

Deputy Charged In Double Homicide

DUBLIN – An Alameda County deputy sheriff, Devin Williams Jr., 24, was arrested last week and charged with two counts of murder, according to the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office.

In a news release, the district attorney’s office said Dublin police responded to a report that two people had been shot inside a residence in the 3100 block of Colebrook Lane about 12:45 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7.

Two people, identified by the district attorney’s office only as husband and wife, had been shot and pronounced dead at the scene. Later news reports identified the victims as Benison Tran, 57, and Maria Tran, 42.

Witnesses identified the shooter as Williams, according to the district attorney’s office.

Williams reportedly fled the scene, but later called Dublin police and surrendered himself later the same day. He was taken into custody by the California Highway Patrol around noon in Coalinga, with the assistance of the Fresno County Sheriff’s Office.

Williams, whose residence was given as Stockton on his arrest warrant, was charged with two counts of murder with special circumstances, including multiple murder and fleeing to avoid arrest.

He is being held without bail in the Santa Rita jail.

“Our hearts and condolences go out to the family, friends and community of the two victims killed in this incident,” said DA O’Malley.

According to KPIX-5 in San Francisco, Williams’ mother told reporters her son had been in a romantic relationship with Maria Tran since January and initially, was not aware that she was

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Growth at Livermore Airfield to Be Paused

By David Jen

LIVERMORE – Any development at the Livermore Municipal Airport must wait until the end of the year to begin or continue, as the airport works on a revision to its development policy.

At the Airport Commission’s Sept. 8 meeting, Airport Manager Sean Moran provided, some details on the pause.

The previous policy provided no guidelines for how to proceed if the airport received multiple bids on a development project, and it provided no channels for public engagement.

“Airport staff, working with city staff as well, looked at the current airport development policy that is in place here at Livermore and realized that it is not to a standard that aligns with city policies or industry standards shown at other airports,” said Moran. “There was really no opportunity for public involvement to let the public see what is going to be happening at the airport, what development is going to be put in place, what kind

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Record temperatures didn’t keep families from enjoying the City of Dublin’s Splatter event at Emerald Glen Park on Saturday, Sept. 10. Kids enjoyed the carnival rides and fun booths, while adults sampled an array of valley wines, craft beers and a variety of ethnic foods. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia]

(Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Tri-Valley Elections 2022

Park District Candidates

By Larry Altman

The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), which manages 73 parks encompassing 125,000 acres in Contra Costa and Alameda counties, has one of its five seats in play on November’s ballot.

For Ward 3, a district that includes the northern half of Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park and Dublin Hills, voters will choose to keep Waespi a resident of Castro Valley or replace him with challengers, Gina M. Lewis, a notary public from Union City and attorney Daphne Lin, from Fremont.

Waespi, 72, who from 1974 to 2012 worked a variety of jobs in the EBRPD, including as a firefighter,

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Livermore Park Contenders

By Larry Altman

Three Livermore Area Recreation & Park District (LARPD) directors are seeking reelection in November to the five-member panel that operates and manages a wide range of parks and outdoor facilities in Livermore.

The LARPD also oversees a variety of child care, preschool, recreation and adult education programs. Residents living within a 245-square-mile area bounded by Contra Costa County on the north, San Joaquin County on the east, Santa Clara County to the south and the cities of Pleasanton and Dublin on the west will find this race on their ballot.

Voters will choose three of six candidates, including

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PUSD Board Competitors

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Pleasanton Unified School District’s (PUSD) Board of Trustees has two seats up for grabs this November in the General Election.

Current trustees Mark Miller and Joan Larsen’s terms are ending, and they are not seeking reelection. The district is holding its first area-based elections for areas 2 and 5 to fill the seats. Urvi Shah and Laurie Walker will face off for area 2 representation. The Independent was not able to reach Shah for comments before print.

Walker is a longtime Pleasanton resident and PUSD teacher. She said as a daughter of educators, she grew up emulating her parents’ strong belief that

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Haubert Addresses State of the County

By Ruth Roberts

REGIONAL – Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert was the keynote speaker at last week’s Livermore Chamber of Commerce (LVCC) Wine Country Luncheon held at the Martinelli Event Center.

Haubert represents the First District which includes the communities of Dublin, Sunol, portions of Pleasanton, Fremont and Livermore, and is serving his first four-year term on the five-member Alameda County Board of Supervisors. Haubert formerly served as mayor of the City of Dublin.

Speaking to a sold-out

crowd, including members of the Livermore City Council and other community leaders, Haubert discussed the role of a supervisor in establishing and fostering a strong economy for the county, and outlined some of the district’s goals for the future.

Haubert referenced the pandemic and its effect on the community, emphasizing the importance of vaccines and praised Livermore’s 86.5% vaccination rate.

“That’s a good number,” he said. “Over 1 million county residents have had at least one vaccination, and over 76,000 in Livermore have had at least one vac-

cination. Health and safety come high on the list of what we do and talk about (as supervisors) and public health is a big thing. If anyone wants to be vaccinated, it’s free and it’s easy.”

Dovetailing on the topic of public health, Haubert shared the supervisors’ concerns regarding homelessness in Alameda County and the urgency to provide help to those in need.

“When it comes to emergency care and general assistance, we have to have a plan to end homelessness,” he said. “There are 214 people in Livermore who don’t have a home. Food

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City Council Considers Land-Use Alternatives

By Aly Brown

LIVERMORE – The council this week received a presentation on the Comprehensive General Plan Update and provided feedback for the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) and staff during the land-use alternatives drafting process.

The General Plan for 2025-2045 will capture the city’s long-term plan for growth, land use, sustainability, and resource and open space conservation. It is slated for final adoption in early 2024.

During the Sept. 12 meeting, Andy Ross, City of Livermore senior planner, presented the General Plan land-use map. He explained

that while some areas are already well planned, some geographical regions will undergo change. City staff is in the planning phase and requested council feedback on land-use alternatives for four different focus areas: East Avenue/Vasco, Las Positas Court, Laughlin Road, and Southfront-Vasco.

“Ultimately, each one of these alternatives will be refined into a preferred scenario, and that preferred scenario will be integrated into this General Plan land-use map as an updated map for the General Plan,” Ross said.

The alternatives for the areas featured a variety of options for uses, including the development of residential,

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City’s Hands Tied In Large Downtown Housing Project

By David Jen

PLEASANTON – The city has received an application for a five-story housing project that would soar some 33 feet above the maximum downtown building height, and, because of state laws, the city has little opportunity to deny it.

Submitted by Encino-based AMG & Associates, LLC, the application proposes a 46-unit residential project complete with 1,400 square feet of ground-floor retail commercial space, but with no on-site parking, at 4884 Harrison Street. The site is across from the library and sits among one and two-story houses.

“Due to the limitations on local control included in SB (Senate Bill) 35, the city has no discretion in reviewing this project,” read a letter to residents from senior planner Eric Luchini. “Furthermore, per the specific language of SB 35, no public

hearings or review by the planning commission or city council are allowed.”

SB 35, signed into law in 2017, was designed to alleviate the California housing crisis by implementing ministerial approvals — a process that refers to a project just having to check off a list of requirements in order to avoid public hearings and subjective reviews by the city. Examples include: locating a multifamily housing development (at least two residential units) in an urbanized area; ensuring 75% of the perimeter of the site is developed; making sure it is zoned or designated by the general plan for residential or mixed-use housing; including affordable housing and consistent with local government’s objective zoning and design review standards.

The bill authorizes “a development proponent to submit an application for a multifamily housing de-

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Lawrence Livermore Lab Marks 70 Years

By Mike Ross

LIVERMORE – The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory marked its 70th anniversary last week with an event sponsored by the Livermore Lab Foundation and held at Garré Vineyard & Winery. The event featured all eight former living directors, two of whom attended remotely via video conference. All shared their memories, insights and hopes for the lab’s next 70 years.

More than 200 people attended the event, including Livermore Mayor, Bob Woerner, Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown, Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert and the Department of Energy’s Under Secretary for National Security, Geraldine Richmond. The celebration was sponsored by UNCLE Credit Union, which is celebrating its own anniversary this year. It was formed 65 years ago when four lab physicists pooled their assets.

The theme for the event was “70 Years of Making the Impossible, Possible,” a variation of the lab’s widely used motivational slogan.

One of the event’s most inspirational speakers was John S. (Johnny) Foster, Jr., the lab’s fourth director

(1961-65), who will celebrate his 100th birthday on Sunday (Sept. 18).

Foster said the lab’s founder, Nobel Laureate E.O. Lawrence, was a close friend of his father, who was a noted physicist in his own right.

Lawrence “helped shape me through my PhD and invited me to join the new lab in Livermore,” Foster said. Further, he imbued the Livermore Radiation Lab, as it was known in those early days, with his “Lawrence Way” culture of vision, persuasion and leadership.

Foster’s successor, Michael M. May, was another early arrival, joining the lab a week after its Sept. 2, 1952, opening.

“The directors had a combination of commitment and confidence, which spawned a team spirit,” he said.

Innovation thrived in the early days, in part due to the lack of bureaucratic obstacles, May added. He warned that aging institutions often accrete unproductive bureaucracy and procedures that stifle progress.

Despite outside temperatures broiling above 115F, two speakers noted, in the air-conditioned comfort of the event center on Tesla Road, that our recent re-

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Backed by the Livermore Amador Symphony, Ben Folds entertains guests during the Brilliance at The Bankhead gala event on Saturday, Sept. 10. Funds raised during the annual celebration will go toward the operation of the theater, community outreach, art projects, scholarships to attend classes in art, music, dance and acting. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

PET OF THE WEEK



HARRIS

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Flags line Tom Burnett Drive in Pleasanton on Sunday, Sept. 11 in remembrance of the Pleasanton-based Thoratec Corporation's vice president and COO who died on 9-11. Burnett, a San Ramon resident, was a passenger aboard United Airlines Flight 93 that was hijacked during the Sept. 11 attacks. The plane crashed into a field near Shanksville Pennsylvania. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Dublin High Welcomes New Assistant Principals

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Dublin High School welcomed three new assistant principals to its campus this year.



Kevin Cushing



Lisa Diaconis



Andrew Waranoff

Kevin Cushing, Lisa Diaconis and Andrew Waranoff all come to Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) with a unique set of skills and experience, but all are committed to supporting student success on campus. Two of the school's previous assistant principals left for new positions, and a third will leave in November to serve as the new Emerald High School's first assistant principal. With those vacancies filled, the new school year is underway with a full roster of administration positions.

Dublin High Principal Maureen Byrne said it was difficult to lose her old team, but she is eager to begin work with her new assistant principals, adding that she feels like she won the lottery with her new staff. "It's so exciting to see what the change is bringing and all three are very talented and making great connections with the kids and staff," Byrne said. "All three are very different with different curricular strengths, and they also come with different levels of experience, so it's fun to have people who have been more

recently in the classroom and people who come with a breadth of experience."

Kevin Cushing: Before coming to Dublin this summer, Cushing served as principal at Carondelet High School, an all-girls private school in Concord, for seven years. Before that, he worked at Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland for 27 years as both an English teacher and administrator. He said he was aware of DUSD's reputation for "phenomenal" education and was looking for a chance to make a change. "When the opening came up, I did want to step away from the principal role and regroup, just take a breather," Cushing said. "I knew Dublin by reputation, the students are great, the administrators are great, and the opportunity felt like it was going to be a good fit and it certainly has been so far."

Cushing said he is a firm believer in every student's ability to learn, grow and develop and it is the school's responsibility to create an environment where that process can take place. He is committed to supporting all students, from the advanced to the struggling.

Cushing lives in Martinez with his wife and their two children. He has family in Dublin and is familiar with the area, but said he looks forward to becoming more intimately acquainted with all the city has to offer.

Andrew Waranoff: Math and athletics have been the focus of Waranoff's career up till now. He has worked in both high school and middle school positions, served as an athletic director and worked as a teacher on special assignment. He said new opportunities are what attracted him to Dublin. "This is my first job as a certificated administrator," he said. "When I saw the posting, I knew it was a place I wanted to be. Dublin is a fast-growing community and the high school is well-supported and it seemed like a great place

to learn the job of being an administrator at a comprehensive high school." As he gets his feet wet in his new position, Waranoff said his plan for this year is to learn the ins and outs of how Dublin High operates. He hopes to find the areas he can use his expertise and willingness to work to prop up and elevate the processes and students in place. Waranoff lives in Oakland with his wife and their two young children. He said he is enjoying learning more about the Dublin community and finding great places to eat, hike and visit.

Lisa Diaconis: After arriving on campus this summer, Diaconis immediately began building the staff and student relationships she said are core to her leadership style. Originally an English teacher, Diaconis has worked at comprehensive high school sites as a teacher and administrator and served as a teacher at a continuation high school in Fremont's school district. She has also worked in a literary intervention summer program. She said the district's growth and reputation attracted her to Dublin. "It was the strong reputation for excellent programs and providing opportunities for all students, and the focus on equity that attracted me," Diaconis said. "Dublin has opportunities for all students and that spoke to me. Having taught continuation school, I never want to lose that feeling of the need for equity, making sure every student is supported."

Diaconis said all her decisions as an administrator will be student-centered, and she will put in the time to build trust and respect between herself and her students. Treating all students and staff with unconditional love and respect is important to her and she hopes her open door policy will invite others in. Diaconis lives in Walnut Creek and said she looks forward to exploring the Dublin community.

Pleasanton-Based Nonprofit Awarded \$40,000 in PayPal Community Grants

By Dawnmarie Fehr

For the second year in a row, Pleasanton-based nonprofit FreeMeals, has received a \$20,000 grant from the PayPal Community Impact Grant Program. FreeMeals partners with local restaurants to connect those in need with a free hot meal, once a week, for four weeks. The organization uses 100% of its grant funds to feed children in the Pleasanton and Livermore school districts, as well as local families. "We love PayPal and are so grateful," said FreeMeals Founder Reena Jadhav. "Someone in the community heard about the work we do – I don't know this person – and nominated us last year ... this year, she nominated us again, and we won again."

Jadhav said this year's grant will feed 500 families of four once a week for a month. Though the organization initially sought \$25 to cover one meal, the cost over the last two years has increased to \$40. FreeMeals was born during the pandemic to meet a sudden and growing need in the local community. While at home with her family during the early weeks of the shelter-in-place restrictions, Jadhav knew local businesses, especially restaurants, were struggling, along with the families these businesses supported. She enlisted the assistance of her teenage daughter to spread the word on social media, asking the community to sponsor meals for those in need and help her ensure no one in the Tri-Valley slept hungry. Since then, the organization has grown to 65 volunteers who help find and screen applicants, place orders for meals at local restaurants, and deliver meals to families.

"We started with just our network of knowing where the need was," Jadhav said. "Then we started with the trailer park where the first request had come in. So, it started with 'we will feed you once a week and reevaluate after four weeks and if you need more than once a week, we can get two to three days' worth of food.'" The organization also ensures all meals donated through the group meet strict health requirements. Jadhav says they strive to meet the dietary restrictions of all families and include fresh, healthy food. In 2021, FreeMeals raised \$70,000 dollars and delivered 50,000 meals. The grants from PayPal help ensure Jadhav and her team have a major impact on the Tri-Valley's food insecure population. "Supporting social impact work in our communities is core to PayPal's mission to improve financial health and expand economic opportunity," said Franz Paasche, PayPal's Chief Corporate Affairs Officer. "FreeMeals is doing critical



FreeMeals Founder Reena Jadhav, left, is seen here at last year's FreeMeals fundraising event with Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown. (Photo courtesy of Reena Jadhav)

work in our community, providing families and seniors in need with nutritious meals. We are pleased that a PayPal Community Impact Grant and the support of our employee volunteers will help Free Meals provide more assistance to Pleasanton families."

