

Livermore

City Agrees
To Buy Open
Space Land

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — The city council on Monday approved spending \$856,000 toward the purchase of a vacant 125-acre site on Greenville Road south of Interstate 580 to preserve the land as open space outside the city’s urban growth boundary.

Although the council had planned to spend another \$980,000 to do the same with the 82-acre Hartford Hills parcel west of Livermore’s Springtown neighborhood, that decision was put off to July 22 to allow a community group that might be opposed to the purchase to meet privately with city officials this week.

The council’s 3-0 vote to acquire 18 Greenville Road will allocate funds from its Open Space Acquisition and Management Account to go along with a \$1.3 million grant from the Altamont Landfill Open Space Committee (ALOSC) to help the city pay the \$2.14 million

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State Grant
Funds Area
Nonprofits

Helps Tri-Valley
Homelessness

By Ruth Roberts

LIVERMORE — A state grant aimed at tackling immediate homelessness challenges has bolstered Tri-Valley assistance efforts with the help of the City of Livermore, one of the grant’s fiscal partners.

Several area nonprofits received a total of \$439,426 from the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funding program, a \$650 million state grant that helps organizations through regional coordination and local support. The allocations helped to support rental assistance, shelter resources and wrap-around support services to those in need.

From Oct. 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024, the City of Livermore worked with CityServe of the Tri-Valley, Open Heart Kitchen and Tri-Valley Haven to assist

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Residents brave sweltering temperatures to view the Camarillo-based Commemorative Air Force at Livermore’s Fourth of July celebration at Livermore Municipal Airport. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Voters Call for Recall of Two Sunol Glen
Unified School District Board Members

52.7% and 51.9% of Voters Favor Recalling Jergensen and Hurley

By Ruth Roberts

SUNOL — Voters support the removal of Sunol Glen Unified School District (SGUSD) President Ryan Jergensen and Trustee Linda Hurley from the school board, according to the latest results from the July 2 recall election.

Out of the 828 registered voters in the district, 521 ballots have been counted.

With all precincts reporting, 52.69% of voters favor recalling Jergensen, and 51.92% support recalling Hurley. The recalls require at least 50% to pass.

The latest count, released on July 3, is expected to be the final update before the results are certified sometime during the week of July 15, according to the county elections website.

The president of the Alameda County Board of Education may appoint members of the county board of education to SGUSD’s board until new members are elected or appointed, according to a statement from Bob Tuerck, chief legal counsel for the California School Board Association.

Angela Ruggiero, communications specialist with the county office of education, said there is no current

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Pleasanton School District Begins the
Search for Its Next Superintendent

By Dawnmarie Fehr

PLEASANTON — The Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) board of trustees voted unanimously to spend \$14,000 on a contract with Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates (HYAA) to learn what its community is looking for in a new superintendent.

The contract was approved during the June 27 board meeting and is designed to gather community feedback to create a leadership profile to assist in hiring a new superintendent. It is similar to one approved seven years ago that led to hiring Superintendent David Haglund.

Haglund retired June 30, and Maurice Ghysels — a

PUSD alum who served as superintendent to two districts in the Bay Area — began serving as interim superintendent July 1. Ghysels will serve until next summer or until a permanent replacement has been found.

HYAA’s Jim Negri made a presentation to the board describing the “engage phase” of finding someone who will be the right fit for PUSD. He said this phase will take place early in the upcoming school year and will gather feedback through an online survey, focus groups and community forum. He and his team will then compile the community’s input into a leadership profile identifying the characteristics desired in a superintendent, as well as the

strengths of and challenges facing the district.

During the board meeting, PUSD Board President Mary Jo Carreon said she had consulted with a lawyer about the process of searching for a new superintendent.

“I really think it’s important we gather public information and engage our public,” she said. “And our organizational work plan states we need authentic engagement, so I want to hear from all members of the community.”

Negri noted HYAA would be thorough and persistent in their efforts to get input from all stakeholders.

“I am going to ask every committee you have in this district, every stakeholder

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Livermore Airport
Begins Sale of
Unleaded Fuel

Option Arrives 18 Months Ahead of Deadline

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — In a development pushed by Tri-Valley residents, pilots of piston-engine aircraft can now fill their tanks with unleaded aviation fuel at Livermore Municipal Airport (LVK).

Five Rivers Aviation, the airport’s fixed-based operator, recently obtained a permit to sell Swift Fuels’ 94-octane product (UL94), upgraded its equipment, and is beginning a campaign to alert pilots that the fuel is available for purchase.

Pete Sandhu, Five Rivers’ owner, said he put 914 gallons of Swift UL94 in his 1,000-gallon tank last week, and will shift to Swift’s 100-octane product, which

is compatible with more aircraft, when it becomes available as soon as January.

“We’re done with all the testing and calibrations and certifications. So now it’s officially open for sale,” Sandhu said.

Leaded fuel — still the primary choice of piston-engine aircraft pilots — remains available for purchase but will be phased out as new unleaded fuels become available. The FAA is hoping to phase out leaded fuel nationwide by 2030.

The move at LVK came 18 months before a city ordinance passed in December would have required Sandhu to sell unleaded fuel at the airport. Sandhu told city leaders that he would do

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Tri-Valley police departments are preparing for this year’s National Night Out on Aug. 6, intended to promote police-community partnerships. Above, Pleasanton police officers talk with a resident during last year’s event. (See story on page 2.) (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Las Positas College

Sandia Labs Donates
Equipment to College

To Aid Advanced Manufacturing Students

By David Jen

LIVERMORE — Students pursuing manufacturing careers at Las Positas College will enjoy more hands-on experience following the donation of state-of-the-art equipment, valued at over \$220,000 if new, from Sandia National Laboratories.

Announced last week, the donation included two Haas VF-2 computer numerical control (CNC) ma-

chines, a coordinate measuring machine, and all of the necessary attachments for the machines. The computer-controlled tools allow machinists to shape and cut materials with the speed and precision expected in industries such as automotive, oil and gas, and agriculture.

“If you’re going to teach, you want to teach what’s happening in the real world,” said Sandia manufacturing engineer Chris

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From left to right, Susie Calhoun, Merry Carter and Laura Mueller continue to raise cattle on the Livermore ranch that their family has run for almost 100 years. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Historic Ranch Continues Legacy
Of Agriculture and Conservation

By Ruth Roberts

LIVERMORE — Susie Calhoun, Merry Carter and Laura Mueller, owners of the 3 Calhoun Sisters Ranch in Livermore, were recently honored by the Alameda County Agricultural Fair Association for their ongoing commitment to ranching and the environment. The sisters, who are fourth-generation cattle ranchers, were part of a “Fields of Gratitude, Thank a Farmer” display at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton,

which debuted at the fair this month.

“I believe that the recognition is important to the future of agriculture in Alameda County and to the fair,” said Calhoun, who lives in Lockeford with her husband Troy. “We represent women in agriculture and conservation, providing a role model for future ranchers and conservationists ... I hope the Fields of Gratitude exhibit inspires some of the youth to follow a similar path.”

The sisters, who are award-winning conserva-

tionists, are proud of their lineage and keen to preserve the property and the business for the next generation.

The Calhouns are one of the oldest ranching families in the Tri-Valley, having settled in Livermore in the late 1800s where they have been ranching and farming for over 100 years. In 1900, the sisters’ paternal great-grandfather Joseph Calhoun bought the ranch on Mines Road. He moved to the property around 1925 after the death of their great-grandmother Maria Duarte Calhoun. There, the

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PETS OF THE WEEK



KIT AND KING

Kit and King are a dynamic duo. Kit, the white calico, will win you over with his soulful gaze and happy purrs once he warms up to you, while King, the tuxedo, is a big bundle of love who enjoys being picked up and hugged. These two are playful, perfect companions—whether they are adopted together or separately. Visit valleyhumane.org to learn more or email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption application process. (Photo courtesy of the Valley Humane)

Area Police Invite Residents to National Night Out

By Ruth Roberts

National Night Out (NNO), the annual event designed to bring law enforcement and the community together, is coming to the Tri-Valley on Aug. 6. There is still time for residents to sign up their neighborhoods for a community block party and celebration. Police departments typically visit as many neighborhoods as possible throughout NNO's early evening hours.

According to their website, NNO was created in 1984 through an established network of law enforcement agencies, neighborhood watch programs, civic groups, state and regional

crime prevention associations, and volunteers across the nation. The first NNO involved 2.5 million people across 400 communities in 23 states. Today the tradition continues with the annual party held each year on the first Tuesday in August.

Dublin

Dublin Police Services invites city residents to sign up now to host an event in their home or neighborhood. The deadline to register is Friday, July 19, at 5 p.m.

Members of the Dublin Police Department, Alameda County Fire, Dublin-area CHP, and the City of Dublin will be mingling

with Dublin community members at events throughout the city.

For more information or to register for the event, visit www.dublin.ca.gov.

Livermore

In Livermore, NNO party registration is open through July 30.

"The Livermore Police Department is hosting our NNO this year," said Police Officer Taylor Burruss, with the Community Outreach Unit. "Typically, neighborhood leaders will take charge in coordinating a party for their respective area. Parties range from 10 people to over 100 for some. This is a fun event that engages community



The deadlines for residents to register their neighborhood National Night Out celebrations are approaching. Residents from Dublin, above, gather at a past event. (File photo – Doug Jorgensen)

members and their local police department."

To register, visit www.LivermoreCA.gov/police.

Pleasanton

Pleasanton is hosting its annual event from 5-9 p.m. with block parties held in neighborhoods throughout the city. The city participates in neighborhood celebrations as residents schedule barbecues, potlucks and ice cream socials — some even schedule live music and chili cook-offs.

This year, according to Heather Tiernan, communications manager with the City of Pleasanton, the city anticipates over 30 block parties throughout Pleasanton.

"National Night Out emphasizes the importance of safety and community vigilance," said Tiernan. "Educating residents to prioritize safety and remain vigilant in reporting

crime is pivotal to maintaining our quality of life.

This event serves as an opportunity for residents to engage directly with their police department, seek

safety tips, and discuss community safety issues."

To register for an event, visit www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/our-government/police/ before July 31.



The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District held a Playtime Fun event at May Nissen Park on July 3. Children of all ages participated in activities around building social and motor skills. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Dublin to Fill Planning Commission Vacancy

The Dublin City Council is seeking applicants interested in serving on the city Planning Commission.

The council will select one person to fill a vacancy created when commission member Janine Thalblum was appointed to fill a vacancy on the city council.

The person chosen will serve out Thalblum's four-year term on the commission,

which expires at the end of 2026.

The commission is an advisory board to the city council and is scheduled to meet in the council's chambers at the Dublin Civic Center at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. Commission members must be Dublin residents.

To apply online, go to dublin.ca.gov/commissions.

Applications must be received no later than Friday, July 19.

Thalblum was appointed to fill a vacancy on the city council created by the appointment of former councilman Michael McCorriston as interim mayor, replacing former mayor Melissa Hernandez, who resigned. McCorriston will serve as mayor until the end of the year.

Both McCorriston's former council seat and the mayor's office will be up for election in November.

Livermore Voters Will Pick Two School District Board Members in November

Candidates interested in running for seats on the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) Board of Education have until Friday, Aug. 9, to file with the Alameda County Registrar of Voters.

Two of the board's five seats will be up for election, with both incumbents, Kristie Wang and Yanira

Guzmán, having already said they will not seek reelection.

School Board members serve four-year terms.

LVJUSD also offers a webpage at livermore-schools.org with information for potential candidates, including details about the school district, roles and responsibilities of board members, the election process,

and meetings calendar. There are also links to information about campaign reporting requirements, Livermore's regulations regarding campaign signs, and the California Fair Political Practices Commission rules.

Filing documents are available from the Alameda County Registrar of Voters at acvote.org.

Search Is on for Waldo in Livermore

Where's Waldo?
The bespectacled character dressed in a red and white striped shirt and hat will be in Livermore throughout July for the 12th annual Find Waldo Local, sponsored by the American Booksellers Association.

As part of the search, images of the elusive character, created by British book illustrator Martin Handford in 1987, will be hidden in various Livermore businesses, including Towne Center Books, Mozart, Einstein & Me, and Sunshine Mountain Sports.

To join the search, pick

up a "Find Waldo Local in Livermore" card at any of the participating stores and get those cards stamped for every miniature Waldo spotted. There is no cost to join the hunt.

A special Waldo gold medal will also be hidden in Towne Center Books.

Waldo seekers who collect stamps from all participating businesses will be entered into a drawing for a set of Waldo books during a party at Towne Center Books on Wednesday, July 31.

The search for Waldo is designed to encourage

shoppers to visit independent bookstores and other locally owned businesses. More than 300 bookstores nationwide will be participating in this year's Find Waldo Local.

Since Handford debuted his first collection of Where's Waldo crowd scenes in the late 1980s, more than 80 Waldo books have been sold worldwide, translated into more than 30 languages.

For more information about hunting for Waldo in Livermore, call Towne Center Books at 925-292-5200.

Nursery to Host Program on Native Plants

Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore will host a program on the importance of native plants from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 13.

The program is being sponsored by the Tri-Valley Native Plant Resource Team.

"We'd like the public to learn about the many benefits native plants bring to

wildlife including habitat for the pollinators that are vital to our food supply," said Ann Brown, a resource team member.

Carol Garberson, another resource team member, noted that many of California's birds, butterflies, and other pollinators depend on native plants.

In addition, Garberson

said, using native plants in landscaping can help conserve water, reduce the need for fertilizers and other chemicals, and cut down on the use of gas-powered mowers and blowers that can pollute the air.

The program will be held on the nursery's back patio at 981 Alden Lane. Light refreshments will be served.



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Glazer’s Bill to Save Local Journalism Gets New Life

By Larry Altman

A bill by Tri-Valley state Sen. Steve Glazer meant to revive California’s flailing local journalism industry appeared to be dead in May, when the legislator could not secure enough support among his colleagues to even bring it up for a floor vote.

But last month, Glazer’s Senate Bill 1327, which would tax giant tech companies Amazon, Meta and Google to create a \$500 million fund to aid news publishers, found life. On June 27, the bill obtained the minimum 27 votes needed to pass in the state Senate to move on to the Assembly, where a similar bill was recently approved.

Glazer’s measure received support from 26 Democrats and one Republican, state Sen. Scott Wilk of Santa Clarita, to receive the two-thirds vote it needed to pass.

“Democracies and the personal freedoms and liberties they provide do not live forever,” Glazer told his colleagues before the vote. “Our founders pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to create ours. That torch of freedom is now in your hands. It is vulnerable and fragile. I hope you will give me the chance to keep working to protect it by advancing this bill.”

Glazer’s bill would impose a 7.25% “mitigation fee” on tech companies that extract data from their users’ preferences and behaviors to target advertising and generate revenue. As a result of the technology, many large advertisers stopped doing business with local publications and websites and shifted to the more targeted channels. Print advertising revenue declined 9% yearly from 2010 to 2017. The number of journalists in California has plummeted by 68%

since 2005.

If signed into law, tech companies with revenues above \$2.5 billion would be affected. Amazon, Meta and Google are the only firms in that category.

Of the \$500 million expected to be raised annually, about 40% would go to schools. The rest would go to local journalism publishers, who can claim tax credits for wages paid to full-time journalists. The base credit would be 25% of wages paid, and larger if the employer provides health and retirement benefits. Proponents say the funding will help community and ethnic publications with small staffs. Publishers who enlarge their workforces would receive large credits.

During remarks on the Senate floor, Glazer called his bill a “rescue effort” for an industry necessary to protect democracy.

“Members, we are in a moment of peril in our

democracy, and our hollowed-out newsrooms are in the center of that crisis,” Glazer said. “Democracies are the exception in human history. It is not if they will fail, it is a matter of when they will fail.”

During debate before the vote, Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, was among legislators who questioned how the money would be spent. Dodd was particularly concerned with hedge fund companies.

