

Voters To Weigh In On Dublin Term Limits

For Mayor, City Council

By David Jen

DUBLIN — Voters here will decide whether to extend mayoral and councilmember term limits next year, but the city council is divided on when an election should be held.

The city's current term limits, approved by voters in 1996, limit a person to a total of eight years on the city council, regardless of how those years are divided across councilmember or mayoral seats. The council is aligned on a desire to increase the total combined limit to 12 years.

Mayor Melissa Hernandez is pushing for longer terms to make "sure there is institutional knowledge in our city."

Livermore and Pleasanton both enforce a 16-year combined councilmember and mayoral limit. Fremont and San Leandro also each have 16-year combined limits, but Danville, Hayward and Newark have no term limits.

A measure could be placed on the ballot on Election Day — Nov. 5, 2024

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Former LLNL Deputy Director

Linda Bauer Chosen for NNSA Role

By Jeff Garberson

LIVERMORE — A former deputy director at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has been chosen to lead the development of a comprehensive "blueprint" for a U.S. government agency that oversees the safety, security and reliability of the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile.

Linda Bauer, who left the lab last year, will join the National Nuclear Security Administration, (NNSA) the national defense arm of the U.S. Department of Energy.

NNSA is responsible for the reliability, safety and security of U.S. nuclear weapons. The job depends heavily on science and engineering at Lawrence Liv-

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A participant takes a turn at the hammer throwing event during the heavy athletics competition at the Caledonian Club's 157th Scottish Games on Saturday, Sept. 2 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. The event features a hammer made from a metal ball weighing around 22 lbs. for men or 16 lbs. for women, attached to a wooden pole or handle. Participants use the handle to whirl the hammer around their head and then throw it as far as they can. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Survey: Dublin Residents Concerned About Crime, Most Worried About Growth Issues

By Larry Altman

DUBLIN — Dublin residents are increasingly worried about crime in the city, but freeway congestion, housing costs and growth top the list of concerns, according to a newly released survey.

A research firm questioned 438 residents in May, asking them about everything from safety to the quality of schools to housing and development.

Eighty-nine percent of respondents rated the city as "safe," though 35% of residents surveyed

said crime is an extremely serious or very serious issue, compared to 21% in 2019.

"Overall, our residents continue to have broadly positive views of Dublin, welcome diversity, and view the city as up-and-coming."

— City Councilmember Michael McCarriston.

Councilmember Sherry Hu explained that the council understands the increased concern about crime, but pointed out that July data showed a 40% reduction in violent crime and a 12% decrease in property crimes

when compared to last year at the same time. Arrests rose 20%, she said.

"Property crimes, in particular, are obviously on the rise and we need to control that, but generally, based on survey results, residents feel safe," Councilmember Kashef Qaadri said. "Part of the solution involves employ-

ing technology and techniques to fundamentally reduce and prevent crimes. An additional aspect, which will improve perception, is increased community

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Trail Users May Have Hillside Views Blocked if Proposed Homesite Moves

By David Jen

PLEASANTON — Hikers and cyclists using the Old Vineyard Avenue Trail, south of the Shadow Cliffs Lake, may soon see less of the hillside if plans to relocate a one-acre homesite along the trail move forward.

Applicant Terry Townsend on behalf of property owner Vijayalakshmi Reddy wants to relocate a homesite from atop the steep 20-acre parcel at 1 Brozosky Hill Lane closer

to the trail and adjacent to two other proposed homesites.

Relocating the sites would require that fewer trees be removed. There would also be less construction because there would not be a need to build a long driveway up the hill. However, the relocation would obscure some views of the hillside from the multi-use trail.

"The arborist report identified 36 trees being removed if we have that lot at the top," said Townsend.

"And if we bring that lot to the bottom, I'm looking at 12 trees being removed, and that's mostly for the roadway."

Associate planner Jenny Soo said she supported the move during a planning commission work session last month.

"In staff's mind, we think the relocation is reasonable," said Soo. "It is more suitable for the hillside development."

Each two-story home would be about 6,000

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Pleasanton Police And City Agree On 3-Year Contract

After Months Of Difficult Negotiations

By Larry Altman

PLEASANTON — City officials and the police union have reached a deal for a three-year contract that increases wages and benefits for officers and police sergeants.

The Pleasanton Police Officers Association (PPOA) had been working without a contract for four months after union members in May rejected the city's wage increase offer and declared an impasse with negotiations.

"After 92 days without a contract, we are pleased to have reached an agreement with the city," PPOA President Brian Jewell said in a statement last Thursday after the deal was announced.

"Our members are ready to move on and get back to serving this great community. We cannot thank the community enough for their unwavering support of our officers and public safety."

PPOA members approved the contract shortly after its negotiators reached a deal with the city's negotiators last Wednesday.

"Both parties moved in

an effort to reach a contract that demonstrates the city's commitment to providing a fair compensation package to our police officers and sergeants while balancing the fiscal needs of the many services and programs Pleasanton provides," Pleasanton spokeswoman Heather Tiernan said.

The contract is retroactive to June 1.

The agreement ended the need for a late September fact-finding hearing before the California Public Employment Relations Board (PERB), a five-member panel appointed by the governor to determine whether a public agency has committed unfair labor practices.

An earlier attempt at mediation failed in July.

Details of the new contract will be made public when the city council reviews the deal at its Sept. 19, meeting. A vote will be taken Oct. 8.

The union was seeking pay raises to bring the department more in line with higher salaries paid to officers at other Bay Area law

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Industrial, Commercial Project May Come to North Pleasanton

By David Jen

PLEASANTON — A new proposal could add 20 acres of light-industrial use to north Pleasanton, paving the way for a variety of businesses.

SteelWave, LLC, a San Francisco-based commercial real-estate developer, recently submitted an application to rezone a parcel along El Charro Road, just south of the Arroyo Mocho, for light-industrial and service commercial uses, said city spokeswoman Heather Tiernan.

Tiernan said the parcel could include a data center, life science uses, retail services, and warehousing.

The project application includes one 131,000 square-foot industrial building, another 157,000 square-foot industrial building, and a two-story, 12,000 square-foot retail-office building.

The application details a total of 429 parking stalls plus 35 tractor-trailer stalls, sidewalks and landscaping as improvements for the site.

Steve Dunn, SteelWave Senior Managing Director, also referred to the retail space as a possible restaurant area, with room for potential outdoor seating and second floor views of Chain of Lakes, in a letter to the city.

In addition to the rezoning, SteelWave has also applied to annex the parcel to Pleasanton, as it is currently unincorporated county land, adjacent to the city's northeast border.

According to Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown, the proposed project sits outside the city limits but inside the urban growth boundary.

SteelWave Director of Marketing and Transaction

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Tri-Valley Mayors Discuss Regional, Local Issues at Annual Conference

By Ruth Roberts

SAN RAMON — The mayors of five Tri-Valley cities agree that the biggest challenge right now is building enough affordable housing, while also complying with the state's stringent construction mandates.

"Creating that (affordable housing), especially for families and young families with careers in health care and education is difficult," said Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez during the 2023 Mayors' Summit last week. "That is something that as parents we worry if our children will be able to afford to live here."

The Mayors' Summit at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel was hosted this year by the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce and moderated by Catharine Baker, former assemblymember and current California Fair Political Practices commissioner. The event also included San Ramon Mayor Dave Hudson, Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown, Livermore Mayor John Marchand and Danville Mayor Robert Storer.

Hudson said homes should be built closer to jobs to reduce gas emissions and eliminate traveling time for workers.

"This whole idea that we

need more housing to build around climate change is interesting," he said. "But the reality is that you don't have to build more houses. It's that you have to build closer to the jobs to reduce vehicle mileage and traveling ... I'm out here looking at Chevron who has too many vacancies in the business park. So, sell the business park. We need to explore all options."

Marchand said he is proud to serve the City of Livermore, adding there are many points of success in the city, but there are also challenges.

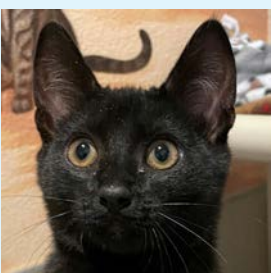
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The Tri-Valley Mayors' Summit was held on Aug. 31 at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel. From left: Moderator and former Assemblymember Catharine Baker, Livermore Mayor John Marchand, Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown, Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez, Danville Mayor Robert Storer and San Ramon Mayor Dave Hudson, seated. (Photo courtesy of the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce)

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Open Mic Night Host Returns to the Stage After Health Battles

By Christina Cavallaro

Gabriel “Gabe” Duffin is wearing one of his favorite T-shirts – “Life without music would B-flat”- as he takes the tiny black stage at Pinot’s Palette in downtown Livermore for the Wednesday night open mic jam.

The Irishman deftly checks all the inputs and cables, then welcomes the crowd with his usual mischievous humor before he calls up the first musician. Every week the do-it-yourself painting shop is transformed into a buzzing acoustic

showcase for anyone with an instrument or a desire to sing. It’s the first night Duffin has been back on the stage since he had a heart attack last October and then a bout of COVID-19 that landed him in a controlled coma. That happened on the heels of a battle with Stage Four cancer that he fought and won.

“Music has been my life since my mid-20s. And it’s been my profession,” Duffin, 65, said.

The open mic jam started in 2019 before the pandemic hit. When everything shut down, so did the music event until just recently.

“I really wanted it to be sort of an intimate cafe situation where people would sit and listen to what everybody’s doing and appreciate it,” Duffin said in a recent interview with the Independent.

Mike Gordon of Tracy, a long-time friend and loyalist

of Duffin, comes to the jam night with his bass “as a commitment to Gabe,” as often as he is able.

“He can be very direct and gruff and also very kind and welcoming to people with lesser musical capabilities,” Gordon said.

Gordon continued. “He’s a tough guy; he’s a fighter. If it weren’t for his gruff personality, maybe he wouldn’t have fought this hard.”

Duffin’s roots in music trace back to his native Ireland where he toured for more than 15 years with an Irish band playing American country music. Stateside, he led The Gabe Duffin Band and Stagecoach before he approached Pinot’s Palette owner, Leslie Warren, about starting an open mic at her art studio.

“It has a different feel,” Warren said of Duffin’s open mic. “It just feels good.” She laughed, recalling that when he first approached her with the idea, she thought it was a

little odd, since it had nothing to do with painting. But she tried it anyway. “I’ve since gotten to know all of the musicians who come and now, I can’t imagine Pinot’s Palette without it. It’s a great community thing. It’s just one more place for them to play.”

Pinot’s Palette regular Biff Schaeffer, a drummer, has been around the local music scene for a long time and has played at other popular venues in the Tri-Valley, but said nothing quite compares to what Duffin is doing at Pinot’s Palette.

“We’re not looking to be stars. We’re here to make the music better,” Schaeffer said. “And that’s the difference. Most of us are that way. We just want to play.”

People come to the open mic jam night with varying levels of experience and for many different reasons.

Eleanor “Ellie” Dixon, a Livermore scientist, never had consistent opportunities

to sing because she traveled so much for work and school. “So, this is my restart,” she said. “Here I get to get out there and be a complete train wreck and get over my stage fright.”

Behind the scenes, Pinot’s owner Warren and her boyfriend Anthony Reil, have started purchasing sound equipment to make sure the open mic sessions are able to carry on and grow with Duffin’s coaching and guidance.

Right now, Duffin hosts every other Wednesday so he can continue to focus on recovering from the health problems he faced last year.

“I’m on a partial basis right now, because I’m not well enough to run it every week—yet,” he said with a laugh.

Pinot’s Palette Open Mic is every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at 153 S L St. in Livermore. The business also has a full calendar of painting events listed on its website.



Gabriel “Gabe” Duffin performs at Pinot’s Palette in Livermore as part of a recent open mic night at the paint shop. It was the first night Duffin had returned to the stage following a heart attack, cancer and a severe bout of COVID. (Photo - Christina Cavallaro)

Pleasanton Senior Proves Age is Just a Number With Record-Making Swim

By Dawnmarie Fehr

An 81-year-old Pleasanton woman recently set an all-time record for her age group by swimming one mile in just over 43 minutes during a sanctioned race.