Jadhav is currently looking for locations to place community refrigerators where those in need can help themselves to fresh fruit and vegetables, and stores can donate unsold items. "I feel this is something we need to fund as a society, that in Pleasanton, no one sleeps hungry, in Livermore, no one sleeps hungry," she said. "I have this dream that there is this fridge in every

school and any child can go to this fridge and eat fruit ... I will fund the fridge and keep it stocked; I just need a place to put it." For more information on FreeMeals or to help, visit www.freemeals.org or email reena@freemeals.org.

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Firehouse Arts Center Welcomes ‘Billy Sunday’

The Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton will host famed evangelist Billy Sunday, portrayed by historical reenactor Doug Misher, for afternoon and evening performances on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

The Chautauqua-style presentations are sponsored by the Museum of Main as part of its Ed Kinney Speaker Series.

Sunday was a professional baseball player in the late 19th century who became one of the most influential evangelists in the United States. His fiery sermons were widely credited in helping pass the 18th Amendment banning the sale of alcohol in 1919.

Chautauqua presentations are named for a community education and social

movement that began in Chautauqua, New York, and spread across rural America. Speakers stay in character during their presentations, except when answering a question that their historical character wouldn’t have been able to address.

“Chautauqua performances are a unique way for people, young and old alike, to engage with history and historical personalities,” said Museum on Main’s Director Jim DeMersman. “Actors bring historical characters out of the book or Wikipedia page and onto the stage.”

Mishler is an actor, author, and an experienced Chautauqua speaker who has a doctorate in American cultural history from the University of Nevada. He

will portray Billy Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

General admission tickets are \$25, with discounts for seniors, students, and museum members. Tickets are available at museumonmain.org, by calling 925-462-2766, or at the museum during normal business hours. The museum also offers an online viewing a week after the in-person presentations. Tickets for the virtual presentation are \$20, with discounts for seniors, students, and museum members.

The final presentation in this year’s Ed Kinney Series at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., will be “An afternoon or Evening with Albert Einstein” at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4.

Dublin Urges Residents to be Emergency-Ready

September is National Preparedness Month and Dublin is urging residents to take time to prepare themselves and their families for a potential disaster.

On its website, the city noted residents of Schaefer Ranch, a new community on the west side, recently experienced a scare when a wildfire broke out on a hillside. The Alameda County Fire Department and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) were able to put out the fire before it reached any homes in the development. As a precaution, Dublin Police evacuated portions of the community.

This potential for disaster served as a wake-up call for many residents, who realized they were not prepared for emergency situations, according to city staff.

“The goal of National Preparedness Month ... is survival of the event and a return to stability in a timely manner in the aftermath,” according to the city.

Staff are urging residents to sign up for emergency notifications through AC Alert, the targeted neighborhood telephone alert system operated by Alameda County. Landline telephone information is built into the alert system, but cellular numbers and emails addresses must be registered by their owners. Dublin Police Services and the Alameda County Fire Department also subscribe to Nixle, a private, cloud-based notification service.

Residents can sign up

to receive free cell-phone alerts through Nixle about road closures, health and safety issues, and emergencies by texting “Dublin” or the city’s zip code, 94568, to 888777. They can also sign up to receive Nixle alerts by voicemail or email. Dublin is also urging residents to know their emergency evacuation zone.

Alameda County works with ZoneHaven, another private, cloud-based program that syncs with AC Alert to provide evacuation status and real-time information on weather, traffic, and fire emergencies.

Residents can identify their evacuation zone by typing their home address at zonehaven.com.

Lastly, the city is urging residents to have an emergency preparedness ‘go kit’ that contains enough food, water, and medical supplies for at least three to five days in case of an earthquake or other natural disaster. They should also have an emergency communications plan in case family members become separated, according to the city.



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Dublin Considers Code Changes to Reduce Carbon Emissions

By David Jen

A potential municipal code change may soon require developers to construct new buildings as electric-only — without natural gas infrastructure — to help the city reduce its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

That, and other climate-action code changes were discussed at the Sept. 6 Dublin City Council meeting, including a measure to require electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at new commercial and multifamily dwellings, along with a measure that would reduce the amount of GHG emissions associated with building materials.

The council, in a meeting threatened by heatwave-induced rolling blackouts, remained mindful of the already-strained power grid in their attempt to lower the city’s GHGs through further electrical demands.

“If we look at where and how we’re getting our power right now, we’ve got a serious gap between what we can generate and what we have to go out on the market and get,” said Councilmember Michael McCorriston.

But Ryan Gardner, Rincon Consultants climate-action program manager, one of the presenters at the meeting, explained that although it seems counterintuitive to add demand to the grid, electric technologies such as heat pumps and induction stoves surpass their gas counterparts in efficiency.

Additionally, Shannan Young, Dublin Environmental & Sustainability Manager, also in attendance, stressed that the city’s emissions goals depend on a shift away from natural gas.

Natural gas rates, continued Gardner, will increase faster than electric as gas usage declines and utilities attempt to recover fixed infrastructure costs.

On top of grid strain, however, the city’s affordable housing goals also presented reasons to take pause with all-electric adoption.

All-electric construction, in most cases, saves developers money by removing the need to run gas lines, requiring fewer appliances, and sidestepping certain inspections and utility signoffs.

“These cost savings are estimated to range from approximately \$3,000 to \$8,000 in (Dublin),” read the staff report. “All electric homes typically experience lifecycle savings of \$130 to \$540 per year.”

Very large housing proj-

ects, however, currently lack practical electric alternatives to certain gas-powered features, such as centralized boiler systems, said Dublin Chief Building Official Gregory Shreeve. An all-electric code, therefore, could render an affordable housing project financially infeasible.

Mayor Melissa Hernandez also raised concerns about the city’s ability to attract new restaurants, should gas stoves become unavailable.

With that in mind, Shreeve said the new building code could include exceptions for commercial kitchens and, at the city’s discretion, large housing projects.

But Young emphasized the responsiveness and power of electric-induction stoves available today.

“If we’re talking about electric, I just want people to know that there are options besides the old-school electric coil burners,” she said.

The proposed EV code, Measure SM-1, would re-

quire all new commercial and multifamily housing projects to make 25% of parking spaces “EV-ready” and install Level 2 EV chargers in 3% of stalls.

Measure MM-2, centered around building-material emissions, proposed low-carbon concrete that the city would pilot in future capital improvement projects, such as the Wallis Ranch Community Park, the Iron Horse Nature Park and Open Space, and the Dublin Boulevard Extension.

The proposals belong to a list of 22 measures outlined in the city’s latest climate action plan, adopted in 2020, that aims to reduce the city’s GHG emissions 40% below 1990 levels by 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2045.

Dublin set East Bay Community Energy’s Renewable 100 plan as its default plan for residential customers in January 2021 and for non-residential customers this April. The plan procures, through renewable

energy credits, carbon-free wind and solar energy for its customers.

City staff will continue to move the measures forward with public outreach and bring the codes back to city council for consideration later this year.



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(4) Regular Terms ending 1/1/27
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Next meeting: September 27th

Human Services Commission (2 Vacancies)
Join us in discussing community social needs, assisting local agencies in procuring grant funds, and more.
(2) Unexpired Terms ending 11/1/23
Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM
Next meeting: October 11th

Livermore Housing Authority (4 Vacancies)
Join us in administering and overseeing low-income housing units and the Section Eight Voucher Program for subsidized housing.
(4) Regular terms ending 1/1/2027
Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM
Next meeting: October 12th

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EDITORIAL Incumbent Dennis Waespi is the Best Choice for EBRPD’s Future

Voters in Ward 3 of the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), which encompasses areas of Dublin and Pleasanton, have three choices in November’s General Election -- newcomers Gina M. Lewis and Daphne Lin, or incumbent Dennis Waespi.

The Independent supports Waespi.

As an employee in the district from 1974-2012, where he served in a variety of roles, including as a firefighter, Waespi was elected to the EBRPD board in 2014, where he has remained ever since.

A champion of the district and an outdoor enthusiast, Waespi has brought experience and commitment to the role; working to

grow the district, while carefully eyeing the effects of climate change in the area and balancing recreation with the need for land preservation. He is proud of the fact that the parks remained open during the pandemic, creating a safe, healthy outlet for residents, while increasing attendance by 30%.

As one of the seven-members on a board that manages a \$290 million budget, experience, vision and foresight are key attributes that a trustee needs to ensure the district’s continued and ongoing success.

Retiring EBRPD Director Ayn Wieskamp cited Waespi’s innate knowledge of

the area and ability to see both sides of an issue, as just a few of the testaments to his unique qualifications, and one of the many reasons he should remain on the board.

“Dennis is one of the nicest people in the world and he knows the park district in and out, because he worked there for years,” said Wieskamp. “He is very serious about the job, but he always has an empathy for the staff and pays attention to the public ... I just can’t imagine anyone doing a better job than he does.”

We agree and encourage voters to cast their ballots in favor of Dennis Waespi on Nov. 6.

MAILBOX

Please be advised that, **effective Sept. 24**, our **deadline** for letters to the editor will change from Tuesdays at 10 a.m. to **Mondays at 10 a.m.** If you wish to submit a letter pertaining to a special event or meeting taking place on a Monday before any given Thursday print edition — and you would like your letter to run that week — please contact the editor (editor@independentnews.com) as soon as possible on Monday to discuss the content and publication options. Otherwise, all letters submitted after 10 a.m. on Monday must hold until the following week.

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Vote for Ruby Moppin

Yvonne Thompson, Livermore

Ruby Moppin has spent several years building meaningful relationships in our community. In her several years organizing and supporting Granada Little League, she has helped bring us together with her sense of purpose in connecting others. Her impact on our children helps strengthen us and pull people in while demonstrating compassion in tough circumstances.

Effective communities embrace and adapt diversity and work through multiple challenges with several points of view. Ruby is constantly focused on progress and working with our children making them feel valued and heard.

Together we should vote for Ruby Moppin for LARPD Board Of Directors.

A Beautiful Downtown

Thomas Soules, Livermore

Last weekend, we happened to be parked on Livermore Avenue after folks had gone home. While walking to our car, I looked west out across Stockmen’s Park. Since it was late, the area was not filled with parked cars and I could easily see all the way to L Street and the Legacy apartments on the other side of L. I thought, what a beautiful place this would be with perhaps the few planned city buildings on either side - an outstanding peaceful center of town. It was beautiful and peaceful even last night as an empty parking lot and, in fact, it kind of took my breath away. I could not or did not want to picture in my mind what it would be like with huge four-story apartment buildings blocking my view.

Why wouldn’t Eden Housing want to build their affordable housing in one of the other locations that have been suggested on this forum, where they could put more housing and let the folks in Livermore have their enviable town center?

The CalCities Conference

Trish Munro, Livermore

Every year elected officials and city staff from California cities gather to discuss topics of mutual interest. This year, 479 cities represented by over 4000 people attended the Cal-Cities Conference in Long Beach.

The sessions offered included: Climate Action Plans in Practice, Applying for Federal Infrastructure Funding, Promoting Civic Debate, Creating Youth-Friendly Cities, Ending Poverty (that is an optimistic title!), Creative Solutions to Reducing Homelessness, Supporting Local Small Businesses to Raise Community Capital, Dealing with Deferred Maintenance, and Supporting Housing in Your Community. Do the topics sound familiar? The conference is a good reminder that though every city thinks it is unique, the problems we face are remarkably similar. Yet the conference also shows how creative and varied different cities can be in approaching these common problems.

One of the most interesting sessions was titled Community Capitals Policing: Rethinking Public Safety by Creating Healthy Communities. Community Capitals Policing is a program under the Alameda County Sheriff’s Department which acts as a catalyst to take under-served neighborhoods and transform them into thriving, welcoming communities.

How? The program, in partnership with residents, businesses, and non-profits, funds projects that develop seven different types of societal capital: human (individual), political, economic, physical infrastructure, social networks, natural resources, and cultural assets.

Those projects range from ALL IN Eats, which uses the model of the circular food economy to engage people and organizations, to The Dig Deep Farms Food Hub, which is a commercial kitchen, food aggregation and distribution center, to sports programs and community celebrations.

Livermore has a range of similar local programs; this session offered comparisons to those existing programs, along with ways to think about further developing them. In other years, Livermore has shared its successes and innovative programs with CalCities. Sharing our various experiences with others allows us all to learn and improve, for the benefit of our communities. Beyond the shared information, it was inspiring and encouraging to gather with so many people working toward a better California future. Here’s to success for all of us!

Livermore Campaign Signs

Thomas Jefferson, Livermore

John Stein’s letter to the Mailbox on 9/8/22 shows he is getting closer to understanding when Livermore campaign signs can go up. But he is not quite there yet. His 8/25/22 letter said campaign signs can go up for a maximum of 35 days. His 9/8/22 letter said that campaign signs can go up starting 60 days before the election. That would be 9/8/22.

The actual rule from Livermore’s Reference Guide to Political Campaign Signs is “Campaign signs may be placed sixty (60) days prior to election day or prior to the opening of early voting for an election”.

For the upcoming election, a 24-hour ballot box is available beginning October 11, 2022, located outside Livermore City Hall. So, 60 days before October 11 would be August 12 when campaign signs could go up.

Obviously, Mony Nop and his campaign were astute enough to understand the campaign sign rules. That is one more reason that I will be voting for Mony Nop for mayor, and I hope you do, too.

Utility System is Terrifying!

Hugh Sprunt, Dublin

On Sept. 8, at about 5:41 a.m., our home in east Dublin experienced its 6th or 7th power outage since March 2022 (and the second outage in two days!). This time the power was out for 117 minutes. Many of our recent outages have been for about two hours, though they have ranged from a few minutes to several hours. Typically, about 5000 other people in our area lost power per PG&E during these outages.

Per our conversations

with PGE, these outages have been triggered by sensors that detect when an above-ground power line in our area has been touched, automatically shutting off the power (even though the electric lines in our subdivision and those nearby are all buried).

Strangely, the PG&E automatic message for today’s blackout claimed it was due to “weather” even though the wind was well under one mile per hour when we lost power and the outside temperature was about 66 degrees F. FWIW, clearly electric loads were relatively low when our power was lost this morning just before 6 AM.

It appears to me that the PG&E sensor system must be triggered repeatedly without a valid cause. I would dearly like to hear an official factual explanation that makes sense!

Given our outage experiences in the last 6-7 months, it looks as if we are headed toward a third world electric utility system. If I am correct, this is terrifying!

NO on 26 and 27 BOTH!

Theodore Schaefer, Livermore

We are being subjected to a huge and hugely expensive tv campaign to vote on one or another of these online gambling proposals. What’s wrong??

If Californians want to approve online gambling it should be via normal state legislation passed by our elected officials in the House and Senate with approval by the governor. But these two online casinos want you to focus on their minor contributions to small Indian tribes or homeless while they hugely profit from extremely tempting gambling that will enrich themselves in New York while impoverishing the most gullible Californians who will mostly end up in more debts they often can pay off. NO more addictions. NO ON 26 and 27!!

