

City of Dublin

Development
Fees Deemed
Out of Date

By David Jen

DUBLIN — The city’s current inclusionary zoning regulations require developers to set aside 12.5% of a residential project’s units as affordable housing.

Developers may also satisfy the requirement by negotiating a combination of alternatives with the city, such as in-lieu fees, making a land dedication, or building the required units in a different part of the city.

But Economic and Planning Systems (EPS), an Oakland-based real-estate and land-use economics consulting firm, recently presented a report to city leaders that said the city’s current fees and requirements are out of date.

The council as a whole called for additional analysis around the linkage fees, specifically to find where the decision threshold for developers lies that might render a project infeasible.

Rising residential development costs have outpaced both home and rental prices, dampening developer interest, according to EPS Principal Ashleigh Kanat.

“Single-family develop-

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Lower-Income
Units Removed
From Fallon 580
Housing Plan

By David Jen

DUBLIN — Plans to nix developers’ proposal to build 74 high-density affordable-housing units in eastern Dublin and replace it with lower-density housing were approved by the city council last week.

In return, developer GH PacVest, Inc. agreed to convert 45 acres of open space to build a sprawling park.

“I’m pretty comfortable with the compromise here and what the city is getting back,” said Councilmember Kashef Qaadri, pointing to the need for walking trails in eastern Dublin. “Can’t wait for the shovels to hit the ground.”

The council voted unanimously to amend Dublin’s General Plan for the land-use changes that are part of the Dublin Fallon 580

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Pop Rocks, above, entertained attendees during Dublin’s 2023 Splatter Festival on Saturday, Sept. 9. The event featured a day of family-friendly entertainment on three stages, as well as carnival rides, games and art exhibits. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Pleasanton’s Housing Element
Certified; Dublin Awaits Approval

By Larry Altman

PLEASANTON — The City of Pleasanton has finally proven to the state that it is prepared to build enough fair housing for anyone who wants to live in the Tri-Valley city.

Under state law, cities and counties in California are required to file reports every eight years identifying sites that can be rezoned for housing for all income levels, special needs populations and various household types.

But Pleasanton has been

going back and forth with the state for two years to get its Housing Element

“An outstanding quality of life for our city is closely connected to quality housing, and this update is an important step to keeping Pleasanton a desirable place to live and work for everyone.”

– Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown

certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Drafts were sent back to the city three times.

State officials required revisions that included additional incentives for lower-income units to encourage more affordability, and a more detailed discussion of the city’s water-supply strategy. Another revision included suspending negotiations with developers for public amenities — such as parks — for projects that aim to build out at full density.

Other changes needed to be made as well. Earlier this summer, the city council

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Pleasanton City
Council OKs New
Police Cameras

By David Jen

PLEASANTON — The city is on track to get a new crime-fighting tool after city leaders approved plans to install up to 10 video cameras around Pleasanton once funding is in place.

Cameras will be installed at high-traffic intersections and in areas leading to freeways. Police say the recordings will be used as evidence in solving crimes.

The city council voted unanimously at its Sept. 5 meeting to support the use of the citywide video cameras.

“Safeguarding our community is a huge part of our job, and here’s another tool to provide our very well trained and highly skilled police officers so that they can do their job even better,” said Mayor

Karla Brown.

Capt. Kurt Schlehuber said the cameras will be useful amid an increase in the smash-and-grab thefts that often happen at the Stoneridge Shopping Center. They may also help officers catch catalytic-converter thieves, who often slip away, leaving no solid evidence behind.

The new cameras will supplement Pleasanton’s 17 existing automatic license-plate readers.

Councilmember Julie Testa said she knows the community is concerned about crime, but also expected residents to speak out about privacy concerns related to the cameras.

“They want that security,” she said.

City officials said the

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Hilde von der Wethuizen enjoys a conversation with Tallulah during the Cat Extravaganza and Rescue Awareness Event on Sept. 10. The gathering featured more than 130 cats and brought over 5,000 cat lovers to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

County Fairgrounds Hosts Cat
Extravaganza, Rescue Event

By Hannah Ferguson

PLEASANTON — More than 130 cats converged on the Alameda County Fairgrounds last weekend for the Cat Extravaganza and Rescue Awareness Event, and some 5,000 people came to check them out.

Loving Cats Worldwide, which is dedicated to educating people, providing entertainment, and helping cats, put on the event and will return in April for another similar event.

When it comes to allow-

ing the cats to strut their stuff on the catwalk, founder Steven Meserve said that cats must be comfortable and not pushed to do anything he or she doesn’t want to do.

The Pleasanton show featured cats and kittens of all different breeds, ages, personalities and sizes, even a rescued cat with an amputated back leg.

Judges who came from the U.S., the U.K., Colombia, Portugal, and other countries, gave high marks

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“Seinfeld” star Jason Alexander headlined the annual Brilliance at Bankhead Gala on Saturday, Sept. 9. Hosted by Livermore Valley Arts, the evening celebrated the start of the 2023-2024 season. See story on page 3. (Photo courtesy of Robert Suguitan)

DA Files Lawsuit Against Livermore
Vape Company for Selling to Minors

By Kristin J. Bender

The Alameda County District Attorney has filed a lawsuit against a Livermore vaping company for allegedly selling flavored tobacco, synthetic cannabis and flavored vape products to minors.

District Attorney Pamela Price announced the suit last week during a news conference at the Livermore Chamber of Commerce.

Price said Apollo Future Technology, which does business as Apollo E-cigs, sold products through its website without verifying

that the buyer was over 21 years old. That is a violation of state law.

“They illegally shipped the products through the U.S. Postal service without complying with California’s delivery requirements,” Price explained. “And they manufactured and sold thousands of synthetic cannabis products in packaging that falsely claimed the products were legal, natural and industrial hemp products containing less than .3% THC.”

Price said the court last week issued a temporary

restraining order to block the company from selling its products online or at its Lindbergh Avenue location in Livermore.

Price noted that an investigation into Apollo was launched after complaints from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District surfaced. District officials reported that they were seeing Apollo’s products on campuses.

“We’re very concerned about the impact that addictive substances are having on our students and

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(Photo - Valley Humane Society)

Livermore Vine Cinema Hosts Independent Film Set in Fremont

By Christina Cavallaro

Movie goers packed the Vine Cinema in Livermore recently to check out a new film about a young Afghan woman struggling to adjust to life in the United States

and to find her place in it. The film called “Fremont” centers around Donya, a young, beautiful and brooding Afghan refugee who lives in Fremont and works at a San Francis-

co fortune cookie factory. Donya grapples with complicated feelings about her traumatic past as a translator for the U.S. government in Afghanistan, while trying to make a new home

in a new country.

She lives alone in a building with other Afghan people, has trouble sleeping and often eats by herself at a nearby restaurant watching soap operas with an elderly server there. The City of Fremont was chosen as the location for filming because it has the largest Afghan population in the United States.

Seeking connection, Donya decides to send a message out to the world through a fortune inside a cookie. and then waits to see what happens next.

Many of the film’s memorable scenes, all shot in black and-white, feature Fremont businesses, including Dino’s Family Restaurant, a classic diner now made famous as the location of the magnetic scene between Donya and the character Daniel, a quiet auto mechanic, played by Jeremy Allen White from the hit FX series, “The Bear.”

Dino’s real life manager Deandra Baber said filming the movie in the diner was no small feat. “Oh yeah, they moved everything, all the booths over.” Her co-worker Jackie Dhandha helped out the film crew with one scene and had her name listed in the movie credits.

“It was an interesting experience to watch the film and go ‘oh, I know where that is,’ even if it was a little unnerving at times to see how editing impacts reality,” Baber said.

Director and co-writer Babek Jalali chose to convey the story in black-and-white in support of the film’s artistic aim to look beyond imagined differences between humans and exaggerated otherness. The absence of color allowed the viewer to instead focus on universal similarities between groups and communities.

Actress Anaita Wali Zada, who plays Donya

and lives in the Los Altos hills, spoke to the movie audience after the film and took questions.

She told the audience that her life in the U.S. has taken a turn because of the story she told about Fremont and its Afghan community.

She now plans to help be a voice for Afghan women who have come to the U.S seeking a life of freedom as well as for those whose freedoms are still being denied in Afghanistan.