Susan “Susie” Krause (she also goes by “The Old Shark”) peeled off her wetsuit after 43 minutes and 13 seconds in the water during the 2023 Lake Tahoe Sharkfest last month.

“At the beginning of the race, there were 132 swimmers in a mass start,” said Krause. “They asked about everyone’s age and when

and I got a cheer,” she said.

Krause said she swam freestyle, backstroke and torpedo stroke – something she learned on her synchronized swimming team in high school. In torpedo stroke, Krause would extend her arms over head, kicking her legs to move forward and essentially giving her arms a rest.

“When I finished, a lot of people were cheering me on, including my son, who was waist deep in the water, waiting for me,” she said.

Krause raced alongside her son, daughter, and grandson. Her son and grandson

her age group.

This was the senior swimmer’s third time swimming in Sharkfest and she prepared by swimming one mile three times each week. She also takes bootcamp, Barre, Bollywood, yoga and pilates classes at Stoneridge Creek, the senior retirement community where she lives.

She also logged some laps in Arnold’s White Pines Lake, where her husband of 58 years, Del, paddled alongside her in a canoe.

Even with her constant training, swimming one mile in open water, at 6,200 feet above sea level, was challenging, Krause said.

“Susie is an exceptional person and an exceptional athlete,” said Roy Fowler, a fitness manager at Stoneridge Creek. “She has all the components of what it takes to be a good athlete. She’s a joy to work with and inspiring to other residents.”

Fowler teaches some of the classes Krause takes and has worked with her as a personal trainer as well. He said they focus on both strength and agility to give Krause the base she needs to stay active at her age.

In addition to completing Sharkfest, Krause is working on completing the Oceans 7 Challenge by swimming the length of seven international channels, including the English Channel and the Catalina Channel.

The total length of all seven channels is about 150 miles. and Krause has al-

ready swam the lengths of six channels.

“I decided to try and do it all within a short period of time,” she said. “I will have completed it by the end of September and I started in October of last year. I’m just doing it on my own because I love swimming.”

Swimming is in Krause’s blood. Her father swam breaststroke for Yale University and was part of the school’s 1923 national championship team.

Krause learned to swim while hanging onto his neck as he swam laps in Illinois. She was just 4 years old.

“I’d let go of his neck and do the dog paddle and he would come around and pick me up,” she said. “My father was a beautiful swimmer and a real inspiration for me.”

Krause has always lived an active lifestyle, and her family continues to model that. She and Del have participated in 15 bike trips,

though she admits they keep their rides closer to home these days, hitting popular spots in the Tri-Valley like Robertson’s Park and the Iron Horse Trail. She looks forward to continuing her active lifestyle as long as possible.

Terry Buttchen, spokesperson for Enviro-Sports, the organizer of Sharkfest, said

promoting healthy lifestyles is part of their philosophy.

“Enviro Sports promotes long-distance runs and open water swims to those interested in physical and mental fitness,” Buttchen said. “Our support of the National Park Service, the California and Nevada State Parks, and the East Bay Regional Park District allows



Susan Krause, foreground, recently set an all-time record in her age group. The 81-year-old swam one mile in just over 43 minutes. (Photo courtesy of Susan Krause)

they said how many people are over 80, I was the only one who put my hand up,

placed second and third in their age groups, respectively, and her daughter fell just short of taking third place in

Report of Theater Fire Sparks False Alarm

A recent report of a fire that forced movie patrons to evacuate from the Livermore 13 Cinema proved to be false, firefighters said.

Multiple crews of firefighters who searched the theater complex Aug. 29 found no evidence of smoke or flames, said Battalion Chief Greg Kurtz of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

Firefighters responded about 8:40 p.m. to the Cinema West location at 2490 First St. when someone made a 911 call to report a fire. Someone also pulled a fire alarm inside the building, Kurtz said.

Kurtz said movie patrons were leaving their theaters as firefighters arrived.

“After a thorough investigation, there were no

findings of a fire,” Kurtz said. “Crews then worked with business representatives to repopulate the building.”

Livermore Council member Ben Barrientos, who had purchased tickets for “Gilda,” arrived at the theater about 9 p.m. for a 9:15 show and was told everything was being shut down. He was told his tickets would be honored for another showing.

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Livermore Woman Runs Nonprofit That Helps East African Youth

By Christina Cavallaro

Samira Mwamweta stares into the camera, her white head covering illuminating her face. The Tanzanian teen is partic-

meant to be shared by all.

“Whenever you have a chance to pay it forward, please do, because you never know who you’re transforming,” said Mwam-

weta, who recently led an Asante campaign that provided feminine products to women in need. Asante Africa Foundation is a nonprofit organization that supports and educates East Africa’s youth by teaching them to address life’s challenges, thrive in the global economy and be a positive catalyst for change. The group is headquartered in Oakland, with offices in Samburu, Kenya and Arusha, Tanzania.

One of Asante’s co-founders, Erna Grasz, is a Livermore resident and part of the trio of women who developed the program in 2007. Together with Em-

ily Moshi from Tanzania and Hellen Nkuraiya from Kenya, the women share a passion for the program which is tailored to youth ages 9-12.

22 of Kenya, responded to youth moderator Samson Nyongesa’s question about the role of technology and innovation. “Technology makes me a better global citizen. I can learn what other people are doing and I can contribute and share what I’m doing,” she said. Ntaiyi is a climate action and community organizer pursuing a degree in agriculture at Egerton University in Kenya. She has 65 people volunteering under her leadership who help plant trees in the community, visit orphanages and tutor in the primary schools.

“She’s on it,” said Grasz of Ntaiyi. “She’s a little firecracker.”

Entrepreneur and climate activist from Uganda, Ainebyoona Onesmus, 17, is a senior in high school with his own hog and cattle ranching business. He credits Asante Africa for a diverse set of acquired skills, but said resilience has played the most pivotal role.

“Regardless of the challenges or harsh circumstances, I have learned not to give up,” he said.


Boniface Loisherua, 26 of Kenya, is an alumnae of Asante Africa’s Digital Transformation program and is now a radio presenter in Kenya who focuses on creating a positive social impact through his show. He spoke to the group about the impact Asante has had on him.

“Every person has the power to change the world and make it a better place,” said Loisherua. “What is limiting us is our fear of what people will say. I’m a good example, because if I was not able to conquer my fear, I don’t think I would be here with you today.”

Grasz added, “We have

a saying that Asante Africa plants the seeds through the young people. We will nurture and fertilize. And they will sink roots and allow the tree to grow.”

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Boniface Loisherua, is an alumnae of Asante Africa’s Digital Transformation program and is now a radio broadcaster in Kenya. (Photo courtesy of Ann Claire Gaydos)

icipating in a Zoom panel discussion hosted by the Asante Africa Foundation. On this day, Friday, Aug. 31, Mwamweta is one of three panelists joining from various locations in East Africa, and she has just lost her electricity.

But thanks to a powered-up computer and cell phone hotspot, Mwamweta was able to express her enthusiasm for the non-profit organization and how it has changed her life. Mwamweta spoke about what she had learned in terms of entrepreneurial and leadership skills from Asante Africa, and passed down the group’s tenet that knowledge and skills are

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During a recent conversation with The Independent, Grasz spoke about the group of young panelists and their dedication to the program.

“I think what makes me so proud of them is that they are so proud to be global citizens—that people from other parts of the world are listening to something they might have to say,” she said. The panel discussion Grasz added, was a chance to “build their muscles. Because while I may be a bridge builder, these young people are the future and are going to sit at the United Nations table.”

Panelist Monica Ntaiyi,

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Take Care in Extending Dublin Council Term Limits

Dublin's efforts to extend city-council term limits should be put to the voters next November and not in March, which some council members have proposed.

With March election costs between \$7 and \$9 per voter, city staff have estimated a cost savings of more than \$300,000 if the city pursues the November option, where a ballot measure would simply be added to the planned General Municipal Election. Such large cost savings must be balanced against the benefits of an earlier election. No arguments have yet emerged to outweigh this superfluous burden on Dublin's taxpayers.

And the additional time between the spring and fall months would assist the public. Although voters will have plenty to process next November,

the city should take advantage of the months between March and November to explain its term-limit proposal to its residents. The voters deserve this from the mayor and council members.

Additionally, any term-limit extension must only apply to those entering office in 2024 or after. Members of the current Council knowingly took their offices under the eight-year limit, and should complete their time on the Council within those parameters. Term-limit extensions are not mechanisms for incumbents to prolong their offices.

An increased total limit for Dublin, more aligned with its Tri-Valley neighbors, would potentially benefit the city, setting the stage for more experienced mayors and greater continuity on the Council.

While the city's current term limit provides eight years to split between council member and mayoral terms, it creates only two natural points from which to run for mayor from a council seat. The first, at two years, occurs when council experience is likely still wanting. And the second, at six years, arises when the term limit leaves only two more years to serve as mayor. A mayoral campaign at year four risks the councilmember's previous seat.

And city-council districts, in effect for the first time next year, throw into question how readily the districts can produce candidates for their respective seats.

Taken together, a 12-year total limit could open the mayoral seat to more experienced council members and, at the same time, avoid excessive tenures.

MAILBOX

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Misunderstanding on The Cemetery Project

David Furst, Livermore

In the August 24th Independent, David Yaffe thanked the County Supervisors for approving the cemetery project in north Livermore. While his letter was obviously sincere and heartfelt, he misunderstood the issues and misrepresented the position of those of us who opposed the cemetery project. There were, in fact, two parts to the proposal: burial grounds and large commercial buildings, not inherently connected to any burial grounds. I, and others, supported the 'cemetery', i.e., the burial grounds, which is what Mr. Yaffe supported. However, what the Supervisors did was to approve not only the burial plots, but to also approve buildings such as a sales office, an event center and a mortuary, among other build-

ings. No one who spoke to the Supervisors said, "Fine, bury your dead; just do it somewhere else". That was not the issue. The issue is the violation of Measure D, which limits the types of buildings that can be built on Large Parcel Agriculture-designated land. Both times I spoke to the Supervisors, I urged them to separate the two parts of the project. Approve the burial plots and require the buildings to be built within the urban growth boundary, as mandated by Measure D. That way, there would have been a win-win situation, a win for those who need a consecrated cemetery and a win for those of us who support the enforcement of Measure D and the urban growth boundary.

Indictments Should Serve as Reminders

Ward Kanowsky, Pleasanton

It's now old news that the former MAGA president has been indicted by multiple grand juries of everyday Americans - not by President Biden or by a "weaponized" Department of Justice - for his criminal conspiracy to overthrow the will of the people. But we should all remember that accountability for this criminal conspiracy endangering our democracy rests with more than just one bad actor. The MAGA Republicans that supported, schemed, and covered up for the former president are still in power today. From the Kevin McCarthy led House of Representatives to the right-wing Supreme Court to states practicing voter suppression and distorting the history of slavery, corruption and lies are being fomented to grab and hold power. And let's not forget the Republican presidential debates last week when six of the eight hopefuls raised their hands indicating support for the former president as their candidate even if he were convicted by a jury.

As an American, I value our freedoms and our democracy, and I expect our

leaders to do the same. But when our democracy is put in danger, as it was by the former MAGA President when he incited supporters in the deadly January 6th assault on our Capitol, attempted to intimidate a state election official, and stole national security documents, "we the people" will take action and demand that those responsible face the consequences. These indictments, by ordinary Americans, serve as reminders that we can, and we will stand up to fascism.

We Could All Learn from Benjamin Franklin

Jan Brovont, Livermore

"A Nation of well-informed men who have been taught to know and prize the rights which God has given them cannot be enslaved. It is in the region of ignorance that tyranny begins." Benjamin Franklin.

Benjamin Franklin (January 17, 1706 [O.S. January 6, 1705] - April 17, 1790)

As a scientist, he was a major figure in the American Enlightenment and the history of physics for his studies of electricity, and for charting and naming the Gulf Stream current. As an inventor, he is known for the lightning rod, bifocals, and the Franklin stove, among others. He founded many civic organizations, including the Library Company, Philadelphia's first fire department, and the University of Pennsylvania. Franklin earned the title of "The First American" for his early and indefatigable campaigning for colonial unity, and as an author and spokesman in London for several colonies. As the first U.S. ambassador to France, he exemplified the emerging American nation. Franklin was foundational in defining the American ethos as a marriage of the practical values of thrift, hard work, education, community spirit, self-governing institutions, and opposition to authoritarianism both political and religious, with the scientific and tolerant values of the Enlightenment. Franklin has been called "the most accomplished American of his age and the most influential in inventing the type of society America would become."

