

Community Group Wins Approval to Present Its Appeal

Appellate Court Denies Motion to Dismiss but Agrees to a Modified Expedition of Appeal

LIVERMORE – The California Court of Appeal has denied a motion filed by the City of Livermore and Eden Housing to dismiss the Save Livermore Downtown (SLD) appeal of its lawsuit. After the Superior Court rejected SLD’s challenge of the city’s approval of the Eden Housing development project last February, SLD filed an appeal with the appellate court in April. The city and Eden Housing filed a motion to dismiss or expedite the appeal in July, and California Attorney General Rob Bonta filed an amicus brief supporting the motion. SLD vigorously argued against the proposed dismissal, filing an opposition to the motion on Aug. 15. The Court of Appeal

(See APPEAL, page 7)

Josey Runs for Re-election of Her Council Seat

DUBLIN – Dublin City Councilmember Jean Josey, who led all vote-getters when she was elected in 2018, will seek another term in November. In a press release submitted to The Independent, Josey, the 2016 Dublin Citizen of the Year, announced



Jean Josey

that she had filed official paperwork with the Alameda County Registrar of Voters last week. She will be seeking one of two at-large seats on the (See JOSEY, page 7)

Moppin Seeks Seat on Park District Board

LIVERMORE – Ruby Moppin, a sales manager with Enterprise Holdings in San Jose, has announced her candidacy for a seat on the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARP) Board of Directors. “As a working mom of



Ruby Moppin

two young boys, my family and I have benefited greatly from multiple LARP programs, such as ESS (Extended School Services), their summer camps, and their facilities,” Moppin (See MOPPIN, page 6)



Opening day for Pleasanton soccer teams was celebrated for the 52nd year with a parade down Main Street on Saturday, Aug. 20. Pleasanton’s Rage and Ballistic United clubs sponsored the annual event. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Tri-Valley Nonprofits Merging to Better Serve Senior Population

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL – Two Tri-Valley nonprofit organizations are merging their operations with a plan they believe will better serve the region’s low-income seniors. CityServe of the Tri-Valley, which offers a variety of programs to approximately 2,000 Tri-Valley residents of all ages, will now acquire the programs and staff from Senior Support of the Tri-Valley, which provides similar assistance to people 60 and over. These programs include food and shelter assistance, financial counseling vocational training, legal guidance, and help with medical, dental and behavioral

health needs. CityServe will add Senior Support’s 2,000 clients to its current base of 200 seniors, creating a Senior Services Division to focus on its older clients, said Christine Beitsch-Bahmani, CityServe’s chief executive officer, who will run the joint operation. “There are 29,000 low-income senior residents in the Tri-Valley,” Beitsch-Bahmani noted. “We need to find where they are and make sure they understand the resources available to them.” Beitsch-Bahmani added that CityServe’s senior clients are mostly unsheltered, living in cars and hotels and in the streets. Senior Support, which primarily deals

with older residents living in their own homes, will bring its expertise with sheltered clients to CityServe. Eric Eisenberg, a Senior Support board member, called the merger a “perfect marriage” because of their similar missions. Their new name will likely keep “CityServe” in the title. No layoffs or program cancellations will occur as a result of the merger, he said. “The hope is that with every service that we’re currently offering, we will be able to offer it better, and then we’ll be able to add new additional features to those services,” Eisenberg explained. Beitsch-Bahmani further (See NONPROFITS, page 7)

Dublin Finalizes District Elections, Previews Bike and Pedestrian Plan

By David Jen

DUBLIN – The city council completed its public transition from at-large elections to a by-district system on Aug. 16, with the selection of its final district map. The election sequencing for city councilmembers will begin in Nov. 2024. The council ultimately selected Map 112, a publicly submitted map that uses north-south boundaries roughly at Village Parkway and Barnett Boulevard, and an east-west boundary approximately at Gleason Drive. They divide the city into four voting districts. Mayor Melissa Hernan-

dez, just prior to the unanimous adoption, issued a request to those who will serve on the council in the future. “I really want every councilmember that sits in this chair to look at the eye of the entire community and not just say that they want to do what’s best for their (district),” she said. “Because it’s the entire community, actually, that we’re looking at.” Map 112 touted a population deviation of just 1.79% between districts. Achieving a small population differential between the districts was one of the criteria the council used in the map

selection process, alongside geographical contiguity, minimized neighborhood divisions, easily identifiable boundaries and geographical compactness. “I feel like five hearings (were) necessary so we finally can get to the point (that) we all feel comfortable with the map,” said Councilmember Sherry Hu. District One, where Vice Mayor Jean Josey and Councilmember Michael McCorriston live, and District Three, where Hu lives, will hold their first elections in 2024, while districts Two and Four will hold theirs in 2026. Councilmember (See PLAN, page 10)

Plan for Parkside Recycled Water Facility Rescinded

By David Jen

PLEASANTON – The search for a suitable site for a regional recycled water fill station will continue, following the city council’s unanimous rescission of its approval to build such a station on the Zone 7 property at 5997 Parkside Drive, adjacent to the west end of the Ken Mercer Sports Park. During the Aug. 16 council meeting, more than 20 residents, many from the Parkside neighborhood, shared their concerns about long lines, traffic risks, air pollution and emergency access should the station be built. Residents also expressed

disappointment over a lack of notification about the project. Parkside’s only two access points lay near the project site but most of the narrow neighborhood lay outside the standard 1,000-foot notification circle. The geometry caused the city’s policy to leave many affected residents in the dark about the city’s plans. “I got one notice after you had already voted on this project,” said Parkside resident Lynn Kriegbaum. “I’m disappointed to learn that you’ve been working on it for a year, and we were not brought into this conversation.” Another resident, Susan (See RECYCLED, page 10)

Zone 7 Welcomes Newsom's State Water Strategy

By David Jen

REGIONAL – In preparation for the weather whiplash of drier droughts and wetter floods in California, Gov. Gavin Newsom released on Aug. 11 a sweeping water supply strategy that called for resiliency through investments in the storage, recycling, efficiency, capture and desalination of water in the state. Zone 7, the Tri-Valley’s water wholesaler, which receives around 80% of its water from the State Water Project (SWP), largely supported the governor’s focus areas and looked forward to a more reliable and resilient water supply for the area as a result of the plan. “I’m glad to see that the governor is making water-supply reliability at the state level a priority,” said Zone 7 director Dennis Gambbs. “(The plan) could accelerate the review and approval process for the Los Vaqueros expansion and Sites Reservoir. That would make

our water supply more reliable and we would not need to purchase water through costly transfers.” Both the Sites Reservoir near Maxwell, California and the Transfer-Bethany Pipeline between the Los Vaqueros and Bethany reservoirs seek to expand the area’s water storage capacity and provide more water options during emergencies. “People have expressed some frustration that it takes so many years to get one of these projects built,” said Gambbs. “Just getting an approval – it’ll even be another five, 10 years before it gets constructed. They take a long time. So whatever can be done to speed that up really would help.” A warmer, thirstier atmosphere could reduce 10% of the state’s water supply by 2040, according to data cited in the new water strategy. Higher temperatures will also concentrate rainfall into extreme weather events (See WATER, page 7)

Nordyke Remembered

By Ruth Roberts

LIVERMORE – Former mayor and longtime Livermore resident Milo Nordyke passed away on July 22 following a brief illness. He was 92. Friends, family and associates remember the former physicist as an accomplished scientist, devoted family man and ambitious individual; always pushing himself to excel and delighting in new challenges. Born in Maynard, Iowa, Milo served as valedictorian at his junior college and went on to earn a physics degree from the University of Iowa and later, a master’s from UC Berkeley. He married Carma Barbara Graff in 1951, and they soon moved to Corona, California where he worked at the Naval Ordnance Lab. When an opportunity presented itself at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, he jumped on it and spent the next 40 years there, traveling the world, working on developing test ban treaties for nuclear weapons. His son Rick remembers that while his father traveled a lot for business, he always made family his priority. (See NORDYKE, page 6)



Milo Nordyke

as the inspiration for her family’s spirit of adventure. “We all do a lot of traveling now, and that was all due to (our parents) taking us to Europe,” said Barbara. “They instilled that love in us.” Milo was also active locally, serving on the Livermore City Council from 1960-1968; and as mayor from 1965-1967. While in office, he played an active role in the development of (See NORDYKE, page 6)



L-R: Pastor Steve Wilde, Brandi Addington, Aaron Luna, Rabbi Larry Milder and Father Kvame celebrate Livermore’s annual Blessing of the Wine event at Fenestra Winery on Aug. 17. The centuries-old ceremony marks the official start of the grape harvest season and honors the vineyards and the people who make the harvest a reality. Read the full story on Page 3. (Photo courtesy of Ron Essex)

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Local Shares Story From All 50 States

By Dawnmarie Fehr

For Livermore resident Josh Volponi, the travel bug bit early. As a child he enjoyed excursions with his family, visiting places he and his brother had learned about in school. As he got older, Volponi, 30, took to the open road on his own, eventually traveling to all 50 states. His wanderlust recently paid off as a winner in Recreation.gov’s annual “Share Your Story” contest, where he recounted the exploration of his three favorite national parks: Joshua Tree, Arches and Craters of the Moon.

“Those three definitely stood apart from the others,” Volponi said. “Even though Joshua Tree National Park was in California, I had never been, and it was cool, and that was one of the first days on my trip. Then I had always seen the pictures of the Arches National Park, especially the Delicate Arch which stands above this valley and there’s mountains in the background, so that was the top destination on my list ... it was above and beyond my expectation.”

Recreation.gov is a trip-planning tool with details and reservations for experiences at over 4,300 facilities and 113,000 individual sites across the country. Volponi was one of nearly 1,000 park visitors who submitted their stories about visiting federal public lands and waterways to the Share Your Story contest. Fewer than 30 were selected as winners. The contest is meant to inspire participants to create memories with family and loved ones.

“Once again, we were touched by the inspiring stories submitted to the ‘Share Your Story’ contest,” said Rick DeLappe, Program Manager at Recreation.gov. “We’re hon-



Josh Volponi has been named one of the winners of Recreation.gov’s annual Share Your Story contest. Volponi, a resident of Livermore, beat out nearly 1,000 competitors for his story on a visit to three of his favorite national parks. (Photo courtesy of Josh Volponi)

ored that Recreation.gov continues to contribute in a small way to bringing people together and helping them find peace, enjoyment and a sense of togetherness with nature, family, or new friends met along the way. By highlighting these visitors’ experiences, we hope it inspires others to use Recreation.gov to recreate responsibly and bring home a story.”

Volponi – who researches cognitive neuroscience at the University of California San Francisco – Volponi said his job allows him to spend several weeks at a time working remotely, flying home to visit the office in between each leg of a trip. While traveling, he drove a rental car and enjoyed the diverse landscapes of North America, even venturing into Canada.

“It is fairly accessible to get out and travel like this,” he said. “Most, if not all, parks have visitor centers and park rangers where you can ask for information about anything you want to know and there are usually maps around ... there are resources so more people can see and experience what I

saw and experienced.”

Volponi usually camped at night but did spend some nights in a hotel depending on where he was. He is an avid baseball fan and picked many of the parks he visited based on their proximity to a major league baseball stadium.

“I really enjoy sports and baseball, so I was trying to see as many of the baseball parks as I could, and there was a good spread of stadiums and national parks,” he said. “Those – and the big goal of seeing all the states – were the drivers for my route planning and would inform where I went.”

As one of the top three winners, Volponi received a \$300 gift certificate from an outdoor retailer and an America the Beautiful pass which offers free access to all the national parks for one year.

Always the traveler, Volponi is already planning his next trip. He is currently visiting South America and looks forward to seeing a few more sites on the East Coast.

To read Volponi’s story, visit www.bit.ly/3PDj6Je _indy.

Kaleidoscope Helps Integrate Participants into Local Community

By Dawnmarie Fehr

For the past four years, the Dublin-based Kaleidoscope Community Adult Program has been working to serve and raise awareness for individuals with Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, autism and other developmental disabilities in the Tri-Valley and surrounding areas.

Program Manager Zack Lupton said the organization’s goal is to help participants learn to care for themselves and become active members of their local community.

“We do a lot of vocational, leisure, money management, recreational and life skills training,” Lupton said. “We are constantly trying to work on new projects ... we also do fun things like bowling. We try to provide services to individuals within the communities they live in, trying to make sure they know they can ride the bus from point A to point B.”

Kaleidoscope also provides day services for individuals 18 years and older. Lupton and his team work to prevent regressions in previously acquired skills while teaching new skills, like simple meal preparation and small chores. In addition to their Dublin location, they also have a facility in Walnut Creek, and will soon be opening one in Fairfield.

