



The Venardos Circus cast lights up the stage during their return run to Livermore. The traveling theatrical animal-free circus features acrobatics, juggling, aerial arts, and storytelling. Performances at Friesman Park continue through July 26 with general admission tickets starting at \$30. (Photo — May Fraser) See story on page 12.

Velo3D Opens 288,000-Square-Foot Manufacturing Facility in Livermore

3D Printing Leader Expands to Meet Rising Defense and Aerospace Demand

By David Jen

LIVERMORE — Fremont-based Velo3D, Inc. opened a new advanced manufacturing facility in Livermore with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 15.

The company produces metal parts using additive manufacturing, a process where objects are “printed” by depositing successive layers of material. The technology allows for complex, material-efficient designs that are difficult to replicate using traditional manufacturing.

The new 288,000-square-foot facility near the intersection of Isabel Avenue and Stanley Boulevard, large enough to house roughly five football fields, triples the company’s production capacity, as it works to

meet growing defense, aerospace and energy demands.

“Our customers are looking for more than technology,” Velo3D CEO Arun Jeldi said in a statement. “They are looking for a trusted partner that can help them qualify applications, scale production, strengthen supply chains, and accelerate innovation. Fremont will continue serving as our center for engineering, process development, and qualification, while Livermore becomes a cornerstone of our production strategy.”

Brandon Cardwell, Livermore’s innovation and economic development director, welcomed the new facility and the momentum it may bring to the city’s advanced industries.

“Velo3D is exactly the kind of

company we want deeply rooted in Livermore’s economy,” Cardwell said. “Their leadership in additive manufacturing and precision engineering fits naturally within Livermore’s advanced industry ecosystem, where proximity to key suppliers, partners and talent creates real advantages for companies ready to scale.”

Livermore Mayor John Marchand added, “As an established and growing hub for advanced industry, Livermore offers the talent, infrastructure, space and civic support companies need to move from vision to production. We are committed to supporting companies to build, scale and thrive while advancing industries vital to our region and our nation.”

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Addressing Election Integrity, Matthew Cohen Speaks to Livermore Indivisible

Senior Reporter Highlights Mail-In Voting Battles and Election Security

By Vivien Wenneker

LIVERMORE — With the November midterm elections fast approaching, a primary concern for many Americans is ensuring the integrity and accuracy of the voting process itself.

At Livermore Indivisible’s July general meeting held online via Zoom, Matthew Cohen, a senior reporter at Democracy Docket, shared his recommendations and weighed in on topics, such as election integrity, potential interference and what he views as the biggest threats to the ballot box.

Democracy Docket, which Co-

hen represents, is a digital news and information platform founded in 2020 that covers election litigation, voting rights and the courts from a pro-democracy perspective. It also tracks ongoing legal battles over redistricting, mail-in voting and election subversion.

First and foremost, Cohen is certain that there will be an election in November, however, the extent to which the Trump administration may interfere with or thwart voting, he said he can’t be sure about.

In recent months, not only has the Department of Justice (DOJ) under President Donald Trump gone after voter rolls — private and public

registration lists — with the claim of ensuring there are no non-citizens on the rolls, but also Trump himself has made attempts to target mail-in voting.

In March, the president issued an executive order designed to charge the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) with determining who can vote by mail and instructing it to refuse to deliver ballots from individuals the administration deems ineligible.

Under this order, states would have to send the USPS information about voters who requested mail-in or absentee ballots, along with bar-code information tied to those ballots. The USPS would then use those

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Alameda County Avoids Major Cuts, Preserves Programs

New Funding Bridges Gap, Long-Term Concerns Remain

By Sanestina Hunter

TRI-VALLEY — The Alameda County Board of Supervisors closed a projected \$184.8 million funding gap without major program cuts or layoffs, as it unanimously approved a \$6.7 billion budget for the 2026–27 fiscal year.

The spending plan, adopted June 25, represents almost a 10% increase from the county’s \$6.1 billion budget for the previous fiscal year.

County officials said the growth was driven largely by Measure W revenue that became available after the county prevailed in a lengthy legal challenge over the voter-approved sales tax.

“Our county’s long-standing

commitment to responsible financial planning has once again proven its value, allowing us to balance this budget without resorting to major cuts to the services our community depends on,” Susan S. Muranishi, the county administrator, said.