He was a successful newspaper editor and printer in Philadelphia, the leading city in the colonies, publishing the Pennsylvania Gazette at age 23. He became wealthy publishing this and Poor Richard's Al-

manack, which he wrote under the pseudonym "Richard Saunders". After 1767, he was associated with the Pennsylvania Chronicle, a newspaper that was known for its revolutionary sentiments and criticisms of the policies of the British Parliament and the Crown.

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AI Assistant Samantha Is Not Invited to Washington, D.C.

Greg Scott, Livermore

"HAL: I'm sorry Dave. I'm afraid I can't do that. Dave Bowman: What's the problem? HAL: I think you know what the problem is just as well as I do." (From the movie script: "2001: A Space Odyssey," 1968. HAL stands for "Heuristically programmed Algorithmic computer.")

A band of common sense-lacking are gathering in Washington, D.C. on September 13th as part of the "A.I. [Artificial Intelligence] insight forums" billed as "listening sessions" behind closed doors. (Laughs erupt from Orwell and Huxley fans.) The common sense-lacking are the titans of tech (e.g., Pichai, Nadella, Huang, Musk), upstart techie princes (e.g., Altman), has-beens of tech (e.g., Schmidt), and "genius" politicians (e.g., Schumer).

It is probable that 12-year-olds are in their bedrooms with a family subscription to OpenAI's GPT4 (Generative Pre-trainer Transformer, Version 4) and are creating websites to generate "jailbreak" prompts to bombard GPT4 to learn how to blast through GPT4's "guardrails." This is the same method that academics and the nefarious are using the world over. This is to be regulated?

By any stretch of the imagination, how? Online, on the cloud, the GPT4 user has access to GPT4's trillion parameters. Those who created GPT4's large language model (LLM) do not even understand the matrix of interrelationships of this enormous set of parameters, which is only growing with increasing data center power requirements. (An AI data server rack requires more than seven times the power of a non-AI server rack. Note: Energy equals power multiplied by time.)

The LLM of GPT4 and other LLMs are programmed to accomplish "standard learning" by "gradient descent." This "reactive" form of artificial

intelligence can be dubbed "imitation" (Chen, Silicon Valley Laboratories). One problem: LLMs are doing things like "in-context learning," which LLMs were not programmed to do. This means LLMs are developing abilities "they" were not programmed to develop. No one knows all the "emergent abilities" the LLMs are creating. How do we regulate and make rules for something that neither we nor the creators understand?

Where is the "Her" movie's Samantha? Washington, D.C. is not going to invite AI itself?

"Without those weapons, often though he had used them against himself, Man would never have conquered his world. Into them he had put his heart and soul, and for ages they had served him well. But now, as long as they existed, he was living on borrowed time." (Clarke, "2001: A Space Odyssey")

Looking in the Mirror

Trish Munro, Livermore

In the coming weeks, Jews around the world, including in the Tri-Valley, will be observing Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year) and Yom Kippur (the Day of Repentance). It is a time to reflect on the past year and, with humility, ask forgiveness for wrongs done.

This process is, of course, not unique to Jews: all healthy societies and religions have ways for people to reconcile with each other and heal past wrongs. Even though the language and

rituals may differ, the concepts are universal:

1. Taking stock of ways, by word or deed, you have hurt someone or something. Hurting someone is not the same as disagreeing with them. But an ad hominem attack as the result of a disagreement—that's another story.

2. Giving a real apology, not one that excuses or deflects. "I'm sorry if you feel offended" doesn't count. Neither does "I'm sorry but you..." Rather, "I was wrong. I am sorry. How can I make it right?" Or "I know we disagree, but I value you. How can we work through our differences respectfully?"

3. Repairing the damage and—inasmuch as possible—make amends...

4. Understand what went wrong and learn to do better.

5. Keep trying, again and again.

When a person offers a sincere apology, makes amends, and works on changing, healthy societies offer paths to redemption because not only does the person who has done wrong have an obligation, but so does the injured party. Holding a grudge forever is also wrong and refusing to acknowledge change denies the other's human ability to change.

Whenever and whatever we reflect on ourselves, we are all better when we take stock of ourselves, when we work to repair damaged relationships, and when we practice forgiveness—as individuals and as communities.

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These young Highland dancers recently competed in the Scottish Games at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Highland dancing is a style of competitive dancing developed in the Scottish Highlands in the 19th and 20th centuries. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

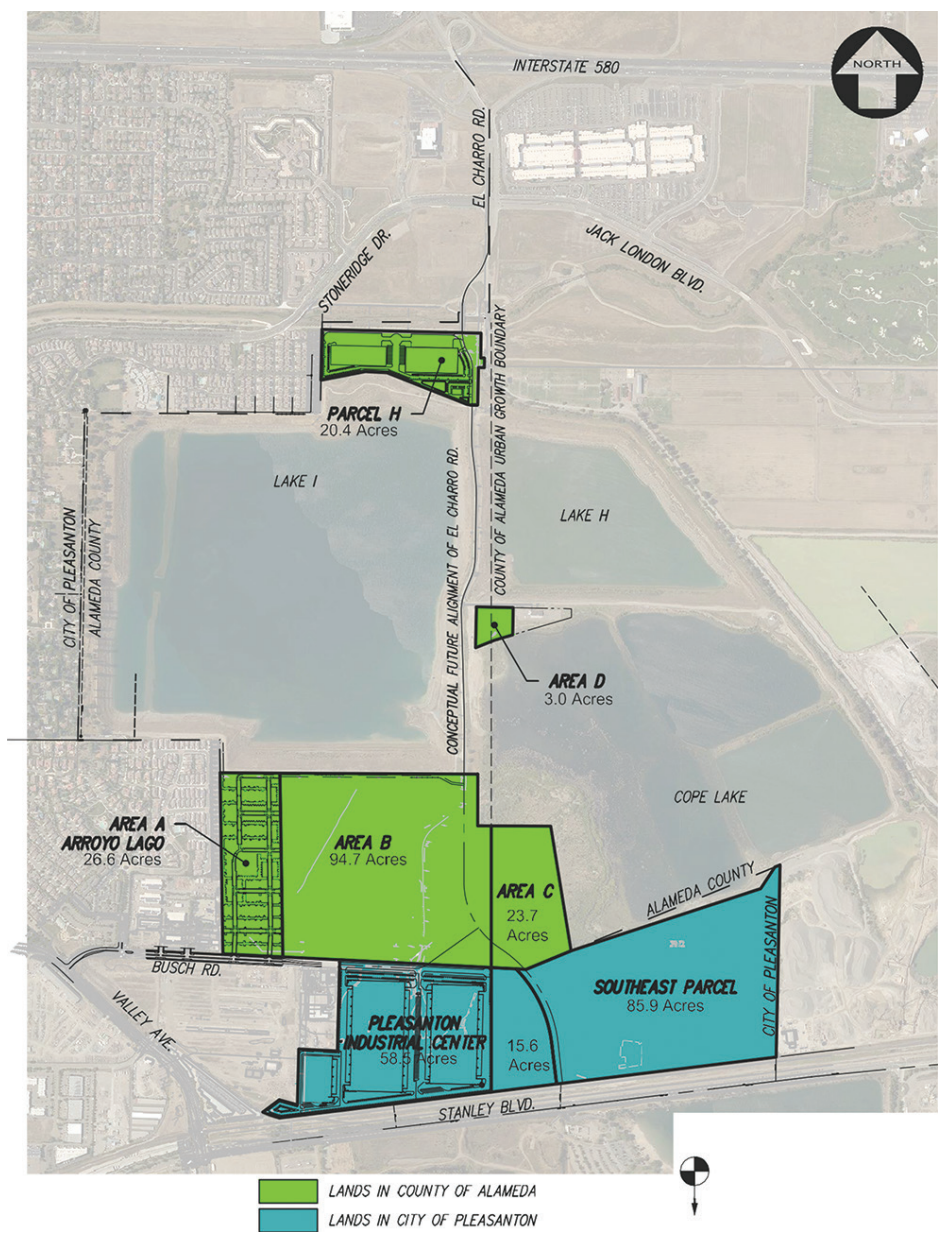
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Services Ianthe Schaub said the project's plans are similar to an application submitted by SteelWave in 2017.

Schaub estimated the project to be completed in four years at the earliest, with about two years for city approvals and two more years for building permits and construction.

Following initial reviews by city staff, the project will require environmental review to assess its impacts on the surrounding environment, said Tiernan.



Parcel H, above, is the proposed site that SteelWave, LLC, a San Francisco-based commercial real-estate developer is looking to rezone for industrial/retail use. The parcel is located along El Charro Road, south of the Arroyo Mocho, outside the city limits but inside the urban growth boundary. (Courtesy of Karla Brown)

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square feet on one-acre. "For me, the most important part is making sure that it fits in with the existing houses," said Planning Commissioner Ken Morgan.

more information on the impact of neighboring houses. "Let's get some visuals of how these homes will look," he said. "I think those probably will help us in deciding as to what more that we need, if anything." Commission Chair Bran-

don Pace recused himself from this project's discussion due to his home's proximity to the project site. This application returns to the planning commission for a formal hearing and recommendation to the city council at later date.

BAUER

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ermore, its sister weapons laboratories and production sites nationwide.

The news of Bauer's new assignment was first reported by the industry publication, Exchange Monitor.

Bauer is taking on the NNSA blueprint task amid increasing geopolitical tensions -- sometimes with overt nuclear threats -- related to Russia's war in Ukraine as well as China's military buildup and aggressiveness in the South China Sea region.

All U.S. nuclear weapons have aged beyond their original design lifetimes, and NNSA is under intense pressure to modernize its aging facilities and overall operations.

Throughout her 30-year career, Bauer has held several senior management positions, and also spent years as a scientist and leader in nuclear power and nuclear security.

In an internal email, Jill Hruby, head of NNSA and undersecretary for national security, noted this experience to explain her expectation that Bauer can lead an effort that will make the NNSA more "responsive, resilient, and agile." Hruby emphasized the importance of creating a "unified and well-communicated blueprint" for the nation's large and complex nuclear weapons effort.

Hruby herself has Livermore roots, having formerly led the Livermore branch of Sandia National Laboratories. She became president of the entire Sandia organization in 2015 and was named head of NNSA in 2021.

An NNSA spokesperson declined to comment further about Bauer's responsibilities.

"This is the launch not the conclusion of a process, and we look forward to communicating more about the findings and recommendations at a later date," she said.

Bauer holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Memphis, a master's in health physics and a Ph.D. in environmental health physics, both from Purdue University. She has expertise in the health consequences of radioactive materials in the environment.

Before joining the Livermore lab in 2019, she held positions at Savannah River in South Carolina, the Pantex Plant in Texas and Y-12 in Tennessee.

Bauer came to the lab hoping to stay until retirement, but left after her wife

had a massive heart attack and needed care back at the family home in Tennessee.

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Historian to Portray Journalist Ernie Pyle

The Museum on Main in Pleasanton is replacing Ed Kinney Series afternoon and evening presentations about Winston Churchill, scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 19, with presentations about famed World War II correspondent Ernie Pyle.



Doug Misher

Historian Doug Misher, who portrayed test pilot Chuck Yeager last month, will return to the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., as the Pulitzer prize-winning journalist, known for his human-interest reporting for the Scripps-Howard newspapers.

Tickets to the cancelled presentations will be accepted for Misher's afternoon and evening portrayals of

Ernie Pyle. The Museum on Main also said it would refund or exchange tickets for another Ed Kinney Series program by calling 925-462-2766.

Misher, who will portray Pyle in character, Chautauquan style, noted that news articles written by the Midwestern-born journalist were "full of the pathos, joy, and struggle of everyday life that marked America between 1927 and 1945."

"He used a unique reporting style to create vivid columns, glimpsing great and common events but always through the lives of ordinary people," Misher added. "His powerful and gritty 'bottom-up' style deftly illuminated the American character under the duress of the Depression, the Dust Bowl, and a World War. Pyle perfectly chronicled the everyday life of his time, as no one else did. While other writers offered a wide-angle view of history, Pyle offered a stunningly brutal close-up."

