

At Warriors Game, Local Dancers Take Stage

By Christina Cavallaro

REGIONAL — Diana Morisoli is a 69-year-old Livermore grandmother, likes to garden, walk for fitness and power through her weekly dance classes at a dance academy in San Ramon.

But last Saturday night, Morisoli had her hair and makeup done, pulled on a glitter adorned shirt and hit the half-court at Chase Center in San Francisco as a member of the Golden State Warriors Hardwood Classics dance team.

“For me, I’m used to performing, but I’ve never had a crowd that makes this much noise,” said Morisoli before the matchup against the Los Angeles Lakers.

Morisoli and 28 other women and men make up the 55-plus dance team that

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Blankets Collected for Homeless

By Christina Cavallaro

PLEASANTON — A nonprofit that was founded by a group of young people last year, has already distributed more than a thousand pieces of clothing and winter coats, countless self-care kits and bedding to people living on the streets.

The Humane Sleep Project (HSP), a nonprofit dedicated to helping people facing homelessness, was launched in 2023 by five men and women in their 20s, including CEO Sidarth “Sid” Sreedar, CFO Abhi Vishwas and COO Aditi Sharma, who The Independent spoke to for this story.

“I think we’re coming from places of real blessings, of having things. A nice rest at night, a nice bed. And giving back is what drew us all in,” said Vishwas.

Sreedar became involved with the group because he was struck by a statistic put out by the California State Auditor. As of 2020, the most recent year that complete federal data was available, California had more homeless people than any other state.

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The Warriors Hardwood Classics dancers perform on center-court at the Chase Center in San Francisco. The over-55 dance squad includes many from the Tri-Valley. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen) (See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia)

Livermore Lab Is Named One of Best Places to Work in US in 2024

By David Jen

LIVERMORE — Recent employee’s-choice-award winner Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) expects to continue its growth following a vibrant 2023, said LLNL Chief Human Resources Officer Larry Durham.

Employee-review company Glassdoor, LLC recently awarded LLNL its Employees’ Choice Award, recognizing the lab as one of the country’s best places to work in 2024. LLNL ranked 41st in Glassdoor’s top 100 “Best Places to Work” list for the U.S., as well as first among government employ-

ers and 13th among large Bay Area employers.

The award, based solely on anonymous employee input, marks the fifth time LLNL has received the honor.

“Our people and their commitment to innovation and impact make the Laboratory a special place to work,” said LLNL Director Kim Budil. “The challenges facing our nation and the world today demand urgency and require transformative thinking. Teamwork and partnership are essential to our success, and an environment where we respect and value the diverse talents, perspectives, ideas and

life experiences each of us brings to the table in service of our important missions is critical to the excellence we seek.”

A world leader in areas such as nuclear fusion and supercomputing, LLNL currently employs about 8,500 people, including scientists, engineers, business professionals and tradespeople, according to LLNL.

Following a 1,300-employee increase in 2023, Durham expects workforce expansion to continue with roughly another 1,100 new employees this year.

Growth last year focused largely on engineering, followed by operations and

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New Pathways to Graduation For Special Education Students

Dublin Diploma Opens Up More Job Opportunities

By Ruth Roberts

The Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) board has paved the way for special education students to earn a traditional high school diploma thanks to a statewide policy called Pathways to Graduation.

The state legislation, passed in 2022, allows for school districts to realign their graduation requirements for students with Independent Education Plans (IEPs), offering them a route to obtaining a diploma instead of a certificate of completion.

Jennifer Boeche, whose son is a sophomore at Dublin

High School and has an IEP, said the implementation of the new protocols means so much to her family.

“My son was born with significant disabilities and ended up in special education, and as you can imagine, it was pretty devastating that he would not get a diploma, but instead a certificate,” said Boeche. “When you graduate and join the workforce, the first question they ask is do you have a high school diploma and as a parent, I feel that will afford him many more opportunities.”

Students in special education have typically either needed to meet the standard

requirements for a diploma (230 credits) or received a certificate of completion, said Erin DeMartini, program specialist for DUSD.

“The certificate of completion does not have any credit requirements; however, they are also not a high school diploma equivalent,” she said.

But the pathways program, DeMartini emphasized, allows students who would have previously been eligible for only a certificate of completion to now work towards a high school diploma. Students in the new program will take coursework aligned with the California state standards, but modified

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Alameda County Holds Biennial Homeless Count

Livermore Volunteers Participate

By Christina Cavallaro

LIVERMORE — It’s 5:20 a.m. and 47 degrees outside. The Walmart parking lot on Las Positas Road is pitch black except for a few streetlights and a slight yellow glow from the first full moon of the new year.

A group of five women volunteers tumble out of an SUV bundled in jackets and ski hats ready to scan the vast parking lot for people sleeping in vehicles as part of Alameda County’s biennial Point in Time (PIT) count.

The PIT count is federally mandated by the Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) to provide a snapshot of homelessness on a single night in Alameda County by counting people and families sleeping outside, in vehicles, in emergency shelters, and in transitional housing.

Its findings are used by the County’s Continuum of Care (CoC) – a community planning body led by a team of county and city stakeholders committed to ending homelessness – to allocate resources and implement programs to tackle homelessness in a compassionate and inclusive way.

Statistics show the reality of homeless problem

The purpose of the volunteers is to count and survey people living outside or in vehicles.

“So that could be a car; it could be a parking lot; it could be an airport — places like that,” said Hanna Toda, South/East County Homeless Services Regional Coordinator with Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless.

“We’re seeing more and more people residing in their vehicles. So that’s definitely a huge trend.”

The PIT count in 2022

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Pleasanton Welcomes New Springhill Suites Hotel on Johnson Drive

Second Hotel Coming This Month

By Ruth Roberts

REGIONAL — In the Tri-Valley, hotel occupancy is beginning to rebound following the COVID pandemic. Now, two new Pleasanton hotels are adding more than 300 rooms for business travelers and tourists.

In 2019 prior to the pandemic, the annual Tri-Valley occupancy rate was 74.2%. In 2021, the lowest during the pandemic, the rate was 54.3%. But in 2023, the numbers rebounded to 65.2%, making Tri-Valley occupancy

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A bobcat travels near I-580, as captured by a wildlife-connectivity study conducted by the Alameda County Resource Conservation District and the UC Davis Road Ecology Center. The Greenville Road underpass ranked as the busiest in the East Bay study area. (See story on page 2.) (Photo courtesy: UC Davis Road Ecology Center)



Dancers celebrate the Lunar New Year in front of the Bankhead Theater. The year of the wood dragon will begin on Feb. 10. (See story on page 2.) (File Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Swept Away by Stormwaters

Woman Clings to Upside-Down Pickup Truck Throughout the Night

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — A woman rescued after spending 15 hours clinging to the top of her submerged truck in the Arroyo Valle, near Lake Del Valle, said Monday, she knows she is “very lucky” to be alive.

Jennifer Magruder, 47, said water rushed inside her truck cab when it was swept off a concrete ford near the 7000 block of Del

Valle Road into the water last week.

“I was very calm,” said Magruder, who lives in a home in the Lake Del Valle campground area. “I just decided that I didn’t want to drown in the truck.”

The rainy day started off quiet for Magruder, who works the overnight shift at a 7-Eleven convenience store in the area. She slept throughout the day, but took off for the store at 7

p.m. It was dark, but she had driven over that ford many times.

This time, she said, she took the road too fast, came around the corner and was unable to stop when she realized the water had risen over the crossing.

“The water just caught me,” Magruder said.

Fearing she would drown, she held her breath underwater and shoved the passenger door open enough to push her

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PETS OF THE WEEK



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Tri-Valley Welcomes the Year of the Wood Dragon

By Hannah Ferguson

The Chinese New Year or Lunar New Year is a widespread and spirited celebration welcoming the first new moon of the lunisolar calendar in China, South Korea, Vietnam and other east Asian countries.

But around the world, it is also celebrated and here in the Tri-Valley it is marked with Chinese music and dance, food, community celebrations and festivals.

This year is the year of the wood dragon, which is known to possess many strong traits, such as courage,

tenacity, intelligence, and confidence. The dragon year is significant because the dragon is seen as a propitious and miraculous creature, one which symbolizes power, success, honor, and luck.

“I celebrate the Lunar New Year because of family, and it’s been a tradition ever since I was young. For me, the new year means another way to celebrate and spend time with family,” said Jackie Wong, a mandarin-speaking Dublin resident.

Wendy Zheng, an immigrant from Fujian, China, who lives in Dublin said, “It’s the best time of the

year. We get brand new clothes and give money to our family to celebrate the new year.” Zheng will be hosting a large festivity at her house, where she will cook traditional Chinese meals, including chicken, fish, duck, soup, and more.

“I think the Lunar New Year represented a time of togetherness with my family and helped bring my relatives together,” said Hans Chang of Dublin.

The Tri-Valley area will have several different events to celebrate the year of the wood dragon.

The Amador Theatre in

Pleasanton will showcase a Lunar New Year production on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 1 to 3 p.m. There will be several live performances, including customary music and dancing. Tickets are free and are available on the Firehouse Art Center’s website.

The Dublin Senior Center will sponsor a celebration concert on Sunday, Feb. 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. The event will feature classical Chinese music performed by graduates from the XingHai Conservatory of Music, as well as dance performances by the Eva Dance Academy.

Admission is free.

Elliston Vineyards will also host a celebration on Sunday Feb. 4 from 1 to 5 p.m. They will offer homemade dumplings, wine and activities. Tickets are available on their website.

Rios Lovell Winery will be honoring the holiday on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. They will provide wine tasting along with a Chinese food buffet. Tickets can be found on their website.

The Bankhead Theater in Livermore will host an event on the plaza in front of

the theater, Sunday, Feb. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The free community event will feature demonstrations, arts, performances and more.



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Altamont Fund Shares Outreach Plans

By David Jen

Funds from a landfill settlement agreement may soon go toward land-conservation easements in Alameda County.

The Alameda County Resource Conservation District (ACRCD) will submit within the coming months a grant proposal to the Altamont Landfill Open Space Committee (ALOSC) to promote the availability of the settlement funds to landowners, said ACRCD board member Dick Schneider.

The grant, if approved, would allow the conservation district to host a series of presentations aimed at reaching out to landowners “who might be interested in putting easements on their land,” said Schneider.

The Altamont Landfill

Open Space Fund, a result of a 1999 settlement related to the expansion of the Altamont Landfill, continues to receive more than \$1 million annually from the landfill operator.

While these funds are to be used for the acquisition of land and easements with wildlife and recreational value, past open space committee meetings have touched on the lack of public awareness of the fund’s existence.

As of last week’s ALOSC meeting, the fund totaled nearly \$24 million.

“Individual landowners, public agencies, private conservancies and other non-profit organizations may apply for funds,” according to the fund’s website.

Land easements added through the ALOSC could dovetail with another ALOSC-funded project: a wild-

life-crossing study that detailed how area wildlife interacts with I-580 as they move through the hills east and west of the Tri-Valley.

Fraser Shilling of the U.C. Davis Road Ecology Center shared results from the three-year study that combined camera, animal-sign and roadkill data to paint a picture of how area mammals — such as badgers, mule deer and red foxes — are affected by wildlife connectivity.

The I-580 underpass just east of Greenville Road ranked highest in the study area for both species’ diversity and for the number of sightings, said Shilling.

“For most species, it was the most popular place to cross I-580,” he continued, adding that the utility of underpasses depended on the species in question. “What

this means is that for some underpasses for some species, it was a great combination. And for other underpasses and species, it was a bad combination.”

Mountain lions and kangaroo rats did not use the crossings at all.

ACRCD’s landowner presentations will help explain how wildlife connectivity, along with other ecosystem benefits, such as pollinator habitat or natural water filtration, may affect the amount paid by ALOSC for easements.

“Part of the goal is to explain how easements work, why they’re of value,” and why one parcel might be worth less than its neighbor, said Schneider.

The ALOSC will next hold a special meeting on Feb. 16.

BART Sponsoring Teen Poetry Contest

Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) is sponsoring a poetry contest for teens with 30 finalists each receiving a \$75 Amazon gift card. Their poems will also be published in the transit authority’s Short Edition Story Dispensers at commuter stations around the Bay Area.

The contest is open to anyone age 13 to 19 as of March 8 and lives in one of the five counties where BART operates, including San Francisco, San Mateo, Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara.

March 8 is also the deadline to submit entries. BART

will begin accepting submissions on Friday, Feb. 9.

BART said the theme for its first-ever teen poetry contest is “Bay is Home.”

“We want to read your poems related to the Bay Area,” according to a BART announcement. “Your submission might describe a location — somewhere you take BART, for example — or maybe a specific spot that inspired your piece. With this theme, we’re asking: How do the many places, people, and aspects of the region make the Bay home?”

BART said only the first

300 submissions will be accepted.

The poems will be judged by BART’s editorial team and two San Francisco-based nonprofit organizations, 826 Valencia and Youth Speaks, which support creative writing and performance programs for youths.

The contest is an extension of the BART Lines program the transit authority launched in 2022 with a short-story competition for writers 18 and older. BART said the program is part of its “rider engagement strategy” designed to “get people excited about transit and to

emphasize the variety of ways you can use our system, as well as the places it can take you.

Finalists will be announced April 12.

BART said entries must not exceed 7,500 characters, including spaces, with lines not exceeding 115 characters to work with the transit authority’s Short Edition Story Dispenser printing kiosks.

Submissions must be made through the social-network platform Submittable. Only one entry per person.

For more information, go to bart.gov/bartlines.

Mendenhall Students First in MathCounts Competition

Two students from Mendenhall Middle School took first place in the 28th annual Livermore MathCounts Competition last week, hosted at Granada High School by the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD).

Jack Wood finished first in the Sixth Grade Division, while Steven Huang finished first in the Seventh/Eighth Grade Division.

LVJUSD said 188 students from the district’s five middle schools took part in MathCounts this year, the most ever. Last year, 127 students competed.

“It was wonderful to see so many Livermore middle school students sharing and exhibiting a love of mathematics,” said MathCounts coordinator and Livermore teacher Noah King. “Math has always been my favorite subject to teach, and I was thrilled to get to share my love of the subject with so many rising math stars.”

Students are tested in their knowledge of algebra, geometry, probability, and number theory.

The national MathCounts program, now sponsored by the nonprofit MathCounts Foundation, was created in 1983 by the National Society of Professional Engineers, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and CNA Insurance to increase enthusiasm for math among middle school students. The competition, including chapter and state

rounds, concludes with a national championship in March.

