

# City to Offer Grants for Small, Local Businesses

By Ruth Roberts

DUBLIN — The city council approved two new small business grant programs to assist local establishments as they recover from the impacts of the pandemic.

In a unanimous vote at its regular meeting on July 20, the council implemented the Commercial Rent Relief (CRR) and Outdoor Operations grants. Each program will provide up to \$10,000 to 100 commercial tenants for temporary assistance and \$50,000 for permanent upgrades.

“Over the past few months, staff has continued to do outreach to businesses and landlords in Dublin, holding roundtable discussions with property man-

(See GRANTS, page 7)

# Committee Aims to Grow Trust with Landowners

By Aly Brown

REGIONAL — Wildlife researchers in Alameda County hope to utilize data collected to acquire contiguous lands for animal crossings along I-580, but the next hurdle will be to build trust with private landowners.

At its recent July 16 meeting, the Altamont Landfill Open Space Committee (ALOSC) received an update from Dr. Fraser Shilling, director of UC Davis Road Ecology Center, and Katherine Boxer, Alameda

(See CROSSINGS, page 7)

# Totem Pole Removed for Maintenance

By Dawnmarie Fehr

LIVERMORE — Residents may have noticed a missing piece of cultural art: the totem pole in Centennial Park was removed last Thursday morning for maintenance. A timeline for its return has



not been created yet.

“It was removed to preserve the sculpture itself and for safety reasons,” said Jeff Shafer, Maintenance and Golf Operations

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The Korean War and its veterans were recognized during a recent event held in Pleasanton. Organized by the Asian American High School Student Alliance, Pleasanton VFW Post 6298 and the Pleasanton American Legion Post 237, the event was marked with martial arts displays, modern Korean music and traditional Korean drumming. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen) [See photo gallery at [www.independentnews.com/multimedia](http://www.independentnews.com/multimedia)]

# Lawrence Livermore National Lab Workers Plan for Three-Day Strike

By Aly Brown

LIVERMORE — Strikers lined the streets outside the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) along East Avenue this week, protesting what they called unfair labor practices.

Tuesday, July 27, marked the first of a three-day strike of the Lab’s skilled trades workers, including electricians, heavy equipment mechanics, sheet metal workers, welders, painters, laborers, riggers, plumbers, pipefitters and trades helpers. The workers are members of the Society of Professionals, Scientists, and Engineers (SPSE), which is part of the larger University Professional and Technical Employees (UPTe-CWA, Local 9119) union.

The union stated in a press release that Lawrence Livermore National Security (LLNS), which operates the lab, failed to “negotiate in good faith mandatory on-call rotation for staff members in contract bargaining.”

According to SPSE-UPTe Chief Bargainer Steve Balke, the current on-call demands from LLNS require workers to take on extra hours to address issues at the Lab, such as a broken air-conditioning unit for computers. They must report for repair jobs within a certain amount of time, he said.

“The National Labor Relations Act requires employers to bargain over matters like mandatory on-call rotation, but instead, LLNS implemented mandatory on-call without giving us an opportunity to bargain over

the change in policy while we were in the middle of contract negotiations,” Bal-

ke said. “The National Labor Relations Board found merit to our unfair labor practice charge and issued a complaint against LLNS for violating federal labor

“Hopefully, we can work through things at that time. After that, we’re looking at going to mediation.”

ever, we remain separated by several economic issues and management rights. Laboratory planning has ensured that a strike will have minimal impact on



Union members stand outside the Livermore Lab. They planned to strike through Thursday for alleged unfair labor practices. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

law. LLNS really should be ashamed of themselves.”

Breanna Bishop, LLNL acting director of public affairs, said the Laboratory continues to negotiate in good faith, “as we have since the process began in September 2019.”

“We believe that we have offered competitive rates and benefits, in addition to maintaining full employment and compensa-

any site operations. We will continue to bargain in good faith with the union to reach an agreement.”

The strike will last until Thursday, July 29, at which time Balke said LLNS and the union will meet for a bargaining session.

“Hopefully, we can work through things at that time,” Balke said. “After that, we’re looking at going to mediation.”

At Livermore Airport

# KaiserAir Receives Second Extension For Charter Planes

By Larry Altman LIVERMORE — The City of Livermore has given the aviation charter firm KaiserAir an additional year to file a formal application to develop a project that would bring Boeing 737s to the Livermore Municipal Airport.

Kaiser Air first proposed the project in January 2020 and received an extension in September 2020. Interim Airport Manager Sean Moran and Livermore Public Works Director Scott Lanphier then granted the Oakland-based company’s request for a second extension on July 9, the day before its reservation for a 45-acre parcel near West Jack London Boulevard was set to expire again. The extension — requested of the city in a new Letter of Interest (LOI) and \$1,000 fee — gives KaiserAir until July 2022 to file its formal application for the project. No one else can submit proposals for the site during that time span.

“Due to limitations in the process brought on by the COVID pandemic, KaiserAir has been delayed in their application (submission) and requested additional time to prepare and submit their application,” Lanphier said.

In its proposal, KaiserAir,

which operates its charter business out of airports in Oakland and Santa Rosa, said it plans to bring three Boeing 737s to Livermore for maintenance. It would conduct two 737 flights a week, or about 100 a year. KaiserAir also plans to base several Citation and Gulfstream aircraft at Livermore’s airport. Kaiser would build hangars for its planes. In addition, Kaiser would provide aeronautical services, including fueling, aircraft maintenance and charger service. The company would lease the land from the city for office space, a fuel storage facility, self-fueling station, and a terminal, as well as for the hangars.

No other applicants had filed an LOI with the city to secure the site. However, Pete Sandhu, who operates Five Rivers Aviation at the airport, said he had verbally expressed interest in it in order to develop a base for Cal Fire.

“I’ve indicated I wanted to put Cal Fire on that property, because the Kaiser project is so toxic to the airport and has such a lousy response from the surrounding communities,” Sandhu said. “I wanted to do something that used up that space, so we didn’t have to keep fighting

(See KAISERAIR, page 6)

# Council Extends Outdoor Dining Through Year End

By Ruth Roberts

PLEASANTON — The city council has agreed to extend its outdoor “pop-up program” for local restaurants through the end of the year.

The 4-1 vote was made during the July 20 regular meeting with Councilmember Valerie Arkin as the dissenting vote. The city’s temporary pop-up program allows for seating areas, furnishings and coverings such as tents and canopies, to be installed at outdoor restaurant and bar locations, as well as in private parking lots.

“It’s a hard one, and I think a lot of us have come to enjoy them,” said Arkin. “Although I will say it has been a great thing for our downtown and has added

vibrancy to downtown ... I’m trying to be sensitive to all the businesses downtown and what would be the best compromise. I’m sorry, I just have a hard time going through the end of December.”

When the program was implemented a year ago, the city had insisted on minimal safety and emergency guidelines, but did not require specific designs or uniformity. Twenty businesses received approval for pop-ups within the downtown area. Approximately 50 additional pop-up approvals were issued for use on private property, both within and outside of downtown. Each individual pop-up typically occupies zero to three parking spaces and incorporates

(See DINING, page 2)

# Trevarno Road to Undergo Infrastructure Upgrades

By Aly Brown

LIVERMORE — Following a public hearing and ballot assessment, the city will now move forward with replacing outdated private sewer and water infrastructure on Trevarno Road with new public systems.

Eight ballots favored forming an Assessment District and four opposed. The council then voted unanimously to adopt the engineer’s report, further confirming the Assessment District and ordering the work to commence.

The city expects the Assessment District to finance \$1.9 million of the project’s \$2.03 million anticipated costs for replacing the private sewer and water systems,

which are more than 100 years old. The systems currently serve 12 homes and Livermore Area Recreation & Park District (LARPD). Faced with numerous problems, the property owners had filed a petition in recent years. The city council responded in November 2019 by directing staff to evaluate a means to fund the replacement of failing infrastructure.

“The initial presentation (on the sewage and water problem) was one of the most terrifying presentations of what can go wrong when your water is not working right,” Vice Mayor Trish Munro said Monday night after the ballots were tabulated.

The upgrade’s projected (See TREVARNO, page 7)



The Firehouse Arts Center welcomed back more live performances to the popular venue on July 24. The sold-out crowds enjoyed the sounds of jazz master Jeff Bordes and the steelpan talents of Devon Dwayne Stewart. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen) [See photo gallery at [www.independentnews.com/multimedia](http://www.independentnews.com/multimedia)]



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# SPARC on the Park to Feature Latin Music Concert at Stockmen's Park

Downtown Livermore will come alive Saturday, July 31, with the SPARC on the Park concert series.

In celebration of the area's diverse cultures, the newly renamed SPARC Theater is co-producing with Hispanic Heritage Center an evening of music, performance and celebration at the newly built Stockmen's Park, located in the heart of downtown Livermore. Shakespeare's Associates, which produces Shakespeare in the Vineyard

and have a development agreement with the City of Livermore to build Black Box theater, stated in a press release that it is focusing its energy on collaborations that strengthen the community.

"We opened the cultural activities on the Park with Kalaikoil, Dance of India, and are now collaborating with Hispanic Heritage Center for the July 31 concert," stated artistic director Lisa Tromovitch. "We've worked together in the past, so this

is just another great opportunity to support each other in celebrating the diverse cultures of our area."

The concert headliner is EKOBIO, musical group that fuses Cuban music with Caribbean and African rhythms, at 6:30 p.m. It is preceded by Los Panaderos at 4 p.m., sharing traditional and contemporary music, dance and other forms of artistic storytelling by highlighting the cultures and histories of various regions

of Mexico, California and beyond. Their program will include traditional dance performance. To start off the day, high school students of The Alternative Strings of Open Strings Music will provide a half hour of Tango, Rhumba, Choro and Andalusian compositions at 3:15 p.m.

The concert is sponsored by Legacy Partners, with support from Swirl on the Square, Livermore Downtown Inc. and the City of

Livermore.

SPARC on the Park will be held on Saturday, July 31, from 3:15-8 p.m. Admission is free. Advance Reserve Seating is available for purchase through [livermore-shakes.org/sparconthepark/](http://livermore-shakes.org/sparconthepark/).

No outside alcohol allowed at the event. Beer and wine will be available for sale on-site. Picnicking is welcome. For more information, visit [SPARCtheater.org](http://SPARCtheater.org) or call 925-443-2273.

## TOTEM

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Manager for The City of Livermore. "There was a pest problem, and it was rotting ... it was taken down safely and no damage was done during the removal."

In the 1970s, the totem

pole was created by Native American artist Adam Nordwall, who reported that he'd placed a curse on the city sewage system. The city had sawed off the bottom of the totem before installing it in 1974,

believing it was too tall. The sewage system immediately experienced significant problems. The city then replaced the sawed-off portion, and Nordwall removed the curse.

Shafer said that, along

with the pests, exposure to the elements had caused significant damage to the wooden sculpture.

The city will evaluate its condition and devise a plan for restoring it.



Above: Adam "Fortunate Eagle" Nordwall in a ceremony from September 1995 is seen at center, removing the curse on the City of Livermore's sewage system. On the Front: The totem pole located at Centennial Park, on Fourth and Holmes streets in Livermore, was removed for maintenance. (Photos – Doug Jorgensen)

## Library to Display Writing Contest Winners

The winning entries in the East Bay Holocaust Education Center's High School Art and Writing Contest will be on display at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., beginning Monday, July 26.

Fifteen students from

eight schools in the Tri-Valley and surrounding areas received \$3,500 in prize money for their entries reflecting the theme "Why is it important to remember the Holocaust?"

The artwork was judged by Anne Giancola, a profes-

sional artist and visual arts manager for the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. The written entries were judged by Deborah Grossman, professional writer and journalist and Pleasanton Poet Laureate from 2009-11.

## DINING

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varying levels of design and amenities.

While generally accepted as a positive solution, there have been concerns from local retailers who say the pop-ups block the access and visibility of their businesses. The State of California has allowed for the extension of pop-up programs, and a number of neighboring communities, including Danville and Walnut Creek, have agreed to extend indefinitely.

"The one benefit of COVID was that it forced us to do some things that we talked about, but there was never the thrust to do it until COVID hit," said Pleasanton Councilmember Kathy Narum. "But I think we also have to be mindful of our retailers, especially going into the holiday season. Where I come out on this is that I would like to see pop-ups continue through the end of the year, and I would like to have staff work with the (Pleasanton Downtown Association) on their aesthetics, size and safety."

The council directed staff to research the possibility of extending pop-ups into a more permanent parklet program. Unlike

pop-ups, parklets are built flush to the sidewalks in parking and street areas, making walkways more accessible and safer. Although they are more elaborate to construct, the parklets provide additional options for the public to gather, eat and shop. Potential cons of the parklets include a reduction in parking supply and the possible construction of barricades. Staff will return to a future council meeting with recommendations.

Staff will also simultaneously work on design guidelines for a more permanent parklet program. After Dec. 31, the temporary pop-ups are set to come down, and the area will be cleaned and restored.

Staff emphasized that the pop-ups and the po-

tential parklet program are separate from the current Weekend on Main closures, which were also created as a way to support businesses by closing Main Street to traffic on Fridays through Sundays. The Main Street program is scheduled to end on Sept. 6, but council agreed to revisit its possible extension separately at a future date.

For more information, visit [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov).