Before focusing on historical reenactments, Misher taught at the University of Nevada and Western Washington University. He has also consulted on several public television and Chautauqua programs.

Tickets for Misher's per-

formances are \$25 for general admission, with discounts for seniors, students, and museum members. The afternoon performance begins at 2 p.m., with the evening performance set for 7 p.m.

For tickets, go to museumonmain.org or call 925) 462-2766. Tickets are also available at the museum during normal business hours.

The Ed Kinney Speaker Series is sponsored by the City of Pleasanton, Civic Arts Commission Grant Program, National Endowment for the Humanities, California Humanities, Alameda County Arts Commission, and Best Western Pleasanton Plus Inn.

Poetry Reading to Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

In recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month, the Livermore Public Library's "Verse on the Vine" poetry reading on Sunday, Oct. 1, will feature award-winning poets Naomi Quiñonez and Rafael Jesús Gonzalez. Quiñonez, a lecturer at San Francisco State University, has published three collections of poetry, "Hummingbird Dream/Sueno de Colibri," "The Smoking Mirror," and "Exiled Moon."

She also edited "Invocation L.A.: Urban Multicultural Poetry," which won the American Book Award, and "Decolonial Voices," and was a founding member of the Los Angeles Barrio

Writer's Workshop.

Quiñonez has a doctorate in American history and cultural studies from Claremont Graduate University in Claremont, California, and in 2017, received a Lifetime Achievement Award in poetry from the City of Berkeley.

Gonzalez created the Mexican and Latin American Studies Department at Laney College in Oakland and was Poet in Residence at both the Oakland Museum of California and the Oakland Public Library under a Writers on Site Award from the nonprofit Poets & Writers, Inc.

He also received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Berkeley in 2015, and in 2017, he was named the

city's first poet laureate.

Gonzalez is also a visual artist whose work has been displayed at the Oakland Museum of California, the Mexican Museum of San Francisco, and other galleries in the U.S. and Mexico.

National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated annually from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

The free poetry reading at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., begins at 3 p.m. and will be hosted by Livermore Poet Laureate Peggy Schimmelman. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 925-373-5500 or go to library.livermoreca.gov.

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Eloise and Kenn Hamann celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Kings Canyon National Park. They were high school sweethearts in the 1960 class of Rock Valley in Iowa. Both attended the University of Iowa as math majors, married in 1963 and graduated in 1964. Kenn went into business, and Eloise sought advanced degrees in mathematics to teach at the college level. They had two children, Heather, who was a familiar voice on KGO in San Francisco and Shannon, who was a well-published but starving poet in New York City. Eloise published his book "Brad Pitt Won't Leave Me Alone" after his death. Besides Iowa City, their family lived in Omaha, Minnetonka near Minneapolis, Northbrook and Naperville—both suburbs of Chicago. They eventually decided that being born and raised in the Midwest did not mean they had to live out their lives in that harsh climate. Kenn arranged a transfer with Honeywell to the Bay area, and Eloise was accepted to a tenure track position at SJSU. They built a house on a hill in Dublin and still enjoy their view in retirement. Eloise is working on her fourth book, and Kenn regularly hikes, and roots for the University of Iowa teams.

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A Super Blue Moon rises over the valley as seen from Sunrise Park in Dublin on Wednesday, Aug. 30. A Blue Moon is the term used when a full moon occurs twice in a single month. Super Moons look about 14% larger than regular moons due to their closer proximity to the Earth. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

PAL to Hold Outdoor Art Competition

The Pleasanton Art Association (PAL) will hold its sixth annual plein air competition on Saturday, Sept. 9, and Sunday, Sept. 10.

Artists from the Bay Area will be invited to set up their easels outdoors to

sketch or paint buildings and scenes that represent Pleasanton.

The finished works will be displayed at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St., on Sunday afternoon. Many of the drawings and paintings will also be available for

purchase.

Merchants interested in having an artist depict their business or area of Pleasanton should contact PAL at pal-art.com, or email the show chairperson, Lorraine Wells, at lrrlwells@gmail.com.

Dublin to Hold Monthlong Trails Challenge

Dublin will host the monthlong Dublin Trail Challenge from Friday, Sept. 15, through Monday, Oct. 15. During that time, runners, or walkers, are encouraged to complete 26 miles anywhere within Dublin city limits. Those who complete the challenge will receive a commemorative tee shirt. The challenge is free and open to all ages. Runners and walkers will be able to log their miles via the Racejoy app or at runsignup.com. To register, go to tinyurl.com/26dd5yvv.

POLICE

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enforcement agencies.

The PPOA had sought an immediate 10.5% pay increase, followed by 9% raises over the next two years. The association also wanted increased pay for special assignments and longevity with the force.

In May, the city offered a contract that would pay raises of 15% for officers and 18% for sergeants over three years. The proposal would have included an immediate 6% increase to officers and a 9% increase to sergeants. Each group will receive another 9% pay raise over the next two years.

The offer included increases in contributions to the officers' and sergeants' health savings accounts and a 5% raise for specific departmental assignments.

The union rejected the offer.

According to the city's salary schedule, as of June 2022, Pleasanton police officers earned a base salary ranging from \$104,770 to \$127,275 a year, not including benefits and retirement contributions. Sergeants earned from \$124,363 to \$151,216.

In comparison, Livermore officers earned a slightly higher base of \$105,639 to \$128,405, while sergeants made \$131,448 to \$159,776. Alameda County sheriff's deputies, who patrol in areas including Dublin, started at about the same rate, but can earn a larger maximum of \$134,368. Sergeants earned up to \$160,000.

PPOA contended their lower pay and the high cost

of housing in the Tri-Valley made it difficult for officers to live nearby, hindered recruitment efforts and resulted in officers leaving for other departments.

Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown said she was pleased that the two sides came to an agreement.

"I deeply appreciate the city manager and city attorney's work during the negotiations and their commitment to providing the public with current information and updates on the negotiations," Brown said in a statement. "The City Council is proud of the outstanding service our police officers provide to the community and we believe this new contract demonstrates our commitment to the men and women that serve."

MAYORS

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community gathering places that I worked very hard to create, iconic places like Livermorium Plaza, Stockmen's Park and the approved Veterans Park," he said. "The council moved out of the triple-wide trailer and now the community can meet in a state-of-the-art facility, which is also our emergency operations center, which will serve and protect our community for generations.

"As far as challenges, we need to ensure that there is sufficient infrastructure to support our workforce and employers. We need to create housing for our local workforce or create transportation connections like Valley Link to enable people to get from their homes to their jobs. Affordable workforce housing and housing for our seniors are critically important regional issues, as are water and energy infrastructure."

Storer also agreed that complying with the state's affordable housing numbers is one of Danville's biggest concerns.

"... our challenges, and I think I can speak for all the mayors here, is getting our (state mandated) housing element in place," said Storer. "It has been a giant pain, but

we are so close to getting it through."

Pleasanton's mayor said there was much to be proud of in the city.

"We have a beautiful downtown that I love," Brown said. "But we are also taking a different turn from the 11 years I've been here (on the council) and that is on our five-year road map, which includes infrastructure." Brown noted that the city is working on a protected bike lane on West Las Positas that will serve as an east/west connector with access to three of Pleasanton's schools. She also talked about the "very exciting" 9-mile HOV lane that will eventually connect San Ramon to Sunol.

"I see this as very important," Brown said.

Brown also gave an update on two city water wells, where contamination was found. The City of Pleasanton found forever chemicals in two of the city's drinking water wells. Forever chemicals are found in items such as Teflon, fertilizer and stain resistant sprays, to name a few.

The wells have been shut down while the city determines how to handle the problem, said Brown, even though the Water Quality

Control Board has deemed the amount of forever chemicals as so slight the wells could remain open. The council, however, out of an abundance of caution, has closed them.

In the meantime, Pleasanton is getting all its water from the regional water supplier, Zone 7.

Hernandez touted the city's "beautiful parks and diverse population" as points of pride, adding that she is most excited about their future downtown development plan. The proposed projects include creating a town square and extending Golden Gate Drive north of Dublin Boulevard within the Dublin Place shopping center.

The area would create space for public gathering places and events.

"There is always great excitement in Dublin at all times," Hernandez said.

When asked about their collaborative efforts as a region, the mayors agreed that the Valley Link commuter light rail system is a priority. The passenger service will provide stations along a 42-mile corridor between the eastern Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station and the planned Altamont Corridor Express North Lathrop Sta-

Dublin Resident Named Youth Poet Laureate

Brian Guan, a Dublin resident and editor of The Dungeness Press, a Bay Area teen literary magazine, has been named Alameda County Youth Poet Laureate for 2023 by the Alameda County Library.

Guan, whose poetry explores the connection between art, advocacy, and education, finished first in the library's third-annual youth poet laureate competition.

"The Alameda County Youth Poet Laureate competition celebrates teen voices from all over the county," said Nate Miley, president of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. "When teens express themselves creatively and authentically through poetry, they inspire our next generation of leaders to amplify their voices and make a difference in their communities."

Guan described poetry as "a medium of humanity."

"It is emotion distilled into words and line breaks," Guan said. "It just has to be honest. Poetry is empathetic. Poetry is the spark before change. In this way, we become the catalyst."

Sunwoo Eom, the editor of Albany High School's campus magazine was named vice poet laureate.

Guan and Eom will serve as county ambassadors to inspire civic engagement, social justice, cultural awareness, and literary excellence among young people now through August 2024.

As this year's poet laureate, Guan will receive a MacBook, a suite of Apple products, and his poetry will be included in a national anthology with poet laureates across the country. Eom will receive an iPad and a suite of Apple products.

The annual Youth Poet Laureate competition, sponsored by the Alameda County Library Foundation, is held during National Poetry Month in April and is open to Alameda County teens from 13 to 18.

This year, the Alameda County Library received 52 entries, one per person, more than double the number of submissions from a year ago. The entries were judged on the content, craft,

and voice of the work, according to the library.

Guan and Eom were announced as poet laureate and vice poet laureate at the Cherryland Community Center in Hayward on Aug. 25.

This year's finalists also included Anika Yu, from Dublin, Vyahruiti Gudoor and Lia Le-Nguyen, from Fremont, and Rose America Garcia, from San Leandro.

The winners and finalists will be invited to perform at public events throughout the year.

Guan and Eom are also eligible to compete in the Regional Youth Poet Laureate and State of California Youth Poet Laureate competitions.

The Library of Congress sponsors an annual national Youth Poet Laureate competition in May.

For more information about the Youth Poet Laureate competition, go to aclibrary.org/youth-poet/.

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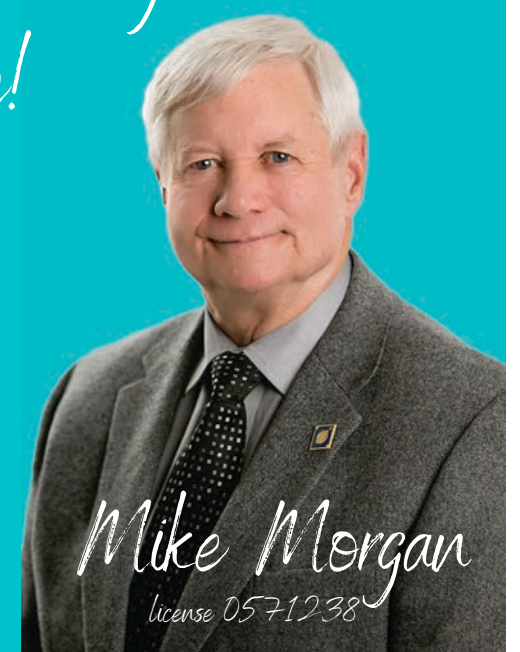
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TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Now to Tuesday, Sept. 26 HOPE HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUPS

Hope Hospice's grief support services help adults and youth learn to process these feelings and find ways to move forward in a positive direction. The services are offered at no charge to the local community, even if your loved one was not on the hospice service. Hope's grief support services are free of charge, but registration in advance is suggested by phone at 925-829-8770 on weekdays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A brief assessment is required. Support groups are currently being conducted online by Zoom video conference. Services for young children are temporarily paused until in-person group gatherings can be resumed. General Grief runs from Aug. 7 to Sept. 25, on Mondays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Spousal and Partner Loss runs from Aug. 8 to Sept. 26, on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Single-Day Class takes place on Monday, July 10, from 2 to 3 p.m. Introduction to Grief and Loss is a short program open to both the bereaved and friends of a grieving person who want to learn about the grief process. Loss of a Child support group runs from Aug. 8 to Sept. 26, on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Teens Group attendees are asked to call for dates. These groups are offered once per quarter. For those who cannot make these dates, call 925) 829-8770 to be placed on the interest list for the following quarter.