The top five finishers in the Livermore chapter round for sixth graders were Jack

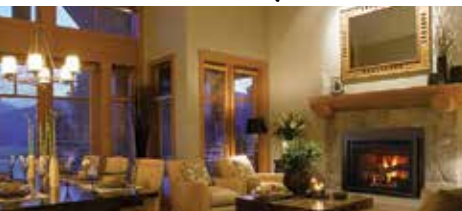
Wood, Mendenhall; Sanjith Chidambaram, Mendenhall; Hinman Chan, Mendenhall; Vanya Chen, Christensen Middle School; and Hritvi Shah, Mendenhall.



Sixth-grade finalists, shown above from left to right: Jack Wood, Sanjith Chidambaram, Hinman Chan, Vanya Chen and Hritvi Shah at the 28th annual Livermore MathCounts Competition last week. (Photo courtesy: Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District)

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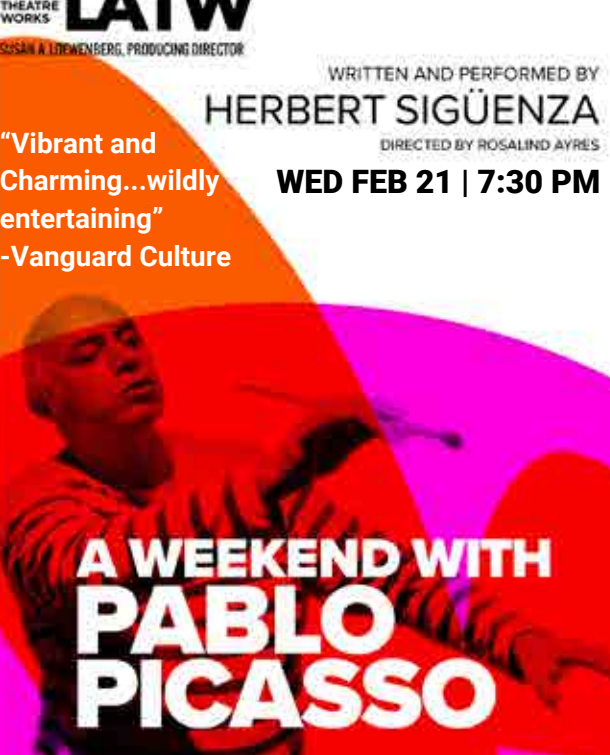


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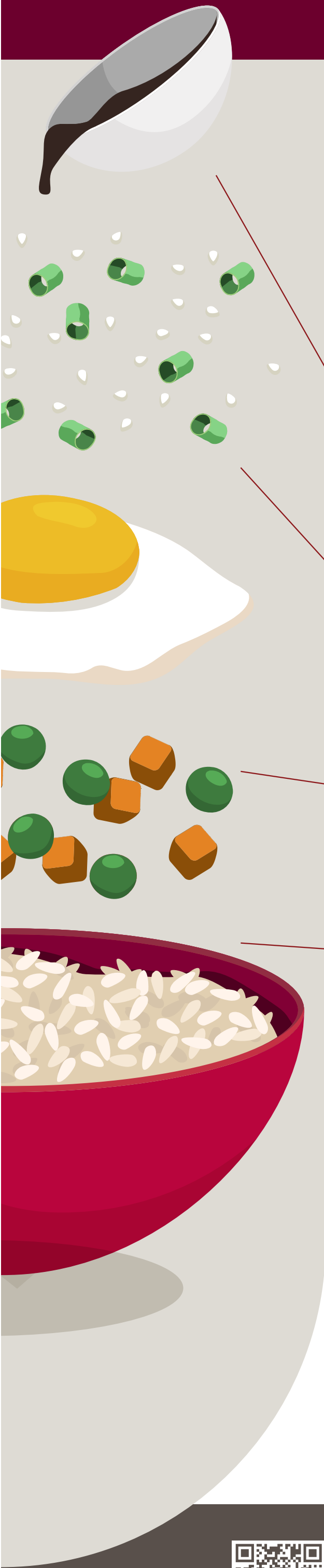


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EDITORIAL

County Homelessness in Need of Funding

Thank you to all the volunteers who participated in Alameda County’s biennial Point in Time count of the homeless last week. The essential count provides insight into the area’s homeless issue and informs decisions on resource allocations and program decisions. This year’s 1,000-plus volunteers — an unprecedented turnout — allowed for a more accurate survey methodology based primarily on direct one-on-one surveys instead of statistical assumptions.

While the 2024 numbers are not yet available, the previous count in 2022 told the story of a serious homelessness problem in our area. Some 340 homeless people lived in the Tri-Valley and almost 10,000 lived in the county. Nine percent of the county’s homeless people are families with children. Adults with a serious mental illness make up nearly a quarter of the homeless population.

Too often, circumstances trap these people in a situation where they earn too much for the assistance they need. In other words, if a family earns more than the federal or state poverty level, then they cannot receive financial assistance, even though in the Tri-Valley their income won’t cover the cost of their living expenses, including the rent of a space to live.

Federal levels, for example, consider a family of four making more than \$32,000 above the poverty level, while the cost of living for that same family in Alameda County comes in closer to \$92,000, according to the California Budget & Policy Center.

State income limits for extremely low and very low income are around \$44,000 and \$74,000 for a household of four. These limits affect eligibility for food, healthcare and housing assistance.

Because these income thresholds do not accurately reflect current costs of living, many in California fall into a form of homelessness. They can be sheltered in either transitional housing, an emergency shelter, or something less protected, such as a vehicle, tent, abandoned building or open land — with little recourse to get back out. Gaps in resumes or rental histories compound the problem further.

While solutions like creative building methods and workforce training will be necessary to address the problem, the homelessness issue most crucially needs funding. An increase in the income limits could support appropriate assistance programs. Additional tax dollars will be required. This is a problem that needs everyone’s help.

MAILBOX

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Losers!
Carol Chargin, Livermore
Editor’s note: We are re-running this letter because a version that ran on Jan. 25 contained an error made by The Independent.

On Jan. 14, 2024, The East Bay Times, page A11, ran a story about a British D-Day survivor, Bill Gladden, who was celebrating his 100th birthday. But he was really looking forward to June 6, the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. Mr. Gladden stated that while the British and the Allies won the war, the cost was high as so many youngsters gave their lives and lie in foreign graves. Today we have a candidate for President who labels those youngsters as suckers and losers.

My father, a school administrator in a small Colorado town, was too old to be drafted into WWII, so he enlisted and was scheduled to teach mathematics at a military school. His school board would not release him from his contract, which posed a dilemma as he had plans to obtain his Ph.D. If he ignored his school board, he would likely not be accepted into a Ph.D. program. He remained in Colorado where he was an administrator, a teacher, a coach, and driver of young people to their athletic events. He told sto-

ries of families losing every male in the family. Families were not required to sacrifice the last male in the family, but they chose to as they wanted to defend our democratic republic. Many were recent immigrants from Poland, Italy, Germany, England, and Wales. They were miners, railroad workers, and the hired help on farms. Many were underage. These young people gave their all for this country, their lives.

Now this candidate labels these young people who sacrificed their lives as losers. He thinks he is clever, so he doesn’t pay his contractors, but tells them to sue him. When he was running for President the first time I checked and learned he was involved in over 1,800 lawsuits. Is this a sign of a good businessman? Later the number of lawsuits was over 4,000. Many of this candidate’s businesses fail, including his gambling houses. He’s proud to be a sexual predator.

I hope that the greed in this country is not so blinding as to lead to the election of a man who is turning himself into a messiah. He only cares about his ego and the wealthy. People who work with their hands are dirt under his fingernails. Research to learn the truth about this candidate. Were your relatives who died to preserve our democratic republic losers?

Progressive Energy
Theodore Schaefer, Livermore

To save energy and global warming and to combat PGE, Tri-Valley cities should require all new residential buildings to have solar roof panels AND tie them to the first-floor concrete pad containing warming wires. There would be no winter natural gas heating bills! An extra step would be to require only electric water heaters and futuristically, only electric cooktops. Presto, no PGE for electric or gas! All it takes is progressive city councils fighting the developers.

Why Violate the Urban Growth Boundary Now?
David Rounds, Livermore

The GPAC and Placeworks preliminary findings about land use alternatives had four focus areas and did not include East of Greenville. Placeworks, in a February 24th memo to Andy Ross, Livermore’s Economic Development Director, outlined the preliminary land use alternatives for the initial four focus areas. This memo identified a “Citywide Alternative B” that would add more than enough housing to satisfy the RHNA projec-

tion through 2045. In Table 3 on page six of the same report, it was also stated that Citywide Alternative B would provide enough industrial land to achieve a jobs to employed residents ratio of 1.0.

Then, on June 9th 2023 in a report from Andy Ross, the GPAC was presented with revised land use alternatives that added a fifth (and unnecessary) focus area, East of Greenville. The top benefit identified by Andy Ross (on page 3) was that it would “Balance City housing obligations [RHNA] with employment generating land uses” [meaning achieving at least a job to employed residents’ ratio of 1.0.].

Since this initial draft of alternatives achieved these critical goals, why is it now necessary to add 1,100 acres of open space to the General Plan, expand the city limits and break the Urban Growth Boundary primarily to provide industrial development.

The other reasons offered in this memo for adding East of Greenville seem more like wishful thinking than actual need. These reasons included items like: increase property, sales and business license revenue (This need should already have been met within the city limits.); permanently protect the Altamont Range (Yet it already is protected by measure D.); expand parks and trails (This can be accomplished east of Greenville Road leaving the UGB where it is.); create a wine catalyst site/mid-size winery (This is already allowed by Measure D.); develop a research campus near LLNL and Sandia to accommodate bachelors and graduate degree and other programs; create a more attractive entry to eastern Livermore and the Wine country (Not sure how the planned hundreds of acres of tilt up warehouses is going to be an improvement) and finally, fix the County’s poor land use practices in this area (This can be addressed now.).

None of these are compelling enough reasons to violate the Urban Growth Boundary.

Bidenomics Has Failed America
David Ott, Pleasanton

Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act did not reduce inflation. It actually caused the biggest jump in inflation since Jimmy Carter in the late 1970’s. In three years, Biden’s inflation has reduced the value of your dollars by more than 20%. Biden’s Build Back Better bill did not build one new thing. Both of these boondoggle spending spree wasted six trillion dollars of the America taxpayer’s

money. Yes, that is right. It is our money, not the Biden administration’s. This is how Biden has earned the new name, Bidenflation. The tax revenue that the government collects is at an all-time high and the Biden administration has a spending problem which adds to the ever-increasing national debt. The catastrophe at the southern border is another huge drain on the American taxpayer. Illegal aliens enter our country unvetted. No other country in the world has open borders. This is a national security threat and is also a drain on our tax dollars because the Dems now pay to transport the illegals to any sanctuary city of their choice, give them free phones, and provide free health, education and welfare that should only be for American citizens. Biden is more concerned with Ukraine instead of our southern border. The Senate needs to pass HR2 and secure the border NOW. The Biden administration likes to boast how many new jobs that they have created, but there are still less people employed than during the previous administration, and nearly 60% of the new jobs that Biden created are in the government, which makes the government spending problem and inflation even worse. When government jobs are created, a private sector job is lost. Government jobs cost the taxpayer; a private sector job does not. We need to reduce the size of government, reduce taxes and reduce regulations on businesses to stimulate the economy. Another failure of the Biden administration is the excessive money given to Ukraine with no controls or inventory of what the money is used for. We should negotiate an end to the Russian-Ukraine war, not continue to fund it. America, it is time to end Biden’s excessive spending and the failures of this administration. Your vote counts, use it wisely.

Insult to our Veterans
Ajay Dhillon, Pleasanton

Ms. Carol Chargin in her letter in the Jan. 25th edition has really hit the nail on the head by calling out Donald Trump for his insults to our Veterans who give the ultimate sacrifice for the nation. But the sad thing is that at the moment half the country does not care. Despite all his apparent failings, they still are willing to support and vote for him. (A lot of them are veterans.) It will be our nation’s biggest nightmare if he gets elected. He is a self-centered, egoist fascist. Have we forgotten how Hitler came to power and what devastation he brought to Germany and

the world? Just hope and pray that it doesn’t happen to our beloved country.

Kristie Wang – a Proven Leader for City Council

Dan Leary, Livermore
I am writing to endorse Kristie Wang for Livermore City Council in District 4. As a Livermore Planning Commissioner and close family friend of Kristie’s, I can attest that Kristie Wang has the qualities of integrity, experience, and intelligence required to be an exceptional member of the Livermore City Council. We need highly skilled and serious Councilmembers, especially with the new 20-year General Plan Update to be approved by the City Council in 2025.

My personal connection with Kristie dates back 17 years ago when our families met on the first day her family moved into our cul-de-sac. Living as a neighbor to Kristie for all these years has allowed me to witness firsthand Kristie’s dedication to family, her exceptional values and courage, and her strong leadership abilities.

In 2018, Kristie co-founded Flavors Addict Kids-Livermore, an organization that contributed to Livermore passing the nation’s strongest tobacco control ordinance. Kristie’s groundbreaking work not only made our neighborhood proud but also received national recognition. Kristie has been serving as a volunteer domestic violence advocate in the Tri-Valley for more than 12 years.

Kristie was elected to the Livermore School Board in 2020. Serving on the School Board, Kristie demonstrated the courage, problem solving skills and fortitude to now become an effective Councilmember. With big decisions coming ahead in Livermore, we need a representative who will be ready to serve on day one.

I urge all residents living in Livermore’s District 4 to join me in helping to elect Kristie Wang for City Council. With her proven leadership and unwavering dedication, she is the right choice to help shape the future of our city.

Livermore’s Civic “Listening”
Greg Scott, Livermore

First, my deepest appreciation for the service and sacrifice of the three military personnel recently killed in North Jordan by the Syrian border, and for the two U.S. Navy Seals lost and presumed dead in rough seas off of Somalia while trying to board a boat with Iranian missile parts destined for the Iranian-backed Houthis in Ye-

men to attack shipping in the Red Sea.

The cause of this bloodshed is multifaceted. It started with the unjustifiable violence of the brutal and heinous attacks by Hamas last October 7th, which killed 1,200 Israelis, Americans, and Thais, and where 240 were taken hostage. This was the largest mass killing of Jews since World War II. (Last January 27th was the International Holocaust Remembrance Day, scheduled to the 79th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi’s Auschwitz death camp. Around six million Jews were murdered in the Holocaust.) Also at play here, especially in the Muslim world, is the disproportionate genocide and ethnic cleansing that is the retribution for the Hamas attacks. As of this writing, more than 26,000 Gazans are dead, including more than 13,000 children and more than 8,000 women, from the Israeli military campaign. All Gazans are hungry and one-fourth are starving and most Gazans are trying to survive without adequate shelter, potable water, fuel, sanitation, and medical care.