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## Amador Valley Theater Poised to Reopen by End of Year Following Major Repairs

By Ruth Roberts

Pleasanton’s iconic Amador Valley Theater is preparing for its second act. Shuttered since March 2019 due to the pandemic, the performing arts facility located on the Amador High School campus is set

been officially addressed. “It was not closed because of ADA issues. The assessment report needs to be done, and we need to find out what the costs will be. As with any structure and building that is so old, any issues that come into play naturally when structural

Pleasanton recreation manager, stated in a press release. “The arts provide more than just entertainment; they are also essential to our mental and emotional well-being. We’re hopeful that by reopening our doors, we can bring excitement and social connection to the

tero. “We are loving being here together and all in one space. As restrictions lift, we are trying to get closer and closer to where we were before the pandemic. Two years ago, we had 14 programs going, and this year we are looking at seven different programs. We are getting there.”

Chin reiterated that as restrictions ease, the additional return of programs and services will grow.

“The library and the recreation department has focused current efforts on reopening concerts, youth theater programs, classes and galleries at the Firehouse Arts Theater location,” said Chin. “With their phased return, those departments will be determining a timeline and usage of the Amador Theater for public programs and rentals.”

Built in 1932, the Amador Theater’s 600-seat, Depression-era venue opened nine years after Amador High School graduated its

first class. Since then, the theater has served as the school district’s and city’s primary performing arts center.

For updated information on the two performing arts centers, visit [www.cityof-pleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityof-pleasantonca.gov).



Officials report that the Amador Valley Theater is not closed due to ADA-compliance issues. However, it is in need of major repairs. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

to reopen by the end of the year, or early 2022, according to Cindy Chin, public information officer for the City of Pleasanton.

But the 89-year-old historic venue is in need of some major repairs. In 2019, the fire marshal closed the outdoor wooden staircase and subsequent upstairs balcony. City officials ordered an assessment report for the aging theater last year, but COVID-19 restrictions put the appraisal on hold. The Pleasanton Unified School District owns the property, but it’s operated by the city, so any eventual repairs will require dual participation. However, the city is hopeful that the valuation will be completed in the coming year. Either way, the theater’s first floor will reopen once staff and programs are implemented.

“The theater is planned to open just as it was before with the first-floor usage,” said Chin, adding that rumors of non-ADA compliance issues have not

assessments are done will be revealed. Until then, we wait.”

In the meantime, the city has reopened the Firehouse Arts Center in May where several limited events are taking place in the 227-seat facility.

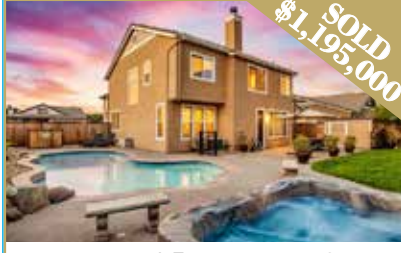
“We’re excited to once again provide a place where friends and neighbors can gather safely and celebrate the joy of art, music and theater,” Tamara Whitney,

many who have struggled during this difficult time.”

The Firehouse facility was chosen as the first of the two performing arts centers to reopen due to its central location on Railroad Avenue and smaller venue.

Jeff Zavettero, senior recreation leader for the City of Pleasanton, said the slower, softer reopening of the Firehouse has gone well.

“It is really great to be back in person,” said Zavet-



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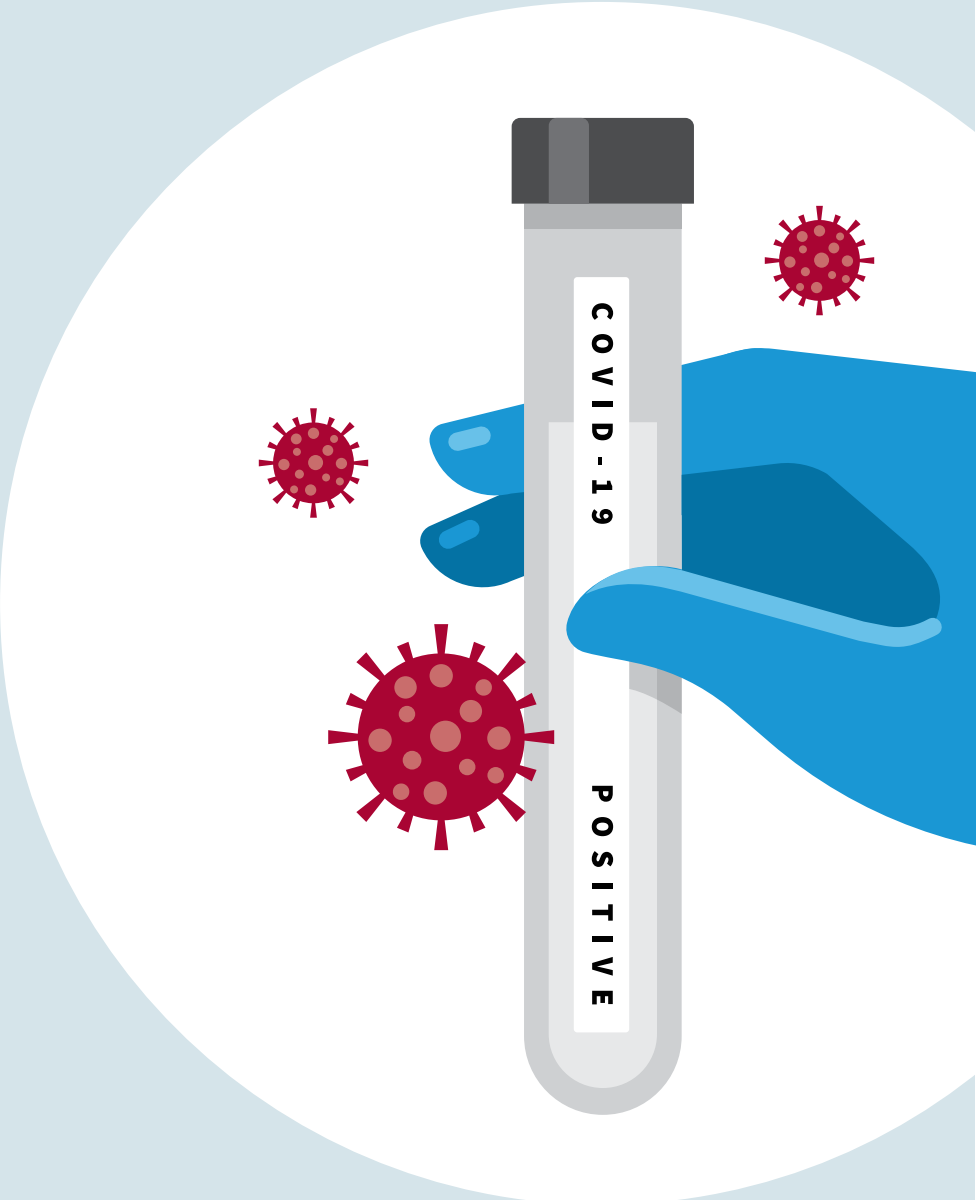
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# EDITORIAL

## Cities Should Continue Supporting Outdoor Dining

With the Delta variant sweeping through the nation and Alameda County health officials asking residents to once again mask up when indoors, the Pleasanton City Council made the right move to aid businesses by extending the pop-up program.

The program helped businesses create the space outdoors to accommodate customers, bringing a different kind of life to

the downtown area during a dark time. We hope to see the case counts drop off again, but what if we find ourselves prohibited from eating indoors at a restaurant again?

With the reopening still fresh, it makes sense to help restaurants maintain their outdoor venues. While some voiced the concerns that the pop-up program negatively impacted access and visibility for

retail stores, the council will also consider the development of parklets. Built flush to the sidewalks in parking and street areas, these sidewalk extensions would enhance accessibility.

Until our lives have resumed to a semblance of the “old normal,” cities should do what they can to support businesses that have managed to survive during a difficult time.

## MAILBOX

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### Voting Should be a Right of Citizenship Van Rainey, Livermore

With all the political wrangling in Washington and many Republican-dominated states over voting rights and voter suppression, I am thinking it is about time to make voting a right and maybe a responsibility of citizenship and no longer a just a privilege. Since the origins of our nation, the privilege of suffrage has been restricted and gradually doled out over time to groups deemed worthy of the opportunity to have a voice in our government. Is it any wonder that we have a government today which caters to those who have held that privilege the longest or who can pay tribute to the desire for greater privilege over others?

So, I say that if we cannot manage to get our elected officials to stand behind the For The People Act (HR 1 and S1) and the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, that a constitutional amendment be initiated that states voting is a right of citizenship and cannot be abridged by any state federal or local laws and must be allowed, if not encouraged, by those levels of government to assure the fullest participation of all citizens in the free exercise of that right. Not only will all levels of government be required to conduct elections without undue obstructions they would be required to do everything necessary to assure the full expression of that right.

Most of us speak to the issues of free and fair elections but we need to see who genuinely believes in the right to vote and let them show if they stand behind that right or fear its consequences. If we can assure the right to vote, then we can resolve that the result of any election is what we have collectively chosen and will produce the government that we collectively deserve; no more and no less. If we can simultaneously tamp down the unequal voice of political contributions in that decision, so much the better. I believe that over time it will produce a better-informed citizenry when they see the equal expression of all our voices in the choices we make and a more responsive government at all levels.

### Residents Will Pay The Price For Eden Donna Cabanne, Livermore

The Livermore City Council plans to release treated contaminants into the Eden Housing underground parking garage. Does this sound like a good idea? The consultant for the Water Board doesn't think so. The Water Board report states the proposed cleanup levels for subsurface volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are "Neither appropriately justified or acceptable."

The contamination issues surrounding Eden Housing's subsoil just continue to grow and grow. The city's proposed remediation is clearly deficient. The city must answer the Water Board's concerns about the underground parking structure. Will there be contamination pathways from the garage to upper floors? Can a consistent air pressure differential be maintained inside the garage? How will garage operation be maintained and monitored over time to prevent further contamination?

Moreover, the Water Board report states that subsurface utilities can transport subsurface contamination. How will utility contamination be addressed? The city also failed to describe how odor, staining and elevated readings will be used to identify problems. As for the dangers to our drinking water, how has the city determined that only 50% cleanup of the groundwater is sufficient? At this juncture, the city's proposed remediations and mitigations for the cleanup of soil, groundwater and use of the underground parking are completely inadequate. The city has already allocated an additional \$245,000 in testing to back this substandard Eden Housing proposal. It's time for the city to come clean with the public. What are the total cleanup costs for Eden Housing after Water Board requirements? What percentage of the cleanup and maintenance costs will

be paid directly or indirectly by current residents? Should the public vote whether they want to pay for these very expensive costs?

Isn't the safest solution to move Eden Housing off this site? Email Mayor Woerner, Council Members Munro, Carling, Bonanno, and Kick at [www.cityofflivermore.net](mailto:www.cityofflivermore.net). Ask them to hold a public hearing with at least 30 days' notice. Ask them to post all communications with the water and air boards concerning Eden Housing on the city website.

We, the residents, have a right to know the extent of contamination, the duration and total costs of cleanup, and how much residents will ultimately pay to build Eden Housing at this site.

### The “Big Lie” is a Lie Glenn Wright, Dublin

I would like to respond to Owen Brovont's two questions from the 7/15/21 Letters. 1. Yes, Washington and Thomas Paine suggested we choose more trustworthy leaders who are demonstrably honest and virtuous. 2. No, whatever unlisted faults the “Woke Generation” may have, the indictment from Washington and Paine would more likely fall upon the former President who cheated his wives, clients, employees, contractors and investors in addition to publicly proclaiming he left his wife for the best adultery ever and bragging like a spoiled teenager about grabbing women because of his wealth and status.

What is more astounding is the weak character of the rank and file of the GOP that encourages weakness and cowardice in their party leadership exemplified by the Texas senator whose father was accused of assassinating President Kennedy and his wife of harlotry by Trump only to see the senator weakly grovel before his leader? The Republican Party willfully confuses neo-Fascist loyalty to a leader whom they believe can do no wrong with American patriotism represented by the creed in our Declaration of Independence and our law of the land: The Constitution. This is evidenced by the ostracism of conservative patriot, Liz Cheney, who chose conservative patriotism rather than bending the knee to the unfounded accusation that the election was somehow stolen. When Republicans attempt to blame Democrats for not paying for the wall, they implicitly confess that they know Trump lied about Mexico paying for the wall. Yet Republicans still cannot muster the honor, integrity or strength of character to explicitly acknowledge that Mexico paying for the wall was always a lie. Republicans demonstrate they are incapable of accepting accountability.

The Party seems to have forgotten that in the history of the founding of our Republic, loyalists are the opposite of patriots. And the sycophantic behavior of a party that could not support a Bipartisan January 6 Commission under the rules that they negotiated demonstrates their lack of character and good faith to act as a loyal opposition. Instead, they continue the tactics of “Big Lie” and obstruction practiced by fascist loyalists in Germany and other countries. Whatever threats exist

from “The Woke”, they don't compare to the activists, militias, candidates and office holders who appear dedicated to the “Big Lie” that the only way Trump could lose is if the election was rigged.

### We Speak for Livermore Bruce Fielding, Livermore

I read with great disappointment ex-Mayor Marchand's letter (Mailbox, July 22). He asks who should speak for Livermore and, with great disdain, he mentions many of his former constituents who have expressed their viewpoints through legitimate means - out of frustration with the recent City Council decisions - as all being unqualified to speak. While many of these ‘demands’ are not perfect, their concerns cannot all be wrong or dismissed so easily. How dare he suggest we ignore so many legitimate stakeholders or use his past grievances (ex: LVPAC Board) as reasons to question these concerns?