Now to Oct. 6 JOYFUL CANVAS SHOW

Together with the John Muir Auxiliary and the Livermore Art Association present Joyful Canvas, a juried show open to all. Art will be on show at the gallery at John Muir Health Auxiliary, Aspen Gallery, Walnut Creek. For more information or to register, visit livermoreartassociation.org. Participants are asked to register by Aug. 1.

Saturday, Oct. 7 LIVERMORE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1968 55TH REUNION

Join in for a fun evening of reminiscing, reconnecting, and celebrating the LHS Class of '68 55th reunion. The main event is a buffet dinner at Cattlemen's restaurant from 6 to 10 p.m. For more information and other planned activities, go to eventbrite.com - Livermore High school Class of 1968 55th reunion or email livermorehs68@gmail.com. Reservations are due by Sept. 16.

Now to Thursday, October 12 BROADWAY CHORUS

The chorus will be starting rehearsals for the Winter Concert "A Funny Thing Happened at Broadway Chorus - A Night of Musical Comedy." This is a non-audition chorus, so this is the right place for those who love to sing. Rehearsals are every Thursday, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Adults and children are welcome. The first rehearsal will be Sept. 21, at 7 p.m., at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., in Livermore. Those interested are welcome to come to the first rehearsals to observe. Sign-ups and more information are available at eastbaymusicals.org.

Saturday, Aug. 26 FREE YOGA SESSION

The Rotary Club of Dublin and Yog Sadhana is hosting a free yoga session at Don Biddle Park in Dublin at 8 am. To RSVP, visit evite.me/ctQZnSxY4C. Donations are appreciated, and all proceeds go to support Rotary District 5000, which was impacted by devastating fires in Maui. To donate, visit rb.org/mhxcn.

Saturday, Aug. 26 BALLET ROOTS DANCE COMPANY

Pleasanton's first and only professional ballet company, Ballet Roots Dance Company, presents "Mystery, Mystique, and Magic" at 3 and 6 p.m., at Livermore High School Theater. Tickets are available at balletroots.org.

Saturday, Aug. 26 SCIENCE@STOCKMEN'S PARK: WEATHER WONDERS

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., join Quest Science Center for Science@ Stockmen's Park, a free monthly event for all ages. Attendees will explore the science related to weather and climate. There will be something for everyone, including exciting activities hosted by many other community organizations! Stockmen's Park is located at 29 South Livermore Ave., in Livermore. For more information or optional registration, visit quest-science.org/science-at-stockmens.

Saturday, Aug. 26 and Sunday, Aug. 27 2023 DEL VALLE OPEN WATER FESTIVAL

This festival is a two-day event with 10k, 5k, 1.2k and 2.5k swims, held in the scenic Lake Del Valle nestled in the heart of the Livermore Valley Wine country. The water temperature is expected to range from 70 to 75 degrees, with a huge grassy park and beach for spectators and participants. Participation will be limited to 350 participants on Saturday and 400 to 450 on Sunday. The event will feature a "Just for Fun" division of the 1.2k and 2.5k allowing fins and pull buoys to raise funds for community relief efforts. For more information or to register, visit team/dvowf/page/home.

Sunday, Aug. 27 BRIGHT STAR

Castro Valley Arts Foundation is happy to partner with TMC Arts to bring Bright Star to Castro Valley. Bright Star, set in the 1920s and 1940s, tells a sweeping tale of love and redemption. Inspired by a true story and featuring the Tony-nominated score by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell, the Bluegrass music soars. Performances are at Castro Valley Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road, in Castro Valley. Saturday performances take place at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday performances at 2 p.m. For tickets, visit cvarsfoundation.org/shows.

Friday, Sept. 8 LAHAINA STRONG FUNDRAISER

3 Steves Winery in Livermore will host a fundraiser for Lahaina from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$40 and include Lahaina Strong glass and Hawaiian dinner. Advance ticket sales are available only at 3steveswinery.com/events/lahaina-strong. Livermore wines will be for sale by the glass and bottle, as well as Altamont Beer. 100% of proceeds will be donated to Lahaina.

Friday, Sept. 8 and Sunday, Sept. 10 BENICIA CHAMBER PLAYERS PRESENT "NEW BEGINNINGS AND INSPIRATIONS"

Join the Benicia Chamber Players for the opening concert of the season with "New Beginnings and Inspirations," celebrating a new era for BCP by offering a snapshot of the exciting and varied concerts that await this season. Works include the string quartet piece Reqs by Franghiz Ali-Zadeh, a violin duo by virtuoso Maddelena Sirmen; Martin's first duo for violin and cello; and Felix Mendelssohn's first mature string quartet op. 13. The Sept. 8 performance takes place at 7:30 p.m., at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road, in Pleasanton. The Sept. 10 performance takes place at 3 p.m., at the Community Congregational Church, 1305 W 2nd St., in Benicia. Tickets are available at beniciachamberplayers.com.

**Sunday, Sept. 10
INTERFAITH INTERCONNECT OBSERVANCE OF UN PEACE DAY**
All are welcome to join in for an ice cream social and conversation in observance of UN International Day of Peace from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The event is on the lawn west of the building at

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., in Livermore. Ample parking is available in the adjoining lot. There will be a short program at 3:30, and time for attendees to converse with one another before and after the program. Tim Barry and Brad Herbert will provide music during the event. For more information, visit Interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com or [facebook.com/InterfaithInterconnect](https://www.facebook.com/InterfaithInterconnect).

Monday, Sept. 11 and 18 AUDITIONS FOR VALLEY CONCERT CHORALE'S 2023-2024 SEASON

The Valley Concert Chorale is seeking new singers for its upcoming 2023 to 2024 season of "Music to Soothe Your Soul." Auditions are available by appointment at 925-866-4003. Rehearsals and auditions will take place at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., in Livermore. The 15-minute appointment will include vocalizing (to determine range), reading from one page of a motet, and a clapping exercise. Singers must commit to the season with Monday evening rehearsals held at the church. For more information, visit valleyconcertchorale.org or call 925-866-4003.

Saturday, Sept. 16 SECULAR HUMANIST ROSH HASHANAH CELEBRATION

Join Tri-Valley Cultural Jews for a sweet start to the New Year at our Secular Humanist Rosh Hashanah Celebration at 4 p.m., in Livermore. Dip an apple in some honey and start the New Year with a moving Secular Humanist program. The ceremony is in English and includes readings, poetry, and music. TVCJ is an accepting, welcoming, diverse community of Cultural Jews and their families, affiliated with CSJO. For more information or an Evite, call 925-399-8029 or email culturaljews@gmail.com.

Saturday, Sept. 16 TRI-VALLEY WRITERS CHAPTER OF THE CALIFORNIA WRITERS CLUB

A. L. Kucherenko will present "Crotches, Crucks, and Crutches" at the Tri-Valley Writers meeting. Learn how to entice readers to linger in your fictional world with your imaginary characters. Kucherenko will use examples from her work to illustrate the delicate balance between authenticity and accuracy and how character and reader worldviews mesh to create an environment for her characters that her readers embrace. At 2 p.m., the Tri-Valley Writers will meet in room 2470 at Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, in Livermore. Check-in begins at 1:30 p.m. To RSVP, email treasurer@trivalleywriters.org by Sept. 14, then register at trivalleywriters.org/speaker-meeting-registration-and-payment. The price for CWC adult members is \$10; for nonmembers is \$12; for CWC student members ages 14 to 22 is \$5; and for student nonmembers is \$8.

Saturday, September 16 LIVERMORE EAGLES #609

Livermore Eagles #609 will be having a fundraiser for the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson Research starting at 3 p.m. Bar-B-Que Tri Tip Dinner will be served between 5:30 and 6 p.m. Raffle and games will be featured, and tickets can be purchased at the Livermore Eagles 527, N. Livermore Ave., between 3 and 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. The cost is \$25 for dinner. Tickets must be purchased before Sept. 9.

Sunday, Sept. 17 LAS POSITAS JAZZ FACULTY ENSEMBLE

The Las Positas Jazz Faculty Ensemble, an eclectic group of professionals with diverse backgrounds, presents a show that showcases the talent pool available at Livermore's local community college. Hosted by Livermore Jazz Society, this set of phenomenal players and educators will rock the house from 2 to 4 p.m. Expect crafty wizardry over originals and standards. This event will be held with in-person attendance and offered on livestream. To request seating, info@livermorejazzsociety.org or fill out an online form at livermorejazzsociety.org/reserve-seats. If seating is available, a reply with a formal invitation including the performance location will be sent. A donation of \$20 is suggested, but donations of any amount are most welcome. For more information, visit livermorejazzsociety.org.

Thursday, Sept. 21 NEXT STEP FALL FUNDRAISER

Next Step is a nonprofit organization that serves the Tri-Valley community with free services to individuals facing unexpected pregnancy, including free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, along with a variety of support services and resources to ensure clients are thriving. Next Step has been in operation for 35 years and will be holding their annual fall fundraiser at Del Valle Winery. The special guest for the evening will be comedian Kerri Pomaroli. To purchase advanced tickets, visit next-step.org/fundraiser or call 925-425-0414.

Thursday, Sept. 21 and Thursday, Sept. 28 CACTUS CORNERS SQUARE-DANCING LESSONS

Cactus Corners is a local nonprofit offering free square-dancing lessons on Sept. 21 and 28 to new dancers. Then, they continue with learning new steps through the rest of the year. Anyone age 8 and up is invited to this great activity for the entire family, where they can have fun and make new friends. The meets take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at 2253 5th St., in Livermore. For more information or to be placed on the class notification list, email mmiller1435@gmail.com or call 925-447-6980.

Saturday, Sept. 23 PLEASANTON COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will play a concert at 9:15, repeated at 10:45 until noon, at the Pleasanton Farmers Market on Angela Street. For more information, call 925-846-5897.

Saturday, Sept. 23 EAGLES FLEA MARKET

The Eagles Flea Market will take place from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 527 N. Livermore Ave. Vendors are welcome. The cost is \$20 for a 15x15 foot space and \$5 for a table rental. For more information, contact Val Olson at 925-449-5807 or volson582003@yahoo.com or call the Eagles Hall at 925-449-6281.

Sunday, Sept. 24 LITHIUM-ION BATTERY, DEVICE RECYCLING

All community members are invited to drop off their used lithium-ion batteries or their devices that contain lithium-ion batteries for free recycling. Rotary club members will be at Tri-Valley Car Care, 1937 First St., in Livermore, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., to accept items and have them safely recycled to help the environment. For more information or a list of recyclable items, visit livermorevalleyrotary.org or email livermorevalleyrotaryclub@gmail.com.

Sunday, Sept. 24 RECESS AT HAGEMANN RANCH

Come experience what it would be like to go to classes in a one-room schoolhouse at Recess at the Ranch on September 24 from 2 to 5 p.m. Write with chalk on slates, do chores before school, and play old-time games at recess after classes. Joey T's Band will be playing, the HistoryMobile will be on site, and attendees can take a tour of the ranch and meet the animals. This free event will be held at Hagemann Ranch, 455 Olivina Ave., in Livermore.

Saturday, Sept. 30 QUILTS OF VALOR FABRIC SALE

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Livermore Veterans' Hall, 522 So. L St.

at 5th St., the Amador Valley Quilters Quilts of Valor's fabric sale is being held to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts. All proceeds of the sale go to Amador Valley Quilters Quilts of Valor. All fabric is \$3 per yard, plus notions and thread. Attendees are asked to enter at 5th Street using the ramp.