Need a Change of Leadership

Mary Anne Rozsa, Livermore

I have lived in Livermore since the 1960’s and have seen many council members and mayors come and go over the years. The current council and mayor are the least responsive to the wishes of their constituents than any I have experienced in the past. It is definitely time for a changing of the guard, so I am supporting Mony Nop for mayor, and Carol Wahrer and Ben Barrientos for City Council. They will make a good team that will diligently work to secure the downtown core for a generous sized park, not another set of multi-story apartments buildings that create a canyon down L Street with the Legacy development. The citizens of Livermore have basically been pleading with our city leadership to change directions to no avail. It is time to say good-bye and install new leaders who have a real vision for the future of our Downtown and maintain our small-town heritage. November voting will

decide our future for staying stagnant or realizing a Better Livermore!

Who is Listening?

Terry Givens, Livermore

Move Eden Housing keeps stating that our present city council is not listening to the citizens of Livermore. Even after a recent court ruling denied the temporary restraining order. Last week’s Independent Move Eden Housing states they have filed an appeal on behalf of 8,000 Livermore voters!

The present city council is listening to the 45,000 Livermore voters who did NOT sign the petition. The question is why isn’t listening to the majority? Why is Move Eden Housing not doing what they demand the City of Livermore to do?

The majority of Livermore has spoken, the courts have spoken, and Move Eden Housing continues to misspeak and mislead.

Even the Flies Find Pleasanton Charming

Peter Miller, Pleasanton

Yes...! Even flies find that charming ambience Pleasanton residents are experiencing these days visiting downtown. The insect world has been notified. Ever since our heritage blue gum eucalyptus tree was abruptly cut down with little notice, the smell/birds singing, has brought a void to the downtown area being occupied by our fly-by friends. Oh...! You didn’t know Pleasanton? A eucalyptus tree, one the size of the recent cut down within the Lions Wayside Park has probably provided protection against these pests for well over 140 years downtown. Eucalyptus oil scent was something we used duck hunting against flies/other bugs.

So, before you/residents, the city start blaming horses at the fairgrounds, which have been here 5 score and decades ago, please understand where charm comes from...and its qualities (repellent) it protected us from for so long...along with its beauty and landmark... used by migrating birds.

Being an ordinary citizen here in Pleasanton for 57 years, next time you want peace of mind, sit near a eucalyptus tree, especially after the first rain in the fall...charming.

The Joys and Inspirations of an Open Downtown Central Park

Greg Scott, Livermore

Livermore is “punching above its weight,” stated performer Ben Folds in regard to this community’s support for the arts at last Saturday’s gala at the Bankhead Theater. It is true in other areas as well, like science, technology, horticulture, capital, labor and social empathy. A community is made up of minds, bodies, hearts, enigmatically defined spirits, love, history... and attracting the best of these. To accomplish this requires healthy visions and inspirations. Livermore has a unique opportunity for cultivating wonder through an open

downtown park that reflects as much as possible the great sacred model we have - Nature. Though it may be intangible in the near-term, fostering creativity and positive dreams is of the utmost importance in addressing our future. “Maybe it’s a new world waiting to be born.” (Local songwriter John Thayer, “I Don’t Know Why I’m Having These Dreams”).

One argument is that Carnegie Park is already such a place. It is not. Carnegie Park doesn’t have the historical center significance of the area south of Railroad Avenue and east of “L” Street where the railroad and cattle created the current Livermore culture. Carnegie Park with its library was a public relations agenda by Andrew Carnegie, featuring 1,688 similar projects across America, to make amends for the disaster of the Johnstown Flood in Johnstown, Pennsylvania on May 31, 1889. It occurred as a result of an unusually heavy rainstorm after a dam had been lowered at an elite sporting retreat where Andrew Carnegie was a member. Johnstown was largely destroyed, and 2,209 individuals died. In essence, Carnegie Park is not a characteristic central downtown park: it is a cookie-cutter memorial.

Is the inspiration and wonder of our community to be captured by the monstrous blob of Eden Housing’s downtown “affordable housing” project? Or perhaps, it is to continue the “legacy” of the totem pole at Centennial Park? (See “Sewer Curse One of Stories in Finalist for Book of the Year.” The Independent, 3/26/2015.)

The intransigence of not moving the downtown Eden Housing Project is maintained through power, ego and greed. Expedience is not an adequate or viable solitary community justification. Giving ephemeral financing as a reason when the project will affect Livermore for generations is ludicrous. Putting “affordable housing” as a spotlighted showcase of this dynamic community does not make much sense either when awe can be.

Barrientos for City Council

A. S. Lopez, Livermore

Ben Barrientos is currently a candidate running for Livermore City Council District 2. I remember when he was the Assistant Principal at Calvin Simmons Middle School in Oakland. Mr. B, as the students called him, was fair and friendly, and well respected by both teachers and students. Whenever trouble arrived at his office, he would listen to both sides and work out a plan to avoid a repeat problem. Mr. B always tried not to send any student home, where no learning would happen. He was a real inspiration to the students.

In the time that I have known Ben Barrientos, I have also witnessed him as a teacher, high school coach, and president of the

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Livermore Lions Club. He thrives in leadership roles and encourages the ideas of others. He is a willing listener, who is always interested in the concerns of others. He is canvassing Springtown and northeast Livermore to introduce himself to his neighbors and discuss any issues and concerns they might have. I encourage the residents in District 2 to vote for Ben Barrientos for City Council.

Forwarding this letter from Kasimir Cobarrubias of San Jose, a longtime friend of Ben Barrientos.

Honest Representation or Developer's Buddy?
Richard Andrews, Livermore

It is entertaining to see how the proponents of "The Man who would be King (Mayor) again" disparage the Move Eden Housing referendum, ignoring the need for a referendum. If you don't like the referendum, why don't you ask why it is happening? A non-responsive and apparently Developer-loving Council that is ignoring the people is why. In the latest hoot, a letter writer made a big to-do about signature

gatherers, which was nonsense. The people have spoken, but the City has ignored that an adequate number of signatures was actually gathered. The City has refused to accept them for no good reason, and their supporters just follow along. In their letters, they also ignore that three-quarters of the people said in a survey over a year ago that they did NOT want this travesty to be foisted upon us by the ex-mayor's crowd. Did these writers not see that other sites have been proffered, but totally ignored by the Clown Circus at City Hall? Is a visit to the optician to test for Partisan Myopia in order? Then, there was the water ruse put forth. Really? A total farce. As if a park with drought resistant native plants is a foreign idea, and that the Council originally included a large park in its ever-worsening plan. Also, a hotel would use even more water. I thought farce was supposedly of the late 19th century, but apparently not. Mony Nop may not be as experienced in city government as his opponent, but

his ideas, methods, ability to form and manage a successful organization are well proven. (He managed the successful campaign for the ex-Mayor (Marchand).) And if what we see from the developers' favorite candidate is an example, I'll take a less experienced, honest man like Mony every time.

Transparency? Nop(e)! Maurice Duenas, Livermore

Mony Nop was a Livermore Policeman for 17 years.... and then he quit. It is virtually unheard of any public employee quitting with only a few years left until they can collect a cushy publicly funded retirement. Mony had three years left of work to collect a lifetime of healthcare and a full retirement salary. Why did he quit? An open request to Mony: release your full and complete personnel file so we can all see your entire record as a police officer and the reason(s) for your quitting so abruptly. Don't we deserve full accountability and transparency from anyone seeking a public office?

Missing Documents? Special Master? Hmm...Curious
Ramona Krausnick, Dublin

Where are and what was in Trump's missing documents from Mar-a-Lago? Curious – does anyone remember the multiple meetings Trump as Oval Office occupier had with his BFF Putin 2018-2019 where no-one was allowed into the meetings except the translator? Does anyone remember that after a meeting in Germany in 2017 Trump took the notes from the translator (July 2017, Washington Post)? Gee – could Putin or his other BFF from China or N. Korea have those missing documents? I'm not saying that they have them, but I wouldn't be surprised at anything Donald might do. A Florida Federal judge appointed by Trump, who is also a member of the Federalist Society by the way, granted his request for a Special Master to review the documents taken from Mar-a-Lago – now she wants a list of candidates from both his lawyers and the DOJ. Gee, whom do you think she'll select?

Again, I wouldn't be surprised... Has anyone in the DOJ thought of any of this? Just askin'...

Vote for Alexandris Izarraraz
Fabian Moreno, Livermore

I personally witnessed Alex and her children speak at board meetings. The passion she brings along with teaching her children that having a voice in a world that is trying to silence some is very important. I would feel more confident sending my kids to school having someone on the school board like her, that will listen to parents and teachers. My family will vote for---Alexandria Izarraraz--ALEX4LVJUSD.COM

In Support of Carol Wahrer
Loretta Kaskey, Livermore

I'm writing to support Carol Wahrer for City Council for District 1 (Basically, Northwest Livermore - check the map on her website - Carol Wahrer.com). Carol is sincere about advocating for this important Livermore District. She has lived in District 1 for over

25 years. As home to Las Positas College, the Airport, the Isabel Plan Neighborhood area, Vineyard 2.0, and our whole downtown, it is important to have someone who will listen to what all the neighbors are saying. Not everyone will get all the things they want, but plenty have voiced their opposition to high-rise canyons and insufficient parking downtown. Let's make sure that all sides get listened to in addressing all the issues of Livermore. Please vote for Carol Wahrer for District 1 Council Member.

Ann White for Livermore School Board
William Zagotta, Livermore

I recommend a vote for Ann White for the Livermore School Board. I have known and voted for Ann for the many years she has served, been elected and re-elected to the Livermore School Board. With a new School Superintendent her experience will be needed and called upon to keep the district running smoothly and well. I have had many occasions to discuss school is-

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Broken Promises

How the City Council broke its promises with the bait and switch Eden Housing plan

The Bait



Four modest-size residential apartment clusters

Housing for teachers, police officers and firefighters

Adequate parking

Little or no impacts on traffic

Public park for everyone to enjoy

A beautiful redevelopment of our downtown

The Switch



Two massive, 4-story buildings up to a block long

Caps income so first-responders and teachers can no longer qualify

97 fewer parking spaces than specified in the Downtown Specific Plan

Congestion caused by drivers circling the downtown looking for parking

Only a 0.7 acre park surrounded by apartments, looking like open space just for Eden

Combined with the 4-story Legacy buildings, a huge, urban canyon instead of a charming town center

Livermore's City Council has broken its promises. To save our downtown, it's time for a new City Council that will finally listen to Livermore.



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sues with her after church and always found her well informed and thoughtful. She not only informed me of where she stood on the issues but explained the history of previous actions and showed a willingness to study and learn about current and upcoming issues. On these she is willing to LISTEN to others and can always explain her thinking.

I believe Ann is a thinking and experienced Board member with a lot of energy. I am going to vote for her again.

Time for a Change
Glenn Stewart, Livermore

In April 2022, our City Council completed the redistricting process by adopting an ordinance that established a new City Council district map.

Livermore's Districts 1 and 2 will be up for election this November to serve 4-year terms.

District 1 encompasses NW Livermore... West of Portola Ave and North of Downtown, 4th Street, Murietta Blvd, Stanley Blvd out to Las Positas College.

District 2 is NE Livermore ... East of Portola Ave and North of First St, Patterson Pass Road and Springtown.

The terms for Mayor Bob Woerner, City Council members Gina Bonanno and Trish Munro expire 2022.

Out with the old guard, and in with the new: Ben Barrientos – district 2, Evan Branning – district 1, Mony Nop - mayor.

Livermore needs to elect city council members who are who are forward thinking, committed to addressing the challenges of downtown parking, traffic congestion, housing, promoting business growth, keeping open space, and taking on the challenges of climate change.

Ben, Branning, and Mony are the only candidates who have been giving back and involved with our community for years as educators, Lion's Club, policeman, administrators, creating non-profits, housing, human services commission, Tri-Valley transit, LARPD, planning commission.

Vote for candidates who can listen respectively, weigh differing opinions, build consensus, and who

are willing to devote time to the community, and advocate for changes to make Livermore great. Take time to check out the candidates before your vote: Ben at benbarrientos.com - Evan at evanbanning.com - Mony at monyformayor.com

These three people have donated their time, money, experiences, skills and talents to a town they call home.

These three candidates want to make a difference in the community. Do you?

Show Me The Mony
John Lawrence, Livermore

I see his campaign signs and endorsements by that elitist special interest group in the Independent but show me why Mony Nop is the best choice for mayor of Livermore. Just being a really nice guy with an interesting backstory doesn't qualify anyone to serve as mayor or earn my vote. Show me the Mony.

Has Mony served as a council member for Livermore ... or for any city? Has he served on a commission or advisory board for Livermore ... or for any city? Other than running for mayor once before, what has he done to get exposure and experience in leading a city government? Show me the Mony.

And what are his specific proposals to address community issues? There's just one so far. It's bowing to that troublesome name changing special interest group and their ongoing efforts to undermine our downtown development. That's why we see their letters in The Independent supporting him ... because he might help their attempts to hijack our voter approved development efforts.

So ... show me the experience and skills that Mony has to lead Livermore's City Council. Are there any?

Preserving Livermore's Character
Maryann Brent, Livermore

The Eden Housing project is a worthy one, but it is mislocated. Inadequate parking is a serious problem for the Eden Housing project because it will increase congestion downtown. Parking was the #1 concern for participants in the City's outreach exercise

of 2016.

However, Livermore's character, the #2 concern of the outreach, is a deeper problem, in my opinion. Livermore's character can be illustrated by four elements, and the City Council did well to approve three of them. Our history is represented by Stockmen's Park; the scientific research contributions of LLNL and Sandia are represented by Quest; and our strong support of the fine arts is represented by a Blackbox Theater.

The fourth element, a public park, is missing. Livermore voted time after time to uphold urban boundaries and preserve green space. Including a public park that extends Stockmen's Park to L Street would confirm that Livermore is and has been a champion of the environment and the natural world, and ultimately ourselves.

The City Council has not demonstrated any interest in relocating the Eden Housing project, although they indicated before the last election that they would try. Bait and switch. A new City Council must finish the work of presenting Livermore's character. It is who we are.

Elect Mony Nom, Ben Barrientos, and Carol Wahrer in November.

Ruby Moppin for LARPD Board
Gina Cossey, Livermore

Ruby Moppin for LARPD Board of Directors is an easy choice. I have known Ruby for over 6 years. During that time, she has shown herself to be energetic, smart and dedicated to the children, parents and community in Livermore. Ruby has a history of community work in our schools and children's sports that I have witnessed firsthand. She has been involved in Fundraising for Friends of Joe Michell, as well as very actively involved in Granada Little League on and off the field. She is levelheaded, community driven and a resource for all who interact with her. I have faith that, if Ruby is elected, she will go above and beyond in making LARPD a place where all individuals from all backgrounds feel welcomed, acknowledged and part of the great community that makes Livermore so special.