“What I’d like to see is, by the time this comes back to the floor, that we have an opportunity to kind of see, not maybe a firm spending program, but at least something that has been thought out, and something that’s been thought out particularly so we’re not funding hedge funds,” Dodd said.

In her remarks, state Sen. Catherine Blakespear, D-Encinitas, called the bill a “reasoned approach to protecting journalists and journalism.” Journalism, she said, “keeps an eye as a watchdog on government, and it is critical to our democracy.” With so many jobs lost, she said, many governments “are not being watched by anybody.”

“As a former journalist myself, I know that the stories that I would write would have an effect on the environment around me, on the policies that were created, on the constituents’ understanding of the world that they lived in,” Blakespear said. “We need our journalists. We need to protect them. We need to protect them financially.”

In opposition, state Sen. Roger Niello, R-Fair Oaks, said he was concerned that the entity expected to keep lawmakers accountable would become dependent on the government for

its “very existence.” He noted that the news industry was evolving with customers getting their news in non-traditional ways, including podcasts and online newsletters. He noted a new model for the industry, Cal Matters, a non-profit news organization supported by donations and grants.

He also questioned whether hedge fund owners would benefit from the bill.

“I am an unabashed capitalist myself, but they’re not buying these newspaper groups for the sake of the mission of news reporting. To them, it’s a business deal,” Niello said. “One has to question with regard to this bill... who are we saving?”

In addition to Glazer’s bill, a second bill to aid California journalism is making its way through the legislature. Sponsored by Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, D-Oakland, the “California Journalism Preservation Act,” would require major tech com-

panies to pay publishers a “journalism usage fee” each time they post local news content and sell advertising with it.

Glazer said Wicks’ bill, Assembly Bill 886, works differently to preserve journalism, but is compatible with his proposal. Wicks’ bill passed in the Assembly 55-6 on June 1.

“Our Judiciary committee advanced it on (June 25) in the hope that she and I can work with stakeholders this summer in balancing everyone’s interest,” Glazer said. “(SB 1327) would be the Senate vehicle to join that important work.”



A singer songwriter for 20 years, Frankie Bones follows acoustic folk rock – James Taylor; Crosby, Stills & Nash; and Jackson Browne. He takes “standards” and makes them his own – Jimmy Buffett, Paul Simon and the Beatles. He released a CD of original music entitled “Living in a Bottle.” The July 16 “Tuesday Tunes” concert at 6:45 p.m. will be on the Shea Homes Stage in front of the Bankhead Theater. The Livermore Cultural Arts Council has organized the 11-concert series running through Aug. 20. Shea Homes sponsors a major portion of this series, with additional funding from Fremont Bank, Uncle Credit Union, Uncle Yu’s at the Vineyard, and the Independent. The next concert on July 23 features Audio Illusion. (Photo courtesy of Frankie Bones)

Library Will Host Tour of New Open Heart Food Distribution Center

Livermore Public Library will host a tour of Open Heart Kitchen’s new 19,000-square-foot food bank distribution center, set to open this fall, on Monday, Aug. 12.

The nonprofit, which provides food to community food banks, said the new facility in Livermore would allow it to expand its annual distribution from 875,000 pounds of food currently to more than 3 million pounds over the next five years.

The warehouse, 7650 Marathon Dr., will include

receiving docks, freezer, cooler, and dry-storage areas; and a distribution area. It will also serve as the nonprofit’s new administration center.

In addition to distributing food to community food banks, Open Heart Kitchen also provides free meals and overnight shelter for adults at the recently opened Vineyard Resource Center, 450 N. Livermore Ave.; free lunches for older residents at the Livermore Community Center and senior centers in Dublin and Pleasanton; and ready-

to-eat meals to homeless encampments.

To register for the 10 a.m. tour of the new warehouse distribution center, call 925-373-5505.

The Livermore Public Library is also collecting donated items for the Open Heart Refuge Center, the overnight facility at the Vineyard Resource Center, including laundry detergent, dryer sheets, shampoo and conditioner, t-shirts, underwear, and backpacks.

Items can be donated at all Livermore Public Library locations.

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EDITORIAL

Welcoming Unleaded Fuel to Livermore Airport

Last week, the Livermore Municipal Airport began offering unleaded fuel for sale at its fixed-base operator, Five Rivers Aviation. The offering marks a milestone in a community-led effort to reduce lead emissions in the Tri-Valley.

We congratulate the city and Five Rivers for bringing the fuel to the airport 18 months ahead of the city’s ordinance requirement. The move highlights the open communication channels between the airport and its surrounding community, as

residents have publicly voiced concerns over possible lead poisoning related to aviation emissions.

The new fuel, Swift Fuels’ UL94, is compatible with about 68% of the nation’s general aviation fleet. We look forward to higher-octane unleaded fuels following UL94 at Livermore, which would allow even more aircraft to go unleaded. Fiver Rivers owner Pete Sandhu said the upgrade could come as early as January.

While use of the unleaded fuels currently requires aircraft

owners to buy certificates for the new fuel types, a nationwide overhaul is also underway. The FAA’s Eliminate Aviation Gasoline Lead Emissions program is pursuing fleetwide authorization of several high-octane unleaded fuels to serve as drop-in replacements for the leaded formulas in wide use today. Such an authorization would make these new fuels available to aircraft owners without the cost of certificates.

According to the FAA, the major hurdles for these replacements include safety and techni-

cal considerations, and building out the production and distribution infrastructure needed to support the new fuels. The FAA has set a goal of 2030 to complete this transition.

In the meantime, we urge the city to consider assistance programs to help aircraft owners cover the costs of certificates. Such funding would not only remove some lead from Tri-Valley air, but also send a signal to the FAA that a demand exists to accelerate the larger move to unleaded aviation fuels.

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Even Angels Ask
Abdul Awwal, Pleasanton

“Even Angels Ask” is an interesting book by Professor Jeffrey Lang. The title refers to a conversation between angels and God. ‘Remember’ when your Lord said to the angels, “I am going to place a successive ‘human’ authority on earth.” They asked ‘God’, “Will You place in it someone who will spread corruption there and shed blood while we glorify Your praises and proclaim Your holiness?” God responded, “I know what you do not know.”[1] (quran.com/2/30). The angels saw only the human potential for darkness, but God, in his infinite wisdom, knew that the best of humanity could surpass even angels.

Recently, I learned that the father of Hind Rajab, the six-year-old Palestinian girl whose murder awakened the world to the suffering of Gaza’s children, has been martyred.

Hind Rajab was in a car with her family when IDF

snipers shot at them. Her older cousin,

Layan, called the Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS). While on the phone, fifteen-year-old Layan was shot. Hind took the phone and informed the PRCS that her cousin was killed. She was surrounded by the dead bodies of her family.

She pleaded with the PRCS, “Please come get me. I’m scared.”

The phone call dropped. They lost touch with Hind.

The PRCS contacted the Israeli army and received clearance to send an ambulance to get Hind. Two heroes, Yusuf Zeino and Ahmed Al-Madhoun, left to rescue Hind from her living hell. But for twelve days, there was no news. Where were the paramedics that were sent to save her?

Twelve days later, the decomposed bodies of Hind, her family, and the paramedics were found by Palestinians after the Israeli army had left the area. Six-year-old Hind was left to die surrounded by the dead bodies of her loved ones after witnessing the ambulance, her only hope, being shot in front of her.

Just like Holocaust stories, we must not forget these more recent stories of human cruelty that is still being perpetuated from Xinjiang to Palestine. “Never again” means “never again for anyone”.

Humans can also rise above tragedy. Lee Mun Wah (<https://stirfryseminars.com/>) from Oakland forgave the killer of his Mom and even works with the murderer to promote peace. This TED talk (<https://go.ted.com/rsSes>), between an Israeli who lost parents on Oct. 7 and a Palestinian who lost his brother before Oct. 7, gives me hope for human potential!

Reproductive Justice
Allie Felker, Livermore

Several months ago, I received an invitation to watch Kamala Harris speak during her “Reproductive Freedoms Tour”. As an advocate for reproductive justice, I was honored to join the event. As a white woman, I also knew this was an opportunity to use my privilege to stand against injustice. Reproductive Justice is not just the ability to access abortion. Reproductive Justice is a movement centered on the foundational principles that every individual has the right to have children, not have children, and raise those children in safe societies. My first child was stillborn. He died due to medical negligence. His death was an infringement on my right to have children and raise them in a safe society. It was an issue of justice.

In Gaza, the miscarriage rate has tripled. The stillbirth and neonatal death rate has increased and less than 40 percent of hospitals are operational. Food and water instability is rampant. Women are having C-sections WITHOUT anesthesia. One woman asked if it was permissible to cut off her hand and feed it to her children as they were starving. Fathers are carrying their children’s remains in shopping bags. It is safe to say that reproductive justice is nowhere close to being met in Gaza. Just look at the deaths of children compared to any other conflict.

War has rules. In war, there is a responsibility to protect civilians. It is international law. I don’t care whether or not you think this is a genocide. I do care that you realize exactly what our tax dollars are funding. Bombs dropped in Gaza have been found to have California serial numbers. We are making weapons that are killing thousands of civilians who are being punished for crimes they had nothing to do with.

As a taxpaying white woman, I felt a responsibility to use my privilege at the Kamala Harris event. So, I did what our mothers did when they fought for our reproductive freedoms; I caused a scene. I joined the other brave protestors and shouted, “Trust the women of Gaza. I have lost a child.I know their pain.” I knew that having white skin would protect me and that I would be disappointed if I sat and continued cheering on the hypocrisy. If you fight for reproductive justice in America, you should be aware of the ways we are actively denying that justice abroad.

Overbilling the Citizens of Dublin
John Iahommedieu, Dublin

The citizens of Dublin were overbilled by the city’s garbage contractor stemming from miscalculations two years ago! What an utter lie and embarrassment. There is accounting or there is not. This is another example of failed leadership, accounting and having reps who know what they are doing, signing and agreeing to in contractual agreements. The rates are going up. Gee! I have to wonder if the calculations two years from now will suddenly be found to be off as well? I have lived long enough to know how things work and when they don’t...Always follow the money trail. You will be surprised where it might take you. Shame on the city and the Amador Valley Industries, the city’s garbage contractor. Maybe a good state or federal audit should be performed on both, because something is really amiss here. And it stinks!

Recognize the Eden Housing referendum
Michael Ferrucci, Livermore

I expressed my opinion at a recent City Council meeting urging the council members to respect the legitimate referendum submitted by the residents of Livermore to protect the unique nature of our downtown area and asked the council either adopt the referendum as it was submitted in its entirety, or place it without edit for a vote by the citizens of Livermore.

Our downtown is the heart of our community, rich in history and character, attracting residents and visitors alike. It is a place where small businesses thrive, where families gather, and where cultural and social activities flourish. Preserving the unique nature of this area is crucial to maintaining the vibrancy and charm that define our city. The proposed referendum represents a collective effort by residents to ensure that any development in this area aligns with the long-term vision of a vibrant, inclusive, and economically sustainable downtown.

The Eden Housing project in question, while essential to address our community’s growing needs, does not fit within the context of our downtown’s existing landscape. It poses potential challenges, including increased traffic congestion, strain on local infrastructure, and a disruption to the aesthetic and cultural fabric of the area. Relocating this project to a more suitable location would not only mitigate these concerns but also allow for a development that better serves the residents who will inhabit it with access to appropriate amenities and services.

Like other members of our community, we agree that we need a collaborative approach to find an alternative site that meets our city’s low-cost housing needs without compromising the integrity of our downtown. By doing so, we can ensure that new developments are integrated thoughtfully and sustainably, enhancing the overall quality of life for all residents.

I urge the City Council to recognize the value of the citizens’ referendum and seriously consider the relocation of the Eden Housing project. By protecting the unique nature of our downtown and making strategic, community-focused decisions, we can preserve the character of our beloved city while accommodating growth and development in a way that benefits everyone.

I urge all citizens and community leaders to contact their council members representing their specific districts and ask them to honor the citizen’s referendum to relocate Eden

Housing project. It is clear the Livermore city council needs to place the referendum on the ballot.

Good News
Phyllis Couper, Pleasanton

Governor Newsom’s attempt to scratch Prop. 47 failed. His alternate competing Prop. 47 “reform” was denied. As of June 27, the Secretary of State certified Prop. 47 to be on the Nov. 5th ballot. We win. Criminals lose.

Be Careful What You Wish For
David Jonas, Livermore

Eden Housing opponents’ attacks on City Council have become increasingly picturesque: the council uses “weasel words” and, according to Richard Ryon’s July 4th letter to the editor, has perpetrated “fudge.”

The current Eden Housing situation is straightforward, notwithstanding persistent efforts by opponents to sow confusion and misinformation.

The petition at the heart of Mr. Ryon’s lawsuit states: “We request that the legislative acts contained in said RESOLUTION be entirely repealed by the city council...”

The appellate court identified a single legislative act in the resolution which, consistent with election code, council has repealed.

Council subsequently reaffirmed all the resolution’s administrative acts, which per election code cannot be referred.

Council has complied in every respect with the court rulings and election code. Council made lawful decisions, not baked goods.

Mr. Ryon went fishing through the court system for a legislative act and reeled in the equivalent of a barnacle-encrusted boot: a legislative act that, sadly, delays Veterans’ Park but has zero impact on Eden Housing.

Mr. Ryon also states Eden Housing opponents “support low-cost housing in downtown Livermore,” north of Railroad Avenue across the street from the Eden Housing site.

This is a nonsensical fantasy. Mr. Ryon fails to disclose (1) the City is obligated to build affordable housing on the catalyst site, since it was purchased with affordable housing funds; (2) The owners of the north of Railroad parcels will not sell to developers, since that would entail forcibly displacing two critical non-profits and several businesses (3) One of the parcels north of L will be a parking lot for the downtown hotel and (4) MEH has produced no planning analysis or financial projections to support their pipe dream.

Advocating for an im-

possible alternate downtown location for affordable housing is a disingenuous attempt by MEH to hide its agenda. Years ago, MEH principals lobbied to build 426 housing units on the catalyst site, alongside a massive 10-story theater. More recently, when the city explored limiting Legacy Apartments to three stories, MEH principals lobbied to keep the limit at four.

How can Eden Housing “destroy the character of downtown,” as MEH repeatedly asserts, while Legacy Apartments, larger than Eden Housing and just a few feet away, is benign? (hint: Legacy rents start at \$4k/month).

To suggest that MEH “support low-cost housing in downtown Livermore” isn’t fudge, it’s a crock.

Holy Hogwash, Batman!
Paul Stone, Dublin

Weary am I of one writer’s repeated Mailbox contributions using the Bible to support abortion (see for example “The Ten Commandments” June 27). His position is such theological turpitude that one scarcely knoweth where to begin in refuting it. But begin I shall.

Here are some Bible references on the subject that a baby in the womb is a human being with a soul breathed into him or her by God at conception:

Jeremiah 1:5 where God tells Jeremiah that He sanctified him before he came out of the womb. Also that He knew him before He formed him in the womb.

Psalm 139:13-16 where the David speaks of how God forms us and weaves us in our mother’s womb.

Luke 1:43-44 where Mary’s cousin, Elizabeth, six months pregnant with John the Baptist said, “How is it that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy greeting reached mine ears, the baby leapt in my womb for joy.”

Try telling a pregnant woman, especially one who has seen a sonogram, that what is inside of her is not a human being. Go ahead, I dare you. I double dare you!

The writer is correct when he says the word “abortion” is not in the Bible. So what? Neither is the word “Bible” found in the Bible. The words fratricide, patricide, and matricide, kinds of murder, are not found in the Bible either.

One is free to believe that abortion is not murder. But one cannot be intellectually honest and say that the Bible does not include abortion when it says, “Thou shalt not kill (i.e. murder)”.

As our illustrious president is wont to say, “C’mon, man!”