Donya may have gotten out, but Zada reminds the audience, “This is one story, about what is going on here.” The traumatic past that follows Donya in the film is the heartbreaking present for millions of Afghan women whose rights have disappeared.

“People are still suffering. The story is far from over.”



The Livermore Vine Cinema recently showed an independent film called “Fremont.” The story was filmed in Fremont and features a young Afghan woman starting her new life in the Bay Area. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

City Allocates \$90,000 in Funding for Downtown Events

By Larry Altman

The City Council on Monday allocated \$90,000 to Livermore Downtown Inc. (LDI) to enable the non-profit organization to continue promoting city events including Independence Day fireworks, Farmers’ Markets and the Livermore Half Marathon.

The 5-0 vote that included several other routine items was part of a short council meeting that also formally added Dublin and Alameda County to a joint effort with Pleasanton and Livermore to help rebuild the Tri-Valley Haven Emergency Shelter in Livermore; and officially announced that public improvements adjacent to the MP Avance affordable housing project on First Street were completed.

Speaking to the council, LDI executive director Ruby Lopez-Villarreal said the funding would help the organization continue to strengthen the downtown business center. LDI works to promote economic growth, preserve history, and attract tourists and residents to the city’s core, The city has helped fund LDI since 1986.

“Vital partnerships such as the one with the City of Livermore are what helps to

make our shared vision a reality,” Lopez-Villareal said.

According to its annual report, during fiscal year 2022-23, LDI supported the year-round Sunday and seasonal Thursday evening farmers markets; Kidz Town Halloween Hay Day; the Livermore Valley Made pop-up market; Witches Night Out-Moonlight Shopping and Dining; the Earlier than the Bird pajama shopping event; Holiday Village in the Park; the Home for the Holidays Parade; the half-marathon, the Downtown Street Fest and Kindness Campaign and July 4 fireworks.

The organization also disseminated information about downtown construction; outdoor dining policies and sound ordinances; and rules for selling alcohol. In the coming year, LDI plans to educate downtown business owners about the city’s Climate Action Plan, and continue to promote the arts and tourism efforts. The annual report showed downtown gained seven new businesses last year and 44 new jobs.

Council Member Evan Branning thanked LDI for “the breadth of what they are doing.”

“This investment of \$90,000 is honestly less than we should be putting

into LDI,” Branning said. “I think for every dollar we spend, we’re getting much more than that back as a community. I see LDI as a tremendous investment for all of us.”

In other action, the council said MP Avance Associates had completed the public improvements it was required to make when it received approval in 2020 to build 45 residential rental units for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities at 4260 First Street. The agreement included a traffic signal and median, new sidewalks, curbs and gutters.

MidPen Housing spokeswoman Lyn Hikida said a grand opening was held in May and residents have moved in. The housing complex provides access to transit, medical appointments and jobs, as well as grocery stores, pharmacies, the library and shopping.

The council also approved a resolution to add Dublin and Alameda County to an agreement to help rebuild the Tri-Valley Haven shelter, which is in disrepair. The shelter at an undisclosed location in Livermore, currently is providing 16 beds on-site and has had to rent another facility to add 14 beds because of the shelter’s condition. Tri-Valley Haven

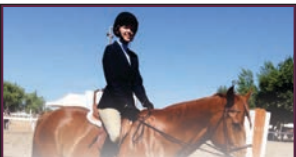
assists victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and homelessness.

In April, Pleasanton allocated \$250,000 and Livermore approved \$484,000 in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grants for the project. The Alameda County Board of Supervisors authorized \$2 million in June, and the Dublin City Council approved \$240,205 on Sept. 5.

Tri-Valley Haven officials told The Independent recently that they had raised \$4.5 million toward the new project, which is estimated to cost \$6.5 million.

The resolution for the cities to work jointly on the project makes Livermore the lead agency on obtaining an

environmental review for the project. The three cities will share the cost of the \$20,000 report. Although located in Livermore, the shelter serves residents from the three cities.



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This week’s planned erection of the Iron Horse Trail Bridge overcrossing has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances, according to the City of Dublin’s website. The bridge is currently sitting on the side of Dublin Boulevard in front of Don Biddle Park. Staff and city consultants are working to determine a new date for the installation. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Suspect Arrested in Death of Dismembered Woman

A Pleasanton man has been arrested on suspicion of murdering the woman he was living with and leaving her dismembered body wrapped in plastic along the Alameda shoreline.

According to Alameda Police Department (APD), the remains of Rachel Elizabeth Imani Buckner, 27 of Pleasanton, were found in July by a pedestrian walking along the trail near Bay Farm Bridge in Alameda. DNA evidence identified

Buckner as the victim. Additional evidence helped detectives identify Joseph C. Roberts, 42, as the primary suspect.

“Since July, APD has worked tirelessly to identify the involved parties and understand the series of events that led to this death,” said APD officials. “We appreciate the community’s patience and the support from our law enforcement partners...”

Roberts was taken into

custody on Wednesday, Sept. 6 by the U.S. Marshals Service with assistance from the Alameda and Pleasanton police departments. He was arraigned in Alameda County Superior Court on Friday, Sept. 8.

A joint investigation with Pleasanton police and the FBI will continue.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to contact the Alameda Police Department at 510-337-8402.

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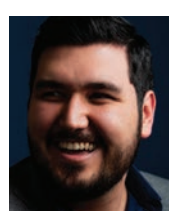
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Seinfeld Alumnus Brings Down the House at Annual Bankhead Gala

By Kristin J. Bender

Emmy Award-winning actor Jason Alexander, better known as the hilarious but bumbling George Costanza from the famed sitcom “Seinfeld,” isn’t

The world knows Alexander as Jerry Seinfeld’s best buddy during the show’s 9-year run, but Alexander has also worked extensively as a writer, composer, director, producer and acting teacher. Earlier

that the show includes a reference to the made-up term “shipooopi,” a word that the young Alexander found hilarious and enjoyed saying over and over again. In fact, it seemed as though Alexander enjoyed

Sounds like something from a “Seinfeld” episode. While the television character George Costanza may have fancied himself a debonair ladies’ man with endless self-confidence, Alexander has no problem poking fun at himself. “By the time I was 6 years old, I wanted to be a magician. I wanted to do close up stuff—cards and coins, but I had baby hands,” he told the audience holding up his tiny mitts. “I was devastated. I was crushed. I thought my life was over. I can’t be a rock and roll singer and I can’t be a magician.”

But he didn’t let his so-called baby hands, or his stocky frame stop him from moving forward. By the time he was a young teen, he was taking voice

and dance lessons. “That wasn’t pretty, I was still 180 pounds,” he said. After high school, Alexander began studying theater at Boston University, but he dropped out a few years later to make his Broadway debut, performing in the Stephen Sondheim/George Furth musical “Merrily We Roll Along.” Alexander performed a song from the musical at the Bankhead and the audience loved it. But Alexander definitely

saved the best for last. For the show’s finale, Alexander explained that, while he has been successful in many areas of his career, he has been passed by plenty of times for musical theater roles. He then pumped out a crowd rousing medley of songs from shows where he wasn’t given a part. The rendition of “Hamilton,” “Jesus Christ Superstar,” “Phantom of the Opera,” and many others brought the audience to their feet and capped off the evening.



Jason Alexander, 63, of “Seinfeld” fame, performed to a sold-out crowd last weekend at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. The versatile performer along with the Livermore-Amador Symphony, helped raise \$540,000 for Livermore Valley Arts. (Photo courtesy of Robert Suguitan)

shy about reminding people that he’s an international comedy icon. But Alexander’s recent visit to Livermore highlighted lesser-known talents—singing and dancing. Alexander, 63, headlined a fundraising gala at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore last Saturday night, drawing thunderous laughter and a standing ovation for his whimsical salute to Broadway musicals. Alexander’s selections were led by the Livermore-Amador Symphony and together they helped raise more than \$540,000 for Livermore Valley Arts, said Executive Director Chris Carter.

er this summer, he made his Broadway directing debut with Sandy Rustin’s “The Cottage.” On the stage last weekend in Livermore, Alexander showed off his dancing and singing chops by belting out songs from “Cats,” “Les Miserables,” Billy Joel’s “Scenes from an Italian Restaurant,” and many others. But he also let the audience in on his childhood in New Jersey and his rise to fame by interspersing the songs with funny and self-deprecating stories from his life. “I saw my first Broadway theater show at 5,” he told the audience, adding that the show was the “Music Man.” He recounted

amusing himself by repeating the silly word on the Livermore stage before he jumped into another story. Alexander said that even from an early age he was mesmerized by the theater, but his fascination didn’t translate into dreams of making it as a Broadway star. “I never imagined myself on the stage,” he said. “The first thing I wanted to be was a rock and roll singer, but I was 5 feet tall, 180 pounds with braces, acne and the beginning of a bald spot,” he said. “My mom took me shopping in the husky department.” In fact, he said he was forced to wear corduroy pants that made a funny noise when he walked.

