist to Lead Community Poetry Workshop

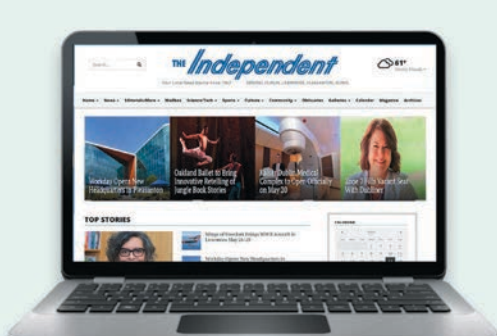
Bay Area poet and artist Elizabeth Jiménez Montelongo will lead a community poetry workshop at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 9.

Montelongo will guide participants as they write poems about themselves, their experiences, and their visions for the future.

The free workshop is for ages 7 and older. However, each participating adult may also bring one child, ages 5 and 6.

No registration is required.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Livermore Public Library as part of the Livermore Reads Together program.



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TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday/Sunday, March 9 & 10
LVO PRESENTS MOZART’S “THE MAGIC FLUTE”
The Tri-Valley’s own professional opera company, Livermore Valley Opera (LVO), will present Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s The Magic Flute, a fairy tale for all ages, at the Bankhead Theater. It offers an engaging opera experience that promises to take the audience on an unforgettable journey into a world of Mozart’s incredible imagination. Performances will be held March 9 at 7:30 p.m. and March 10 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore, (925) 373-6800. Tickets can be purchased at www.LVOpera.com. Tickets for adults are \$20-\$105; \$20 for ages 20 and younger; \$40 for ages 21 to 40. Included in the ticket price are pre-opera talks held one hour prior to curtain time. LVO’s traditional artist’s reception is held in the lobby immediately following each performance.

Thursday, March 7
DAFFODIL SHOW
The Northern California Daffodil Society (NCDS) is holding its 53rd annual daffodil show in the Seasons Room at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, in Livermore. The show is free and open to the public on Thursday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a judged show and is accredited by the American Daffodil Society. For further information, visit the NCDS web site at <http://daffodil.org>.

Saturday, March 9
LIVERMORE LIONS ANNUAL CRAB FEED
Tickets for the Livermore Lions annual Crab Feed fundraiser are available now through March 4. This event takes place on Saturday, March 9, and will feature dancing, raffles, silent auctions, 50/50 and all you can eat crab with pasta, salad, bread and dessert. The venue is the Bothwell Arts Center, located at 2466 8th St. in Livermore. There is a cash bar and NO outside alcohol is allowed. Doors open at 5:00 pm and dinner begins at 5:45. The cost of tickets is \$70 per person or \$65 each for a table of six. To order tickets, call Ann at (805) 405-8742.

Saturday, March 9
TEEN JOB AND CAREER FAIR
The 2024 Teen Job and Career Fair will be held on Saturday, March 9, noon to 3 p.m., at the Alcosta Senior and Community Center in Dublin. Teens can meet with potential employers, apply for jobs, attend a resumé workshop, participate in mock interviews, and more. Participants should bring multiple copies of their resumé and dress in professional attire. For more information, please call 925-973-3200.

Saturday, March 16
LIVERMORE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS CRAB FEED
Livermore High School Alumni Associations will be holding its 12th annual crab feed on March 16 from 6 to 10 p.m. (doors open at 5:30.) Dinner will include crab, pasta, salad, bread and dessert (chicken is available with pre-order instead of crab.) There will be a live and silent auction, no-host bar, dancing, games and lots of fun. To purchase tickets, go to <https://lhsaa-520620.square.site/>. The funds raised will help support Livermore High School. Please email lhsalumniassoc@gmail.com with any questions.

Saturday, March 16
WRITING WORKSHOP: THE MAGIC OF BRINGING CHARACTERS TO LIFE ON THE PAGE
The Tri-Valley Writers Chapter of the California Writers Club will present Linda Joy Myers, founder of the National Association of Memoir Writers and writing coach for fiction and memoir. ‘The Magic of Bringing Characters to Life on the Page—Secrets for Memoir and Fiction’ workshop will be held March 16 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at Las Positas College in Livermore, Room 2470, in Building 2400. Check-in begins at 12:30 p.m. There is a two-step RSVP and payment process: 1) Email your RSVP to treasurer@trivalleywriters.org by Thursday, March 14. 2) Beginning Feb. 18, register and pay at www.trivalleywriters.org/speaker-meeting-registration-and-payment. CWC adult members \$25; nonmembers \$30; CWC student members (ages 14-22) \$15.