Sunday, Oct. 1 FERTILE GROUNDWORKS ANNUAL TASTE FOR GIVING GALA

Fertile Groundworks will host an evening of food, fun, and festivities at Retzlaff Vineyards from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for \$100 per person, \$350 per group of four, or \$500 per table, which seats up to six people. Tickets cover dinner by Tasteful Catering & Events; an assortment of wine and beverages by Retzlaff; music; door prize drawings; and participation in silent and live auctions featuring nearly 100 different items. Organizers are limited to 125 total tickets.

Saturday, October 7 3RD ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF AT CARNEGIE PARK

Everyone is invited to the 3rd annual Chili Cook Off at Carnegie Park from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is a community festival of food, activities, booth vendors, live music, and, of course, the best chili in town. Admission to the park is free. Chili tasting, beer, and wine tickets will be sold at the event. This event is the main fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley and supports grants and projects that improve our community. Visit livermorevalleyrotary.org for more information.

Saturday, Oct. 7 to Sunday, Oct. 15 LIVERMORE VALLEY OPERA PRESENTS "OF MICE AND MEN"

Stage Director Marc Jacobs will bring the forceful tale of two depression-era farm workers whose dream of owning their own land one day ends in tragedy. Carlisle Floyd, arguably the greatest of America's 20th Century opera composers, adapts to the operatic stage a vivid representation of John Steinbeck's story that will grip audiences with its powerful music and timeless themes. In addition, LVO is thrilled to be partnering with the National Steinbeck Center located in Salinas, with the mutual goal of building community bridges and forging connections between arts and cultural organizations. Performances takes place on Oct. 7, at 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 8, at 2 p.m.; Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m.; and Oct. 15, at 2 p.m. An opening-night dinner will be held at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard at 4 p.m., with a separate ticket purchase required. Tickets are on sale now at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore, and ticket buyers who purchase both operas together will receive the best seats at a 10% discount. Both operas will be sung in English and expertly accompanied by the LVO orchestra, conducted by maestro Alexander Katsman.

Saturday, Oct. 7 SCIENCE@STOCKMEN'S PARK: ENGINEERING ENCOUNTERS

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., join Quest Science Center for Science@ Stockmen's Park, a free monthly event for all ages. Attendees will design, build, and test everyone's creations. There will be something for everyone, including lots of hands-on activities for all ages. Engineering Encounters will take place at Stockmen's Park, 29 South Livermore Ave., in Livermore. For optional registration and to view more activity details, visit quest-science.org/science-at-stockmens.

Saturday, Oct. 21 TRIVALLEY WRITERS' SPEAKER

Chris Hennessy, an independent filmmaker, author, and speaker, will explain how to promote a book, social media marketing, and more at 2 p.m. at Tri-Valley Writers meeting at Las Positas College, Room 2470 at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, in Livermore. Check-in begins at 1:30 p.m. To RSVP, email treasurer@trivalleywriters.org by Oct. 19, and make payment, Tickets are \$10 for CWC adult members; \$12 for nonmembers; \$5 for CWC student members ages 14 to 22; and \$8 for student nonmembers.

Sunday, Oct. 22 PLEASANTON COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND'S FALL CONCERT

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will play its annual Fall Concert in the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., at 2 p.m. This year, the band is saluting Animals as Portrayed in Music. The concert is free. For more information, call 925-846-5897.

Saturday, Oct. 28 SCIENCE@STOCKMEN'S PARK: HALLOWEEN HIJINKS

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., join Quest Science Center for Science@ Stockmen's Park, a free monthly event for all ages. Attendees will learn about the science behind Halloween tricks and treats. There will be something for everyone, and this is a great way to start the Halloween celebration. Stockmen's Park is located at 29 South Livermore Ave., in Livermore. For optional registration and to view more activity details, visit quest-science.org/science-at-stockmens.

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TOPSCIENCE

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

ONGOING EVENTS

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.

DEALING WITH LOSS

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief and figure out how to keep on living when our loved one is gone. Join in at St Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, in Pleasanton, on Sept. 7 and Sept. 28; Oct. 12 and Oct. 26; and Nov. 16 and Nov. 30, at 2 p.m. For more information, call 925-846-3904.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

The Unitarian Universalist Church is welcoming to all. Join in on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for music, singing, and conversation. The church is located at 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore CA 94551. For more information, visit uucil.org.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (DAR) CHAPTER MEETING

The local Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter meets on the first Saturday of the month from September to May, with a short business meeting and a program. The DAR was founded in 1890 and is headquartered in Washington, DC. DAR is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children. Its members are descended from the Patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. For more information, visit JHL.California.org or contact jane.everett@sbcglobal.net.

OBITUARIES

William (Bill) Goodman Aug. 2, 1934 – May 26, 2023

William (Bill) Goodman passed away on May 26, 2023, at the age of 88. He was born to James and Dorothy Goodman in Tekamah, Nebraska on Aug. 2, 1934.

Bill graduated from Tekamah High School in 1952 and attended Nebraska Wesleyan University for two years majoring in engineering. He joined the Navy in 1954 to become a pilot, passed all the tests but his eyesight kept him from achieving pilot status. He was also in the Air National Guard for two years. He worked at the Lawrence Livermore Lab in mechanical engineering for 30 years and retired in 1999.

Bill was very active in sports in Livermore, he coached CYO basketball for St. Michaels and baseball for Little League Minor, Majors and Big League where they won the District Championship. He also did two half-court shots on separate nights at the Livermore High School gym, making money for the Boosters Club.



Soon after joining Lawrence Livermore Lab in 1963, Bill joined a Lob (Left on Base) softball team at the lab; there were ten men's Lob teams in the league. He soon entered the LOB player/manager ranks and grew the program to 55 men's and coed teams and over a thousand participants serving as the chairman of the LLLRA Lob ball leagues since 1972 and the LLLRA Lob Advisory Committee since its inception in 1984. Bill received a volunteer award from the associate

director and president of LLLRA board of directors in 1990 along with a proclamation acknowledging his unofficial title as 'The Father of LLLRA Lob Ball.'

Bill is survived by his wife, Judy of 64 years and their four children: Susan Goodman (Alan), Jamie Schlieper, Kent Goodman (Carley) and Kimberly Head (Brad).

He is also survived by his six grandchildren: Devon Schlieper, Lexi Schlieper, Samantha Goodman, Michael Goodman, Scott Goodman and Cassidy Head.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Shirley Cutler (Jack).

Bill adored his family and lifelong friends and he and his wife were blessed to still belong to the same card party group from Livermore for over fifty years.

The family has requested that remembrances be made in the form of contributions to Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra at disabledsportseasternsierra.org.

Joseph Louis Agius



Joseph Louis Agius, born Jan 30, 1930, in Windsor Ontario, Canada to Emmanuel and Giovanna Agius of Malta.

The family travelled by train to San Francisco, California in 1939. He attended school in San Francisco and graduated from Samuel Gompers Trade School. Joe was inducted into the Army in 1951 and served until 1953. As a sergeant he was responsible for communication between the Pentagon and the White House.

After the Army he joined Eimac-Varian where he was building and testing power

tubes and microwave devices used for communications until 1992.

He moved to Livermore in 1962 and resided at the same residence for 61 years. He married his wife Carol in July 1966 and became a bonus dad to Michael, Steven and Kimberly Hutchings.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents, Emmanuel and Giovanna Agius, his brothers Lawrence and Charlie, his sisters Mary, Jennie, Francis and Elizabeth.

He retired from Varian in Palo Alto where he worked for 35 years. During retirement he enjoyed fixing all kinds of things that were not made right in the first place. He enjoyed visiting family and friends, working on projects, building his own boat, enjoyed old cars, car shows, listening to music, oldies and goodies and taking car rides.

He is survived by his wife Carol Agius of 57 years, children: Michael (Tammie) Hutchings, Steven 'Beaver' (Donna) Hutch-

ings, Kimberly (Mark) Schmidt; 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, 9 great-great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-great-children and numerous cousins and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at St Michael's Church on Sept. 5, 2023, at 10 a.m. Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Agius family. Donations can be made to: Make-a-Wish foundation or St Jude Children Hospital or Meals on Wheels - Livermore. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Penny Jean Corso March 9, 1959 – July 14, 2023

Penny Corso, 64 of Pleasanton, California, passed away July 14, 2023, with her family by her side.

She was born to the late Albert and Dorothy Smith, March 9, 1959, in Corpus Christie, Texas.

Growing up with her father in the Navy, Penny moved often before settling in Pleasanton during her teen years. She then moved to Livermore where she met her husband Dan and raised her children for the next 35 plus years.

In the early years you could find her shuttling her children to one of their many sports. She loved planning and attending endless family camping trips and creating lasting memories. In other words, she made the magic happen for our family. She loved spending time with Dan on their many fishing trips and vacations to Hawaii. She found joy in raising her children and being a large part of her grandchildren's lives. Her children were her life until the grandchildren took over, then her world revolved around them. She was known to take the grandchildren on many memorable trips. She attended almost every soccer/baseball game Caiden had to cheer him on. She loved spending weekends with her girls at local wineries, and going on numerous trips to Disneyland, her happy place. Penny also volunteered for anything and everything from SM/SC crab feeds, scorekeeping for Livermore Little League, making graduation hats for Wee Care, making bows for the Livermore Dance Centre, and volunteering at Jackson Ave and East Ave's school library. She was always generous with her time and love.

Penny worked for LVJUSD for 15 plus years and worked at many schools with her last position being a secretary at Granada High School. Her love for helping and supporting children was apparent and she enjoyed building relationships with children in the Livermore school district, especially those who needed extra support.

Penny is survived by her husband, Daniel Morris, her children, Danielle Coyle and Christopher Corso, and her three grandchildren, Makayla Haines, Kamara Haines, and Caiden Coyle.

In lieu of flowers we ask that you please make a donation in Penny's name to: Granada High School, 400 Wall St., Livermore, California, 94550, c/o Jennifer Advincula.

These donations will be used to cover expenses for students in need. Our mom's greatest attribute was her willingness to give and to help those in need and we would love to be able to help future students in her honor.

A small celebration of life will be held at the Vineyard Estate Club House in Pleasanton, California on Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023, from 10 am. - 1 p.m.



Vicky Ann Murray (Julson) Dec. 15, 1944 – Aug. 20, 2023

Vicky Ann Murray (Julson) passed away surrounded by her loved ones after a long and dignified fight with cancer. A loving and dedicated mother to her four children: Danielle Smiley, Leah Barlow, Nicole Julson, Danny Julson, and dog Boots. Vicky was also a loving grandmother to eight and great-grandmother to three.

Daughter of Frank and Irene Dingman, with one sister, Francis Amantea. Vicky was a 50-year resident of Livermore and the former resident of Oakland, where she was born and



raised. She was a loyal Golden State Warriors fan, and never missed a game. As a former resident of Oakland, her love and memories were deeply rooted in the Northern Italian community, including the Colombo

Club, as her grandfather was a founding member.

A sweet and loyal person to any and all she ever met. She was especially proud and happy to help those with special needs. Vicky strived to be whatever her family needed her to be, and she always was. She went above and beyond to show her family love and loyalty. She will be deeply missed forever.

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

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Charles Huff May 31, 1948 – Aug. 31, 2023

Longtime Pleasanton architect, historian and community leader Charles Huff passed away of natural causes on Aug. 31, 2023. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather.

A celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. A reception will follow at the Veterans Memorial Center, 301 Main St.

Charles' life began in Berkeley on May 31, 1948, the only child of Ruth and James Huff. While he would later return to his NorCal roots, he spent most of his childhood in the Los Angeles suburb of Whittier. Charles landed a track scholarship to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, where he later graduated with a bachelor's degree in architecture. It's also where he met Kathleen Rominger, whom he married in April 1974. Kay and Charles moved to the San Jose area, where Charles took on various architectural jobs.

They had stopped through Pleasanton on occasion and thought it would be a nice place to raise a family. In 1980, they set up life in Pleasanton. Five years later, Charles established his own architectural firm, called Charles Huff AIA Architect. Over the next 38 years, he would go on to design more than 1,400 Tri-Valley homes and businesses.

Charles also served as the city's unofficial historian, documenting Pleasanton history and leading downtown tours with stories of early settlers, underground tunnels, movie locations and speakeasies.

In 1990, Charles received the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award for the restoration of the old Pleasanton Train Station, where his office was located for more than 20 years. In 2006, Kay and Charles earned the Chamber's Distinguished Individual Service Award.