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EDITORIAL

New Police Cameras a Double-Edged Sword

Video cameras in the city’s high-traffic intersections and areas leading to freeways can greatly assist Pleasanton’s police in tracking down crime suspects and solving cases.

California continues to rank as one of the most problematic states in the country for both organized-retail theft and catalytic-converter theft, with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce estimating some \$19 billion lost in the state to retail crime in 2021 alone.

These crimes have hit the Bay Area particularly hard with Pleasanton Police reporting an uptick in retail thefts at Stoneridge Shopping Center and other prime shopping spots.

At the same time, the state’s police-staffing shortage, near its lowest patrol-officer-per-resident level in 30 years, has also affected Pleasanton,

notably in its latest police-contract negotiations where the Pleasanton Police Officers’ Association named hiring difficulties as a major driver of its arguments for higher wages and more resources.

The ability of the cameras to immediately bring eyes on the scene, automatically generate video evidence and create investigative leads — all without requiring additional personnel — should be leveraged by the city to the fullest extent, as long as privacy concerns remain foremost in policy planning.

The city must understand the weight of the policies governing this technology.

Much of our digital lives already fuels artificial-intelligence training, with only varying degrees of disclosure. Facial recognition, vehicle detection

and machine learning, applied to the large troves of data these cameras will generate, can tease out the patterns of our lives that we have not consented to share. Even with the best intentions, the new camera installations will take us one step closer to citywide surveillance of our private lives.

Public hearings must be allowed for any change to the use of the cameras or their data after the city adopts responsible limitations. Camera coverage should be restricted to where there is not a reasonable expectation of privacy, excluding areas such as schools and residential neighborhoods. And a thorough process for vetting third-party vendors should be publicly shared.

This is Pleasanton’s chance to responsibly adopt new camera technology for the benefit of the entire city.

MAILBOX

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In Memory of Livermore's Homeless Dead

Greg Scott, Livermore

Where are we in the cultural evolution of our community? Are we going to remember the homeless who died? I have been acquainted with some of the homeless who passed during the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic: Will, Jaime, Richard, Soledad, Paul, Jim, Chuck, and others.

Without Open Heart Kitchen (OHK), a number of us would not have survived. I recently attended a fundraiser for OHK at the regal Palm Event Center. In the presentations was a projected picture, taken from the north end of the Arroyo Plaza parking lot, with a split-rail fence in the foreground, a field

with trees behind that, and the transportation artery of Interstate 580 in the background. What I could see that most of the audience couldn't were the swept and vanquished encampments of homeless ghosts, the diaspora of the homeless who used to stay there, and the homeless who were there and have since died. The picture seemed sanitized. Viewing the peopleless image, I felt anger, rage, and tears unstopably upwelling within me.

I suppose you don't want to show the reality of homelessness at a fundraising event. Money is necessary; however, what we do is use money as a prophylactic instead of truly understanding the complexity, getting our hands "dirty" with the ugliness, and actually feeling the trauma of homelessness. We are not going to fundamentally solve homelessness, or the housing crisis, on the pathway we are on. The bromides of money and the current building of the homeless-industrial-complex isn't going to do it.

The present socioeconomic and political structures are countervailing to the shelter and support solutions. We need to honestly and astutely address the homeless problem. We cannot just throw gobs of money at it and expect miraculous results.

Picture yourself without a roof, without a bed, and without a private bathroom. Try to comprehend what it is like trying to get a dying homeless person off the ground. What can we learn from homeless ghosts?

If you have any interest or need to understand what I am talking about, please read Tracy Kidder's book, "Rough Sleepers: Dr. Jim O'Connell's Urgent Mission to Bring Healing to Homeless People," 2023. I was grateful for the chapter "Death by Housing." At least housed Jim and Chuck didn't die on the street, yes; however, they still died

having spent far too much time homeless. They did not receive the sustained support that we needed to provide.

Dublin's Mayor Tries to Pull a Fast One on Voters
Mike Grant, Dublin

The mayor and council are wanting longer term limits because we the voters are not smart, per Michael McCorriston. He wrote we could be overloading voters with a complicated ballot. Wow, Dublin Citizens, It's very clear the Vice Mayor thinks we are not very sharp. The ballot could read like this, "Do you want to extend the term of the Mayor or Council, YES or NO." That's pretty simple language.

So let's talk about what we get from a mayor with a longer term – more building and congestion on Dublin Blvd. Mayor Melissa ran for council in 2016 on a platform of less congestion on Dublin roads and cut building in Dublin. Well, that campaign promise went flat! Under her watch, we have had the biggest boom in houses in the last 4 years and put more cars on the streets in Dublin. Council member Josey also ran on the same platform in 2018 with almost the same theme. She has voted with the mayor on almost every development that the builders have put forward to the city staff.

The entire mayor and council talk about how they watch out for the citizens and use such words as fiscal stewards of our money. So, let's talk about how this council, mayor and city manager save us money.

Just recently a group of 6 people from our city went on a so-called business trip to Ireland to our sister city with the Mayor, Vice Mayor and 2 out of 3 city council members – Council member Jean Josey and Council member Kashef Qaadri. The other 2 members were the City Manager Linda Smith and Hazel Wetherford, the Economic Development Director. (That's 6 people) Altogether, they spent 216 hours away from Dublin in Ireland and only attended 6.5 hours in meetings. I guess Zoom is just out of the question. :)

The Mayor took her entire family (4) and City council member Kashef Qaadri took his wife. Hazel

Wetherford, the economic director, took her spouse.

All expenses in this little boondoggle cost the city \$18,000 dollars and to date the following members have failed to produce their plane tickets – Mayor Melissa Hernandez, Vice Mayor Michael McCorriston and Council Member Kashef Qaadri.

This is why we need term limits to stay the same, so we don't fund vacations!

Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month In Livermore
Trish Munro, Livermore

Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month begins this Friday, Sept. 15. Throughout the month, the Livermore Library has a wide variety of programs so that all residents of Livermore can celebrate the rich histories and cultures of Latinx/Hispanic Americans. Here are a few of the upcoming events:

Outdoor movie night: The month kicks off at the Rincon Library on Friday, Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m. for activities, followed by the movie, Selenia, a musical biography of the music star Selenia Quintanilla-Perez. Popcorn will be provided, bring your own picnic supper!

Nazca Lines Craft: On Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 4 p.m., the Springtown Library will host a program on the Nazca Lines. Peru is famous for its Nazca Lines, created 2000 years ago in Peru's Nazca Desert. These are designs—geoglyphs—made through moving dirt and pebbles to expose different colors and create pictures. The craft activity gives participants (age 5 and up) the opportunity to create their own geoglyphs.

Flying Free with Cecilia Aragon: On Thursday, Sept. 21 at 3 p.m. in the Civic Center Library's Storytime Room, Librarian Jackie will interview the multi-talented Dr. Cecelia Aragon. Professor Aragon's research on human-centered data science sits at the intersection of human-computer interaction and artificial intelligence. She is the co-founder of Latinas in Computing, an author, and a pilot. Her memoir, Flying Free: My Victory Over Fear to Become the First Latina Pilot on the US Aerobatic Team, will be available at the event.

Guatemalan Kite Craft: On Friday, Sept. 22 at 3 p.m., the Rincon Library

will host a program on Guatemala's Amazing Kite Festival. According to ancient Guatemalan tradition, every All-Saints' Day, the souls of loved ones can visit family members. Magnificent kites help these spirits find their people. At this program, attendees aged five and up can make their own mini version of these unique round kites.