Saturday/Sunday, March 16 & 17
IN PARADISUM, MUSIC TO SOOTHE THE SOUL
Calm your soul, remove your worries, and enjoy peaceful music when

the Valley Concert Chorale, the Tri-Valley’s premier chorus presents “In Paradisum, Music to Soothe the Soul.” The selections will cover the entire span of the choral repertoire from Albinoni’s famous Adagio for Strings (arranged for choir), to Mozart’s Ave Verum and Ola Gjeilo’s The Ground. Saturday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, in Livermore, and Sunday, March 17, at 4 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., in Pleasanton. Enjoy a pre-concert lecture about the concert’s musical selections and composers beginning at 7:15 p.m. for the March 16 concert and 3:45 p.m. for the March 17 concert. Tickets are \$30. College students \$10 with valid student ID. Children K-12 are free. Advance tickets may be ordered by visiting the Chorale’s website at www.valleyconcertchorale.org, or by calling the Chorale’s information number at (925) 866-4003.

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
TOPSCIENCE
TOPScience is a group that partners with elementary school science teachers to enhance learning for both students and teachers. It is an opportunity to pass on skills and knowledge while having fun and contributing to schools in Livermore. For more information or to volunteer, contact Art Krakowsky at artkr@sbcglobal.net or (925) 455-0486.

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

SUNDAY LIVERMORE DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
Open year-round on Sundays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in downtown Livermore, on Second St. between J St. and L St.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
The Unitarian Universalist Church is welcoming to all. Join in on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for music, singing, and conversation. The church is located at 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore CA 94551. For more information, visit uucil.org.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (DAR) CHAPTER MEETING
The local Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter meets on the first Saturday of the month from Sept. to May, with a short business meeting and a program. The DAR was founded in 1890 and is headquartered in Washington, DC. DAR is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women’s service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America’s future through better education for children. Its members are descended from the Patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. For more information, visit jhl.californiadar.org or email jane.everett@sbcglobal.net.

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Asbury United Methodist Church invites the community to join for worship at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. There, discover a church that believes that all people are children of God and are of sacred worth. This community practices loving neighbors in daily life. The church has Sunday School and nursery care, and worship is followed by a fellowship time with bagels, beverages, and great conversation. The church is located at 4743 East Ave., in Livermore. For more information, visit asburylive.org.

WINGS-WOMEN IN GOD’S SPIRIT
WINGS-Women in God’s Spirit is a faith enhancement group of multi-generational Catholic women who meet Oct. through May on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Ave., in Livermore. The organization now includes the Catholic women of both Livermore and Pleasanton at St. Charles Borromeo, St. Michael, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Augustine. Attendees can enjoy a variety of engaging speaker presentations and topics, small group sharing, fellowship and more. All are welcome. For more information, visit st-charleslivermore.org/wings.

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OBITUARIES

Calvin George André Aug. 1, 1924 – Jan. 26 2024



Calvin George André, known to his friends and loved ones as Cal, passed away peacefully at his home on Jan. 26, 2024 at the age of 99 in Pleasanton, California. Born on Aug. 1, 1924, Calvin led a remarkable life.

Calvin was born and grew up in South Dakota. He enlisted in the army in 1943 where his training took him to UC Berkeley, California. After the war, he settled in the Bay Area, returning to UC Berkeley to complete his PhD in Physics in 1954. He dedicated his career to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), where he held the esteemed position of

Physicist. Always one to enjoy discussions of current events, politics and the latest books, Calvin had a long-standing group of local friends that he met with regularly over the years.

Calvin is survived by his wife

Dixie André, by his children Ema André, Mary André and Jeanne André, and by his stepdaughters Allison Gerber and Kim Dimock. He also leaves behind a legacy of grandchildren including Garret, Cory-Alice, Emily, Nicole, Danielle, Devin, Michael, and great-grandchildren Natalia, Rumi and Miley.

Calvin George André will be deeply missed by his family, many friends, and colleagues. His contributions to the field of physics and his role as a loving and generous family man will always be cherished and remembered. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

John TenBrook Rambo Sept. 26, 1936 – Feb. 8, 2024



John TenBrook Rambo, beloved father and grandfather, physicist, containment scientist and longtime Livermore resident, died at home early on Feb. 8, 2024, at the age of 87, surrounded by his family.

Born in Port Angeles, Washington on Sept. 26, 1936, to William Huber Rambo and Nell Anne Rambo (nee TenBrook), John was the beloved sibling of his older sister Joan. They had a close relationship throughout their lives, enjoying much laughter whenever they were together.