Mony Nop for Mayor
Joseph Hill, Livermore

I have known Mony for over 20 years, when he was part of the Livermore Police Department. As a fellow first responder, I have a profound respect for Mony serving his community. Mony went beyond the scope of duty by his efforts in running the DARE youth program for three years, and then later, attending area school events for career day. He told our youth the story of his rough upbringing as an immigrant from Cambodia and how he focused on the opportunities here in America that allowed him to serve and protect his community. After leaving the Police Department, Mony continued to serve in so many ways. He created the "Turkey Drop" at Thanksgiving, where he and other community members gather donations to make delicious Thanksgiving meals for families in need. Mony is a big supporter of our non-profit organizations in town by spearheading a community office to share resources and ideas for those budding nonprofits to grow and thrive. One of Mony's best qualities is his ability to listen and respect others. Mony's ability to listen and facilitate by drawing resources together will be a huge asset to his role as Mayor of Livermore. Mony has stated he knows affordable housing is a key area of concern to Livermore. What differentiates him from the current Mayor and Council is that he is willing to listen to everyone's concerns and do the deep research on what alternatives the City has available to them in order not only to move the current downtown affordable housing to another location that will be a better fit, but also to bring MORE affordable housing to Livermore, as it's sorely needed. He has committed himself to looking to grow our business base here in Livermore, as well as seek ways to attract big tech companies, so the commute traffic stops to work in Livermore versus driving through Livermore to get to Silicon Valley. This would bring good paying jobs to Livermore, as well as business income into our city. If you have ever spoken to Mony, you will be stuck by his positive and outgoing

nature. He is very friendly and full of energy to serve our city into the future. Join me in voting for Mony Nop for Mayor of Livermore this November.

Addressing Mr. Rebutter
Russ Greenlaw, Livermore

My letter of Sept. 1st on electric car myths and mandates was thinly rebutted on Sept. 8th by a person claiming I had facts wrong and omitted. I do not know that person so I'll not use his name - but it was he who had his "facts" both wrong and missing.

Mr. Rebutter claimed that our electric mix was 60% non-carbon but the California Independent System Operator's graphs for peak day on Sept 6th show about 976,000 mega-watt hours consumed and only 168,000 provided by "all renewables" to which one could add 48,000 nuclear making 22% non-carbon, not 60%, and natural gas was over 50% for the day (See Wall Street Journal, Sept 9, page A5, full day numbers numerically integrated from the graph by me).

Mr. Rebutter claims 90% efficiency for EVs but look at the numbers: 60% loss in making electricity from gas and at least another 10% in electrical transmission, distribution and battery charging (heat loss all and likely double that) leaves his efficiency at 30% before he gets into his EV. No better than a gasoline car; worse than a diesel.

Bjorn Lomborg says it best in an essay titled: "If Electric vehicles Are So Great, Why Mandate Them?" Wherein he writes: "If every country achieves its stated (EV targets) ... (there would be a calculated) reduction of 0.0002 degree Fahrenheit by the end of the century." (WSJ Sept 10, page A15.) Lomborg continues with data to the effect that an EV has a life time air pollution increase valued at \$ 1100 and will cost 9% more to operate than a fueled vehicle,

not including the pollution and societal costs of battery materials from a certain country.

Rebutter claims fueled vehicles pay no CO2 price but he ignores the carbon tax hidden inside fuel costs, plus highway taxes not paid by EVs and that \$7500 purchase subsidy not received by normal cars.

Lets get rid of the EV purchase subsidy, and have them pay highway taxes, and for the battery material pollution, and pay for the extra electric grid upgrades yet to be done - then their buyers might chose to buy another regular car - to apply Rebutter's own words.

The unelected bureaucrats' mandates for EVs are irrational, dictatorial and unsupported by actual facts, like Mr. Rebutter's arguments. If bureaucrats were as smart as they think they are, they could get real jobs.

Why Won't City Council Explore Eden Options?
Richard Schechter, Dublin

I lived in Livermore for 15 years, and now live in Dublin. As a frequent visitor to Livermore for theatre and dining, I have a strong interest in what happens to the area now designated for the Eden Housing project. The site could allow for a sizeable park stretching from N. Livermore to L Street, which would be the crown jewel of downtown Livermore.

I cannot understand why the City Council is unwilling to explore all avenues to make this happen. Instead, they vilify those who see the importance of building affordable housing at a more practical site and deny the voters a referendum. It will be a heart-breaking tragedy if Eden Housing goes up on this site, which will leave future generations bemoaning how we could have ever let this happen.

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LARPD

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incumbents Maryalice Summers Faltings, David Furst and Phillip Pierpont, each of whom have lengthy tenures with the board. Challenging them are employee benefits coordinator Corey Hahn, parent Ruby Moppin and human resources analyst Robert Sanchez. Hahn and Moppin said it’s time to bring fresh perspectives and ideas to the board.

Here are the candidates:

FALTINGS

Maryalice Summers Faltings, the current chair of the LARPD, said voters should reelect her to another term “because I’m very good at doing my job.” First elected to the LARPD board in 1994, she cited 40 years of experience serving on elected recreation and park district boards. Before her 28 years at LARPD, she served 12 years in the Sacramento area.

“I’m a past president of both the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts and the Alameda County Parks, Recreation and Historical Commission,” Faltings said. “I know a lot about financial and personnel issues, operations, programming and current best practices in the field of parks and recreation and am always eager to learn more to benefit the residents of LARPD.”

Among her accomplishments at LARPD, Faltings said she began the public tours program at Ravenswood Historic Site, brought the idea of establishing a nonprofit foundation for the district and was the director to support the creation of the skate park.

“I helped plan the construction of the Robert Livermore Community Center,” Faltings said. “I have worked over the years to improve the district’s relationships with the City of Livermore, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, East Bay Regional Park District, and the (Livermore Stockmen’s Rodeo Association.) I am working with staff right now to add a second community garden to our list of facilities.”

Faltings expressed the ambition to add new parks in the district and expand the trail system if the public is willing to finance it. Her “heart’s delight” would be to build a spray park somewhere on the north side of town.

She noted that the district’s first order of business is to recover from the financial impact of the pandemic, rebuild staffing levels, update the master plan and continue the process of keeping the district’s use of technology on the cutting edge. She cited public health and safety as key issues going forward, along with following regulations on water usage and fire suppression techniques.

A widow since her husband, Larry, also an LARPD director, died 20 years ago, Faltings has three grown children, a stepson who lives with his family in Livermore, and five grandchildren.

A senior citizen, Faltings said she’s not as active as she once was, but she finds herself more proud of the programs LARPD offers to seniors.

“I am a strong believer in a time-honored recreation slogan, ‘Everybody recreates in their own way,’” she said. “Some people love to hike; some to swim; others like to dance or take a craft or cooking class. Some people like to play tennis; some prefer pickleball. Within our financial ability, I like to offer the public as much diversity in programs and facilities as we can. Recently, I was accused of being old-fashioned and out of date. Well, I admit to being old, but I’m not old-fashioned, and I think my use-by date is good for another four years.”

FURST

David Furst, who served on the board from 2002-2010 and was reelected in 2014, is seeking another four-year term. A former university professor of sports psychology and sports sociology, and a former elite distance runner, he has lived in Livermore since 1994.

“With my experience on the LARPD Board, I now have the knowledge of park planning, trail creation and fiscal management to continue to serve the residents,” Furst said. “I have been an advocate for equestrians, cyclists and hikers. I have the creativity, knowledge, energy and focus to continue to effectively serve the Livermore area community.”

Among his accomplishments, Furst listed a number of issues he initiated and convinced other board members to support, including outreach to underserved communities, bringing children and their parents to Sycamore Grove Park for ranger-led tours, and translating brochures into Spanish.

“I convinced the district to hire a grant writer and upgrade the outdated Master Plan,” Furst said. “I worked to get the district to put trails into the ‘upper property’ at Sycamore Grove Park. With my encouragement, the Cat-tail Pond and Valley View Trails were created.”

Furst also mentioned convincing the board to purchase a 74-acre property to add to Sycamore Grove Park (SGP) and creating a trail that connects it to Del Valle Regional Park. He said the soon-to-be opened Patterson Ranch trail, which will run from SGP to Zone 7’s Patterson Ranch, was an idea of his that he advanced.

“I also got the paved trail within SGP recognized as officially part of the Juan

Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail,” he said.

Furst said he helped to guide the district through economic downturns and the pandemic; he believes its future is bright since he began serving. He helped to hire two general managers, a more professional staff and improved its procedures for project approvals.

Going forward, Furst said the district must find financial resources to refresh parks, including upgrading playgrounds, and meet the community’s needs by creating a bicycle pump track at the end of Pacific Avenue, for example.

He also said working with other agencies, including the city, to connect trails and complete other projects is key, along with increasing participation of minorities and women.

“Climate change, drought, and fires are here and must be dealt with,” Furst said. “We have updated our fire prevention policy and are trying to minimize our use of water by decreasing, when we can, the size of some of the lawns and also moving to artificial turf. But all of these challenges will continue.”

PIERPONT

A board director since 2017, Phillip Pierpont said he should be reelected because he has “the best combination of experience, background and perspective to lead LARPD toward an active and healthy future.”

“I have the experience of serving six years on the Board of Directors, working with two general managers, two city mayors, two school district superintendents, two county supervisors, and many other local officials,” Pierpont said. “I have a lengthy background in the outdoor industry as a business owner, manager, park district concessionaire, and guide, which means I better understand the world in which LARPD and its staff operate.”

Pierpont also mentioned his perspective as a long-time resident, business owner and parent of two young children, along with a background in finance and high technology as a lawyer.

Saying “everyone loves a ribbon-cutting ceremony,” Piermont listed opening new parks and building new facilities as among his accomplishments. He included renovating playgrounds, installing shade structures, updating pools, replacing fields, improving campgrounds, developing new trails and a bicycle pump track project underway.

“The most important projects we accomplished in my time as a director were not the headline-grabbers,” he said. Citing his time as vice chair and board chair during the COVID-19 pan-

demic, Pierpont said the closure of main facilities and cancellation of many programs threatened LARPD, because facility rentals, recreation programs, preschool and after-school care tuition, and other fees represented almost half of the district’s annual revenue. Much of that was eliminated during the pandemic.

“What we did was re-structure the organization, institute many cost-saving measures, and then everyone got creative to provide more service with less resources,” he said. “Also, we addressed proactively our unfunded pension liability, initiated a number of projects involving solar power, reduced energy usage, and better water consumption, and developed new processes for managing our capital projects and assets. What we learned were valuable lessons for being more efficient in the future.”

In the future, the LARPD must focus on the community’s needs. His priority, he said, is securing the health of the district.

“I think that means three things for LARPD: healthy finances, healthy people, and healthy facilities,” Pierpont said. “We have taken a number of steps to improve our operations financially, but we have to continue that work to build better reserves and address deferred maintenance of our assets.”

“We have hired and retained great people at LARPD” Pierpont continued, “But we need to ensure that continues. We always have work to do on our facilities, some of which stalled because of the pandemic, but we need to renovate more parks and playgrounds, install more shade, build more trails, and explore possibilities for new facilities. That means evaluate programs regularly, explore new revenue streams, better utilize existing assets, and look for opportunities to add capacity.”

Parks and playgrounds, he said, must be renovated. The district must install more shade, build more trails and explore possibilities for new facilities.

“That means evaluate programs regularly, explore new revenue streams, better utilize existing assets, and look for opportunities to add capacity,” Pierpont said.

Going forward, Pierpont said the district must develop new facilities to accommodate the increasing demand, from smaller projects, like pickleball courts and fitness stations on a trail, to larger projects including a new sports complex of multi-use fields.

“Our challenge in the future includes the increasing costs of the land and improvements, identifying funding for those projects, the decreasing amount of

space available, and the impact of such facilities on the surrounding neighborhoods,” Pierpont said. “Navigating those challenges will be difficult and will require experienced leadership from the board and the management team.”

Pierpont also cited future challenges as adopting policies for reducing energy consumption in our facilities, collecting and storing solar energy, consuming less water and re-thinking how we acquire it, and adopting policies and using unique methods to reduce fire danger.

Pierpont said he is an avid hiker, runner and cyclist, and his family utilizes many LARPD programs and facilities, including both aquatic centers, nearby playgrounds and community center activities. His son attended LARPD preschool at Jane Addams.

MOPPIN

Ruby Moppin, a sales leader for Enterprise Holdings, managing a team of six sales executives across the San Francisco Bay Area, said she is running to unseat an incumbent because the board of directors needs an individual who represents programs and services for families, especially those who might think the programs are out of their financial reach.

“As a working parent of school-aged children in Livermore, it is important that the board reflects the local community, including

working families,” she said.

Moppin said she has enjoyed the LARPD’s offerings since moving to Livermore in 2011 and decided to run while serving as director of fundraising for the Friends of Joe Michell School, a foundation that raises money for the K-8 school. Moppin said she raised more than \$100,000 for Michell students and families and currently serves as director of events, spearheading free and fun community-focused activities for the Joe Michell community.

If elected, Moppin said she wants to raise awareness and expand LARPD’s programs.

“One of my pillars is to build community,” Moppin said. “I want more families to enjoy LARPD’s services, such as Extended Student Services, parks, and summer camps, as my family and I have. I want to expand services and park amenities that attract diverse interests, for example, basketball courts, splash pads, restrooms, cricket, wall ball, etc.”

Moppin said she wants to amplify the district’s programs through multiple social media outlets and word of mouth, “so that families can begin their active and healthy lifestyle from a young age.”

A user of parks including Mocho, Sycamore Grove, Robert Community Center, Max Baer, Mae Nissan, Moppin said she enrolled

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MAILBOX

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Move Eden Housing Loses

Alan Marling, Livermore

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Michael M. Markman ruled in favor of Livermore and against Move Eden Housing. The special-interest group can lie to residents to collect signatures for their illegal referendum, and they can deceive readers of The Independent. But it’s harder to hoodwink a judge and hide their true motive: blocking affordable housing.

Despite having no legal case or no moral right to deny local workers shelter, Move Eden Housing appealed the ruling. I couldn’t help but wonder why. Three possible explanations follow for the special-interest group’s refusal to accept their defeat.

1. Chief donors and organizers Joan Seppala and Jean King are wholly ignorant of the law and still believe they can win on legal grounds. Given how much they love litigating, I find this unlikely. They should know their referendum seeks to reverse an administrative decision, which is not subject to referendum.

2. Joan Seppala and Jean King consider themselves Tri-Valley nobility, whose whims supersede laws.

When City Clerk Marie Weber refused to humor them, they encouraged readers of The Independent to bully her into submission.

3. Or they always knew they could not win in court. The referendum was simply a campaign stunt for Move Eden Housing candidates. The trouble is, it’s hard to campaign on a lie, which would have become increasingly obvious if the court case failed. They are forced to appeal to keep up the act, claiming they are the ones being wronged by the legal system, by the City Clerk, and by the City Council, who were duly elected by Livermore citizens. Above all, the special-interest group’s over-privileged organizers wish to portray themselves as the victims. Meanwhile, Livermore workers are living out of their cars.

Do not reward this dishonesty. Vote against the candidates owned by the wannabe royalty. Instead choose people who would represent the broad interests of Livermore: Marchand for Mayor and Evan Branning and Mel Chiong for City Council.

Vote for Collaborative Leadership

Riffka Sevalar, Livermore

Over the weekend, I had

time to reflect on the process from 2017 up to today in visioning and developing our collective downtown area – meeting a host of needs from park space, promotion of businesses, parking, affordable housing and more.

We began as a harmonious group of citizens, pouring over proposed maps and drawing designs. Yet here we are today, divided as if there are only two solutions – one “right” and the other “wrong.”

A quote that came up is “coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, and working together is success.” I believe we need a reset in our thinking, a revived openness in considering options, and a true maximization of creative input. Mony Nop, Ben Barrientos and Carol Wahrer are candidates that demonstrate that openness and certainly will provide a reset in the current political divide.

With a new resolve to find the best plan for downtown and a dedication to community-building we can be our best selves. Vote Nop, Barrientos and Wahrer for leadership that values collaboration.



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PARK

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wants to continue serving to grow the district, deal with climate change and balance recreation with land preservation. Waespi was first elected to the board in 2014.