Tradición Peruana, Cultural Center: On Saturday, Sept. 23 at 12:30 p.m., in front of the Civic Center Library, everyone can enjoy Peruvian dance and music by Tradición Peruana, Cultural Center, while learning about the Peruvian art, culture, and the traditions of the diverse Indigenous and Afro-Peruvian communities.

Want more? Check the Library Calendar to get the full list of activities!

Benjamin Franklin, Part Two
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He was the first president of the Academy and College of Philadelphia, which opened in 1751, later becoming the University of Pennsylvania. Franklin became a national hero in America as an agent for several colonies when he spearheaded an effort in London to have the Parliament of Great Britain repeal the unpopular Stamp Act. An accomplished diplomat, he was widely admired among the French as American minister to Paris and was a major figure in

the development of positive Franco-American relations. His efforts proved vital for the American Revolution in securing French aid.

He was promoted to deputy postmaster-general for the British colonies on August 10, 1753, having been Philadelphia postmaster for many years. He was active in community affairs and colonial and state politics, as well as national and international affairs. From 1785 to 1788, he served as governor of Pennsylvania. He initially owned and dealt in slaves but, by the late 1750s, he began arguing against slavery, became an abolitionist, and promoted education and the integration of African Americans into U.S. society.

His life and legacy of scientific and political achievement, and his status as one of America's most influential Founding Fathers, have seen Franklin honored more than two centuries after his death on the \$100 bill, warships, and the names of many towns, counties, educational institutions, and corporations, as well as numerous cultural references and with a portrait in the Oval Office. Over his lifetime, Franklin wrote or received more than 30,000 letters and other documents, which since the 1950s, have been collected in The Papers of Benjamin Franklin, published by both the American Philosophical Society and Yale University.

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Students at St. Michael School in Livermore participated in a fundraiser for the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation on Friday, Sept. 1. The school community was able to raise more than \$2,400 for the victims of the recent fires in Maui, Hawaii. (Photo courtesy of St. Michael School)

Insurance Agency Receives Award for Volunteerism

The Gene Morgan Insurance Agency in Livermore has received a Make More Happen Award from two nationwide insurance companies, Safeco and Liberty Mutual, for its volunteer efforts on behalf of Reins in Motion.

The award includes a \$5,000 donation to Reins in Motion, a Livermore-based nonprofit that provides equine therapy for children and adults. That donation will be doubled if the agency receives at least 500 online votes and comments at agentgiving.com/Gene-Morgan-Insurance.

Reins in Motion said the

funds would help with boarding and farrier and veterinarian services for its horses, and safety equipment.

“Working with Reins in Motion has provided us the opportunity to bring the world of children and animals together and we strongly believe in the impact horses can bring about in the lives of people,” said Stacie Logan, an agent and marketing representative with Gene Morgan Insurance. “We are grateful to Liberty Mutual and Safeco for providing much-needed funds to continue their impactful work and thrilled at the opportunity to double

the donation just by calling on the community to show their support.”

Volunteers from Gene Morgan Insurance help Reins in Motion participants develop physical strength, along with motor skills and verbal skills, during the therapy sessions. They also assist in the annual Lil’ Pardners Rodeo, which pairs kids with special needs with real cowboys and cowgirls in simulated rodeo activities.

Liberty Mutual and Safeco will recognize 37 independent insurance agencies for their volunteerism this year, donating up to \$370,000 to the nonprofits they support.



The Gene Morgan Insurance Agency recently received a \$5,000 donation from the Make More Happen organization to benefit the nonprofit group Reins in Motion. The organization provides equine therapy for children and adults. (Photo courtesy of Reins in Motion)

Dublin to Hold Library Book Sale Next Weekend

Friends of the Dublin Library will hold a used book sale at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday,

Sept. 17. The sale will also include audio-visual materials. Most items will be priced \$2 or less, with proceeds going to support library programs and the purchase

of new materials. Sunday will also be bargain day with half off many items and when shoppers can fill a paper bag, provided by Friends of the Dublin Library, for only \$5.

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Still Time to Nominate Neighbor or Yourself For Beautification Awards

The deadline for nominations for the 2023 Livermore Beautification Awards is Friday, Sept. 15. Honors are awarded for amazing front yards throughout the city. Nominations can be for resident’s own yards as well. Submission forms can be picked up at the Livermore Public Library’s Civic Center Branch. The form has a QR code you can scan to access the website or visit www.livermoreca.gov and follow the prompts under “How Do I...” then click on “City Commissions and Boards,” and “Beautification Committee,” and finally, scroll down to “Beautification Awards.”

Church Holds Ribbon Cutting for New Families Building

The nondenominational Valley Community Church in Pleasanton held a ribbon-cutting ceremony earlier this month for its new 4,800 square-foot Families Building.

The church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, said the addition would primarily serve its Kids and Disability Ministry and includes rooms designed especially for students with disabilities and special needs.

“With our new classroom, we can welcome someone with disabilities

of any age and build friendships while playing and learning,” said Disability Ministry director Lilian Jewell. “It is our hope that someone with autism, sensory-processing disorders, cerebral palsy, or another special need, will walk into this space and see it is made for them and their families to flourish.”

The expansion will also provide more space for the church’s Shining Light pre-school program and includes a playground for toddlers, preschoolers, and

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Tri-Valley Haven Nonprofit Opening Registration for Oct. 7 ‘Pace for Peace’ Run

Tri-Valley Haven, a local nonprofit organization that supports survivors of domestic violence, is preparing for its annual Pace for Peace 5k/10k event on Saturday, Oct. 7 in Livermore.

The event is designed to

raise awareness of domestic violence and related abuse.

Domestic violence affects individuals from all backgrounds, regardless of age, gender, or socioeconomic status. Tri-Valley Haven’s mission is to provide a safe haven for survivors, offering comprehensive services such as emergency shelter, counseling, legal support, and transitional housing. The funds raised from the Pace For Peace 5k/10k will play a crucial role in sustaining these programs and ensuring that survivors receive the care and assistance they need to rebuild their lives.

Registration for the walk/run opens at 7 a.m. with walk-in registration and the race begins at 8 a.m. The event begins at 3663 Pacific Ave. in Livermore, with parking at the Livermore Town Center. The walk/run is stroller and pet friendly (Leases on dogs are required)

For additional information or registration, visit www.trivalleyhaven.org/pace-for-peace/. Discounts are available for students and group registrations. For additional information visit development@trivalleyhaven.org or call 925-449-5845.

CAT

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to cats and kittens who were clean with clipped nails, healthy, structurally sound, had well-kept teeth, and were vaccinated, and presented well.

Meserve said personality also plays a role in the judging procedure, if all other aspects are equal.

“A good judge will look like they are playing with the cat,” he noted.

Meserve said that it takes

a certain type of cat personality to be willing to be in a show, but you never know how your cat will react until you try it.

In addition to the cats showing off on the catwalk, there were a wide variety of vendors at the event, including representatives talking about the history of various cat breeds. Many vendors donate their proceeds to help cat organizations.

VAPE

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Apollo Future Technology, which does business as Apollo E-cigs, is being sued by the Alameda County District Attorney for allegedly selling flavored tobacco, synthetic cannabis and flavored vape products to minors. (Courtesy of Apollo Future Technology)

feel as though they are being targeted by marketing strategies that are designed specifically for their demographic,” said district Superintendent Chris Van Schaack

Last November, California voters upheld the state law prohibiting retailers from selling most flavored tobacco and vape products, including flavored e-cigarettes and menthol cigarettes, as well as tobacco product flavor enhancers.

The company’s Apollo E-cigs website says it is down for maintenance and a phone number for the

company was not available.

On the Apollo Future Technology’s LinkedIn page, the company says “We are not your average vaping company. Apollo Future Technology, better known as Apollo E-Cigs, is a privately-owned and globally operating company. Since we were founded in 2010, we’ve worked to bring new ideas to life through innovation and creativity. We pride ourselves in providing quality products and customer service worthy of notoriety.”

A preliminary injunction hearing is set for Sept. 21.

WATER

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the fact that the city is looking to get a \$6 million loan for water infrastructure improvements and repay it within 5 years at a 5 % interest rate. Water rate increases

for residents would be used to pay back the loan amount.

“I have a challenge with charging rate payers to simply put money into a savings account.” Balch said.