The program is run under the umbrella of Easter Seals of Northern California (ENC); a home and community-based organization providing services to people with disabilities and their families. CEO Andrea Pettiford said Kaleidoscope programming has a big impact on their clients.

“The feedback we get from participants and their families is they all really enjoy this program and get a lot of value out of it because of its individualized attention to the people participating,” Pettiford said.

Funded in part by the Regional Center for the East Bay – which advocates for adults and children with developmental disabilities – and in part by donations through ENC, a referral from the Regional Center is necessary for Kaleidoscope attendance. Participants come from the Tri-Valley area and as far away as Concord and Brentwood. Pettiford said in 2021, ENC provided 80,000 hours of service to about 17,000 participants in Northern California. The nonprofit hopes to increase those numbers with the opening of the Fairfield location later this year.

Part of the Kaleidoscope programming involves partnering with local businesses for classes and volunteer opportunities. Currently, participants take seed-to-table lessons at Sunflower Hill and volunteer at the SPCA doing simple jobs. Local Starbucks throughout the area also display artwork created by Kaleidoscope members.

“Community outreach and involvement is really key to what we do,” Lupton said. “We are participating in the community the way everyone does. We are going to the movies, partici-

pating in clean ups, going to the library, we are out there doing things. We want to raise awareness because we are willing to do projects, we are out and about, and

we want to be seen.”

For more information about Kaleidoscope and other ENC programs, or to donate, visit www.esnorcal.org.



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Arroyo Seco Elementary School Principal Valerie Nedo dressed up in the school’s colors as she welcomed students in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District back to school on Tuesday, Aug. 23. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Livermore Library to Host Children’s Author

Sarah Mlynowski, best-selling author of the Whatever After and Upside-Down Magic series of children’s books, will be at the Civic Center Library in Livermore at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13, to discuss the first book in a new series, “Best Wishes.”

The book introduces

young readers to Becca Singer, who, having been dumped by her best friends, is having her worst day ever. That is, until a mysterious box arrives in the mail with a bracelet and a note telling her to make a wish. Becca wishes to have lots and lots of friends, which is when her life begins to spin out

of control.

In books two and three of the new Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants series the bracelet gets mailed to other girls, who make new wishes.

Mlynowski’s presentation at the Civic Center library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., is free and open to the public.

Museum on Main Changes Hours for Family Day

The Museum on Main in Pleasanton has changed the hours for its final family day of the summer on Saturday, Sept. 3, to avoid a conflict with the Pleasanton Downtown Association’s Forkful event.

Family day events at the museum, 603 Main St., usually run from 10 a.m. to

2 p.m., but Sarah Schaefer, director of education, said “Step Back in Time,” a look at life in Pleasanton before modern conveniences, would end at noon. The Downton Association’s event, with participating restaurants offering a “perfect forkful” of featured foods, is scheduled from 3 p.m. to

5 p.m.

The museum’s family day will include free crafts and activities, including making corn husk dolls, weaving coasters, creating smelling salts, dipping candles, and churning butter. Children will also be able to try their hand at washing clothes “the old-fashioned way.”

Livermore Police to Hold Fundraiser for Special Olympics

The Livermore Police Department will hold a Tip a Cop fundraiser for Special Olympics at the Zephyr Grill & Bar, 1736 First St., from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 25.

Members of the police

department will accept tips from customers that will go to help support local Special Olympic athletes.

Based in Washington, D.C., Special Olympics is an international organization that sponsors sports

competitions for children and adults with physical and intellectual disabilities. Special Olympic athletes do not pay to participate, and law enforcement has become a major fundraiser for the organization’s activities.

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Blessing of the Grapes 2022: Monsoonal Clouds Hold Back Heat

By Laura Ness

The clouds created quite a dramatic backdrop for the 2022 Blessing of the Grapes, which took place at Fenestra Vineyard, on Aug. 17, the two-year anniversary of the sparking of the LNU complex fire, among many others.

At least no lightning or fires spoiled the celebration, which was attended by more than 50 members of the Tri-Valley wine and hospitality community and accompanied by a spread of refreshing wines made by Fenestra Winemaker and General Manager Aaron Luna. The grounds have been recently and wonderfully upgraded, providing ample outdoor seating for dwelling under the massive oaks.

Luna welcomed the



group to the vineyards, the site of one of Livermore's oldest wineries. George True, a German immigrant, built the original winery here in 1889. Owner Larry Repogle and his late wife, Fran, founded the winery in 1976 at Ruby Hill in Pleasanton, but moved here in 1980.

Brandi Lombardi, Livermore Valley Wine Growers Association's interim executive director, offered a toast to the coming harvest, and introduced Pastor Steve Wilde, of the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, who expressed what a privilege it is to gather every year with the wine community to celebrate the most exciting season.

"It's always a tough day for us," he joked. "After all, we are selfless! It's not just about the free wine!"

He then offered a sobering, dead on thought from the Bible.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few," he quoted, echoing a big concern again this year, as the recent heat is pushing the vineyards towards ripeness after a relatively moderate growing season.

A prolonged heat wave could exacerbate the already tight labor crunch, making it even harder for wineries to compete with other regions that tend to pay more for labor.

Nevertheless, Wilde said, "We are grateful to all of the labor that you all put into this effort. And a lot of it is out of our control. May God bless the harvest, and then bless us with rain, and more of it!"

Father Kwame of St. Charles Borromeo, who hails from West Africa and counted congregations in New Orleans, Boston, Oakland, and Pleasanton among his flock before coming to Livermore in 2018, remarked that images of vineyards are significant to all faiths. They represent an important component of beloved traditions.

Just that morning, his church read from the Bible about the owner of a vineyard who hired people to come and work he harvest. Some came early and stayed all day, while some came for just a few hours. However, he paid them all the same. The moral of the story is that the vineyard is like

heaven, without boundaries, because generosity knows no bounds.

Rabbi Larry Milder from Congregation Beth Emek echoed the vineyard's importance in many faiths, noting that the liturgical cycle had them reading from Deuteronomy, on the occasion of Moses leading the Israelites to the promised land. Among the seven blessings of this land were figs, olives, pomegranates, honey and grapes.

His message was, "When you have eaten your fill, give thanks to bountiful God for what he has given you!"

As for harvest in Livermore, the first grapes in were chardonnay for McGrail's first ever sparkling. Winemaker Mark Clarin says he's busily assessing which blocks of the Sauvignon Blanc will be ready next.

Larry Dino of Cuda Ridge says his home block of Merlot will be the first to be picked, and then it's just a wild, hang-on-tight thrill ride from here on until the end of October.

"Can't believe we're looking at harvest already!" he said.

Stanford Blood Center to Hold Tri-Valley Blood Drive

The Stanford Blood Center (SBC) will be accepting blood donations at the Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare clinic in Livermore from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 19.

"In critical situations, it's the blood that has already been donated that saves lives at a moment's notice," said Elisa Manzanares, SBC account manager. "That's why we are asking our community members to step up and come out to the Tri-Valley Livermore blood drive. In just one hour, you could donate enough blood to help multiple patients in need."

The blood drive will take place on the basketball court at 1119 E. Stanley Blvd.

SBC said blood donors will be entered into a drawing for one of two Apple gift cards or a NVIDIA GPU gaming board.

Walk-ins will be accepted, and appointments be made by calling 888-7237831 or at stanford.io/3vNIXbi. Donors will be required to wear a mask.

Noted Psychiatrist to Discuss Mental Health System at Library

Dr. Thomas Insel, author of "Healing: Our Path from Mental Illness to Mental Health," will offer a plan to fix what he calls the nation's failing mental health system and propose ways to help families heal during a presentation at the Civic Center Library in Livermore on Wednesday, Sept. 14.

Insel, a psychiatrist and neuroscientist, headed the National Institute of Mental Health from 2002 to 2015. From 2015 to 2017, he led the mental health team at Verily, formerly Google

Life Sciences, in San Francisco.

In 2017, he co-founded Mindstrong Health, which provides virtual therapy and psychiatric services, and in 2020, he co-founded Humanest Care, which provides online therapy sessions.

Since 2019, Insel has also been a special advisor to Gov. Gavin Newsom and board chair for the Steinberg Institute in Sacramento.

His presentation at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Ave., is free and begins at 7 p.m.

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EDITORIAL Going Greener and Leaner with Local Trails

The recent update to the City of Dublin’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is a welcome addition for all residents of the Tri-Valley. The draft calls for adding a combined 54.30 miles of paths for a total cost ranging between \$102 million and \$207 million. The list includes the implementation of the Don Biddle Community Park and the Dublin Boulevard crossing project, which will build a bridge allowing trail users to safely cross multiple lanes of traffic.

The Scarlett Drive project will widen and extend the existing road from Dougherty Road to Dublin Boulevard, creating a new section of the Iron Horse Trail. This project will improve connectivity to the East Dublin BART Station and alleviate traffic congestion at the intersection of Dublin Boulevard and Dougherty Road. While the city council has emphasized that the project is an ‘aspirational plan,’ with more work to be done on the stages and

details of implementation, it does show the commitment and interest local governance has in enhancing recreational opportunities and healthy lifestyles for their citizens. The pandemic created myriad opportunities for residents to walk and bike more, and drive less, and it’s encouraging to see our Tri-Valley cities working to accommodate those desires, while helping to reduce greenhouse emissions and enhance the quality of life for all residents.

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The Time Has Come for Everyone to Install a Water Efficient Garden

Tony Green, Livermore

It may not be much of a surprise that California is in severe drought. In response to the lack of rainfall, the City of Livermore has adopted mandatory water use restrictions by establishing a goal of 20% reduction from 2020.

Outdoor irrigation, which is required to keep a typical lawn healthy, consumes about 40-60% of the water usage in homes with lawns installed. Once the restrictions were put in place, landscaping throughout the City of Livermore may now only be watered a maximum of three times per week.

If you are looking for a way to do your part to help, start with your lawn. The choices include not using added water to supplement the water not available due to drought. Another option can be to insert artificial turf. However, the turf, essentially, is a large piece of plastic which can get very hot in summer and can get very dirty over time. Another option, probably the most effective, could be to design a water-efficient garden.

Does your yard qualify to have an environmentally friendly garden installed in place of your lawn? Does your yard present an eyesore? Are you looking to do your part to help combat climate by reducing your water usage? Water efficient gardens can reduce the water requirement anywhere from 50-80% of an original lawn.

The City of Livermore offers up to a \$2,000 rebate for eligible projects. The

rebate is designed as an incentive to encourage people to make the conversion. What is stopping you from making the change? Would you like to know more? A design business, Water Efficient Gardens, has been assisting homeowners in Fremont, Union City, Hayward and other East Bay cities with designing beautiful native gardens, applying for and receiving lawn conversion rebates. Its designs have been featured by the East Bay Times and Mercury News. For more information contact project@waterefficientgardens.com.

Eden Housing Project

Anna Lim, Livermore

I am one of more than 8000 Livermore residents who signed a referendum to give us a voice on the location of the Eden Housing Project.

Having more affordable housing in Livermore is important, but so are the location of the houses. The middle of downtown is not the place for high rise housing. The housing could be moved to a different location. This is our opportunity to make our downtown more inviting to visit by developing an amenity-filled public park in the downtown location.

A Priceless Downtown Park

Dennis Mulligan, Livermore

A thriving downtown attracts people for many reasons, some of which are its attractiveness, its vibe and ambience, its restaurants, shops, and services, available parking. Many downtowns suffer due to the lack of these amenities.

There are many Northern California towns that have thriving downtowns, such as San Mateo, Belmont, Mountain View, Corte Madera, Petaluma, Santa Rosa, Sonoma, Sebastopol, Paso Robles, Atascadero, Healdsburg, and Arcata. They have one thing in common, one thing downtown that stands out, one thing that ties the interests of the downtown together. That one thing is a downtown park that is sizable and prominent. It is priceless to the community. The residents of those cities would do nothing to take away from that park, because it is too valuable.

Livermore has a thriving downtown. Move the Eden Housing to another spot and instead build a central park and Livermore downtown will improve, will be busier, will add to the community. Placing another 4-story apartment building, in addition to the 220-unit Legacy Apartments at S. L St. and Railroad, will detract from downtown, will depreciate it.

The former city council approved this development; the current city council has supported it completely.

It is time to elect a mayor and council that represent Livermore’s heritage, rather than dismantling it.

Barrientos for City Council

Joan Beason, Livermore

As a longtime member of the Livermore Lions Club, I have known Ben Barrientos for many years. I have also lived in Livermore since 1962, when my parents moved the family here. I graduated from Livermore High. In the last few years, I have not been happy with our City Council and the direction that they have been leading our city. When Ben decided to run for City Council, I found the person that I wanted to support to make positive changes. I trust Ben to help guide us in the right direction.