Notwithstanding Mr. Marchand's list of stakeholders who should be able to speak for our city, in answer to his question, it is also people like me who speak for Livermore:

1. We are the 67% who polled in favor of an alternate plan.
2. We are frustrated with the lack of independence from our city leaders. We know why, because their representation has been compromised by special interest campaign support - because the city council unilaterally decided to take these ‘contributions’ a few years ago, thus sacrificing their independence that had existed for decades.
3. We are frustrated with the lack of transparency from our city leaders as evidenced by the bait-and-switch plan that is materially different from when it was conceived, to the version that was approved. Either they are being dishonest with us, or they are incompetent in their management of Eden Housing. In the end, it does not matter - we are forced to confront this ill-advised plan.
4. We are concerned with what appears to be bad staff work by deciding to forgo CEQA and producing neither an ‘appropriately justified nor acceptable’ contamination report. This reflects directly back to our city leaders’ management competence.
5. We cannot understand why such significant concerns (that were ranked significantly higher by stakeholders), such as adequate parking and open space have been compromised and disregarded.
6. We want to see the city consider alternatives before potentially being forced into an unacceptable solution by a decision from the courts.

Let's seek resolution now, and if the true results of the stakeholders’ ‘thousands of comments’ had originally been respected, we wouldn't be in this position. There are alternatives!

### Elder for Governor Michael Asahina, Livermore

“They” must be scared of the only person who can beat Newsom: The Man from South Central.

In late June Governor Newsom signed a law that waives a 30-day legislative cost review period if the legislature appropriates money

for a recall election. Lawmakers earmarked \$250 million for state and local elections. Lt. Governor Kounalakis set the election for September 14.

Superior Court Judge Laurie M. Earl puts Larry Elder on the recall ballot; throws out tax return requirements after disqualification by Secretary of State Shirley Weber.

### Communication Is Key Betsy Eltgroth, Livermore

Livermore has always been a place where people can express their opinions, whether others agree or not. Often that exchange of opinions was enough to effect compromise and resolution.

Now we find a gap in the recent sides of the Eden plan, similar to our experience with Covid vaccinations and the presidential election. We've taken sides, i.e., beliefs of our opinions without interactive discussions, as if our beliefs are truth.

What does this mean for our local community? What is the solution? What can we do to enable both sides to come to this conversation—not to override, but to actually hear one another without being lectured to, or marginalized, or being told what to believe?

The city council might come up with the points they want to convey. The downtown organization doing the same thing—not to make the opposing thoughts wrong, but to have a discussion so that understanding is achieved.

To this point I hope the lawsuit (suing the City of Livermore) will bring about an exchange resulting in understanding and resolution. We need to communicate!

### Golf Course Unfriendly to Seniors Richard Andrews, Livermore

Las Positas Golf Course is not senior-friendly. I'm 80 and love to play golf weekly. But if I want to play my local course it is \$49 if I want to play mid-week, which I do. And weekends you can make that \$60. I can go to an equally nice course in Stockton (Swenson) that is park-like in a very nice area, and play for \$29 including cart. Or go online and see the prices for Tracy Country Club for \$29, or La Contenta for \$32. Why Livermore puts this ridiculous price for seniors is a mystery. Maybe it is a cash cow that pays for all their other projects. But I pay my taxes to support it, and feel they need to give back to we seniors. I could list more courses that do far better also.

### Marchand Does Not Speak For Us Larry H. Thompson, Livermore

I am prompted to write because of John Marchand's July 22 letter, which begins by justifying the process by which the Eden Housing Development was approved. Regardless of the length and details of its previous path, the plan for these monolithic apartment buildings is poor, as numerous letters have complained. Many Livermore residents, including me, feel that this development will have a negative impact on Livermore's downtown and will become a missed historical opportunity to enhance our downtown. Our objections are simple: the oversized

residential buildings are incompatible with expansive greenery and a park-like atmosphere. Preservation of open spaces has been an iconic theme in Livermore during the last 50 years and sets us apart from hideous communities like Dublin.

It has been proposed that certain residents negotiate with the city council to forestall a lawsuit filed to stop the Eden development. Marchand continues by indicating all the people he deems unqualified to speak with the city council to achieve a better downtown plan. Although I don't know the people he has in mind, many of them deserve our praise and trust for dogged determination in challenging the council's inopportune decisions. What is wrong with having some bold, creative minds step up and promote an aesthetic finish for our city center? Since I have not been actively involved in these issues, I would appreciate having others who are more knowledgeable speak on behalf of those of us who have real concerns about the downtown area. Specifically, I would be happy for Save Livermore Downtown to speak for me. It's clear that Marchand does not.

### Citizens Will Suffer From Poor Judgment Ann Giannini, Livermore

Have you noticed the clearing work being done now on the corner of South Livermore Avenue and First Street?

This is because there is considerable contamination in the ground.

Older cities everywhere share this problem in many ways. This is why new construction must be very carefully monitored.

The good news is now the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board is

looking very seriously regarding contamination at the Eden Housing Site.

Wonderful, proving again that building housing there is indeed becoming more complicated.

Now is the time for the city to totally reconsider its very reckless rush to judgment, and proceed to give most of us Citizens what we really want and deserve.

The site can be known as the DOWNTOWN HISTORIC RAILROAD PARK site!

City officials come and go, and are soon forgotten; developers take their money and move on.

The Citizens however are the victims of poor judgment that will last for decades.

### There are Better Solutions To Solar Farms Harold Kandel, Livermore

Solar farms vs. solar roads, using up valuable land with acres of panels is such a waste. We have thousands of highways and roads that have acres of empty space above for panels. Covering with solar panels will improve the safety of drivers from rain, snow, sleet, and with some clever engineering might add a means of catching rainwater for storage facilities. The Romans had the right idea. How about electrifying the roads for all electric cars by submerged power induction for the future to connect all the roads?

The localities charge rent (See MAILBOX, page 5)

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to use the airspace over the roads adding to their purses. Maybe a solar billboard here and there to increase the power?

There are other ways to provide power using current space and not ruining the fragile environment, and beautiful hills and it may be even cheaper than buying.

We have overpasses, pedestrian walkways, bridges -- why not add solar overpasses by private investments on lease from localities? How about using the thousands of railroad rail miles if highways or roads don't appeal with solar billboards on the sides? Just thinking!

What Can Be Negotiated?  
John Marchand, Livermore

As a follow-up to last week's letter on "Who should speak for Livermore?", this letter asks the question that once it is determined who should speak for Livermore, "What is negotiable about Eden Housing?"

You can't negotiate away facts. The "group of many names" (Friends of Livermore, Citizen's Group, etc.) is trying to corrupt the facts to match their false narrative.

These are the facts:

FACT- The Lucky's site

was purchased with housing funds that required housing to be built on the site. At that time, the purchase was supported by 90% of the public comment during publicly-noticed Council meetings.

FACT - The Approved Downtown Plan was created with input from thousands of residents.

FACT - All of the "alternative drawings" were created with no public input and without independent feasibility or financial analysis.

FACT -The County has established the \$14 million in Measure A funds are not transferable to another site.

FACT- Not all of the necessary parcels across Railroad are for sale.

FACT- Over 80% of the public participants during the Council's outreach process agreed that the hotel should front on Livermore Avenue.

FACT -Almost a million dollars was spent on Measure P trying to convince voters that a 160-room hotel with no parking should be on L Street. We are now being told that it is somehow possible to negotiate that 230 apartments north of Railroad Avenue will create less traffic than 130 units 10 feet to the south of Railroad Avenue.

The near full-page ad in the Independent falsely claimed that there was radioactive contamination on the site. The fact is that there is none. It was simply an attempt to strike fear into the public.

It has been known that the site has been contaminated with hydrocarbons and other non-radioactive chemicals for decades, just like the Groth site across the street and like the Livermore Plaza site on Livermore Avenue. Astonishingly, a representative from the Sierra Club recently suggested that the contaminated soil on this site should be left in place, the asphalt cap should be removed and children should be allowed to play on top of the contaminated soil. For me as a parent and as a chemist, that is not negotiable. The truth is, before any construction starts, the site will be mitigated.

An Analogy  
Patrick Weidhaas, Livermore

Every day I shake my head when I read or hear about the many Americans who refuse to get the protection of the COVID vaccination -- who would rather gamble with their lives, and that of every person they come in contact with. Late-

ly, GOP lawmakers when asked whether they have been vaccinated, respond with "None of your business!" This, after 610,000 Americans have died of COVID!

An analogy has come to my mind. I live in a neighborhood of single-family houses all of which have backyards. In the spring, most backyards have weeds, wild oats, grass that grows

to 5 feet and more. It is bone-dry and a spark could easily ignite a fire that could spread to the neighbors. So, all the neighbors make sure that sometime in May they cut the weeds on their property way down to prevent a fire. This is done to protect their own house and also their neighbor's houses!

Now imagine that one neighbor declares he or she won't do this. Also, if that

neighbor is asked if he has trimmed the weeds in his property, his response is "None of your business!"

Would you like to live next to such neighbors?

Let's Work Together  
Jan Brovont, Livermore

The city leaders should quit coming up with short-term solutions for long-term problems. It often leads to

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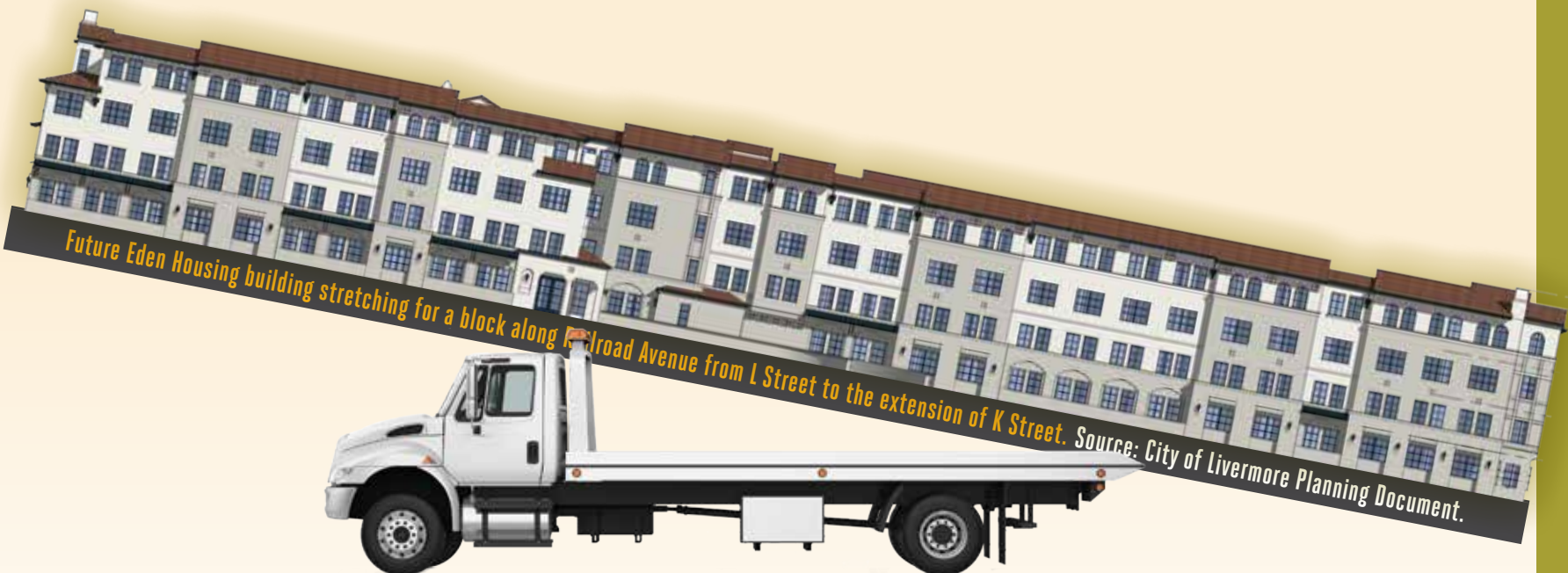
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poor solutions; like overcrowding downtown with large buildings and too many small parking spaces, to name a few. What resident or tourist will want to park their nice car in a narrow parking space?

These may sound good, but in the future, it will hurt the downtown retailers and restaurants. Most people are going to think twice before going downtown if their car gets dented due to small spaces and doors being opened into their car or they can't get out of their car because the space is so narrow. It could save a lot of time and our tax money if the City Council would meet with the group that is trying to negotiate a better Eden Housing solution for all, not just for now, but for the future of downtown Livermore. City Council lets work together and come up with a win-win solution.

A Stately Pleasure Dome Decree  
Daryl Carlson, Livermore

The alleged alternative proposal to the Eden Housing plan threatens the entire project. There is no guarantee of Alameda County funds to alter and delay present construction plans. Eminent domain could end up languishing in courts. The city plan is based on years of work, vetted by professionals, not by a small group of never-elected folks who want to locate a park over a toxic waste dump. Dimes to donuts, this group never has to worry about putting food on the table.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge put down his pipe, the resulting opium dream creating the poem fragment "Kubla Khan." Stalling and imperiling the City's real plans is a couple of patchwork drawings in the same tenuous smoky unreality—an illusory alternative brought to us by the same rich and

very comfortable folks who have (been) pestering, heckling and circumventing our elected public servants for decades, costing untold tens of thousands in taxpayer dollars. The 'Win-Win' proposal offered by the various pseudonymed groups is a 'Lose-Lose' for Livermore families in dire need of housing.