On a different topic, I take exception to Alan Burnham’s letter “Listening Is a Two-Way Street,” (Mailbox, 1/25/2024). Read the “listening” denigrations of Mr. Burnham’s letter: Julie Wild is “confused,” Doug Mann “proceeded unknowingly,” “other speakers said the same thing they had said multiple times before” (because they don’t feel heard?), “[other speakers] do not advance the discussion” (at least according to Mr. Burnham’s “Two-Way Street”), and the most biased, “some people do not want a vote on the Greenville expansion because they are afraid they will lose,” which is not a balanced critique on Mr. Burnham’s part. Mr. Burnham’s “Two-Way Street” disparages the opposition instead of addressing the issues they raise.

This all makes me wonder why Alan Burnham is on the General Planning Advisory Committee (GPAC) at all. Is it because he is a landowner on Railroad Avenue? Is this a conflict of interest when the Midtown Area is discussed at the GPAC meeting on February 14?

History Unravels the Humble Truth
Sangeetha Krishnamoorthy, Pleasanton

Last Monday, Jan. 22, was one of India’s historic and monumental events, one that changes India from a divided conquered land into a resurgent unified civilization that’s not afraid

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of defending their roots. It was the consecration of Ram Temple, at the birthplace of one of the Hindu gods, Ram.

For people not aware of India's [called 'Bharath' locally] heritage and history, it is a land of Hindus with a history dating back to 1,500 BCE and older (more than 4,000 years old.) Over the course of the past 2,000 years or so, it's been frequently invaded by rulers that have tried to divide and destroy the heritage and history of India. This Monday it was proven yet again that Hinduism, a peaceful religion defined only by its principles of 'Sanathan Dharma,' has stood the test of time, owing its strength solely to millions and billions of common devout people, invincible by any other non-Hindu miscreants, minority faiths or even attempts by the far-left atheists in rewriting the history who have failed miserably.

If you are a reader that gets excited by true historic facts (proven by sincere historians around the world) and one that looks beyond the 'dust' and 'noise' from the English and leftist journalism that repeatedly shows India in a wrong light, you will find that this article is aimed at making a humble attempt to clarify the facts around Monday's historic win for India! Yes, it's a moment Indians have been waiting for patiently, for more than 500 years, and we believe it will pave way to reclaim the rest of the three or four other important holy places that were also invaded and demolished in the recent past, but this time we believe it won't take 500 more years, as Indians in this day and age are now more informed and know their roots much better.

Jan. 22, 2024, will go down in history books as the day when India, the new Bharath, is starting to take a stance in preserving its historic roots by weeding out the twisted stories told in the recent centuries by invaders and leftists.

Laurene Green for Zone 7 Water Board
Susan Wacek, Pleasanton

Laurene Green gets my vote for Zone 7. She is an incumbent, and fortunately for us is running again. She has been a driving force behind eliminating PFAS from Zone 7 ground water. She continuously strives to bring all involved together to reach consensus in the Tri-Valley. Laurene Green is passionate about serving on our Zone 7 Water Board. Please vote for Laurene Green!

From the Book of Bob
Terry McCune, Livermore

I'm not a frequent letter writer, but today I felt compelled after reading the letter from Owen Brovont in the Jan. 18 edition of this newspaper. Please, Owen, don't try to tell us that what happened at the Capitol building on Jan. 6, 2021, was a peaceful protest. I saw it unfold on live TV, as did many Americans. I don't need to have it explained, interpreted, or gaslighted. We all saw it! As Bob Dylan said, "You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows."

Atmospheric Rivers
Alan Burnham, Livermore

Most Californians are now familiar with the term "atmospheric river," given that it comes up often in weather forecasts. Atmospheric rivers are a continuous flow of water-laden clouds about 250-miles wide and thousands of miles long that are responsible for much or most of our rain, depending on the year. They vary substantially in severity.

One speaker at recent Livermore meetings has repeatedly used the extremely wet year of 1861

as a reason to oppose development. The warning about extreme precipitation years is warranted, although flooding can and has occurred in the absence of development, and recent development standards require features that maximize percolation and minimize runoff. Sound civil engineering must come into play in such decisions.

The more complete picture is that the geologic record shows that these mega-rain years occur about every 200 years, as reviewed in the Jan. 2013 issue of Scientific American, so we are likely to have one in the next 50 years. We need to be prepared.

Precipitation amounts in California are highly skewed, much like income, and these events are akin to the rare startup billionaires. Last year was wet, but not nearly as wet as 1982-3 and 2016-7, and the mega-years are much wetter. Much of central California flooded in 1861, and that was before the substantial subsidence caused by over-pumping of water for agriculture in the early 20th century.

More generally, we need to consider this skewed distribution in the way we manage capture and storage for consumption in dry years. In fact, the most likely amount of rainfall is only 80% of average, and 57% of all years are drier than average. Zone 7 has and must continue to use these facts in its decision-making process.

I've been interested in water science and policy for many years, and I believe that decisions on our water infrastructure should be based on sound technical and financial analysis rather than emotions. Such a process will minimize the impacts of flooding in wet years and water shortages in dry years. I hope you agree.

Destroyers Destroy
Paul Stone, Dublin

With all his warts and woes, Trump was far better than the walking cadaver we currently have haunting the hallways of the White House. Biden is a consummate destroyer, destroying this nation in real time with his open border and misguided energy policies. At this point, America's rallying cry should be, "Anybody but Biden."

Cicero in 45 BC
Patricia Thorstad, Livermore

The lorem ipsum is based on "de finibus bonorum et malorum," a Latin text written by Cicero in 45 BC; it is a placeholder text commonly used to demonstrate the visual form of a document or a typeface without relying on meaningful content.

Typographers and printers have used passages from this work for formatting since the 16th century. In publishing and graphic design, Lorem ipsum is not used much now because writers fill their intellectual content/context in real time and email it to the editor of the platform from which they publish.

When my lifelong friend Susan and I worked together at the newspaper in high school, Bob, the editor, would open up the glass window and stick newsprint stock onto a hook, in order, from left to right, showing us what next to typeset (on proprietary Compugraphic hardware/software equipment); breaking news first, then later that Saturday we would do sports, obits, etc. until all the hooks were empty.

Have you been using your ears to listen to former President Donald J. Trump try to explain himself after all his conflicting issues with his several trials, both federal and state felonies and misdemeanors? What should they print of his hateful speech? They should begin like this....

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ald J. Trump said this, last night, and then again today, outside the courtroom, 'Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit, sed do eiusmod tempor incididunt ut labore et dolore magna aliqua. Ut enim ad minim veniam, quis nostrud exercitation ullamco laboris nisi ut aliquip ex ea commodo consequat. Duis aute irure dolor in reprehenderit in voluptate velit esse cillum dolore eu fugiat nulla pariatur. Excepteur sint occaecat cupidatat non proident, sunt in culpa qui officia deserunt mollit anim id est laborum.'

Kristie Wang – Endorsement
Jannell Gladen, Livermore

Mom, CPA, and co-founder of Flavors Addict Kids-Livermore

I've known Kristie Wang as a mom, a youth health advocate, a school board member, and now as a candidate for a Livermore City Council.

Kristie is the co-founder of Flavors Addict Kids-Livermore. Along with myself and another concerned mom, we joined forces to get unregulated vape devices and flavored nicotine products banned from Livermore. As part of the team, Kristie was instrumental in advocating for policy change to limit the sale of unregulated vaping devices and flavored nicotine products. Kristie worked first with Livermore City policy makers, then advocated throughout the Tri-Valley. This work eventually led to a statewide ban of flavored nicotine products.

In addition to policy work, Kristie spent countless hours educating parents, youth and teachers on the devices and danger of flavored nicotine products.

Kristie has shown her strength and her ability to stand strong on issues while finding common ground. She cares deeply about our Livermore youth and the betterment of our city.

Kristie has my support as a candidate for Livermore City Council and I look forward to everything good she will do for our city.

Atmospheric CO2: Friend or Foe?
David Marco, Livermore

The Jan. 4 issue of the Independent front-paged the LLNL giving CO2 removal options. These are expensive, drastic measures to greatly reduce CO2 in the atmosphere. Underlying this is a forgone conclusion that CO2 is bad for us, even though it's critical for plants. More CO2 increases plant life and makes the planet greener. Isn't climate improvement supposed to be green? In the past, climate experts, politicians, and media have told us we were entering a new ice age. When that didn't happen, we had to fight global warming and melting the polar icecaps and flooding major cities. None of these

have happened. Why do we pursue this without questioning when one dramatic prediction after another turns out to be false?

Have we had a good airing of the arguments opposing climate change? No. If anything, you might have heard of "climate deniers" and article after article deriding those that have a different view. Did you know there are and have been hundreds and perhaps thousands of credible scientists that totally disagree with the climate change narrative? And so far, they've been right! Their voices are squelched. (For a quick overview of opposing arguments, check out FriendsOfScience.org, Heritage.org, the NY Post Aug. 9-10, 2023, by Judith Curry, and numerous Epoch Times articles this year.

Why check newspapers? There is big, big money in "fighting climate change" and not well accounted for. Power and money are arrayed against those that disagree. For decades, if you wanted to publish on climate, you had to present a result that supports climate change. In the "publish or perish" academic world, that means agree with the enforced narrative or get another line of work. It's especially bad for a place like LLNL where they're pressured from both ends: a boss who's political, and the publish or perish culture. "If you have to enforce a narrative, then it isn't science."

Common sense says the gas that makes plants thrive isn't dangerous. Isn't it time to say Whoa! Let's stop with the assumption that all of this is not to be questioned and allow for opposing voices to be heard and taken seriously. We also need to follow the money! We need to have a deeper examination of the pros and cons before we commit dollars and give up significant freedom to what could be a very unhealthy tomorrow.

The Duplicity of Fascism
Glenn White, Dublin

"When there's a crash, I hope it's going to be during these next 12 months because I don't want to be Herbert Hoover. The one president – I just don't want to be Herbert Hoover," Trump said in an interview that aired on Jan. 8, 2024, on the right-wing platform "Lindell TV." That comment tells us that 1) Trump doesn't know how to stop an economic crisis; 2) Trump doesn't know how to address the crisis if it occurs; and 3) Trump cares nothing for the well-being of the American people, only himself. Fascist economics is nothing but propaganda, taking credit from the success of others and blaming others for fascist lies and failures. This is the same fascist duplicity observed by Peter Drucker in 1930s Germany: "We don't

want higher bread prices. We don't want lower bread prices. We want National Socialist bread prices."

When we hear Republicans blame Biden for the border crisis but then refuse to pass the legislation that they say is necessary to secure the border because their fascist leader doesn't want Biden to get credit, that's fascist duplicity. Only Republicans, along with their right-wing media and the cartels say the border is open because only they profit from it. Who else says that and who else profits from it? Who else called for and organized caravans to come up here during past election years? The border isn't open, but it is overwhelmed in large part due to Republican lies. Also, when border security is tied to Ukrainian defense, Republican politics are more than fascist duplicity; they're pro-Russian anti-American appeasement.

The so-called Black Lives Matter riots ended when Trump left office. Republicans will lie and pretend the BLM riots were Democratic inspired, but we know of at least two fascist instigators who came to aggravate the riots: 1) Alleged Boogaloo member Steven Carrillo, who murdered two cops in Oakland after a BLM protest in an attempt to blame Democrats, and 2) Kyle Ritten-

house, who killed two people in Wisconsin. It seems some Republicans were instigating violence because they believe that they profit from the violence by blaming Democrats.

These are but three examples of how fascist duplicity uses obstructionism and violence in order to propagate the Big Lie that fascists have solutions for our problems. Fascism opposes actual problem resolution because fascism thrives and relies upon never-ending division, hatred, ignorance and fear. It's how fascism works.

A Thank You and a Call for Applications
Patricia Munro, Livermore

In last week's Independent, Larry Altman covered the update to Livermore's Strategic Plan thoroughly and carefully. The breadth of what the city has accomplished over the past year is remarkable and I appreciate

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LIVERMORE RESIDENTS: Share your talents with the community by volunteering on one of the City of Livermore's advisory bodies. We are accepting applications now through March 1, 2024, at 5:00 PM.

Airport Commission (1 vacancy – pilot)

Join us in ensuring the continued quality and viability of the Livermore Municipal Airport as a community and regional asset.

(1) Unexpired Term ending 11/1/27

Meets 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 PM

Next meeting: February 5th

Applicant cannot be a tenant of the Livermore Airport

Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees (1 vacancy)

Join us in determining general policies to be followed controlling mosquitoes and limiting the transmission of mosquito borne diseases. Board includes one representative of each incorporated city in Alameda County.

(1) Unexpired Term ending 1/1/27

Meet 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:00 PM (meetings are virtual)

Beautification Committee (5 Vacancies)

Join us in working to preserve the natural beauty and habitat of public spaces in Livermore.

(2) Regular Terms ending 6/1/28

(1) Unexpired Term ending 6/1/27

(2) Unexpired Terms ending 6/1/24 and possible regular terms ending 6/1/28, subject to City Council approval.

Meets 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM

Next Meeting: February 7th

City Historian (1 Vacancy)

The City Historian's role is to increase public awareness of the history of the city and community of Livermore. Qualified applicants will have experience presenting local historical information to community groups, teaching courses in local and regional history to students at a school or community classes or be affiliated with an organization associated with the advancement of the history of Livermore.

(1) Regular Term ending 2/1/26

Commission for the Arts (1 Vacancy)

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.

(1) Unexpired Term ending 11/1/25

Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 4:30 PM

Next meeting: February 27th

Historic Preservation Commission (2 Vacancies)

Join us in identifying, protecting, and preserving Livermore's historic resources. The Commission's successes are visible in the beauty of Livermore's historic structures and landmarks.

(1) Regular term ending 5/1/28

(1) Unexpired Term ending 5/1/24 and a possible regular term ending 5/1/28, subject to City Council approval.

Meets 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM as needed.

Next Meeting: February 1st

Library Board of Trustees (1 Vacancy)

Join us in helping to set goals and objectives for the broad variety of services and programs the Livermore libraries provide.

(1) Regular Term ending 6/1/27

Meets 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM

Next meeting: February 22nd

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Alameda County DA Implements Real Estate Fraud Program

By Sarah Peters

The Alameda County District Attorney office has launched a free program to identify, prevent, and react to real estate fraud, specifically with property ownership and deed transfers.