“We need to continue to purchase and develop and open new parklands,” Waespi said. “What we’ve learned from the pandemic is people come and recreate parks. The whole deal of Healthy Parks Healthy People is not a new concept.”

Waespi said he believes the EBRPD is “doing incredibly great, great things” and he always wanted to be a part of it.

“My family spends all its time in parks,” he said, citing Lake Chabot Park as a favorite place to be.

As a director, Waespi said his hardest task is working to balance the needs of mountain bikers wanting more trails with those who want areas to remain free of humans.

“The Park District’s, and my goal is to balance the recreation needs of our community with the preservation of open space and stewardship of parklands,” Waespi said. “While I recognize and support the desire for more recreational uses, I lean toward preservation and protection of natural areas and the species they protect.

He cited a ban on herbicides and “roundup” in the district as a top accomplishment. As the years go on, directors must deal with plans to remove and replace 1,500 dead trees, plant native plants to deal with drought and take measures to prevent brush fires.

Waespi said the district has lived up to its promise of purchasing land and working with the community to preserve it.

“Twenty to 30 years later, you see the fruition of all of the efforts come together and we have these beautiful preserved areas,” Waespi said. “It is great for people that use parks,; it’s great for forms of recreation,; and it’s also great for stewardship of the land. We also have a chart to protect the wildlife and the plants in the areas and we create corridors for migrating animals. I’m just very proud of it.”

Waespi said he was also proud that the parks remained open during the pandemic. He credited staff with risking their health keeping parks clean while they experienced a 30% increase in attendance.

Waespi’s challengers did not respond to The Independent to talk about their candidacies.

Lewis created a website, and on it, Lewis identified herself as a mother of three sons, grandmother to two, and a Blue Star Mom to a retired Navy pilot.

She has served as a Union City Park and Recreation commissioner, as California Association of Parks and Recreation commissioner, and on the board of Directors for the CAPRCBM. She also was a member of the Kitayama Elementary School site council and district council in the New Haven Unified School District.

“Representation matters,” she wrote on her website. “In the 88-year history of the district, there has never been a Black woman appointed nor elected as a director. Issues that affect us never make it to the table for discussion or inclusion.”

The EBRPD, she wrote, should “embrace more sustainable ‘best practices’ for the longevity of the district and our constituents for future generations.”

She also identified “transparency in our dealings,” especially with employees, as a campaign issue.

Describing herself as “not a political person at all,” Daphne Lin, a 52-year-old attorney from Fremont, said she decided to run for the board after she and her husband received no response from Waespi about creating more bike-only trails for mountain bikers.

Lin said she and her husband contend there should

be bike-only trails within the EBRPD so bikers won’t run into hikers. She said it would be safer. After she wrote to Waespi, her husband followed suit, also sending letters to the other six directors. Only Colin Coffee, director from Ward 7, which represents cities in Contra Costa County, responded to say the issue was being investigated.

“That was initially why I contacted Mr. Waespi, who was my representative, and he did not write back to me. I received no response,” Lin said. “I felt like if I have a representative and I’m writing about something, it’s a legitimate question that should be addressed, even if he didn’t think it was a good idea.”

Lin said that as she investigated the district, she found what she considered to be a “class bias” and “race bias” with decision making. She said older white directors cater to an older white affluent population concerned about issues such as equestrian events and horse trails, and not a younger more diverse population that engage in other activities, like mountain biking.

“For example, I think that there’s too much of the parts of lands that are leased to ranchers,” she said, adding the board caters to birdwatchers and horseback riders.

Lin said she loves nature and understands mountain bike trails would not make sense in some parks because of their effect on the environment. But, she said, it’s an issue that needs more attention.

“I just think that they have not done enough to look into this and also – they’re not interested,” Lin said. “It seems like what they’ve done is just lip service and they formed some committee that really hasn’t come up with anything.”

Lin said she also advocates a policy to capture feral cats in parks to spay and neuter them and relocate them instead of killing them.

“I just think that there are better things that can be done than to actually just exterminate them,” she said.

Lin, who practices law related to employment issues, said she likes the role the EBRPD plays in acquiring land and protecting open space. She said she worries about over-development and the destruction more housing will cause.

“I think it’s important to keep in mind that there’s a balance,” she said. “I think the park’s district should devote a little bit more time and energy on maintaining and making what it already has better and not just keep acquiring land and not use funds to make existing parks better.”

Following the election, whoever wins Ward 3 and Sanwong will take their EBRPD board seats sometime between December and January. Sanwong said Zone 7’s board will decide how to replace her after she resigns, probably with an appointment.

Sanwong cited the shrinking Sierra Nevada snowpack as the biggest water challenge facing Zone 7 going forward.

“The hydrological cycle of this region is trending toward more significant atmospheric river rain events instead of the Sierra Nevada snowmelt of the past,” she said. “I support building Sites Reservoir because Sites will help us capture and store water from these atmospheric river rain events.”

Sanwong said she remains cautious of the Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) because the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is “one of our unique natural resources.” The massive state infrastructure project would divert water from Sierra Nevada storms away from its natural path to the San Francisco Bay toward Southern California farming communities and residents.

A second seat, Ward 5,

which represents an area including Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, Sunol, Newark and part of Fremont, already has a winner because only one person filed to run. Olivia Sanwong, a Zone 7 Water Agency board member since 2018, will take over the seat held since 1999 by Ayn Wieskamp, a former Livermore City Council member, who chose not to run for reelection this year. Sanwong and Ward 5 will not appear on the ballot.

The seven-member EBRPD board manages a \$290 million budget, purchasing and opening new parklands, maintaining 1,200 miles of public trails, handling fuel management to prevent fires, operating visitor centers, overseeing a public safety force, and employing about 370 people at 44 locations. It also approves managing the funding from bond measures, including Measure WW, passed by 72% of voters in 2008. The \$500 million bond measure continues to fund land purchases and preservation.

“Our regional parks are one of the best parts of living in the East Bay,” Sanwong said. “I decided to run for EBRPD to continue Director Ayn Wieskamp’s legacy of managing our natural resources responsibly and balancing recreational access with environmental protections.”

Sanwong said the most difficult part of seeking to replace Wieskamp at EBRPD was leaving the Zone 7 board.

“We accomplished a lot during my tenure at Zone 7 Water Agency,” she said. “I am proud of our work establishing a comprehensive strategic plan to guide the agency’s project planning and decision-making processes.”

Sanwong said Zone 7’s board recently completed the first phase of its Flood Management Plan, prioritized transparency and communications with residents, revamping the EBRPD website and televising meetings. They also sent postcards to announce Zone 7’s water rate review process, held televised workshops and opened two new ozonation treatment plants at Del Valle and Patterson Pass.

Sanwong, an EBRPD Park Advisory Committee member since 2015, said she admires Wieskamp’s legacy and will cherish her mentorship. She will also consult with Jocelyn Combs, who previously held the seat.

“I think Olivia is just going to be great,” Wieskamp said. “She knows the water issues are big and not going to get smaller for a while.”

Sanwong, a Pleasanton resident and global market research analyst at a biotechnology firm, said her background on the water board will help her to understand drought mitigation and water management techniques that directly apply to EBRPD sites, including Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreational Area and Del Valle Regional Park.

She added that her multiracial Thai Lao heritage should serve as a “source of representation in a district where the Asian American and multiracial populations are expected to grow.” The district is 47% Asian American, she said.

Sanwong said she is thrilled that the district continues to expand multi-use trails along Sunol Ridge and at Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park. Following the opening of Tyler Ranch in Sunol, she said she hopes EBRPD will add Pleasanton Ridge as an Alameda County mountain bike pilot project.

Her priorities include habitat restoration at Coyote Hills Regional Park and improving Mission Peak Regional Preserve’s existing parking lot by adding modern restrooms and an entrance gate. She considers the impact of extreme weather events, including heat, wildfire risk and drought, the biggest issues going forward.

(Courtesy of Alameda County District Attorney’s Office)

OBITUARIES

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Judy Lynn (Spicer) Schwichtenberg
May 20, 1963 – Aug. 25, 2022

Judy Schwichtenberg left this world to be with our Lord on Aug. 25, 2022. It broke our hearts to lose her, but God saw fit to bring her home.

She was born as the third child to Raymond and Faye Spicer in Fremont, California. At the age of 8, Judy and her family moved to Livermore where the family still resides.

Judy was a kind and loving person. She loved her family, friends and her pets. She was a true animal lover. She loved her indoor plants, and she loved her outdoor roses.

Judy took guardianship of her three grandchildren: Mathew was 8, Greyci was 5 and Dalton was 4 when their mother passed away. The kids were loved and cared for by Judy and other family.

She worked at the Livermore Walmart for 14 years. You would see her smiling face at the garden center door. She used to say the folks that came through the door were “MY customers”. She enjoyed her work-family and the job.

She is survived by her mother Faye Spicer, sisters Kathy Huntsman and Sandra Jackson (Joe), sons Travis, Justin, Adam and daughter Sara. Her grandchildren Mathiew, Greyci and Dalton. Her much-loved pups, Gizmo and Sammy.

Judy was preceded in death by her husband Kevin J. Schwichtenberg and her father Raymond L. Spicer.

Judy will live forever in our hearts. We will miss her always.

There will be services at Callaghan Mortuary (3833 East Avenue) on Sept. 19. Visitation will begin at 4:30 p.m., and services will follow at 5 p.m.



Richard M. Perry
Oct. 17, 1945 – Sept. 3, 2022
Resident of Brentwood

Richard M. Perry passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his wife and family after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. Rich was born in Oakland, California where he grew up in the foster care system. He then went on to graduate from Castlemont High School in Oakland, California. After high school, Rich began working at Caspers Hot Dogs in Oakland, California where he met his late wife LaVerne. Their marriage began in 1962 and lasted 40 beautiful years. They were blessed with three children, Richard, Gina and Elizabeth.

In 1963, Rich started his career as a paint shop supervisor at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, where he retired 30 years later. He is survived by his son Richard A. Perry and his wife Donna. His daughter Gina Manzo-Tarantino and her husband Chris. His daughter Elizabeth Melander and husband Matt. His grandchildren, Marissa and Ryan Carlisle, Jake and Katie Manzo, Nicholas Perry and Kaleigh Rubio, Austin Manzo and Priscila Blanco, Bret Manzo, Ryan and Tyler Tarantino, Ellah and Dalilah Melander,



and his great-granddaughter Brooklynn Nicole Perry. He is also survived by his wife of 17 years, Delphine Perry and her children; daughter Janet Garcia, daughter Kat Andrews and husband Dan. Grandchildren Danyelle and Steve Asbe, Briana and Devin Stanovich, Cole, Carson and Mia Andrews. Great-grandchildren; Caeleb and Jovana Stanovich, as well as Brooklyn and Kensly Asbe.

Rich loved to travel with his wife Delphine. They frequented Alaska, Italy, the Panama Canal, Mi Wuk Village, Tahoe/Reno and more. He loved camping in his motor home with his family

and being outdoors. Rich was a member of the Livermore Oddfellows Lodge where he served as a Deputy and then as a Grand Officer Conductor. He was also on the board of the Oddfellows Memory Gardens Cemetery.

He loved his bus trips to Reno with his fellow lodge members and volunteering his time at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in the hobby building. Rich loved his dog Mocha and his late dogs Pebbles and Angel. Rich was committed to his family and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Viewing will be held on Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore with the Rosary to follow at 7 p.m. Services will be held on Monday, Oct. 17, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the St. Michael Church, 458 Maple Street, Livermore, California. Reception to follow at the Livermore Oddfellows Lodge, 2160 First Street, Livermore.

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

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Audrey L. Hodges
July 1, 1927 – Sept. 4, 2022

Audrey L. Hodges was born to John Louis and Lara Chloe McKinzie on July 1, 1927, in Warren, Arkansas. She married Claude Homer Pierce on Sept. 1, 1945, in England Arkansas. Then they divorced in 1967.

They had five children; Claude, Clarence, Johnna, Jimmy and Phyllis. Then she married Ernest Arthur Hodges where they celebrated 54 wonderful years together until his death. He had four children Dale, Vincent, Linda and Jeffrey.

Audrey passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 4, 2022, at 3:30 a.m. at the Kaiser Hospital in Walnut Creek.

Audrey attended school until the 10th grade when she had to leave to work in the cotton fields. She worked at the Livermore Lab canteen. She also owned Little Audrey’s Restaurant and Donut shop and also Blimpies subs and salads. She also was a member of the Livermore Rebekah Lodge.

She is predeceased by Claude Pierce Sr., Clarence Pierce, Claude Pierce Jr., Ernest Hodges, and stepson Vincent Hodges. She is survived by Johnna Smith of Livermore, Jimmy Pierce of Livermore, Phyllis Pierce of Livermore, stepson Dale Hodges of Washington, Stepdaughter Linda Bishop of Washington and stepson Jeffrey Hodges of Washington.

She has 13 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one adopted grandchild, Nemanja Bojic. Visitation was held Monday, Sept. 12, 2022, from 10 a.m. to noon, and services were held at Callaghan Mortuary. Roland Ellingsen from the Celebration Church officiated, and the burial was at 1 p.m. at Memory Garden followed by a reception at the LDS Church at 1501 Hillcrest Avenue. Family suggests that memorials be made to St. Jude Children’s Hospital in memory of Ernest and Audrey Hodges. Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Hodges family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.



Charles Edward Arnett
Dec. 21, 1935 – Aug. 30, 2022

Charles Edward Arnett, known to family and friends as Chuck, passed away peacefully on Aug. 30 with family at his side after a long illness.

Chuck grew up on a farm in Kentucky with parents Charles Galen Arnett and Mary McClain Arnett and sister, Wanda. Always industrious, he worked on the farm and then graduated from Murray State University with a degree in chemistry, physics and biology. After graduation he married his sweetheart, Marlene, and the couple moved to Illinois where he taught science to high school students.

He then worked in laboratories and as a chemical sales rep. He found his true home in Pleasanton, California, where he resided from 1964 until his passing. An ambitious and creative man, he then formed his own company, developing and producing products for the chemical industry.

Marlene passed away, leaving him a single father to their two young children. He then met his second wife, Patricia. She



and her three daughters joined the family and Chuck became a loving stepfather. They were married for thirty joyful years.

When he sadly became a widower once more, Chuck met and married Michelle, a widow herself. They shared many interests, and once more Chuck opened his heart to her, her two children and two grandchildren.

Chuck’s many interests included sailing, yoga, hiking, reading and attending performing arts programs. He created

stained glass pieces and was a skilled woodworker. He and Michelle were avid gardeners, growing mostly edible plants, which he enjoyed cooking. The kitchen became his chemistry lab upon retirement. Art museums were a favorite, as was travel to Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, and Mexico. He developed a keen interest in Zen Buddhism.

Locally, Chuck was a dedicated volunteer at the Bankhead Theatre, the Firehouse Theatre, Amador Theatre, the Village Theatre and the Museum on Main.

Chuck was a caring, dedicated and loving family man and a real Southern gentleman. He will be truly missed.

He is survived by his wife Michelle; children Gregory and Renee; stepchildren, ML, Kim, Jenn, Lisha, and Brent; eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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

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DEPUTY

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married.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported six shots were fired, all apparently from Williams’ service

weapon.

If convicted, Williams could face the death penalty or life in prison without parole.

OBITUARIES

Roberta Jean Kihle
Nov. 21, 1933 – Sept. 4, 2022



Roberta Jean Kihle passed away Sept. 4, 2022, in Livermore, California. Roberta was born to Paul and Marian Whitlatch in Hooper, Colorado, on Nov. 21, 1933, and was raised in Kansas City, Missouri. Her father passed when she was sixteen, so the family relocated to Escondido, California, to be near her mother’s family.