Although larger federal revenue reductions are expected in future years, the current budget includes funding intended to protect health and social-services programs from immediate cuts. More than \$1.25 billion will fund contracts for direct services delivered to over 271 community-based organizations, officials said. That allocation includes more than \$138 million for Alameda Health System. Supervisors also approved \$19.3 million in one-time funding

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Birkenstock opens its doors at San Francisco Premium Outlets in Livermore, expanding the center’s selection of casual footwear alongside a growing lineup of new fashion and lifestyle retailers. (Photo courtesy of San Francisco Premium Outlets) See story on page 2.

Stoneridge Nordstrom Property Changes Hands

Owners Eye Retail Expansion and Mixed-Use Housing

By David Jen

PLEASANTON — Danville-based investors 300 Venture Group (3VG) bought the Nordstrom property at the Stoneridge Shopping Center for \$10.7 million last month.

The property’s 8.4-acre parcel includes the 175,000-square-foot building that previously housed a Nordstrom department store. Nordstrom closed the location in 2020, citing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“3VG is currently investigating multiple solutions for the site, including retail reuse and mixed-use densification,” according to the group’s website.

According to Alameda County records, Irvine-based Shopoff Realty Investments owned the property prior to last month’s sale. Shopoff bought the Nordstrom property for \$16 million in March 2023 in a joint

venture with Praelium Commercial Real Estate. The latest Nordstrom acquisition brings 3VG’s Stoneridge holdings to more than 330,000 square feet of retail space and 18 acres of land at the mall. In July 2022, 3VG bought the mall’s JCPenney property, hinting that the property could yield more profit with a different tenant. JCPenney then closed the location in February 2025.

A once-thriving regional shopping center, Stoneridge’s retail businesses suffered from the cultural shift toward online shopping and began to lose anchor tenants in 2018. Pandemic lockdowns then dealt another major blow, causing its owners and city officials to reevaluate the best uses for the entire 75-acre mall property, including a significant housing component.

In 2023, the city council at the time approved a planning document known as the Stoneridge Framework. The framework specified guardrails,

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Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, pictured, was honored as Person of the Year by the California Transportation Foundation on July 6, 2020. Haggerty, who died earlier this month at age 68, spent 24 years in public service — shaping regional transit while championing smart growth, open space preservation, renewable energy and civic arts across Alameda County. (File photo — The Independent)

Scott Haggerty’s Legacy Is Remembered

Former Supervisor’s 24 Years of Shaping Regional Transit, Open Space, Energy, Arts

By Sanestina Hunter

TRI-VALLEY — Across the urban, suburban and rural communities Scott Haggerty represented in Alameda County’s District 1, he shaped how the region moves, grows and preserves its land, while supporting renewable energy and civic arts.

Voters first elected Haggerty to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors in November 1996. During more than two decades in office, he represented communities across Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton,

Sunol and Fremont, although redistricting changed District 1’s precise boundaries.

After serving six terms, Haggerty retired in January 2021. He died earlier this month at age 68.

The district’s mix of suburban communities, major employers, vineyards, ranches and rural open space shaped Haggerty’s smart-growth approach.

His key work encouraged walkable, transit-oriented development, while reducing long commutes and preserving agricultural land and open space.

Transportation Commitments

Transportation anchored Haggerty’s regional work. He represented Alameda County on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for more than 20 years, becoming the first commissioner elected twice as chair—in 2009 and again by a unanimous vote in 2019.

The MTC credited him with steering the agency through the Great Recession and working to preserve Bay Area transit service during the COVID-19 pandemic. He also built regional support for Valley Link plans.

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PET OF THE WEEK



DEF LEPPARD

Def Leppard is a six-month-old pup with all the swagger of an 80s hair band headliner. This glam little adventurer has already gone swimming, boating, and jet skiing, and she loves walks, treats, and jamming with other dogs after a proper intro. Friendly with people of all ages, she’s a crowd-pleasing fan favorite ready to rock her forever home. Call (925) 426-8656 or email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption process today.

LLNL Co-Research Reveals Bee Pesticide Defenses

By David Jen

LIVERMORE — New research on honey bee behavior sheds light on how the social insects cope with pesticide exposure. The findings may help secure the global food supply.

If bees collect nectar and pollen from pesticide-laced flowers, the chemicals can destroy their hive. As a countermeasure, worker bees will first attempt to offload toxins in the hive's comb wax and also retain

the pesticides in their own bodies before passing them into the food that feeds the queen bee, according to a study published in the journal Current Biology. The study was coauthored by researchers at UC Davis, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

If a queen starts to eat the pesticides, her body will try to offload the chemicals to her eggs in an effort to protect herself.