Once a deed transfer document is filed, a letter is generated and sent to the taxpayer, saying there has been a prop-

erty title transfer to someone else. This notification includes the first five pages of the transfer document. The program involves both grant deeds and quitclaim deeds. Title deeds are processed through the Alameda County Clerk-Recorder Office.

If a homeowner has not filed for a property transfer, and the homeowner contacts the DA's Real Estate Fraud

Unit, an investigation will start, and the property title transfer will be voided. Prosecution of the suspect could follow.

Deputy District Attorney Ken McCormick said, "There is no downside to contacting us if you are a victim."

The point of this program is to "protect owners, often older, and their greatest asset," he added.

District Attorney Pamela Price said, "The goal of this program is to protect the most valuable asset a person in Alameda County can have, and that's their home. All too often, white-collar thieves target the equity earned by seniors in our community, who purchased their homes many years ago. This free program is designed to proactively investigate, prosecute, and

void any fraudulent transfer."

According to FBI statistics, real estate fraud is a prevalent crime, with losses close to \$213 million and up to 13,638 victims in 2020, the last year that data was available.

McCormick disclosed an anonymous example of what can happen when a fraudulent title transfer occurs: an elderly woman with

dementia who befriended her handyman was scammed by him into signing a quitclaim deed, which is still under investigation, including sorting out legitimate handwriting versus forged.

While seniors are vulnerable, this sort of scenario can happen to anyone, according to McCormick and his investigations. Many of these investigations are still ongoing.

Wine Community Honors Ken Wong as Member of the Year

The Livermore Valley Wine Community (LVWC) recognized Wai-Kin (Ken) Wong as its member of the year for 2023 at its annual membership meeting this month at the Del Valle Winery.

Wong, who owns the HLW Vineyard in Liver-

more and the HLW Winery in Fremont, also serves on the LVWC board of directors.

"It was my honor to recognize the hard work, commitment and countless hours Wai-Kin has contributed to LVWC over this last year," said Executive Director Brandi Lombardi. "He has been a

member for nearly a decade and has been a much-needed voice and advocate for growers on our committees and board."

LVWC, previously known as the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, is a marketing and trade association.

The association also installed officers and board of director members for 2024 at this month's meeting.

Gina Molinaro-Cardera, with Garre Vineyard & Winery in Livermore, will serve as president, with Karl Wente, Wente Vineyards, as vice president. Other officers

include Heather McGrail, McGrail Vineyards, treasurer, and Darcie Kent, Darcie Kent Vineyards, secretary.

Wong will also continue on the board, along with Bob Pruett, Pruett Farms Winery; Harrison Wood, Wood Family Vineyards; Heidi Rasmussen, Concannon Vineyard; Jeff

Cranor, Nottingham Cellars; and Robin Repogle, Fenestra Winery.

They will be joined by affiliate members Brandon Wood, The Cheese Parlor, and Ian O'Leary, Spirited Packaging, and grower members Niki Wente, Murrieta's Well.

Library to Offer Story Time in Sign Language

The Livermore Public Library will offer four Saturday story time sessions this spring in American Sign Language (ASL).

Kei-Che Randle, a former teacher for the deaf and founder of Songs to Enhance People Signing (STEPS) by Kei-Chi, will sign the Stories and Songs program series, with a spoken English interpretation by Apryl Chauhan.

Randle, a former teacher with the Oakland Unified School District, formed STEPS in 2015, initially to translate Hip Hop music for the hearing impaired. She is also a consultant for deaf education

and conducts workshops in ASL.

Chauhan has been an ASL interpreter for more than 20 years.

The Stories and Songs programs will be held at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. on Feb. 10, March 30, April 27, and May 11.

Randle, who is deaf, will share her favorite books in ASL, along with an artistic performance, followed by a craft activity.

All ages and abilities are welcome.

For more information, go to library.livermore-ca.gov.

SIGN LANGUAGE stories & songs

Civic Center Library
1188 S. Livermore Ave.
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.
All are welcome

Feb. 10
March 30
April 27
May 11

Join us for an ASL storytelling experience! A BlackDeaf woman shares her favorite books in American Sign Language and artistic performance.

Immediately following will be an opportunity for the audience to learn ASL, music interpretations and an ASL craft. Presented in ASL with English interpretation.

Ms. Kei-Che is an educator for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) children and families. Her mission is to bridge the gap between Deaf and Hearing communities. Ms. Apryl is a parent of a Deaf adult, with over twenty years of experience in parent education and family support. As an American Sign Language interpreter, Ms. Apryl will be providing voice interpretation for storyline.

To request a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), please call or email the City of Livermore's ADA coordinator at (925) 960-4170, (TTY Relay at 711), or adaordinator@livermoreca.gov. Accommodations should be requested at least three working days before the scheduled event.

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Valentine's Day Concert Coming to the Bankhead

Livermore Valley Arts (LVA) will host a family-friendly Valentine's Day jazz concert at the Bankhead Theater at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 14.

The concert, "Sittin' In and Groovin' Out," will feature performances by the Metta Quintet, the resident ensemble of JazzReach, a New York nonprofit that promotes the teaching of jazz, and the East Bay Jazz High School All-Stars.

Now in its eighth year, East Bay Jazz is a competitive pre-professional music academy that includes big band and combo ensembles directed by founder Spencer Sussman and supported by LVA.

The Metta Quintet will open the concert before inviting members of East Bay Jazz to join them on stage.

"We want to spark curiosity about the magic that is the creative process, and we want to ignite

young imaginations and stir in them an excitement about their own creative possibilities," said drummer and JazzReach founder Hans Schuman.

In addition to Schuman, the Metta Quintet includes saxophonists Greg Ward and Wayne Escoffery, bassist Rashaan Carter, and pianist Glenn Zeleski.

Schuman formed JazzReach in 1994, after selling an inherited Steinway Grand Piano. Since then, JazzReach has become a leading provider of live educational content for young audiences.

In addition to the Valentine's Day concert, JazzReach will provide instruction for music students at Las Positas College and members of East Bay Jazz throughout the week.

Tickets for the Valentine's Day concert start at \$20 and are available at the Bankhead Theater box office or online at livermorearts.org.

Rotary Foundation Accepting Grant Applications

The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore is now accepting applications for its annual Community Grant program.

This foundation, a joint

effort of the Rotary Club of Livermore and the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley, awards grants up to \$10,000 to charitable organizations for projects that contribute

to the "health and wellbeing of the community."

In 2023, the foundation awarded \$199,243 to 29 community organizations.

Applications are avail-

able at rotarianfoundation-livermore.org. Applications must be received by Thursday, Feb. 1.

Recipients will be announced in April.

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having it laid out so clearly.

Want to get more involved with the work? It is, once again, time to apply for the many advisory bodies with openings. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on March 1 at www.livermoreca.gov/AB; interviews take place the following week.

Here are the choices: Airport Commission, Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees, Beautification Committee, City Historian, Commission for the Arts, Historic Preservation Commission, and Library Board of Trustees.

Each of these contributes to making our city better. Apply today!

\$200,000,000
William Beiriger, Livermore

Yes, a poor use of \$200,000,000.

It is sad when an individual commits suicide off the Golden Gate Bridge.

If an individual jumps off the Bridge, the primary loss is to the jumper, their family, and friends. Normally the only other individuals affected by suicide are those who must recover the body from the water.

Unrelated to the \$200M funding is when an individual jumps in front of a train or jumps into the path of a big rig or an automobile. With these types of suicide, not only do the families suffer, but the individual who was driving the locomotive, big rig, or automobiles have to live with their involvement in the suicide for the rest of their lives.

The Suicide-Barrier money could have been used for programs for suicide prevention and mental health counseling. Also, for drug and alcohol recovery programs and counseling.

Losers or Winners
Phyllis Couper, Pleasanton

At each campaign season, people come out wielding their verbal bats to bring down a candidate they don't like. This election season, people need to put away the bats and focus not on the candidate as a person but on their actions to date and actions of those they assign power of control. When a candidate is elected, we not only get the actions of the candidate, but a whole passel of folks to whom they assign decision-making power over the people. It is crucial for America to survive as a free nation that voters seriously examine the actions of candidates over the last four years, their past records in government service and the policies they support. What the electees have accomplished in this country: raised it up or tore it down.

It is paramount this election season to secure congressional members who stand for our sovereignty, our republic, the rights of states, control of federal government spending, transparency, fair and honest election processes, and the right to vote on issues that affect the nation. It matters most that voters educate themselves about the candidates, and whether their policies will or have helped this country or damaged it.

Compare this government administration with the prior administration. What were the gas prices then and what are they now? What was the inflation rate then and what is it now? Is there peace or war with the current administration as compared to the prior administration? Is the average household financially better off with this administration as compared

to the prior administration? Have we lost or gained rightful freedoms under this administration as compared to the prior administration?

This election is really about every voter taking time to truly understand the candidates on the ballots.

It is our responsibility as citizens to protect our republic and our freedoms by voting for candidates who support those views. Past actions of candidates will be the same if elected again. Their policies will not change, regardless of campaign promises. Only their past actions and policies, and those who financially fund them, will give the real story as to how we the people and our republic will be treated in the next four years.

Kristie Wang for Livermore City Council
Paula Campbell, Livermore

Kristie Wang embodies the spirit of Livermore in so many ways: commitment to community, appreciation for small-town vibe while considering reasonable growth/development, unwavering dedication to the health & welfare of our youth, advocate for small businesses, and activism in organizations that build a strong, supportive community.

For the last 5 years, Kristie has been a youth health advocate with Flavors Addict Kids- Livermore, a grass-roots group she co-founded, with 2 other Livermore moms, concerned about the growing epidemic of youth vaping in our community and schools. Kristie fiercely challenged Big Tobacco's attempts to stop the city's process to approve and implement an ordinance eliminating the sale of vaping products throughout Livermore. Fol-

lowing Livermore's successful implementation of the ordinance & enforcement in 2020, this advocacy work continued with Dublin & Pleasanton to implement similar ordinances.

In addition to her current seat as a LVJUSD Trustee/ Board Member, Kristie's commitment to the health & welfare of the Livermore community is also demonstrated through her 12+ years as a volunteer advocate for Tri Valley Haven.

Kristie is a very thorough & thoughtful decision-maker. Understanding how a decision will impact all parties involved is important to Kristie. With her public policy background, her keen research skills and a genuine desire to make our community safe and prosperous for all, Livermore residents can rest assured that Kristie will deliver reasonable & creative solutions for a stronger community.

I am extremely confident that Kristie Wang is the ideal candidate to serve the Livermore community representing District 4.

Watching the Game
Jan Brovont, Livermore

While we are very excited that the San Francisco 49ers won the playoff game Sunday, and glad for the quarterback Brock Purdy, as this was the game last year where he damaged his arm, I'd like to turn the spotlight onto the National Anthem this year. Luis Fonsi (who I have never heard of before) probably sang the best version of our National Anthem that I have heard and watched. He sang it as it was written, without adding all the frills or changing the notes. While watching him, you could tell he was giving it his all; he was really

belting it out (as the saying goes). Hopefully, we will hear him do that again.

The military jets flyover was beautiful, but I couldn't tell what kind of jets they were. I was/am very disappointed that the network cut to a commercial before the flyover was completed, but mother nature gave us a beautiful cloud formation for the occasion too.

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DANCERS

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performed for just about a minute and 30 seconds during a third-quarter time out.

“It went really well. No-body fell,” she later joked.

Morisoli is not the only dancer representing the Tri-Valley for the Hardwood Classics.

For Livermore resident and fellow squad member Kristie Turner being a professional dancer is not new.

“In my younger years I was a Raiderette,” she shared. But this new chapter with the Warriors is “kind of a little reprise in my life.”

Turner, who’s been dancing since she was 8 years old and performed eight seasons with the Raiderettes, said she thought when that ended that part of her life was over. And then she heard about the Hardwood tryouts and thought, Oh, my goodness, it’s still here.” She’s now in her

third year as a Warrior’s Hardwood dancer.

First year squad newbie Leanne Bean, 55, from Dublin is described by Turner as “the young chick.” “She’s the 55 part and I’m the up part,” Turner said with a laugh.

“I’ve just entered my seventh decade. Somebody said to me, ‘Well, you know 70 is the new 50.’ I said no, ‘I’m not 50. I don’t feel 50.’ Seventy is the new 70 for me and next year will be the new 71 and then the new 72, because you’ve got to embrace where you are and work with what you’ve got,” Turner said.

Bean is new to the Warriors but is hardly a newbie to dance. She taught musical theater for 32 years before retiring.

“People see us out there and they see our age range and they’re thinking, ‘Hey, maybe I can do that.’ And after more than 30 years

of teaching and watching kids on stage when it was always ‘Yay them,’ now it’s ‘Yay me’.”

Bean said she has also enjoyed the kindness and lack of competitiveness among her team members.

“Women supporting other women felt like a whole new thing for me.” And she showed her gratitude by fashioning in honor of the group’s beloved Barbie-themed choreography, Ally Fritz, individualized Barbie dolls for each member of the squad.

Fritz, who’s a newlywed, said she was going to shove aside the wedding memorabilia on her mantle to make room for her personalized Barbie. “My husband will understand,” she said.

“These women are my favorite people on the planet. It’s my honor to get to work with them.”

Kristin J. Bender contributed to this report.



Frederico Ortiz joined as a new Livermore police officer after completing his field training last month. Ortiz started his law enforcement career in 2004 working for several cities in Merced County, including Dos Palos, Newman and Los Banos. He then landed at the Ceres Police Department, where he worked for 14 years before transferring to Livermore. (Photo courtesy: Livermore Police Department)

HOTEL

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rates higher than Fremont, Oakland, Concord, Walnut Creek and Santa Clara, according to a STR annual report, a benchmarking tool that compares one hotel’s performance to a group of similar hotels.

In December, a 122-room hotel on Johnson Drive near Stoneridge Drive and Interstate-680 opened and a second 110-room hotel in the same area, also owned by Marriott, is slated to open later this month.

“The addition of two new hotels in Pleasanton was inevitably a carefully planned strategic decision by the owners and management team based on substantial positive research given the rebound capability of the Tri-Valley hospitality industry, and the historic 10-year market growth despite the COVID years,” said Tracy Farhad, the president and CEO of Visit Tri-Valley, a tourist information center in Pleasanton.

“With companies continually moving to and headquartering in Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley, our lodging options will also continue to grow and meet the demand.”

At a ribbon cutting last week for Springhill Suites, civic leaders applauded the new hotel.

“We were thrilled to go and celebrate the official grand opening of the new hotel and were so impressed by all the amenities,” said Dawn Wilson, membership director for the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce. “Everything is beautiful ... the rooms are spacious; the bathrooms are huge; it’s all gorgeous. It will be a great addition to the City of Pleasanton.”