It was in high school band where Roberta met Bud Kihle. Roberta and Bud were married on July 19, 1953. Bud was stationed in Pleasanton at Camp Parks Air Force Base, so they left Escondido and moved to Pleasanton. While in the service, they had their eldest daughter and twin daughters.

When Bud became a Livermore Police Officer in the early 1960s, they settled in Livermore and never left. They welcomed their fourth daughter soon after moving to Livermore. Roberta was a stay-at-home mom until her youngest daughter started kindergarten. She joined the Livermore School District working at various schools through the years until becoming cafeteria manager at Granada High School. Roberta loved working in the cafeteria where she could talk to all the

and sharing her love of it with everyone. Her biggest passion was reading and “traveling through her books.” She had an atlas by her reading chair so she could look up where her characters were living. She truly had a green thumb. She was able to help along even the weakest of plants. You could find her at 3 .am. outside “snail hunting.”

Her faith was a constant presence and comfort to her.

Roberta was preceded in death by her mother and father; her brother Billy; her husband Bud; daughter Susan LaBrie; and son-in-law, Gary Presley. She is survived by her daughters, Karen (Shawn) Coleman; Sharen (Tom) Brannon; and Ruth Presley. She is also survived by grandchildren, Rebecca Coleman; Jenella (Mikey) Yankovich; Catrice (Van) Stickle.

Roberta was a fantastic sister, wife, mom, grandmother and friend. She will be forever missed by all that knew and loved her.

There will be a private family burial at Roberta’s request. If you’d like to contribute in her memory, please consider Hope Hospice in Dublin.

Penny Marie Smith
July 8, 1964 – Aug. 26, 2022

Penny Marie Smith passed away Aug. 26 at the age of 58 surrounded by her loved ones.

Penny was born July 8, 1964, in Castro Valley, California to Darlene and Isadore Lara. She grew up and attended school in Livermore where she graduated from Livermore High School in 1982. Penny met the love of her life, John, at the age of 13. John and Penny married on Sept. 8, 1984, in Livermore. She and John moved to Manteca where they raised their three beautiful daughters. They spent 28 years in Manteca before

relocating to Ripon in 2010. She spent 35 years as an administrative specialist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory before retiring in 2019.

Upon retirement Penny valued spending time with her husband, three daughters and two dachshunds. She enjoyed RV’ing, watching the San Francisco Giants and being a member of the Ripon Garden Club.

Penny will be deeply missed by her husband of 38 years, John Smith, her three daughters: Erika (Daniel) Karp, Allison (Richard) Johnson and Amanda

Smith, her mother Darlene Lara and her brother Billy Clark.

A viewing was held on Thursday, Sept. 8, from 4-7 p.m. at Deegan Funeral Home, Ripon. On Friday, Sept. 9, a graveside service was held at 10 a.m. at Burwood Cemetery, Escalon, followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m. at Calvary Reform, Ripon. After the service, the family gathered for a reception at the Smith residence. Donations can be made in Penny’s memory to the Ripon Garden Club.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Jonathan E. Silvester
April 18, 1939 – Aug. 16, 2022



Jonathan E. Silvester was born in New Castle, Pennsylvania where the family lived and attended the First Pentecostal Church of New Castle. As a teenager he made a personal decision to receive Christ and was filled with the Spirit in a youth camp.

After graduating from high school, he attended Evangel College (Evangel University) in Springfield, Missouri for 3 ½ years where he met his wife, Carolyn. He graduated from Southwest Missouri State in 1962 with a degree in history and psychology and that summer married Carolyn Groves who had graduated from Baylor University with a degree in education.

In 1963 they moved to California. The first business he owned was Continental Aerographics. This involved taking aerial photos which he would then offer for sale to the landowners in California and the farmers in Iowa. He then turned to Sunset Life Insurance which offered him the opportunity to work closer to home. For the last forty years he was in the real estate finance industry opening his own real estate office, Allied Brokers in 1978 and a mortgage loan company, Anchor Funding in 1985.

The Silvester’s attended Bethel Temple in Hayward in 1963 and Fremont First Assembly in 1968. They became active members of Bethel Church of San Jose in 1985 for almost 30 years. Jon served on boards and with his wife taught various Sunday School classes for many years. Jon and Carolyn brought the Alpha program to Bethel in 2006. In 2015 the Silvester’s transferred their membership to Valley Christian Church in Dublin where their daughter and her family attended. In 2019 Jon became a member of the North Central University Board of Regents and served there until this past summer.

Jon was a loving husband, father, grandfather and mentor to many. His amazing zest for life was inspiring. He was a strong believer in Christ and shared the gospel with many people.

Jon is survived by his wife, Carolyn of 60 years. They have three married children: Chris Silvester (Connie) of Meridian, Idaho; Laura (Jon) Reimer of Dublin; and Jon David Silvester (Wendy) of Temecula, California. The eight grandchildren are Sophia and Susanna Silvester, Alyssa, Ryan and Nathan Reimer, Jordan, Adam Jon and Riley Jewel Silvester.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, at 1 p.m. at Brave Church – Dublin Campus, 7500 Inspiration Drive in Dublin. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made in memory of Jon to: Open Arms Mexico, P O Box 6605 Chula Vista, California, 91909 or @ www.openarmsmexico.org.

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

James “Jim” Arthur Rashé
June 27, 1928 – Sept. 2, 2022

James “Jim” Arthur Rashé, loving husband of Jeane (Tierney) Rashé, died of natural causes at the age of 94 on the evening of Sept. 2, 2022, at his home in Tracy, California. He was comforted by the love of his family and friends in his final days and was in the caring presence of his wife at the time of his death.

Jim was born on June 27, 1928, in Shubuta, Mississippi to Samuel Rashé and Lottie (Albritton) Rashé. He moved to California in 1935.

From 1950-1956 he served in the Army and Army Reserves.



He was deployed to Korea where, among other jobs, he played trombone in the Army Band.

Jim and Jeane were married on May 24, 1953. They moved to Hayward, California and in 1954 he began work as a Deputy Sheriff at the Alameda County Sheriff’s Department. He retired as Lieutenant in 1985, and he and Jeane moved to the San Joaquin River Club in Tracy, California.

Jim enjoyed fishing, wood-working, cheering for the SF Giants, word and number puzzles, photography, reading sci-fi, and watching detective shows. He always had room for a child on his lap, and he forged strong relationships with friends and family of all ages. He showed his heart for God through love and service to his friends, family, community, and church throughout his life, in words and deeds.

Jim was preceded in death by his father Samuel, mother Lottie, stepmother Rosa, brother Wallace and sister Laverne, his son-in-law Stephen (Julie) and daughter-in-law Rebecca (David).

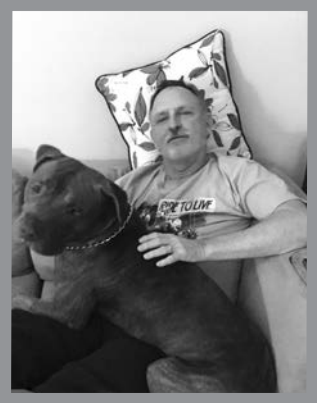


He is survived by his beloved wife, Jeane; their children- Dennis (Kelly), Julie DeCosta, Peter (Lynne), David (Jackie), and Patrick; his 12 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren; his sisters Audrey, Lori, and Jackie, and his brother Samuel.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Northgate Community Church in Manteca, California. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Salvation Army, as he was a lifelong supporter of their work.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Clarence James Bargmann
Jan. 15, 1955 – Aug. 7, 2022



Clarence James Bargmann, of Chesterfield, Missouri, died unexpectedly on Aug. 7, 2022, at the age of 67. He was born in Livermore, California on Jan. 15, 1955, to Russell and Edith (Smith) Bargmann.

After graduation from Livermore High School, Clarence followed a girlfriend to Cal Poly Humboldt, choosing to be a forestry major and an accounting minor. Finding a love of numbers stronger than a love of trees, he graduated with a BA in accounting and moved to San Diego County where he was hired by a certified public accountant (CPA).

Clarence met Linda in 1982 at a class on how to pass CPA exams. They had one date the night the exams were finished and married a month later, after doing a tax projection to decide optimal timing! That’s when Clarence moved to Escondido, to share a condo with Linda and her 5-year-old daughter, Dawn.

Linda started the accounting practice the day before they married, and six months later, after learning he had passed the exams, Clarence joined her, using both sides of one desk in the early days. The CPA firm of Bargmann and Bargmann started small but blossomed in Escondido and later St. Louis for 36 years, until retirement.

When Clarence’s stepdaughter Dawn was a senior in high school, he and Linda became foster parents. Their first placement was a two-month-old bundle of joy named Eddie. They fostered a dozen children, most for a year or more at a time. Eddie was adopted and stayed forever. Later came six ‘bonus’ children who affectionately call Clarence “Padre.”

During honeymoon planning, Clarence told Linda he’d always wanted to cruise, so cruise they did, for 40 years! Clarence’s goal was to live on a cruise ship for more than half of each year, a goal he fulfilled in 2019. Getting off the ship March 10, 2020, he was grounded until Jan. 2, 2022, when he got back on board. During those long non-cruise months, Clarence enjoyed assembling over 50 puzzles. In the middle of a two-month cruise, after an active day and evening in Quebec, he passed quietly in his sleep while in his happy place.

In addition to being the beloved husband/best friend of Linda (Hinshaw) Bargmann of Chesterfield, Missouri, loving stepfather of Dawn Elizabeth Ulloa of Escondido, California, adoring father of Clarence Edward (Eddie) Bargmann of Somerville, Massachusetts, Clarence is survived by many relatives and friends. All of Clarence’s extended family live in the Bay Area, including his sister Carole Bruno, brother Russ Bargmann, and Russ’s wife Patti Falcey, who live in Pleasanton and Livermore, California, respectively. Daughter and son-in-law Dawn and Tony Ulloa, along with grandchildren Elena (25) and A.J. (20) live in Escondido, California. Precious sister-in-law Sandy (Hinshaw) Laurie lives in Ballwin, Missouri. Padre’s bonus kids are scattered between San Diego, greater St. Louis, and Boston.

A celebration of life will be held both on Zoom and in person on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022, at 7 p.m. (Central time) at the Brentwood Christian Science Church, 2328 S. Brentwood Boulevard, Brentwood, Missouri, 63144.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice, especially local foster parent support organizations. Our favorite is Straight from the Heart, c/o Patty Boles, 839 W. San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos, California, 92078. Donations can be made online at https://www.straightfromtheheartinc.org/.

Cybil Alyssa Nelson
Jan. 23, 1987 – June 24, 2022



Cybil Alyssa Nelson, passed away in a motor vehicle accident near Klamath Falls, Oregon on June 24, 2022. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends who loved her dearly.

There will be a celebration of life in her honor at 6949 Bear Creek Drive, Livermore, California, on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. Anyone who knew her is welcome to attend to share their stories of her wonderful life.

She grew up in Colorado and California and learned to snowboard and cross-country ski in the Colorado snow, and wakeboard on the California lakes. She enjoyed kayaking on the Deschutes River with her dog, Diesel, near her most recent home in Bend, Oregon. She loved gardening, growing flowers and vegetables, which she shared with neighbors and friends. She delighted in hiking and horseback riding. She was a talented and dedicated dancer beginning in preschool and continuing through college.

Also, Cybil was a cheerleader at Livermore High School where she often choreographed the half-time performances of her cheerleading team.

Cybil had a great appreciation for art and visited countless art museums in the US and abroad. She was a talented painter and shared her lovely, sometimes whimsical, and unique works of art with family and friends

Cybil had a passion for adventure and traveled all over Italy. Then she visited many other countries, including Sweden, Slovenia, Spain, Netherlands, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Croatia, Greece, England, France, Switzerland, and Jamaica.

She had a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Humboldt State University and was awarded internships in three European countries. Her life’s goal was to work to protect the earth’s forests, water, plants and wild animals.

When she passed away, she had just started a new job for the city of Bend, Oregon, as a hydrologist. She created many YouTube videos about her research as a conservation biologist which anyone can view on her YouTube channel, “Cybil Nelson.”

View the full obituary and share condolences at https://www.forevermissed.com/cybil-alyssa-nelson or www.cascadecremations.com

George William Westrope
March 13, 1950 – Sept. 7, 2022

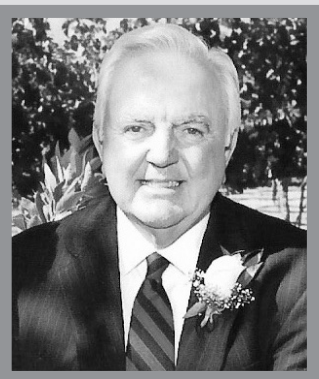
George William Westrope 72 died on Sept. 7, 2022, in Livermore, California. He was born March 13, 1950, in Livermore. He graduated from Livermore High School Class of 1968. He enjoyed working for himself in

the Livermore hills and hunting. Surviving are his two sons Clayton Westrope and his wife Joanna and two grandsons Clayton and Trenton. Son Clint Westrope and his wife Jessica and two granddaughters Erin

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

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Ken Kelley
Aug. 7, 1936 – Aug. 22, 2022
Livermore



Ken Kelley, of Livermore, passed peacefully on Aug. 22, 2022. He was 86 years old. Kendall was born in Carson, Iowa in 1936 to parents Bryan and Tama Kelley. He was the oldest of three children. Ken grew up on the farm in Carson. He graduated from Carson High in 1954. He then entered the U.S. Air Force where he did basic training at Lackland Air Base, Texas and later was stationed at Elmendorf Air Base in Alaska. While in Alaska, a good friend and fellow airman, Bruce Tornberg, introduced Ken to his younger sister, Pamela. It was love at first sight and he and Pam were married a short three weeks later on July 12, 1957.

Ken completed his service at Walker Air Force base in Roswell, New Mexico. After nine years in the Air Force, Ken took a position with Beneficial Finance in Albuquerque. His advances with the company took his family to California, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and finally back to Pleasanton where he retired from Beneficial as president of the Northwest Division in 1997. Ken and Pam moved to Livermore in 2015. Ken was an avid golfer. He enjoyed membership at Castlewood and his friendships made there. He was very proud of his two holes in one. Ken and Pam loved golfing together and their many travels with one another often included friends.

Ken will always be remembered by friends and family as a loving, generous man with strong integrity. Ken and Pam would have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on July 12 this year, though Pam passed away in February. Kendall is survived by his son Steven Kelley of Sacramento, daughters Kimberly Callon (husband Douglas) and Robin Worth (Shawn) of Livermore, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, brother Kapall Kelley of Roswell, New Mexico, and sister Karol Nelson of Clovis, New Mexico.

Ken was laid to rest at St. Michael’s Cemetery on Aug. 31. A celebration of life for both Ken and Pam, his beloved wife, to be announced.

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



Granada High School fullback Jake Blake powers through the Castro Valley's Trojan defense on Friday, Sept. 9. The Matadors hosted the Trojans and won 29-6. [\[See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia\]](https://www.independentnews.com/multimedia) (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Granada High Trounces Castro Valley

By Nathan Canilao

The Granada High School football team recorded their first win of the season on Sept. 9, defeating the Castro Valley Trojans 28-6 at home.

The Trojans would hold strong in the first half as they were able to hold the Matadors offensive attack.