"The queen is the only member of the hive who can lay eggs that become the next generation of workers," said Sascha Nicklisch, senior author and an associate professor at UC Davis. "She keeps the colony alive, so understanding how pesticides can affect queen bees and also her offspring is important."

The global food crop industry relies heavily on bees. Out of the 100 crop species providing 90% of food worldwide, 71 species

rely on bees for pollination, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

In the mid-2000s, a bee phenomenon known as colony collapse disorder (CCD) alarmed the agriculture industry, as entire colonies of worker bees abandoned their queens and doomed the remaining hives. Cases of CCD have since declined, but the phenomenon remains a concern for the food industry.

Although the exact causes of CCD remain mysterious, "pesticide exposure is one of the factors contributing to CCD, along with pests, pathogens and nutritional stresses," said Sean Leonard, LLNL scientist and study co-author. "This current research helps us understand how bees respond to persistent, low-level pesticide exposure, how pesticides can accumulate in worker bees, and uncovered that these pesticides are offloaded by the queen into eggs. Extending this research to more pesticides and environmental toxins will inform better pesticide risk assessments and guidelines for pesticide use."

The study's lead author and recent Ph.D graduate Angela Encerrado-Manriquez added that the work "contributes to the understanding of how a scenario like CCD could happen in a hive. Mainly this article should tell us that what hap-

pens to worker bees is only a small part of the story, and that more research is needed to understand the other hive members, and the hive as a superorganism."

LLNL's biological accelerator mass spectrometry equipment allowed the researchers to trace a model pesticide in a hive with a sensitivity up to a million times greater than traditional methods, LLNL staff scientist Bruce Buchholz said.

"Initially developed for radiocarbon dating, it counts atoms of carbon and precisely measures variations from the natural abundance of carbon-14 with routine sensitivity less than 10 parts per quadrillion (a quadrillion is a one followed by 15 zeroes)" Buchholz said. "A compound of interest (e.g., drug, toxin, pesticide, nutrient) is labeled with carbon-14 and the excess carbon-14 is traced in the biological system."

Looking ahead, Nicklisch highlighted the mechanism that mediates the shunting of pesticides, either to a hive's wax or its eggs, as an area for further research. Encerrado-Manriquez also posed open questions about how exposure levels and number of bees affect hive recovery times.

Julia Fine and Eliza Litsey with the USDA, and LLNL staff scientist David Baliu-Rodriguez also contributed to the research.



The Hurricane Band, an East Bay group that features classic Rock N' Roll, dance tunes and a touch of country, will take the outdoor Shea Homes stage at Bankhead Plaza for a free Tuesday Tunes concert at 6:45 p.m. on July 28. Tuesday Tunes is presented by the Livermore Cultural Arts Council. (Photo courtesy of the Huurricane Band)

The San Francisco Premium Outlets Expands Retail Mix with New Brands

By Sanestina Hunter

LIVERMORE — San Francisco Premium Outlets is adding new fashion, footwear and lifestyle brands to its mix of more than 180 stores. The outlet also has doubled the size of its existing location for Journeys, the popular shoe retailer.

The move responds to demand from local consumers for premium apparel, supportive footwear and more options for growing families, according to outlet officials.

Simon Property Group owns and operates San Francisco Premium Outlets, which it describes as Northern California's largest outdoor outlet mall. Located off Exit 48 on Interstate 580 at El Charro Road, the center opened in 2012 as Livermore Premium Outlets and adopted its current name in 2015. It also features a food court and outdoor seating areas where shoppers can take a break between stores.

"We constantly evaluate macro retail trends and direct community feedback to ensure our retail mix

evolves alongside our shoppers' lifestyles," Jennifer Koidal, general manager and business director of San Francisco Premium Outlets, told The Independent.

The new and upcoming stores include Windsor, a women's fashion retailer offering trendy apparel and special-occasion dresses; Marine Layer, a laid-back lifestyle brand; and Birkenstock, a German footwear brand.

Outlet officials noted that the heritage designs of Birkenstock and the ultra-soft pieces from Marine Layer perfectly align with a continued consumer shift toward premium, comfort-driven apparel.

Journeys focuses on teen consumers and sells footwear from brands such as Vans, Converse, Adidas, Timberland, Dr. Martens and UGG, along with apparel, backpacks, hats and accessories.

Another new retailer, Gymboree, offers colorful, mix-and-match apparel for babies and children.

According to Koidal, bringing in Gymboree's

play-ready essentials and expanding Journeys directly answers a growing demand from local families for everyday value. The outlet is also hosting a limited-time experiential pop-up for the 2026 Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup. Soccer fans can shop for official tournament merchandise throughout the summer.