I support Ben Barrientos for City Council.

Vote for Alexandra

Rachel Gerlovich, Livermore

My name is Rachel Gerlovich. I moved to Livermore in 2007. I have two children who attended schools in Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) up until recently. I am writing in support of Alexandra Izarraraz, who is running for School Board Trustee for LVJUSD.

During COVID, I quickly became disturbed by how my kids and other students were being treated in LVJUSD. The “safety” measures that were implemented in the schools, from distance learning to face coverings to the pressure of experimental vaccinations and many more, all had potential to cause serious harm to our kids. And, it has for many. As a concerned parent, I spoke at the Livermore Board meetings for months about these issues, only to feel frustrated after each meeting, feeling like my comments fell on deaf ears. I came to know Alexandra in the past year while speaking at School Board meetings about these issues. Alexandra and her family spoke as well, advocating for medical freedom and believing families should have a choice when it comes to education. I was moved countless times by her persistence, empathy and passion when it comes to the health and safety of the students. When I heard she was running for the Livermore School Board, I was elated. Finally, someone can sit on the Board who will listen to concerned parents, not be afraid to express their opinion if it doesn’t align with a certain agenda or guideline and TAKE ACTION!

I know Alexandra will do her best to represent the Livermore community and serve her role as a board member with the children’s best interests as a priority. Please give your vote to her this fall. If your children are going to attend school in LVJUSD, it is essential that Alexandra be sitting in one of those chairs advocating for them.

Letter to the Editor

John Stein, Livermore

With two and a half months until Election Day, I have seen political signs popping up at many locations in Livermore. Perhaps the various campaigns are

not familiar with Livermore’s Sign Ordinance. It states that these signs can only be up for a maximum of 35 days. While I realize these signs are an important part of any campaign, it would be worthwhile to maintain Livermore’s traditional policy. That is, to reduce streetscape clutter and treat the candidates fairly, candidate’s signs should go up the first week of October and be removed immediately after the vote.

Also, fastening signs on trees and utility poles is prohibited, since it can damage them.

I Wonder

Carol Chargin, Livermore

I am looking at two pictures of the proposed downtown redevelopment of Livermore (https://www.savelivermoredowntown.com). One is titled, “What Was Promised.” The other picture is titled, “What We’re Getting Instead.” They are very different pictures. The open u-shaped apartment buildings in the “Promised” picture are now solid blocky 4-story plus buildings in the “Getting” picture. The spacious public Veterans Park in the “Promised” picture is reduced to a private play area between two huge apartment buildings in the “Getting” picture. Not shown in either picture is the parking situation, which is worse in the “Getting” plan as the population density has been greatly increased with the change from moderate income housing to low income with more apartments built. Eight thousand people signed a referendum to have this new version of the redevelopment submitted to the vote of the people. But Mr. Woerner says it’s just a small group of 8 thousand elitists who want to vote on the “Getting” plan. City officials continue to cast aspersions on people who disagree with them! Why? Weren’t the city officials elected to represent all of the people?

The mayor and city council members state that people who disagree with them are NIMBYs, and the City Council has the right to deceive people and do anything it wants! I wonder how many people would have complained if just one factor had been changed instead of all the plan? I wonder, what if the only factor that was changed was who would be allowed to live in the apartments? I would not be writing this letter! But living in Livermore since 1974, I have come to appreciate the history of this community. Does Eden Housing have some miraculous plan to incorporate into the design of its 4-story apartment buildings characteristics of the existing architecture found in the historic buildings in downtown Livermore? The pictures published of the new apartment buildings all look like boxy SoCal buildings to me! If the only change made in the redevelopment was who would be allowed to live in the housing, there would still be objections from people who are concerned about retaining teachers and firemen. Is that not understandable? Why the vitriolic accusations from the City Council and Mayor?

Change one factor, but do not destroy forever the

hometown environment of Livermore for all!

Mony for Mayor

Vinny Saini, Livermore

I fully support Mony as a Livermore Mayor candidate. I support him because he wants the City of Livermore to become better and he is very passionate about helping the locals. He is himself a local small business owner, has served as a Livermore police officer for 17 years and is a very trustworthy person. He is a contributor and has promised to donate his full first term salary to four non-profit organizations - Culinary Angels, Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry, Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance, and Eden Housing.

Mony represents diversity and inclusion. He would protect the beauty, skyline and character of downtown Livermore while enhancing the small town feel of Livermore. He is a giver who loves giving back to the community. Some of the priorities for Mony are as follows:

- Relocate Eden Housing
- Bring High Paying Jobs to Livermore
- Increase Public Safety
- Address Homelessness
- Increase Access to Affordable Housing

Mony understands the challenges of a common man because of his own humble beginnings. He would work hard to increase our public safety and his experience as a police officer will be a big bonus. He leads by example, and we need a leader who can serve us now and into the future, too. Mony is that leader and he has my full support.

Citizens Demand to Be Heard

Jim Hutchins, Livermore

Last May, the Livermore City Council voted to transfer the downtown property to Eden Housing in September, instead of at the end of the year as initially planned. The City is attempting to prevent a new Council, elected in November, from pausing the transfer so alternatives can be explored. The City and Council are attempting to block and silence the public’s ability to influence their City’s direction.

In 2016, under Mayor Marchand, the Council unveiled a plan for redeveloping Livermore’s downtown, but citizens were incensed, since citizen input had not been included and the plan was a mess. A former Council member wrote that the “plan for the Old Lucky Site in downtown Livermore seems to have gone awry.” In response, the City retracted the plan and paid \$500K for the 2017 Place Works Outreach, but then ignored its results, which clearly stated that most people were against high-density housing or tall buildings downtown. Continuing down that path, the Council approved the four-story Legacy project in 2018, and then in 2021, approved the four-story low-income Eden Housing project across the street from Legacy.

In 2020, Mayor Woerner ran for office on the promise to seek an alternative to placing Eden Housing on the last open space downtown, and on that promise

won with a 2:1 margin. The voters were clear on what they wanted. But once in office, Woerner ignored his promise and the people’s will.

In response to the Council’s recent move to accelerate the property transfer, a grassroots citizen’s group initiated a referendum that collected over 8000 signatures in 25 days. The signatures were presented to the City Clerk, who, on the advice of the City Attorney, Jason Alcalá, refused to submit them for validation. The City seeks to stall the process until the property is transferred, thereby rendering the referendum moot. They are again ignoring and silencing the citizens.

The citizens demand to be heard. They demand that their referendum be processed as required by law. They demand that the Council obey their oaths and act in the interests of the citizens that elected them to office, not their self-interests.

The need to elect a new Council has never been more urgent. Come November, the citizens need to elect representatives that will listen to the people. Vote for Mony Nop, Carol Wahrer, and Ben Barrientos. Citizens Demand To Be Heard!

Careful What You Vote For

Paul Stone, Livermore

On the one hand I sympathize with Livermore residents who oppose the current downtown plans. The city leaders have acted arrogantly and condescendingly toward their constituents. On the other hand, I will wager a dollar to a doughnut that 90% or more of those who oppose the new downtown voted for the progressive legislators and statewide officers who dominate California state government.

These progressive leaders are the ones who brought you the taking of city zoning out of local control. Sacto Demos are as busy as termites and just as effective constantly crafting restrictive legislation, regulation, and taxation.

Why Californians continue to vote against their own interests is one of life’s enduring enigmas. I would say it must be something in the water, except that there isn’t any.

Oh well, "Así es la vida mi querida."

A Voice for Livermore

Alex and Michelle Lago, Livermore

We discovered this beautiful town, Livermore, from our dear friend, Mony Nop. We needed a family-friendly community for our two young children to grow up in, and by far, Livermore is a great place to work and live in. Mony Nop raves about his community and is passionate about serving his city. I never met anyone who loved their community as much as Mony does. I believe in his vision of becoming Mayor and being a voice for Livermore. If you want a Mayor to care for public safety, address homelessness, and bring high-paying jobs to Livermore, he is the right candidate for Mayor. Vote for Mony!

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End of Summer Deadlines

Trish Munro, Livermore

As children return to school and Labor Day approaches, the end of August marks the deadline for several city activities. Here are three:

1. Thursday, Aug. 25, from 5 to 8 p.m. is your chance to “Tip A Cop” at Zephyr’s Grill and Bar. Following the success of the ever-popular “Stuff the Cruiser,” which collected backpacks and supplies for almost 200 K-12 students, LPD will be raising money for the Special Olympics. Livermore Police will donate all “tips” to LPD employees to directly to local athletes to enable them to participate in the Special Olympics.

2. Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 5:00 p.m. is the last day to vote that book Livermore will Read Together in 2023. For the seventeenth year, Friends of the Library will sponsor Livermore Reads Together (LRT), Livermore Public Library’s community reading program. Each year, residents pick one of four choices around a common theme. This year’s theme is Women’s History. See the books are

vote online here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LRT2023>, or in person at any Livermore Public Library location.

3. Thursday, Sept. 1 at 5 p.m. is the last day to submit an application for this quarter’s Commission for the Arts mini-grant of up to the City’s Office of Innovation & Economic Development for projects and activities that support public art in Livermore. These quarterly mini-grants of up to \$1000 are awarded to artists and community organizations with projects that meet the definition of public art activities.

A Pleasanton COSTCO, Finally

Bruce Fiedler, Dublin

Among the items in last week’s MAILBOX, between the letters supporting or opposing local candidates and those overflowing with angst over whether some apartments should be built on the north or south side of Railroad Avenue, I almost missed Matt Sullivan’s latest mis-sive decrying a new store in Pleasanton.

I was present during long ago Costco deliberations by the Pleasanton City

Council. Items of concern in those early hearings did note possible traffic congestion and pollution. I testified that not once in all my trips to Costco in Livermore did I ever see a backup at the Airway Boulevard off ramps or the Independence Drive store entrances. Readers of the Independent might have the same experience. So, I wouldn’t expect any delays on Stoneridge or Johnson Drive.

In regard to increased traffic and pollution, it appears that if Mr. Sullivan — and I don’t know if he is a Costco member — was going to either the Danville or Livermore Costco locations, he would add 14 more miles of round-trip travel than if he were going to a new Johnson Drive location.

When Mr. Sullivan was a Pleasanton City Council Member, he joined in the approval of hundreds of new housing units in Pleasanton, which per force did add to traffic and pollution in the community. But then, as now, Pleasanton’s elected representatives considered the data presented by experts and balanced the pros and cons before giv-

ing a project the go ahead. Pleasanton needed more housing, and the community is the better for it.

I haven’t been able to follow the money behind PCRG but might guess that, in this matter, gas station owners along Hopyard Drive might not want to compete with lower Costco prices nor lose high profit tobacco and snack sales.

Referendum MM failed by 26 points, and the latest lawsuit has gone down in flames. It is time to let Costco members in Pleasanton (and Dublin) get a nearby store. And time to stop the crocodile tears over increased infrastructure costs caused, at least in part, by seven years of lawsuits and delay.

Offending Silent Mice

Greg Scott, Livermore

Being speechless to offense is a form of death. This kind of silence enables necrosis. Such is the manner of mice, far more mutable beings than humans.

"FIRST THEY CAME for the Communists, / and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't a Communist. / THEN THEY CAME for

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Motion Denied!

California Court of Appeal Sides With Save Livermore Downtown; Denies Request to Dismiss Case Opposing Location and Design of Eden Housing

Court rules against City and Eden Housing

Last week, the California Court of Appeal dismissed a motion advanced by the City of Livermore and Eden Housing that would have ended our lawsuit challenging the project. This means that the City’s and Eden’s attempt to bulldoze our right to a fair hearing on the merits has failed.

Effort to Save Livermore’s Downtown advances

Our lawsuit provides strong evidence that the City and Eden Housing didn’t follow Downtown Specific Plan requirements and CEQA regulations. The denial means our case will go forward for a full, fair hearing.

Case will be expedited, but not in the timeframe the City and Eden Housing had hoped

The Court rejected the short 60-day appellate review period that the City and Eden requested. Although the Court agreed to expedite the appeal, SLD can make its arguments in the reasonable period the Court has specified. As a result, SLD welcomes both the Court’s denial of the dismissal of SLD’s appeal and its decision to appropriately expedite it.

We need a City Council that listens, not litigates

While this is a huge victory for efforts to save Livermore’s downtown and move the Eden Housing project to a location off the center of town, we still need a new City Council that will work with the community to find win-win solutions for everyone – not just go to court to try to block our constitutional rights to be heard.



There’s still time to Save Livermore’s downtown | Sign up to help at savelivermoredowntown.com

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DSRSD Director to Head Sanitation Association

Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold, a Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) board member, was elected president of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) board of director this month at its annual conference in Olympic Valley, California.