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RECALL

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timeline for appointing two new board members following the certification of the recall, but it would likely be as soon as possible to allow the board to continue the work of the district.

Repeated calls to Jergensen and Hurley were not returned, but both filed responses to the recall charges

careful bond oversight. It is Mr. Romo’s team who has brought the drama via outside groups, media they called, and they have made many false accusations. ... If the recall succeeds, Mr. Romo will be the only remaining board member, which is not a solution to disagreement.”

began several months ago after a series of contentious board meetings. During these meetings, Jergensen and Hurley voted to prohibit flying the LGBTQ+ pride flag and other non-U.S. or non-California flags on campus.

While the flag issue is a key factor in the recall



While Sunol Glen awaits the certification of its recall election results, initial numbers point to the recall of both Board President Ryan Jergensen and Trustee Linda Hurley. Above, the voting location lies open during the election. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

in statements on acvote.org.

“I have a deep personal interest in the future of Sunol Glen, as five of my children are eligible to attend next year,” Jergensen wrote in his statement. “Therefore, I have made decisions that I genuinely believe are in the best interest of the school’s longevity and fiscal health. I understand some may not agree with my decisions, and I am open to discussing openly with anyone who wishes to do so. As always, I am eager to meet with all Sunolians and engage in an open, respectful and honest dialogue. ... I hope that we can find a way to move forward together, rather than pushing away those who may have made decisions that are not understood or agreed upon by all.”

Hurley’s statement was similar in its attempt to appeal to the work at hand and not the divisiveness of the board.

“Our town and school have been distracted from what a board should be focused on,” she wrote. “We are tasked with preparing our students with an education that lays a foundation for high school, college and career. ... We have instead been corralled into one controversy after another by one board member, with Mr. Romo taking our time from more constructive ventures and challenging

Trustee Ted Romo, the only one of the three board members not being recalled, said in an email to The Independent that he remained hopeful of the outcome.

“While I am speaking for myself personally and not on behalf of the Sunol Glen Unified School District, its board of trustees or the employees of the district, I read the results of the special recall election to indicate that the Sunol community desires a Sunol Glen school board that is tolerant, open minded and equitable,” wrote Romo. “One that is truly kind and, in the end, one that is normal, reasonable, responsible and focused as its primary mission, on advancing the best interests of its students.”

Jergensen began his first full, four-year term on the board following the November 2022 election after serving in a temporary capacity. During that same election, Hurley claimed a shorter two-year term on the board, which is set to expire this November. Jergensen is not up for reelection until 2026.

It’s been a long, tumultuous few months as the embattled board has struggled to conduct business amid the backdrop of calls for the recall of Jergensen and Hurley. The move to recall Jergensen and Hurley

effort, supporters also cite poor governance, such as Jergensen being reappointed as board president instead of rotating the position as customary, and not allowing community members to speak during public comment periods at school board meetings. These issues also contributed to a no-confidence vote by SGUSD union members.

Longtime principal and superintendent Molly Barnes admitted this year that the unsettled climate at SGUSD influenced her decision to leave.

Residents on both sides of the issue have been vocal.

“We are having a recall because we have seen over and over bad governance, division, lack of transparency, and the abuse of our teachers and superintendent,” said resident Erin Choin during a March board meeting.

But resident James Lowder opposed the recall effort.

“While it is true that 300-plus-or-minus people signed the recall, that means that 500 did not,” said Lowder at the same board meeting. “If the vote goes against the way I prefer it to be, I will do my best to be a participant in the healing of the community, whatever that may be.”

This is an evolving story, check back for updates.

Classical Indian Dancer Performing at the Library

Shruti Abhishek, who performs and choreographs Bharatanatyam, a form of dance that originated in Hindu temples, will demonstrate the classical Indian dance at the Livermore Civic Center Library at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 4.

Bharatanatyam is characterized by precise movements, hand gestures, and

facial expressions.

Abhishek began her training in Mumbai, India, under Rohini M. Singhi, earning her performing arts degree from Nalanda Dance Research Centre’s Nalanda Nritya Kala Mahavidyalaya. She also has degrees in political science and philosophy from Jai-Hind College in Mumbai.

After touring internationally with the Sankhya Dance Company, in 2018 Abhishek founded the Kshetram School of Dance in Livermore, with the goal of keeping Indian traditions alive in California.

Her performance is part of the Livermore Public Library’s Authors & Arts series and is free to the public.

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Hypercriminality

Alan Marling, Livermore

If someone committed grand theft auto in California, the felon could expect to face sixteen months to three years of jail time, and/or a fine of up to \$10,000. Now, I would expect the punishment to be proportionately greater if a criminal robbed a bank and, say, stole hundreds of thousands of dollars belonging to the City of Livermore.

Opponents of affordable housing downtown have probably purloined over a million from our local government because of legal fees and staff time, with spurious lawsuits. The delay to Eden Housing has cost us \$68 million of tax-advantaged financing credits. The perpetrators most responsible are Joan Seppala, owner of The Independent, and Jean King, who together fund a variety of special-interest groups, most recently “Move Eden Housing.”

If someone commits fraud in California, they may also be tried as a felon and face jail time or fines of many thousands of dollars. Fraud is defined as an intentional deception made for unfair personal gain or causing harm or loss to another person. As an example, say Seppala and King organized a referendum designed to delay affordable housing, and they lied to people, saying it wasn’t to block affordable housing, really, simply to move it (to a place it couldn’t be built). They would have defrauded people of their time who believed them, who spent their holidays collecting signatures for the referendum. Seppala and King would certainly be causing harm to Livermore workers who are having their housing blocked.

If someone discriminates against renting apartments to people of color, that landlord would be violating The Federal Fair Housing Act and California Fair Housing Laws. People of color proportionately benefit more from affordable housing, and completing Eden Housing would make Livermore more diverse and equitable. Now, if a city attempted to block state-mandated housing, it could suffer severe consequences (losing the power to control zoning). I have to wonder what legal

consequences Seppala and King could face for effectively barring people of color from moving downtown and blocking state-mandated housing.

Because these two robber barons have funded another lawsuit to further delay affordable housing, I will call on District Attorney Pamela Price and Attorney General Rob Bonta to press charges. If you care about racial and housing justice, I urge you to do the same. Whether or not Joan Seppala and Jean King are guilty legally, they certainly are morally.

Towing Company Decisions

Jim Johnson, Livermore

I attended my first city council meeting in a long time the other day.

I was just a bit dismayed as were others I chatted with about the recent towing company decisions.

I tend to be data driven and solution oriented, and this is my takeaway from the city council and police decisions and comments.

We have an average of three involuntary car tows per day, nearly 100 per month, 1,200 per year.

We have an average of 0.025 large vehicle (RV, truck) tows per day, less than one (0.75) per month, nine per year or, in perspective, less than 1% of the towing.

For that, they wanted to change the bid process to exclude some of our long-term contractors who do not currently have large vehicle tow capabilities in favor of five new companies that can do both large and small vehicles.

Giving these current contractors a few short months to bid on one tow every six weeks effectively excludes them from success. A large

frame tow vehicle can have a cost of near 200K, a lead time of one year to purchase the vehicle and the reimbursement for a large tow under \$3,000, meaning it would take the small tow company over a decade to recoup the investment with no profit in sight. This is not a viable response unless they had a business plan to bid on multiple cities, and due to the long lead time, it was impossible to change their plan on such short notice.

This effectively damaged those small companies we had been previously doing business with, all for a mere 1% of the tow business.

Wouldn’t a less restrictive plan be a better plan? Say, open the bid for one company that already has large vehicle capability without impacting our existing small company towing suppliers.

It seems the nature of the police department and city council and city attorney is punitive in nature, unless there are other extenuating factors the city council did not deem to make public, i.e., wanting to eliminate existing suppliers or favoring a new, non-existing supplier.

This is the type of decision making and policy that leads to lawsuits, unwarranted expense and loss of confidence, and can and will affect the vote in November, while we all wonder what other decisions the city has

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these agencies in their efforts.

“The collaboration between the City of Livermore and our local service providers has been instrumental in delivering comprehensive support to our unhoused community,” said City Manager Marianna Marysheva. “We are proud of the progress made and will continue to work diligently to address homelessness in our city.”

Open Heart Kitchen, an organization that serves hot meals to individuals at several locations throughout the Tri-Valley, including Vineyard 2.0 in Livermore, received money from the grant. John Bost, executive director of Open Heart Kitchen, said the organization is not permitted to give the amount of the funding, but said the allocation was critical to keeping the kitchen open at Vineyard 2.0 and the group’s other services running.

“These funds covered administration expenses, shelter coordination, resource operations, and shower and laundry services,” said Bost. “These funds were crucial for Open Heart Refuge to quickly pivot from providing overnight shelter only five days a week to now seven days a week.”

Open Heart Refuge, an extension of Open Heart Kitchen, provides services

such as showers, laundry and case management for adults in addition to overnight shelter.

Tri-Valley Haven (TVH) received \$208,937 in HHAP funding, and Executive Director Christine Dillman said the allocation was used to provide shelter for the unhoused survivors of domestic violence and their children.

“The HHAP funding is provided to Tri-Valley Haven as reimbursement for allowable costs, like most grants,” said Dillman. “For instance, Tri-Valley Haven pays rent for unhoused survivors of domestic violence, and then the city will reimburse the expense with HHAP funds.”

TVH also arranges for residents to receive counseling, case management and life skill education, said Dillman, who added that funding such as HHAP keeps organizations like hers alive.

“The HHAP funds have been absolutely vital for Tri-Valley Haven and the Tri-Valley community,” said Dillman. “The funds allow TVH to shelter families fleeing interpersonal violence at a confidential location while we are rebuilding and expanding our domestic violence shelter. The new shelter, with 50% more capacity, will help local families and our community for decades to come.”

The funds helped support

a mother and her three young children fleeing domestic violence, said Dillman. During their stay, the mother received counseling, parenting assistance and life-skills education. She secured a full-time job and affordable childcare, enabling her to save and move into her own apartment with assistance from Tri-Valley Haven for the security deposit and first month’s rent. Additionally, the organization helped her obtain new car seats for her one-year-old twins and provided gift cards for gas, aiding in their transition to a stable life.

Christine Beitsch-Bahmani, executive director of CityServe of the Tri-Valley, said her organization was delighted to receive \$19,000 from the grant program. She said those dollars will go toward supporting 12 Housing and Urban Development homeless households — a total of 27 people — by using the subsidies to cover application fees.

“CityServe served as a dedicated conduit for care coordination and subsidy rental funds, facilitating transformative change in the Tri-Valley by providing stability, improving health, fostering employment, and promoting dignity, empowering individuals to rebuild and thrive,” said Beitsch-Bahmani.

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UNLEADED

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so as soon as the Bay Area Air Quality Management District issued him a permit. Working with the city, the permit was issued on April 23.

Sandhu said it then took eight to 10 weeks ordering, installing and testing equipment, performing a pressure test, and having the weights and measures calibrated. After spending about \$30,000 in the process, Sandhu said LVK became the 20th airport in California to be permitted to sell unleaded fuel.

The action culminates about a year of pressure from several Tri-Valley residents who have repeatedly spoken out at city council meetings to push the city and LVK to sell unleaded fuel. Concerned about air quality, residents cited studies that showed lead poisoning causes developmental problems in children. Speakers shared a widely circulated story that claimed a Livermore family moved out of the city because their 4-year-old son tested positive for lead poisoning. The family said there was no other way lead could have entered his bloodstream besides breathing the air at its home near LVK.

Calls for Another Unleaded Option

Shirley Lewandowski, a Dublin resident who has been among those speaking out, said she was pleased unleaded fuel is now for sale at LVK ahead of schedule, but would prefer that Sandhu sell GAMI UL100, a higher-octane unleaded product manufactured by General Aviation Modifications, Inc. “The better thing to do is to switch to GAMI UL100, because it could be used by all planes,” Lewandowski said. “Not all the planes can use (Swift) UL94. That’s why, even when it’s been at different airports, it hasn’t sold.”

Donna Cabanne, a Livermore resident who frequently urged the council to quicken the pace for selling unleaded fuel at LVK, called offering UL94 “a small step towards eliminating the impacts of lead aviation pollution on several residential developments, schools, and preschools close to the airport.”

Like Lewandowski, Cabanne cautioned that UL94 “cannot be used in all piston-engine aircraft.”

“Clearly, the most important step is for Five Rivers Aviation FBO Pete Sandhu to start selling GAMI G100UL — an aviation fuel that can be used in any

plane or tank,” Cabanne said. “GAMI 100UL is FAA approved, insurable, and can be purchased from a distributor in Fresno by the end of 2024.”

Cabanne said there is no reason to delay using 100-octane fuel that is already available.

“We need to reduce the impacts of leaded aviation fuel to our community as soon as possible,” she said.

Sandhu, however, said pilots do not use GAMI UL100 because it has not been properly tested in flight. The refinery that produces it and its fuel distributors will not insure it, he said.

GAMI also requires that pilots purchase \$600 supplemental type certificates (STC) to use its fuel. Swift’s UL94 STCs are \$100 and can be used for future unleaded fuels from Swift.

“Zero customers and zero airports use GAMI, whereas 20 airports in California and 600 airplanes in Northern California use Swift. So, if you want to sell unleaded, sell the one that people want to buy,” Sandhu said.

But Lewandowski said the issue is protecting children who breathe the Tri-Valley’s air.

“I am very much in-

volved because I care about the children, no matter where they live in the Tri-Valley,” she said. “The way Dublin is developing continuously, their housing eastward is going to come closer and closer to the airport, and those children will be impacted. So, I fight for it. I believe in this, because I believe in the quality of life.”

Lewandowski suggested Livermore officials move faster to ban leaded fuel at LVK and establish a program to help pilots buy the \$600 licenses for GAMI.

“We’re happy that Livermore is moving in that direction to transition,” she said. “It’s the pace that we are concerned about. We know they can do it sooner if they really looked at it that way.”

In a video issued by the city, Livermore Mayor John Marchand touted UL94’s availability at LVK and credited Lewandowski and Livermore residents with pushing the city to act.

“This demonstrates the city does in fact listen to the community,” Marchand said. “We heard that they wanted to have unleaded fuel available here, so what we did is we put it into place, and it turns out the project

was 18 months ahead of schedule.”

Now Sandhu must get pilots to buy it. Many pilots might simply wait until leaded fuel is eliminated in the coming years and unleaded fuel becomes the norm, Sandhu said. Unleaded fuel is also more expensive at \$7.60 a gallon, compared to \$6.49 a gallon for leaded.

Some residents asked Sandhu to install a larger tank at LVK, but he has called that unnecessary. He said he can refill his 1,000-gallon tank when it empties. Getting approval for a larger tank might take 2.5 years, he said.

Sandhu said his tank holds more unleaded fuel than Hayward Executive Airport sold in all of 2023.

That opinion does not deter Lewandowski and her supporters.

“Our concern is Pete has always been one to delay unless you push him, and you actually make him realize he’s dealing with a bunch of people here that really want this thing to happen for the sake of the health issue,” Lewandowski said. “We’re not just looking out for the people who live within a mile and a half. We’re concerned for the airport people

themselves and the pilots.”

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, a non-profit political organization that advocates for general aviation, is working with the FAA, fuel distributors and aviation stakeholders, to create a lead-free future for all piston-aircraft by 2030. Various products have been undergoing testing to make sure they are safe.

May Noise Reports

In other airport-related news, Tri-Valley residents made 785 complaints about aircraft noise in May, or about 4.2% of the number of landings and takeoffs at the airport. While the ratio marked a decrease from April’s 5.1%, complaints remain high this year compared to last year’s average of 1.5%. Of the complaints made in May, 686, or 87% were made by Pleasanton households. Seventy-nine, or 10% were made by Livermore households, with 3%, or 20, from Dublin or other areas.

Forty-three of the complaints occurred from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Of the 18,872 total operations at LVK, 172 took place during the Voluntary Restraint from Night Flying Hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., less than 1% of total operations.