John grew up in Portland, Oregon, where his father had an engineering practice designing lumber mills. John attended Central Catholic High School in Portland. After his parents divorced, he moved to Florida with his mother, finishing high school in 1954 at Admiral Farragut Academy in St. Petersburg. He recalled fellow student Charles Duke, the astronaut, remembering someone asking him if he would go to the moon — the answer was yes. John graduated from the University of Portland (UP), Oregon, in 1959 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and again in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science in physics. He attended class reunions over the years and had fond memories of young adult life. He competed on the UP track team, served in the Army Reserves, and was a chairman on an Interstate-5 surveyor crew one summer in the late 1950s outside of Grants Pass, Oregon.

John married Winifred Rose Griffiths, also a UP student, on Sept. 3, 1960. Together they had five children, Catherine Joan, Nathaniel Alexsander, Susan Marie, Christopher Lawrence and Sarah Elizabeth. They re-

sided in Portland, Oregon, Las Vegas, Nevada, then settled in Livermore, California in 1968.

He began his career in nuclear testing in 1963 at the Nevada Test Site outside of Las Vegas. In 1968, he transferred to Lawrence Livermore National Lab where he was a geophysicist as part of a team responsible for simulating and studying underground nuclear “shots” and recommending containment of nuclear weapons blasts to the U.S. Departments of Energy and Defense. Alongside other containment scientists, he is featured in the book about his life’s work, “Caging the Dragon”. He is the author and co-author of many scientific papers and helped countless others on their research. He formally retired in 1994 but continued as a consultant and archivist until 2021, working into his eighties with a career spanning nearly 60 years.

John maintained a forever-positive outlook, gave people the benefit of the doubt, and was kind. He enjoyed laughing with his many good friends, especially during their regular Thursday morning coffee klatch. His “superpower” was crafting puns. A runner and walker his entire life, he also loved dancing to big band music, taking road trips,

camping, hiking, exploring the national and state parks and the natural world. In the 1970s and early 80s, he would take his five children camping every summer and would visit relatives in Oregon and Washington.

He had an undying curiosity and reverence for physics and astronomy, and was an inveterate tinkerer, with experiments in his living room aimed at proving physics theories. He also humored in the notoriety of sharing a famous movie name.

He is survived by his former wife Winifred Rambo of California, all his children, Catherine Rambo (Kurt Deustcher) of Oregon, Nathaniel McKenna of California, Susan Rambo (Raymond Howard) of California, Christopher Rambo of California, Sarah Rambo (Andrew Mieczkowski) of Massachusetts, granddaughter Viola Drazga of Washington, sister Joan Heineman of Washington, niece Katherine Koberg (Chris Rideout) of Washington, extended family, many good friends and his beloved cat, Laney.

Son Nate helped with John’s care over the last 10 years of his life. John survived multiple cancers and gracefully dealt with other ailments before succumbing to congestive heart failure.

All expressions of sympathy are welcome. Memorial donations may be sent to the Atomic Testing Museum, the REACH Museum, the Eastbay Astronomical Society or the charity of your choice. Services will be held at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Livermore. Visitation will be held on March 7 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., with Mass on March 8 at noon, followed by burial at St. Michael’s Cemetery on East Avenue at 1:30 p.m.

Kenneth Franco Oct. 23, 1960 – Feb. 26, 2024



Kenneth (Ken) Bradley Franco, 63, loving husband of Suzanne Franco, entered into God’s eternal kingdom on Monday, February 26th after a courageous battle with cancer.

The son of Henry and Anita Franco, Ken was born in Oakland, California on October 23rd, 1960. He was raised with four brothers and two sisters on the family’s 100-acre ranch in Sunol, California. Ken graduated from Foothill High school in 1978 before obtaining a bachelor’s degree in business from Chico State University in 1983. He

pursued a career in the textile industry where he excelled as a sales representative for over 35 years.

Ken was a man of strength and innate charisma, spreading

joy and laughter to all who knew him. He dedicated his time to coaching, traveling and spending time with his family.

Ken is survived by his wife Suzanne Franco, son Kyle Franco, and stepson JP. In addition to his wife and sons, Ken is survived by his mother, Anita Franco, and five siblings, Mary, Mark, Randy, Dean, and Fabian Franco.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 9th 11:00 a.m. at Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton, California.

Bonnie Joyce Hughes (Welch) Dec. 6, 1940 – Feb. 22, 2024



Bonnie Joyce Hughes (Welch) passed away on Feb. 22, 2024, in Livermore, California, at the age of 83. She was born on Dec. 6, 1940, in Stockton, California.