Farhad said the hotel is a great addition for corporate business.

Since its opening about six weeks ago, Springhill Suites has had a steady stream of bookings. Although exact

occupancy rates were not available, Janita Jordan, director of sales for the two Marriott hotels, said the hotel has been fully booked several times since opening.

“It’s been going really well,” said Jordan. “The support from the community and local business has been amazing.”

With the two new hotels, the Tri-Valley now has 41 hotels with a combined room count of 2,043.

The addition of the two new Pleasanton hotels is good news for city coffers.

“In 2018-19 (pre-pandemic) the city’s Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) brought in \$6.5 million, but that fell significantly during COVID,” said Heather Tierman, communications director for the City of Pleasanton. “Now TOT revenues are steadily increasing, but with many conferences and meetings still being held virtually, it is expected to be a slow increase.”

STORMWATERS

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head and shoulder out. Her body remained submerged for an hour until she wiggled her body through the door and climbed onto the top of the truck.

Magruder said she called for help in the dark, figuring someone would eventually come by. A fleece jacket and hood, although wet, kept her warm as she watched coyotes running around on shore.

“I didn’t think anybody could hear me. The rushing water was so loud,” she said. “In the morning, I would yell every once in a while, and one of the campers heard me.”

The camper wanted to help her, but she told him it was too dangerous. He disappeared and contacted help. At 10 a.m. East Bay Regional Park District rangers arrived. Alameda County firefighters followed and, with the assistance of a California Highway Patrol helicopter,

lifted her in the air to safety.

“They wanted to do the helicopter and I wasn’t going to argue with them,” Magruder said.

Cheryl Hurd, a spokesperson for Alameda County fire, said Magruder was in good spirits when she was rescued, despite the cold.

Magruder said she suffered no lasting injuries. Her bruises were mending. Her purple hands have regained their color. Her voice remained hoarse a week later as she recalled the ordeal.

Magruder said that although she was safe and recovering, she lost everything, including her phone and wallet, which contained the card with her paycheck on it. She was attempting to put up a GoFundMe page but had no way of accessing the Internet without her phone and no transportation to get to a public library.

She said it was taking time to replace her identi-



Jennifer Magruder (Photo credit: Facebook)

fication and pay card. She could not contact Uber to go to work, even if drivers responded to that area. She said all her personal information and passwords were on her missing phone.

“I’m like in a bad situation right now,” Magruder said.

She said she plans to drive on the ford again unless it is rushing with water. It’s part of what she loves about living in the park.

“It’s beautiful,” she said, adding “I know I’m lucky to be alive. People don’t usually make it out of vehicle when they go underwater.”



A woman spent 15 hours overnight clinging to her overturned truck after stormwaters swept it off a ford near Lake Del Valle. The California Highway Patrol rescued her by helicopter after campers spotted her in the morning. (Photo courtesy: Alameda County Fire Department)

LAB

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business, said Durham.

This year’s pace of hiring will be accompanied by a shift in recruiting talent not just for a specific job opening, but instead for a career at the lab for the long term.

“We’re going to unapologetically pursue people to be here for a career,” said Durham. “They will be changing and reinventing themselves, and the organization and culture will be changing and reinventing as

we go. It becomes a living, breathing, much more dynamic pursuit.”

In addition to the lab’s focus on career-spanning talent, it is currently in the process of overhauling its performance-management system — with more feedback loops, a more streamlined compensation process, and a thorough onboarding process for new employees.

“Data tells you that most people have made a decision

within 90 days of being hired whether they’re going to stay or not,” said Durham. “They may not leave (within that time), but emotionally and mentally, they probably checked out, so what you do regarding onboarding really matters.”

Currently, the LLNL website advertises some 230 job openings ranging from soil biogeochemist, to business analyst, to circuit-breaker technician.

BLANKETS

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When that information was released, California had about 161,000 people experiencing homelessness.

“That’s more than (a quarter) of the homeless population of the entire United States,” said Sreedar. “That’s huge. And it’s really something to do something about.”

Through the group’s outreach efforts, they seek to establish connections with those in need and offer essential supplies through drives and direct donations.

Sharma, who leads the organization’s donation drives through various partnerships at the local and county level, said the group last year donated many self-care kits, more than 200 winter coats, and at least 800 articles of clothing and bedding supplies to people in need throughout the Bay Area and the Tri-Valley.

“I feel the way we view unsheltered individuals as a community is in a very neg-

ative light,” Sharma said.

Through her experience working directly with the unsheltered community through HSP and in emergency rooms as a pre-med student, she has come to understand what she said a lot of people might not.

“Every person has a unique story; it’s just that they’re not always able to share it with us.” She believes it’s part of what leads people to make assumptions. “They had an amazing life before or they had different things they were doing. And then some event happened, like COVID, and they’re on the streets.”

Vishwas said the group hopes to inspire other people who may feel power-

less to help with the growing homeless problem they see in their neighborhoods.

“At the end of the day, these are our neighbors,” Vishwas said. “Everybody should be taking part. It’s our city, our state, our life – and we need to make everybody ... else more comfortable.”



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DIPLOMA

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to their individual needs and work plans. Credit requirements for completion will be 130 units versus the traditional 230.

DeMartini said the district has been studying the program since its passage and has been steadily working toward implementing the changes. Students with significant cognitive disabilities, who entered their freshman year in 2022-23, are eligible under the legislation.

The California Department of Education defines significant cognitive dis-

ability as “a disability or multiple disabilities that significantly impact intellectual functioning and adaptive behavior essential for a person to live independently and to function safely in daily life. This isn’t determined by an IQ score, but a holistic understanding of the student.”

DeMartini confirmed that previously, when students became adults, they were not able to check the ‘yes’ box when asked if they had a high school diploma.

“This often meant that they were unable to ac-

cess job opportunities and housing opportunities that they could have otherwise been eligible for,” she said. “These (new) guidelines open the door for our special education students to have more equal access to all opportunities as they enter adulthood. This is an important step towards equity and inclusion of students and adults with disabilities within our education system and society.”

Boeche agreed.

“I am ecstatic that the district is taking this on,” said Boeche.

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HOMELESS

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found that 73% of people in the Tri-Valley experiencing homelessness were unsheltered. Of these, 29 lived in Dublin, 72 lived in Pleasanton, and 174 lived in Livermore. While these numbers were similar for Pleasanton and Livermore to their 2019 counts, they represented an almost four-fold increase for Dublin.

No counts were conducted in 2020 or 2021 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2024 count continues

As the morning goes on, volunteers break off into two groups.

Margaretann Fortner, a senior program manager for the nonprofit CityServe and the lead for one team of volunteers, knocks on the door of a 45-foot RV trailer parked in cold and darkness along the edge of the Walmart parking lot. There’s an old Ford Excursion parked behind it.

Fortner scrolls through the app on her phone used to report the details of the count. “If someone isn’t comfortable or isn’t available for an interview, we just mark them as an ‘observed count,’” she says.

Fortner raps again on the door of the trailer. “We’re here with—” but before she can finish her sentence, she lurches backwards at the sound of a dog barking and a loud screech from inside the RV, like an alarm going off. There’s move-

ment detected through the gaps of a bent metal blind on a window near the door.

“It’s very common for people to own pets, and for safety, that’s another reason you never do outreach alone,” Hoda notes.

A woman in loose disheveled braids opens the door and steps outside. Fortner asks if the woman would be interested in participating in an optional census for the unsheltered.

“Well, obviously I’ve got shelter,” the woman says.

Fortner asks if the woman is alone. “I know you have an animal,” she says, and everyone laughs.

For the privacy of the unsheltered, The Independent will only use the first names of the homeless people we spoke to for this story.

The woman’s name is Diane. She’s 62, and has a collie named Bentley and a cockatoo named Elvis, which explains the mysterious screeching.

“He likes music with a beat,” says Diane, who’s been living in her RV for seven or eight years. Before that, she spent three years living in the Ford Excursion with Bentley, but she’s been living in Alameda County for more than 40 years.

Diane works the graveyard shift as a security guard, but the job doesn’t pay enough to enable her to rent her own place. She ended up homeless follow-

ing a messy break-up with her ex of 28 years that resulted in the total depletion of her savings. She also has a disability.

The volunteers note her answers and then move on to the next location.

tance, cannot afford to live in an apartment in Alameda County.”

Volunteers canvass many Tri-Valley areas

Surveys continue throughout the morning

and high rents. He has lived in Alameda County his whole life.

The final survey of the day was taken just before 9 a.m. behind Kohl’s department store with the sun now fully up, and the

they lived, worked and raised a son, who is now 21.

John was a director of sales for major hotel groups before COVID, when he lost his job.

“I went from making six figures to nothing in two years. We depleted all our savings, and this is where we find ourselves,” he says.

He and his wife have both since battled health issues, some a result of their homelessness. When asked why he has not utilized shelter services, he says in part, it’s due to their health conditions and wanting to stay away from as many people as possible.

He pauses for a second then adds, “And probably part pride as well.”

John’s wife, Amy, who suffers from chronic illness, explains the difficulty of trying to get a job while living on the streets.

“If I had a little place to live, I could go get a part-time job somewhere. But not showering, it’s so hard. I don’t think people realize how hard it is to actually get up and function,” she says.

And this, says Hoda, is why we can’t normalize homelessness.

“Because it’s not normal. It’s a crisis. People are living this everyday across America. And it needs to end.” But that means a lot of funding and support for that.

“We’re a way away, but we’re working on it.”

David Jen contributed to this report.



Jenne Peterson examines the contents of a resource pack issued to volunteers for the Alameda County Point in Time count, a biennial headcount of the local homeless population. The data from the headcount is considered essential to help local governments fund and design housing programs, as well as determine who needs services. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

“Most people are homeless in the area they grew up in – their community – it’s sad,” Hoda says. “It really speaks to the housing crisis. It’s unaffordable. Even someone like Diane, who is working and so makes too much for general assis-

in various parking lots and behind restaurants across Livermore.

A 58-year-old man named Adolfo was found asleep in the front seat of his small white minivan and attributed his homelessness to COVID-related job loss

temperature now hovering around 49 degrees.

John, 51, and his wife Amy, 50, live in a trailer and an old white Acura. They were both born and raised in Pleasanton and met in high school. Up until 11 months ago, that’s where

OBITUARIES

Stanley Klescewski
March 18, 1930 – Jan. 17, 2024

Stanley (“Stan the Man”) Klescewski, age 93, of San Ramon, California, died peacefully at home of old age on Jan. 17, 2024.

Stan was born in Northeast Minneapolis, Minnesota, on March 18, 1930, to Stan and Helen Klescewski, both of whose families immigrated from Poland. Stan grew up in Minnesota and Wisconsin during the Great Depression with seven other siblings. Before finishing high school, he ran away from home at the age of 16 and joined the Air Force in 1949. He served for 3-1/2 years, receiving jet engine mechanic training in Indiana and serving in the Korean War (Skull Airbase in England.) He received his GED after leaving the Air Force and married his loving wife, Joyce Furst Klescewski, in 1953. They were married until her death in April 2019.

Stan’s military training opened up an opportunity



to work for Boeing Airlines, where he received additional airplane mechanical training which launched his flight engineer career. Stan initially flew commercial airline routes, but the majority of his career was with cargo and charter carrying airlines (such as Zantop, TIA/Transamerica, World, etc.) that took him all over the world. He had many interesting stories about foreign countries, charter groups and some unusual cargo. He finished his career flying for UPS.

After living in six different states after the births of his two sons, Mark (Jo-

ell) and James (Kim), the family moved to Dublin, California in 1969 and has been in Northern California ever since. Stan’s five grandchildren (Tara Hazeigh, Erica Packman, Derek Klescewski, Brooke Kaczmarek and Eve Cunningham) brought him ten great-grandchildren (Asher, Rowan, Parker, Zoe, Finn, Cody, Graham, Henry, Valerie and Violet) in which he found great joy.

Stan was known for his great sense of humor. We’ll always remember him saying at the end of every family get together, “Well, like the shepherd said, let’s get the flock out of here.” We will miss him every day and his memory will live on in our hearts.

A memorial will be held on Feb. 17 at 10 a.m. at Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton at 4167 First St. Donations to Wounded Warriors Project charity would be appreciated.

Mrs. Raj Mati Mal
Oct. 5, 1944 – Jan. 24, 2024

Mrs. Raj Mati Mal, wife of Mr. Raj Mal (deceased) of Livermore, proud mother to Sarjeet, Umash, Roshni and Ragani, daughter to her loving parents, always caring to her siblings, and in-laws, grandmother to Ryan, Chance, Michael, Stephen and Matthew, passed away on Jan. 24.



Raj Mati made friends with whomever she crossed. Her beautiful soul left our earth, and she will rest in the loving arms of peace. We will miss her beautiful smile. Services to take place on Feb. 3, 2024, at 9 a.m., at Callaghan’s Funeral Home, 3833 East Ave., Livermore, California, 94550.

Arthur Frederick Duey
Jan. 20, 1934 – Sept. 28, 2023

It is with a heavy heart that the family of Arthur Frederick Duey announce his death on Sept. 28, 2023, in Nevada City, California. He was 89 years old.

Arthur was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, on Jan. 20, 1934. He and his family lived in several places in Nebraska before moving to Santa Rosa in the early 1940s. Art grew up there, then attended UC Berkeley, graduating with a degree in English in 1957. He then attended the US Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. He served his country for three years as an officer on mine sweepers in the Pacific.

Upon his discharge from the Navy, Art and his young family moved to Livermore, California, where he began his career as an English teacher with the LVJUSD, first at Livermore High



School in 1961, then transferring to Granada High School when it opened a few years later. He continued teaching for 30 years before retiring in 1991.

Art loved teaching, and he was a much-loved teacher. His students remember him as being inspiring, intelligent, caring and supportive. He was able to pass along his love of literature to even the most reluctant student.

During this time, Art became a skilled builder, an avid outdoor man with

a passion for backpacking, skiing, camping and kayaking. He loved traveling and visited a large number of countries all over the world.

Upon retirement, he and his wife Susan moved to Nevada City, California, where they had the time to pursue those interests, especially travel and building. He lived a full and meaningful life with many friends.

Arthur is survived by his wife Susan, his sons Steve (Raylene), Mike (Margolo), former wife Jessica, brothers Kent, Lee and Dennis, stepchildren Allison, Timothy (Christine), and Gary.

Also, twelve grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Art’s life will be held Saturday, Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Recreation Center. You are welcome to come.