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been making that were just as poorly implemented.

Happy Late Birthday President Trump
Carla Biermann, Livermore

I am with you all the way! The Radical Left Democrat machine started trying to impeach you even before you were elected in 2016. The disinformation in the Steele dossier has been disproved. Disinformation flows today to ruin your chance for 2024 re-election. They see what a force you are and that ‘draining the swamp’ might mean they would be exposed and lose their jobs! You beat them! In your four presidential years, you did start to “make America great again!”

China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea respected your strength. The Radical Left saw your strength. They want to keep you out, by slandering you, draining your bank account, and stretch the Constitution’s definitions to put you in jail and take away your First Amendment speech rights in your current trials. You are beating them again because you are the good guy. The ‘mail-in’ ballots and millions of illegals could lead to fraudulent voting. We should go back to one-day voting and prove with American identification who we are when voting. I wish all states would begin cleaning their voter rolls like Colorado and Pennsylvania are starting to do.

Continue building an efficient fence to secure our southern border in 2025. You were reducing inflation,

making the price of gas the cheapest it had been in years (the Democrat’s green stuff is ridiculous, doesn’t work, and is costly), and lowering taxes with your economic policies. I do not know how Biden (the demo puppet) was elected when he promised to raise taxes and the cost of gas. He did it! Newsom is doing all that too, so we plan to leave California after living here for 53 years!

By appointing three Supreme Court Justices our American ‘sanity’ has a chance. Your immunity was based on our Constitution. The current two-tiered justice system is so evident. They did not prosecute Hillary with her laptop cleansing nor Hunter and his laptop and China dealings. Looks like Biden needs to be elected again to keep the family business going!

Your June 27 debate shows you think ‘on your feet’ because your heart and head are for America. You are smart to stay out of the limelight after the debate so the press could keep talking about Biden’s incapability.

“Be bold, be courageous, be your best.” This quote is from Gabrielle Giffords.

Process Violations Cause Division

Elizabeth M. Judge, Livermore

Those who know and appreciate process might realize a cause of division over Livermore’s downtown. What a city decides is one thing, but how it decides, the process used, is more important in the long run.

Remember back in 2017 when Livermore had Place-

Works conduct a city-wide outreach to get opinions about downtown from as many Livermore citizens as possible? Remember all the time and effort citizens spent online, at meetings, and pop-up sessions about what should be in the center of downtown?

That process ended in early fall that year and shortly thereafter, a small clique of seven entities came up with a plan for downtown all by themselves! One council member admitted then that this plan did not come from the city-wide process but from this wonderful group of seven.

Those not aligned with the seven will never forget that council meeting in January 2018. While unsuspecting citizens lined up through the parking lot and filled even the overflow accommodation, the meeting began with the surprise plan from the seven. They had arrived early, complete with a bus, music and free food for themselves, confidently flaunting that they would rule the day. And they did!

To many who had taken part in the public process, this was not OK! This was a process violation! Division in Livermore has festered as a result.

Officials who sanctioned the process violation encourage personal attacks against two women who financed the resulting lawsuits. Many others get in on the act since these women do not fight back in kind. The result is officially approved hate-filled rancor in Livermore.

Before a council member blamed these women for the “hate and division in the city” on June 24, he should have examined his own role and that of other officials in hijacking the public process and personally attacking the opposition.

When observing division, at least understand the cause, and more importantly, learn from this experience. Good leadership could put an end to the rancor, which has no place in any city council chambers, by elected officials showing good example. Fat chance.

The 117 Days That Will Rock Our World

Greg Scott, Livermore

From the time of publishing of this letter, it is 117 days to the U.S. Presidential Election. The world is in an anxious and desperate mood. In the so-called Presidential Debate last June 27, we had a psycho-so-

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SANDIA

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Bergh, who led the donation. “This is going to give them the ability there, especially with such a well-known U.S. brand, to learn this machine and then translate into the real world much easier

tas’ manufacturing program ramped up made the donation of the old machines possible.

“We are very grateful for our partnership with Sandia National Laboratories and their generous donation

being educated as we used to teach years ago in the trades,” said Bergh. “We haven’t done a great job promoting the industry.”

The nation, however, has started to rethink its depen-



Sandia manufacturing engineer Chris Bergh, left, and Las Positas College Dean of Welding Scott Miner, right, stand in front of two CNC machines as they are packaged for donation to Las Positas College. (Photo courtesy of Sandia National Laboratories)

using those technologies.”

LPC’s advanced manufacturing and transportation program offers six associate degrees and 20 certificates in fields such as welding, automotive electronics and automotive alternative fuels. Graduates pursue careers, such as automotive mechanics, earth drillers and logging equipment operators.

In April, the college opened a new advanced manufacturing and transportation building on the east side of its campus.

A lucky coincidence of Sandia upgrading their CNC machines just as Las Posi-

of CNC machines, which not only provides valuable cutting-edge equipment to our college, but also aligns perfectly with our mission to equip students with the skills needed to succeed in today’s manufacturing industry,” said LPC President Dyrell Foster.

Bergh sees the donation as a way for the country to reclaim some of its manufacturing expertise, beginning here in Livermore.

“The work talent pool has shrunk because of so much offshore manufacturing, so not too many students are aware of or are

dependencies on other countries and the value of domestic manufacturing talent, continued Bergh.

“That’s why I was excited to be on board with this (donation) program. It is really going to, I believe, get kids excited here in this valley about getting into manufacturing,” said Bergh.

Sandia National Laboratories, with locations in Livermore and Albuquerque, New Mexico, works with industry, academic and other government partners in the areas of nuclear weapons, national security, energy and global security.

SUPERINTENDENT

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you have in Pleasanton,” he said. “Last time, we had a stakeholder group of faith leaders. We will ask the city manager and employees; we ask everyone.”

Word of the survey and focus groups will be spread through the district’s communication channels, as well as local news publications. Forums will be held

multiple times, at different times and on different days, to ensure as many people as possible can attend. Students from PUSD’s middle and high schools will also be consulted.

Since this is an election year, Negri said his company can also work with any board candidates who have filed their election paper-

work, to ensure future board members are able to have a say, as well.

To facilitate the process and communication with HYAA, the board appointed a subcommittee with Carreon and Trustee Justin Brown. Negri said he hopes to be done collecting data and building the profile by October.

Pleasanton Veterans Groups Welcome Public at BBQ and Open House

Two Pleasanton veteran organizations will host an open house at Veterans Memorial Hall, 301 Main St., from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 13.

The open house is open to the public and will include a free barbecue lunch and dessert, compliments of the Pleasanton Veterans of

Foreign Wars Post 6298 and Pleasanton American Legion Post 237. Veterans from every branch of the military will be on hand to share their stories and help recruit new members.

The Pleasanton Military Families Support Group and Las Positas College Veterans First Program will also be

represented, and visitors will be offered tours of the historic Veterans Memorial Building, which was built in 1933.

There will also be family-friendly activities, including cornhole, Jenga, and Giant Connect 4, and a Cyber Café.

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Tri-Valley Endures Scorching Weeklong Heat Wave

By Ruth Roberts

Last week’s blistering heat wave has subsided for now, but temperatures are expected to stay well above average in the coming days. According to the National Weather Service, heat advisories will remain in place through at least Friday, July 12.

Firefighters have been busy recently, where the heat brought first responders to the intersection of Altamont Pass and Grant Line roads on June 28. Crews successfully squelched a 20-acre blaze before it expanded, and no injuries were reported.

In Livermore, where the mercury climbed well above the 100-degree mark, Liv-

ermore’s aquatic centers remained open and busy, while the Livermore Area Recreation Park District (LARP) kept an eye on the heat and managed to keep most of their facilities open.

“The only facilities we closed during the heat of the day were Sycamore Grove Park and Holdener Park due to fire and safety concerns,” said LARP Community Outreach Supervisor David Weisgerber. “We’re grateful for the break in the extreme temperatures, but we’ll be available for anyone that would like to cool off either in the pool or air conditioning this week.”

Pleasanton canceled their Fourth of July celebration

due to the excessive heat, but Livermore’s event at the Livermore Airport, sans fireworks, went on as planned.

“Our Fourth of July celebration at the Livermore Airport was a tremendous success,” said City Manager Marianna Marysheva. “Thousands of community members enjoyed all that was offered, including live music, aircraft displays, local food vendors, activities for kids, and more. It was wonderful to see our community come together and celebrate in such a vibrant and family-friendly environment.”

While Dublin had no official plans, the city’s few neighborhoods that allow safe and sane fireworks celebrated

without a hitch according to Shari Jackman, City of Dublin’s communication manager.

“Our residents always enjoy celebrating Independence Day, and the city (allowed) the use of safe and sane fireworks at four parks on July 4, and we are happy to report that, again, there were no significant issues reported on Independence Day,” said Jackman. “During heat waves, the City of Dublin offers residents a place to stay cool at several city facilities, such as the Dublin Library and the Dublin Senior Center. The city’s waterpark, The Wave, also provides tremendous relief from the heat,

and we had terrific crowds at the facility throughout the holiday weekend.”

Most of the East Bay Regional Park District’s (EBRPD) trails and parks were closed over the past week due to heat dangers and red flag warnings. A red flag warning means that dry and windy conditions are expected, which can lead to extreme fire weather risks. Many of them reopened last weekend, including in Sunol, Dublin and Pleasanton Ridge, but the public should check the district’s website at www.ebparks.org for updates. According to the EBRPD, swim facilities and shoreline regional parks currently remain open, but visitors should

remember the following:

Avoid the hottest part of the day and visit in the morning or early evening when it is cooler.

Drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated.

Wear sunscreen and lightweight, light-colored clothing.

Avoid drinking alcohol and caffeine, which can worsen the heat’s effects on the body.

Don’t forget to carry plenty of water for pets as well.

RANCH

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elder Calhoun raised sheep and cattle on the ranch until his death when the ranch was divided among his children.

On the maternal side, the girls’ grandparents Warner and Ione Holm purchased a

But for three little girls growing up in the 1970s in Livermore, their future legacy began with a childhood of weekends and summers spent on the ranch, riding bikes along dirt paths buried

prepping for the county fair and long days of playing at the ranch.

“Everyone looked forward to fair week,” said Mueller. “We were all involved in 4H and FFA (Future Farmers of

she shared that she had acquired them thinking we may want to have a tea party, but all we really wanted to do was play hobo! The grandchildren would take our grandfather’s bandanas, fill them with goodies and head out exploring the hills.”

Their lush property is home to a wide variety of plants and wildlife. The sisters have partnered with the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Alameda County Resource Conservation District to protect the more vulnerable species. And they were recently chosen by Audubon California to become an Audubon Certified bird-friendly land — the first ranch in the region to be recognized.

But ranching in the 21st century is complicated, said Mueller, and sustaining the property has been challenging.

“Our grandfather and father made range land management look easy,” said Mueller. “Ranching in the Tri-Valley is becoming tough. ... Every year is an adventure because you never know what is going to happen. But we are fighting for it. We have always wanted to keep it as range land and pass it on to the next generation in a sustainable manner.”

Calhoun agrees and credits her parents and grandparents for instilling the sisters’ devotion to the property. “I feel privileged to have been given this opportunity by my parents,” she said. “Our parents both appreciated nature from different perspectives. My father loved hunting and fishing and our mother the flora and fauna. I believe they would be proud and pleased by our work to continually work to maintain and reintroduce native species to the ranch. Our grandparents loved that their granddaughters found the ranch as an



From left to right, Susie Calhoun, Merry Carter and Nancy Mueller stand among their grass-fed Angus cattle at their Livermore ranch. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

ranch with Warner Holm’s brother on Upper Mines Road in the 1920s and raised cattle. The sisters’ parents also purchased property adjacent to their grandfather’s property in the 1950s and today, the sisters are co-owners with their cousins of the 1,600-acre Holm Ranch. The ranch is managed by their cousin, and some is leased to a local rancher, but the 110-acre home-site property is handled by the sisters. While Mueller lives there with her husband and deals with the day-to-day running of the ranch, which includes caring for the cattle on site and tending to the land, all of the sisters are committed to being stewards of the property, striving to sustain the working end of the ranch while maintaining the lush and diverse ecology of the property.

deep in the property, and hours on horseback riding through the hills.

“Every Sunday our grandmother would host dinner and there would be about 20 of us,” said Carter, who lives in Livermore with her husband and has two grown daughters, a two-year-old grandson and a 13-year-old step grandson. “Some of my cousins and I would ride our horses for hours in the hills and we knew we had to get back to the house by 1 p.m. for dinner. I became proficient at using a stick as a sundial to estimate the time. ... Our grandfather had the patience of a saint and taught us how to gather cattle, work cattle, and other ranching techniques. We have many great memories of the time we spent with him.”

Mueller too recalls an idyllic childhood of summers

America) and Merry (Carter) and I showed sheep. ... Our grandfather had built a little cement pond in 1938 all by hand, and that is the pool we all grew up in. The pool was always all green and you couldn’t see the second step. But now we have a cousin who is a pool guy, and we are still swimming in that pool. It’s just much cleaner now.”

Calhoun remembers plenty of BBQs at the ranch, flying kites, and pickup games of baseball on the vast property. A favorite activity she said was hiking down to the Arroyo Mocho, which was a very steep hike at that time as there were no roads.

“A favorite story with my grandmother was when I was helping with the dishes and found some small silver spoons,” said Calhoun. “I asked what they were for and

MAILBOX

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ciopathic malignant narcissist, “Demagogue Donald” Trump, bantering with an incognizant, incompetent, and deluded President “Genocide Joe” Biden, who could not counter Trump’s incessant lies while mumbling his own lies.

I say “Genocide Joe” because tens of thousands of innocent civilians have been slaughtered in Gaza, with American complicity, after the heinous Hamas attacks on October 7th. Both the Hamas attacks and the genocide by Israeli Occupational Forces are war crimes. The International Criminal Court has issued arrest warrants for Hamas members Yahya Sinwar, Mohammed Diab Ibrahim Al-Masri, and Ismail Haniyeh, along with warrants for Israel’s Benjamin Netanyahu and Yoav Gallant.

In no way belittling these tragedies and war crimes, of even greater concern are the repercussions from Israel’s atrocities, which have weakened Israel’s, the region’s, and the world’s security. Hezbollah in southern Lebanon sits on an estimated arsenal of 150,000 rockets and guided missiles. War between Hezbollah and Israel seems

increasingly imminent. This would probably draw in Iran, and we do not know Iran’s nuclear weapons capabilities. An Israeli government official has insanely threatened that a nuclear weapon should be used against Iran. We do know that Israel has nuclear fissile weapons.

With the pro-Israeli, corporately controlled mass media and politics in the U.S., the American public hardly cares about the genocide and ethnic cleansing of Palestinians. In the so-called Presidential Debate, Trump used “Palestinian” as a racial slur by calling Biden a “weak Palestinian.” No one, not CNN moderators, the mass media, or much of anyone, said anything about it. What if Trump had called Biden a “weak Jew”?

The majority of the populace, both in the U.S. and the world, is beset with economic anxiety and desperation. The Democratic Party tells Americans how good the economy is and that people are mistaken in thinking they are experiencing pain. The anti-democratic Democratic Party doesn’t even present economics as a main issue. A large part of the populace, both in America and abroad,

is turning to right-wing populism that will do little, if anything, to alleviate the economic situation; it will only increase inequity and inequality. With the coming U.S. Presidential Election, we are rapidly coming to the apex of a delusional era.

Is. It. Genocide?
Doug Mann, Livermore

I read the recent letter by Trish Munro (It. Is. Not. A. Genocide.) and asked for an expert opinion from the most knowledgeable person I know. My brother-in-law is Emeritus Professor of History, Dr. Victor Silverman, and I sent him the letter without any prompting. Here was his response:

“It’s typical of defenders of Israel and full of errors.