Bonnie loved her family above all else and was known for her caring, devoted, attentive, smart, beautiful, and generous nature. She was a wonderful mother to her two children, and a loving wife to her husband. She had a big heart and dedicated her time to various causes, including the local animal rescue, Paws in Need. She also worked tirelessly, fundraising with Daffodil Days, benefiting the American Cancer Society.

Bonnie started her career at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in 1959, where she worked for more than 30 years. She excelled in her roles at the lab and forged lifelong friendships, including the one with her beloved husband, Don Hughes.

They married on June 4, 1961.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Don Hughes, her son Matt Hughes (Cindy), her daughter Hillary Hull, 5 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren (soon to be 5). Bonnie is also survived by John and Marilyn Hughes, and many beloved nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Don and Alma Welch, her sister Lani Welch-Mandon, nephew Scot-

tie Mandon, John and Frances Hughes, and sister-in-law Joan Madsen.

Bonnie worshipped at Cornerstone Fellowship and was an avid reader, attending both book clubs and Bible studies. She enjoyed traveling the world with her husband, engaging in hobbies like Mah-jongg, cycling, scuba diving, running, and skiing. When she no longer skied, she enjoyed every call she got from her son on the slopes. She also loved time spent advocating for animals with her daughter.

A celebration of life is yet to be determined. Contributions can be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society or any Animal related charity, in Bonnie’s memory.

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

Mary Lou Henderson July 12, 1929 – Feb 22, 2024



Mary Lou Henderson, a resident of Livermore for 69 years, passed away peacefully on February 22, 2024. She spent her last day on earth with her children by her side and her final “I love all of you” was an enduring message her family will always cherish.

Born to Dorothy and Curtis Rockwell in Osceola, Indiana on July 12, 1929, Mary Lou and her sister Vera, along with their parents, relocated to California in 1938 and ultimately settled in a rural section of Hayward where she grew up and remained until 1955 when she and her husband, Ollie, bought a brand new home in a family-friendly Livermore neighborhood. They raised their five children in their new home and lived there until it was sold in 2023.

Family was always the central theme in Mary Lou’s life and as their children became adults, she accompanied Ollie to his various work locales across the US and abroad. Most notably they spent time living in Kuwait in 1976 and enjoyed traveling in Europe before returning to Livermore the following year.

The Henderson’s were longtime members of the Livermore Rod and Gun Club and the Hill Hoppers Jeep Club and enjoyed the many friends they

made and experiences they had through those associations. In their retirement years they spent considerable leisure time enjoying the wildlife at their second home in the mountains outside of Placerville as well as RVing across the US to visit family, attend trap-shooting competitions and explore new horizons. Camping trips with family from the time the kids were very young continued throughout her life, including a wonderful family reunion camping excursion on her 80th birthday.

She loved gardening, collecting Hummel figurines and decorative plates, and browsing through thrift stores in search of her next treasure. But being Wife, Mom and Grandma (and later Great-Grandma and Great-Great-Grandma) was the source

of her greatest joy.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her beloved husband Ollie and her daughter Nancy Henderson. She is survived by four children and their spouses – Dan and Diane Henderson, Sharon Henderson Wilson and Randy Wilson, Kathi Henderson Killion and Randy Killion, and Ollie Henderson Jr and Lesley Mitchell. Also surviving are nine grandchildren – Michael Wilson, Dannette Wilson, Stephanie Henderson, Max Henderson, Kevin Killion, Kari Killion Stiles, Kyle Killion, Zach Henderson and Jake Henderson. Great grandchildren Damiano, Danny, Kayla, Ollie Lou, Ashley, Kyra, Maxwell, Emilio, Weston, Oakley and Hadilyn along with her great-great grandchildren Joseph, Aurora, Maelee, David, Jayden, Cianna, Kyrie and Angelino were blessings she was thankful for every day of her life. Multiple nieces and nephews were loved by her, and they loved her in return.

The family is planning a private celebration of life to be held in the California mountains where she enjoyed spending so much time with those she loved most. In Mary Lou’s memory, please donate to the charity of your choice.

George D. Kramer Oct. 28, 1934 – Feb. 10, 2024



George Donald Kramer, Ph.D., 89, of Carlsbad, California, passed away Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024. He was a graduate from Covington Latin School, Thomas More University and received a Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Cincinnati. George was employed at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as a Theoretical Physicist from 1962 until his retirement in 1996.