Of course, government should be responsive to the needs and wants of its citizens. But that means all citizens. not just the ones affluent enough to take their tantrums and wounded pride into the courts of law.

Local Plants are Toxic  
Madeline Brown-Vega, Livermore

There is a worrisome plethora of oleander bushes throughout many Livermore neighborhoods, and I find it a duty of the city to eliminate them. The bushes are scattered around sidewalks and appear to be merely pleasant shrubbery while truly being deadly to humans and household pets. While most Livermore citizens would not find this alarming as the thought of consuming random plants has not once occurred to them, but these bushes are indeed a plausible danger. My cousin, 9, played a well-meaning joke on my little brother, 8, and tricked him into licking the bark of an oleander bush. That night he had a severe fever, threw-up several times, became delirious, and had concerning hallucinations. I believe this occurrence is impetus enough for city officials to take action in ridding Livermore of these plants.

You Can't Have It Both Ways  
Nancy Mulligan, Livermore

I'm wondering why Bob Woerner said before the election that it was pos-

sible to move some of the affordable housing across Railroad Avenue. Many people voted for him because they felt this would be a win-win. Instead, the City Council just accepted the Eden Housing plan. When I asked about it, I was told that I should be aware that "under State law, if the Council had voted 'no' at the May 24, City Council meeting, it would have exposed Livermore taxpayers to up to \$6.5 million in potential penalties if the city were to lose a court challenge." If he knew this was true beforehand, then why did he hold out the promise it was possible to make a change? Either he knew it couldn't be changed and he was lying to the citizens in order to get elected, or he could have asked for a compromise from Eden. You can't have it both ways.

Support Keeping Girls In School Act  
Kaylee Deland, Livermore

Gender disparity remains a pressing issue faced by girls around the world, particularly girls living in conflict areas. Girls ages 10-19 are three times more likely to be excluded from education than their male counterparts. Congress must act to secure equal status for women globally by supporting the Keeping Girls in School Act.

According to The Borgen Project, lifetime earnings for women could increase by \$15-30 trillion internationally if all girls were to receive 12 years of quality, cost-free education. This bill would allow the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to build private-public partnerships to enact programs that would reduce barriers to girls' educations. The bill would also require USAID to submit their strategy to empower adolescent

girls every five years to Congress. Equal access to education is crucial to global progress. Please join me in calling on Senator Feinstein, Senator Padilla and Representative Swalwell to support the Keeping Girls in School Act.

Housing Project Will Create Crime  
Vernon Walker, Livermore

This plan will turn Livermore into a housing project just like in the 1950s. Within five years, the downtown area will be nothing but a crime area. It will cost millions to try to keep it safe. All that voted for this should be recalled.

Too Long a State of Flux for Downtown Livermore  
Barbara Doggett, Livermore

What does it indicate that the plans for Downtown Livermore have been in a state of flux for years unresolved? The answer is twofold. One, there is a large contingency of citizens who have challenged the existing plans and dedicated themselves to adjusting to new issues to find the best options. Two, there is a city council who is determined to proceed with an old plan that was formed before new options came to light.

Since the initial proposal for downtown planning years ago now, there have been many unexpected alterations ... from changing developers to changing site plans to donations from Stockmen to Covid delays to parking lot and hotel locations, and more. Now, once again, unforeseen circumstances have presented themselves.

It's time for the two factions to meet and seriously look at these recent circumstances. Is there opportunity here that was not available previously? Is it possible to provide 100 more affordable housing units that

include low-income, very low-income and homeless? What is the extent of the contamination at the Eden site? What are the possibilities for taking over the Legacy location? What are the real possibilities for north of Railroad Avenue? What are the environmental laws we must abide by? What funding is actually available? Does anyone want a two-year legal delay?

It's time to very publicly and openly negotiate, finalize a plan and get on with it. Yes, get on with a plan that will serve our city well for the next 100 years. Let's get going.

The Current Juncture of the Democratic Party  
Greg Scott, Livermore

"Hello Somebody!" salutes Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC) to the campaign crowds for Progressive Nina Turner in Ohio's 11th Congressional District. Notwithstanding one's sentiments about AOC, it is an important message of inclusion counter to Republican voter suppression laws recently passed and the exclusion through money by Democratic Party moderates.

This election in Ohio is a critical juncture for the Democratic Party. The main bulk of the Party is steered toward the influence of money. Hillary Clinton is endorsing Turner's less qualified candidate, Shontel Brown, who is backed by Big Oil, Big Pharma and Big Banks. South Carolina Congressman Jim "Uncle Jim" Clyburn, instrumental in turning Joe Biden's flailing presidential bid around, is campaigning for Brown.

Congressman Clyburn has received more money from pharmaceutical companies than any other member of Congress. No wonder he is vehemently against

Medicare For All. It is profits over the well-being of people and correlates with the mode of moderates in the Democratic Party. This has manifested in the flailing prowess of the Democrats to lead: with inflation outpacing wage gains, the rise in violent crime and no reasonable overall immigration policy - much less adequately and honestly addressing the climate change disruption and accelerating wealth/income disparity problems.

The ineptness of the Democrats will be demonstrated when they probably lose the majorities in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate in 2022. President Biden will then become a lame duck president, though many think he already is.

If Democrats manage to squelch Nina Turner's bid for Congress, then most Millennials, born from 1981 to 1999 with the oldest now turning forty years-old, will realize they have been had. The Millennials are in class stagnation: burdened by debt - especially student debt - high mortgages or rents. The above-mentioned difficulties will not bode well for them.

The schism in the Democratic Party between Progressives and the moderates will render the Party increasingly feeble. The Baby Boomers, born from 1946 through 1964 and have just over 49% of our nation's wealth, make up the majority of the moderate faction. Democratic Boomers seem to have a greater nostalgia for a post-World War II America that was and no longer is - as do the Republicans - than concern for their progeny.

If Nina Turner doesn't get to Congress the Millennials, poor and working class will be even more paralyzed.

KAISERAIR

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this or the next Kaiser ... If all the land is used up for more responsible growth of the airport, we wouldn't run into this problem."

Sandhu said he should have put his idea in writing to the city but had planned to do something formal after KaiserAir's LOI expired July 10.

"Hopefully, Kaiser won't proceed or make progress at least with their application," Sandhu said.

Despite dozens of complaints from residents concerned about noise from jets flying over their homes, Livermore's Airport Commission reviewed the initial proposal in February 2021 and approved it, finding that it met requirements with the city's General Plan and Airport Land Use Plan. The project also must adhere to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements.

For ultimate approval, the KaiserAir proposal must go through several steps. Once KaiserAir's formal application is filed, the city's planning commission must approve the project if city staff and commissioners conclude that it meets city codes, standards and environmental rules. The city council would then be required to approve a lease with KaiserAir if the agreement meets city and

FAA rules and complies with the Minimum Standards for Commercial Aeronautical Activities, the minimum standards for companies proposing to conduct aeronautical activities at a public airport.

The city states that it cannot stop Boeing 737s from landing in Livermore because the FAA requires that the airport receive any aircraft that can safely land there. According to the city, 737s can safely operate into and out of Livermore and similar-sized aircraft, including the MD-80 and Fairchild F27 turboprop that have been based there.

An LOI reserves the land for a project, making it unavailable for anyone else interested in the space, Moran said. Moran said no other companies had applied to secure the land for anything else, so there was no reason to deny KaiserAir's request.

Moran and Lanphier said no city council members, including Mayor Bob Woerner, were involved in the decision.

"Approving such a request is a staff level administrative decision based upon a finding that the application is consistent with the requirements for an LOI and not a decision that the city council

would make," Lanphier said.

During the next year, KaiserAir must complete a formal application that would involve details of the project, including the square-footage of buildings and its plans for the fuel site. Once that is filed with the city's Community Development Department, the proposed project would require an environmental impact report before it can move forward.

Since KaiserAir first brought its idea to light, opponents have fired back with comments at city council and airport commission meetings in an effort to stop it.

"The Federal Aviation Administration oversees the airport-related activities that occur on the airport site," Moran said.

Sandhu said he did not believe that the COVID-19 pandemic prevented KaiserAir from submitting its site plan application. The new delay, he said, "is purely giving them some political reprieve from all of the backlash that's happened."

Sandhu also said the city could have denied the LOI extension and given others a chance to file paperwork with alternate plans.

"There's no obligation by the city, legal or otherwise,

to do this," Sandhu said. "I wish I had put something in writing. I didn't. I didn't have an opportunity to put in a Plan B."

Sandhu said he believed Moran and Lanphier did not act in a routine manner to approve the LOI. He said he believed Woerner influenced them.

Moran and Lanphier said that no one influenced their decision. Woerner also emphatically denied he played any role in granting the extension.

"That's patently false," Woerner said. "Rumor mongering is unhelpful."

KaiserAir officials did not respond to a request for comment.

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CROSSINGS

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County Resource Conservation District (ACRCD) chief executive officer. The experts detailed the areas of study along I-580 where wild animals have been detected using camera traps, scat and track monitoring, and roadkill.

The overarching purpose of the research project is to acquire land and establish crossings over and under I-580 to help ensure connectivity. The crossings would allow the animals to get safely from one side of the freeway to the other.

“Most of the areas to the north rely on one or two locations near the 580 for wildlife movement, and these are not necessarily protected,” said Shilling. “One of them does have a park, but the park is surrounded by potentially developable land, so this is really a severe pinch point for all the East Bay hills and definitely a concern for East Bay Regional Parks.”

Cameras are already set up on some public land. The current study area and camera locations include eastern Alameda County (5 cameras), the I-580 underpass near Greenville Road in Livermore (5 cameras), regions north and south of the Contra Costa Water District (8 cameras), and StopWaste in Livermore (5 cameras).

But outreach to property owners requesting access to place cameras on privately owned land in the region has proven challenging. Dis-

trict 1 Chief of Staff Shawn Wilson said during the meeting that attempts to reach property owners have been unsuccessful. He hoped to get the word out about the importance of monitoring wildlife.

Karen Sweet, a landowner and founding member of the California Rangeland Trust, offered her perspective.

“I think there are mixed reasons why people don’t want to participate, but it might be because people don’t know who the ACRCD is,” she said.

Sweet said ranchers historically have worried that the presence of endangered species would result in a loss of control over their land.

“People misunderstand what the law is, so there could be a lack of information and understanding,” Sweet continued. “I think it’s generally a misunderstanding of what easements could provide them and also if anyone uses the word ‘acquisition,’ landowners think the government will come in with eminent domain if animals are found.”

Sweet further surmised that those living in the country might take issue with the government spending funds on an animal highway when their rural roads are already congested with commuters hoping to bypass freeway traffic.

While ALOSC panelist Dick Schneider agreed with Sweet’s assessment of pos-

sible eminent domain concerns, he noted that there’s a requirement by law to mitigate environmental impacts of traffic and road construction.

“Conservatives might not like that the government is spending money to mitigate harm to the natural environment, but that’s the law,” he said.

He pointed out that the committee could incentivize participation through a Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES) system, which offers funds to landowners in exchange for using their land for an ecological service. The ALOSC would pay landowners to allow scientists to place cameras on their properties.

“We need to communicate that we’re not here to take your land away,” he continued. “We’re here to pay to keep it in good shape for animals and plants.”

Schneider further noted that the ALOSC does not aim to be part of any involuntary land acquisition.

“When the Altamont Committee first got going, the park district came to us and asked for money to buy some land by Brushy Peak that the park district wanted to condemn to make it part of the park, and we said no — we will not give any of our money unless the landowner is agreeable,” Schneider said. “We will not be part of eminent domain, because we don’t want the landowners to feel that we’re targeting them

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cost includes project management, planning, engineering, environmental, utility easement acquisition, construction, construction management, inspection, material testing, and other costs associated with the formation and management of the district. Construction will include approximately 700 linear feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer; 700 linear feet of 8-inch water, sewer and water laterals, manholes, hydrants; and other auxiliary improvements.

Mallika Ramachandran, acting assistant city engineer, explained that the expense consists of general benefit costs (the city’s responsibility) and special benefit costs (the property owner’s responsibility).

The city’s general benefit portion will be funded with

Sewer (Fund 241) and Water (Fund 251) Connection Fee Funds. The Trevarno Road Sewer and Water Improvements project is included in the fiscal year 2021-23 Capital Improvement Plan. Property owners will be assigned “benefit points” to determine their share of the costs.

“Establishing the Assessment District would enable the city to levy special assessments on parcels within the Assessment District, which will be paid over 30 years,” Ramachandran said prior to

the vote.

During the public comment portion, Richard Clinic commended the Livermore Area Recreation & Park District (LARPD) for working cooperatively with the neighboring property owners and the city to create the Trevarno Assessment District.

Mayor Bob Woerner said he’s always liked Trevarno Road.

“This is an important step in allowing it to continue,” he said.



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ers, landlords, restaurants and small businesses,” said Hazel Weatherford, economic development director. “As is the case with a majority of our outreach, staff continues to hear that rent relief is the top priority for our small businesses, who continue to struggle to catch up on past rent due to the temporary closures and/or limited service many of them experienced over the past 16 months.”