“The writer says the alternative to the war was national suicide. That is a ridiculous claim. There were many alternative strategies and many strong friends of Israel and

enemies of Hamas such as Tom Friedman in the NYT, who advised against the invasion.

“But even if there was no alternative to the war, that doesn’t excuse Israel from any war crimes it might

commit in the war, nor does it prove that Israel doesn’t have a strategy of forcing the people of Gaza to leave and destroying their society (the definition of genocide).

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Meets 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 PM
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Join us in working to preserve the natural beauty and habitat of Livermore.
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Commission for the Arts (5 Vacancies)
Join us in promoting Livermore as a vibrant and stimulating environment for artists and audiences, young and old, to experience the performing, visual, and literary arts.
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Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 4:30 PM
Human Services Commission (1 Vacancy)
Join us in discussing community social needs, assisting local agencies in procuring grant funds, and more.
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Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM
Livermore Housing Authority (1 Vacancy Tenant - 62 Years Old+)
Join us in administering and overseeing low-income housing units and the Section Eight Voucher Program for subsidized housing.
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OPEN SPACE

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price tag on the property.

Councilmember Brittni Kiick and Vice Mayor Robert Carling were not in attendance at the meeting.

The city intends to preserve both the Greenville and Hartford Hills sites in perpetuity, allowing the land to be used for cattle grazing and habitat conservation. Supporters say the Greenville Road location could serve as a spot for a wildlife safety crossing to protect animals that attempt to traverse the freeway.

The decision to buy both properties drew the support of Friends of Livermore (FOL) and the Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC), two community organizations that support preserving open space and agricultural land in the Tri-Valley.

Speaking for FOL, Jean King said, “The area has habitat for sensitive, threatened and endangered plant and animal species. FOL strongly supports permanent conservation easements on the two properties to protect the open space and biological qualities and provide for long-term stewardship of the lands.”

King called the purchases “important long-term protection” for open space, but cautioned that the land must be monitored and protected from illegal dumping, off-trail use and motorized biking.

“Public access to the land may need to be restricted,” King said. “Its land has conservation easements for open space and biological mitigation.”

Diana Roberts of TVC said the Hartford Hills and Greenville sites were considered “preservation priority areas” by her organization.

“(The purchases) would benefit the local community and wildlife in the area, while also fulfilling the open space goals within the city’s general plan,” Roberts said. “The Greenville property is vital to the preservation of the eastern boundary of the city and is a strong priority of the Tri-Valley Conservancy. The purchase and preservation of the Greenville property under conservation easement would contribute to solidifying the existing urban growth boundary in the area, preventing sprawl and creating a permanent green belt around the city.”

Despite missing two members of its panel, the remaining council — Mayor John Marchand and Councilmembers Evan Branning and Ben Barrientos — appeared to have three votes to support the Hartford Hills purchase. The decision, however, was delayed after Michael Ferrucci, the president of Citizens for Balanced Growth (CBG), said during public input on the matter that the vote would be in violation of the Dougherty Valley Settlement Agreement.

That settlement agreement resolved litigation by CBG over a 5,170-unit de-

velopment in the Dougherty Valley. The settlement required the developer to pay Livermore \$1,000 a unit as an open space conservation fee and requires CBG officials to be consulted when funds are allocated. Unlike the Greenville purchase, the funds for Hartford Hills will come from the Dougherty fund. In this purchase, the Dougherty fund would allocate \$980,000 toward the \$1.96 million cost. ALOSC allocated the other half.

Ferrucci would not say publicly why a council vote would violate the agreement, but Marchand questioned whether it was because CBG had not met with city officials.

“The city, as I understand, has been reaching out to CBG for months and have not received a response,” Marchand said. “So, he’s calling it a violation, I presume, because we haven’t been in touch with them, although it’s my understanding, we have made numerous overtures to CBG.”

Barrientos and Branning then suggested giving Ferrucci one more chance and agreed to table the vote until their next meeting.

“They said they were upset because the city was not giving them some documentation that they wanted, and without that, they couldn’t come to the meeting and talk about what you want,” Barrientos said. “They’re buying a property, but they want to go and make sure the property is done the right way, and they do want some input.”

Branning agreed, offering to give Ferrucci until Friday to offer his opinions. City officials said CBG cannot veto the move but can have its opinions entered into the record.

Shea Aura

In another action, the city council voted 3-0 to approve the site plan for the 164-unit Shea Aura condominium project set on vacant land southwest of the Portola Avenue and Tranquility Circle intersection within the Isabel Neighborhood Specific Plan. The project plans to include 33 units available for moderate-income buyers and 17 accessible units. The project will also build four pocket parks, landscaping, parking, pedestrian connections to existing public rights-of-way, and bike lanes.

The Isabel Neighborhood Specific Plan, adopted in 2018, proposes to build 4,095 housing units on 1,138 acres in the northwest part of the city surrounding the Isabel Avenue/580 Freeway interchange.

The council also voted to allocate \$1.5 million in funding from the Alameda County Probation Department to Horizons Family Counseling to provide mental health services to Tri-Valley residents through 2026.

MAILBOX

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“There is more wrong with the letter but that’s a start.”

Kristie Wang, Diligent and Prepared for City Council

Mark Palajac, Livermore

I’m a relative newbie to Livermore, moving here in 2016. I love it here, enjoying the small-town feel, proximity to great hiking, parks and the friendly vibes I feel. I also appreciate the leadership we’ve had on City Council, like Bob Carling.

About nine months ago I had an amazing exchange with a woman I’d met but did not know. I asked her thoughts about a complex situation. A few days later I got her response, and when I read her perspective I was blown away. In a few pages, she presented a very thorough recap of circumstances, including conflicting forces and also expressed how events had affected her and her take on what action was needed. I’m an OK writer, but I cannot imagine writing something that was so comprehensive, thoughtful, well-reasoned and to the point. It was an indicator of superior abilities. That person is Kristie Wang.

A few months back, Kristie asked if she could meet with me and my wife Jan. Jan is on the LARPD board and I’m on the Livermore Housing Authority board. Kristie wanted to learn more about our parks and housing. The first meeting lasted about an hour. After that, Sarah Ramler, our Executive Director, and I, gave Kristie and Gina Bonanno a tour of a dozen locations of affordable housing in Livermore, including the Authority locations. Sarah and I answered a steady stream of questions throughout the hour or so journey. That was followed by a meeting with Kristie. The PowerPoint presentation normally takes 45 minutes, but this one was two hours. Kristie asks lots of good questions.

This was fun for me. The Authority is doing really good work and I love to share it. What did I learn? Some people are naturally curious. Some people love to learn and be prepared. I knew Kristie was a person of action from her time on school board. I now know she is one of those really intelligent people who’s also super prepared for whatever they undertake. I’ve gotten to know Kristie a bit, what she values, and how she approaches issues. She’s a problem-solver who does her homework and is very considerate. What a great combination of attributes.

I now consider Kristie a friend and valuable resource. She’s running for City Council 4th District, and I suggest you vote for her.

Working Together for the Environment

Patricia Munro, Livermore

It has only been in recent

years that unleaded aviation fuel has become a reality. As that has happened, the community’s desire for enabling that at the Livermore airport (LVK) has understandably grown. It is now a reality, a full year and a half ahead of schedule. How did that happen?

It starts with city policy, enacted by the council. It began in December 2023, when Livermore City Council adopted a resolution amending the Airport Minimum Standards for Commercial Aeronautical Activities.

That resolution required the Fixed Base Operator (An FBO is the organization providing services, such as fueling, in general aviation airports like LVK) to provide unleaded aviation fuel within two years. The timeline proposed allowed six months for a plan to be developed and approved, another twelve months for the necessary environmental documentation, entitlement, design and permitting, and finally six months to ready the tank, then receive unleaded aviation fuel.

Because Five Rivers Aviation, the FBO, owned a spare fuel tank, the City of Livermore and the FBO were able to work closely with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) to re-permit a spare 1,000-gallon tank. Using that spare tank, as opposed to building or buying a new tank, shortened the process from two years to six months.

On April 23, BAAQMD issued a construction permit to Five Rivers Aviation, which enabled them to use their spare tank for unleaded aviation fuel. Five Rivers was then able to make all required upgrades to the tank, which was filled with unleaded aviation fuel on June 27.

As of Monday, July 1, Five Rivers Aviation was able to offer unleaded aviation fuel to pilots at LVK.

This story is a good example of what can happen when governmental and private entities work together to build healthier communities. Kudos to all who brought this important project to fruition so quickly!

No to the Pleasanton Council's City Sales Tax

David Ott, Pleasanton

There are four members of the Pleasanton City Council that are planning to increase the sales tax in Pleasanton because they cannot find a 5% reduction in the city budget that does not place the citizens’ safety and wellbeing in danger. The four members suggested a reduction of police and fire services, removal of school crossing guards, and the reduction in library hours – using fear mongering to sell their tax increase. The 5% budget shortfall is a temporary problem. The city council’s tax increase is permanent. The city council

should place a temporary hold on some of the various capital improvement projects. Once the inflation subsides and the economy recovers, the tax revenue will be restored. The PUSD has a budget issue and they have approved an independent committee to scrutinize the budget in an effort to discover the appropriate budget reductions. The Pleasanton City Council has refused this sensible idea. Also, the city council is hiding behind a statement that they cannot touch any budget funds that are not in the general fund. Since there is a budget issue, how the city divides the budget is not relevant and they should revise their accounting process accordingly to address the budget issue. The city council has also taken credit for a reduction in the budget that was set up by a previous city council more than a decade ago, so they are not being forthright. Citizens of Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley, please contact the city council today and urge them to stop their plans for the sales tax increase. And just because you do not live in Pleasanton does not mean that you won’t be impacted by the tax increase. Anything that is purchased in Pleasanton will cost more than in your own city. Let your voice be heard and say no to the Pleasanton city sales tax increase. The city council’s contact information: kbrown@cityofpleasantonca.gov; varkin@cityofpleasantonca.gov; jnibert@cityofpleasantonca.gov; jtesta@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Call Out the MAGA Lies

Brian Sanborn, Pleasanton

Like many, I was dismayed at President Biden’s debate performance. I so wanted him to shout that Trump is lying...like he always does. In Trump’s four years, average GDP growth was 2.7%. Worse than Clinton, Obama, Bush and Biden. He is the only president to leave office with fewer net jobs than when he began. And he inherited a humming economy, not one in the depths of a pandemic recession.

When your weekly MAGA writer repeats these lies, it needs to be called out. Biden has not hit the 7 trillion in debt milestone, but Trump added 8.7 trillion in just four years. Inflation was never at 20%, not even close. And Trump will try to end the Ukraine war by giving his buddy, Vlad Putin, about a third of the country of Ukraine. Of course, Ukraine will keep fighting for their homeland so the war won’t be over, and Putin will move on to another country until we have NATO, and America, boots on the ground.

Please arm yourself with facts. Just because Trump yells his lies loudly does not mean they are not lies. And that goes for his apologists also.

Mofo Picture-Windows

Patricia Thorstad, Livermore

Unprecedented... pre-insurrection, pre-covid: bedroom-windows weren’t weaponized as picture-windows.

We had a picture-window. Our house was on a foundation with a huge cement landing at the door, central; the huge picture-window, with three small-panes above, one huge-pane below, was to gaze out of.

Except Mama’s camellia always dominated the window and Solo-Vino’s cage was toward the west (towards glorious sunsets).

Somehow, we ended up with a parrot; Dad and bro captured it in the yard: Solo-Vino.

I foolishly let my bird, Al-bird, walk out of his cage and fly, fly, fly over the roofline to the north.

To stop being ostracized by my hubby, forever, I began riding my bike around and whistling.

At lunch, that Tuesday, I spotted him preening himself on a fruitless plum-tree branch in bloom, waving sharply in the wind: not Al-bird, the limb.

He was paying me, the wind, and the lunch hour winding down. No never mind: then, he took off.

Luckily, I saw him enter a yards’ Southside: knockknock.

A man eventually came out with a limb-cutting tool, but by that time, I figured the only way to get him, Al-bird, was to basically tackle the limb.

Sack! Al-bird ended up between my hands and chest, captured. I never doubted it!

He and I walked the bike back home, time enough to get him back securely in his cage, in the living room, and ride to work late from lunch, hungry but happy.

Thank you, Mr. Joyce Avenue.

One time, Al-bird was looking peckish. I mean, not groomed. Several eggs later and Al-bird became Al-bird-a.

My friend, on Second Street, Dottie, gave me Al-bird, a cockatiel.

You ever heard a baby bird, the err... domesticated types, settle in the first night. Auk, Auk, Auk, Auuuukkk, for several, oh yes, several, hours.

These two bird-life tales about Solo-Vino and Al-bird-a, and these birds, were and are important to me; they’re kinda like bookends for me and my bird-life; they informed me more than I ever gave them credit. Solo-Vino taught me that birds are survivors and Al-bird-a taught me that miracles can happen.

FYI, bedroom-window fascists: a coin and our flag have no right or wrong side (horizontal display). Obverse and reverse means back-face and we attribute supremacy to heads, I guess, because they used to deity emperors.

Trump sells a pair of cheap golden sneakers not cheap: coins next, with Nero’s neck.

OBITUARIES

Clifford Clay Widmayer
June 16, 1960 – June 26, 2024



Clay Widmayer, longtime Livermore resident, passed away on June 26, 2024, in Walla Walla, Washington.

Clay was born in Walla Walla on June 16, 1960 and received his education at Whitman College and the University of Oregon. In 1995 he accepted a position in the Laser Program (later known as NIF and Photon Science) at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. At the Lab, he was fortunate to work alongside innumerable gifted scientists, engineers and computer programmers, many of whom were amongst his closest friends. Clay loved his work and when asked about it, he frequently replied that there was no place in the world that he would rather work than Livermore.

Early in his career at Livermore, Clay met his soul mate and the love of his life, Jo Dee Beck. Jo Dee transformed Clay’s life and they were married in Walla

50 years. Jo Dee and Clay also cherished the three beloved dogs they rescued and raised together.

Clay grew to think of Walla Walla and Livermore as his two homes. He loved the agricultural heritage and rural ambiance which these two wonderful towns share and sought to preserve them. Clay was a long-time member of the Friends of Livermore, served as treasurer on three local election campaign committees, and served on the Board of Directors of the Tri-Valley Conservancy from 2012 to 2018. He was proud to call Livermore his home.

—Clay wrote this himself, to make Jo Dee’s life easier, and to make sure she got it right! :) There will be a celebration of life event in Livermore later in the summer; please write to Jo Dee at jodeewidmayer@gmail.com if you would like to participate. Thank you friends for all of your love and support, and hope to see you there.

Walter Fred Moser
June 8, 1948 – June 30, 2024



Walter “OPA” Fred Moser, age 76, of Pleasanton, California, passed away at home surrounded by his wife of 57 years, Pamela, and other family on June 30, 2024. Walter was born on June 8, 1948, as a first-generation German born in America to Henry and Erna Moser, both from Germany. Walter, affectionately known as Wally, was a beacon of warmth and friendliness, known for his unforgettable smile and laughter.

Wally’s life was marked by his profound devotion to his family and friends. His love extended beyond his immediate family to include a wide circle of friends who cherished his presence and support.

Wally dedicated over 45 years to the vending industry, where he formed numerous lasting friendships. Wally’s first love was his wife, kids, grandkids and great grandkids, which he enjoyed spending as much time with as he could. But his passion for hockey came in a very close second, which was

evident as he enjoyed not only watching but playing in his younger years and working at games for the California Seals and Stockton Thunder. Besides hockey, Wally loved watching sports, movies, TV game shows, occasionally playing golf, napping, and playing Words with Friends. Since Wally was so good at fixing and building things, he always offered to help on many projects for family and friends.