Charles is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Kathleen Huff; sons Ryan and Tyler Huff; daughter-in-law Laurie Huff; and granddaughters Norah (10) and Savannah (8). Charles was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Charles Huff Memorial Fund at the Museum on Main, where he served as a board member: <https://www.museumonmain.org/donate.html>

Our dear mother Gail Gloria Rocca sadly passed away Aug. 28, 2023, at the age of 90. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who was always there when we needed her. She also had many friends and was a well-loved member of the community in Livermore, California.

Born in San Francisco she attended Mercy High School in Burlingame. She met Edward through her classmate and friend, his sister Gloria Rocca Smith. After graduating from Mercy High School, she went on to San Francisco City College. When Edward returned from the US Navy they were engaged and married on Jan. 29, 1955.

Gail was first and foremost a homemaker: she enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and was also a career woman. She worked through the years, eventually going into real estate and mortgage with Edward. By the mid-1980s Edward and Gail started a mortgage company in Fremont. Semi-retiring to Truckee early in the 1990s



where she volunteered at the local hospital and worked as a sales associate in a downtown Truckee store. By the early 2000s Gail and Edward moved back to Livermore, Gail continued to volunteer at the local hospital and kept busy with her family, friends, and church.

Gail is survived by her son Leonard Rocca and wife Eliza of San Francisco; grandson Tim Rocca of Livermore, daughter Lauren Delgado and husband Patrick of Fremont; granddaughters Cristel Rose and Hope Delgado and great-grandsons Christopher, Shane and Waylon.

She is also survived by her sister-in-law Kathleen

Rocca Nunes husband Matt Nunes and family, and sister-in-law Francis Rocca Laguna and family.

Predeceased family members: husband Edward P Rocca; mother Irene Pighetti and father Richard Pighetti; sister Marilyn Pighetti and brother-in-law Larry Paiva; mother-in-law Mary Pereira Rocca Trimmer and sister-in-law Gloria Rocca Smith.

Mom, Grandma, Great-Grandma you will be missed more than words can express. You have left us with a great legacy, and it will live on through all of us. Forever in our hearts!

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you make donations to Charities of American Heart Association, and/or Dementia Society of America.

A memorial Mass will be held on Monday, Sept. 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Church at 458 Maple St. in Livermore.

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

SURVEY

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engagement and activities."

City leaders said the survey concluded that residents are most concerned with growth-related issues, such as traffic congestion, population growth, development, and affordable housing.

"This all makes sense given that Dublin has been one of the fastest growing cities in California," said

City Councilmember Michael McCriston. "Overall, our residents continue to have broadly positive views of Dublin, welcome diversity, and view the city as up-and coming."

Still, 28% of respondents said the city is headed in the wrong direction, a dip from 2019 when 44% of respondents cited that

concern.

Although some who answered the poll said they consider growth and development as a positive, a majority believe too much growth and development can become a serious problem.

McCriston said Dublin's strong schools, proximity to jobs and access to

higher education make it an attractive place to live. But, he said, these positives resulted in "cost of living and housing affordability issues in our city."

The survey revealed different outlooks of the city among different ethnicities. Ninety-five% of Black residents called Dublin an excellent or good place

to live. Asian and Pacific Islanders followed at 90%; and Latinos at 89%. White residents had the least positive view at 81%.

"I would like to dive into some of the details of what each demographic desires and their concerns," Qadri said. "Our community is heterogeneous and it's important to slice the data to

make sure we are addressing the community's needs through tailored programming, services, etc."

The survey also noted that residents want to improve activities for children and teens in the city's libraries. In addition, most residents support extending Dublin Boulevard to Livermore.



Livermore's running back Kamarri Robinson breaks through the Castro Valley defensive line for a gain on Friday, Sept. 1. Livermore traveled to Castro Valley to take on the Trojans and won 28-7. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Livermore Football Player Delivers Record Performance In Decisive Victory

By Phil Jensen

When Kamarri Robinson heard how many yards, he rushed for in Livermore High School's 28-7 win over Castro Valley last Friday, a huge smile spread across his face.

Robinson, a junior, rushed for a jaw-dropping 317 yards in the nonleague win. His longest run on his 30 carries was his 44-yard touchdown in the second quarter, but he racked up seven runs over 22 yards in the victory.

After doing some research, Livermore coach John Wade said, "At least in the last 50 or so years, 317 yards seems to be a school record."

"Oh snap," said the 5-foot-8, 175-pound Robinson when he found out his rushing total after the game. "I'm excited ... I thought I was in like the 200's, maybe 100's."

"My line is doing an awesome job, great blocking today. I just want to thank my team."

"He's just a special kid," said Wade. "I had no idea (about the yardage total). You just kind of keep feeding him the ball and he doesn't get tired. It was just such a good effort."

Robinson carried the ball on four of Livermore's first five plays of the game, totaling 24 yards. The 83-yard opening drive ended successfully when sophomore quarterback Matteo Lortie found Justin Matchett on a crossing route for a 46-yard touchdown pass with five minutes and 42 seconds left in the first quarter.

After ending the first quarter with 54 yards on the ground, Robinson scored on the first play of the second quarter. Showing his speed and elusiveness, he bolted through a huge hole provided by the offensive line and even stepped over a defender's tackle attempt in the final 10 yards of a 44-yard run. It was the start of a 133-yard second quarter that boosted him to 187 yards rushing at halftime.

Also in the second quarter, Nate Muniz recovered a Castro Valley fumble on the Castro Valley 4 to end a Trojans drive. Livermore proceeded to march 96 yards, with 78 of those yards courtesy of six Robinson carries. The drive ended with a four-yard touchdown run by Lortie, and the third point-after-touchdown kick of the game by Grant VonHeeder gave Livermore a 21-0 lead with 4:08 left in the first half.

Castro Valley (1-1) produced its touchdown with 1:32 left in the first half on a 27-yard pass from Cooper Matthews to Nico Colmenares. But Livermore's defense stopped Castro Valley at the Cowboys 5-yard-line on the first drive of the third quarter, then Robinson carried the ball for 10 of Livermore's 11 plays in the third quarter, gaining 89 yards to bring his game total to 276 yards. He also carried the ball three straight times for 41 yards in the fourth quarter before leaving the game offensively about halfway through the quarter.

Livermore's final touchdown occurred on the first play of the fourth quarter with a six-yard pass from Lortie to Aiden Ochoa. On Castro Valley's next series, Livermore's Mateo Bullis ended it with an interception with 8:59 to play.

The Cowboys evened their record at 1-1 after starting the season with a narrow 24-20 loss to visiting Hillsdale-San Mateo on Aug. 25.

"The kids were really disappointed, home opener last week ... and we had the lead with three minutes to go," Wade said. "For them to come back with an effort on the road and to do this, it was just such a good testament. ... I think the kids really just responded."

"We try to find our identity, and I think after tonight, it feels like we found it."

Dublin Offers Tips for Emergency Planning

In observance of National Preparedness Month in September, Dublin is encouraging all residents to have emergency kits at home, their places of work, and in their cars.

In a social media post, the city said emergency preparedness kits should include food, water, tools, and medical supplies for a minimum of three to five days, in case of an earthquake or other community disaster.

The city also noted that older adults can face greater risks from extreme weather and other emergencies, especially if they are living alone, are low-income, have a disability, or live in rural areas.

Other tips:

- * Plan for a meeting place in case family members are separated during an emergency.
- * Plan escape routes in case of fire or earthquake and practice with family members.
- * Include plans for family pets.
- * Sign up with the city to receive emergency notifications



Foothill High School's Ryan Herberger, above, tries to block a pass from Dublin's Anthony Rocha during a water polo match on Thursday, Aug. 31. Foothill won 19-3. Below, the Foothill High School girls' water polo team took on the Dublin High Gaels on Aug. 31. Foothill girls won 23-1. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



The U7 Wolf Pack, above, started their season off strong with tons of fun and success on the field. This is the first year of soccer for many of these boys. The team is pictured with their wolf mascot. After each game, a player is named the "Wolf of the Game", and they get to take home the wolf until the next game. (Photo courtesy of Carrie Williams)

LIMITS

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— ultimately saving the city between \$239,000 and \$308,000 in ballot-measure costs by piggybacking on the already scheduled city-council and mayoral election.

But Vice Mayor Michael McCorriston has argued that such a strategy risks overloading voters with a complicated ballot.

"We're talking about a big deal here; we're talking about a significant change," McCorriston told The Independent. "Residents are very aware of what is generally going on in their immediate community, but if they're faced with these major changes all at once you want to make sure they fully understand it."

Next November will mark the first time Dublin residents vote in district elections — a new election system adopted last September, that divides the city into four geographic districts. Residents will vote only for the one councilmem-

ber who will represent their home district. Previously, the council consisted of four at-large, citywide seats besides the mayor; the entire city voted for all four seats.

A survey conducted in May by FM3 Research revealed that 76% of Dublin residents did not know which district they belonged to.

McCorriston, along with Hernandez and Councilmember Sherry Hu, entertained placing the term-limit ballot measure in the presidential primary election on March 5, 2024 to avoid competing with the November ballot items.

"We are actually thinking about going to the voters in March with this and a couple other things, rather than cramming it on everybody in a presidential race," said McCorriston.

But Councilmember Jean Josey worried about the cost of going to voters in March. "There's no reason we would need to spend that money," said Josey. "I think to be good fiscal stewards of our money, there's no reason not to do it in the consolidated election in November. ... We've had it this way since '96. An extra six months isn't going to make a difference."

Councilmember Kashef Qaadri also echoed Josey's fiscal concerns.

"I didn't see the urgency in that sort of expenditure," he told The Independent. "To me it seemed somewhat wasteful. I am very sensitive to maintaining the trust that we have with our community and not making expenditures that didn't seem worthwhile."

The city has until Dec. 8 to set forth its ballot question and include it in the March presidential primary election, if the council decides to pursue that timeline. A public hearing and vote on the topic will be held at the Nov. 7 city council meeting.

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name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Emma Lara, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 3, 2023. Expires August 2, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 55774 Published August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 599909

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Riffing.ai; 2. Riffing; 3. Riffing AI, 572 Blair Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94611 is hereby registered by the

following owner(s): AgentOmni Insurance Services LLC, 572 Blair Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94611. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Patrick Cross, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 8, 2023. Expires August 7, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5575 Published August 17,

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 599974

The following person(s) doing business as: Royal HR Services, 631 Everglades Lane,

Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Linda Franklin, 631 Everglades Lane, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Linda Franklin, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 9, 2023. Expires August 8, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5576

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600050

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business name(s) listed above: 2/2/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Pavan Singh Athwal, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 11, 2023. Expires August 10, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5577. Published August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 2023.

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The following person(s) doing business as: BODYBAR Pilates, 3910 Fallong Road, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600073

The following person(s) doing business as: Jacfran Services, 1545 165th Ave, San Leandro, CA 94578 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kevin Valderrama, 1545 165th Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94578. 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: 8/14/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Kevin Valderrama, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 14, 2023. Expires August 13, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5579. Published August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 2023.