The CRC is available to business owners who are at least \$10,000 in rent arrears. The monies will be paid directly to the landlords, who must agree to continue to lease space to tenants through 2021; hold off on any eviction proceedings; and forgive the \$10,000 from their tenants’ outstanding balances. The program is open to all eligible businesses with an emphasis placed on restaurants, retail and personal service establishments.

The Outdoor Operations Grant Program will provide

approximately \$235,000 to help local eating establishments and retailers in Dublin looking to provide an outdoor area for dining or shopping. The program will reimburse a variety of eligible expenses related to long-term temporary or permanent outdoor operations incurred by the business. “Long-term temporary” is considered outdoor seating that is permitted until Sept. 30, 2022; “permanent outdoor operations” applies to outdoor seating that would extend beyond the Sept. 30, 2022 timeframe in perpetuity.

For both programs, eligible restaurant or retail businesses must have a physical location in the city and a business license in good standing.

The council approved an earlier small business relief package in August and December 2020, which supplied over \$1 million in loan support to the business community. This time around, the emphasis remained on

small business recovery, but with an additional push toward rent relief.

“Commercial rent relief is one of the gaps that has not really been addressed at the state and federal level,” said Vice Mayor Shawn Kumagai. “When you hear from some of these small businesses ... there was just not any relief there for rent, and in many cases, it’s the difference between them being able to stay open or not. We want to see our businesses continue to be successful as we reopen. I am very supportive of that.”

The application process begins on Friday, July 30, and will close on Friday, Aug. 13. Funds will be dispersed toward the end of August.

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# Airlifted Oklahoma Dogs Arrive in Bay Area for Adoption

By Larry Altman

Seventeen dogs recently airlifted from an Oklahoma shelter to the Bay Area will soon be available for adoption at the East Bay SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) facility in Oakland.



A group of dogs from an Oklahoma animal shelter recently arrived in the Bay Area as part of the Bissell Pet Foundation's rescue program. The 17 dogs will soon be available for adoption at the East Bay SPCA facility in Oakland. (Photo – Courtesy East Bay SPCA)

The canines were among about 100 dogs and cats flown from Tulsa to the Hayward Executive Airport on July 19, and distributed among 13 animal shelters in Northern California in the hope they can find forever homes.

Although its Dublin facility is currently closed during the pandemic, The East Bay SPCA also serves the Tri-Valley.

"Right now, we are just settling them in," said Allison Lindquist, East Bay SPCA president and CEO.

None of the dogs are spoken for yet, but Lindquist said she expects them to find families quickly following spaying and neutering, medical treatment and behavioral training.

"We have people that will be lining up to take them as soon as they are available," Lindquist said.

The Michigan-based Bissell Pet Foundation, which works with organizations across the United States and Canada to find

reductions in the availability of dogs in recent years, especially during the pandemic when many shelters were emptied by homebound people eager to find a companion, some shelters in rural parts of the nation experienced the opposite.

Lindquist said shelters in some states – including Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida – where access to spaying and neutering is not readily available in rural areas, were seeing increases in the number of homeless pets.

Bissell said that was the case in Oklahoma, where the Humane Society of Tulsa acts as a transport hub to send animals to shelters across the country.

"Unfortunately, the tragic death of their shelter veterinarian left them needing to step back for a short time," Bissell said. "The Bay Area shelters welcomed the pets that were at the Humane Society of Tulsa and ready for transport."

Lindquist said East Bay took only dogs because the facility already has plenty of cats and kittens available for adoption.

New dogs available include Aussie shepherd mixes, a litter that looks St. Bernards, "herding breed mixes," and some dachshund mixes.

"All sizes and shapes and ages," she said. "We've

got something for everybody."

Lindquist advised people interested in adopting the pets to watch the East Bay SPCA website (<https://eastbayspca.org>) for information on when they will be available.

Other shelters that took part in the airlift and will have pets available are; Berkeley Humane; Forgotten Felines of Sonoma County; Friends of the Alameda Animal Shelter; Humane Society of Silicon Valley; Humane Society of Sonoma County; Marin Humane in Novato; North Bay Animal Services in Petaluma; Pets Lifeline in Sonoma; Placer SPCA in Roseville; Sacramento SPCA; Santa Cruz SPCA; and Tony LaRussa's Animal Rescue Foundation in Walnut Creek.

"We will continue our mission until every pet has a home," Bissell said.

Lindquist said shelters have not seen an influx of people returning pets they adopted at the start of the pandemic, when many shelters were emptied.

"That is good news," she said. "We have seen people very interested in our behavior and training classes and private sessions. We've been super busy."

For more information on pet adoption, visit the East Bay SPCA at <https://eastbayspca.org>.

## Seminar to Focus on Minority-Owned Business Resources

The Alameda County Small Business Development Center will host a free, online seminar on minority-owned small-business resources on Wednesday, Aug. 4.

According to the Department of Commerce, there are about 8 million minority-owned businesses in the U.S., or about 29% of all businesses in the country.

The Zoom-based seminar will run from 1-3 p.m. To register, go to <https://nc.eccenterdirect.com/events/48474>.

## Scavenger Hunt in Livermore Set for "Global Day of Unplugging"

Little Free Libraries in Livermore will host a "Hunt for Gnomes" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 7, in celebration of Global Day of Unplugging.

Global Day of Unplugging is sponsored by the Unplug Collaborative, a nonprofit organization that encourages people to put down their electronic devices for a "tech-free experience."

Clues for tracking down the gnomes will be available at more than two dozen Little Free Libraries sites in the Livermore area for a week preceding the scavenger hunt.

The day of the scavenger hunt, participants will report

the gnomes they find and be entered in a drawing for prizes donated by Towne Center Books, Alden Lane Nursery, Wingen Bakery, R.J. Ammon Chiropractic, and Mozart, Einstein & Me.

To register for the free event, text "gnome" to 323-594-8628.

Participants will choose the route nearest them – the west route begins at Diamond Court and the east route begins at Oakville Lane and Cowan Way -- then go to their first stop at 10 a.m. on Aug. 7 to pick up a map and further instructions.

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## Harvest Festival Returns in August

The annual Pleasanton Harvest Festival, featuring food, handmade arts and crafts, and strolling entertainment, will return to the Alameda County Fairgrounds Friday through Sunday, Aug. 13-15.

"After being forced to postpone several of our shows last year due to COVID -19, we couldn't be more excited to be back," said Harvest Festival owner Nancy Glenn. "So many artists depend on events like ours to keep their businesses

going and we are thrilled to continue to offer them a forum to showcase their talents."

Hundreds of craft makers and artists are expected to participate in the annual festival, which will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. General admission tickets will be \$9, with discounts for seniors, active military, and youths 13-17. Children 12 and under will be admitted free.



The Pleasanton Harvest Festival, offering one of the largest arts and crafts marketplaces in California, will return to the Alameda County Fairgrounds Aug. 13-15. (Photo courtesy of Liz Rosinski)



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# TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Now to Friday, July 30 Club V.I.P. Outdoor Girls' Beach Volleyball League

Participating in Club V.I.P.'s Beach Volleyball League, players will get a chance to work on beach skills and receive conditioning due to playing on the sand. This is for intermediate indoor players who want to play beach volleyball. The league will be 6v6 format. Included are practices, two hours, once a week the first three weeks. Scrimmages will be held at different cities within the Tri-Valley during the last two weeks of the five-week league. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/3pPfdFx>. For more information, contact the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District at 925-373-5700.

### Thursday, July 22 KINDERTRANSPORT by Diane Samuels (A Play Reading)

Livermore Shakespeare Festival presents the final installment of their LifeSPARC: The Victory of Spirit series. In partnership with East Bay Holocaust Education Center, Livermore Shakespeare Festival actors will bring life to a story about the Holocaust through a staged reading of KINDERTRANSPORT by Diane Samuels. This event can also be accessed via livestream, Tuesday, July 22, at 7 p.m., via Zoom, or as a recorded performance July 23 to 27. This event is sponsored by East Bay Holocaust Education Center. Tickets are \$15. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <https://sforce.co/35Y9gx>.

### Sunday, Aug. 1 to Sunday, Aug. 8 Piano in the Plaza

Persimmon Place's Piano in the Plaza kicks off at 3 p.m., with the unveiling of the piano's transformation by local artist, Thomasin Dewhurst (with help from her students), as well as classical musical performances by student musicians from Amador Valley High School's award-winning music department. Following the launch event, the piano will remain open to the public to play on a first come basis. Come play with us and share your talents with your neighbors! Piano in the Plaza is a fundraiser for the local Hill & Valley Club's PENNIES FOR KIDS program. Donate your loose change at the piano kiosk or make a donation online. For more information, contact Persimmon Place / Polite Society's Marty Griswold at [persimmonplace@nwpolitesociety.com](mailto:persimmonplace@nwpolitesociety.com) or 206-660-0678.

### Saturday, Aug. 7 Quest Science Center - Science of Music

How is sound created? Build instruments from household materials and experiment with sound waves. Play the Space Palette Pro. Enjoy a mini concert from Don Lewis, an electronic music inventor and pion. This event is free and family friendly and will be hosted outdoors. For more information, contact Quest Science Center's Caleb Cheung at [ccheung@quest-science.org](mailto:ccheung@quest-science.org).

### Monday, Aug. 9 Researching Your Civil War Ancestor

From 7 to 8:30 p.m., join Jeff Vaillant in a session where he will share stories and strategies he used in finding his Civil War ancestors. Vaillant is career certified facility manager who has worked for federal, state and local agencies, as well as financial institutions, research organizations, consumer games and manufacturing entities. The event is free and will be hosted on Zoom. For the registration link or additional information, contact Tom Mathews, program chairperson at [program@L-AGS.org](mailto:program@L-AGS.org).

### Thursday, Aug. 12 Signs of Normal Aging versus Dementia

Hope Hospice's dementia specialists will discuss "Signs of Normal Aging versus Dementia," from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Since dementia dramatically changes the ways that individuals think, perceive, and communicate, caring for a loved one with dementia presents unique challenges. Hope Hospice's dementia specialists will discuss the nature and progression of dementia and the various diseases and conditions that can produce its symptoms. Participants will gain a basic understanding of the ways in which dementia can impact the brain and behavior. If you're caring for an elderly family member, Hope Hospice is here to help with a free education series, now offered as interactive classes through Zoom. Recordings of past events are also available on the website, too. To register, visit [HopeHospice.com/family](http://HopeHospice.com/family). For more information, call 925-829-8770.

### Thursday, Aug. 12 "Jesus Christ Superstar" Documentary Release Party

Join Ted Neeley for a special "Superstars, The Documentary – Extended Version" Release Party

and screening of the remastered 70mm print of the original "Jesus Christ Superstar" film, at Vine Cinema & Alehouse, at 7 p.m. Tickets are limited and sold out quickly for the last event, so advance purchase is recommended. 100% of all general admission ticket sales will go directly to the Vine Cinema. VIP Experience tickets are available at [tedneeley.com](https://bit.ly/3eYp1sK). General admission tickets are available at <https://bit.ly/3eYp1sK>. For more information, email [jcsevents2020@gmail.com](mailto:jcsevents2020@gmail.com).

### Saturday, Aug. 14 Valley Dance Theatre 40th Season Gala

Last year was the VDT's 40th season, but due to COVID-19, the entire performing season was cancelled. This coming fall will be their 41st season, 40th year of being able to entertain audiences. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$300 for a table of eight. All proceeds from this fundraiser are to improve facilities at the school, such as getting a new floor in Studio A. There will be hors d'oeuvres, desserts, Livermore wines and beers, a no host bar, a silent auction, and raffle items, as well as performances from the Valley Dance Theatre's vast repertoire. Please RSVP by July 16 to Madison Adkins at [maddie@valleydancetheatre.com](mailto:maddie@valleydancetheatre.com)

### Thursday, Sept. 9 Living with Dementia: Dementia Basics

From 10 to 11:30 a.m., Hope Hospice's dementia specialists will discuss "Living with Dementia: Dementia Basics" Since dementia dramatically changes the ways that individuals think, perceive, and communicate, caring for a loved one with dementia presents unique challenges. Participants will gain a basic understanding of the ways in which dementia can impact the brain and behavior. If you're caring for an elderly family member, Hope Hospice is here to help with a free education series, now offered as interactive classes through Zoom. Recordings of past events are also available on the website, too. To register, visit [HopeHospice.com/family](http://HopeHospice.com/family). For more information, call 925-829-8770.

### Monday, Sept. 13, 20, and 27 Experienced Singers Invited to Sing Mozart "Requiem"

The Valley Concert Chorale will open their doors in September to all Bay Area singers with a bold new project. Experienced singers are invited to sing the Mozart "Re-

quiem" in an October performance with VCC members. Starting Sept. 13 and for the next two Monday evenings, singers will meet in Livermore to rehearse the great choral masterwork. Rehearsals are on Monday nights, Sept. 13, 20, and 27, at 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., in Livermore. Evening performance is Saturday, Oct. 2, at the same location in Livermore, at 7 p.m. There is a \$30 participation fee payable at the door. For more information or to obtain a registration form, visit [valleyconcertchorale.org](http://valleyconcertchorale.org) or call 925-866-4003.

### ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Dublin Farmers Market Open for the Season

Open Thursdays, 4 to 8 p.m., at Emerald Glen Community Park, 4201 Central Parkway.

#### Livermore Downtown Farmers Market Open for the Season

Open Sundays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Second Street between J Street and L Street. Open Thursdays, April 15 to Nov. 18, from 4 to 8 p.m., at Carnegie Park, 2155 Third St., between J Street and K Street.

#### Pleasanton Farmers Market Open for the Season

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

### VIRTUAL ONLINE EVENTS -AVAILABLE ANYTIME

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# Moving On: Changes at 3 Steves Winery in Livermore

By Laura Ness

One of the principal Steves at 3 Steves Winery, Steve Burman, has moved back to the East Coast with his wife, Kim and sons. Burman is well-known in the Livermore winemaking community as someone who takes wine quality as seriously as he takes treating people right and showing them a good time. “Burman’s leaving is definitely a big loss to Livermore; he is such a team player in the community,” Larry Dino of Cuda Ridge Winery said. Burman, a native of Philadelphia, moved to the Bay Area in 1994, where he worked as an executive at

Ford Motor Company, while simultaneously embarking on his MBA at Stanford University. “It was a great setup. Ford paid for school, housing and living expenses, but like a typical East Coaster, I totally bashed California,” Burman recalled. “\$400,000 for a home? And the traffic! It took a number of years to beat the East Coast out of me.” Ultimately, California introduced him to the world of wine. By 2006, Burman was involved in a winemaking project in Livermore, working at Tenuta Vineyards with a group of people who had either given up their previous careers or would

eventually do so in pursuit of their newfound passion. Burman followed suit and quit corporate life in 2008. In the spring of 2013, the 3 Steves — Burman, Steve Melander and Steve Zigante — took over the Red Feather facility at the top of Greenville Road, remodeled it and opened in July. Instantly, it became the go-to place. The Steves and their quickly growing staff built not just a winery, but a brand of camaraderie that drew people to the winery in droves. He and winemaker Darin Winton of Cellar 13, spent hours perfecting their pizza craft, and the lunchtime gatherings with neighboring winemakers will long be remembered.

For Burman, it’s been the realization of a dream to not only make wine, but to have it recognized. In 2014, the 3 Steves won Best Red of Show at the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition for their 2011 Cienega Zinfandel. Burman said he is going to miss the area deeply, but added that the move was necessary as his wife deals with some health challenges. “It’s the right thing to do,” he said. All things in life go in cycles. He’ll soon be making wine or pizza (or both) in Delaware. You can count on it.

### Dublin Seeks Members for Arts Committee

Dublin is seeking residents to serve on a committee to review proposals and make recommendations for two public art projects at Dublin Heritage Park.

The 10-acre park at Dublin Boulevard and Donlon Way includes several historic buildings, a pioneer cemetery, and picnic areas.

Residents will be joined on the Art Selection Committee by city staff and commissioners.

To apply, complete an application form at <https://dublin.ca.gov/FormCenter/Parks-and-Community-Services-9/Public-Art-Selection-Committee-Interest-64> by Monday, Aug. 2.

## Bay Area District Adopts Stricter Emission Standards for Refineries

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) has adopted new regulations designed to further reduce particulate emissions from oil refineries.

Changes to the district’s Rule 6-5 impose stricter limits on particulate emissions less than 2.5 micrometers (PM2.5) from Fluidized Catalytic Cracking Units (FCCU), which the district said are the largest single source of particulate emissions at refineries.

FCCUs which turn heavier crude oil into lighter petroleum products, including gasoline.

A staff analysis concluded that PM2.5 emissions from FCCUs are the primary health threat from air pollution in the Bay Area, especially in terms of premature mortality.

“As scientific understanding continues to advance on the harmful health effects of particulate matter pollution, stricter controls are necessary to protect those who live and work in refinery communities,” said BAAQMD executive officer Jack Broadbent.

The district said the rule “is now the most health-protective and stringent regulation of its kind in the country.”

Rule 6-5 applies to four refineries in the Bay Area that have FCCUs.

The Valero Energy refinery in Benicia has already installed a wet-gas scrubber to control emissions. The other affected refineries are the Chevron facility in Richmond and the PBF Energy and Tesoro refineries in Martinez.

## Livermore Library Receives Donation

The Livermore Public Library has received a \$106,300 donation from the family of Yu-Li Pan, a longtime resident of Livermore who died in February 2020, to fund online resources that support investment and business research, cultural diversity, and education.

The resources will be available to anyone with a library account through at [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

The library said those resources include the ValueLine Investment Survey, expanded access to Morningstar’s investment service, and Proquest U.S. Major Dailies, which provides access to the Wall Street Journal,

Washington Post, New York Times, and Chicago Tribune.

Other online resources include Proquest Ethnic NewsWatch, Gale OneFile – Diversity Studies, and the Oxford Reference Library, which the library said would expand community access to resources focusing on cultural diversity, and continued access to Tutor.com.

Pan, who lived in Livermore from 1970 until 2018, immigrated from China in 1950. He received a PhD in physics from the University of California in 1964 and worked at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory until his retirement in 1993.

# OBITUARIES

**Arthur J. Solomon**  
April 22, 1943 - June 13, 2021



Arthur J. Solomon passed away peacefully with his family by his side on June 13, 2021. Art was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania to Robert and Roberta Solomon. Art grew up in San Bruno, California and maintained contact with many high school friends up until his death. He graduated from Cal Berkeley with a degree in psychology. He received his doctorate degree in 1974 and then worked for Kaiser Permanente for 30 years before retiring to continue a private practice for 16 years. Art met his wife, Ann, in 1967, and after a whirlwind romance, they

married in 1968. Art enjoyed his family and was revered by them all. He was very proud of his daughters, Siah (Fred) and Carrie (Tim) Brophy. He got tremendous pride and joy watching all nine of his

grandchildren participate in their many activities. Siah’s children are Savannah, Abigail and Maxwell. Carrie’s children are Emma, Isabella, Griffin, Porter, Trey and Paisley. He will be missed by his sister, Beth Casper, and his brother Harvey as well as niece Laura Youngblood and his nephew Jeff Solomon. Art will be remembered for his humor and empathy. He had a gift and love for helping others and an ability to connect with anyone. He was deeply-loved and will be missed by family and friends.

**Robert Jerold Grabske**  
June 29, 1936 - June 22, 2021

Robert Jerold Grabske of Berkeley, California passed away from cancer on June 22, 2021. Robert was born in Independence, Missouri on June 29, 1936. He was a graduate of Kansas University with a PhD in bio-chemistry. He married his wife Helga (Frenzel) Grabske in 1957. They came to California in 1964 and settled in Livermore where he worked as a bio-chemist for 31 years

at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He and his wife retired in 1993 and spent their time traveling; going on long-distance hiking trips in the U.K. They also attended lots of theater both in the Bay Area and in the UK. Robert kept busy at home in his shop, building or doing repairs for himself, neighbors and friends. He is preceded in death by his wife in 2019 after

62 years of marriage. Later he met Judith Marx Golub from Los Altos, and they remained together until his death. He is also survived by his son, Martin Charles Grabske and daughter-in-law Pam Grabske of Livermore. In lieu of flowers, a donation to a no-kill animal shelter in his memory would be appreciated.

**Nancy Ann Wicksten**  
Sept. 1, 1934 - July 13, 2021



Nancy Ann (Smith) Wicksten passed away with her family by her side on July 13, 2021, in Albany, Oregon, at the age of 86. Nancy was born in Indian Mound, Tennessee on September 1, 1934, the daughter of Marvin and Christine (Tippit) Smith. Nancy and her younger brother Tommy grew up in the rolling hills of middle Tennessee. Nancy’s family moved to Clarksville in the late 1940s, where she later graduated from Clarksville High School and attended Austin Peay College. After the death of her father, Nancy worked in an attorney’s office, using her typing and shorthand skills to help support her family. One night she and her cousin Ellen went to a party where she met the love of her life, Leonard Wicksten, a young GI stationed at nearby Fort Campbell. Nancy and Leonard married in December of 1955. Nancy and Leonard were stationed in Augsburg, Germany, and her time there was one of the big adventures of her life. She tried skiing in the Alps, went to Oktoberfests, visited castles, made friends with German neighbors and she gave birth to two of her daughters. After returning to the states, they welcomed their third daughter in Livermore, California, where they continued to live for the next two decades. Nancy was an active member of the Presby-

terian church, teaching Sunday school and serving as deacon. Nancy had a long career at the DMV, and when she was promoted to the Sacramento office as a legislative analyst, they relocated to Lodi. Nancy always loved cats, and she allowed one particular feral cat a place to nest in her garage each time the cat was expecting a litter. Nancy socialized each and every kitten, and she made sure that they all found good homes. She had a heart full of love for the innocents of the world. Nancy’s biggest joy in her life was her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She never tired of holding and rocking her grandbabies. Nancy was a constant in their lives, a place of safety, support and unwavering love. Her legendary Granny hugs will remain tangible memories for years to come. She loved watching the grandkids splash around in her swimming pool, and she was generous with her

movie-night, popcorn-and-milkshake sleepovers. Although she was afflicted with multiple sclerosis, she handled her physical challenges with grace, always keeping a positive attitude and hoping for a cure someday. She found ways to stay mobile as long as she could, enjoying many summers on the Oregon Coast and going on Alaskan cruises. She took cross-country road trips to Tennessee with her daughters and grandchildren to visit family, and she had great fun planning stops along the way—beautiful deserts, mountains and caverns, cheesy roadside attractions, museums, regional historical sites—she was an adventurous travel companion. Nancy was predeceased by her parents, her brother, and her husband. Her memory will continue to live in her three surviving daughters, Debbie Freeman (Eric) of Lodi, California; Lisa Egan (Carey) of Corvallis, Oregon; and Annette Fordyce (Kerry) of Nevada City, California; as well as her eight grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren. A private celebration of her life will be held on August 21 in Lodi, California. Contributions can be made to the American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association ([aarda.org](http://aarda.org)), 19176 Hall Road, Suite 130, Clinton Township, Michigan, 48038

**Nancy Cuddy Pennell**  
Aug. 16, 1942 - July 16, 2021



Nancy Pennell, a woman known for her adventurous spirit and generosity, died July 16, 2021, after falling in her home. She had been battling health issues for months. She was 78. The health challenges were not slowing her down. During a time of tribute at the Pleasanton Rotary Club, one member observed Nancy had been at meetings Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of that week, including a social event Thursday when she was sipping her signature Chardonnay with ice. Nancy was drawn to Rotary after talking with a Rotarian who discussed the Wheelchair Foundation. That became her passion. She joined the club’s wheelchair committee and traveled several times to distribute wheelchairs in different countries. Her sister, Patty Rabada, said Nancy did not like heat—a challenge in the tropical countries, but she went anyway. She said Nancy came home “Exhausted and exhilarated.” She also traveled with Rotary medical missions. Both Rotarians and her fellow golfers commented that you never had to guess what Nancy’s opinion was. The Rotarians said that she routinely took charge and her leadership typically worked out well. During the demotion party to end her service as Rotary Club president, one member saluted her as General Nancy Pennell and did a riff on George C. Scott’s famous opening

speech in the movie “Patton.” She was known for being generous with both her time and her finances. In addition to her service with Rotary, she also served two years on the Alameda County Grand Jury. She was born in Jefferson, Iowa, to Thomas Raymond Cuddy and his wife, Elizabeth Barnes Cuddy. They lived in Iowa for a few years before the family moved to San Antonio, Texas where she graduated from high school. She attended San Antonio Junior College before embarking on a 20-year career as a flight attendant for Saturn Airlines and Seaboard Airlines that flew military personnel around the world. That included many trips to Vietnam, as well as Berlin and other European destinations. She moved on and attended Chabot College’s nursing school in Hayward. She worked as a nurse for many years, heading the critical care unit at St. Rose Hospital in Hayward. In 1983 she married Robert Pennell and they lived in Aptos.

They moved to Pleasanton in 1988 where she lived until she passed. They shared an adventurous life together, skiing, enjoying fine dining and traveling widely. After her husband died, she continued to travel including trips to China and Africa. Nancy was an avid golfer and played weekly with the Pleasanton Women’s Golf Club at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Nancy is survived by her sister Patty (John) Rabada of Livermore; her brothers Tom (Chris) Cuddy of Crosby, Texas; and Robert (Suzi) Cuddy of Kerrville, Texas; and her late husband’s daughter Merrily (Jerry) Rosenthal of Granite Bay, California. Her life will be celebrated with a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 29 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. There will be a visitation on Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at Graham Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton. Burial will be in the Merle Hay Memorial Cemetery in Glidden, Iowa. The family prefers contributions in her memory to the Pleasanton Rotary Foundation for wheelchairs (Rotary Club of Pleasanton, P.O. Box 352, Pleasanton, California, 94566; to Fisher House for wounded veterans ([www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org)) and to the Sentinels of Freedom that provide homes for disabled veterans (<http://sentinelsoffreedom.org/>).