CASA is an represents more than 125 public agencies involved in the collection, treatment, and recycling of wastewater and biosolids. DSRSD provides potable and recycled water services to Dublin and the Dougherty Valley area of San Ramon, wastewater collec-

tion and treatment to Dublin and south San Ramon, and wastewater treatment to Pleasanton by contract. It also DSRSD operates the Jeffrey G. Hansen Water Recycling Plant and a water distribution system for the San Ramon Valley Recycled Water Program.

Vonheeder-Leopold, a Dublin resident, will serve a one-year term as president of the 13-member CASA board. She previously served as vice president. A retired tax accountant, she also served on the Dublin City Council from 1984 to 1990, and was city historian from 2008 to 2020.

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the Jews, / and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't a Jew. / THEN THEY CAME for the trade unionists, / and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't a trade unionist. / THEN THEY CAME for the Catholics, / and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. / THEN THEY CAME for me, / and by this time, no one was left to speak up." (Martin Niemoeller, Lutheran Pastor).

Not speaking up to offense serves fascists well and hastens the decay of community. Pluto, Roman god of the underworld, from hence comes the filthy lucre, should unilaterally decide the fate of a downtown core? A \$14.5 million "site-specific" contingency here, a City of Livermore \$7.8 million loan there, and so be it, as a desperate City of Livermore struggles to meet its pension contributions and other budget logistics (Heather Gillers, "State and City Pension Funds Suffer Worst Year Since 2009", The Wall Street Journal, 8/10/2022).

A vote on a referendum is to be feared? Should plebeians have a voice? No schisms amongst patricians?

The offending denigrations resound: "bullying", "elitists", "rich cohorts" and the childish moniker "Phony Mony". The female owner of a local newspaper should be like the girl with no mouth in "Twilight Zone: The Movie"?

There is no real intent to solve the housing crisis, much less face the water-supply apocalypse that impedes solutions. State and local politicians and judges ignore the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Livermore Downtown Specific Plan to enhance power and money ego delusions and to protect ephemeral financing on a project that will affect Livermore for generations. It is as if the project is more important than people and a space for the whole community. The Livermore Eden Housing Project is an inception neither of love nor beauty. Only the dead need be silent or not take offense to this.

No worries, offended mice scamper and say nothing. The cat can then eat them. Those who do not long to be so vulnerable to offense should not only speak up - they should be outraged.

Why Our Government is Failing

Owen Brovont, Livermore

One overlooks, at his or her peril, that the government is staffed and run by human beings – people,

mostly citizens. These people are predominantly products of our educational system, a system that's in dire straits and failing miserably in meeting the ideal of an objective presentation of education in reading, writing, mathematics, science, literature, history and civics, and, beginning recently, is teaching distorted perspectives of these and other subjects, and the nature and content of social reality itself. Our children, especially the young adults, are being heavily propagandized rather than educated!

One man in the founding generation envisioned the possibility of an autocratic presidency, a lazy, incompetent Congress and a Supreme Court that rules on the basis of its dominant ideology, rather than on written law. He knew the "fly in the ointment" lay not in the Constitution, but in the quality of the people elected to office and the intended primacy of their ideological success in dominating the business of government and the country.

It was George Washington, on September 17, 1787, who warned:

"However [political parties] may now and then answer popular ends, they are likely in the course of time and things, to become potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government, destroying afterwards the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominion."

In the centuries that followed his presidency, we have seen the consequences resulting from ignoring his prescient admonition grow to apparently ruinous proportions. The price is the incivility, dishonesty and criminality that now characterizes our government and, increasingly, our civil society. It needs to be recognized that civil behavior is nearly always guided by that of its leaders. Not to be excluded in our interpretation of Washington's admonition is the impact of large and growing larger number of women in government. They have indisputably demonstrated that they too can be as unprincipled, as devious and as dishonest as any man! If the American electorate doesn't wake up to what is occurring and require its leaders to faithfully do what they were chosen to do, it is unlikely that the country will survive in the form in which it appeared on the world's stage in 1787 with the adoption of the Consti-

tution of the United States of America. Our time is rapidly running out!

Response to Hayden Sidun "The College Student"

Danielle Fournier, Livermore

Maybe it is wrong for me to assume, but you stated that you are a college student living in Livermore which means you more than likely weren't even born in 1980. How would you know if Peter MacDonald is wrong about Livermore in 1980? Not only were you probably not born, but you even stated that you just recently moved to Livermore. Seems to me you are awfully angry at Mr. MacDonald for reminiscing about the 'good ol' days.

I agree with 7999 other Livermore residents – Eden Housing is BAD for Livermore Downtown!

I agree with Richard Andrews & Ashish Gupta, Mony is the right candidate for Mayor! We need someone that can move us forward with new ideas yet bring back the community 1980 down-home feeling of Livermore.

I agree with Mary Anne Rozsa; there is NO democracy in Livermore. Our city council is full of woke ideologists who are not concerned about the citizens of Livermore. They are just concerned about pushing their agenda.

Personally, I have lived in Livermore for 46 years. I think that I can probably say better than you Hayden Sidun that the "Livermore of 1980" was much, much better than the Livermore of 2022!

You young person should apologize to Mr. MacDonald, because Mr. MacDonald is right!

MAKE LIVERMORE GREAT AGAIN!

Integrity and Innovation

Cheryl Blea, Livermore

Today while driving to work, I had a smile on my face, seeing so many signs in place that said, MONY for MAYOR. Mony has been a humble, stable, hardworking volunteer, and friend in our community for many years. He has served with the LPD for 17 years, was the coordinator for our DARE program for our young students, volunteered and has spearheaded many charity events for our underprivileged families in Livermore. He is a successful realtor, an author, a faithful father, grandfather, husband, and a new friend to anyone who crosses his path.

Mony has ears that listen.

In all these roles, he has had nothing but the up-

everything about her dad.

"He was so many things to us, a great role model, a civic leader and a kind and loving husband," Lechner said. "He was a devoted churchgoer and a brilliant scientist. But mostly he was just 'Dad.' I'll miss his hug."

Milo was preceded in death by his wife Carma (2003) and grandson Matthew Gagnon (2017). He is survived by his children, Dwight Richard Nordyke (Ernestine), Kathryn Lechner (Robert), Barbara Gagnon (Rob), Lisa Jost (Randy) and Anne Nordyke (Renaud Rocroi); and his seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Public services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 2020 5th St. in Livermore at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 31 with a reception to follow.

MOPPIN

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said in a campaign statement.

"I'm running because I want to bring more to the Livermore community, especially Livermore families," Moppin said, adding that her perspective as a parent whose children take part in LARPD programs would

be valuable to the board.

Moppin, who holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from San Jose State University, also serves as a member of the Granada Little League Board and fundraising director for Friends of Joe Mitchell School in Livermore.

These are his top priorities for our city:

Relocate Eden Housing, Increase public safety. Address homelessness, increase access to affordable housing, bring high paying jobs to Livermore.

His goals are reachable with the help of our votes.

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APPEAL

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issued an order denying the dismissal motion on Aug. 18. In a press release sent to The Independent, SLD representative Jean King wrote, “This is an important victory. We are extremely pleased that the appellate court recognized our serious concerns and is allowing us a full process before the court. We have strong arguments that the city and Eden did not follow the Downtown Specific Plan requirements or CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) regulations.” King’s statement noted,

“Now, we will be able to brief the merits of our case as the Rules of Court normally require. The decision of the Court of Appeal follows California case law and established precedent; it respects the constitutional rights of our citizens.” Although the Court of Appeal denied the city and Eden’s dismissal motion, it granted them an expedited appeal. SLD’s opening brief must be filed by Sept. 12, 2022. The City/Eden brief is due 20 days later, and the SLD reply brief 20 days after that. Oral arguments

will take place potentially on Nov. 16, Nov. 30 or Dec. 14, 2022. In regard to expediting SLD’s appeal, King’s release stated, “Although the timeframe for the appeal has been accelerated, it exceeds the 60-day limit that the city and Eden asked the Court to set. A very compressed time period would have curtailed SLD’s rights to brief the appeal and have oral argument before the court, as is the normal practice. “Under the court’s proposed schedule, SLD can make its arguments in an

appropriate timeframe.” City Attorney Jason Alcalá said the city is “pleased with the court’s decision to grant the city’s motion to establish an expedited briefing schedule and to set an early hearing date in the matter.” “The city obtained the result it wanted,” he continued. “The city also appreciates the Attorney General’s involvement and recognition that Save Livermore Downtown’s lawsuit is an abuse of the legal process. The city welcomes his continued support to curb and expose the tactics by

Save Livermore Downtown, whose principals now call themselves Move Eden Housing, to delay the project. I look forward to the Appellate Court’s final decision, and I am confident the court will uphold the judgment in the city’s favor.” In a conversation, King explained that now there is nothing unreasonable about the appellate court’s decision to expedite the appeal. “In fact, after noting the importance of preserving our briefing rights, the statement we filed concluded by saying that we did not

oppose acceleration of the court hearing,” she said. “Citizens on both sides of the downtown housing development want the matter resolved. SLD certainly would like an alternative location for the Eden project to move forward as soon as possible.” In finishing, King said, “Because the opportunity to make our arguments has not been curtailed by a 60-day limit, we welcome both the court’s denial of a dismissal of our appeal and the decision to expedite it.”

WATER

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that exceed current capture abilities and threaten life and property. To that end, Sarah Palmer, Zone 7 Board President, welcomed the governor’s strategy and specifically touted the upcoming Delta Conveyance Project, currently in environmental review. “I am very much in favor of Gov. Newsom’s backing of the Delta Conveyance Project,” she said. “The project is really necessary in terms of water quality and resiliency. The plan is to use that tunnel system to pull water when we get flashy floods and atmospheric rivers that are dumping things on us in a period of two weeks, as happened in this past year.” Newsom’s support of large projects like Delta Conveyance, Sites and Los Vaqueros raises the prospects that these projects will survive to completion. And that, according to Palmer, would improve the region’s ability to withstand drought, flood and earthquake.

The \$16 billion Delta Conveyance Project proposes an underground tunnel to transport water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River delta to the Bay Area and Southern California. “It’s also a hedge against saltwater intrusion,” added Gambbs, referring to the encroachment of coastal waters upon aquifers during times of low freshwater flow – a scenario that would possibly render current SWP water undeliverable. The project, which would draw water from farther upstream, would reduce this risk. Critics of the project, such as the Sierra Club, fear its impact on the estuary ecosystem and question just how much resiliency it would add to the SWP. “The Delta tunnel is a massive, environmentally destructive and expensive project that will divert water away from the San Francisco Bay Delta estuary complex,” read one Sierra Club statement. “It will neither prevent nor mitigate earthquakes or

sea-level rise, two phenomena that threaten California’s future water supply and reliability.” California Megastorms According to a study published this month in the journal Science Advances, anthropogenic climate change has already doubled the likelihood of an extreme storm sequence wreaking catastrophic flooding in California. And this probability will increase further with continued warming. The statistics “represent notably large increases in risk of California megastorm events due to climate change, as they transform an event that previously would have occurred once every two centuries into one that may occur approximately three times per century,” read the study. And while the snowpack in California’s Sierra Nevada mountains previously served as a natural reservoir that captured precipitation and released it in a more or less measured fashion, rising

temperatures deliver a one-two punch that simultaneously knocks out that storage capacity and inundates our valleys with more runoff than we can handle, said Palmer. Infrastructure projects around storage and conveyance seek to capture the less frequent, more intense precipitation events to carry us through longer drought years. “Climate change means more boom and bust water cycles and affects water quality, and California must be aggressive on many different fronts to prepare,” read a California Water Service statement on the water strategy. “The plan laid out by Gov. Newsom aligns with Cal Water’s own strategy to ensure our customers continue to have a reliable supply of safe, clean, and affordable drinking water along with a sustainable supply for future generations.” The time to prepare that sustainable supply, however, as with many other climate-related projects, is running

out. “I think of it kind of like a moon-mission type of a stance,” said Palmer. “We have got to push on some of this stuff because we are on a precipice right now in terms of water availability, in terms of public health and safety, and environment.”