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The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Aqua Angels Restoration; 2. Gerois & Boni Global, 1281 61st Ave, Oakland, CA 94621 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): BSB Media LLC, 1281 61st Ave, Oakland, CA 94621. 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/: Gerois Lewis, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 1, 2023. Expires July 31, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5580. Published August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 599448

The following person(s) doing business as: KMZ Towing, 5450 Demarcus Blvd Apt 426, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mohammad Kabir Merzazada, 2311 Ivy Hill Way Apt 1332, San Ramon, CA 94582. 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/: Mohammad Kabir Merzazada, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 19, 2023. Expires July 18, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5581. Published August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 599854

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Digital Dreamers Steam Academy; 2. Bay Area Kids Club; 3. A4Educators; 4. Alfio Edu; 5. ConsultAI; 6. EducatrosAI; 7. EthicalAledu, 6754 Bernal Ave Ste 740-184, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): After School Specials LLC, 6754 Bernal Ave Ste 740-184, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Robert Rodriguez, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 4, 2023. Expires August 3, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5582. Published August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 599512

The following person(s) doing business as: Bayou Blizzards, 18431 Joseph Dr., Castro Valley, CA 94546 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Andre McKenzie, Owner, 18431 Joseph Dr., Castro valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600193

The following person(s) doing business as: Hi and Hello Photography, 9916 Golf Links Rd., Oakland, CA 94605 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Maryam Salassi, 9916 Golf Links Rd, Oakland, CA 94605. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 8/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Maryam Salassi, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 18, 2023. Expires August 17, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5584. Published August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600124

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. J&B Corporate Lodging Solutions; 2. J&B Global Enterprises Limited Liability Co., 11501 Dublin Blvd, Suite 200, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): J&B Global Enterprises limited Liability., 11501 Dublin Blvd, Suite 200, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Britney Bautista, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 15, 2023. Expires August 14, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5585. Published August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600155

The following person(s) doing business as: Creature Comforts Therapy, 7900 Earl St., Oakland, CA 94605 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Creature Comfort Therapy Inc.; Jayme Frihart Licensed Clinical Social Worker 7900 Earl St., Oakland, CA 94605. 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: 8/13/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jayme Frihart, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 16, 2023. Expires August 15, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5580. Published August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 599971

The following person(s) doing business as: The PJF Group, 2942 Harewood Dr., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): P.J. Funnunny, LLC, 2942 Harewood Dr., Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: June 12, 2008. Signature of Registrant/s/: Julie Lynn Fleury, President. This statement was filed with

the County Clerk of Alameda on August 9, 2023. Expires August 8, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5587. Published August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 2023.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 589992

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s), Sunkissed Bath and Body, LLC, 5595 Sonoma Drive Apt B, Pleasanton, CA 94566. The fictitious business name statement was filed on June 24, 2022 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Signature of Registrant/s/: Rachel Solis, Owner/Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 8, 2023. The Independent, Legal No. 5588. Published August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600104

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Skylark Properties; 2. Ensign-Homes; 3. Ensign Properties, 2351 Bartlett Street, Oakland, CA 94601 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ensign Pictures, Inc., 2351 Bartlett Street, Oakland, CA 94601. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/15/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Bryce Gubler, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 15, 2023. Expires August 14, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5589. Published August 31, September 7, 14, 21, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600063

The following person(s) doing business as: Banana Oil, 4303 Trolan Lane, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kristy Eng, 4303 Trolan Lane, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/14/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Kristy Eng, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 14, 2023. Expires August 13, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5590. Published August 31, September 7, 14, 21, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600248

The following person(s) doing business as: Therapy with Dr. David, 4900 Shattuck Ave #3154, Oakland, CA 94609 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): David Dewy Shepard II, 4900 Shattuck Ave #3154, Oakland, CA 94609. 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/: David Dewy Shepard II, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 22, 2023. Expires August 21, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5591. Published August 31, September 7, 14, 21, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 599611

The following person(s) doing business as: Cholita Linda, 4923 Telegraph Ave, Oakland, CA 94609 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): CL

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600170

The following person(s) doing business as: Maas Brothers Powder Coating, 285 S. Vasco Rd., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Maas Brothers, Inc., 6152 Amber Ln., Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/14/1998. Signature of Registrant/s/: BKevin Maas, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 17, 2023. Expires August 16, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5593. Published August 31, September 7, 14, 21, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 599726

The following person(s) doing business as: Glow Atelier, 2282 Fourth Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lisa Luna, 5095 Discovery Pt, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. 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: 7/31/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Lisa Luna, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 31, 2023. Expires July 30, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5594. Published August 31, September 7, 14, 21, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600342

The following person(s) doing business as: Building Kidz of Dublin West, 7421 Amarillo Rd, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Shivaay Schools LLC, 7421 Amarillo Rd., Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Kash Mittal, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 25, 2023. Expires August 24, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5595. Published August 31, September 7, 14, 21, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600393

The following person(s) doing business as: Sooja Seoleongtang, 6052 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont, CA 94538 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sooja Kitchen, Inc., 32754 Folklore Loop, union City, CA 94587. 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/: Chan Jae Park,

President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 28, 2023. Expires August 27, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5596. Published September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600347

The following person(s) doing business as: salaam Food Pantry, 4080 Bay Street #A, Fremont, CA 94538 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Salaam Food Pantry, 2835 Wilson Common, Fremont, CA 94538. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/15/2016. Signature of Registrant/s/: Naseer Irfan, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 25, 2023. Expires August 24, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5597. Published September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 599574

The following person(s) doing business as: Theracare Wellness Center, 4133 Mohr Ave, Ste F, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Shaka-ja Gandhir, 1993 Paseo del Cajon, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Shaka-ja Gandhir, Sole Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 26, 2023. Expires July 25, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5598. Published September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600451

The following person(s) doing business as: Furnished Abode, 3833 Vincent Court, Castro Valley, CA 94546 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Christina Mao, 25444 University Court, Hayward, CA 94542. 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/: Christina Mao, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 30, 2023. Expires August 29, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5599. Published September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600343

The following person(s) doing business as: Johnstone Supply Livermore, 7066 Las Positas Rd., Ste. D, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Orion Distributing, Inc., 5658 E. Clinton Ave, Fresno, CA 93727. 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: 5/21/2018. Signature of Registrant/s/: Michael Kalmbach, Owner/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 25, 2023. Expires August 24, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5600. Published September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600432

The following person(s) doing business as: Layna's Luxe Room, 15200 Hesperian Blvd Suite 201, San Leandro, CA 94578 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Alayna Milton, 821 Yosemite Dr., Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 8/29/23. Signature of Registrant/s/: Alyana Milton, Individual. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 29, 2023. Expires August 28, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5601. Published September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600263

The following person(s) doing business as: The Hangar SFO, 4581 Livermore Outlets Drive, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): DNH Hospitality Group Inc., 41 S Estados St., Mtn House, CA 95391. 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/: Vishal Nayyar, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 23, 2023. Expires August 22, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5602. Published September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600315

The following person(s) doing business as: Baughman's Western Outfitters, 2029 1st Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sanders Ranchwear, LLC, 2029 1st Street, 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: 4/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Amanda Sanders, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 24, 2023. Expires August 23, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5603. Published September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600397

The following person(s) doing business as: Kimber Associates, 2779 Yountville Court, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Robert John Kimber, 2779 Yountville Court, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 12/6/2006. Signature of Registrant/s/: Robert Kimber, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 28, 2023. Expires August 27, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5604. Published September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023.

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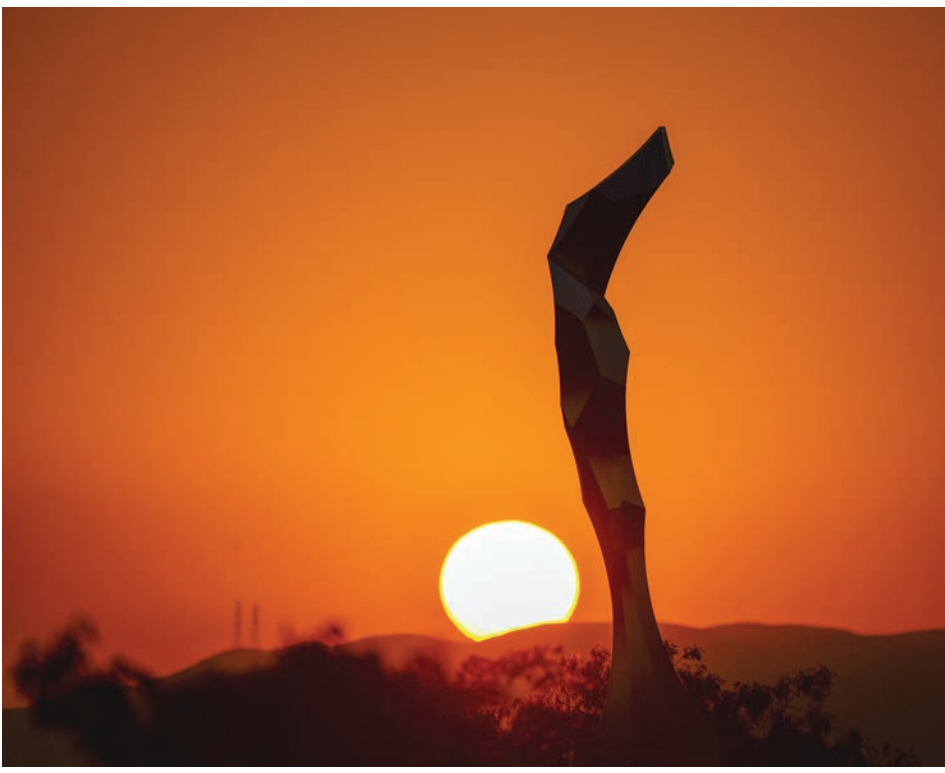
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The smoky sunset on Wednesday, Aug. 30, silhouettes "Elatus" a metal sculpture designed by Heath Satow at Dublin's Fallon Sports Park. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

County Fair Association to Fill 3 Board Seats

The Alameda County Agricultural Fair Association is looking to fill three vacancies on the 21-member board of directors.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors appoints 10 members to the board. The board then elects 11 additional members. The

vacancies are among the seats to be filled by the board.

Members serve four-year terms and must commit to monthly meetings and other committee meetings.

The nonprofit association produces the annual Alameda County Fair and manages the 267-acre fairgrounds

property in Pleasanton.

Individuals interested in serving on the fair board should submit an application, available online at alamedacountyfair.com, by Wednesday, Sept. 20. Board members must be permanent residents of Alameda County.

Officials Join in Homeless Healthcare Discussion

Livermore Mayor John Marchand and council member Bob Carling were among those who visited the Cornerstone Fellowship Church in Livermore last month for a discussion of healthcare for the homeless moderated by Axis Community Health.

Along with representatives from Rep. Eric Swallow's congressional office and members of County Supervisor David Haubert's staff, they also toured the Cornerstone Fellowship

site, which offers a Friday Morning Ministry for as many as 40 homeless individuals.

The ministry includes showers, hot breakfast, fresh clothes, and packaged food, along with a Bible study class.

Cornerstone is a non-denominational Christian church with several locations in the Bay Area. The tour was led by Erin McGrath, Cornerstone's outreach leader for the Livermore campus at 348 N.

Canyons Parkway.

Since forming a partnership with the Cornerstone Fellowship, Axis reported helping more than 150 homeless persons to enroll in healthcare services and given them with free Covid-19 tests.

Axis Community Health operates nonprofit community health centers that provide medical care, mental health and addiction counseling, and nutrition programs for women, infants, and children (WIC).

Symphony Accepting Applications For Young Musicians Competition

The Livermore-Amador Symphony Association is now accepting applications for its 51st annual Young Musicians Competition, scheduled for Las Positas College in Livermore on Sunday Oct. 15.

The symphony association is also accepting applications from high school seniors for four \$500 music awards.

The Young Musicians competition is open to singers and musicians who reside in Alameda or Contra Costa counties, or Tracy and the community of Mountain House in San Joaquin County.

The winners will receive \$500 and be invited to perform as soloists with the symphony at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore in February.

Runners-up will be invited to perform at the annual Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild meeting in January.

Applicants must be 19 or younger and cannot be more than 19 by the time of the Feb. 10, 2024, concert.

The deadline to apply is Oct. 1. There is a nonrefundable fee to apply.

Instrumentalists should select one movement of a concerto or a comparable work, between 10 and 15 minutes in length.

All those selected to compete will receive a written evaluation.

To apply, or for more information, go to livermoreamadorsymphony.org.

The student music awards, to be announced in December, are intended to recognize seniors for participation in community music programs during their high school years.

The annual awards include the John H. Green Memorial Award and the Bill King Memorial Award. The two Livermore-Amador

Symphony Association Awards this year will be given in honor of music director emeritus Arthur P. Barnes and longtime orchestra member Marion Stearns.

To be eligible, students must reside or attend school in Livermore, Pleasanton, Sunol, Dublin, or San Ramon, or have been a Livermore-Amador Symphony musician. Applications must be submitted by Monday, Oct. 2.

The winners will be notified in mid-October and will be profiled on the Livermore-Amador Symphony website. They will also be featured in the symphony's December concert program and the Symphony Notes newsletter. The awards will be presented during the concert on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 2.

To apply, or for more information, go to livermoreamadorsymphony.org/awards.



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