**Fay Utterback Montgomery**  
Nov. 28, 1934 – Nov. 10, 2020

Elda Fay (Utterback) Montgomery peacefully left her earthly body on the morning of November 10, 2020. She was born to Leo Utterback and Nellie McCallister Utterback in Clayton, West Virginia on November 28, 1934. One of four children, her family lived in many West Virginia locations before settling in the small lumber town of Rainelle, West Virginia. She was proud of her West Virginia roots and spent much time there visiting family and friends. Elda graduated from Rainelle High School in Rainelle, West Virginia in 1953. She then graduated in 1957 from Glenville State College in Glenville, West Virginia, with a degree in education. She would eventually end up with a master’s degree in education from West Virginia University. From Glenville College, Elda set off for a lifetime of adventures teaching children in many different locations. First, came Ober-

lin, Ohio. Next, she worked for the Defense Department on Midway Island teaching children of Naval personnel stationed there. After Midway, she settled in Honolulu teaching the children of the workers in the sugar cane industry. It was in Honolulu where she met her ex-husband, Cassel Montgomery, and they decided to settle on the mainland. That brought her to Livermore where she started her career as a teacher for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. Elda taught fifth grade at Jackson Avenue Elementary and English and social studies at East Avenue Middle School. She had a way of reaching and inspiring her students and created lifetime relationships with many of them. She retired in 1999 after 43 years as an educator. She wasn’t just about education; she was about travel! Whether she was traveling back to West Virginia to see friends and family, trekking to the Holy

Land, or to countless other exotic locations, she was always up for an adventure. Elda is predeceased by her parents, Leo and Nellie Utterback; sister, Alva Utterback Kinard; and brother, Gene Jones. Elda is survived by her son, Barry Montgomery, daughter-in-law, Leslie Montgomery, and her two grandsons, Grant and Garret Montgomery, who she dearly loved. She also leaves behind her sister Evelyn Drake of Gallatin, Tennessee, many cousins, and countless friends that meant the world to her. A huge thank you to her neighbor, Evelynne Schwartz, for helping her stay at home as long as possible. One can only hope to live half of the exciting life that Elda lived and she didn’t take life for granted. Until we meet again, Mom! A celebration of life will be held on August 7, at 10 a.m. at St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way in Livermore. All are welcome to join us in celebrating Elda!



# Shumway to Lead Innovation Tri-Valley as the Board Chair

Rick Shumway, CEO of Stanford Health Care–ValleyCare, has been named board chair for the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group (ITV).

Shumway succeeds Steve



Rick Shumway



Steve Lanza

Lanza, who served as board chair for three years and led the development of ITV's 2040 Vision Plan, which was unveiled last month.

ITV is a network of business and civic leaders focused on generating job growth and economic vitality in the region.

"The Tri-Valley is an exceptionally innovative and forward-thinking region," according to Shumway. "Leaders in every sector here genuinely believe we are stronger together, and that collaborative core value is the region's secret sauce."

Shumway added that he is "completely bullish on what can be accomplished in the Tri-Valley in the next 20 years."

Lanza, a principal at Tri-Valley Advising and a professor of strategy, finance and management at Las Positas College and Golden Gate University, will continue as a member of ITV's board and executive committee.

# Pleasanton Twins Capture 6 Medals At National Racquetball Tourney

Arya Cyril and Esha Cyril, 16-year-old twin sisters from Pleasanton, brought home a combined six medals from the USA Racquetball 2021 National Junior Championships held this month in Des Moines, Iowa.

Arya, playing with Nikhil Prasad from Washington High School in Fremont, California, took the gold medal in 16-and-under mixed doubles, along with

a gold in the Division A girls 16-and-under singles. She and her sister, Esha, also took the silver medal in the girls 16-years-old doubles.

In addition to her silver medal in girls' doubles, Esha also took silver in the girls 16-and-under singles division won by her sister, and captured a bronze in 16-and under mixed doubles, playing with Gatlin Sutherland, from Great Falls High School in Montana, according to the USA Racquetball.

Medals were awarded to the top four finishers in each division.

The Cyril twins, seniors-to-be at the Quarry Lane School in Dublin this fall, have been playing racquetball since they were 11. They currently train under Pablo Fajre, founder of the professional World Racquetball Tour, at the Bay Club in Pleasanton.

Earlier this year, they also received a Real Racquetball Champions Award from USA Racquetball, the national governing body for amateur racquetball, for creating a GoFundMe page for a Giving Tuesday campaign during the COVID-19 pandemic that raised \$6,000 for the organization.



**Pleasanton twins Esha (at left) and Arya Cyril brought home a combined six medals from the USA Racquetball 2021 National Junior Championships this month in Des Moines, Iowa.** (Photo – Dimple Cyril)

# Civil Air Patrol Returns to Meeting In Person at Livermore Airport

The San Francisco Bay Group 2 of the Civil Air Patrol celebrated the return to in-person meetings this month with a day of training, orientation flights, a beacon-hunting competition, and other educational activities at the Livermore Airport, home to the Tri-Valley Composite Squadron 156.

"This activity was the catalyst needed to lead our organization out of the pandemic and instill a greater sense of community," said Lt. Col. Shawn Lawson, Group 2 commander.

He said about 160 cadets, adult members, parents,

and visitors attended the celebration.

The volunteer Civil Air Patrol is the civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force and provides air-support services during emergencies. Bay Group 2 includes 10 squadrons based in Livermore, Concord, San Francisco, Oakland, Hayward, Palo Alto, San Carlos, San Jose, and Watsonville.

Because of the pandemic, CAP squadrons had been meeting virtually since March 2020 and only resumed in-person meetings in June.



**The Civil Air Patrol held a day of training, including color guard, orientation flights, and other activities at the Livermore Airport, home to the Tri-Valley Composite Squadron 156.** (Photo - Lt. Col. Ken Sturgill)



**Judy and Leon Fenton of Pleasanton celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary four days early this week, on Wednesday, with family at the SideTrack Bar & Grill. The couple have three children, Julie, Asa and Tiffany, all living the Bay Area, and six grandchildren. They were married on July 29, 1961.**

# Library to Host Empathy Talk

The Livermore Public Library will host an online conversation about "empathy" on Tuesday, Aug. 31.

Designed to encourage understanding, reveal common ground, and seek solutions among community members, the guided, interactive discussion will follow a format created by Living Room Conversations, a nonprofit formed in 2010 to "bridge divides through conversation."

Librarian Paul Sevilla will facilitate the conversa-

tion. Participants will select from a set of questions designed to encourage dialogue during each of three rounds of conversation.

This program will be presented via Zoom from 7-8:30 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required by calling 925- 373-5505. Registered participants will receive a Zoom link a few days prior to the event. To access the discussion guide and view the list of questions, go to <https://bit.ly/3xIFvvV>.

# PUSD to Honor 2020 Grads

Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) is hosting an in-person gathering to celebrate the graduates of 2020 who missed out on their planned festivities.

The event, slated for Thursday, Aug. 5, will welcome anyone who graduated last spring and was prevented from the proverbial hat throw. The location and time have yet to be decided.

"We have been reaching out to our class of 2020 — our seniors who graduated in the thick of the pandemic, to see if any students would be interested in coming back to have that traditional, in-

person celebration that they missed," said Patrick Gannon, PUSD communications and community engagement coordinator. "I think it's important for students who want that they've earned it — so we are having a celebration as a community."

Gannon said the district will offer the rite of passage to any high school senior who graduated in 2020 and hopes to recognize the accomplishments of participating students.

Those interested in participating are encouraged to visit [www.pleasantonusd.net/](http://www.pleasantonusd.net/) or call 925-462-5500.

# Haven to Donate Backpacks

Tri-Valley Haven will distribute backpacks filled with school supplies free to needy students in Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 4.

The annual distribution will be held at two locations this year -- at the nonprofit organization's food pantry at 418 Junction Ave. in Livermore and at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. in Pleasanton.

Tri-Valley Haven will provide one backpack per

child, up to three per family, on a first-come basis while supplies last.

The organization, which provides services to children and adults who have been victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or homelessness, also has a limited number of scientific calculators for AP Math students, to be picked up at its Community Building at 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore.

For availability, call 925-449-5845 or email [ralph@trivalleyhaven.org](mailto:ralph@trivalleyhaven.org).

# OUR LOCAL NONPROFITS NEED YOUR SUPPORT, PLEASE DONATE IF YOU ARE ABLE!

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1089 Geneva Street  
Livermore, CA 94550-5661  
925-292-8123  
[www.CalQuest.org](http://www.CalQuest.org)  
[www.questers1944.org](http://www.questers1944.org)

## Amador Valley Lions Club

P. O. Box 1764  
Pleasanton, CA 94566  
(925) 290-7592  
[Amadorvalley.lions@gmail.com](mailto:Amadorvalley.lions@gmail.com)

## Assistance League

**Amador Valley**  
P.O. Box 11843  
Pleasanton, CA 94588  
925-461-6401  
[Assistanceleague.org/Amador-valley/](http://Assistanceleague.org/Amador-valley/)

## Axis Community Health

5925 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 100  
Pleasanton, CA 94588  
925-201-6068  
[Axishealth.org](http://Axishealth.org)

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[Bigbayray16@gmail.com](mailto:Bigbayray16@gmail.com)  
925-523-3133  
[Bigbayray.com](http://Bigbayray.com)

## Blankets For Kids

7580 Driftwood Way  
Pleasanton, CA 94588  
925-846-6155

## Cantabella Children's Chorus

P.O. Box 131  
Pleasanton, CA 94566  
925-292-2663  
[Cantabella.org](http://Cantabella.org)

## Cheza Nami

5424 Sunol Blvd. Suite 10-15  
Pleasanton, CA 94566  
[chezanami.org](http://chezanami.org)

## Christian Youth Theater Tri-Valley

P.O. Box 1586  
Pleasanton, CA 94566  
925-421-1351  
[cyytrivalley.org](http://cyytrivalley.org)

## Citizens for Balanced Growth

661 S. N St.  
Livermore, CA 94550  
[CitizensForBalancedGrowth.org](http://CitizensForBalancedGrowth.org)

## CityServe of Tri-Valley

P.O. Box 1613  
Pleasanton, CA 94566  
925-223-6947  
[cityservetrivalley.org](http://cityservetrivalley.org)

## Community Health Education Fund

CHEF/TVNF  
C/O Maria Mancini  
P.O. Box is 420  
Livermore, CA 94551

## Culinary Angels

4435 First St., #142  
Livermore, CA 94550  
[CulinaryAngels.org](http://CulinaryAngels.org)

## Exceptional Needs Network

P.O. Box 3149  
Livermore, CA 94551  
925-215-2281  
[ennetwork.org](http://ennetwork.org)

## Feral Cat Foundation

P.O. Box 1173  
Alamo, CA 94507  
925-829-9098  
[Feralcatfoundation.org](http://Feralcatfoundation.org)

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4743 East Avenue  
Livermore, CA 94550  
925-344-9090  
[Fertilegroundworks.org](http://Fertilegroundworks.org)

## Friends of the Livermore Library

P.O. Box 2483  
Livermore, CA 94551  
[www.friendsoflivermorelibrary.org](http://www.friendsoflivermorelibrary.org)

## Friends of Open Space and Vineyards

P.O. Box 1191  
Livermore, CA 94551  
[fov.org](http://fov.org)

## Goodness Village

1660 Freisman Rd.  
Livermore, CA 94551  
[Goodnessvillage.community](http://Goodnessvillage.community)

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6601 Owens Drive, Suite 100  
Pleasanton, CA 94588  
925-417-8733  
[BeHively.org](http://BeHively.org)

## Hope Hospice

6377 Clark Ave.  
Dublin, CA 94568  
925-829-8770  
[HopeHospice.com/donate](http://HopeHospice.com/donate)

## Interfaith Sharing Inc.

678 Enos Way  
Livermore, CA 94551  
925-366-5567  
[saintbartsLivermore.com](http://saintbartsLivermore.com)

## Las Positas College Foundation

3000 Campus Hill Drive  
Livermore, CA 94551  
925-424-1010  
[LPCFoundation.org](http://LPCFoundation.org)

## Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society

P. O. Box 901  
Livermore, CA 94551  
[l-ags.org](http://l-ags.org)

## Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild

P.O. Box 1049  
Livermore, CA 94551  
925-447-6454  
[Livermoreamadorsymphony.org/guild](http://Livermoreamadorsymphony.org/guild)

## Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Foundation

P.O. Box 3403  
Livermore, CA 94551  
925-373-5730  
[Larpd.org/larpd-foundation](http://Larpd.org/larpd-foundation)

## Livermore Art Association

P.O. Box 216  
Livermore, CA 94551  
925-449-9927  
[Livermoreartassociation.org](http://Livermoreartassociation.org)

## Livermore Filipino-American Organization, Inc.

P.O. Box 172  
Livermore, CA 94551  
[Livermorefilam.org](http://Livermorefilam.org)

## Livermore-Granada Boosters

2117 Fourth St.  
Livermore, CA 94550  
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## Livermore Heritage Guild

P.O. Box 961  
Livermore, CA 94551  
925-449-9927  
[Lhg.org](http://Lhg.org)

## Livermore Homeless Refuge

4743 East Ave.  
Livermore, CA 94550  
925-895-4167  
[HomelessRefugeLivermore.com](http://HomelessRefugeLivermore.com)

## Livermore Lab Foundation

c/o UC Office of National Labs  
1111 Broadway, Suite 2130  
Oakland, CA 94607  
925-453-9382  
[Livermorelabfoundation.org](http://Livermorelabfoundation.org)

## Livermore Lions Club

P.O. Box 975  
Livermore, CA 94551  
805-405-8743

## Livermore Pleasanton Fire Fighters Foundation

4847 Hopyard Road  
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## Livermore Valley Education Foundation

849 East Stanley Boulevard  
PMB Box 143  
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[LVEF.org](http://LVEF.org)