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Tickets went on sale this week for several newly added shows at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore scheduled for the winter months. Livermore Valley Arts, the nonprofit that operates the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., said it has added four shows to the lineup, including “Irish Christmas in America” at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3, and a return appearance by the band Pink Martini at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 11. Newly added to the 2024 lineup are Emmy-nominated actor and comedian Kevin Nealon at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26, and the all-male comic ballet company Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 29. (Photo courtesy of Bankhead Theater)

Lab Physicists Named SPIE Senior Members

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory’s (LLNL) Wren Carr and Peter DeVore have been elected as senior members of SPIE, (Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers).

SPIE, the international society for optics and

yielded more than 2,700 citations over the years. In 2017, he was a key contributor for an R&D100 award finalist for the laser damage-resistant Anti-Reflection Grating Debris Shield (ARGDS).

Throughout his career, Carr has regularly mentored

the RF Photonics Group, he guides the technical direction of a portfolio of technologies bridging the gap between high-speed electronics and optical fiber/waveguide systems. DeVore also led the development of the modulator chassis at the heart of the

system with unprecedented precision, stability and repeatability.

DeVore has many peer-reviewed publications and conferences and patents (seven issued, nine pending). He is active at attending conferences, delivering talks, refereeing papers and mentoring interns and junior engineers. His long history with SPIE includes founding a SPIE student chapter at UCLA and serving as its vice president and then president, receiving a SPIE Photonics Europe Travel Grant and organizing outreach events to inspire younger students in photonics.

“SPIE provides an invaluable community for optics professionals to network and share information, including their journals, conferences, as well as support for student chapters and outreach programs. My time as a member of SPIE has helped me grow my network, gain invaluable experiences, and have a broader understanding of the greater optics community,” he said.

To see the list of 2023 SPIE senior members, visit www.spie.org

(Courtesy of LLNL)



Lawrence Livermore Lab’s Wren Carr, left, and Peter DeVore, right, have been named as senior members of SPIE (Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers), the international society for optics and photonics. (Photo courtesy of LLNL)

photonics, bestows the senior member designation on individuals who have distinguished themselves through their professional experience and their active involvement within both the optics community and SPIE. Carr and DeVore are among 89 new senior members of the society this year.

Wren Carr

Carr is the science and technology group leader for National Ignition Facility (NIF) laser-induced damage and mitigation science.

“I feel honored to be recognized by SPIE for my leadership role in the SPIE Laser-Induced Damage Symposium, my technical contributions to the field of laser-induced damage and my fusion-enabling work on NIF,” he said. “It has been among the greatest pleasures of my life to work with, learn from and occasionally teach the many talented people in the laser-induced damage community both here at LLNL and those I have met through SPIE.”

Carr has been at LLNL for nearly 25 years, starting as a graduate student in the University of California, Davis applied physics program. Early in his career, he published several seminal papers on laser-induced damage, including 2003 and 2004 Physical Review Letters publications that have each been cited more than 300 times.

As his career progressed into technical leadership, he continued his prolific research and development. His 125 publications have

students. Seven student interns he has mentored have become full-time staff at LLNL. He also has been a regular contributor to SPIE: in 2015, he was honored as the plenary speaker for the SPIE Pacific Rim Damage Symposium. Furthermore, he has served as session chair since 2012 and has co-chaired the SPIE Laser-Induced Damage Symposium since 2018. He is this year’s organizing host for SPIE Laser-Induced Damage Symposium tours of NIF.

Peter DeVore

DeVore is the chief scientist for the RF Photonics group.

“I am very grateful to receive this award,” he said. “It is truly evidence of the diligent effort of colleagues, mentors, and institutions that have helped me grow professionally and personally. My advisor and colleagues from graduate school, the LLNL RF Photonics group, and other colleagues at LLNL have been key sources of learning and experience.”

DeVore began his career with LLNL in 2014. A strong technical contributor with many innovations, as well as a successful leader, his efforts have impacted two key technology areas: RF photonics for the generation and detection of high-fidelity signals with high dynamic range, as well as next generation high-speed, high-fidelity pulse shaping for controlling and optimizing laser-based fusion reactions.

As chief scientist for

Alameda County to Receive \$7.5 Million as Kaiser Settles Hazardous Waste Lawsuit

Alameda County will receive \$7.5 million as its share of a \$47 million settlement with Kaiser Foundation Hospitals and the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan over allegations that Kaiser improperly disposed of hazardous, medical, and universal wastes and patients’ private health information.

Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Y. Price announced the settlement this week.

Alameda County, the California Attorney General’s Office, and five other counties sued Kaiser, based in Oakland, after undercover inspections of dumpsters at 16 of the company’s facilities dating back to 2015.

Investigators reported finding hundreds of hazardous items, including aerosols, cleaners, batteries, e-waste, syringes, medical tubing with body fluids and medications. The inspections also revealed 10,000 paper records containing the information of more than 7,700 patients.

“This historic settlement marks a significant mile-

stone in our ongoing efforts to protect our environment and uphold the law,” Price said. “We are committed to ensuring that such violations do not occur again, and the funds allocated to our county will further strengthen our efforts.”

The settlement, believed to be the largest judgment for illegal dumping of hazardous waste in California history, includes civil penalties totaling \$37.5 million, \$4.8 in attorney fees and other costs, and an agreement that Kaiser will invest an additional \$4.9 million in Supplemental Environmental Projects throughout the state.

Alameda County and the state will both receive in excess of \$7.5 million, with the other five counties each receiving a little over \$6 million.

The settlement also in-

cludes a permanent injunction obligating Kaiser Permanente, which operates the hospitals and healthcare plan, to follow all California laws regulating hazardous, medical, and universal wastes and protecting patients’ private medical information. Kaiser also must retain an independent third party to perform waste audits over the next five years.

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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, Sept. 16
AMADOR CLASS OF ‘73 REUNION

Amador’s Class of ‘73 will celebrate their 50th reunion from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Amador Recreation Center, behind the Aquatic Center, at 4333 Black Ave., in Pleasanton. There will be an all-you-can-eat authentic taco-bar picnic, games, music and more. Cost is \$55 per person via Venmo to lorldavis@pavich.com, or write and mail checks to Lori Pavich ~ ‘73 Reunion, 640 Ruth Way, Livermore, CA, 94550. Include maiden name and guest’s name if applicable. This event is limited to classmates only and one guest per classmate. For more information, contact Lori Davis Pavich at lpavich@aol.com; Maureen Morley at mbmclover@aol.com; or Monica Mitchell at Monsub@yahoo.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
LIVERMORE INDIVISIBLE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Livermore Indivisible will host a forum on Criminal Justice Reform with Reverend Derron Jenkins of Allan Temple Baptist Church; Anne Janks of The Coalition for Sheriff Oversight; and John Lindsay-Poland, the California Healing Justice codirector of the American Friends Service Committee. The forum will focus on the specific criminal justice reform issues of sheriff oversight and police demilitarization and explore where the community is on these issues, the challenges faced, and finally, how to get involved to help further the cause of criminal justice reform. For more information or to sign up, visit rb.gy/2ipm9.

Monday, Sept. 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.

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
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.

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.

Saturday, Sept. 30
LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY PRESENTS POPS ON THE GREEN

From 3 to 4 p.m., Livermore-Amador Symphony presents a free, fun, family-friendly event with music for everyone. Bring family, friends and a picnic basket, blanket or lawn chairs to hear the Livermore-Amador Symphony and enjoy an hour of popular music across their 60-year history. Even the kids can conduct, and the event will feature Element 116, a teenage jazz band. POPS on the Green takes place at Bankhead Theater Plaza, 2400 First St., in Livermore. For more information, visit livermoreamadorsymphony.org/pops.

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. Early-bird tickets are on sale until Aug. 31, for \$80 per person, \$320 per group of four, and \$400 per table (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.

Sunday, Oct. 8
LIVERMORE JAZZ SOCIETY HOSTS ERIK JEKABSON

From 2 to 4 p.m., Erik Jekabson will play melodic and bebop-influenced trumpet and flugelhorn with a warm sound. He writes his own music, crafts interesting arrangements of standards, and brings in a killer band of some of the most in-demand players in the Bay Area. This event will be offered with in-person attendance and a livestream. To request seating, email info@livermorejazzsociety.org or fill out an online form at livermorejazzsociety.org/reserve-seats. If seating is available, a reply will be sent with a formal invitation including the performance location. A donation of \$20 is encouraged, but donations of any amount are most welcome. For more information, visit livermorejazzsociety.org.