George was an avid bridge, card and game player, and helped his children on a nightly basis with math homework. He volunteered helping seniors with their tax returns, as he had a great interest in “numbers” which aided in a successful hobby in the stock market.

Born in Covington, Kentucky, on Oct. 28, 1934, he was the youngest child of George and Rose Kramer. George had two siblings, Louis Kramer and Lois Anneken, who preceded him in death.

After marrying Kathryn Boehling from Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1956, they made their way to

San Diego, California, where he was employed by General Dynamics Corp.

He and his wife, Kathryn, travelled extensively after retirement to Europe and frequently returned to many places they enjoyed. He enjoyed classical music and would always have the classical station on the radio. His favorite composer was Chopin, and he enjoyed the Nocturnes the most.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 67 years, Kathryn, six children: Anne, George, Stephen (Sharon), Thomas (Julie), Carolyn (Brent Hoy), and

Michelle (James Gharib), and eight grandchildren: Stephanie and Sean (Stephen and Sharon), Kathleen, David and Kristine (Thomas and Julie), Madeleine (Carolyn and Brent), John and Daniel (Michelle and James) and many nieces and nephews in the Covington and Greater Mid-Atlantic region.

Services will be at St. Patrick Catholic Church on March 7, including viewing at 12 p.m. (noon), rosary at 12:30 p.m. and funeral Mass at 1 p.m., followed by a private burial at Mission San Luis Rey Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in George Kramer’s name (in the memo section on the check), made payable to Thomas More University. Send to Thomas More University, 333 Thomas More Parkway, Crestview Hills, KY, 41017, or you can make a donation online at: www.give-campus.com/campaigns/41402/donations/new?a=7355115. Include George Kramer’s name in the “In Memory Of” section.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Hoyt Walker Nov. 6, 1951 – Feb. 15, 2024



Hoyt Walker, a long time Livermore resident, passed away peacefully of cancer in his home with family by his side on February 15, at age 72. Following his cancer diagnosis in 2019 he tried many chemo regimes and surgery, always with a positive mental attitude. He focused on living, never letting his cancer define him.

Hoyt was born November 6, 1951 in Portland, Oregon to Graham and Betty (Rogers) Walker. On August 6, 2000 he married Susie Owens Vanderpool in Mt. Hood, Oregon. He and Susie had grown up together in Portland, spending many summers and holidays together at a beach cabin in Rockway, Oregon co-owned by their parents. They lost touch in 1961, however, when Susie was ten and her family moved to California in 1998, they reconnected. They married in 2000, thrilling both their mothers!

Hoyt attended Grant High School in Portland, graduating in 1969 with high honors. He was good at many things. He lettered on the swim team, enjoyed performing with the marching band and excelled academically, earning a scholarship to Oregon State where he earned three bachelors degrees in math, physics and computer science. He later earned two masters degrees in geography and computer science while working full time at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

His broad background and wide range of scientific interests served him and LLNL well. He played a key role in the development of a computational program called the National Atmospheric Release Advisory Capability (NARAC), arguably the world’s most effective system for predicting how pollutants travel through the atmosphere and where they settle based on weather, terrain, the nature of an accident and other data. He pioneered the development of meteorological and topological databases and the mathematics for running

them necessary for the system to work. First responders and others have relied on NARAC to protect the public at Three Mile Island, after industrial accidents like chemical spills and oil fires, and even following volcanic eruptions to guide commercial aircraft safely.

Hoyt had many hobbies and special interests. He was an accomplished pianist and loved classical music, taking piano lessons starting as a child and continuing into adulthood. He was an avid reader, belonging to a book club he truly enjoyed. He loved traveling and his last trip was in 2022, fulfilling a promise he had made to show Susie Italy. In college he took up running, a sport he enjoyed so much that he had a running streak of over 6 years where he ran every day, no exceptions. In his early years of running his dog Sunny was his running companion. He belonged to a running club, running races all over the Bay Area most weekends and over the years completed 33 marathons. He was well known for his distinctive gait that was easily recognized from a distance.

He is survived by his wife Susie, stepdaughters Nicole Vanderpool and Allyson Vanderpool Rothfuss (Andrew), sisters Marguerite Johnson (Daren Sr) and Caroline Walker and nephews Willie, Waldo, Vince and Daren Jr. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Hoyt was a remarkable person and a wonderful husband, father, brother, uncle and friend. He will be missed very much by those who knew him.

He died with dignity and grace, having lived a very fulfilling life.

A celebration of life will be held at Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Road, Livermore on April 13, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Hoyt’s memory may be made to Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave, Dublin, CA. 94568

Buzzer-Beater, Then Road Win, Sends Granada to NorCal

By Phil Jensen

Granada senior boys basketball player Cortevious Taylor had never produced a game-winning shot in a high school game ... until Feb. 29.