## Livermore Valley Opera

P.O. Box 1002  
Livermore, CA 94551  
925-321-6964  
[Livermorevalleyopera.com](http://Livermorevalleyopera.com)

## Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center

2400 First St.  
Livermore, CA 94550  
925-373-6100  
[LivermoreArts.com](http://LivermoreArts.com)

## Monthly Miracles

5211 Demarcus Blvd  
Dublin, CA 94568  
[Monthlymiracles.org](http://Monthlymiracles.org)

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[MovementsForTheMind.com](http://MovementsForTheMind.com)  
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## Museum on Main

603 Main Street  
Pleasanton, CA 94566  
902-462-2766  
[Museumonmain.org](http://Museumonmain.org)

## NAMI Tri-Valley

P.O. Box 5563  
Pleasanton, CA 94566  
925-980-5331  
[www.nami-trivalley.org](http://www.nami-trivalley.org)

## Open Heart Kitchen

1141 Catalina Dr. # 137,  
Livermore CA 9 4550  
(mailing address only)  
925-580-1616  
[OpenHeartKitchen.org](http://OpenHeartKitchen.org)

## Pacific Locomotive Assoc., Inc. Operators of Niles Canyon Railway

P.O. Box 515  
Sunol, CA 94586-0515  
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## Partners for Change Tri-Valley

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## Paws In Need

[Info@Paws-In-Need.org](mailto:Info@Paws-In-Need.org)  
925-551-1877  
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## Pleasanton Art League

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## Pleasanton Community Concert Band

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## Quest Science Center

P.O. Box 2129  
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[Quest-Science.org](http://Quest-Science.org)

## Reins In Motion

Therapeutic Riding Program  
P.O. Box 1001  
Livermore, CA 94551  
[reinsinmotionca.com](http://reinsinmotionca.com)

## Rotarian Foundation of Livermore

P.O. Box 2181  
Livermore, CA 94551-2181  
<http://www.rotarianfoundationlivermore.org>

## Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation

5890 Stoneridge Dr., Suite 104  
Pleasanton, CA 94588  
866-862-7270  
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9801 Dublin Blvd.  
Dublin, CA 94568  
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## Senior Support Program of The Tri-Valley

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Pleasanton, CA 94566  
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Livermore, CA 94551  
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## The Taylor Family Foundation

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Livermore, CA 94551  
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## Tri-Valley Animal Rescue

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## Tri-Valley Conservancy

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## Tri-Valley Haven

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## Valley Dance Theatre

2247-B Second St.  
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925-243-0925  
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## Valley Humane Society

3670 Nevada St.  
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## Air Quality District Expands Testing of "Smart" Electric Tractors

Fully electric “smart” tractors, developed by Livermore-based Monarch Tractors and introduced at Wente Vineyards in April, are now in operation at four additional Bay Area farms as part of a California program to demonstrate zero-emission technology in agriculture.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) said last week that seven Monarch tractors had been deployed to Old School Vineyards in Napa, Arroyo Lindo Vineyard in Sonoma, The Mushroom Farm in Pescadero, and Crocker & Starr in St. Helena.

The tractors were paid for with a \$1

million grant from the state’s Funding Agricultural Reduction Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) program.

“The air district is proud to take the lead in advancing clean technologies, such as zero-emission tractors, which is a significant and necessary step toward meeting our goals of reducing air quality disparities and climate impacts throughout the Bay Area,” said BAAQMD executive officer Jack Broadbent. “The FARMER program is proof that clean technologies are possible in every industry.”

Monarch was formed in December 2019 by Motivo Engineering in Fremont

to market the company’s next-generation tractor, developed with funding from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

In 2020, the BAAQMD awarded Monarch a \$480,000 grant to develop a demonstration project under the FARMER program. Wente Vineyards in Livermore partnered with Monarch during beta testing to evaluate the tractor’s real-life performance.

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#### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. HG21100693

#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

#### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

**Petitioner:**  
Stephanie Joy Lopez  
2171 Beech Common  
Livermore, CA 94551  
(925)315-1594  
sjl\_80@hotmail.com  
filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

**Present Name:**  
Stephanie Joy Lopez  
**Proposed Name:**  
Stephanie Ilana Cruz

#### 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: 8/20/2021 Time: 11:00 AM Dept: 17

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: May 7, 2021 /s/ Judge Tara M. Desautels. The Independent Legal No. 4911 Published July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2021.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580361

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Quick-n-Safe Plumbing 2. Quick Plumbing 3. Safe Plumbing, 1715 Canterbury Lane, Hayward, CA 94544, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Yama Hossainkhil, 1715 Canterbury Lane, Hayward, CA 94544. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Yama Hossainkhil, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 29, 2021. Expires June 29, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4912. Published July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2021.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

#### FILE NO. 579987

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580570

The following person(s) doing business as: Sleeping Tree Pictures, 1011 Jones Street, Berkeley, CA 94710, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Silvia Turchin, 1011 Jones Street, Berkeley, CA 94710. 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: Silvia Turchin, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 7, 2021. Expires July 7, 2026. Legal No. 4916. Published July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2021.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580571

The following person(s) doing business as: Bosschart Design, 1011 Jones Street, Berkeley, CA 94710, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Aimee Bosschart, 1011 Jones Street, Berkeley, CA 94710. 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: Aimee Bosschart, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 7, 2021. Expires July 7, 2026. Legal No. 4917. Published July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2021.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580688

The following person(s) doing business as: Foss Garden Design, 761 Hilldale Ave, Berkeley, CA 94708, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Reka Foss, 761 Hilldale Ave, Berkeley, CA 94708. This business is con-

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580593

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Livermore Printer, 2. Livermore Print and sign, 3. American Sign Installation Company, 383 South I Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Daniel Hugh Twomey, 1170 Larkspur Dr, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/8/2021. Signature of Registrant/s: Daniel Hugh Twomey, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 8, 2021. Expires July 8, 2026. Legal No. 4921. Published July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 2021.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580813

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. PLVNTLY, 2. Dynatec Industries, 1513 Pearl St. Alameda, CA 94501, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tiny Industries LLC, 1513 Pearl St. Alameda, CA 94501. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Andrew McDivitt, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 16, 2021. Expires July 16, 2026. Legal No. 4922. Published July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 2021.

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date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/1/2019. Signature of Registrant/s: Business Unlimited Group Corp Inc - Narendra Taneja, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 16, 2021. Expires July 16, 2026. Legal No. 4923. Published July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 2021.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580785

The following person(s) doing business as: La Gaviota Transport, 457 Andrews St., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Maria del Rosario Arciniega, 457 Andrews 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: Marial del Rosario Arciniega, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 15, 2021. Expires July 15, 2026. Legal No. 4924. Published July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 2021.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580794

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Dublin Nissan, 2. Dublin Infiniti, 6450 Dublin CT, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): East Bay Infiniti, Inc., 4200 John Monego CT, 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: Jaspreet Dosanjh, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 15, 2021. Expires July 15, 2026. Legal No. 4925. Published July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 2021.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Athens Bar & Grill, 6999 Dublin Blvd, Suite A, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Athens Burgers Corporation, 4261 Holland Drive, 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: 6/28/21. Signature of Registrant/s: Peter Theofanopoulos, Vice President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 14, 2021. Expires July 14, 2026. Legal No. 4926. Published July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 2021.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580990

The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Toyota, 6200 Northfront Rd, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Livermore Sales and Service, Inc., 4200 John Monego CT, 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: Jaspreet Dosanjh, Director. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 26, 2021. Expires July 26, 2026. Legal No. 4927. Published July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 2021.

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# Joey Travolta's Inclusive Short Film Camp Returns to the Tri-Valley

By Dawnmarie Fehr

The Joey Travolta Short Film Camp is back in Livermore this month, empowering special needs students with the confidence and skills to make their cinematic dreams come true.

Canceled last summer due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year's camp offers dozens of youths the opportunity to work in small groups as they learn how to

write scripts, act, film and edit. The result of their efforts — a 25-minute short film — will be screened at Livermore's Bankhead Theater in October.

"The kids were so happy to be back and working," said Travolta, older brother of actor John Travolta. "I have one camper who is helping here who was the first camper I ever had back in 2006 . . . I love that. I'm

watching these kids grow. I've been doing this for 15 years, and we have had hundreds of kids come through, so it's been great."

Travolta said some things are different this year, like mask requirements and social distancing, but the heart of the program is the same.

The camp is a collaboration between Travolta's company, Inclusion Films, and FE, a nonprofit organization that provides life skills, community and employment opportunities to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Travolta, a former special education teacher, partners with FE as part of his mission to spread awareness and understanding of autism. He said growing up, his father was always inclusive, and he learned compassion at an early age.

"Two of my best friends growing up were special needs, and I was always the protector," Travolta said. "Then when I became a special education teacher, I taught through drama. My whole family has been in drama and theater growing up, so I was in it and around it, so my theory was if you can watch TV for five hours, you can make your class in-

teresting by performing the lesson plan."

Hester Wagner is the director of film and media services for FE. She said the camp originally focused on campers with autism, but over the years has expanded to include anyone who wants to participate.

"Our camp is open to anybody; it's an inclusive camp, so we do have campers with and without disabilities," said Wagner. "In terms of support, we have behaviorists who work with us at camp . . . the film camps are for kids and young adults and use the element of filmmaking to teach social skill building, creativity and collaboration."

Cristhian Orellana is a 17-year-old camper who just wrapped up his sixth year with the film camp. He said he loves coming back to camp each year and hopes the skills he learns there will help him achieve his dream of becoming a film star.

"The reason I like it so much is because I'm inspired to have an acting profession," said Cristhian. "I like the new people I meet at camp, and to be able to collaborate with each other and inspire other people as well. My favorite part is the

dancing part and the improv games we in the camp do, where I get to act as someone else and play different types of games I really enjoy."

Cristhian said as a person with autism, he is proud to be who he is and appreciated the inspiration and support he receives from Travolta and everyone else he works with at the camp.

"I encourage everyone who has a disability, or speaks a different language, to participate in this camp with the legendary Joey Travolta," he said. "It can make dreams possible, because the dreamer makes the dream."

For more information on the film camp or the October screening, visit [www.futures-explored.org](http://www.futures-explored.org), email

[hesterwagner@futures-explored.org](mailto:hesterwagner@futures-explored.org) or call 916-416-5487.



Joey Travolta

For more information on Inclusion Films, visit [www.inclusionfilms.com](http://www.inclusionfilms.com).



The Joey Travolta Short Film Camp returned to Livermore this month at the Our Savior Lutheran School. The camp is held in conjunction with Futures Explored and offers students with special needs the opportunity to learn about filmmaking, editing and acting. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen) [See photo gallery at [www.independentnews.com/multimedia](http://www.independentnews.com/multimedia)]

## Public Invited to Play Persimmon Place Piano in Dublin

Persimmon Place is inviting local musicians, from piano students to professional pianists, to play the Dublin shopping center's renovated baby grand piano during a Piano in the Plaza celebration from Sunday, Aug. 1, through Sunday, Aug. 8.

The piano, in the plaza at 5200 Dublin Blvd., will be unveiled at 3 p.m. on Aug. 1.

Curtis Li, a junior at Amador Valley High School, will be the first to play the piano, accompanied by fellow members of the school's string quartet, Mark Zhou and Julian Xiao on violin and Jasmine Chen on cello.

Regency Centers, which owns and operates Persimmon Place, said Piano in the Plaza is part of the shopping center's ongoing efforts to

recognize artists and musicians from the Tri-Valley area through free, interactive community programs.

After the piano was donated to the shopping center, Livermore-based artist Thomasin Dewhurst was selected to turn it into a public

work of art, with help from her students at Bothwell Arts Center.

The lid now features an American Beauty rose and quotes from the works of such American writers as Maya Angelou and Truman Capote and Tri-Valley

Writers Club award winners. The sides of the piano are covered by portraits of American composers, writers, and filmmakers.

Dewhurst said the goal was "to create a bright, colorful representation of American cultural history."

## Livermore Reads Chooses "The Reason I Jump"

The Livermore Public Library has chosen a book about living with autism for its 2022 Livermore Reads Together program.

Japanese author Naoki Higashida wrote "The Reason I Jump: The Inner Voice of a Thirteen-Year-Old Boy with Autism" when he was 13.

Born in 1992, Higashida was diagnosed with severe autism when he was five and subsequently learned to communicate using a hand-made alphabet grid. He also began to write poems and short stories. His bestselling memoir, published in 2007 and translated into English in 2013, has now been adapted into a full-length documentary.

The Livermore Reads Together program is sponsored by the Friends of the Livermore Library. During March 2022, the library will host a series of events related to the themes in the book.

"We aim to put a spotlight on autism awareness during next year's Livermore Reads Together," explained librarian Paul Sevilla. He said the library is "extremely interested in collaborating with autism groups and organizations in the community."

In his introduction, novelist David Mitchell, who translated the book into English with his wife Keiko Yoshida, said that Higashida's words allowed him to feel, for the first time, as if his own autistic child was explaining what was happening in his mind.

"The Reason I Jump" was named one of the Best Books of the Year by NPR, The Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg Business, and Bookish, and was a First Book Finalist for the 18th annual Books for a Better Life Awards, which honors excellence in self-improvement books.

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