October 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.

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.

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.

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Asbury United Methodist Church invites the community to join for worship at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. There, discover a church that believes that all people are children of God and are of sacred worth. This community that practices loving neighbors in daily life. The church has Sunday School and Nursery Care, and worship is followed by a fellowship time with bagels, beverages, and great conversation. The church is located at 4743 East Ave., in Livermore. For more information, visit asburylive.org.

OBITUARIES

Barbara Jean Di Grazia
April 30, 1934 – Sept. 10, 2023

Daughter of the late Mario Valli of Ferno, Italy and San Francisco and Rose (Adiego) Valli of Vacaville and San Francisco. Loving wife of 62 years of the late Herbert Di Grazia, beloved mother of Karen (née Di Grazia) and Leonard Rossi of Castro Valley, and Donna Di Grazia of Claremont, California. Adored grandmother of Janet Rossi of Washington, D.C. and her fiancé, Ray Hieronimus of Maryland, and step-great-grandmother of Aiden Hieronimus. Predeceased by her brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Lillian (Biaocchi) Valli.

A proud graduate of Galileo High School in San Francisco, and an active member of St. Michael Catholic School and Church in Livermore for 67 years, Barbara served others in a wide variety of capacities there, including as room mother, yard duty, 4th grade history teacher, and head of the Parent-Teacher Group when her daughters were in school. She also served on a host of committees in the parish and was a member of various groups including the Ladies Aid Society and the Altar Society.



Barbara and Herb were a team, and she especially shared his love of Yosemite and music. Over the years she attended countless choral and band concerts and sports team games (especially volleyball and tennis) in which someone in the family was involved, beaming with pride at hearing Karen sing, seeing Leonard or Donna conduct, or rooting Janet on playing volleyball. And everyone who knew her knew she absolutely loved flowers—any kind and in any state—and there wasn’t one that she couldn’t rehabilitate or nurse along well past its prime. She was an avid fan of the San Francisco Giants, the San Francisco 49ers, and the Golden State Warriors, and in her older

age her daily schedule often revolved around watching their games. Most of all, she deeply loved her family and did things all the time to remind them that love is the most important gift of all.

The family wishes to give special thanks to her recent caregivers and home health nurse for their wonderful and loving care, especially Ruby Fulgueras and Grace Shin, to the doctors and nurses of Kaiser Hospital Oakland’s Emergency Room and Intensive Care Unit, to the kind residents and staff of Baywood Court in Castro Valley, and to her beloved and loyal neighbors on Scott Street in Livermore.

Family and friends are invited to visitation and recitation of the rosary at 10 a.m., followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023, at Transfiguration Catholic Church, 4008 East Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley.

Donations may be made to Yosemite Conservancy, the St. Vincent de Paul Society (through Transfiguration Church), the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael, or a charity of one’s choice.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Jo Rykken Johnson

Born at home, ahead of her time, during a snowstorm in the small Minnesota town of Spicer to EJ and Irene Rykken in February 1936. Joie was hurriedly baptized with the name Elaine, but her middle name Joanne was far more fitting, as she proved bold and brave, charismatic and clever, loyal and loving - just like Jo from Little Women, one of her favorite books.

Avid reader and storyteller, Joie grew up alongside her best friend and sister Bobbie (Robinette) on what they would both say was the prettiest of all of the 10,000 Minnesota lakes. The Rykken girls benefited from an idyllic childhood from the mid 30’s to the mid 50’s. Raised by kind, loving, generous parents with plenty of family nearby in a tightly woven community built around the lake.

She attended St. Olaf College, majoring in English, and also studied at the University of Oslo in Norway. It was at St. Olaf that she met Quintin (QJ) - a student a year ahead of her, majoring in chemistry. They married in Spicer on a cold winter day a few days before Christmas in 1957. She graduated early to join QJ in Berkeley where he was getting his PhD. She began teaching junior high school. They settled in Livermore in the late 50’s, and Jo quickly set about knitting together the sort of small-town fabric she grew up with for the two of them.



She loved making fast friends of strangers, joining book clubs, serving on committees designed to improve the lives of others, finding a community through church and neighbors, joining clubs and quickly raising her hand for volunteer opportunities. Jo was a master teacher, puppeteer, business owner, gardener, caretaker, mother, and grandmother. Jo enjoyed swimming, sailing, camping, backpacking, traveling, cooking, baking, and learning about the lives of others.

When her youngest started school, she too started school again for her K-12 credential. She taught at Portola, Maitland Henry, and Rancho

Las Positas. For 26 years, she thoroughly enjoyed teaching so many 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders who often called her JJ. She retired early to help out with the scientific software business started by Quintin after he also retired early from the Lab – but she always missed her kids.

Fiercely proud of her own Norwegian heritage, champion of women’s rights, and equality for all.

She was preceded in death by Quintin, her husband of 61 years, her parents, multiple cousins, aunts, uncles, and nearly all brother and sister in laws, as well as her own beloved sister.

Effervescent and filled with ideas, eager to play, quick to smile, generous with her laughter, and always finding the good even in a bad situation. She will continue to be missed by her kids and their spouses Kaj Johnson (Karen), Maj Cole (Scott) and their son Bo who was lucky enough to call her both a grandmother and neighbor as well as the Norwegian term for mother’s mother – Mormor.

A celebration of life will be held at her church of more than 60 years - Holy Cross Lutheran in Livermore - on Friday, Sept. 22, at 1p.m. with a reception to follow.

Donations in her name may be made to Open Heart Kitchen.



Pleasanton Catholic Churches Offering Grief Counseling Workshops to Community

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton is offering a series of workshops on dealing with the grief of losing a loved one.

The sessions are held at 7 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. Sessions

are planned for Wednesday, Sept. 20, and six consecutive Thursdays from Sept. 28 to Oct. 26.

Registration is required. The Catholic Community of Pleasanton includes St. Augustine Church and St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton

Church. However, the grief workshops are open to the public, regardless of church affiliation.

To register, or for more information, call 925-846-3904. A video about the program is also available at catholicsofpleasanton.org.

DEVELOPMENT

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ment is feasible, even with your current inclusionary requirements,” said Kanat. “Multi-family development is barely feasible, and with inclusionary (requirements), you have even more of a challenge.”

But resident Shirley Lewandowski cited low housing-construction numbers in the very-low-income category during the 2015-23 housing cycle as reason to instead increase the inclusionary requirement to 15%, and to raise or do away with in-lieu fees.

“Candidates who ran, or are currently running, their campaigns on a platform that they are for affordable housing are misleading the public and their constituents,” said Lewandowski. “Their definition of affordable is not real.”

In response, City Manager Linda Smith pointed to 600 new affordable units in development and some 1,000 units across three existing apartment buildings that the city has reinstituted as low-, moderate-, and mid-

dle-income housing.

“This city council has done an extraordinary amount of work in affordable housing,” said Smith.

Kanat also presented a separate study estimating the number of workers generated by new, non-residential construction and the subsequent commercial-linkage fees developers should be asked to pay to support housing for those workers.

At \$1.35 per square foot for retail space, Dublin’s current commercial-linkage fees trail considerably behind its neighbors. Pleasanton, for example, charges \$5.21 per square foot and Livermore \$2.38. Dublin’s fee, along with similar discounts for lodging, office and industrial spaces, helps promote commercial development in the city, but potentially undersells the spaces.

While the council agreed that an update was overdue, they took care to consider Dublin’s development goals against any money left on the table from undervalued

fees.

“The overall goal is we want to attract the right businesses to Dublin,” said Councilmember Sherry Hu.

Mayor Melissa Hernandez, who pointed to Dublin’s vigorous development activity over the past decade, added, “There are cities that have a higher fee, but they don’t build. I think this is something we definitely have to digest and really think about and understand what the other cities have done and why they’ve done it.”

And Vice Mayor Michael McCorriston emphasized the ongoing opportunity costs of not updating the fees.

“We could’ve adjusted those fees sooner and we could’ve had a lot more money dedicated to some of these projects,” he said. “I think we need to get moving on this.”

Kanat plans to return to the council with further analysis by the end of October, with city council adoption targeted for December.