The FIFA store opened in early June and will remain open through August.

Italian fashion brand Peserico is expected to open at the outlet center by the end of September.

"We pride ourselves on offering a comprehensive retail experience where prestige and everyday lifestyle seamlessly intersect," Koidal said.

"We are continuously growing our high-end identity, perfectly exemplified by the upcoming arrival of sophisticated Italian tailoring from Peserico. By pairing that level of luxury with accessible, trend-forward options like Windsor and iconic staples like Birken-

stock, we create a versatile retail environment. This balanced approach allows us to serve the sophisticated tastes of our core clientele, while providing the elevated everyday convenience they also seek."

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Green Elected to Lead Zone 7 Board

LIVERMORE — Laurene Green, who has served on the Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors since 2020, has been tapped as president for the coming year.

The Pleasanton resident, with a master's degree in civil engineering from Stanford University, was elected president during the board's annual reorganization meeting on July 15.

"It is an honor to serve as president of the Zone 7 Board of Directors," Green said. "Zone 7 plays a vital role in the daily lives of everyone who lives and works in the Tri-Valley. I look forward to working with my fellow directors to ensure we continue investing in reliable water supplies, protecting our groundwater resources, and providing the high level of service our community expects."

The water agency manages groundwater supplies and provides drinking water to Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon and eastern Alameda County.

It also distributes untreated water to local agri-

culture operations and golf courses.

Sarah Palmer, a Livermore resident who has served on the board since 2006, will serve as vice president. Palmer was reelected for another four-year term in June.

The board also welcomed three new directors who were elected to the seven-member board in June, including Alan Burnham and Sean Roberts from Livermore, and Jim Lehrman from Pleasanton.

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EDITORIAL

Are We Prepared for a Federal Assault on Our Elections?

The election season is already underway in California and other states.

In Alameda County, the vote-by-mail ballots for the Aug. 18 primary are already being sent out this week, and early voting began at the Registrar of Voters’ Office on Monday. The last day to register to vote is Monday, Aug. 3, less than two weeks away.

California’s Voter Information Guide for the Nov. 3 general election will be made available for public display at registrars’ offices starting this week (It won’t be online until Sept. 4.), and the July 28 deadline for candidates to change their ballot designation is rapidly approaching.

This year is a midterm election, with a contest being held for every seat in the U.S. House of Representatives and the California State Assembly, the California governor and eleven other state executive officers, the even-numbered California State Senate seats, and outside of California, one-third of U.S. Senate seats.

In a normal midterm year, the president’s party often loses control of one or both houses of Congress. But this is not a normal year.

Confronted with an unpopular war with Iran, a moribund economy at home, and public revulsion at the heavy-handed crackdown against immigrants by ICE, all the signs point to the administration of President Donald J. Trump getting pummeled at the polls.

That’s why Trump has been frantically trying to change the rules to prevent the Republicans from losing their lock on the federal government.

Elections in the U.S. are state-run affairs. It’s right there in the Constitution.

So California is going to have to fight with every tool available to preserve the integrity of our elections. Our Congressional delegation will need to push back against legislation that would curtail voting, such as the SAVE America Act. Our elected officials in Sacramento will need to ensure that we will have adequate laws and funding

to prevent federal interference, both before and after the ballots have been cast. And our local leaders, including in Alameda County, will need to ensure that the local government will be working to protect the voters when they go to the polls, whether from ICE, other federal agents, or vigilantes hyped up on conspiracy theories.

Trump has been publicly attempting to undermine trust in U.S. elections since he took office again in January 2025, essentially stating that the only valid elections are those that he wins. That was the thrust of his July 16 prime-time “address” to the nation this month — it was a campaign speech, essentially, full of a panoply of distortions and unhinged accusations of wrongdoing by China, Venezuela, the “Deep State,” and his unfounded claims that the 2020 presidential election had been stolen.

Last summer, at Trump’s urging, Texas launched a push to redraw Congressional and legislative districts to create more safe Republican seats. This was followed by ten other states, including California. The expected outcome will be a net gain of 10 new safe Republican seats in the U.S. House, even after including California’s expected five new Democratic seats. Various courts threw out attempts to redistrict in New York, Virginia and Wisconsin, while most Republican attempts were successful.

In March 2026, Trump signed an executive order that would allow the U.S. Postal Service to refuse to deliver mail-in ballots in states that do not hand voter information over to Trump. (A court struck down the order, but the proposed rule implementing the order hasn’t been withdrawn. California and 23 other states have sued to stop the rule.)