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JOSEY

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council up for election this year. In addition to Josey’s seat, the seat now held by Shawn Kumagai is open. Kumagai is running as a candidate for the California Assembly from District 20. Two other candidates, Lynna Lan Tien Nguyen Do and Kashef Qaadri, have also filed to run for Dublin City Council. “I am running for reelection because I strongly believe in the course that we

set during my first term, and I want to continue that work on behalf of our residents and businesses,” Josey said in a campaign announcement. “People want to live in Dublin, work in Dublin, send their children to our schools,” Josey said. “They want to access our amazing parks and services, and our retail and restaurants. None of this is an accident. It is a result of the hard work of our local elected leaders and

city staff. I believe I have demonstrated the experience and leadership essential to keeping our city on a trajectory that will allow our residents and businesses to thrive for many years to come.” As a council member, Josey has also represented Dublin on the Tri-Valley Transportation Committee, Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, Alameda County Library Advisory Commission, the

League of California Cities Community Services and Environmental Policy committees, as well as the National League of Cities Race, Equity and Leadership Council. In addition, she has served on Dublin’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee. Josey, who has a bachelor’s degree from the University of Washington, is tutoring center coordinator at Dublin High School.

NONPROFITS

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said the joint effort will provide more assistance to seniors’ family members. Clients live primarily in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin. “We’re not seeing a huge increase in homeless (clients),” she said. “We’re seeing a huge increase with (those aged) 60 and above.” Beitsch-Bahmani explained that because there are more than 260,000 people in Alameda County who will be turning 60 or older in the next four years, the amount of those requesting services will only increase. “That’s why we’re positioning ourselves to make sure we have programs and services available when that comes up for them,” she said. Eisenberg said Senior Support officials looked at options last year about how to become a larger organization. They investigated

several other nonprofits to join; City Serve appeared to be the right fit. Senior Support has recently operated with an interim CEO. Beitsch-Bahmani said Senior Support representatives proposed the merger idea to her in November. After consideration, she took the idea to the CityServe board. During the last eight months, three members from each of the boards formed a design team with a consultant, two directors and a lawyer to examine the finances, goals, mission, values and scope of work. Both boards voted unanimously June 23 to merge. Once approved at the Secretary of State’s office, the conglomerate will become official on Sept. 8. The nonprofit will restructure the board. The merger also brings two business models together. Beitsch-Bahmani

said CityServe is primarily funded by 22 churches, about 15 to 20 businesses, and 62 individual donors. Senior Support is funded primarily with government grants. Eisenberg said each method, he said, can prove difficult in a recession, but putting both together might better weather an economic downturn. “I think that the communities that we serve can look forward to continuing to get great services from us by the same passionate people who have always been doing it,” Eisenberg said. “And we look forward to this next chapter in the two organizations.” Run out of the Pleasanton Senior Center at 5353 Sunol Blvd., CityServe will open an office Sept. 1 in Livermore to make it easier for residents there to access their services. The Liver-

more office will be located at 3311 Pacific Ave. Beginning Sept. 8, residents seeking help should call 925-222-CARE (2273) for both offices or email connect@cityservecares.org.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LIVERMORE RESIDENTS: Share your talents with the community by volunteering on one of the City of Livermore’s advisory bodies. We are accepting applications now through October 14, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

Beautification Committee (1 Vacancy)
Join us in working to preserve the natural beauty and habitat of Livermore.
(1) Unexpired term ending 6/1/2024
Meets 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM
Next Meeting: September 7th

Commission for the Arts (5 Vacancies)
Join us in promoting Livermore as a vibrant and stimulating environment for artists and audiences, young and old, to experience the performing, visual, and literary arts.
(1) Unexpired Term ending 1/1/25
(4) Regular Terms ending 1/1/27
Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 4:30 PM
Next meeting: September 27th

Human Services Commission (2 Vacancies)
Join us in discussing community social needs, assisting local agencies in procuring grant funds, and more.
(2) Unexpired Terms ending 11/1/23
Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM
Next meeting: September 13th

Livermore Housing Authority (4 Vacancies)
Join us in administering and overseeing low-income housing units and the Section Eight Voucher Program for subsidized housing.
(4) Regular terms ending 1/1/2027
Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM
Next meeting: September 14th

SAVE THE DATE! In-person Interviews will be held October 26, 2022. For more information or to apply, please visit www.livermoreca.gov/AB, call the City Clerk’s office at (925) 960-4200, or email: cityclerk@livermoreca.gov. Must attend at least one meeting of the applicable advisory body before applying.

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Livermore Police to Distribute Backpacks

Through its Horizons Family Counseling division, the Livermore Police Department (LPD) will distribute backpacks and school supplies to nearly 300 students in kindergarten through high school. The backpacks and school supplies were collected last week during the LPD's annual Stuff the Cruiser campaign. The campaign also received monetary donations that will be used to purchase additional supplies for Livermore schools and teachers. Any remaining backpacks will be donated to other charity organizations for distribution to other students.

Towne Center Books to Host Local Author

Towne Center Books in Pleasanton will host a discussion between Keely Parrack, a Pleasanton resident and author of a new young-adult thriller “Don’t Let in the Cold,” and Stacy Stokes, a Bay Area writer and former improv comedian, at 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 6.

Parrack’s novel is about two stepsisters who plan a night in a remote cabin to get to know each other better, only to face a widespread blackout, a fire that forces them out into a blizzard, and mysterious strangers.

It will be published in paperback, Kindle, and audiobook on Sept. 6, and is listed by Amazon as the No. 1 new release in teen and young adult fiction on social and family violence.

Parrack, who moved to the U.S. from the United Kingdom 20 years ago, is also the author of a picture book, “Morning Sunshine,” published in 2020. Stokes, who lives in Oakland, is the author of “Remember Me Gone.”

Published earlier this year, the novel is about 16-year-old Lucy Miller,

whose father operates Memory House in Tumble Tree, Texas, where he has the ability to eliminate heartache by erasing painful memories. But as Lucy begins to learn the family trade, she realizes there are gaps in her own memories, and teams up with a local teenage boy to find out what is really going on in the town.

Stokes is also the author of “Where the Staircase Ends,” published in 2015.

The book discussion at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. is free and open to the public.

Livermore Rabbit Rescue Organization Cites 'Alarming' Increase of Surrendered Animals

By Tony Hicks, BCN Foundation

The president of a Livermore-based rabbit rescue group says rabbits are coming in at an alarming rate, and the group needs help.

"We have never seen anything like this," said Joan Wegner, president of East Bay Rabbit Rescue. "Our adoptions aren't making a dent. For every rabbit adopted, there are three taking their place. In the decade that we have been rescuing bunnies, we have never felt so helpless."

Wegner said in a typical year, the group finds homes for about 200 rabbits, but interest has suddenly waned.

"Through May, we adopted out 100 rabbits, and now we are at a crawl," Wegner said. "Instead of emails from potential adopters, we are getting email after email from people who want to surrender their pets or need placement for a stray they rescued running loose in their neighborhood."

According to Wegner, calls to help capture strays are also increasing.

"(Many people) think their best option is to set their rabbit free, not realizing rabbits cannot survive in the wild," she said. "Rabbits are being hit by cars, starving, and falling victim to predators. We've seen an uptick of stray rabbits arriving at shelters with health issues and injuries."

She noted that it's illegal to set any pet free.

"Yet people are moving

on, both figuratively and literally," Wegner said.

Surrenders seem to be due to the rising costs of living, a veterinarian-care crisis with fewer vets and shorter hours, a housing shortage that lets landlords be more selective about allowing pets, and evictions. People are also not getting their pet rabbits neutered.

"These are bunnies from Craigslist, backyard breeders, flea markets and county fairs," Wegner said. "Breeders mislead the public by saying that rabbits are easy and cuddly pets," she added. "Rabbits are complex, delightful, fragile, joyful, and as much work, expense, and commitment as a dog or a cat."

Wegner added that neutered rabbits are easier to litter-box train than a cat, while unfixed rabbits typically will not use a litter box. In spite of this, fewer than 5% of surrendered rabbits have been neutered.

"Unfortunately, low cost spay and neuter is hard to find, and vets charge several hundred dollars at a minimum for surgery," she said. "Suddenly, their free or inexpensive bunny is unaffordable."

She urged people who aren't sure they're ready for a commitment to foster a rabbit instead.

"With enough notice, our network of volunteers can assist with vacations and busy schedules, all while your family helps a rabbit in need until they find their forever home," Wegner said.

For more information, visit eastbayrabbit.org.

Auditions Open for Valley Concert Chorale

The nonprofit Valley Concert Chorale, now celebrating its 60th anniversary season, will hold auditions for new singers in September.

The choir typically performs three concert sets annually, with music ranging from classical to contemporary, folk, and jazz. The group is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills. Auditions, by appointment only, will be held Monday, Sept. 12, and Monday, Sept. 19, at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., Livermore.

The 15-minute auditions will include vocalizing to determine range, reading from a motet, and a clapping exercise. Singers must commit to the season with Monday evening rehearsals at the First Presbyterian Church.

For an appointment, call 925-866-4003 or text 650-274-5315.

The 2022 to 2023 season will begin with holiday concerts on Dec. 10 and 11.



The Valley Concert Chorale group will be holding auditions in September for new singers for the 2022/2023 season. Auditions are by appointment only.

(Photo courtesy of Valley Concert Chorale)

TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, Aug. 25
TIP A COP

Livermore Police will be at Zephyr Grill & Bar, from 5 to 8 p.m., for Tip A Cop. All 'tips' to LPD employees will go directly to local athletes. Athletes play multiple sports, each sport runs \$250 for practice time, uniforms, housing, and more. Thanks to donations, families do not pay to participate in the Special Olympics. Law enforcement is the primary fundraiser for the Special Olympics.

Saturday, Aug. 27 to Sunday, Aug. 28
LOST ON A DESERTED ISLAND

East Bay Regional Park District is offering a chance to learn what you need to survive if you are stranded on a deserted island. The free Family Nature Fun Hour takes place at the Doug Siden Visitor Center at Crown Beach in Alameda, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., on both days. The visitor center is located at 1252 McKay Ave., off Alameda's Central Avenue. For more information, call 510-544-3187.

Saturday, Aug. 27
EBRPD NATURE WALK WITH ANTHONY FISHER

Take an easy walk with naturalist Anthony Fisher, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., starting at the Environmental Education Center in Tilden Nature Area near Berkeley. The group will explore the nature area's plant and animal life. The walk is free of charge and reservations are not needed. The center is at the north end of Tilden's Central Park Drive, accessible via Canon Drive from Grizzly Peak Boulevard in Berkeley. For more information, call 510-544-2233.

Saturday, Aug. 27
EBRPD'S SATURDAY STROLL

East Bay Regional Park District presents a naturalist-led Saturday Stroll, from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m., starting at the Lake Chabot Marina near Castro Valley. This is a fairly flat, 3.75-mile walk from the marina to the dam and back, during which the naturalist will discuss the history and wildlife of the area. Lake Chabot Marina is on Lake Chabot Road just north of Castro Valley. There's a parking fee, but the program is free of charge. For more information, call 510-544-3187.

Saturday, Aug. 27
PARK N PLAY

Kids up to age 10 will enjoy a Park N Play program, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., at Del Valle Regional Park visitor center south of Livermore, led by naturalist Alex Collins. Fresh air, nature games and wildlife exploration are all on the agenda. Parental participation is required for this free event, and advance registration is not necessary. Del Valle Regional Park is on Del Valle Road off Mines Road about nine miles south of Livermore. There's a parking fee of \$6 per vehicle. For more information, call 510-544-3146.

Sunday, Aug. 28
ROSH HASHANAH OPEN HOUSE

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews' Jewish Culture School will sponsor a Rosh Hashanah Open House, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in Pleasanton. The event will include crafts and cooking related to the holiday. Participants will learn Rosh Hashanah songs and dances, as well as the sounds of the shofar, the ram's horn used to mark the Jewish New Year, among other activities. Find out what a Secular, Humanist Sunday School is all about, at this event geared towards children from kindergarten through Brit Mitzvah (5 to 14) and their families. The group considers themselves a great fit for interfaith, LGBTQIA+, multiracial, and intercultural families who are seeking a cultural connection to the Jewish community. The event will be held outdoors, and masks are required. For more information or reservations, email culturaljews@gmail.com or call 925-399-8029.

Sunday, Aug. 28
ANIMALS TALES

"Animal Tails" is the topic of a story time starting at 1 p.m., at Sunol Regional Wilderness in southern Alameda County with naturalist Betty Villalta. The program is part of the park's Nature Stories series and is designed for ages four through ten.

Parent participation is required. After the story, there will be an activity or craft-making. Sunol is at the end of Geary Road off Calaveras Road, about five miles south of I-680 and the town of Sunol. There's a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle, but the program is free. For more information, call 510-544-3249.

Saturday, Sept. 10
EAGLES FLEA MARKET

The Eagles will host a Flea Market at 527 North Livermore Ave., with set up starting at 6 a.m. The event will end at 4 p.m. Vendors are welcome. Table rentals are \$5, and a 15x15 space is \$20. For more information, call 925-449-5807 or email volson582003@yahoo.com. The Eagle Hall can be reach at 925-449-6281.