Granada would do the

same and not allow much ground to be gained by Castro Valley.

The Matadors got going in the third quarter and built a 14-6 lead. They expanded on the lead as the game went on and dominated the Trojans on both sides of the ball.

The Matadors captured their first win of the season and snapped their two

game losing streak. This game against Castro Valley was also the highest scoring game the Matadors have had all year, scoring more than 14 points for the first time this season.

Granada will face Amador Valley on the road on Sept. 16 for their first league game of the season.

Library to Host Program on Indian Oral History Project

Mantra Roy, from the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library at San Jose State University, will speak at the Dublin Public Library, 200 Civic Plaza, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8, to explain an oral history project to collect stories of Indian immigrants in the Silicon Valley.

Roy is curator for the project, known as “Desis of Silicon Valley Speak: An Oral History.” From the software industry and education to small business owners and their employees, the Bay Area is home to thousands of Indian immigrants.

Roy will also explain how local community members can add their stories to the oral history project. The program is free, and no registration is required.

EBRPD Coastal Cleanup to Include Del Valle Park

The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) will be participating in the annual California Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 17, with activities slated for several area parks, including noon to 3 p.m. at Del Valle Regional Park south of Livermore.

Volunteers will meet at the Del Valle Visitor Center, 7000 Del Valle Road

and focus their clean-up on the west shore of Lake Del Valle. The district will also conduct clean-up activities at the Hayward Regional Shoreline, Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline in Oakland, Crown Beach in Alameda, Point Isabel and Point Pinole in Richmond, and Radke Martinez Regional Shoreline.

Everyone is invited to join in the annual Coastal Cleanup by removing trash from their neighborhoods and local parklands, since trash from inland areas can flow downstream to the coast. Volunteers are encouraged to register in advance at ebparks.org, especially for groups of 10 or more, but walk-ins are also welcome.

Literacy Tutors Needed for Adult Program

The Livermore Public Library is recruiting volunteer tutors for its adult literacy program.

After completing tutor training, volunteers will be paired with an adult learner to help improve their basic

reading and writing skills. They are expected to meet with their students for two-hour sessions once or twice a week.

The next three-part tutor training will be 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct

3, Wednesday, Oct. 5, and Monday, Oct. 10, at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

For more information or to volunteer, call 925-373-5507 or email literacy@livermoreca.gov.

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insecurities are one of the biggest scourges of our time ... and I am one leader who knows we can't do it alone; we have to as a team work collectively together.”

Haubert praised local organizations such as Tri-Valley Haven, Meals on Wheels, the One Nation Foundation, and other local food sources for providing a critical link to residents.

Turning to additional remedies to aid the community, Haubert highlighted the benefits of the Federal American Recovery Act and its ability to help locally with money and grants for nonprofit organizations. He noted that the county has so far given \$3 million to assist those left unable to cope with the aftermath of the pandemic.

Looking ahead, Haubert said the county is looking to help those in unincorporated areas of the county with a municipal services provider. A local commission will be formed, whose purpose is to serve as a city council of sorts for the unincorporated communities.

“Another thing (the county does) in unincorporated areas of the county is to serve as your municipal services provider that helps with road projects and maintenance,” he said. “What I am committed to giving east county is giving the community a voice, and that dovetails into things like Measure D and Measure P ... with things like Measure D we are going to make some minor adjustments to the equestrian sector of the county. They can't provide the resources they need with the restricted Measure

D and we didn't know that, but now we know (Measure D) needs adjustment. It's the right thing to do.”

Haubert also lauded the benefits of Measure P, which will help create and grow the wine region with additional wastewater treatments for the vintners.

“It will allow for better extension of services in rural Alameda County which will help to grow the wine region,” he said. “(Many) of the vines need to be regrown and we can only do that if the economics of it work out ... We are fighting, literally, for the future of the wine region.”

Transportation in the growing region is a touchstone topic for the supervisors. Haubert emphasized that the Valley Link rail project -- a 2-mile, 7-station passenger rail project that will connect with BART in the Tri-Valley and the ACE commuter service in Northern San Joaquin County-- isn't run by the board of supervisors. However, it is run by a joint powers authority; an organization that the supervisors support.

“We're dedicated to pushing hard to make (Valley Link) a reality to take thousands of people off the road and put them on public transportation,” said Haubert. “It's going to be great for the commute along 580 and better for the environment. We have to relieve the congestion on 580 and we are committed to that.”

He said that the supervisors are similarly committed to partnering with the Sheriff's Department and the CHP, those who are charged with protecting rural roads.

“I gotta tell you that we are committed to making sure our rural roads are as safe as possible ... the Tesla Safety Road Project, as a special assessment district will make it safer,” Haubert said. “Everything that is overhead will go underground, including those ugly, unsightly fire-causing wires, but also a median and left-hand turns into businesses.” He added that the project will take five to 10 years to complete and will piggyback with the Measure D and Measure P plans.

When it comes to county ordinances, Haubert spoke to the controversy surrounding rodeos.

“We know that some people want to ban them, but we also know that it is important to people who live out there,” he said. “I want to get all the input we can and have it be a community-wide decision and ask that we create a community advisory council so we can hear from everyone.”

Also controversial is the eviction moratorium, which is still in place.

“I think it is wrong,” said Haubert. “If you take rights away from homeowners you are going to have worse problems ... I want to continue the dialog on this.”

The supervisor ended his comments by voicing his support for the Howard Terminal project near Jack London Square that will provide a new stadium for the Oakland A's and mixed-use development of condominiums and retail.

“It will keep the A's here and will provide much for that area,” he said.

Dublin Moves Ahead With Win Over Newark

By Nathan Canilao

The Dublin High football team defeated Newark Memorial High School on Sept. 9, 36-6 at home.

Senior running back Adam Moore led the way for the Gaels as he rushed for 82 yards on five carries and recorded one touchdown. Moore also caught

two passes for 37 yards and a touchdown.

It was a heavy run game for the Gaels. Dublin ran the ball 36 times over the course of the game for 250 yards. Senior Brady Steadman rushed for 75 yards on 15 carries.

Newark was outmatched from the beginning and could not stop the Gaels on

the offensive end.

Defensively, the Gaels were solid and did not allow many chunk plays for the Cougars to work with.

The win gives Dublin their second victory of the season. They improve to 2-1 and will face Kimball High School on Sept. 16 to start their three-game road trip.

Amador Sweeps Dublin in First Matchup of the Season

By Nathan Canilao

25-18.

The Amador Valley girls' volleyball team defeated Dublin High 3-0 on Sept. 8 at home. The Dons remain undefeated and move to 5-0 on the season. The Gaels lose their first game of the year and fall to 1-1.

The Dons took control of the first set early and won

The second set was much of the same for the Dons as they won 25-17. Errors and the Dons' attack on the offensive end proved too much for Dublin in the second set.

The third set was the closest set in the game. Amador and Dublin went back and forth with both

teams scoring at a high pace.

The Dons' offense took over late, however and took the third set 25-22, giving them the win.

The Dons will play their next game at home against Monte Vista on Sept. 15. The Gaels will play their next game at home against Livermore High on Sept. 20.

Foothill Girls' Get Statement Win over San Ramon Valley

By Nathan Canilao

needed to. They won the set 25-20.

The Foothill girls' volleyball team defeated the San Ramon Valley Wolves 3-0 on Sept. 8. The win gives the Falcons their 10th win of the season.

The first set was close, but the Falcons pulled away late. They were in control for most of the set and dominated in the spots they

The second set was also close, but the Falcons pulled it out with their strong offensive attack. The Wolves had a hard time finding their rhythm and lost a close 25-21 second set.

In the third set, the Falcons showed their championship mettle, winning 25-21.

Foothill gets a statement win over a volleyball powerhouse in San Ramon Valley. They improve to 10-1 overall and push their winning streak to six.

The Falcons avenge the loss they took to the Wolves earlier this year and tie the season series at one a piece.

The Falcons will be on the road on Sept. 15 to take on Livermore High School.

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education and young people with active minds are precious resources.

Walker teachers at Amador Valley High School and said her in-depth understanding of the budgeting process and inner workings of the district would make her an asset to the board. If elected, she said she would bring excellence and innovation in all educational programs, prioritize recruitment and retention of high-quality teachers, promote collaboration between stakeholders and improve fiscal responsibility and transparency.

“I think fiscal transparency is important,” Walker said. “Ensuring the district is fiscally responsible and all decisions are made with the end goal of expanding or optimizing student learning opportunities.”

She said the next year will bring some challenges to the new board, including the relocation of district offices, a bond measure and newly approved facility master plans for each school site. Walker added the current board's

decision to sell its valuable property near downtown and move to the Hacienda Business Park was sound and she hopes to have a say in the investment of proceeds from the sale of the property.

Walker also said she is concerned about losing teachers.

“At Amador, we are starting to lose some really great teachers,” Walker said. “I think there is extreme teacher fatigue, so I think retaining high quality teachers is going to be critical to PUSD. We need to make it a priority to attract the brightest and the best teachers.”

Walker's three children went through the district, and she has served on school site councils, district budget committees, athletic booster groups and Parent Teacher Associations. She said she has a great deal of experience supporting education and hopes to continue to serve the community by representing Area 2.

Brown may be running unopposed for the Area 5 seat, but said he isn't taking

the election for granted.

“I will be putting out some signs, doing some outreach and looking for public feedback,” Brown said.

He noted the district will be going through a transition over the next year as its offices are moved and school sites are evaluated. The passage or failure of the bond on November's ballot will dictate what projects are undertaken and he will use his experience serving on the city's planning commission to help guide the process.

“The district recently completed a facility master plan for each of the school sites and the needs far exceed the funding we have,” Brown said. “I want to make sure we have high quality facilities for the students and teachers that work in the district.”

For more information on Shah's campaign, visit www.shah4schoolboard.com.

For more information on Walker's campaign, visit votelaurie4schoolboard.org.

For more information on Brown's campaign, visit www.votejustinbrown.com.

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of development would like to be seen at the airport, and really allow for that public input and involvement.”

Livermore City Council therefore resolved to suspend development in July. The airport has since enlisted a consultant to help develop a revised policy, expected by the end of the year.

The airport will also consider hosting public workshops to garner input for the revision.

Airport Open House

Moran also shared at the meeting details on this year's Airport Open House, which the airport will host on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The open house “really provides an opportunity for members of the public to come on out and see their airport, see the services that we provide at the airport, get up close and personal to some of the really cool airplanes that we have flying around, and meet some of the members

of the airport community,” said Moran.

While in past years, the open house displayed a mix of general aviation, military, antique, homebuilt and aerobatic aircraft, the airport canceled the event in 2020 and 2021 due to elevated COVID-19 cases in those years.

Although the free public event will not include an airshow this year, Moran said the airport is working to arrange flybys for spectators.

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velopment, which satisfies specified planning objective standards, that is subject to a streamlined, ministerial approval process, as provided, and not subject to a conditional use permit,” reads the bill.

Objective standards involve no personal judgment from public officials and can be verified by reference, explained Community Development Director Ellen Clark.

“Generally, these will include quantitative standards included in our Zoning Code, General Plan or similar document, such as a building setback from a property line, building height, Floor Area Ratio, parking [But this project is proposed to have no parking, so it won't meet the General Plan parking requirement] or on-site open space requirements per unit, etc.,” said Clark.

Opponents of the project, such as Councilmember Julie Testa, view it as an example of what can go wrong when laws relocate housing

decisions from local to state agencies.

The project will impose several negative consequences on the surrounding area, she continued.

“The aesthetics are huge; the imposition of sun and light are significant; but by far, the biggest impact on that neighborhood will be the lack of parking,” she said.

The city, she continued, will have to create parking ordinances for the area to prevent the influx of new cars from overwhelming existing residents.

City staff rejected an AMG application for the same property in January.

“The previous application was denied, because the project failed to meet a required setback,” said Clark. “In the revised application, the project design has been adjusted to reduce the width of the building and provide a 10-foot side-yard setback consistent with city zoning standards.”

The city, therefore, may

not now deny the application based on the setback.

“However, the city is continuing to comprehensively review the application and will issue its approval or denial based on conformance with all applicable standards,” continued Clark.

“The one positive about the project is that it's a hundred-percent affordable,” said Testa. “I (would) certainly welcome that if it were done in another part of town, where it wasn't so out of place and such a burden to the existing residents.”

The city must decide on the application's approval by Sept. 16, according to Luchini's letter. What follows depends largely on AMG.

“We do not have a definitive timeline for construction of the project, if approved. However, it will reflect the applicant's timing for preparation of building construction plans and securing of a building permit, and then the time involved to actually construct the project,” said Clark.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591343

The following person(s) doing business as: KDejon Publishing, 296 Macarthur Blvd, Ste# 1003, San Leandro, CA 94577, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Carrie L. Villa, 1023 Westwind St #327, 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: 8/19/22. Signature of Registrant/s/: Carrie L. Villa, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 19, 2022. Expires August 18, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5246. Published August 25, September 1, 8, 15, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591173

The following person(s) doing business as: Han Yang Jorean BBO, 22365 Mission Blvd, Hayward, CA 94541, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hyon Chu Helen Cho, 24858 Yoshida Dr, Hayward, CA 94545. 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: Jan, 1999. Signature of Registrant/s/: Hyon Chu Cho, Daughter. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 16, 2022. Expires August 17, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5247. Published August 25, September 1, 8, 15, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591076

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Nowhere Special 2. Nowhere Special Music, 2019 7th Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sam Scardina, 2019 7th Street, 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/: Sam Scardina, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 10, 2022. Expires August 9, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5248. Published August 25, September 1, 8, 15, 2022.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 571083

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s). Cream Alameda, 2630 5th St. Ste A, Alameda, CA 94501. Registered Owner(s): Cream Ventures, LLC, 691 N Oxford Ave, Clovis, CA 93611. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 7/1/2020 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Vishal Sharma, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 10, 2022. The Independent, Legal No. 5249. Published August 25, September 1, 8, 15, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591110

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Animal Hospital of Pleasanton; 2. Animal Care Hospital of Pleasanton, 7 California Ave, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Krisvet Inc., 351 Flaming Oak Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mu-faddal Ezzy, 34363 Atteridge Court, Fremont, CA 94555. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mu-faddal Ezzy, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 8, 2022. Expires September 7, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5269. Published September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 2022.

Hill, CA 94523. 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/: Nihdi Garg, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 12, 2022. Expires August 11, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5250. Published August 25, September 1, 8, 15, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591482

The following person(s) doing business as: Clover Insurance, 6958 Village Pkwy, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Han Xu Insurance Solutions, 6958 Village Pkwy, 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: 8/24/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Han Xu, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 24, 2022. Expires August 23, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5252. Published September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591062

The following person(s) doing business as: EP Visual Solutions, 2628 Telegraph Ave, Apt. 303, Berkeley, CA 94704, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Elina Poltavseva, 2628 Telegraph Ave, Apt. 303, Berkeley, CA 94704. 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/: Elina Poltavseva, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 10, 2022. Expires August 9, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5253. Published September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591403

The following person(s) doing business as: Vintage Roofing, 869 Saturn Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Michael D. Heath, 869 Saturn Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Michael Heath, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 22, 2022. Expires August 21, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5254. Published September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591528

The following person(s) doing business as: Gidvani & Associates, 7000 Village Parkway, #4, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kishore H. Gidvani, 25535 Crestfield Circle, Castro Valley, CA 94552; Asha K. Gidvani, 25535 Crestfield Circle, Castro Valley, CA 94552. 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: 1990. Signature of Registrant/s/: Kishore H. Gidvani, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 25, 2022. Expires August 24, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5255. Published September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2022.