Wally was a devoted husband to Pamela Moser, a loving father

to Kelli Malinowski (Kenny) and Jennifer Moser (Adrian), and an Amazing OPA to grandchildren Jordan Huff-Moser (Jillian), Taylor Malinowski (Patrick), Mackenzie Huff-Moser, Anthony Huff, Carson Malinowski (Kayli), and great grandchildren Arlo Huff, Jade Huff-Moser, and Sutton Malinowski. He also leaves behind his sister Louise McNett (Garner) and brother Art Moser, along with many more family and friends near and far including his family still in Maibach Germany who will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Erna Moser.

A service to celebrate Wally’s life will be held on July 27 at 2 p.m. at the Rock Church, 2615 Camino Tassajara, Danville, California, 94506. It will be live streamed as well for those who may not be able to attend. A reception will follow, where family and friends can continue to share stories and memories of Wally’s remarkable life.

OBITUARIES

Mitchell (Mik) John Evans Oct. 18, 1948 – June 16, 2024

Mik passed away peacefully at his home in Avondale, Arizona, after a courageous battle with cancer. Mik graduated from Livermore High School in 1967, where he grew up with his family and dear friends. He was a star athlete and loved by all.

Mik had a zest for life that was evident in everything he did. He was an avid sports fan with football and golf holding special places in his heart.

His passion for cooking, especially grilling and BBQ, was brought to many family and friend's gatherings and created many cherished memories.



He is survived by his wife Sherissa, his son Blaine, and his grandchildren Caden and Makenna.

Mik was preceded in death by his first wife Diane (mother of his son Blaine) mother Barbara Jean, father Charles (Chuck) Ross and brother Thomas Donald.

We will be celebrating Mik's life on Saturday, July 27 at Eagle Ridge Vineyard, 10017 Tesla Road, Livermore, California, from 2 to 5 p.m. If you plan to attend, please email Sherissa at mikandres@sbcglobal.net as there is limited seating.

Niel Kay Madsen

Niel Kay Madsen, 81, of Livermore, California, passed away on July 4, 2024, surrounded by family. Niel was the second of five children born to Farrell and Margaret Madsen, and was raised in Provo, Utah; Eugene, Oregon; and Chico, California. One of his favorite memories from childhood was taking the train across the country to the 1957 National Boy Scout Jamboree in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. He went on to earn the rank of Eagle Scout when he was 17. He attended Chico State University, played goalie on their soccer team, joined the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, and graduated summa cum laude with a double bachelor's degree in math and physics. Niel married his wife, Florence Cooley, the night after his graduation from Chico State in 1964. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary earlier this year! That fall, Niel began graduate school at the University of Maryland and spent summers working at Los Alamos National Laboratory. In 1968, Niel obtained his Ph.D. in mathematics with a minor in nuclear engineering, and then relocated to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. While in Pittsburgh, he worked at Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory designing nuclear submarine engines for the U.S. Navy and taught mathematics at Carnegie Mellon University. He and his young family moved to Livermore in 1972, where he worked more



than 40 years at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory before retiring in 2005 and returning for several more years as a contractor. While at LLNL, Niel took on many managerial roles, spent a year at NASA Langley in Virginia (1977), worked on countless projects, and published many papers.

He was the grateful recipient of a liver transplant in 1996, after developing primary sclerosing cholangitis. This gift gave him nearly 28 more years of life and allowed him to watch his family grow up. What made him happiest was spending time with his children and grandchildren. Niel also loved skiing, backpacking, tennis, woodworking, traveling, all things sweet (especially In-N-Out milkshakes, Costco berry sundaes, and butter pecan ice cream cones), piloting his planes, finding a "deal," playing ragtime on the piano, sudoku,

various word games, and jigsaw puzzles. He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in various positions throughout his life, such as youth leader, Boy Scouts of America Scoutmaster, Bishop, pianist, clerk, and a volunteer at the Oakland Temple. His parting message to his family was "be good," which perfectly summarized his outlook on life.

Niel is survived by his wife, Florence, five children: Scott Madsen (Alyson), Laura Belnap (Dan), Aly Morrison (Jeff), Amy Herrmann (Sean), and Leslie Mueller (Pier), 21 (soon to be 22) grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, siblings Marilyn Hutchings (David) and Dale Madsen (JoAnne), and sister-in-law Ella Madsen. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Dean and Kent Madsen, and sister-in-law Susan Madsen. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 12, 2024, at 1501 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore, with a viewing from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. preceding the service. Burial to follow at Roselawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the UCSF Liver Transplant Fund (B1503) in his memory at giving.ucsf.edu.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Madsen family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghan-mortuary.com.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Louise G. Gray Aug. 15, 1929 – Jan. 24, 2024

There will be a celebration of life for Louise Gray on July 30, 2024, 11 a.m. at the Livermore Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore, California, 94551. Louise Gray lived in Livermore for over 50 years. She was married to Patrick H. Gray. She is survived by daughters Rebecca Rogers, Melissa Gray, son Andrew Roberts-Gray, and five grandchildren. All are welcome.



Kathryn Louise Garbutt July 20, 1944 – June 12, 2024

Kathryn was born in Martinez, California to Harry and Louise Thomsberry and grew up in Concord, California. She graduated from Mt. Diablo High School in 1962. She went on to Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, California, earning her associate in arts degree in 1965. It was at Diablo Valley College that she met another student, Lloyd J. Garbutt, with whom she fell in love. They were married June 26, 1965, in Concord. They moved to Hayward where Lloyd had just been hired as a police officer. In January 1966, her husband was drafted into the U.S. army, and after basic training was stationed at Madigan General Hospital, a military hospital in Tacoma, Washington. They reunited and lived off base in Olympia, Washington. Their first daughter, Christina Louise, was born in January 1967, at the hospital where he was stationed. They then lived a year in Tillicum, Washington, closer to base. When Lloyd was discharged from the army in January 1968, they moved back to Hayward where Lloyd resumed



being a policeman. They found a new house being built in the Summerset track in Livermore. They moved into that house in October 1968 and made it their home until she passed away. In August 1970, their second daughter, Kathryn Jeanette, was born at the new Livermore hospital. Kathryn was a stay-at-home housewife but was always busy. She was a Campfire Girls leader when her girls were small. She was mother advisor of the Livermore Assembly of Rainbow for Girls having been a Rainbow

Girl as a teenager herself in Concord Assembly. She was a proud member of the Order of Eastern Star in both the Concord chapter and Semper Fidelis chapter in Livermore for over 50 years. She had been a member of the Elks Emblem Club in Livermore as well. Kathryn enjoyed traveling even when confined to a wheelchair as Parkinson's disease took control over her life. Besides being a breast cancer survivor, Kathryn battled Parkinson's for the past 15 years. She is most proud of her four grandchildren, Rachel Boyes, Dustin Boyes, Jack Hendrick and Alec Hendrick. Kathryn will be remembered for her warm smile and caring heart. She is preceded in death by her parents and her younger sister, Bette Hernandez. A memorial service is planned for July 17 at 1 p.m. at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore, California.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Garbutt family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghan-mortuary.com.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Tamatha Leverne Thompson, née Oberschlake Aug. 7, 1969 – June 24, 2024

August 7, 1969, in Georgetown, Ohio, she carried the warmth of her birthplace throughout her life.

Tammy was a beautiful person both inside and out, known for her generous spirit and unconditional love for her family and friends. Her presence enriched the lives of those around her, and she will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

A celebration of life will be held at Celebration Church, lo-



cated at 1135 Bluebell Dr., Livermore, California, on Saturday, July 13, 2024. The services are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Celebration Church to support sending kids to camp, a cause close to Tammy's heart.

Tammy's legacy of love and generosity will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to know her.

Barbara Jean (Wilburn) Stear March 8, 1932 – March 5, 2024

Tireless Community Activist
Founding Member & Second President of Friends of the Vineyards
Founding Member & Director of South Livermore Valley Agricultural Land Trust
Rotary Club Community Service Award 1986
Friends of the Vineyards Most Valuable Member Award 1992
National Exchange Club Book of Golden Deeds Award 1996
South Livermore Valley Agricultural Land Trust Service Award 1996
Livermore Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award 2001
Dedicated Teacher, Librarian
Beloved Mother, (Great) Grandmother, Aunt, Counselor and Friend
How do we tell the story of this brave, determined, adventurous woman who traveled 2,000 miles to fall in love with the Livermore Valley, dedicating her talent, energy and years to promote and preserve the land that stole her heart?

Barbara Jean (Wilburn) Stear was born in Tulsa at the beginning of Oklahoma's Dust Bowl and The Great Depression. She contracted polio at age four during the frightening epidemic sweeping the US, and for the rest of her life would remember lonely hospital nights, the kind nuns who cared for her, and the generous surgeon who offered his services free of charge, attempting to save the muscles of her legs. Finally able to go home to her parents, Barbara had to spend that December lying flat next to the Christmas tree on a green wooden box to support her healing legs. She would always recall peering up at tiny packages in the branches, imagining the surprises inside.

Feisty youngest daughter of James and Dorthula Wilburn, Barbara shared those early years with her brother Bob and sister Franny in a two-room house on a country acre, where a milk cow, chickens and garden vegetables kept the family fed. Daffodils lined the drive, mourning doves called from the cottonwoods, and the dust settled ankle deep. Trains that whistled on the north wind often brought hobos to the family's doorstep, where Barbara remembered her mother never turned anyone away, always offering food to the young and old men headed to California in search of work. Memorable was the man who, after noticing three children on the front porch, handed

back his sandwich, saying, "You keep it, Ma'am. I reckon your family needs it more than I do."

Fiercely independent and most at home in nature, Barbara surprised her doctors and learned to walk again. She rode an old horse named Smokey, adopted every kitten that found her porch, and often stood at the back fence, just gazing out across the field. When rodeo trick rider aspirations (and Smokey's loose saddle) landed her back in the hospital with a concussion, her mother persuaded Barbara to put more of her prodigious energy into music.

As a teen growing up in the southwest, with an older brother who played mandolin, guitar and fiddle, Barbara once dreamed of being a country singer. She learned piano and guitar and sang country and western swing tunes with her brother and sister. Family and friends would gather on weekends for music nights. "Tumbling Tumbleweeds," "Tennessee Waltz," "Jealous Heart," "Cowboy Jack," "The Cry of the Wild Goose" -- those were the soundtracks of Barbara's Tulsa years.

Talented and optimistic, Barbara grew to be a determined young woman with a megawatt smile. Practicing in secret to teach herself to drive, using her stronger left foot to brake, she amazed everyone with her brand-new license. Like Franklin D. Roosevelt, the president she most admired, she also discovered polio had no power in the water. To her sometimes wistful dancer's heart, water ballet offered effortless grace, and swimming would always be her favorite sport.

First in her family to attend a four-year college, Barbara majored in Library Science, minored in Spanish, and was the University of Tulsa Spanish Club President. She and four musical friends, all with March birthdays, performed as the a cappella vocal group Las Marzas during their college years and remained close throughout their lives.

Barbara always said that fate made many life choices for her. She met Jackson Stear in 1953. He was a handsome pilot from Pennsylvania, fresh out of the Air Force and a student at Tulsa's Spartan School of Aeronautics. She had noticed him walking across the parking lot at Spartan, where her dad worked, and was surprised to discover Jack was her blind date for a university dance on Halloween night. Jack proposed on Valentine's Day,

and they married on July 23, 1954. The couple settled in Chickasaw, where Jack worked as a helicopter mechanic at Ft. Sill and Barbara taught Spanish and English at Chickasaw High. That December, after answering a United Airlines newspaper ad for pilots, Jack and Barbara flew their Cessna 140 (taildragger) to Denver where the airline interviewed, tested and hired Jack to fly Second Officer. When training ended, they would be based in Los Angeles.

Voted Favorite Teacher by her outgoing senior class, the popular "Mrs. Stear" said goodbye to her classroom and moved to southern California. She and Jack attended the 1955 opening of Disneyland before transferring to Denver, where their first child, Carol, was born. A second daughter, Suzanna, arrived nineteen months later following a move to Chicago.

Flying for United Airlines kept Jack frequently away from home, and Barbara often found herself in new neighborhoods managing a home and two small girls on her own. Undaunted, she organized a community church, tutored housebound students, and gathered many friends. The family moved again in 1962, this time to New Jersey, after Jack earned a promotion to Captain, flying out of Newark Airport.

The next eleven years were full, especially after sons Robert and James joined the family! Barbara managed a household of four children, an assortment of dogs, cats, turtles, snakes, parakeets, fish, hamsters and the occasional orphaned baby squirrel. When not busy planting the garden (lilacs, peonies, tulips, and rhododendrons were favorites), up on a ladder painting the house, or chauffeuring four children to music lessons and school activities, Barbara applied her Library Science degree to convert the entire elementary school library to the Dewey Decimal System. She also served on the Hanover Township School Board, and as PTA President. Travel was important to Barbara, and she and Jack explored the U.S. with their family, giving each child the great gift of perspective.

Looking back, Barbara said she was always dreaming of California. When Jack earned a Captain's bid out



of San Francisco in 1973, Barbara joined him on a trip to the west coast to find their "forever" home. They visited Santa Rosa, Walnut Creek and Danville, but the Livermore Valley took their breath away. They found

green ridges that turned to summer gold, vineyards, open space, endless blue sky and glorious sunsets over ruby pink hills. The family settled here, and Barbara made her home on land she would love for the rest of her life.

South Livermore Valley's fertile vineyard lands occupied a special place in Barbara's heart. A fiercely passionate believer in the tremendous potential of Livermore Valley Wine Country, over the years she would devote every measure of her remarkable energy to protecting this community treasure. Beginning in 1981, when development pressure began to threaten 300 acres around the historic Ruby Hill/Stony Ridge winery, Barbara and Jack joined "Save the Vineyards," a group of 25 activists dedicated to defending the Ruby Hill property. Two years later, the group expanded its scope and had a new name: "Friends of the Vineyards," eventually becoming a nonprofit organization with the stated mission "to promote, preserve and protect the vineyard lands and wineries of the Livermore Valley Wine Country."

Barbara was elected President of Friends of the Vineyards in 1983. Together with an extraordinary group of friends and supporters including former mayor Archer Futch, historian Barry Shrader, FOV members and dear friends Bridget Borchers, Tot Green, Gloria Taylor, Muriel Jelsma, Patience Rogge, Gus Young, Judy Eckart, Norma Foss, and Pi Matthews, Barbara mobilized efforts to promote local wines and winemakers. The group developed a Bay Area presence, lobbying restaurants and markets to carry Livermore wines, organizing the wine country tours for the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, and hosting community fundraising events in support of Livermore wineries. Friends of the Vineyards hosted breakfasts, luncheons, the elegant annual Vintner's Ball, and a very popular Barn Dance at FOV member Ray Bonetti's barn. Each year, volunteers from

Friends of the Vineyards provided support to local wineries throughout Harvest Festival weekend. During Barbara's tenure as president, Friends of the Vineyards membership grew from several hundred members to an organization 1,200 strong. State and local politicians described her as a "force of nature." Cyril Magnin, CEO of Joseph Magnin Co. and former president of the Port of San Francisco, became Friends of the Vineyards' 1,000th member.

Keeping apprised of land use legislation, Barbara and FOV members attended countless and often contentious meetings of the state water board, county supervisors, city council and planning commission, and organized tours and events designed to enhance regional leadership's understanding of the Livermore Valley wine industry. When Alameda County Supervisor Ed Campbell created a Citizens' Advisory Committee in 1987 to assist his South Livermore Valley Steering Committee in devising a plan for the preservation of vineyard lands, Barbara served for seven years as Friends of the Vineyards representative to the committee.

During those seven years, Barbara suffered devastating loss when Jack died in a West Virginia plane crash in September 1991, one week before his 63rd birthday. Widowed at age 59, after 37 years together, Barbara later said she spent many days outdoors, walking, contemplating life without her partner, gathering her strength for what the next chapter would bring.