Monday, Sept. 12 and Monday, Sept. 19
AUDITIONS FOR VALLEY CONCERT CHORALE'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

The Valley Concert Chorale is celebrating its 60th anniversary season and seeking new singers. Auditions are available by appointment in September, by calling 925-866-4003 texting 650-274-5315. Full vaccination and masks are required. Rehearsals and auditions take place at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., in Livermore.

Wednesday, Sept. 14
MUSEUM ON MAIN PRESCHOOL READING TIME

Preschoolers (ages 2 to 5) and their families are invited to meet at the Museum on Main each month for books and crafts. Located at 603 Main St., in Pleasanton, book readings begins at 10 a.m., with crafts immediately following. Admission is always free, and no reservations are required. The event is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton. For more information, email education@museumonmain.org, call 925-462-2766, or visit bit.ly/3JS1Mil.

Friday, Sept. 16 and Saturday, Sept. 17
GRANADA HIGH REUNION

The Granada High Class of '72 will be celebrating their 50th reunion at the Callippe Preserve in Pleasanton, and at May Nissen Park. In celebration of the graduation theme, Come Together, the invitation is extended to staff members, alumni of other GHS classes, and Livermore High Class of '72. Information and registration can be found aghs1972reunion.com. For more information, email ghs7250th@gmail.com or call Steve Goodman at 925-323-5712.

Tuesday, Sept. 20
ED KINNEY SPEAKER SERIES:
AN AFTERNOON WITH BILLY SUNDAY

Billy Sunday was a professional baseball player before becoming one of the most influential American evangelists, conducting more than 300 revivals with an estimated 100,000,000 in attendance over his career. Sunday's revivals and sermons reflected the emotional upheavals caused by transition from rural to industrial society in the United States in the early 20th century. Pleasanton's Museum on Main with present Chautauqua scholar Doug Mishler portraying the Evangelical preacher, at the Firehouse Arts Center, located at 4444 Railroad Ave., in Pleasanton, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and are available at bit.ly/3p0Fm4D. For more information, email education@museumonmain.org or call 925-462-2766.

Saturday, Sept. 24
ARROYO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '62 REUNION

The Arroyo High School class of 1962 is inviting all alumni from 1962 to celebrate their 60th reunion at the home of Linda (Wang) Ray in Livermore. Cost is \$45 per person, and includes lunch, beer or wine, and nonalcoholic beverages plus dessert. For more information or to RSVP, call or text Linda at 702-466-4744 or Pat (Moore) Jones at 925-963-8305.

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS
PLEASANTON FARMERS MARKET

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.



Livermore Police Sgt. Marc Plute (center) has been named to supervise the department's school resource officers, Arturo Rosas (left) and Rich Hill, who are assigned to the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's high schools. Plute is a 26-year veteran of the Livermore Police and has worked in the department's narcotics, gang and special operations units. He was also a field training officer. (Photo courtesy of Livermore Police Department)

Sandia Credit Union Donates \$1,000 to Livermore Schools

Sandia Laboratory Federal Credit Union (SLFCU) has donated \$1,000 to the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD).

The credit union also donated a total of \$9,000 to five school districts in

New Mexico.

Formed in 1948 by employees of Sandia National Laboratories, the credit union currently serves more than 132,000 members with 12 branches in New Mexico and one in Livermore.

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OBITUARIES

Louise Mary Puhlovich
April 30, 1926 — Aug. 10, 2022



The obituary has been removed as requested by the person who submitted it

Paul Kotta
Aug. 21, 1966 — Aug. 18, 2022

Paul Kotta, 56, passed away from cancer on Aug. 18, 2022. Paul was a Renaissance man with a warm intellect and sharp sense of humor. Fluent in Japanese, both written and oral. Paul initially taught English in Japan, became a freelance translator specializing in science and engineering, then worked as a publication editor for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Science & Tech-

nology Review magazine. He also founded a company called Mellow Monk that specialized in fine Japanese green tea. He is survived by his wife of 33 years; daughter Erica; son Sean; brother Chad; and mother Nancy. He was loved by many and will be very missed. In lieu of flowers, the family requests support via <https://gofund.me/69cddb1a>.



Arnold Kirkewoog
Sept. 19, 1928 — July 24, 2022

Arnold Kirkewoog passed away on July 24 due to complications of lymphoma. Instead of the 48 hours predicted by doctors, he spent ten days gently drifting away, occasionally opening his eyes to see who was at his bedside, then perhaps reliving his world travels, connecting his electric car to his new photovoltaic system, planting a new crop of tomatoes, planning his next invention, painting local landscapes and, of course, dancing up a storm. In these final days, he never stopped living fully and deeply, too busy and too inspired to stop for anything.

A first generation, only son of Norwegian parents, growing up in San Francisco, Arnold never ceased to educate himself — navigating tugboats, installing sound systems, designing and using turn signals and seatbelts before they were standard issue, and taking watercolor classes at the Palace of Fine Arts. He met his wife, Margo, at a dance by the Russian River. Margo gave her phone number to Arnold, and this led to an amazing 64 years of marriage.

When he joined the Navy, tests revealed his gifts for science and technology, and he was trained in electrical engineering. During these years on duty in the South Pacific, he monitored nuclear testing, making dirty martinis on the deck of a military ship watching mushroom clouds. These experiences led him to Livermore and a career at the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, where he participated in the development of solid-state transistor technology, experi-



ments on satellites and more. In their first house in Livermore, he buried a turret room, cut out of a destroyer, in his backyard as a bomb shelter, perhaps inspired by Margo's experience in Holland during WWII. Later, he and his wife, Margo, built their own house on the outskirts of Livermore, raised two children, built a cabin in the Sierras from which they took countless backpacking trips, and led the charge of renovating the Livermore Barn. For 50 years, Arnold and Margo were celebrated figures of Livermore, volunteering, painting and dancing wherever and whenever they could. After he retired and after the passing of his wife of 64 years, Margo, Arne resettled in Baywood Park/Los Osos. He quickly became one of the colorful characters of this eccentric community — wearing his Hawaiian shirts and plantation hats, letting his treasured hair grow down to his shoulders, dancing with anyone and everyone. Every time he was on the bay, he would smile and say, "Life doesn't get better

than this." It did get better... He met his best friend Eleanor who introduced him to vegetable gardening, meditation and exploring the sights and landmarks of the Central Coast.

In his final decade, he visited Norway and reconnected with the extended family of his mother Ellen. Upon his return to Baywood, he raised a Norwegian flag on his backyard and proudly put on a hand-knitted Norwegian sweater over his Hawaiian shirt whenever the fog came in. And right up to the end, he remained as intrepid, colorful and determined as ever. Just before being hospitalized, Arnold had accompanied his Dutch nephew on a hike up Black Hill and told his oncologist that he wasn't about to let chemo ruin his treasured full head of silver hair. And when he was barely able to speak, he motioned for us to come close for some final words. This followed: "I think I swallowed a magnet." No farewell, no mushy sentiment, just a nod to technology and his belief that anything can be fixed and improved.

Arnold is survived by his daughter Ingrid; son Eric; son-in-law Jan; daughter-in-law Sule; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. In the memory and spirit of Arnold Kirkewoog, please choose one of the following and do it with gusto: dance to live music, hike, tell a joke, have a dirty martini with three olives, plant a garden, take something apart, improve it and put it back together, pick up a sketch book and learn to see, volunteer.

Vera Albeyta Myers Nisley
Nov. 9, 1922 — July 21, 2022



until she was 98.

As a young girl she was given a piano and lessons. She loved music, playing the piano and organ for church and Eastern Star. She married Frank Nisley Jr., a widower and lifelong family friend, in late 1994 and enjoyed many more mountain adventures in Frank's Jeep, before he passed in 2000. To be nearer to

her family, she moved to California in 2009.

Vera worked many years at the First National Bank of Grand Junction and was a member of the Order of Eastern Star (OES) for 63 years. She served as Mother Advisor of the Order of Rainbow Girls, Worthy Matron of Grand Junction Chapter OES and as Worthy Grand Matron of the State of Colorado.

She is survived by her children Karen Myers Bauman and Dale Myers; two grandchildren, Brian Bauman and Paula McClendon; and four great-grandchildren, Kate, Stella, Nicholas and Kayla. Services will be held at Memorial Gardens of the Valley in Grand Junction, Colorado at 11 a.m. on Aug. 30, 2022. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the First Baptist Church, 720 Grand Avenue, Grand Junction, Colorado, 81501.

Madonna O. Frick
Dec. 15, 1934 — Aug. 15, 2022



Madonna O. Frick was born in Mott, North Dakota on December 15, 1934, to the late Vernon and Lila Olson. The Olson Family settled in Livermore in 1941. Madonna grew up and attended Livermore High School, where she met her best friend and love of her life, her husband of 69 years, Donald Frick. They married in 1953 and continued their family. Don and Madonna raised two children on their family ranch in Livermore, Michael Frick and Janet Frick.

Madonna survived her husband for the last five years and was finally reunited with him on

August 15, 2022. She is survived by her two children, Michael and Janet; six grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. A beloved wife, mother, grandma, great-grandma, aunt and friend, she will be missed by all who were blessed to know her.

Services will be held on August 25, 2022, however, privately. Should one feel inclined, donations in her name can be made to the American Heart Association. Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Frick family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

Lorna Roberta McDowell
Aug. 27, 1928 — Aug. 22, 2021



unforgettable Christmas mornings and couch snuggles while watching The Sound of Music.

With her August 27 birthday only days away, we celebrate the life of Lorna Roberta McDowell one year after her passing on August 22, 2021. Lorna was a fiercely independent, remarkable, caring, intelligent and creative woman who loved California, quilting, cooking and her family. As a loving wife, she cared for her husband Keith in their Livermore home until his death in 2020. Their life in Livermore spanned over 60 years, and there was no place she would have rather been.

Lorna was the quintessential mother and grandmother leaving behind magical memories of Easter egg coloring, sewing,

She enjoyed a career with the VA Hospital working inside the Canteen, where she was often seen making friends and offering help to those in need. When she had free time, you could find her in her sewing room being creative or enjoying her time as a member of the Amador Valley Quilters.

Lorna is survived by her daughters Debbie McDowell Bashaw and Penny McDowell Avery; along with grandchildren Kevin Bashaw, Shawn Bashaw, Katie Kossev and Veso Kossev. Happy Heavenly Birthday Grandma. We love and miss you so much!

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

John Alden (Al) Lewis
Aug. 25, 1929 — Aug. 17, 2022

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of John A. (Al) Lewis who died peacefully in his home in Livermore, California, one week short of his 93rd birthday.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Ann Lewis (1997). He is survived by his wife, Gwendlyn Ball Lewis; and his children, Robert Lewis (Jennifer), Lynn Hall (James); and grandchildren, William Hall (Samantha), Derrick Hall, Catherine Hall, Aldin Lewis, and Parker Lewis.

John was born on Aug. 25, 1929, in Long Beach California to Alden and Ann Lewis. He graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 1951 and from UC Hastings Law School in 1954. John married Ann Bartlett in 1954, and they moved to San Leandro, when he began working for Alameda County as a district attorney. In 1964, John became Livermore's first full-time city attorney, and as a result, in 1965, the family moved to Livermore, California.

While serving as city attorney, Livermore experienced rapid growth. John played an active role in the construction of the Las Positas Golf Course and the Livermore Airport, as well as expanding the public works facility and relocating the Rodeo Grounds. In 1973, John was appointed by Governor Ronald Reagan as judge of Municipal Court, Livermore Judicial District. From time to time, he served as judge in every court in Alameda County and the Court of Appeals in San Francisco. John retired in 1993.

After the passing of his wife, Ann, he married Gwen in 2000. He is survived by his stepchildren Kathryn Ball and David Ball (Maria); and step grandchildren Alexander Bautista Ball and Daniel Bautista Ball.

John dedicated his life to supporting the community. He was a member of Rotary Club of Livermore (President 1979-1980), UCSB Alumni Association (President 1964-66), Valley study Group, Livermore Boosters, Livermore Airman's Association and Livermore Chamber of Commerce. John was a loving father who shared his passion for fishing, flying his plane, playing golf and the outdoors. Family and friends have wonderful memories of spending time with John on his adventures and enjoyment of life.

A celebration of life will be held on Sept. 19 at 11:30 a.m. at Beeb's in Livermore. All are welcome to attend. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Rotary Club of Livermore, at <http://www.rotarianfoundationlivermore.org/>.

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



Philip S. Pipitone Jr.
April 4, 1938 — Aug. 16, 2022



Philip S. Pipitone, Jr. passed away peacefully on Aug. 16, 2022, at home with his wife and family. A resident of Alameda County for 84 years, Phil was born and raised in Oakland, raised his family in Fremont (1962-1996), and was a current resident of Livermore.