FALLON

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project, a mix of residential and commercial space and parks on 192 acres east of Fallon Road, along the future Dublin Boulevard extension.

It will be the western most new development along the extension and will be followed by Jordan Ranch and Francis Ranch developments.

The planned affordable-housing units were part of the 1994 Eastern Dublin Specific Plan, which required 2.5 acres of public/semi-public land within the GH PacVest property.

The specific plan’s affordable-housing’s public/semi-public land [?] requirement, however, was satisfied by the Cottonwood Creek School when it opened in 2018, according to the staff report.

GH PacVest therefore asked to eliminate the affordable housing require-

ment from the project.

The requirement was not for low-income housing, but for public/semi-public use on the PacVest property, which the school qualifies for. There are no plans for housing on the school site.

The residential units surrounding the 2.5-acre parcel can now expand into the empty space.

Bay West Development developer Jason Laub, representing GH PacVest, referred to his lower-density residential units in his development proposal as the “financial driver for the project” and described repurposing the parcel as the difference between dense, four-story apartment buildings versus more dispersed, three-story townhomes.

Dublin’s 2023-2031 Housing Element included GH PacVest’s 74 lower-income units in its inventory

of opportunity sites. But by eliminating the public/semi-public site, the proposal will remove these units from its plans and the city’s inventory.

To maintain its housing quota, the city has identified the Transit Center site as able to provide surplus units to make up for those lost to the GH PacVest elimination.

And as part of the deal, GH PacVest will dedicate 45 acres of land in the northern half of the property for a future, low-maintenance nature park that will include hiking and walking trails. The dedication will help address the city’s parkland deficit of 50 acres.

“We have a lot of beautiful parks developed here, but we don’t really have a lot of nature parks here, so I think we really need that,” said Councilmember Sherry Hu.

HOUSING

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designated nearly 9.5 acres of land on Boulder Street for potential housing after Kaiser Permanente withdrew a proposal to develop housing on its Stoneridge Shopping Mall property. The move added the industrial parcels to the city’s Housing Element plan and eliminated a Kaiser Permanente parcel at 5600 Stoneridge Mall as a residential development.

Pleasanton’s Housing Element was finally approved late last month.

“Housing is a key priority in Pleasanton, and a certified Housing Element update demonstrates our continued commitment to this priority,” Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown said in a statement. “An outstanding quality of life for our city is closely connected to quality housing, and this update is an important step to keeping Pleasanton a desirable place to live and work for everyone.”

The California Association of Bay Area Governments Regional Housing Needs Allocation found that Northern California must build more than 41,000 housing units over the next eight years to deal with the housing crisis.

Pleasanton alone must build at least 5,900 units, including more than 2,700 for lower income households.

While cities are at the will of developers, they can face penalties if they fail to meet their housing share.

Now that Pleasanton’s “in compliance” with the state, developers can no longer attempt to take advantage of noncompliance and use the so-called Builder’s Remedy law. That’s a rarely used rule that allows developers to apply to build housing projects while taking away local authority to hold them accountable for city zoning and design

standards.

Pleasanton wasn’t the only Tri-Valley city that had issues providing a proper Housing Element to the state.

Dublin remains without a state certified Housing Element, although Dublin spokeswoman Shari Jackman said its plan was submitted to the state a few weeks ago. The state has 60 days to review Dublin’s housing plans.

Livermore’s Housing Element was certified in March.

To read the Housing Elements:

Pleasanton: www.pleasantonhousingelement.com
Dublin: https://dublin.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/34893/Housing-Element-August-2023

Livermore: www.livermoreca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/10080/638156173818800000

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recordings will be part of the public record, but will only be viewed by investigators if a crime has been reported. Recordings will be automatically deleted after 30 days if they are not manually flagged as potential evidence.

Councilmember Valerie Arkin said the cameras “will not pick up any area

where there’s a reasonable expectation of privacy.”

To pay for the cameras, the police department applied for a \$3.1 million grant from the California Board of State and Community Corrections. The three-year grant would fund the cameras and additional police technology, such as a computer-aided dispatch

system.

Schlehuber said the department will pursue the camera systems even if the grant money falls through by using money in the city’s budget.

Schlehuber sees the new cameras as a “multiplier of force” that will allow police to do more without adding additional officers.



Livermore’s Gabriel Engelsgjerd looks to make a pass to a teammate, while Dublin’s Aaron Nguyen defends, during the Thursday, Aug. 7 Livermore High match against the Dublin High Gaels. Livermore won 23-10. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

TV30 to Broadcast High School Football

TV30 will again be broadcasting local high school football games, beginning with Foothill High School at Amador Valley on Friday, Sept. 22. Live coverage, with Tri-Valley Sports Final host Ian Bartholomew, will begin at 6:45 p.m., with the games available on Comcast TV30, AT&T U-verse Channel 99, and tv30.org. The games will be rebroadcast the following week. Other scheduled broadcasts include Amador Valley at Dublin High School on Friday, Oct. 27, and Granada High School at Livermore High School on Friday, Nov. 3.



Livermore’s U7 Boys “Mighty Minions” had a fantastic outing the weekend of Sept. 9-10. After a weekend break for Labor Day, the Minions couldn’t wait to get out onto the pitch to show off their new passing and goalie skills from practice. (Photocourtesy of Brian Shaw)

Soccer Club to Hold Annual Fundraiser

Livermore Fusion Soccer Club, a nonprofit organization that offers competitive and recreational youth soccer programs, will hold its annual fundraiser, Fusion Night Out, at Murrieta’s Well Estate Vineyard on Saturday, Sept. 16.

Proceeds from the gala go to the Fusion Foundation,

which provides financial assistance for players from needy families, supports the club’s Top Soccer program for young athletes with disabilities, and awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

Tickets to the fundraiser are \$150 per person and include dinner and drinks, with

live music provided by Vybe Society. There will also be raffles and a silent auction.

The gala at Murrieta Wells, 3005 Mines Road, Livermore, begins at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 7 p.m., and runs until 11 p.m.

For tickets, or for more information, go to fusionsc.org.

Dublin’s Rishi Saindane Achieves Eagle Badge

Rishi Saindane, a member of BSA Troop 904 in Dublin, has been awarded



Rishi Saindane

the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Scouting.

Saindane, the son of Kiran and Deepali Saindane of Dublin, received his Eagle badge at a Court of Honor in August.

To achieve the rank of Eagle, a Scout must earn at least 21 merit badges and complete a service project benefiting a religious institution, school, or community group.

For his project, Saindane, a junior at Dublin High School led a team of

volunteers in building two redwood picnic tables at Sycamore Grove Regional Park in Livermore to replace old PVC-pipe benches that were no longer usable.

In addition to Scouting, Saindane is a member of the DECA program at Dublin High School and has wrestled competitively for seven years. He also received a Presidential Volunteer Service Award.

Troop 904 is sponsored by John Knox Presbyterian Church in Dublin.

Tough Loss for Foothill Football Team

By Phil Jensen

A football game does not get much more heartbreaking than what occurred to the Foothill High School squad on Friday night.

The Falcons took the lead two separate times in the final 5 minutes, 38 seconds of their nonleague game against visiting American

catch by O’Donoghue on the run in the end zone made the score 27-24. Fields’ successful PAT kick gave Foothill a 28-24 lead and forced American Canyon to have to score a touchdown to win.

But the Wolves achieved that before the game clock hit zero in a jaw-dropping turn of events.

steiner. American Canyon broke the tie early in the final quarter with a 20-yard field goal by Shergill.

O’Donoghue finished the game with a team-high five catches for 81 yards and two touchdowns. Armendariz, a 5-foot-10 sophomore, rushed for a game-high 91 yards on eight carries (all in



Foothill Falcon Andre Armendariz runs the ball against the American Canyon Wolves on Friday, Sept. 8 at Foothill High School in Pleasanton. American Canyon won 30-28. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Canyon. But the Wolves won it on the last play of the game with a 51-yard pass that deflected off a Foothill player into receiver Jalen Rocker’s arms for a 30-28 American Canyon victory.

“Obviously that last play ... it was bad luck,” said Foothill coach Greg Haubner. “It’s very disheartening that we’re very close to having success, it’s right there, and we just don’t get it. ... I loved our fight.”