Carol Irene Pool
Sept. 21, 1944 – Jan. 13, 2024

Carol Irene was born to Mark and Willette Pleasants on Sept. 21, 1944. She married Kermit Pool on July 31, 1964. They had two beautiful children, Mark and Gail. She was blessed with four grandchildren (Raney, CJ, Katie, and Jeremy.) She enjoyed camping, crafts, and collecting cats. She went to Heaven on Jan. 13, 2024. She will be missed by many.

Nesly Cornelia Slok Moquette
Feb. 12, 1934 – Jan. 18, 2024

Nesly Moquette passed away peacefully at home in Livermore surrounded by family on Jan. 18, 2024. Nesly was born and raised in Rijswijk, The Netherlands, living on the second floor of their family’s butcher store. Nesly graduated with honors from HBS Lyceum in The Hague. After her father’s early death, Nesly helped her mother in the family butcher store, buying the meat on the hook, as the only woman in the slaughterhouse at age 19. She married the love of her life, Richard Donald (Don) Moquette on June 6, 1955, even after Don told her that

he planned to emigrate to California and arrived in El Sobrante in Nov. 1955. Don and Nesly soon bought a home in San Pablo, then Concord, but settled in Fremont in 1969 to raise their family. Nesly taught dance/ballet for the recreation departments in Concord and Fremont, and proudly served as a Bluebirds/Camp Fire Girls Group Leader.

Nesly’s illustrious banking career started in 1957 as a bookkeeper, then teller, for Bank of America before she paused to start her family. Around 1973, Nesly went back to work as a teller at the Irvington Branch of Bank of

America in Fremont, later accepting a promotion to New Accounts/Personal Banker at Chartered Bank of London. Nesly was a founding member of the Commercial Bank of Fremont in 1984, then co-founded the Fremont Branch of the Heritage Bank of Commerce in the 1990s. After she moved to Pleasanton in 2008, Nesly joined Tri Valley Bank in Livermore, eventually finishing her banking career at the age of 82 as a Vice President at Pan Pacific Bank in Warm Springs.

Always involved in charities, Nesly served as secretary, treasurer, and trustee for the Washington Hospital

Foundation in Fremont. In 1994, she started volunteering for the American Cancer Society after her successful recovery from breast cancer – leading several cancer programs and co-leading a cancer support group, making life-long friends. Nesly was a member of the Fremont Sunrise Rotary and was a dedicated volunteer for SAVE (Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments.)

Nesly adored her five grandchildren, attending their sports, dance, equestrian, and music events, never missing a graduation, recital, or concert. She loved Broadway shows and opera and was also an

enthusiastic sports fan of the Golden State Warriors, A’s, and 49ers.

Nesly is survived by daughter Lynn Moquette and granddaughter Claire O’Leary; daughter Elaine (Dennis) Magee, and granddaughters Devon Magee and Lauren Magee; and daughter Collette (Matthew) Ricks and grandchildren Dalton Ricks and Madison (Jackson) Wagner. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Feb. 9 at Callaghan Mortuary at 3833 East Ave., Livermore, 94550.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Cancer Society



at <https://donate.cancer.org>. Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Moquette family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

OBITUARIES

Shirlee Marie Peters
Dec. 14, 1934 – Jan. 12, 2024



Shirlee (Bettencourt) Peters, born in Livermore to a longtime valley farm family, was called home to our Lord on Jan. 12, 2024, at age 89. Shirlee was a graduate of Livermore High School and worked at Duarte’s Pharmacy and other retail. She was Livermore rodeo queen for one year. She then went on to get her degree at Heald College and was hired as their placement director upon graduation, a position she held for a number of years before retiring.

Shirlee lived a full life, always with a smile and light of heart. She will be sorely missed by her family as well as the residents and

staff of Rosewood Gardens where she resided for the past seven years.

Shirlee was preceded in death by her beloved husband Sherman Peters, parents Erma and Walter

Bettencourt of Livermore and Linden, and her brothers Howard and Norman. She is survived by her sister Pat Lombardi of Mokelumne Hill, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Shirlee will be put to rest with the Lord in a private ceremony, but will be honored at a Mass at St. Michael’s Church on Saturday, March 9, at 5 p.m. The family is thankful for the kind and compassionate care she received at Rosewood Gardens in Livermore as well as from Hope Hospice. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Hope Hospice or your charity of choice.

Cynthia Joy Call Nielsen
Jun. 9, 1948 – Jan. 16, 2024



Cynthia Joy Call Nielsen of Livermore, California, passed away on Jan. 16, 2024, of complications from a months-long struggle with cancer. She was 75 years old.

Cynthia was born in Laramie, Wyoming, on June 9, 1948, to Tracey Gillette Call and Viola Ruth Clifton Call. She was the fourth of five children: Robert Richins, Cecelia Welch, Anita Call, (Cynthia), and Julia Bird. She primarily spent her childhood in Missoula, Montana and Corona, California before the family settled in San Luis Obispo, where she graduated from high school in 1966.

Cynthia earned a bachelor’s degree in biology from BYU with minors in Chemistry and French. She had lasting memories from a semester abroad in Grenoble, France in 1968 and summers spent with friends and family across the west and in Alaska. A lifelong member of the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, she volunteered to be a health missionary in Taipei, Taiwan, where she acquired her enduring love and appreciation of the Chinese people.

After earning a master’s degree in biology, she moved to Palo Alto, California,

where she met and married Dale E. Nielsen, Jr. They settled in Livermore, where they raised a family and spent 45 wonderful years together.

Cynthia served in a wide variety of capacities in church and community, gathering friends wherever she went. She was a member of the PTA, School Site Council, and was a frequent school volunteer and tutor. She served in many church callings, including a mission to Ukraine with Dale, a FamilySearch mission, and serving as an ordinance worker in the Oakland Temple for many years. Much of her free time was spent doing family history research for herself and countless others whom she helped introduce to their ancestors. She was a “mom away from mom” to many who boarded with

her for summer internships or exchange programs and was anxious to invite any and all to be included and welcomed. Seldom did a friend or neighbor come to visit without leaving with produce from her garden. Her crowning achievement and primary focus, however, was being a devoted mother to her children.

Cynthia is survived by her husband, Dale; her children, Spencer (Carolyn) Nielsen, Christina (George) Bailey, Matthew Nielsen, and Elizabeth (Stewart) Low; and 14 grandchildren. She is predeceased by her oldest son, Joseph, her brother Robert, and sister Cecelia.

Visitation will be held at 9 a.m. on Feb. 3, 2024, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (1501 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore, California, 94550) with memorial services to follow at 10 a.m. Her interment will then follow at Roselawn Cemetery (1240 North Livermore Avenue, Livermore, California, 94551).

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the official effort to protect Ukrainian civilians from kamikaze drones and cruise missiles at <https://u24.gov.ua/safeskies>.

David A. Barron
Oct. 15, 1953 – Dec. 28, 2023

David Barron, 70, of Livermore, California, passed away on Dec. 28, 2023, after a brief illness. A memorial service will be held on Feb. 10, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livermore. Please see the The Independent on Jan. 11, 2024, for a full obituary.

Charles Lincoln Folkers
July 12, 1930 – Nov. 14, 2023
Resident of Livermore, California



Charles (Chuck) Lincoln Folkers passed away at his home at the age of 93 on Nov. 14, 2023, after a short illness with family present. He was born July 12, 1930, in Ackley, Iowa.

Chuck attended Ackley Public Schools, graduating in 1948. He attended Iowa State College (now University) in Ames, Iowa, majoring in Ceramic Engineering. He enrolled in Navy ROTC with three summer training cruises. He graduated in 1953.

Upon graduating, he was commissioned as an Ensign, U.S. Navy. He was ordered to San Diego, California, for amphibious training, and then served aboard the USS Renville, PA 227, and then the USS Iron Country, LST 840, for a total of three years, in the western Pacific and home-ported in San Diego and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He was separated in September 1956.

Chuck worked for Kaiser Refractories in Milpitas, California, from 1956 to 1959. Kaiser made refractories from sea water and dolomite for service in the steel and glass industries. One accomplishment he made was the addition of an organic compound to increase the “green” strength of magnesium oxide bricks before firing the bricks, which was patented. He also worked for a short period for Curtiss Wright near Santa Barbara.

Chuck started working at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in 1960. He was a Research Engineer working with test specimens of radioactive materials. He later served as the Facility Engineer, Plutonium Building, for all safety and facility operations there for 10 years. He retired in 1991.

He continued to serve on a safety committee part-time for critical (radioactive) materials for three years after retiring.

While in San Diego with the Navy, Chuck met his future wife, Bettie Rose Graham. They were married there on July 6, 1957. Chuck and Bettie moved to Livermore in 1960. They raised their daughters in Livermore, buying a house two miles from the lab. Chuck and Bettie were active and involved parents who volunteered with Girl Scouts and in the schools, allowed a stream of wonderful pets and always helped with homework. Bettie died in Livermore in December 1987.

In 1988, Chuck met Arlene Marsh Webster. They were married in November 1989. Chuck and Arlene both retired in 1991. This began a long and happy retirement traveling all over the United States including Hawaii, to Europe to visit his sister Marge and her husband Truman who were in Hungary for a year, and often to Maryland after his daughter Susan and her family moved there. They attended weddings of his great-nieces, they visited their ancestral homes in Iowa and Ohio, and they did a great deal of genealogy research on their

respective families. They volunteered in Hope Hospice for 20 years. Every morning, they had breakfast, read the papers and did their crosswords together. They were rarely apart from each other for more than a few hours and took wonderful care of each other.

Charles was predeceased by his first wife, Bettie Folkers, his parents Carl Henry Folkers and Helen Warren Folkers, and his sister Marjorie Martin. Chuck is survived by his wife of 34 years, Arlene Folkers, his daughters Susan Bernstein and Nancy Folkers (Peter Lemcke) and his stepchildren Ramona Foster (Harry Saez), Ingrid Nixon (Elvin), Roger Marsh (Cheryl Carlson), Marcia Webster (Doug Farrell) and Trina Lagier (Rick Dyer) and by his grandchildren Nikki Bernstein, Andrew Bernstein, Sophia Lemcke, Brittany Foster, Erin Gardner (Jonathan), Brigitte Lagier, and great-grandsons Jesse and Elias Medina.

Chuck’s personality embodied the values of the Midwest when he grew up. He was a man of great integrity, and he was hardworking, practical and very kind. He excelled at DIY and built furniture and decks, landscaped his yard, repaired cars and barbecued. He loved nothing more than to get into the car and “go someplace,” – by backroad if at all possible. Family was very important to him, and he took care of everyone. He was loved deeply by us all and will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Paws in Need, P.O. Box 3436, San Ramon, California, 94583 (www.paws-in-need.org) are requested.

Lindsay Anne Lynch
Nov. 15, 1975 – Dec. 15, 2023



Her inquisitive mind was always working to find ways to make her life and the lives of others richer and more meaningful.

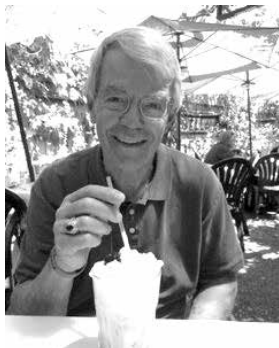
Lindsay was happiest when she was connecting with others. She loved good conversation and learning about people. No matter where Lindsay was, whether at home in Pleasanton or while traveling internationally, she would bump into people she knew. Walks with Lindsay in Pleasanton required frequent breaks as she stopped to chat with friends she saw on the street. When Lindsay wasn’t taking a break from a walk to chat with friends, she was stopping to compliment a stranger. Lindsay would recall details of previous conversations that left others feeling valued and loved. Many people were recipients of thoughtful gifts from Lindsay. She gave these

gifts to mark a special occasion or remind someone of a great memory from their past. Lindsay loved planning ways to create amazing new memories with those she cared about most.

Lindsay had a quick wit and a great sense of humor that inspired countless laughs and smiles. Her own bright smile was genuine and unforgettable. Lindsay was altruistic. Even in the midst of her own battle with anorexia, she was helping others suffering from the same disease locate the care and support they urgently needed. Lindsay was there to laugh with you during the good times and cry with you during the hard times. She had a kind and gentle heart.

Lindsay was preceded in death by her father, Patrick. She is survived by her mother, Carol, her brother, Ben, and her two devoted cats. Her family will forever carry Lindsay’s love in their hearts and cherish the memories they have of her. A celebration of her life will be held at 1 p.m. on Feb. 17, 2024, at CrossWinds Church in Livermore, located at 1660 Freisman Rd. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the National Alliance for Eating Disorders at 4400 North Congress Avenue #100, West Palm Beach, Florida 33407, or online at www.allianceforeatingdisorders.com.

Ronald Pau I Koopman
March 15, 1943 – Jan. 21, 2024



this capacity.

Ron’s love of nature inspired his vision of the world. He loved to backpack, camp, ski, bike, or play in the water. The Sierras were his second home, where he could often be found well above treeline. He was an avid SCUBA diver and abalone hunter.

When Ron began working at LLNL, he was helping to design exotic nuclear reactors for use in space. It was an exciting time to be employed at the Lab and Ron had frequent meetings with Edward Teller. He received his Ph.D. in 1977 in Nuclear Physics at the Dept. of Applied Science at UC Davis, otherwise known as Teller Tech. He then became the Fluid Dynamics group leader. He worked with industry and the Lab to accomplish seminal work that is valued and sought after even today.

Ron’s career as a manager or group leader involved, in part, Avlis, bioterrorism, fuel cells, and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG). He conducted research on hazardous gas releases at China Lake and

Heinz Gewing
Oct. 10, 1932 – Jan. 21, 2024



home.

Heinz was a kind man, known for his generosity, wit, and common sense. A close friend once described him as the only person he knew who could turn a mountain into a molehill. How lucky we all were to have had him in our lives and how we will miss him.

Heinz is survived by his cherished partner Eileen Barr, daughters Jenny Andrus (Alex) and Dina Gewing (Tim); granddaughter Sasha Andrus and grandson Nick Andrus (Ashley); older brother Walter and twin brother Ehud; as well as his beloved nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to Hope Hospice and to Maribel Macias, who provided such loving care to Heinz. Services will be held privately by his family. In lieu of flowers, they suggest contributions to Hope Hospice (hopehospice.com) or to HIAS ([https://hias.org](http://hias.org)), an organization that assisted Heinz’s family over 70 years ago and continues to support refugees around the world today.