Phil is survived by his loving wife Delores "Dee" Pipitone and their four children: Lisa Cheney (Patrick) of Pleasanton, Dominic Pipitone (Pam) of San Mateo, Vincent Pipitone (Deanna) of Cave Creek, Arizona and Matthew Pipitone (Laura) of Roseville. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his brother, Richard Pipitone and infant granddaughter, Kaitlyn Pipitone.

Born on April 4, 1938, he earned his bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley and Doctor of Pharmacy from UC San Francisco. He married Delores

Mendoza on July 29, 1961, and they shared a loving home for 61 years. As a pharmacist in Hayward and Fremont, he went out of his way to ensure his patients were treated with respect and received the medicine they needed.

Phil enjoyed traveling, home improvement, camping and,

above all else, time with family and friends. A devoted Catholic, he was always an active member of his local church. Phil was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1995, retired in 1996, and together, Phil and Dee made the most of the next 26 years. They took cruises, attended the annual Shakespeare festival in Ashland, Oregon with friends and traveled to China, Europe and places throughout the US and Canada. He brought joy to people who knew him and never complained about having the disease that took away his mobility and eventually ended his life.

Friends and family are invited to a funeral mass and reception at St. Charles Borromeo at 1315 Lomitas Ave, Livermore, CA 94550 on Saturday, September 10 at 11 a.m. Memorial donations may be directed to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (www.michaelfox.org).

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Susan Kingma Hudson Day
Sept. 23, 1965 — July 25, 2022

Susan, 56, of Livermore, peacefully departed this earth on July 25, 2022, surrounded by her beloved family. She leaves behind her husband, David Day of Livermore; parents, Marilyn and Stan Kingma of Roanoke, Virginia; brothers, Dave Kingma of Livermore and Joseph Kingma of Daleville, Virginia, plus many extended family members.

She was a dear friend to many people. Susan cherished those "sacred moments" when conversations turned to deep, real sharing. She enjoyed music and loved to dance. Above all, Susan was a passionate follower of Jesus Christ, and because of that, an accomplished and gifted lover of people. She believed that real faith in God was expressed in giving to others.

Susan earned a bachelor's degree in fashion merchandising and design from Virginia Tech and a master's degree in clinical psychology from Wheaton College. During her undergraduate years, she was active in Campus Crusade for Christ and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. She started her ministry with Young Life in Northern Virginia, advancing to Area Director. Susan continued working with Young Life in Toledo, Ohio, assisting her first husband, Jim Hudson, the Area Director. Her work with Young Life continued in Chicago, Illinois, where she started her career as a marriage and family therapist.

Her passion for helping others took Susan to Charlottesville, Virginia, where she helped start Clear River, a vibrant and progressive church. She served as worship leader, giving expression to her musical abilities and tapping her giftedness in leading music. While there, she also built a thriving counseling practice.

Susan moved to Livermore, California, where she continued as a marriage and family therapist. Her passion for fashion merchandising was reignited when she was introduced to Cabi, a clothing company with the creed "affecting lives through relationships." As a successful stylist for Cabi, that's exactly what she did! She often entertained at her home, where she was known for creating outstanding meals and hosting delightful fashion shows for her cherished Cabi friends.

She began practicing at Community Christian Counseling, where she met her second husband, Dr. David Day. Her life and practice flourished as she deeply loved others, providing life-changing experiences and healing. Susan impacted hundreds of lives. She departed this life all too soon. Please pray for advancements leading to the cure of ovarian cancer.

A rescheduled celebration of Susan's life will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, August 27 at Cornerstone Fellowship, 348 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore, California. 94551 in the chapel. A second celebration of life and internment will be held in Roanoke, Virginia, date and time to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance, www.ocrahope.org.



Cooks and McKeever Selected as Top Players in Northern California

By Nathan Canilao

After battling it out for over a year in the East Bay Athletic League, Granada center Andrew McKeever and Dublin point guard Donovan Cooks shared a rare moment to share the floor together on the same team. Both players were selected to represent the Bay Area at the 2nd annual Simply Basketball Battle of Norcal All-Star game.

The event selected the top high school basketball players from the Bay Area, Central Valley, Sacramento and Stockton to play in two tournament games for their respective regions.

Along with McKeever and Cooks, Dublin High forwards Courtney Anderson and Mehki Thomas were also selected to play in the all-star game, but were sidelined due to injury.

Both McKeever and Cooks had bright moments in both of their games. McKeever was a vital



Donovan Cooks

rim protector on the defensive end for the Bay Area team. On the offensive end, he was able to finish layups around the rim at a high clip.

Cooks was efficient in his two games for the Bay Area squad. He shot the three-ball at a high clip and was one of the team's top distributors.

Both players relished the opportunity to be named one of the top high school basketball players in Northern California.

"It shows how hard I worked, especially coming

from where I was freshman year," said McKeever. "It definitely feels good."

"It's really a good experience to see that my work has been paying off," said Cooks.

Both the Matadors and the Gaels are slated to build on the success that both teams had last season.

Along with McKeever, Granada will bring back Navaghn Long who had big moments for the Matadors last season. Head Coach Quaran Johnson will also be back on the bench for the Matadors as he enters his fourth full season as Matadors head coach.

Cooks, who is returning for his senior season, will be joined by Thomas and Cooks along with freshman phenom Jalen Stokes.

Cooks and the Gaels have high hopes for this season after making the state playoffs last year.

"I want to win state," said Cooks.

Goodguys Car Show Set to Return to The Alameda County Fairgrounds

The Goodguys Rod & Custom Association returns to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton this weekend with thousands of hotrods, muscle cars, tricked-out trucks, and restored classics on display for the 35th RaceDeck West Coast Nationals.

Car and truck owners from across the country will compete for show prizes, including the America's Most Beautiful Award.

More than 150 1932 Fords will also be on display for the association's

90th anniversary celebration of the quintessential American hotrod, also known as the Deuce.

The weekend will also include autocross racing, a burnout competition, live music, swap meet, food vendors, and a kid zone. PPG Industries will sponsor a hood-painting contest, featuring the work of student teams from three junior colleges and three regional occupational centers in the Pleasanton area.

The show will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fri-

day, Aug. 26, and Saturday, Aug. 27, and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 28.

Tickets can be purchased at the gate or online at www.good-guys.com/wcn.

General admission is \$10 per day for youths 7 to 12 years old and \$25 per day for ages 13 and older. Those 6 and under are free. There is also a \$5 discount at the gate for veterans and active members of the military.

Parking at the fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., is \$15.

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Schall, who helped organize a neighborhood petition garnering signatures from 77% of Parkside households, told The Independent, "I found out about this after the fact. Someone had mentioned that the city council was moving forward to approve this fill station, and I had never even heard of it."

Councilmembers said that they were perplexed that at the previous meeting, when the project was approved, no residents voiced their opinions.

"I sincerely regret that the neighborhood didn't know about the conversation because you should've been a part of it," said Councilmember Julie Testa. "You've (now) been heard and your concerns are valid."

The project cancellation marks the latest dead end in a series of attempts between Pleasanton, Livermore and the Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) to find a suitable site to serve residents looking to water their yards with non-potable water during droughts.

A regional fill station opened at the DSRSD treatment plant on Johnson

Drive in 2014, but closed at the end of the last drought in 2016. District concerns over traffic and public safety have blocked its reopening during the current drought.

"It is a treatment plant," said Dan Repp, managing director of utilities and environmental services for Pleasanton of the DSRSD facility. "It was designed for wastewater treatment. It's a hazardous environment for lots of reasons. The major concern that the district has had has been related to safety and operations consistency for their plant."

Traffic also posed a challenge there, continued Repp. "That was a huge complication for them. I believe they even got citations from our police department as well as the state highway patrol. It was a very difficult situation for them."

Consequently, the agency partnership approved in March an agreement to construct a temporary recycled water fill station on Gleason Drive in Dublin, but project bids came in 51% to 80% higher than the project's estimated \$970,000 cost; the Pleasanton City Council rescinded that approval in April.

Although some residents at the most recent meeting suggested Gleason as an alternative to Parkside location, Councilmember Jack Balch explained that he viewed such spending as irresponsible.

The Parkside recission comes as California continues its third year of continuous drought and less than a week after Gov. Gavin Newsom shared a water supply strategy calling for, among other actions, the state to reuse at least 800,000 acre-feet of water by 2030.

"Nobody in Parkside that I spoke with doesn't like the idea of recycled water," said Schall. "We all like it. We all want it for our yards. But we need to have a safe place, in more of a commercial zone, where people with trucks can drive through to pick the stuff up. We definitely appreciate being heard by the city council and would love to help them find a new site."

City staff said they will attempt to restart discussions around reopening the Johnson Drive station, and also explore options at the Hacienda Business Park and Staples Ranch.

New Coach to Lead LPC Volleyball

By Matt Schwab

Las Positas College has served up an ace with the hiring of former UConn star Jamie Hadenfeldt as the Hawks new women's volleyball coach.

Hadenfeldt will look to rebuild a Las Positas program that has been effectively dormant since the 2019 season, idling in 2020 and 2021 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I'm very excited for the opportunity," Hadenfeldt said on Aug. 17 before the first day of practice this season. "Everybody that I've met and worked with so far at Las Positas has been awesome; the community there is great."

Hadenfeldt, a former three-sport standout at Benicia High, is well-connected in Bay Area volleyball circles as an assistant director at NorCal Volleyball in Livermore with 16 years of club coaching experience.

She was also a varsity assistant and JV head coach at Monte Vista High in the East Bay Athletic League last season, after coaching for 10 years at Benicia.

"She is a true great mind in the sport of volleyball," Monte Vista varsity head coach Sara Dukes-Johnson said of Hadenfeldt. "She was interested in being involved in our program as a JV coach, and I jokingly called her the most overqualified JV coach in our area. The depth of her knowledge and the wealth of her experience in everything is a true asset to any program that she's ever been a part of or is willing to be a part of."

The Hawks open the 2022 nonconference season at home against Diablo Valley College on Aug. 31, and will begin play in the Coast-North Conference at College of San Mateo on Sept. 30.

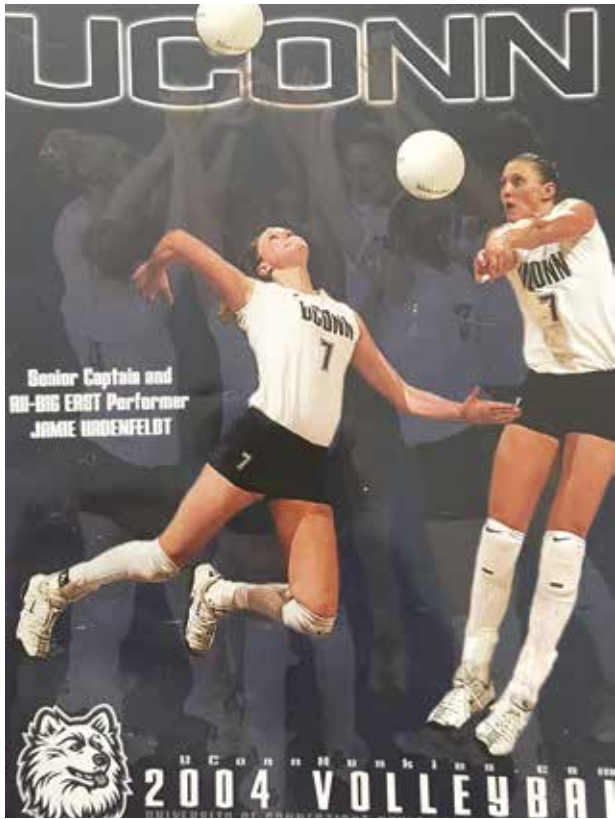
This is a building-block season for Las Positas.

"I think just getting the program back up and rolling and getting that interest back out there, getting the word of mouth back out there, is the goal and the theme of this season," said Hadenfeldt, who was hired only about two weeks ago.

... "I'm really excited that on this shortened timeline we were able to make this season happen."

Dukes-Johnson, who played at NCAA powerhouse Stanford, says Hadenfeldt will be a "huge asset" as the Hawks get back off the ground.

"She has great touch with all aspects of a program, like obviously coaching it, but it's more than just coaching," Dukes-Johnson said. "It's about the development of players, getting players in there, making sure that she finds their strengths and their weaknesses; and pushing them all season, and then there's the organization part of scheduling and things that are expected of a program director that goes beyond the scope of a coach. She



The Las Positas College women's volleyball team recently welcomed a new coach: Jamie Hadenfeldt. (Photo courtesy of Las Positas College)

has the capacity to excel at all of it."