Taylor sent a putback through the net as the buzzer sounded to lift the Matadors to a thrilling 68-66 victory over visiting St. Ignatius-San Francisco. A swarm of Mats fans ran onto the court in celebration after that California Interscholastic Federation NorCal Division I quarterfinal game.

“I knew there was going to be another guard coming (to defend) because I was too open, so I ... laid the ball up, hoping I was going to make it, but it didn’t work out,” said the 6-foot-6 Taylor, who rebounded his own miss. “I knew I had a full three seconds left so there was time for me to get off a second shot.”

“Red came up big for us like Red does,” said Granada coach Quaran Johnson, using Taylor’s nickname which he said he’s had since he was a child. Taylor finished with a game-high 22 points and 12 rebounds.

Granada, the No. 4 seed, then traveled to Fresno on March 2 and upset No. 1 seed Clovis West 70-53.

The Matadors played in the NorCal Division I championship game on Tuesday at Dublin after this edition went to press. Granada faced a familiar foe in No. 2 San Ramon Valley. Granada won the East Bay Athletic League regular-season game between the two teams (60-58 on Jan. 25). But San Ramon Valley won the next two meetings, in the EBAL tournament (80-56 on Feb. 8) and the North Coast Section Open Division playoffs (77-68 on Feb. 15). Entering this week, Granada was 4-0 since the Feb. 15 game. The state championship game is March 8 at 8 p.m. at Golden 1 Center in Sacramento.

The Matadors played in the NorCal Division I championship game for the second year in a row. Although last season’s two top players graduated (Andrew McKeever and Tyler Harris), Johnson pointed out that many players on this season’s team were on the squad that played in the CIF Division I state championship game last year, mentioning NaVaughn Long, Spencer Langowski, Lennon Lomba and Marco Wilde. “Those guys were a huge piece of what we did,” said Johnson. Granada, which trailed

by 18 points at 34-16 midway through the second quarter against St. Ignatius, responded with a 12-2 run to end the first half with only a 36-28 deficit. St. Ignatius’ lead was back to 10 at 41-31 less than two minutes into the second half, but Granada had a 19-12 run to close the quarter, and neither team had more than a five-point lead in the third quarter.

Perhaps the sequence that showed Granada’s resiliency the best occurred with less than three minutes remaining in the third quarter. The Matadors grabbed four offensive rebounds in one possession, ending with a Taylor basket to tie the game at 47. Taylor had two of those rebounds and Damien Miles had the other two.

“We’re in the EBAL. We see these battles every night,” Johnson said. “When they got up on us, I just wanted us to keep our composure and keep making those plays that are going to count at the end, and I thought that rebounding was one of those bigger plays.”

Granada had a 66-61 lead with 2:44 to go on a 3-pointer by Long, but the fifth-seeded Wildcats (21-8) then went on a 5-0 run, setting up Taylor’s heroics.

The Matadors had three double-figure scorers. In addition to Taylor, Long had 17 points (including 10 in the second half) and Langowski added 15 points (including four 3-pointers). In addition, Long had seven rebounds and Wilde passed for a team-high three assists. Marcus Bast paced St. Ignatius with 18 points (including five 3-pointers).

Dublin also competed in the NorCal Division I playoffs. In the first round on Feb. 27 at Clovis West, the 16th-seeded Gaels fell 79-57 and finished their season with a 24-10 overall record.

Girls Soccer

Amador Valley’s defense was superb in a CIF NorCal Division I opening-round loss to Del Oro-Loomis. The score was 0-0 through two halves and a 15-minute overtime period on Feb. 27. Del Oro, the No. 2 seed, won the penalty-kick shootout 4-3 and then advanced all the way to the championship game, where it fell to No. 4 Archbishop Mitty-San Jose in a 5-3 shootout after two scoreless halves and an overtime period on March 2. Amador Valley, the No. 7 seed, finished the season with an impressive 12-3-1 record.



The Matadors’ NaVaughn Long scores against the St. Ignatius Prep Wildcats in the second round Division I CIF state boys basketball playoffs on Feb. 29. Granada won 68-66. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Student-Founded Gender Equality Nonprofit Goes Global

By Sarah Peters

A Dublin-based nonprofit Girls4Sports, founded by a group of high-school students, is going global with their initiative to promote gender equality in sports and other opportunities.