Lindsay Anne Lynch, 48, passed away in her sleep on Friday, Dec. 15, 2023, in Pleasanton, California, with her mother by her side. Her passing was related to her long battle with anorexia. Lindsay was born on Nov. 15, 1975, in Santa Rosa, California, to Patrick and Carol (Rasmussen) Lynch. While growing up in Sebastopol, California, Lindsay excelled in the classroom and was known for her skill, strength, and grace when competing in athletics. Lindsay graduated from Ursuline High School in 1993. She attended University of California, Berkeley and California State University East Bay where she received bachelor’s and master’s degrees. Lindsay bought a home in Pleasanton after falling in love with the city and its warm community. While living in Pleasanton, Lindsay served as a research assistant, a teaching assistant, a counselor, and a customer service representative before working as a senior claims representative in the insurance industry for nearly 20 years.

Lindsay’s sense of adventure and curious nature led her to climb to the tops of pine trees as a two-year-old and to travel around the world as an adult. She visited Asia, Europe, the South Pacific, and the Caribbean during her numerous trips.

Ronald Paul Koopman passed away peacefully at his home in Livermore, California, surrounded by family and friends. He died at the age of 80 of complications from Lewy body dementia.

Ron was born on March 15, 1943, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Paul and Ilah Koopman. He is survived by his wife Jo Ann, sister Elizabeth Herb, daughters Caia Koopman and Mami Koopman, stepchildren Rebecca Ottesen and Neil Ottesen, and grandchildren Wade Bennett, Rio Lima, and Caio Lima. Ron’s younger brother, Robert Koopman, passed away at age 24 in 1977.

At Ottawa High School, Ron was class president, swam on the varsity swim team, and played football. He graduated in 1961. At the University of Michigan, he majored in Mechanical Engineering. Ron married Sue Garbrecht in 1965, and they moved to Livermore in 1967, where he began working at the Lawrence Livermore National Lab (LLNL). Ron was an active father of two daughters whom he taught to ski, fish, and do woodworking. He coached girls’ youth soccer for many years.

Ron and his family were active members of the Unitarian Fellowship in Livermore in the 1970s and 80s. The Fellowship provided a community of lifelong friends that became extended family. He was President of the Fellowship for a year and officiated many weddings in

Heinz Gewing passed away at the age of 91 in Dublin, California on Jan. 21, 2024. Born on Oct. 10, 1932, in Leoben, Austria, he spent his childhood in Shanghai, China, one of the only countries in the world that would accept Jewish refugees. Heinz and his family lived in a small apartment above his father’s store in an area known as the Shanghai Ghetto. It was not an easy life, but hard work, resilience and a sense of humor helped sustain them.

After arriving in San Francisco in 1948, Heinz attended Lowell High School, graduated from UC Berkeley, and received his master’s degree in educational counseling from Penn State. He and his late wife Lisa Gewing were married for over 50 happy years, raising their two daughters in Oakland, before moving up the California coast.

Heinz started out as a teacher at Oakland High School. He later worked at the Job Corps; a program created during the Lyndon Johnson Administration as

Granada Boys Basketball Beats Dublin in Second Half

By Phil Jensen

LIVERMORE – Dealing with a three-game week in a brutally tough East Bay Athletic League boys basketball season can come down to effort.

Granada improved its effort in the second half and went on to defeat visiting Dublin 64-50 on Jan. 27 in a battle between two of the top teams in the North Coast Section.

“It was an effort thing, 100-percent,” said Granada coach Quaran Johnson, whose team trailed Dublin for much of the first quarter and all of the second quarter. At halftime, Johnson said one of the subjects he broached with the team was “we need to step it up, or we’re going to lose this game to Dublin.”

With the victory, Granada improved to 20-2 overall this season and 6-1 in the

EBAL entering this week. Dublin fell to 18-6, 4-3.

Granada didn’t take the lead in the second half until a layup by NaVaughn Long put the Matadors up 36-34 with 4 minutes, 6 seconds left in the third quarter. It was part of a 15-3 Granada run to end the quarter and gave the Matadors a 46-37 advantage entering the fourth quarter.

Long scored 10 of his game-high 18 points in the third quarter. “He knows he didn’t have the best first half. That’s what leaders do. They step it up, they perform in big games,” said Johnson about Long, a senior who was an all-EBAL honorable mention selection last season.

Spencer Langowski, another Granada senior, produced six points in the pivotal third quarter.

Dublin battled, however, and cut the Matadors’ lead

to 48-44 with 5:59 remaining on a three-pointer by Damase Coly. But Granada’s Lennon Lomba then scored inside to start a 14-2 Granada run to take total command.

Granada’s Cortevious Taylor scored four points in every quarter and finished with 16, in addition to a team-high 10 rebounds. Lomba added 11 points and four steals, and Langowski had a game-high five assists.

The Gaels were led by senior Jalen Stokes, who had team highs of 11 points, 10 rebounds and three steals. Teammates Evan Bautista and Cameron Anderson each scored eight points in the game.

“We just got away from what made us successful in the first half,” said Dublin coach Tom Costello, whose team forged to leads of 5-0 and 8-2 early in the game



Granada High coach Quaran Johnson talks to his team during a timeout in the game against Dublin on Jan. 27 in Livermore. Granada won 64-50. (Photo – Phil Jensen)

before holding 17-14 and 27-24 advantages at the end of the first quarter and halftime respectively. “We stuck to the game plan first

half.”

Granada played at Monte Vista, and Dublin traveled to face California on Jan. 30 after press time.

The Matadors host Livermore and the Gaels play at Dougherty Valley on Feb. 2. Both games are scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.



Amador Valley Dons Ellie White and Dublin Gaels Gaia Lembo wrestle for a rebound during their Jan. 25 game at Amador. Amador won 49-48. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Amador Valley Girls Basketball Grabs a League Win

By Phil Jensen

PLEASANTON – The Amador Valley High School girl’s basketball team won its first East Bay Athletic League game of the season by defeating visiting Dublin 49-48 on Jan. 25.

“I’ve coached for over 30 years and I’ve never been more proud of a group of kids because we haven’t had much luck and we talked a lot about creating our own luck and that we had more to give as a basketball team and we had more passion to play with,” said an emotional Dons coach Dan Sweeney after the game. Sweeney has been Amador Valley’s head varsity coach for six years. “Tonight was all about a gut win.”

Amador Valley improved to 6-16 overall this season and 1-5 in the EBAL with the victory. Dublin fell to 13-9,

2-4. The two teams’ games from Jan. 26-31 occurred after this article’s deadline.

Neither team had more than a three-point lead in the final three minutes of the game. Amador Valley, which had not led since near through the third quarter, bolted ahead 44-43 with 2:29 left in the game on a shot in the key by Megan Hoang. Dublin tied the score 17 seconds later on a free throw by Gaia Lembo, but the Dons forged ahead again on a 3-pointer by Addison Leomiti with 1:19 remaining.

Leomiti, a sophomore, also connected on two free throws with 39.2 seconds remaining for Amador Valley’s final points of the game. She scored nine of her game-high 14 points in the fourth quarter. Leomiti said that she was thinking in the final minutes of the game “just to keep our

heads up and work together as a team.”

“Addi’s a great player,” Sweeney said. “She’s tough as nails, she doesn’t let the game faze her.”

Dublin cut the Dons’ lead to 47-46 on two free throws by Sofia Lembo with 1:10 left in the game. But Leomiti’s two free throws gave Amador Valley a three-point cushion again at 49-46. Dublin narrowed the lead to one on free throws by Bhagya Gajula with 27 seconds to go and 0.4 remaining respectively, but the Dons emerged victorious. Lots of fouls were called in the game, and there were 55 total free throw attempts. (31 by Dublin and 24 by Amador Valley).

In addition to Leomiti, Hoang was also a double-figure scorer for the Dons with 11. Amador Valley’s Avalon Kenitzer grabbed a game-

high nine rebounds and also had a team-high three steals. Teammate Ellie White added eight rebounds, and Kacie Hu had a game-high four assists for the Dons.

Dublin had six players who scored six points or more, led by Gajula with 11. The Gaels also had 12 steals in the game, including a game-high four from Kenya Craven.

“First and foremost, I want to give Amador Valley credit for the way they played us ... They had a ton of energy,” said Dublin coach Jose Alvarez. “For us, it’s a tough loss on many levels, losing to a league rival and this will probably hurt us in seeding for playoffs.”

Amador Valley hosts Foothill on Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. Dublin hosts Dougherty Valley on Feb. 2 at 6 p.m., then hosts Granada on Feb. 3 at 3 p.m.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 23CV057551

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner:
Jennifer Marie Curtice Weinert
742 Hayes Avenue Apt C
Livermore, CA 94550
filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Names:
Jennifer Marie Curtice Weinert
Maximilian Curtice Weinert
Proposed Name:
Jennifer Marie Curtice Maximilian Weinert Curtice
THE COURT ORDERS
that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 02/13/2024
Time: 9:30 AM
Dept: 14
The address of the court is: **Alameda County Administration Building 1221 Oak Street Oakland, CA 94612**
A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation printed in this county: The Independent Newspaper 2250 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550
Dated: 12/29/2023 s/: A. Castaneda, Exec. Office/Clerk. The Independent, Legal No. 5733. Published January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 602462
The following person(s) doing business as: Paul Johnston Sales and Leadership Consulting, 1681 Lodestone

Road, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Paul Matthew Johnston, 1681 Lodestone Rd, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 12/05/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Paul M. Johnston, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 5, 2023. Expires December 4, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5734. Published, January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 602372
The following person(s) doing business as: Blue Collar Workers LLC, 22690 Thelma St., Hayward, CA 94541 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Blue Collar Workers LLC 22690 Thelma St., Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Santa Balbina Castillo, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 30, 2023. Expires November 29, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5735. Published, January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 603130
The following person(s) doing business as: JDV Trucking, 2250 96th Ave Apt 218, Oakland, CA 94603 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jose David Villanueva, 2250 96th Ave Apt 218, Oakland, CA 94603. 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/: Jose David Villanueva, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 2, 2024. Expires January 1, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5736. Published, January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2024.

is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tin Dental Specialty Group, Inc., 1436 Clarke Street, San Leandro, CA 94577. 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: 11/01/2018. Signature of Registrant/s/: Clement Chan, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 20, 2023. Expires December 19, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5737. Published, January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 603002
The following person(s) doing business as: Valley Oak Dentistry, 489 N L St. Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Dahiya Monika DMD, Inc., 489 N L St, 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: 12/05/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Monika Dahiya, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 22, 2023. Expires December 21, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5738. Published, January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 603027
The following person(s) doing business as: Julie Anna's Catering and Food Truck, 680 Junction Ave 107, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jessica Torres, 680 Junction Ave 107, 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: 12/01/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jessica Torres, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 27, 2023. Expires December 26, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5739. Published, January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2024.

by registered by the following owner(s): Patisserie by Simone LLC., 2958 Pacific Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 01/04/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Michael Ryan Baltzelle, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 8, 2024. Expires January 7, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5740. Published, January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 603114
The following person(s) doing business as: Chic N Chop Indian Cuisine, 4856 Swinford CT, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sandeep Chitkara, 4856 Swinford 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: 12/29/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Sandeep Chitkara, Business Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 29, 2023. Expires December 28, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5741. Published, January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 603115
The following person(s) doing business as: First Step Preschool and Daycare, 4856 Swinford CT, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Shalini Chitkara, 4856 Swinford 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: 12/05/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Shalini Chitkara, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 29, 2023. Expires December 28, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5742. Published, January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2024.

more, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Annette Mifsud, 2182 Buena Vista Ave, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/01/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Laura Tidwell, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 3, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5745. Published, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 602974
The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Beeline CNC; 2. Cafe Cabinets, 19428 San Miguel Ave, Castro Valley, CA 94546-3425 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Evan Andersen, 19428 San Miguel Ave, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 12/15/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Evan Andersen, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 12, 2023. Expires December 11, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5747. Published, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 602710
The following person(s) doing business as: the Whiskey Sundays, 2925 College Ave # 223, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): the Whiskey Sundays, 2925 College Ave 223, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Christina Cavallo, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

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FILE NO. 603226
The following person(s) doing business as: Zebra Media, 2930 Domingo ave # 420, Berkeley, CA 94705 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Zebra Surf LLC, 2930 Domingo Ave Unit #420, Berkeley, CA 94705. 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/: Douglas Leeds, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 8, 2024. Expires January 7, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5748. Published, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2024.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603193

The following person(s) doing business as: Color of Death, 1255 21st ST, RM 271, Oakland CA 94607 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): 1. Arno Hachaduryan, 24517 Margaret Dr, Hayward, CA 94542; 2. Zaid Johnson, 652 Haddon Rd, Oakland CA 94610; 3. Sayre Murrietta-Ackridge, 4029 Noriega ST, San Francisco, CA 94122. 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/: Arno Hachaduryan, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 4, 2024. Expires January 3, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5749. Published, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603064

The following person(s) doing business as: Davideographer, 40640 High Street, Unit 614, Fremont, CA 94538 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): David Nguyen, 40640 High Street, Unit 614, 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: 12/27/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: David Nguyen, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 28, 2023. Expires December 27, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5750. Published, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603214

The following person(s) doing business as: PassinGrass, 2150 Portola Ave, D298, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): PG Organix, LLC, 2150 Portola Ave, D298, 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: 01/17/2019. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jeremy Laine, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 5, 2024. Expires January 4, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5751. Published, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603149

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Skylark Properties; 2. Skylark Investment Group, 2351 Bartlett Street, Oakland, CA 94601 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Skylark Property Investments LLC, 2351 Bartlett Street, Oakland, CA 94601. 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/: Bryce Gubler, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 3, 2024. Expires January 2, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5752. Published, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2024.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
ORIGINAL FILE NO. 567815
The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s): 1. Olivina Olive Oils; 2. Olivina Olives; 3. Olivina, 4533 Arroyo Road, Livermore, CA 94550. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 01-24-20 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Charles Crohare, Managing Director. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 11, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 5753. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
ORIGINAL FILE NO. 567816
The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Olivina Ranch, 4533 Arroyo Road, Livermore 94550. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 01-24-20 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Charles Crohare, Managing Director. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 11, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 5754. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603345

The following person(s) doing business as: Verivras, 1652 Spruce St., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Yo Oh, 1652 Spruce St., Livermore, CA 94551. This business is

conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Yo Oh, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 12, 2024. Expires January 11, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5755. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603077

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Sonata Styles; DG Productions, 3159 Huntington CT, Castro Valley, CA 94546 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Declan Galli, 3159 Huntington CT, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Declan Galli, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 28, 2023. Expires December 27, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5756. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603239

The following person(s) doing business as: Innovl Sales, 2425 French Oak Place, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Vincent A. Barletta, 2425 French Oak Place, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 05-01-2012. Signature of Registrant/s/: Vincent A. Barletta, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 8, 2024. Expires January 7, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5757. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603313