At UConn, from 2001-04, Hadenfeldt was thrilled to be in an environment where women's sports were celebrated. The popular UConn women's basketball team won three consecutive national titles when Hadenfeldt was attending the university and majoring in Molecular and Cell Biology.

Hadenfeldt did her part at UConn by thriving on the volleyball court, earning an All-Big East team selection, Team MVP, American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-Region, The Iron Husky Award, and Scholar Athlete honors.

"I chose (UConn) because they offered a lot of things," Hadenfeldt said. "Their female sports really were center stage. We had numerous women's sports at UConn that won national championships, so it was really a good balance of letting women's sports take the spotlight as frequently as the men's teams did. The culture was awesome. It was amazing to be a part of that."

Her extensive club

coaching background locally should serve her well at Las Positas.

"I think we've got a pretty good network of club players locally," Hadenfeldt, a Danville resident, said of the big picture. "It's just kind of finding those players where community college is a good fit for them."

She can draw players from a wealth of high-quality volleyball talent in the region. The East Bay Athletic League, of course, is a NorCal power conference in girls sports.

"If we can start to filter some of them and get them headed toward Las Positas it would be a great thing," Hadenfeldt said.

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Shawn Kumagai currently lives in District Two, while no councilmembers live in District Four.

The office of the mayor will remain at-large in the by-district system.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update

The council also received at the Aug. 16 meeting an update to the city's draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, which serves as a long-term vision for bicycle and pedestrian projects in Dublin.

Intended to replace the city's previous 2014 plan, the draft plan "results in a recommended biking and walking network and a prioritized list of projects to support biking and walking in Dublin," according to the staff report.

"I think this is the way of the future," said McCorriston. "This is something good for the environment,

our families; it integrates into the downtown plan and the whole city."

The plan outlines projects that would add to the city 12.8 miles of Class I paths, 19.9 miles of Class II paths, 12.4 miles of Class III paths and 9.2 miles of Class IV paths. While Class I bikeways provide exclusive rights of way for cyclists and pedestrians, away from roads, the other three classes follow existing streets with progressively greater degrees of separation between motor-vehicle and bicycle traffic.

Total costs of projects ranged from \$102 million to \$207 million, but staff explained that the plan remained, at this stage, at a very high level, on par with a general plan.

"This is more of an aspirational plan," explained Josey. "This is more of what we want to do, not this is a

sequence of things we are going to do in the next 5 to 10 years."

And while the plan cited a 2015-2019 American Community survey that reported only 2% of Dubliners walk, cycle or motorcycle to work — versus 78% who drive — the council was quick to point out that the data failed to capture lifestyle changes brought about during pandemic lockdowns.

Hu commented that continued efforts to address climate change will likely also encourage human-powered transportation in the near future.

Staff will present the draft to both the planning commission and the parks and community services commission this fall. The plan will also go through environmental clearance and return to city council for adoption near the end of the year.

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Marilyn Eileen Carlson

March 1, 1930 — June 25, 2022

Marilyn Carlson died June 25 in Spokane, Washington with her two children, Debbie Raabe and Steve Carlson, by her side. She passed away from COVID at the age of 92. Marilyn was predeceased by her husband of 60 years, who died in July of 2009. Marilyn and Swede lived a great life in Dublin, California, traveling and spending time with their five grandchildren.

When she and Swede weren't traveling with International Harvester, they could be found at Castlewood Country Club, either playing tennis, golfing or playing bridge. Marilyn loved her five grandchildren very much, and she was a huge part of Steve and Lori's children, Tara and Leslie. She and Swede flew to Spokane regularly to spend time with their other grandchildren, Sean, Nate and Shelby. Marilyn moved to Spokane in 2015 to be near Debbie. Prior to the pandemic, Steve flew from Boise, so that he and Debbie could take her to her favorite hangout, McKenzie Bar and Grill, where she nibbled on pizza and drank her wine.

Marilyn missed her husband terribly since his passing, and we believe that she is now finally able to have a glass or two of wine with her Swede.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE Judy Welsh Nov. 11, 1941 — July 15, 2022

Judy Welsh, a Livermore resident for over 50 years, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, at age 80 on July 15, 2022. Judy fiercely battled stage 4 ovarian cancer in 2013 and went into remission in 2014. Sadly, the cancer returned in 2022, and she succumbed to the disease after a short but valiant battle.

Judy and her identical twin sister, Patty, were born on Nov. 11, 1941, in San Francisco, California to Archie and Betty Simmons. Judy and Patty grew up in San Francisco and were inseparable. They attended UC Berkeley together in 1959. Judy graduated from UC Berkeley in 1963 with a degree in communications and public policy. While at Cal, she was a member of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority, where she made lifetime bonds and wonderful memories. During her time at Cal, she met her future husband, Frank Welsh. They were married in 1963 and settled down in Livermore in 1970.

Judy was such a kind, loving and, above all, generous person. She was a giver, would help anyone who needed help and did it with love and compassion. Judy loved being a mother to her daughter Betsy and was a second mom to many neighborhood kids and Betsy's friends. She was the life of the party and loved having fun and spending time with people.

Judy was a hardworking career woman. She started out working for Assemblyman Gib Mar-

guth from 1980 to 1982. She was his "right hand woman" and loved working in politics. Judy went on to work at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for 32 years from 1984 to 2016 as an administrative specialist/executive secretary. She worked in various departments, including plant engineering, laser directorate, health services, NIF, NAI, nuclear materials technology program facility and environmental safety & health. Judy loved her job so much that she chose not to retire until age 75.

Once she retired, Judy enjoyed traveling, shopping and going out to dinner or happy hour with friends and family, especially with a glass of Rom-bauer Chardonnay or an Old Fashioned! But most of all, she loved her annual birthday trips to San Francisco with her twin sister and their daughters. One of her greatest joys in life was spending time with her grandkids Emily and Nate Wilson. She loved to travel with them, and they went on many adventures. Her grandchildren lovingly called her the nickname "Juju."

Judy moved to an assisted living facility in Rohnert Park in early 2021. Her health declined, but she never lost her spark and zest for life. There, she met the love of her life, David Smith. Their relationship made this last year of her life one of her happiest! Once Judy received her cancer diagnosis, she and David chose to get married

before she passed. Her loving granddaughter Emily officiated their beautiful wedding and celebration of their love. Judy wanted everyone to know that it is NEVER too late to find love. The magnificent love she shared with David was proof of that.

Judy was preceded in death by her twin sister Patty (2016). Judy is survived by her daughter, Betsy Welsh Wilson and her grandchildren Emily and Nate Wilson. She is also survived by her adopted children Gino Medeiros and Mary Sturges.

A celebration of Judy's life will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 16 in the Cresta Blanca Ballroom at the Robert Livermore Community Center at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore, California, 94550. Guests are encouraged to wear colorful clothing to celebrate the bright light that Judy would always fill the room and our hearts with. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance, www.ocrahope.org, or to Hope Hospice, www.hopehospice.com.



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The following person(s) doing business as: ARCO Am Pm Mini Mart, 7249 Village Parkway Dublin, Dublin, CA 74568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Aamir Inc., 331 Mackintosh Terrace, Fremont, CA 94539. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mohammed Karim Sayani, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 1, 2022. Expires July 31, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5234. Published August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590643

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Sahara Market 2. Darband Mediterranean restaurant, 6783 Dublin Blvd, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mahmoud Abarghoie, 6783 Dublin Blvd, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/22/22. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mahmoud Abarghoie, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 25, 2022. Expires July 24, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5235. Published August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590948

The following person(s) doing business as: Wingen Bakery, 50-52 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Waylynn Wingen, LLC 2324 5th St., Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 8/4/22. Signature of Registrant/s/: Bryan Wingen, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 4, 2022. Expires August 3, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5236. Published August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590520

The following person(s) doing business as: Hall's Home Repair, 1688 El Padre Dr., Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Robert Hall, 447 Westchester St., Hayward, CA 94544. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/5/22. Signature of Registrant/s/: Robert Hall, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 19, 2022. Expires July 18, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5237. Published August 18, 25, September 1, 8, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591013

The following person(s) doing business as: Yajnik Businesses, 3278 Curtis Cir., Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kashyap V. Yajnik, 3278 Curtis Cir., 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: 8/3/22. Signature of Registrant/s/: Kashyap V. Yajnik, V.P. Operations. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 8, 2022. Expires August 7, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5238. Published August 18, 25, September 1, 8, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591018

The following person(s) doing business as: Golden Electrical Services, 2150 Portola Ave D-146, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bibiano Family Electric Inc., 2150 Portola Ave D-146, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jesus Bibiano Perez, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 8, 2022. Expires August 7, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5239. Published August 18, 25, September 1, 8, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590974

The following person(s) doing business as: Encompass Pump Company, 4435 First St #133, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Food Sanitation Consultants, Inc., 4435 First St #133, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 8/5/22. Signature of Registrant/s/: Keith Britto, Vice President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 5, 2022. Expires August 4, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5240. Published August 18, 25, September 1, 8, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591050

The following person(s) doing business as: Yinyin, 311 2nd St., Unit 804, Oakland, CA 94607, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kayos Corporation, 311 2nd St., Unit 804, Oakland, CA 94607. 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/: Josette Lee, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 9, 2022. Expires August 8, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5241. Published August 18, 25, September 1, 8, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590505

The following person(s) doing business as: COT Enterprises, 7888 Marathon Dr. STE K, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Christopher Tuttle, 1714 Chestnut 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: 6/27/2010. Signature of Registrant/s/: Christopher Tuttle, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 19, 2022. Expires July 18, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5242. Published August 18, 25, September 1, 8, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590538

The following person(s) doing business as: Visiting Angels, 179 Contractors Ave., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): AAA Integrity Home Care Inc., 2376 Oyster Bay Dr. Bay Point, CA 94565. 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/: Amma Akwabi-Ameyaw, Chief Executive Officer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 20, 2022. Expires July 19, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5243. Published August 18, 25, September 1, 8, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590997

The following person(s) doing business as: Beautiful Ties, 1004 Glenn Common, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Cynthia Silz, 1004 Glenn Common, 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/: Cynthia Silz, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 8, 2022. Expires August 7, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5244. Published August 18, 25, September 1, 8, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591052

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. push2exist; 2. push 2 exist, 484 Lake Park Ave 04, Oakland, CA 94610, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Revolution Operations Consulting LLC, 484 Lake Park Ave 04, Oakland, CA 94610. 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/: Laila Makled, Managing Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 9, 2022. Expires August 8, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5245. Published August 18, 25, September 1, 8, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591343

The following person(s) doing business as: KDejon Publishing, 296 MacArthur Blvd, Ste# 1003, San Leandro, CA 94577, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Carrie L. Villa, 1023 Westwind St #327, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 8/19/22. Signature of Registrant/s/: Carrie L. Villa, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 19, 2022. Expires August 18, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5246. Published August 25, September 1, 8, 15, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591173

The following person(s) doing business as: Han Yang Jorean BBQ, 22365 Mission Blvd, Hayward, CA 94541, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hyon Chu Helen Cho, 24858 Yoshida Dr, Hayward, CA 94545. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to

transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: Jan, 1999. Signature of Registrant/s/: Hyon Chu Cho, Daughter. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 16, 2022. Expires August 17, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5247. Published August 25, September 1, 8, 15, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591076

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Nowhere Special 2. Nowhere Special Music, 2019 7th Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sam Scardina, 2019 7th Street, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Sam Scardina, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 12, 2022. Expires August 11, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5250. Published August 25, September 1, 8, 15, 2022.

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

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s). Cream Alameda, 2630 5th St. Ste A, Alameda, CA 94501. Registered Owner(s): Cream Ventures, LLC, 691 N Oxford Ave, Clovis, CA 93611. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 7/1/2020 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Vishal Sharma, President.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 10, 2022. The Independent, Legal No. 5249. Published August 25, September 1, 8, 15, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 591110

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Animal Hospital of Pleasanton; 2. Animal Care Hospital of Pleasanton, 7 California Ave, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Krisvet Inc., 351 Flaming Oak Dr., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Nihdi Garg, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 12, 2022. Expires August 11, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5250. Published August 25, September 1, 8, 15, 2022.

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THANK YOU to Supervisors Haubert and Miley for wanting to ensure all Alameda County constituents get a fair chance to participate in the public policy process and have their voices heard on the law that has stripped the property rights of every Alameda County housing provider. Unfortunately, their colleagues didn't want to listen.

HAUBERT & MILEY SUPPORTED A PLAN TO:

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- ✓ Begin a process to explore ending costly regulations that are leading to lawsuits



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NATE MILEY, Vice President Alameda County Board of Supervisors and DAVID HAUBERT Supervisor, District 1 Alameda County Board of Supervisors. *The Independent*, July 28, 2022

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