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NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591534

The following person(s) doing business as: California Training Academy, 1257 Amalfi Cmn, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Francine Sneddon, 1257 Amalfi Cmn, 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/: Francine Sneddon, Individual. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 25, 2022. Expires August 24, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5256. Published September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591423

The following person(s) doing business as: Your Virtual Ace, 5686 Abington Dr., Newark, CA 94560, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sara Sosinski, 5686 Abington Dr., Newark, CA 94560. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Sara Sosinski, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 23, 2022. Expires August 22, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5257. Published September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591466

The following person(s) doing business as: Histo-Tec Laboratory, 2829 Depot Rd, Suite 4, Hayward, CA 94545, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Histo-Tec Laboratory, 2829 Depot Rd, Suite 4, Hayward, CA 94545. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 12/29/2016. Signature of Registrant/s/: Steve Avolicino, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 23, 2022. Expires August 22, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5258. Published September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591619

The following person(s) doing business as: Bluesky Auto Financing, 6700 Koll Center Pkwy, Suite 215, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bluesky Marketing Group, Inc., 6700 Koll Center Pkwy, Suite 215, 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: 8/1/2019. Signature of Registrant/s/: Sherry A. Morse, Corp Sect-Treas/CO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 31, 2022. Expires August 30, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5259. Published September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591566

The following person(s) doing business as: Veritas Signatures, 185 Sheridan road, Oakland, CA 94618, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Veritas Signature Services, LLC, 185 Sheridan Road, Oakland, CA 94618. 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: 8/1/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Scott Clemens, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 29, 2022. Expires August 28, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5264. Published September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591459

The following person(s) doing business as: Robin Renee Photography, 2936 Bottini Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Robin Dozier, 2936 Bottini 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: 7/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Robin Dozier, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 23, 2022. Expires August 22, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5265. Published September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 2022.

listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: James Kadleck, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 29, 2022. Expires August 28, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5260. Published September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591472

The following person(s) doing business as: Apotheco Pharmacy Choice Bay Area, 3059 Hopyard Rd., Suite C, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Clear Choice Pharmacy, LLC, 3059 Hopyard Rd., Suite C, Pleasanton, CA 94588. 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/: Nikolette Baniewicz, Member & General Counsel. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 23, 2022. Expires August 22, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5261. Published September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591364

The following person(s) doing business as: Candise Yang Acupuncture, 523 47th Street, Oakland, CA 94609, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Candise Yang, 4324 B Montgomery St., Oakland, CA 94611. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/17/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Steve Avolicino, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 19, 2022. Expires August 18, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5262. Published September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591689

The following person(s) doing business as: Miette Patisserie and Confiserie, 2220 Mountain Blvd, Suite 140, Oakland, CA 94611. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 12/30/2001. Signature of Registrant/s/: Megan Ray, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 2, 2022. Expires September 1, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5263. Published September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591556

The following person(s) doing business as: Scott's Painting, 1216 Lillian Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Scott Clemens, 1216 Lillian Street, 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: 8/1/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Scott Clemens, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 29, 2022. Expires August 28, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5264. Published September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591459

The following person(s) doing business as: Robin Renee Photography, 2936 Bottini Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Robin Dozier, 2936 Bottini 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: 7/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Robin Dozier, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 23, 2022. Expires August 22, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5265. Published September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 2022.

tography, 2936 Bottini Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Robin Dozier, 2936 Bottini 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: 7/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Robin Dozier, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 23, 2022. Expires August 22, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5265. Published September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 2022.

Notice of Initiation of the Section 106 Process: Public Participation

T-Mobile proposes the upgrade of ground level equipment at an existing monopole style telecommunications facility at 11701 Flynn Rd. N., Livermore, Alameda County, CA. Proposed project will include ground disturbance. Members of the public interested in submitting comments on the possible effects on historic properties included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places may send their comments to Andrew Smith, RESCOM Environmental Corp., PO Box 361 Petoskey, MI 49770 or call 260-385-6999. The Independent, Legal No. 5266. Published September 15, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591475

The following person(s) doing business as: Datastar, 775 Yolo Way, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Julian Finney, Inc. 775 Yolo Way, 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: June, 1986. Signature of Registrant/s/: Dorothy J. Finney-Slade, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 23, 2022. Expires August 22, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5267. Published September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591458

The following person(s) doing business as: Eleven Electrical Inc., 690 Daisyfield Dr., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Eleven Electrical Inc., 690 Daisyfield Dr., 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: 7/1/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Michael See, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 23, 2022. Expires August 22, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5268. Published September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591821

The following person(s) doing

business as: Soapcial, 34363 Atteridge Court, Fremont, CA 94555, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mu-faddal Ezzy, 34363 Atteridge Court, Fremont, CA 94555. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mu-faddal Ezzy, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 8, 2022. Expires September 7, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5269. Published September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591833

The following person(s) doing business as: KRG Team, 43225 Mission Blvd, Fremont, CA 94539, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Zen Real Estate, 6807 Syrah Dr, 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. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 8, 2022. Expires September 7, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5270. Published September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 2022.

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PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL RETURN **ATTN: MONICA LIMARZI, HOUSING ANALYST**
3203 LEAHY WAY, LIVERMORE, CA 94550

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Swalwell Completes Goodwill Visit to India

Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA), whose East Bay district includes one of the largest Indian American communities in the U.S., recently returned from a trip to India to celebrate the celebration of 75 years of relations between the two countries.

Formal government relations between the U.S. and India date back to 1947, when India achieved independence from the United

Kingdom. During the visit, Swalwell met with India Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra to discuss ways to counter China’s economic activities and how the two countries can work together to promote a more peaceful and prosperous world.

“As the co-chair of the Critical Materials Caucus, I’m focused on how we must reduce our dependence on China for the production of critical

materials, including rare earth elements,” Swalwell said. “Just like the U.S., India is working to reduce its reliance on China for critical materials and is an instrumental partner in the production of rare earths, including nickel and cobalt. I look forward to working with India on rare earth production and manufacturing to bolstering our national security and grow our renewable energy economy.”

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both of her children in LARPD’s child care program, ESS, and multiple summer camps.

“As an avid sports fan, any park that hosts sporting events brings me joy,” she said.

HAHN

Corey Hahn, a 42-year-old business consultant in corporate insurance, said he is not running for LARPD’s board because the directors have done anything wrong. He believes, however, it’s time for change.

“I am running because I believe in my ability as a leader, my innovative approach to solving problems and producing long lasting partnerships for the community,” Hahn said. “I do believe Livermore is changing and with that, sometimes new energy is needed to deliver fresh ideas and perspectives.”

A husband and father to three children ages 15, 4 and 1 ½, Hahn said his family is very active and loves to explore several of Livermore’s parks.

“We can be found at Bill Clark Park, where I am the park ambassador, almost daily,” Hahn said. “We love going on long nature

walks at Sycamore Grove and checking out new playgrounds and areas for our kids to enjoy.”

If elected, Hahn said he wants to openly engage the community to deliver impactful programs that benefit everyone, specifically those “who want to put their energy into them as well.”

“Great leaders listen, analyze and strategically deliver solutions to problems while also having the foresight to be forward thinking,” Hahn said.

Hahn said his background in business includes serving a multitude of clients in a wide spectrum of industries. He said he is responsible for impacting their bottom lines. He also spent 10 years living in Costa Rica, where he worked with a local foundation and community to build a park.

“I am an excellent communicator who is passionate about helping others and being the best possible person I can be for my family and those who I surround myself with,” he said.

Hahn said he does not pretend to know all the issues or state of affairs of the LARPD. He said he sees a big opportunity to lead community engagement.

“We can be more together, and I’d like to lead that charge by working with the community members and local businesses to maximize our resources and deliver programs and events that Livermarians are passionate about,” he said.

Saying his family likes to “soak up the sun,” entertain friends and explore Livermore through its restaurants, events, breweries and wineries, Hahn said Livermore is growing and “will continue to become an amazing and diverse place for young families.”

“I think there is ample opportunity to grow our district and attract others to visit through creative events that represent our community well,” Hahn said. “I believe this can be done responsibly while engaging local businesses, special interest groups, and community members to highlight that Livermore Vibe we all love so much.”

A sixth candidate, human resources analyst Robert Sanchez, did not list any contact information on the Alameda County Registrar of Voters site and does not appear to have a campaign website. Attempts to contact him were unsuccessful.

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commercial or industrial, among others. Each also offered details on the potential net new jobs or housing units an area could offer, based on currently permitted density ranges. (Find the draft maps here: https://bit.ly/Indy_DraftMaps.)

Ross noted that part of the planning process has included gathering feedback from the community on the vision for Livermore’s future. He said the city had met with 1,600 residents during the Sept. 9, 2021 to May 31, 2022 timeframe. Residents cited priorities for Livermore that included maintaining a sense of small-town character, affordable housing, a strong economy, and improved mobility and access to transit, Ross reported.

Councilmember Trish Munro spoke to the challenges of delivering on priorities that could be somewhat contradictory.

“If we want to maintain a small-town feel, that’s difficult to do when we are building lots of houses,” Munro said. “If we want to do a lot of infill, that says something about how high we get to build, because that means we’re not building out ... So one of the things I’d like to make sure we do is think very carefully about (how) Livermore prides itself on having a small-town feel, despite the fact that we are 88,000 people, and we’re going to be growing by close to 50%.”

Councilmember Brittni Kick asked staff to provide future feedback on how job projections were calculated — especially when considering a remote workforce that might be working for a company out of the area, but from a site in Livermore.

Vice Mayor Gina Bonanno called for an analysis behind each of the decisions regarding how space would be allocated. She referred to the makerspace alternative associated with the East

Avenue and South of Vasco Road area.

“I have no doubt that we have makers that want to expand space, or they’re interested in possibly going to South Vasco,” Bonanno said. “The question is, how much space do we put in a quantitative way into a General Plan? We are putting something on the line when we say we’re going to do 25,000 square feet of makerspace ... How much we allocate has to be based on something more than qualitative ideas with hopes and prayers that if we build it, they will come.”

Councilmember Robert Carling noted that the Las Positas corridor industrial alternative raised concerns about access and bio species.

“From my point of view, I can’t imagine trying to turn some of that open space now that we have there into industrial,” Carling said. “I appreciate the comments about making sure we continue to provide space for industrial development and job creation, but I can’t imagine trying to turn that into any industrial access there.”

Mayor Bob Woerner said a blended use for the South-front area would make the most sense should Livermore hope to accommodate a station for Valley Link — a commuter train that would connect the Tri-Valley to the San Joaquin Valley. He also raised the concept of placing homes near Las Positas College. He said he’s reached out to officials at the college to discuss student housing. He wanted to make “sure we have the student housing figured out.”

“That’s a major element

for the future of the college,” Woerner said. “So I think that deserves explicit discussion.”

Woerner also spoke about the housing problem facing the Bay Area and noted that Livermore couldn’t be expected to fix that issue for the entire region. However, he wondered if there would be a way to upzone an area that was once lower density or not intended for housing at all, if the property owner were willing to provide a preference for those who are employed in Livermore.

“We should think about this, because if we just add more housing, we haven’t solved Livermore’s problem,” he continued. “This would be something similar to the transfer development credit program.”

His fellow councilmembers supported the concept.

Ross reported that staff has already begun the initial research required for policy development. The staff timeline shows final adoption of the General Plan beginning at the end of 2023 and spanning into early 2024.

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cord-breaking heat wave had a Lab history angle. On the day the Lab opened, C. Bruce Tarter (lab director, 1994-2002) said the temperature was 112F, the highest that had ever been recorded in Livermore at that time, according to contemporary newspaper reports.

Three years later, it was 110F on John H. Nuckolls’ first day at the lab. The first office of the physicist who would be Lab director 1988-94 was in a converted lady’s [?] room with a leaky roof — “because I [?] didn’t have a PhD.” The computer room was the lab’s only air-conditioned area. (“First things first!” quipped Foster.)

Tarter said he’s become a “quasi historian” in recent years, publishing in 2018 a book about the lab’s eras and epochs (“The American Lab”). The physics inventions of the 1950s led to the lab’s success over rival lab Los Alamos in designing the warheads for the Polaris and Minuteman missiles in the 1960s.

Although “some complacency set in” in the 1970s, new programs in laser fusion and laser isotope separation thrived and became one-third of the Lab’s budget. The 1980s saw new ideas emerge in strategic defense and beam weapons. Space enthusiasts joined the Lab, adding a new dimension to the lab’s culture.

After the fall of the Soviet

Union, America’s nuclear weapons labs (Livermore, Los Alamos and Sandia) embarked in the 1990s and beyond on ways to maintain those warheads’ viability without nuclear tests, efforts known as “stockpile stewardship” and modernization. This led not only to new experimental facilities at the Lab, Tarter said, but also to a dramatic rebirth of supercomputers in America. Beginning with the Lab’s partnership with IBM, he said supercomputing speeds have “increased by a factor of a billion, contributing to all branches of science.”

“But Lawrence Livermore National Lab cannot stand on its laurels,” warned Michael C. Anastasio, who was lab director 2002-06 and then director of Los Alamos National Labs 2006-11. He listed new national security challenges that will shape the Lab’s future: Putin in Russia; the nuclear capabilities of China, North Korea and Iran; the slow worldwide response to climate change; lack of pandemic preparedness, and a confounding mistrust of science in some societal sectors.

“I think we have huge changes in front of us,” added George H. Miller (2006-11). With the world and its challenges moving faster than ever, he said, the ab must also speed up if it is to stay relevant into the future.

Penrose C. (Parney) Albright (2011-13) had a cau-

tionary view. “All this (nuclear weapons) modernization will have to end sometime, probably in a decade or two,” he said. “Then the weapons would not need to be touched and the problems (the lab would be solving) will not be challenging enough to attract talent, funding and new facilities.”

He added that many of the important challenges, moreover, are conventional, not nuclear.

The current director, Kimberly Budil, is fully aware of the challenges and changes afoot. She’s seen a lot since she joined the Lab 35 years ago when she was a graduate student.

“We are a national security lab, with a nuclear core,” she said. “But now, conflict doesn’t look like it did 30 years ago. Now it looks like the Cold War, but with even more players.”

Cyberattacks come first, she said, and new technologies, such as hypersonic missiles and directed energy weapons are emerging.

“Problems that seem inconceivably difficult attract the best people,” Budil said. “Then we need to keep them here. We want them to learn national security.”

Things are changing very fast, and we need to be faster than everyone else and be the leader, because these problems are so strategically important to America’s security, she added. “I’m very

lucky to be the 13th director of Lawrence Livermore National Lab,” Budil said.

Foundation President Donna Crawford was also recognized during the celebration for her role in creating the Foundation, which benefits science students, some of whom end up as interns and then stay on to work at the lab.

Lab directors:

1952–1958 Herbert York (d. 2009)

1958–1960 Edward Teller (d. 2003)

1960–1961 Harold Brown (d. 2019)

1961–1965 John S. Foster, Jr.

1965–1971 Michael M. May

1971–1988 Roger E. Batzel (d. 2000)

1988–1994 John H. Nuckolls

1994–2002 C. Bruce Tarter

2002–2006 Michael R. Anastasio

2006–2011 George H. Miller

2011–2013 Penrose C. Albright

2013–2014 Bret Knapp, acting director (Nov. 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014)

2014–2021 William H. Goldstein

2021–present Kimberly S. Budil

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