Barbara continued her work with Supervisor Campbell's Advisory Committee, and the task was daunting: construct a plan to guide future land use decisions, one that would acknowledge and respect the competing interests of landowners, developers and vineyard preservationists. The work was arduous and frequently filled with conflict, yet this "blood, sweat and tears" (from Barbara's diary) would produce the South Livermore Valley Area Plan. Adopted by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors in 1993, the plan preserved 15,000 acres of prime vineyard land, established a South Livermore Valley Agricultural Land Trust (later to become the Tri-Valley Conservancy), and instituted requirements for new urban development that would promote and enhance recognition of the area as a wine country destination. The tremendous effort and personal

sacrifice given by Barbara, Friends of the Vineyards, and a determined group of public servants would preserve, protect and enhance the Livermore Valley for generations.

Barbara dedicated sixteen years, from 1981-1997, to active community service. She served as Friends of the Vineyards president from 1983-1987 and again in 1994 and 1995. When not serving as FOV president, she worked as a member of the group's Board of Directors, while also serving as a Director for the South Livermore Valley Agricultural Land Trust. Her work and commitment earned Barbara numerous awards: the Rotary Club Community Service Award in 1986, the 1992 Friends of the Vineyards Most Valuable Member Award, the National Exchange Club's Book of Golden Deeds Award in 1996, as well as a 1996 South Livermore Agricultural Land Trust Service Award. Barbara was again honored in 2001 with a Livermore Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award.

Barbara's later years were also full. A constant inspiration to family and friends, she traveled, advised, mentored, encouraged and celebrated. Fifty years in Livermore saw her family expand, her grandchildren become adults and her community thrive. Ever devoted, she continued to lend support to community leadership and causes that nourished the vibrant growth of the valley she loved.

On March 5, 2024, three days before her 92nd birthday, this woman of charismatic spirit and courageous heart -- who could charm small children, encourage every plant to bloom, and was equally at ease among ranchers and senators -- walked on to her next chapter.

Barbara is much loved and deeply missed by so many: her sons Robert (Julie) Stear and James (Kathleen) Stear; her daughters Suzanna Spring and Carol (William) Brady; grandchildren Kyle (Elizabeth) Brady, Dylan (Kristin) Brady, Amanda Gallagher Stear; Ryan Stear and Sarah Stear; great-grandchildren Reese, Benjamin, Darren and Malcolm Brady, and her lifelong friends and admirers. A celebration of life is planned for late July. Please direct any inquiries to: suzannaspring@comcast.net, and any memorial donations to: Tri-Valley Conservancy 1457 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550 (+1 925 449-8706).

Granada’s Willis Named State Coach of the Year

By Phil Jensen

Granada High School baseball coach Corrigan Willis had no idea that he and his family would be mentioned in a speech in Congress last month.

But when you lead a team that wins 32 of its 33 games and was arguably the best high school baseball team in California the past season, that kind of thing can happen.

“My wife happened to be scrolling through Twitter and said, ‘Oh my gosh, they just mentioned our family on the House floor,’” said Willis. Congressman Eric Swalwell congratulated Willis on being named Cal-Hi Sports state baseball coach of the year and also named his wife Deanna, his sons Bryce and Ryan, and his father Jim in the speech on June 28.

Granada won the California Interscholastic Federation NorCal Division I title, the North Coast Section Division I championship, the East Bay Athletic League title and the prestigious Bishop Gorman Invitational championship. MaxPreps.com ranked Granada second in California and fifth in the nation in its final rankings.

Corrigan Willis said that being named state coach of the year is “an honor and definitely, I think it’s a reflection of the coaching staff and the

team. It’s really a team award when a coach gets an award like that.”

Willis pointed out his assistant coaches Jason Sekany, Kent Field and Tim Rankin. Sekany has coached for eight seasons, Rankin has been an assistant since 2002 and Field was a junior varsity head coach before becoming a varsity assistant this season.

Sekany, the pitching coach, helped a deep Matadors staff hold opponents to

a .177 batting average, have a team earned run average of 1.22, and pitch four shutouts in seven NCS and NorCal playoff games.

“He knows pitching inside and out, the mechanics, the mental side, preparing for an opponent, and the players know he puts in the work to help them succeed,” said Willis.

Offensively, Granada batted .325 as a team, had an on-base percentage of .431

and outscored its opponents 241-61 this season.

“Our offense was amazing,” Willis said. “There was no break, one through nine for the other team’s pitcher. Eventually we felt we would get to the other pitcher.”

For example, consider that in the NorCal championship game, Granada’s seventh through ninth hitters were Quinn Boyd (.274 batting average, 21 runs batted in this season), Tyler Kardy (.349,

21 runs scored) and Nathan Brown (.302, 19 hits).

“We have a high baseball IQ too,” said Willis. “I think we displayed that quite a bit this year. We minimized the mental mistakes, I feel, this year.”

Parker Warner was named as a MaxPreps.com first-team All-American and also the Bay Area News Group’s player of the year. The Stanford-bound senior had a 13-0 pitching record with a 0.93 earned run average, and offensively he hit .367 and had a team-high 10 doubles in addition to two home runs, 29 RBI and 36 runs scored.

Other Matadors on the Bay Area News Group first team included juniors Jake Sekany (10-1 pitching record, 1.85 ERA, 88 strikeouts and only 11 walks) and Mikey Boyd (.396 batting average, four home runs, 35 RBI, 23 runs scored). Senior Riley Winchell (.295, four home runs, 34 RBI, 27 runs scored) was a second-team pick and junior Tommy Brown (.366, 18 RBI, 35 runs) was an honorable-mention selection.

Willis mentioned that the team “had basically three college-level center fielders in the outfield” in left fielder Warner, junior center fielder Kardy and junior right fielder Peyton Richards.

A.J. Martinez was the team’s Matador Award winner this season. The award

takes into account work ethic, being a teammate and showing sportsmanship, baseball talent, and being a good student and citizen.

Martinez was one of the big heroes in the Matadors’ run to the NCS and NorCal titles. The senior, who batted .346 this season, produced the game-winning hit in the epic 14-inning 1-0 victory over De La Salle in the NCS Division I championship game.

“He comes through in the biggest moment of the year,” said Willis about Martinez, who played on the junior varsity team for the large majority of the 2023 season before earning a starting position on varsity this year.

In Granada’s first game of the NorCal playoffs, Martinez forced extra innings with a clutch RBI double in the bottom of the seventh, and Granada eventually defeated Clovis West-Fresno 2-1.

“This year’s team helped me understand what truly affects positive team chemistry ... senior leadership and guys like A.J. Hattaway, a three-year varsity guy who embraced a very specialized important role and excelled at it,” said Willis. Hattaway, a senior, pitched 15 scoreless relief innings this season, including the final eight outs of the 6-4 NorCal championship victory over St. Mary’s-Stockton on June 1.



Granada baseball coach Corrigan Willis was named the Cal-Hi Sports state baseball coach of the year after leading his team through a 32-1 season that included four championship titles. Area Congressman Eric Swalwell congratulated Willis on the House floor during a speech last month. (File photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Registration Opens For Annual Hope 100 Golf Marathon

Hope Hospice, a non-profit that provides support services for patients with terminal illnesses and their caregivers, will host its 10th annual Hope 100 Golf Marathon on Monday, Oct. 21, with dawn to dusk play at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton.

The fundraiser supports the Dublin-based nonprofit’s patient care and grief support services throughout the East Bay.

Golfers who enter the marathon will play up to 100 holes of golf.

New this year, Hope Hospice will also offer a half-day skills challenge for golfers who don’t want the challenge of playing more than five rounds of golf in a single day.

The Steve Thompson Skills Challenge will run concurrent with the marathon, with 10 individual tests, including putting, chipping, and driving.

“It’s been heartwarming to witness the renewed support of the Hope 100 for a

full decade,” said Danville resident Jim Berriatua, who founded the fundraiser with his wife Kathleen in 2015 to honor the life of Piper Wagner, a golf pro at Castlewood who died from lung cancer.

“Though the event is designed to be fun and light-hearted, it serves an important purpose in supporting hospice care here in the East Bay,” Berriatua said.

Golfers who register for the marathon commit to raising at least \$2,500 for Hope Hospice. They can take on the full 100 holes themselves or split the holes with friends.

The marathon requires a fast pace of play, with each 18-hole round expected to take about two hours. Golfers play as twosomes, each with their own cart. Registration also includes greens fees, three meals, and on-course beverages.

To register for either the marathon or skills challenge, or for more information, go to Hope100GolfMarathon.com.

US Volleyball Group Recruiting Youth for Livermore Program

The United States Youth Volleyball League (USYVL) is registering boys and girls from 7 to 15 for an eight-week instructional league program in Livermore.

The fall program will start Tuesday, Sept. 10, and run through Saturday, Nov. 2.

Practices will be from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, with games from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturdays.

Both practices and games will be at Hagemann Park on Olivina Avenue.

USYVL said coed teams will be set up by age groups, including 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, and 13-15.

USYVL is a nonprofit program based in Torrance, California. It sponsors programs in all 50 states, including 76 in California.

To register, or for more information, go to usyvl.org.

TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Through July 31

LIVERMORE ART ASSOCIATION PRESENTS CALIFORNIA COLORS

California Colors art exhibit by Livermore resident Jess Copeman will be showing at the Robert Livermore Community Center through July 31. Jess uses oil on canvas, and her art features loosely interpreted seascapes and landscapes prominently. Jess is no stranger to vibrancy and creates work that transports others to this magical space of seaborne mystery and tranquility. See www.livermoreartassociation.org.

Through Aug. 1

DUBLIN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Dublin Summer Concert Series, held on Thursday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m. in the Emerald Glen Park Amphitheater (4201 Central Parkway) during the Dublin Farmers’ Market, is offering a wide variety of musical acts. The concert series, sponsored by DUBS, a Dublin-based drum shop, will feature: July 11: Notorious: current hits along with classics from the ‘70s, ‘80s, ‘90s, along with Motown, disco, R&B, soul, and classic rock July 18: The Big Jangle: Tom Petty tribute band July 25: Carnaval: Santana tribute band Aug. 1: Wonderbread 5: current hits to classics from the ‘70s, ‘80s, ‘90s, and beyond

Through Aug. 2

PICNIC FLIX MOVIE SERIES

The city of Dublin is holding the Picnic Flix Movie Series through the beginning of August. Movies will begin at dusk. Guests are encouraged to bring low-back chairs and/or blankets and to dress warmly. Sorry, but pets are not allowed. Food and snack vendors will be on hand for meal purchases by 6:30 p.m., along with games and activities. A flashlight will be helpful in finding your way back to your car following the movie. The movie series features: July 12: Strange World (PG) at Emerald Glen Field B July 19: Elemental (PG) at Stager Gymnasium Grass Field July 26: Super Mario Bros. (PG) at Fallon Sports Park Softball Field August 2: Across the Spiderverse (PG) at Emerald Glen Park, Field B

Through Aug. 20

TUESDAY TUNES FREE CONCERTS

Tuesday Tunes are family-friendly concerts on the Shea Homes Stage in front of the Bankhead Theater, hosted by the Livermore Cultural Arts Council. The free shows, scheduled for 6:45 to 8:15 p.m., include: July 16: Frankie Bones Project - acoustic, folk, rock July 23: Audio Illusion - classic rock, pop, blues July 30: Jeff Bordes & Friends - jazz roots August 6: East Bay Grooveline - funk, groove, Motown, R&B August 13: LunaFish - classic rock 60’s & 70’s August 20: The Hurricane Band - classic rock, R&B, country, and pop

Saturday – Sunday, July 13–14

DUBLIN FAMILY CAMPOUT

You don’t have to go far to experience the great outdoors! The City of Dublin offers a wonderful opportunity to bring your family camping. At a Dublin Family Campout, you just bring your tent, sleeping bags, chairs, flashlights, clothing and personal items. The City of Dublin provides a hearty dinner and breakfast; entertainment around a campfire; group games; arts and crafts; and of course, s’mores! Arrival: 4 p.m. on Saturday; depart at 10 a.m. on Sunday. At Alamo Creek Park, 7601 Shady Creek Rd., in Dublin. Cost: residents, \$27; non-residents, \$30. Reservations are open at DublinRecGuide.com.

Saturday, July 13

RICK ESTRIN & THE NIGHTCATS LIVE

Two-time winners of the prestigious Blues Music Award for Band of the Year, Rick Estrin & The Nightcats will celebrate the release of their long-awaited new Alligator Records album, The Hits Keep Coming, with a live performance at the Almost Famous Wine Company on July 13 at 7 p.m. 2271 S. Vasco Rd., in Livermore. Tickets are \$15-30. Contact 925-344-5870 or www.almostfamouswine.com for more information.

Wednesday, July 17

CAROLYN WONDERLAND LIVE

Award-winning Texas guitar slinger, singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist Carolyn Wonderland will perform at the Almost Famous Wine Company at 7 p.m. on July 17. Wonderland’s signature six-string and lap steel playing along with her intense vocals and original songs meld blues, rock and Americana. 2271 S. Vasco Rd., in Livermore. Tickets are \$15-25. Contact 510-238-9200 or www.almostfamouswine.com for more information.

Tuesday, July 23

CREATING A BIRD-FRIENDLY GARDEN

Brian Dirkin will present an interactive online workshop exploring gardening from a bird’s perspective, and then delve into the ten elements that can transform your garden into a bird paradise. July 23 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Contact Kathy Kramer, Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour coordinator, at 510-236-9558 or kathy@kathykramerconsulting.net for more info, or go to www.bringingbackthenatives.net.

Thursday, July 25

WINE COUNTRY LUNCHEON – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP LIVERMORE GRADUATION

The Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce will present its Wine Country Luncheon Series and continue the conversation regarding workforce development in the Tri-Valley. “Business to Youth Connection” will feature a panel of experts in the Tri-Valley that will discuss exploration of workforce development opportunities that are available to businesses and future workers. All luncheons are \$75 each for members of the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce and their guests, \$85 for not-yet-members. Reservations and more information can be found at www.livermorechamber.org.

Sunday, July 28

CHURCH IN THE PARK

Revival Church International located in Pleasanton will host Church in the Park at 10:30 a.m. at Heritage Park, 6600 Donlon Way, in Dublin. No charge. Free lunch immediately after the service. For more information call 925-290-7057.

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TOPSCIENCE

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

ONGOING EVENTS

FARMERS MARKETS

Saturday Pleasanton Farmers Market

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

Sunday Livermore Downtown Farmers Market

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

Thursday Night Livermore Farmers Market

Now through to Oct. 10 at Carnegie Park, 2155 Third St., downtown Livermore, from 4 to 8 p.m. See www.livermorefarmersmarket.org.