Foothill (0-2) took its first lead of the second half with 5:38 left in the game. Quarterback Erik Olsen found a wide-open Michael O’Donoghue for a 29-yard touchdown pass on a fourth-and-10 play, and the point-after-touchdown kick by Matthew Fields gave the Falcons a 21-17 advantage.

American Canyon (2-1) answered four plays later with a 78-yard scoring pass from Mason Harris to Cole Gholar. The PAT by Raj Shergill lifted the Wolves into a 24-21 lead with four minutes remaining.

After a pair of three-and-outs, Foothill had one last chance at taking the lead again. With 57 seconds remaining, the Falcons got the ball on their 9-yard-line. After scrambling for 21 yards and completing a 12-yard pass to Andre Armendariz, Olsen connected again with Armendariz on a 55-yard pass with 33 seconds to go.

An incompletion and a Foothill false start placed the ball on the American Canyon 8 with 15 seconds to play. A perfectly placed throw by Olsen and a great

The two teams traded touchdowns in the first quarter. Foothill took a 7-0 lead on its opening possession. Jake Patterson ended the 55-yard drive with a four-yard touchdown run.

American Canyon scored later in the quarter, then took a 14-7 lead into halftime after a 71-yard scoring drive in the second quarter.

Foothill tied the score at 14 on its opening drive of the second half. The Falcons took the ball 58 yards, capping the drive with an 11-yard touchdown pass from Olsen to Nathan Boden-

the first three quarters) and had five receptions for 74 yards. Olsen passed for 195 yards and three touchdowns

Defensively, Hunter Mutzl and Patterson were among the Foothill players who had sacks, and the Falcons had a great stand early in the fourth quarter. American Canyon had the ball on the Foothill 8 in a first-and-goal situation but couldn’t score a touchdown and had to settle for a field goal.

Foothill travels to El Cerrito (3-0) for a 7 p.m. game this Friday.

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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.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 599765

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Aqua Angels Restoration, 2. Gerols & 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/: Gerols 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. Alfro edu; 5. ConsultAI; 6. EducatorAI; 7. EthicalAidu, 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) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Andre McKenzie, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 21, 2023. Expires July 20, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5583. Published August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 2023.

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 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. 5586. 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. Funnybunny, 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 Registrants: /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 Inde-

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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 Management Company, LLC, 4923 Telegraph Ave, Oakland, CA 94609. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/1/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Murat Sozeri, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 26, 2023. Expires July 25, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5592. Published August 31, September 7, 14, 21, 2023.

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 Seolleongtang, 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: Theracure Wellness Center, 4133 Mohr Ave, Ste F, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Shakaja 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-la Gandhir, Sole Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 28, 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: 8/22/23. Signature of Registrant/s/: Wade Beucier IV, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 30, 2023. Expires August 29, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5605. Published September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600467

The following person(s) doing business as: WB4Golf, 1831 Barcelona ST. Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Wade Beucier IV, 1831 Barcelona St. Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 8/13/23. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jeremy Irvin, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 14, 2023. Expires August 13, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5609. Published September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600577

The following person(s) doing business as: CWS Research & Advisory, 2445 Romano Cir., Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Caifeng Wang, 2445 Romano Cir., 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/: Caifeng Wang, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 6, 2023. Expires September 5, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5606. Published September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 599653

The following person(s) doing business as: Nurse Next Door, 30699 Tidewater Dr., Union City, CA 94587 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Golden Care Enterprises, 30699 Tidewater Dr., Union City, CA 94587. 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/: Nandinder Sandhu, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 28, 2023. Expires July 27, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5607. Published September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600532

The following person(s) doing business as: Even Space, 478 25th St., Ste A, Oakland, CA 94612 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Colleen Paz & Associates Architectural Corporation, 2200 Adeline Street, Ste 305, Oakland, CA 94607. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Colleen Paz, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 1, 2023. Expires August 31, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5608. Published September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600090

The following person(s) doing business as: Megakoo Media, 3385 Dublin Blvd #310, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered

by the following owner(s): Jeremy Irvin, 4847 Hopyard Rd. #4247, Pleasanton, CA 94588. 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: 8/13/23. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jeremy Irvin, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 14, 2023. Expires August 13, 2028. The Independent, Legal No. 5609. Published September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 600183

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Esther Hill, owner of The Stable Café, served up the final meals this week at the iconic Pleasanton eatery. Located near the racetrack at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, the original restaurant opened in 1970s but has been owned by Hill for over 30 years. According to an online news article, Hill is retiring and moving to Utah to be closer to her family. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Animal Welfare Group, Paws in Need, Launches New Fundraising Campaign

Paws In Need (PIN), a Tri-Valley-based nonprofit animal welfare organization, has launched a campaign to raise \$30,000 by the end of the year.

PIN helps fund spay and neuter programs for dogs and cats and provides assistance to pet owners who are unable to afford the cost of urgent veterinarian medical procedures. PIN volunteers also help with trap-neuter-and-release programs for feral cats.

PIN said its programs help prevent unnecessary suffering, illness, surrender, and euthanasia of pets and free-roaming cats. The organization is asking supporters to consider donating \$10 for each of the group’s 10 years of serving the community.

“Everyone within the community benefits from our programs” said PIN cofounder and president Lisa Williams, “not just pet owners, but also the surrounding local businesses, industrial parks, ranches, vineyards, homeless populations, and local animal control agencies.”

Donations can be mailed to Paws In Need, P.O. Box 3436, San Ramon, California, 94583. For more information, go to paws-in-need.org.



Tri-Valley-based organization Paws in Need is hoping to collect \$30,000 by the end of the year through a new fundraising campaign. (Photo courtesy of Paws in Need)

Library to Host Free Genealogy Workshops

The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society will offer free genealogy workshops at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., on Thursday, Oct. 5, and Thursday, Oct. 19.

Both workshops will run from 1 – 4 p.m.

Volunteers will work with participants on a first come, first served basis to research genealogies using online tools including Ancestry Library, HeritageQuest, and FamilySearch. Registration is not required, and participants may drop in at any time.

Laptop computers will be available for use, but participants should bring their own USB drives to save family information.

The workshops are part of the Livermore Public Library’s participation in Tri-Valley Heritage Happening.

Library Unveils Six Potential Books For Livermore Reads Together Program

The Livermore Public Library is asking residents to choose the next book for the annual Livermore Reads Together program from six titles on a Native Voices book list curated by the Tri-Valley Native American Center.

The choices include “There There” by Tommy Orange, “Firekeeper’s Daughter” by Angeline Boulley, “Calling for a Blanket Dance” by Oscar Hokeah, “Lakota Woman” by Mary Crow Dog, “The Only Good Indians” by Stephen Graham Jones, and “As Long as Grass Grows: The Indigenous Fight for Environmental Justice, from Colonization to Standing Rock” by Dina Gilio-Whitaker.

Votes can be cast online at surveymonkey.com/r/V9G8885 or at any Livermore Public Library location.

Livermore Reads Together is sponsored by the Friends of the Livermore Public Library. For more information, go to library.livermoreca.gov.

Dublin Launches Volunteer Program to Keep Sidewalks, Trails Clean

Dublin is recruiting volunteers for its new People of the Parks (P.O.P.) program, designed to help keep the city’s sidewalks, parks, and trails clean and green.

Individual and family P.O.P. volunteers can win prizes in monthly drawings by tracking their activities. Prizes will include program-branded items, gift cards to local businesses, free or reduced-price passes to The Wave waterpark and entry to other city programs, such as the Shamrock 5K. Business and other organizations can also sign up to “adopt” specific parks or trails. Businesses and groups must commit to a year-long effort of at least 16 hours per month and will receive onsite recognition. For more information, go to dublin.ca.gov/POP.

Sandia Credit Union Hires New Livermore Manager

The Sandia Laboratory Federal Credit Union (SLFCU) has hired Anna-Marie Cimarra to manage its downtown Livermore branch office.

Cimarra, a native of Castro Valley, previously worked as assistant branch manager for a Bay Area bank and assistant manager for a credit union with branches in Castro Valley, Fremont, and Pleasanton. She is a Certified Credit Union Financial Counselor (CCUFC) with 14 years of experience.

She will be responsible for administration and daily operations of the SLFCU branch office at 39 S. Livermore Ave. including member service, risk management, business development, and facility management.

The credit union, with more than 137,000 members has 11 branches in New Mexico, in addition to the office in Livermore.



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