The following person(s) doing business as: Moku Hawaiian BBQ, 2488 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94704 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Moku2488 Inc., 2488 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. 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/: Liang Liang Jiang, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 11, 2024. Expires January 10, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5758. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 602824

The following person(s) doing business as: Uday Studios LLC, 3451 Mirasol Ave, Oakland, CA 94605 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Uday Studios LLC, 3451 Mirasol Ave, 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/: Takai Ginwright, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 14, 2023. Expires December 13, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5759. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603378

The following person(s) doing business as: Check Center, 302 E 18th Street, Oakland, CA 94606 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bricon Investments Inc., 8783 Davona Drive, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the

fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Joan Evangelista, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 16, 2024. Expires January 15, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5760. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603362

The following person(s) doing business as: Inflated Bounce House Rentals, 2320 Chateau Way, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Elizabeth Montiel, 2320 Chateau Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Elizabeth Montiel, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 16, 2024. Expires January 15, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5761. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 602973

The following person(s) doing business as: T&K Machine, 257 Wright Brothers Ave, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Anthony Gallien, Inc., 257 Wright Brothers Ave, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/01/1996. Signature of Registrant/s/: Karen Ross, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 21, 2023. Expires December 20, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5762. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 602996

The following person(s) doing business as: Nourish and Grow, 2128 8th St, Berkeley, CA 94710 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nourish and Grow, 2128 8th St., 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: 8/01/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Catherine Murtha, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 22, 2023. Expires December 21, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5763. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603386

The following person(s) doing business as: Aligned Life Independent Living, 18958 Standish Ave, Hayward, CA 94541 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Anita C. Paule, 1630 Jasmine CT, Tracy, CA 95376. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Anita C. Paule, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 16, 2024. Expires January 15, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5764. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603253

The following person(s) doing business as: Better Fed Pet, 5700 Greenville Rd., Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jason Ziganti, 5700 Greenville Rd., Livermore, CA 94550. 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/: Jason Ziganti,

General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 9, 2024. Expires January 8, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5765. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603474

The following person(s) doing business as: Handy Tool, 7920 Wentworth Pl., Newark, CA 94560 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Emma Lara, 7920 Wentworth Pl., 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: 01/01/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Emma Lara, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 19, 2024. Expires January 18, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5766. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

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Pursuant to section 21707 of chapter 10 to division of 8 of the business and professions code, notice is hereby given by the undersigned that a public lien sale of the following described personal property will be held at the hour of 9am on February 8, 2024. The sale will be conducted by John Cardoza, auctioneer, (209)667-5797, bond number 5860870, located at: UNITS East Bay 6011 Las Positas Rd, Livermore, CA. 94550 The items to be sold are generally described as follows: Household/ Miscellaneous goods R0149 Dawn Smallwood NB0712 Loretta Van Wegen R0027 Danielle Patterson B0564 Carol Van Wijnen The Independent, Legal No. 5767 Published, January 25, February 1, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603315

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Olivina; 2. Olivina Olives; 3. Olivina Olive Oil; Olivina Ranch 4555 Arroyo Road, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Olivina, In., 2150 Portola Ave, Suite D269, 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: 01/01/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Charles Crohare, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 11, 2024. Expires January 10, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5768. Published, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603485

The following person(s) doing business as: Trend event Collections, 4577 Las Positas Rd., Ste. A, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Pleasanton Rentals, Inc., 4577 Last Positas Rd. Ste. A, 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/: Sherri Creighton, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 19, 2024. Expires January 18, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5769. Published, February 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603376

The following person(s) doing business as: AireServ of Pleasanton, 7026 Koll Center Parkway, #211, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tri Valley HVAC, LLC, 7026 Koll Center Parkway, #211, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s)

listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Najib Rahmatti, Managing Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 16, 2024. Expires January 17, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5770. Published, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603473

The following person(s) doing business as: TA1ALWCare-Coordination, 25706 Lewis Dr., Hayward, CA 94544 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Above and Beyond Senior Services LLC, 25706 Lewis Dr., Hayward, CA 94544. 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: 1/19/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Nicole Fauss, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 19, 2024. Expires January 18, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5771. Published, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603248

The following person(s) doing business as: Mad River Technology, 1280 Gusty Loop, #4, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Daniel Purdy, 1280 Gusty Loop, #4, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Daniel Purdy, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 08, 2024. Expires January 07, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5772. Published, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603536

The following person(s) doing business as: TeaOvation, 30971 San Benito ST., Hayward, CA 94544 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): IBEV LLC, 30971 San Benito ST., Hayward, CA 94544. 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/: Francis Ho, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 23, 2024. Expires January 22, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5773. Published, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603266

The following person(s) doing business as: Boba & More, 5286 Iron Horse Parkway, Suite B, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Boba & More Franchising LLC, 5256 Iron

Horse Parkway, Suite B, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Farid Turangan, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 09, 2024. Expires January 08, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5774. Published, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603279

The following person(s) doing business as: The JLand, 11853 Main Street, Sunol, CA 94586 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): JJ Land Haven LLC, 2955 Kilkare road, Sunol, CA 945886. 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: 1/8/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Tracy Mai, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 10, 2024. Expires January 09, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5775. Published, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603518

The following person(s) doing business as: Trend event Collections, Ace Medical Consultants, 4900 Hopyard Rd, Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Miguel Alvarellos, M.D., A Professional Corporation, 4900 Hopyard Rd., Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 09/13/2010. Signature of Registrant/s/: Miguel Alvarellos, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 22, 2024. Expires January 21, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5776. Published, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603175

The following person(s) doing business as: Eat Drink Voyage Travel, 2356 Palm Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Che Figo Ventures, LLC, 2356 Plam Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Meredith Sarboraria, Managing Director. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 04, 2024. Expires January 03, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5777. Published, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 603608

The following person(s) doing business as: eSail Consulting Firm, 34437 Willow Lane, Union City, CA 94587 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sze Moey Voon Coen, 34437 Willow Lane, Union City, CA 94587. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Sze Moey Voon Coen, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 25, 2024. Expires January 24, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 5778. Published, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

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National Academy of Sciences John J. Carty Award

Santer, Eminent Climate Scientist, Wins NAS Award

By Jeff Garberson

The National Academy of Sciences has awarded this year's John J. Carty Award for the Advancement of Science to Ben Santer, the eminent climate scientist who spent most of his career at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). Santer worked at LLNL from 1992 through 2021. There, he became known internationally for developing methods of identifying the fingerprints of human influence on climate change and distinguishing them from natural phenomena, like vari-

ations in the weather or cyclical changes in solar output. Today, he is affiliated with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts as Fowler Distinguished Scholar in Residence. While at LLNL, he won a variety of awards for his pioneering research, including the MacArthur "Genius" Award, the E.O. Lawrence Award, the William Proctor Prize and the Norbert Gerbier-Mumm International Award. Last month, he received the Stephen Schneider Award for Outstanding Climate Communication in honor

of his continuing efforts to communicate with the public through talks, interviews, videos and written articles. The National Academy presents the Carty Award every two years. It is named for a pioneering electrical engineer who worked for AT&T a century ago. It recognizes "noteworthy and distinguished accomplishments" among the many disciplines represented by the National Academy. Recent Carty Award winners have been leaders in fields ranging from anthropology to vaccine development, genetics and astronomy.

Asked for his reaction to getting still another prestigious award, Santer responded that he "never became a scientist with the expectation of receiving awards." Instead, he said, "The real award in my career is that I've had the privilege of collaborating with brilliant women and men.... Together, we've learned that human actions have changed Earth's climate in a significant and concerning way." While being honored with awards and recognition over the years, Santer has also been the subject of fierce personal attacks.

In 1995, as a junior staff scientist at LLNL, he was publicly denounced by representatives of the fossil fuel industry when his name was prominently associated with the first important scientific paper to find a "discernible human influence" on the climate. The paper, part of the output of the second assessment of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), represented the work of many scientists. But as lead author, Santer became the lightning rod for repeated attacks by fossil fuel supporters and by some in Congress.

In the years since then, however, he and his research have clearly proved to be on the right side of history. Climate scientists around the world have strengthened and extended those 1995 findings. As if to put an exclamation mark on this process of verification, 2023 proved to be "the hottest year on record by a large margin," in the words of a recent NASA statement. The Carty Award comes with a medal and \$25,000, which will be presented to Santer in Washington, D.C., in late April.

Area Crab Feeds Ramp Up for Crackin' Good Fundraising

By David Scholz

The annual crab feed season, distinguished by attendees chowing down on the delectable white meat of Dungeness crustaceans, is now entering its busiest period with February weekends mostly full. The official start for commercial fishermen didn't begin until Jan. 18 this year. Despite the unpredictability of crabbing seasons, the popularity of the fundraising events has endured and even grown in number as a way for schools, nonprofits and other organizations to earn money for programs, activities and services. The crab feed circuit dots the Tri Valley landscape, stretching from Dublin to

Carter, chair for Assistance League of Amador Valley's 3rd Annual Crab Feast, described a streamlined strategy that was applied this year that hopefully would translate into another successful venture. In shifting its event to a larger venue to accommodate more guests, the new location provides all the food, plates the food and serves each dish to each guest. It also will handle the set up and take down. This replaces the need for the Assistance League to handle planning, ordering of the food from various vendors, serving the food and cleaning up the venue. Among those supplying crab is Mike Lucas, who runs Justin's Crab Company in Fairfield and has been re-

but that's where the similarities end." Despite the late season start, this year is shaping up to have enough good quality crab available at a price that hasn't been a shock to organizers, according to Diane Van Iderstine of Cali Crab Feed in San Ramon, who said the price per pound is \$1.50 less than last year. With the average crab feed about 1,200 pounds, approximately three pounds per person, now nonprofits "have more going to their charity and less money going to crab," she said. After the Dungeness supply along the California coast is exhausted, Lucas and Van Iderstine will start bringing crab down from Crescent City and Fort Bragg areas. In doing so,

a venue for the feeds. Paws In Need (PIN), based in the Tri-Valley, has moved to a strictly "take out" approach this year after more than a decade of sit-down events. Last August, organizers learned their usual spot was sold, prompting the change to continue the successful event. "We have been pretty lucky. Our sit-down crab feed was renowned for the quality of the event and the wonderful raffle baskets," said Bea Bauerly, the PIN's event chair. "Now, we still have our loyal supporters. It is not as lucrative in the new format by far, but we still manage to raise a few thousand dollars." Hope Hospice in Dublin is holding its 2nd annual feed this year, said Kendra Strey, Hope Hospice's director of communication. A newcomer to the crab feed circuit, she was inspired by a past tradition of hosting cioppino dinners to raise funds.

Like so many feeds, the price of Hope Hospice's tickets also increased this year, up \$15 to \$90. Strey noted the hike enables the organization to keep programs and services free, including its grief support groups, family care giver classes, and dementia education programs. "The more the merrier," said Strey of all the various crab feeds appealing for support. "The public gets to attend the ones that are of most interest to them." So, as the crab feed season moves into high gear, Van Iderstine is ever the optimist about how everything will unfold. Crab, she said, are very big this year, "close to three pounders."



Crab feeds throughout the Tri-Valley, like the one shown above, raise money for schools and nonprofit organizations. (Photo – David Scholz)

Pleasanton to Livermore on the eastern edge of Alameda County. Some events have been held for several decades, while others are relative newcomers. The 11th Annual St. Raymond Knights of Columbus Crab Feed, one of the long-standing crab feeds, has withstood the ebbs and flows impacting the crab feed season. It has priced its event in Dublin to be competitive with others, according to Wayne Berner who has chaired the Council 7987 event since 2011. With seemingly all costs for all aspects of the event only going up and up, including fees for hiring the DJ and auctioneer, Nancy

liably supplying crab feeds for going on 42 years. "Crabs are like underwater cows; all they do is eat," he said. And the more filled the crabs are that are brought up by fisherman in the pots, the better the product that is ultimately cracked for the crab feeds," he said. Lucas noted he's neither the lowest nor highest when it comes to the price of crab that he supplies to area feeds. Rather, he knows the quality of his crab. That and his reputation are what distinguish him from others. "It's not as simple as a crab is a crab. It's more like a Gremlin vs. a BMW," he said. "Both are automobiles,

new transportation costs, like those for labor, trucking, and fuel, are added to the mix and increase the cost of crab. Alongside the crab costs facing organizations, the economics of putting on crab feeds have altered preparations. Sit down dinners remain popular, but factoring in the expenses of things like the venue and security have meant increasing ticket prices. To increase attendance and help boost revenue, feeds have undergone some makeovers, like offering a take-away option or entrée alternatives like tri tip. Crab feeds are also up against finding and securing

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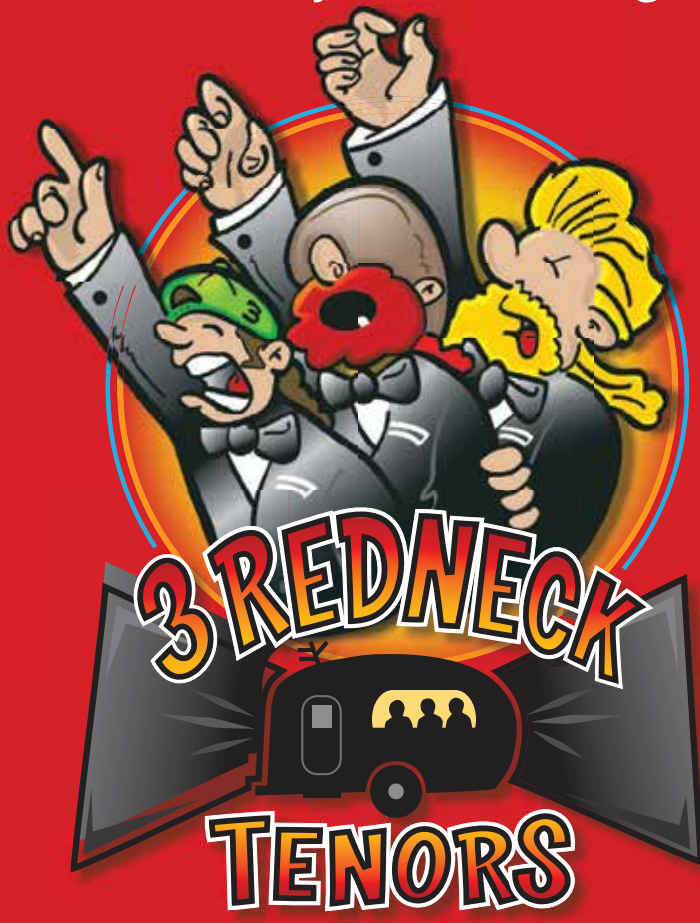
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