Girls4Sports started two years ago when a group of

close friends were freshmen at Dublin High School. Maegha Ramanathan was facing an increasing number of sexist comments from coaches at swim practices, comparing female swimmers to male swimmers, particularly with muscle body type.

This motivated her to research gender disparities

and the types of inequalities female athletes face.

“For some women, sports aren’t even an option,” Ramanathan said, referring to the different opportunities female athletes face versus male athletes, as well as the increased challenges.

However, Ramanathan’s organization is working to

open more doors for women. Girls4Sports has led many activities, such as creating middle-school chapters, holding sports-equipment donation drives, as well as organizing a speaker conference and 2023 summer youth sports camp. The team now looks to open chapters in Ghana and India, by working with schools in those locations.

The objective of Girls4Sports is to encourage girls and women to pursue sports and other opportunities with equality and to promote an active lifestyle for all youth.

Last year, Girls4Sports put on a free youth-sports camp for about 250 people, engaging participants in sports such as tennis. The camp’s objective was to promote an active lifestyle and show that you do not have to compete in sports to live actively. The camp also served as a significant experience for the team’s leadership and communication skills. They focused on the logistics of the event, and spent time organizing with volunteers and parents, the founders said.

“I didn’t really understand until we got the feedback from the parents, and they were so happy we gave the kids an opportunity to stay active,” Tarini Gurusankar said. “The camp was acces-

sible and free.”

They also organized a youth speaker showcase, where attendees spoke with tennis star Chris Evert about the barriers to equal opportunities in sports. In addition, she discussed leading an active lifestyle.

“For example, at the Chris Evert conference, a girl was so excited because Chris is one of her role models,” said Mihika Wagle. “It’s so nice seeing people experience those impactful moments and I think that’s just what keeps us motivated to keep doing what we do.”

Girls4Sports works with an executive team of Dublin High’s Maegha Ramanathan, Tarini Gurusankar, Kayva Dadia and Mihika Wagle. Ramanathan is the founder and CEO of Girls4Sports, working with co-founder and COO Gurusankar, secretary Dadia and CFO Wagle. They participate in many sports such as swimming, tennis, dance and badminton. The organization’s members participate in other sports, including volleyball, soccer and basketball. Wagle also mentioned a Bollywood dance team at Dublin High.



The Livermore Cowboys hosted the Washington Huskies on March 1, with Livermore winning 3 matches to 1. Above, the Cowboys’ Earl Stacy prepares an attack. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)



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The following person(s) doing business as: Ru Yi Herbs, 35201 Newark Blvd Suite G, Newark, CA 94560 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Runkang Inc., 1740 N. Milpitas Blvd, Milpitas CA 95035. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/22/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Winnie Huang. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604017

The following person(s) doing business as: Heartbeat Health Education, 309 Olivina Ave, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Brandon Recht, 309 Olivina Ave, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2/12/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Brandon Recht, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 12, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5806. Published, February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603501

The following person(s) doing business as: Onix Concepts, 2022 Elm Street, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Miguel A. Escamilla, 2022 Elm St., Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Miguel A. Escamilla. This statement was filed with the County

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606881

The following person(s) doing business as: Sherry's, 2213 Via Espada, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lingying Xia, . This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Lingying Xia, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 6, 2024. Expires February 5, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5808. Published, February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603571

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603839

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603752

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Immovable Lock; 2. Immovable Locksmiths, 3406 Redhook Lane, Alameda, CA 94502 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Austin Munger, 3406 Redhook Lane, Alameda, CA 94502. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 11/1/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Austin Munger, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 31, 2024. Expires January 30, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5811. Published, February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604070

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603600

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603685

The following person(s) doing business as: ATJ Transportation, 1535 Rubino Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Adrienne Thomas, 1535 Rubino Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/1/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Adrienne Rubino, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

Alameda on January 29, 2024. Expires January 28, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5816. Published, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604063

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603747

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604114

The following person(s) doing business as: Opulenz, 1305 Mersey Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94579 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Maria Lara, 1305 Mersey Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94579; John Michael Salvatierra, 1305 Mersey Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94579. This business is conducted by Co-partners. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2/20/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Maria Lara, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 20, 2024. Expires February 19, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 5819. Published, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604126

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603953

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604113

The following person(s) doing business as: Red Lime Real Estate Investments, 6200 Stoneridge Mall Rd., Ste 300, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Brown Developments, Inc., 6200 Stoneridge Mall Rd., Ste 300, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/24/24. Signature of Registrant/s/: Candice D. Nguyen, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 24, 2024. Expires January 23, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5813. Published, February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 2024.