Thursday Evening Dublin Farmer’s Market

The City of Dublin partners with Pacific Coast Farmers’ Market Association to operate the weekly market on Thursdays, 4 to 8 p.m., through Sept. 26 at Emerald Glen Park. The Summer Concert Series will run through Aug. 1, 6 to 8 p.m. Themed nights will be held the first Thursday of each month. Arts and crafts for kids will be available at the City of Dublin booth.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607084

The following person(s) doing business as: Canaan Express #2, 3817 International Blvd, Oakland, CA 94601 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): William J. Figueroa 3264 Unit A School St, Oakland, CA 94602. This business

is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business name(s) listed above: 8/1/2019. Signature of Registrant/s/: William J. Figueroa, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 7, 2024. Expires June 6, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5992. Published June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606335

The following person(s) doing business as: Bay Area Podcast Studio, 3909 Washington Blvd, Unit 201, Fremont, CA 94538 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Walking Claxotic LLC, 3909 Washington Blvd, Unit 201, Fremont, CA 94538. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the

fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2/1/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Aaron Figueroa, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 14, 2024. Expires May 13, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5993. Published June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607105

The following person(s) doing business as: L. Campo, 2059

First Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): ASV Restaurant Group, 2059 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Caglar Vural, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 7, 2024. Expires June

6, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5994. Published June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607032

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Torno Tea House; 2. Torno Mochi, 825 Marina Village Parkway, Alameda, CA 94501 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bober Alameda LLC, 825 Marina Village Parkway, Alameda, CA 94501.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Albert Tasmin, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 6, 2024. Expires June 5, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5995. Published June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607226

The following person(s) doing business as: Sailoi Labs, 6565 S. Mariposa CT, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Chaoying Chen, 6565 S. Mariposa CT, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above:

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N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Chaoying Chen, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 11, 2024. Expires June 10, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5996. Published June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607004

The following person(s) doing business as: On the Vine Catering, 73 Rickenbacker Circle, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Cabana Dave's Inc., 73 Rickenbacker Circle, 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: 4/2010. Signature of Registrant/s/: David Victor, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 6, 2024. Expires June 5, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5997. Published June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607239

The following person(s) doing business as: Palisps, 7083 Commerce Circle, STE J, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Eman Hemdan, 11818 Bloomington Way, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/12/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Eman Hemdan, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 12, 2024. Expires June 11, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5998. Published June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607072

The following person(s) doing business as: Bay Smart Education Consulting, 6316 Jarvis Ave, Newark, CA 94560 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Shiyi Huang, 6316 Jarvis Ave, 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/: Shiyi Huang, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 7, 2024. Expires June 6, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5999. Published June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607103

The following person(s) doing business as: Clover Creek LTD, 5424 #7, Sunol Blvd, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Alexis Gass, 2768 Sanderling Way, 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: 7/2/2009. Signature of Registrant/s/: Alexis Gass, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 7, 2024. Expires June 6, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6000. Published June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607143

The following person(s) doing business as: Dark Water, 2035 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley, CA 94702 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Dark Water Studios, 1450 4th ST, APT 11, Berkeley, CA 94710. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/1/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ken-to Mizuno, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 10, 2024. Expires June 9, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6001. Published June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607377

The following person(s) doing business as: French Gulch Designs, 580 Aileen ST, Oakland, CA 94609 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): French Gulch Enterprises, LLC, 580 Aileen ST, Oakland, CA 94609. 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: 12/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jeannie Johnson, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 20, 2024. Expires June 19, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6002. Published June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607351

The following person(s) doing business as: CMP Global, 6710 Paseo San Leon, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): John F. Duggan, 6710 Paseo San Leon, 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: 1990. Signature of Registrant/s/: John F. Duggan, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 17, 2024. Expires June 16, 2029. The Independent, Legal

No. 6003. Published June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607205

The following person(s) doing business as: Elizabeth M. Janitorial Service, 4240 Walnut Ave, Fremont, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Karla E. Mentivar Sanchez, 4240 Walnut Ave, Fremont, CA 94538. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Karla Sanchez, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 11, 2024. Expires June 10, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6004. Published June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607338

The following person(s) doing business as: Handpicked Talent, 22015 Cameron St., Castro Valley, CA 94546 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Asper & Moso LLC, 22015 Cameron ST, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Beethoven Yuson, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 17, 2024. Expires June 16, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6005. Published June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607298

The following person(s) doing business as: Tia Farrell, 7100 San Ramon RD, #154, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tia Farrell, 7100 San Ramon RD, #154, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Tia Farrell, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 13, 2024. Expires June 12, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6006. Published June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606959

The following person(s) doing business as: Pristine Cleaning Services, 466 24th ST Apt 4, Oakland, CA 94612 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Priscila Oliveira Cunha Reis, 466 24th ST, Apt 4, Oakland, CA 94612. 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/: Priscila Oliveira Cunha Reis, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 4, 2024. Expires June 3, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6007. Published June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2024.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 589323

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s). Proud Family Creations, 3760 Thornhill Drive, Livermore, CA 94551. Registered by the following owner(s): Amanda Williams, 3760 Thornhill Drive, Livermore, CA 94551. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 5/25/2022, in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by an Individual. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Amanda Williams, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 6, 2024. Expires June 6, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6013. Published July 4, 11, 18, 2024.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 591161

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s). Rosy's Cafe, 22616 Vermont ST, Hayward, CA 94541. Registered by the following owner(s): Alejandro Hernandez, 3337 Bridge RD, Hayward, CA 94545. The fictitious business name statement

was filed on 8/15/2022 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by an Individual. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Alejandro Hernandez, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 20, 2024. Expires June 20, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 6009. Published June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607529

The following person(s) doing business as: Flour Haven, 8531 Bancroft Avenue Unit A, Oakland, CA 94605 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Berg-er LLC, 6959 Sayre Drive, Oakland, CA 94605. 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/: David Berger, Owner/Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 27, 2024. Expires June 26, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6010. Published July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607563

The following person(s) doing business as: Simplicity Teas, LLC, 286 Kottlinger Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Simplicity Teas, LLC, 286 Kottlinger Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/20/24. Signature of Registrant/s/: Stacey Ristow, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 27, 2024. Expires June 26, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6011. Published July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607092

The following person(s) doing business as: Nitty Gritty Paralegal Services, 2385 Bluebell Drive, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): TipCro LLC, 2385 Bluebell Drive, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jamica Tipton, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 7, 2024. Expires June 6, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6012. Published July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607420

The following person(s) doing business as: Buy Totale, 628 Nightingale ST., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ydona Cama Ballon, 628 Nightingale ST., Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/15/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ydona Cama Ballon, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 21, 2024. Expires June 20, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6013. Published July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607450

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Golden Valley Mortgage; 2. Golden Valley realty; 3. Simply Real Estate; 4. Walk off Processing; 5. Janice & Co.; 6. GUM Loans; J and A Rose, 6200 Stoneridge Mall Rd., #300-1283, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Golden Valley Mortgage Corporation, 6200 Stoneridge Mall Rd., #300-1283, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 05/2017. Signature of Registrant/s/: James Smith, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 24, 2024. Expires June 23, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6014. Published July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607580

The following person(s) doing business as: La Perla Tapatia, 2603 High Street Ste B, Oakland, CA 94619 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Veronica Hernandez, 5400 Princeton ST APT B, Oakland, CA 94601. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607426

The following person(s) doing business as: Alameda, 1253 Heather Lane, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jordan Litvinchuk, 1253 Heather Lane, 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/: Jordan Litvinchuk, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 24, 2024. Expires June 23, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6015. Published July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607424

The following person(s) doing business as: Mivision Science, 1368 Oak Vista Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ultrablue, LLC, 1368 Oak Vista Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/20/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Juliao Li, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 24, 2024. Expires June 23, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6016. Published July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 578768

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s). Grits Marketing Group, 1135 Ballena Blvd, Suite 12, Alameda, CA 94501. Registered by the following owner(s): Susan DeLong, 1011 College Ave, Alameda< CA 94501. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 5/6/2021 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by an Individual. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Susan DeLong, President/Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 1, 2024. Expires June 30, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6023. Published 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606890

The following person(s) doing business as: Wildflower Play Cafe, 48541 Warm Springs Blvd, Suite 509, Fremont, CA 94539 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Wildflower Play Cafe LLC, 48551 Warm Springs Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Joyce Turner, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 31, 2024. Expires May 30, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6018. Published July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607375

The following person(s) doing business as: Quantum Leap Advisors, 440 Sandstone Dr., Fremont, CA 94536 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): VAK Quantum Leap LLC, 440 Sandstone Dr., Fremont, CA 94536. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/7/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ashim Bhagwan Kapai, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 18, 2024. Expires June 17, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6019. Published July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607580

The following person(s) doing business as: La Perla Tapatia, 2603 High Street Ste B, Oakland, CA 94619 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Veronica Hernandez, 5400 Princeton ST APT B, Oakland, CA 94601. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact

business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Veronica Hernandez, Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 28, 2024. Expires June 27, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6021. Published 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 606915

The following person(s) doing business as: Levine Goods and Services, 2230 Derby Street, Berkeley, CA 94705 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Megan Garner, 2230 Derby Street, Berkeley CA 94705. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/1/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Megan Garner, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 3, 2024. Expires June 2, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6022. Published 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607613

The following person(s) doing business as: 1 Safe Oakland Community Development Corporation; 2 Safe Oakland 2147 East 15th Street, Oakland, CA 94606 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Safe Oakland Community Development Corporation, 1007 Stonecrest Drive, Antioch, CA 94531. 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/: Wade Harper, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 1, 2024. Expires June 30, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6023. Published 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607023

The following person(s) doing business as: The Panda's Pantry, 28339 Murcia ST., Hayward, CA 94544 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ruihui Hu, 28339 Murcia ST., Hayward, CA 94544. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/5/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ruihui Hu, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 6, 2024. Expires June 5, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6024. Published 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607478

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. San Leandro Village; 2. San Leandro Village RD; 3. San Leandro Village MH & RV Park; 4. Bal Trailer Court, 14831 Bancroft Ave, San Leandro, CA 94578 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): San Leandro Village MHP, LLC, 301 E 17th Street, Suite 208, Costa Mesa, CA 92627. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which

the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 11/7/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Bart Thomsen, Managing Director. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 25, 2024. Expires June 24, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6025. Published 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607067

The following person(s) doing business as: eLivermarians, 4043 Guilford Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Stephen Joseph Calderon, 4043 Guilford Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/28/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Stephen Joseph Calderon, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 7, 2024. Expires June 6, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6026. Published 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607649

The following person(s) doing business as: Solid Coat Painting, 38756 Huntington Circle, Fremont, CA 94536 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hong S An, 38756 Huntington Circle, Fremont, CA 94536. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 07/01/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Hong S An, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 2, 2024. Expires June 1, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6027. Published 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607677

The following person(s) doing business as: Bober Tea & Coffee, 5420 Las Positas Rd., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Three T Corp, 5420 Las Positas Road, 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: 7/1/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Monette Au, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 2, 2024. Expires June 1, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6028. Published 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607657

The following person(s) doing business as: Crumbly - Los Positas, 4304 Las Positas road, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): GT Cookies Fresno Incorporated, 1601 Bessemer Street, Suite A, Turlock CA 95380. 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/: John Gauthier, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 2, 2024. Expires July 1, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6029. Published 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607657

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E) Lead Product Managers to lead & execute prod vision, strgy, & roadmap for new & exist'g apps. Salary: \$163,571/yr.
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Kaskey Enters Race for Livermore Council

Jeff Kaskey, a Livermore business owner and former president of the Livermore Heritage Guild, has entered the race for the District 3 seat on the Livermore City Council.

District 3 represents the southeastern sector of Livermore. The seat is currently held by Brittini Kiick, whose term expires this year.

Kaskey has lived in Livermore for more than four decades, going to work

for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories in 1981. His career in engineering also included the Intergraph Corporation, Sun Microsystems and Pinebrook Imaging Systems.

In 2019, he purchased The LAST Factory, on Research Drive in Livermore, which markets cleaning and preservation products for vinyl records, magnetic audiotape, CDs,

DVDs, and other audio and video media.

The Heritage Guild, formerly led by Kaskey, manages Hagemann Ranch and two other city-owned historic sites, from 2008 to 2018.

During his tenure, the guild created the popular Livermore HistoryMobile and introduced a revised history curriculum for third-grade students. Kaskey currently serves as curator at Hagemann Ranch.

Kaskey is also a former vice president of the Livermore Cultural Arts Council, helping to create the annual downtown Tuesday Tunes events, and was a volunteer with the Asbury United Methodist Church's community outreach efforts to help the homeless.

He is on the board of the Livermore Lions and Livermore Valley Arts.

In announcing his candidacy, Kaskey said he be-

lieves the council needs to do a better job of listening to concerns voiced from the audience, adding that a more responsive council is one of his goals.

Kaskey added that he considers open space preservation as central to maintaining Livermore's identity, and residents should be able to live, work and play in and around the city.

Several Livermore city positions will be up for



Jeff Kaskey
(Photo courtesy of Jeff Kaskey)

election on Tuesday, Nov. 5, including mayor and the District 3 and District 4 council seats.



Livermore Police Department's (LPD's) "Stuff the Cruiser" event will be held on Saturday, Aug. 3 and Sunday, Aug. 4. Help bring joy to local families in need this Back-to-School season by donating school supplies and backpacks. LPD will be accepting school supplies on both days from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Big Lots (4484 Las Positas Road), Office Max (2400 Las Positas Road), Walmart (2700 Las Positas Road), and CVS (1500 First Street). LPD will also be accepting donations at the front lobby of the police department before Tuesday, Aug. 6. (Photo courtesy of the LPD)

Mokashi Seeks Second Term on Pleasanton Unified School Board

Kelly Mokashi has announced her candidacy for a second four-year term on the Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) Board of Trustees.

Elected at-large in 2020, Mokashi now represents Trustee Area 3, which includes the neighborhoods surrounding Walnut Grove and Alisal elementary schools, Harvest Park Middle School, and Amador Valley High School.

PUSD began transitioning from at-large trustee elections to district representation in 2022.

Mokashi said one of her priorities is to improve collaboration between the school board and students' families, parent-teacher associations, and labor unions, including the Association of Pleasanton Teachers (APT)

and the California Schools Employees Association.

In her announcement, Mokashi also said she wants to work with school officials to identify PUSD staffing and instructional needs, especially in the aftermath of contentious labor negotiations and the challenges of a declining enrollment. With the district potentially facing substantial budget cuts, Mokashi said she supports a less top-heavy administrative structure.

Mokashi, who has lived in Pleasanton for seven years, is a community school coordinator at Cabrillo Elementary School in Fremont, and the mother of three children who attend Harvest Park Middle School and Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton.

She also spent 15 years

with Achievement Success, a Pleasanton-based educational services consulting firm she started in 2009.

Mokashi holds master's degrees in school administration from Rutgers University in New Jersey and curriculum and technology instruction from Houston Baptist University in Texas.

"There is much work that lies ahead for our district," Mokashi said, including oversight of contractual services, litigation related to special education services, and other financial decisions. If she is reelected, Mokashi said she also would continue efforts to foster equity-centered education, including more options for underperforming students, multilingual learners, and students with disabilities.

Donations Needed For Nonprofit Annual Backpack Giveaway

Tri-Valley Haven (TVH) is gearing up for its annual giveaway of backpacks and school supplies for students from low-income families and is asking for donations from the community.

The Livermore-based nonprofit, which provides support services for victims of domestic and sexual assault, distributes backpacks filled with school supplies to elementary, middle school, and high school students from Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin at the start of every school year.

This year, backpacks will be given out from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30, at Lynnewood United Methodist Church in Pleasanton and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 3, at May Nissen Park in Livermore.

The nonprofit will provide one backpack per child, up to four backpacks per family, on a first-come basis.

Donated backpacks and school supplies can be dropped off at Tri-Valley Haven, 3663 Pacific Avenue, Livermore, from 9 a.m.

to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

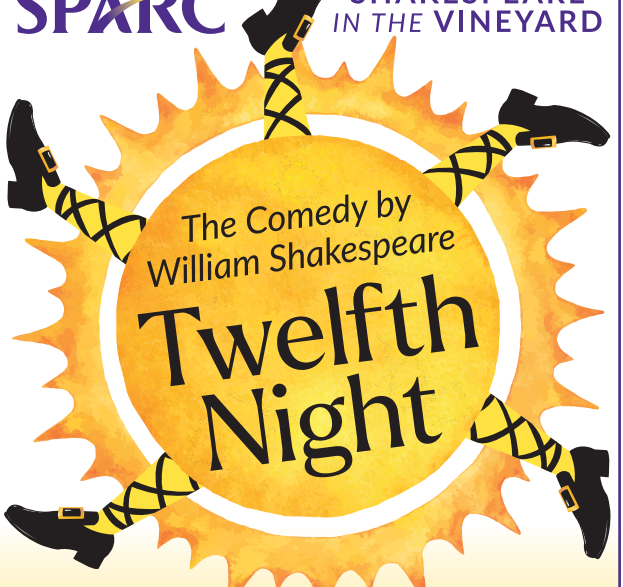
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