The following person(s) doing business as: Juice Appeal, 150 Berkeley Square, Berkeley, CA 94704 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ilham Al Hafnawi, 2305 Helena CT, Pinole, CA 94564. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ilham Al Hafnawi, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 19, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5822. Published, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603873

The following person(s) doing business as: Travel Tonic, 7961 Millbrook Avenue, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Toni Chen, 7961 Millbrook Avenue, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Toni Chen, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 5, 2024. Expires February 4, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5823. Published, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604156

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604121

The following person(s) doing business as: Inchins Bamboo Garden Dublin, 4100 Grafton St., Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): PBK Ventures Inc., 4100 Grafton St., Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Sandeep Kumar, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 20, 2024. Expires February 19, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5825. Published, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604150

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604116

The following person(s) doing business as: GMJ888, 1305 Mersey Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94579 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Maria Lara, 1305 Mersey Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94579; John Michael Salvatierra, 1305 Mersey Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94579. This business is conducted by Co-partners. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/20/2018. Signature of

Registrant/s/: Maria Lara, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 20, 2024. Expires February 19, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5827. Published, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604132

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604189

The following person(s) doing business as: Vanpros, 4432 Enterprise St. #R, Fremont, CA 94538 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Skaf Commercial Fleets, LLC, 1642 Douglas CT, Fremont, CA 94539. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2/22/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Nabil Alskaf, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 22, 2024. Expires February 21, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5829. Published, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604007

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603809

The following person(s) doing business as: Joy Math, 7375 Amador Valley Blvd, Ste 203, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Joy Edu Inc., 7375 Amador Valley Blvd, Ste 203, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/16/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Yongbum Lee, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 2, 2024. Expires February 1, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5832. Published March 7, 14, 21, 28,

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604293

The following person(s) doing business as: MBC IT LLC, 1159 Vintner Place, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): MBC IT LLC, 1159 Vintner Place, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mark Buechler, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 28, 2024. Expires February 27, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5833. Published March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604025

The following person(s) doing business as: Yogurtland, 30162 Industrial Pkwy SW, Hayward, CA 94544 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jams Forever Inc., 7679 Ridgeline Drive, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2/1/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mandeep Kahlon, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 13, 2024. Expires February 12, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5834. Published March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604202

The following person(s) doing business as: Sunshine Training, 7486 Frederiksen Lane, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Weina Zhao, 7486 Frederiksen Lane, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Weina Zhao, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 23, 2024. Expires February 22, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5835. Published March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604276

The following person(s) doing business as: Adam Lewis Construction, 2021 research Drive, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): ALC Services Company, 4435 First St #308, 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: 1/16/2018. Signature of Registrant/s/: Adam

Lewis, President/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 27, 2024. Expires February 26, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5836. Published March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603850

The following person(s) doing business as: Kane Hair Salon LLC, 7059 Village PKWY, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kane Hair Salon LLC, 7059 Village PKWY, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2/1/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Cuc Thi Kim Nguyen, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 5, 2024. Expires February 4, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5837. Published March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604262

The following person(s) doing business as: Lucas Liquors, 16258 Foothill Blvd, San Leandro, CA 94578 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Park-Hur Investments, Inc., 16258 Foothill Blvd, San Leandro, CA 94578. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/4/2014. Signature of Registrant/s/: Andrew Park-Hur, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 26, 2024. Expires February 25, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5838. Published March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604234

The following person(s) doing business as: Poppies and Birch, 315 N P St., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jami Morton, 315 N P 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: 1/27/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jami Morton, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 26, 2024. Expires February 25, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5839. Published March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604196

The following person(s) doing business as: Accents and Art-tech, 14680 Doolittle Drive., San Leandro, CA 94577 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Winston, Chu, 14680 Doolittle, CA 94577. 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: 6/1/1999. Signature of Registrant/s/: Winston Chu, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 24, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5840. Published March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

er(s): Winston, Chu, 14680 Doolittle, CA 94577. 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: 6/1/1999. Signature of Registrant/s/: Winston Chu, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 24, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5840. Published March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603738

The following person(s) doing business as: Kevtek Property Management Professional, 3725 east Ave, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kevin Erlich, 3725 East Ave, Livermore, CA. 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/: Kevin, Erlich, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 31, 2024. Expires January 30, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5841. Published March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 604239

The following person(s) doing business as: Pearle Vision, 3024 W Jack London Blvd, Livermore, CA 94551-7650 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lucid-eyez Inc., 3024 W Jack London Blvd, Livermore, CA 94551-7650. 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/: Preet toor, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 26, 2024. Expires February 25, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5842. Published March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

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