In addition, in April, the Supreme Court, in a 6-3 partisan vote, hollowed out the Voting Rights Act of 1965, ruling that any redrawing of electoral districts that considers race is unconstitutional, even if the gerrymandering

was intended to undo racial discrimination in a previous electoral map.

Last week, Matthew Cohen, a senior reporter with Democracy Docket, an online news site focused on voting rights and elections, spoke via Zoom at a Livermore Indivisible meeting about the ways officials are trying to protect the upcoming elections.

Cohen said that state election officials are already talking about how to protect ballots from being seized by federal agents, which the administration has threatened to do. The hope is that local police will physically stop them from doing so at voting offices, Cohen said.

Under an 1865 law, part of the post-Civil War Reconstruction protections for newly enfranchised Black Americans, it’s illegal for troops or armed federal agents to be deployed to any place where an election is held.

Despite this, the administration keeps floating the idea that it will do just that, in the name of “preventing fraud.”

According to Democracy Docket, the U.S. intelligence community has concluded that no foreign actor attempted to alter voter registrations, ballot casting, or vote tabulation in the 2020 election, or controlled voting equipment or manipulated vote totals.

The SAVE America Act, currently stuck in the U.S. Senate, would require documentary proof of U.S. citizenship, such as an enhanced REAL ID or a passport, in order to register to vote. A photo ID would also be required at the polls, and a copy of the ID would have to be included both when requesting a mail-in ballot and when sending it in.

Voter fraud in the U.S. is vanishingly rare. State laws already require demonstrating citizenship to register to vote and it’s illegal for noncitizens to vote in elections.

The Save America Act is an attempt to suppress voting by poor and/or non-white communities, fewer of whom have access to that kind of documentation. (A standard California drivers’

license is not a REAL ID; you have to apply for one separately.)

The fear isn’t that California could be flipped red (although a competitive House seat or state-level seats could change parties). The real risk is that people, especially people of color, will have their voter registration canceled, or face disenfranchisement or harassment at the polls. If nothing else, this is all an attempt to intimidate voters, so that they don’t even try to vote.

Last week, the administration announced — shortly after ICE agents killed two more immigrants in Maine and Texas — that the U.S. Department of Justice would no longer conduct investigations of confrontations with immigration agents, the New York Times reported on July 19. Any incidents, including shootings, would instead be investigated by ICE’s parent agency, the Department of Homeland Security.

According to the MacArthur Justice Center, since the summer of 2025, nearly all of Homeland Security’s internal oversight and accountability measures had been dismantled. The violent immigration enforcement surges began almost immediately afterward, starting in Los Angeles, Chicago, Portland and Minneapolis.

It is not outside the realm of possibility that Trump is planning to deploy ICE agents, accountable only to himself, to polling stations this fall, despite the fact that it’s illegal. As he demonstrated throughout his first term, he will not stop until he is stopped. The question then becomes who will stop him.

The answer is not “someone else.” The answer is “us.” Securing our elections here in California is the most important task our federal, state and county-level lawmakers and officials will have this year. We must urge them to take the most aggressive actions possible to protect our voters and themselves.

MAILBOX

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To EV or Not to EV
Terry Chang, Pleasanton

With the high cost of gas and more heat waves, you might want to drive an electric vehicle (EV) to save money and help the environment.

My husband and I bought a Nissan Leaf SL in early 2019 for about \$30,000 after rebates. Since they don’t need oil changes or transmission services, EVs require less maintenance than gas-powered vehicles. We perform standard maintenance on the 12V battery, coolant, cabin filters, tires,

and brakes. While incentives are less available now, programs like the Driving Clean Assistance Program and the Air District’s Clean Cars for All are open. If you don’t qualify for the rebates, EVs still save you time and money in the long run.

Battery life, range, and charging have also improved significantly. A recent Wall Street Journal report revealed that new battery-powered EVs have lifespans comparable to internal combustion engine vehicles, and since 2010, battery prices have fallen over 90%. Our

2019 Leaf still has a maximum range of 150 miles after a full charge, which we charge using a level 2 charger outlet in our garage. As battery technology advances and public charging networks expand, I’m confident that you will be confident driving an EV.

Typical gasoline passenger cars emit about 0.0004 metric tons of CO2 per mile driven. By driving our Leaf 116,000 miles over seven years, we’ve saved 6.6 metric tons of carbon each year. CO2 emissions per American were 14.2 metric tons in 2024. Our EV also doesn’t leave any fumes in our garage, and the air quality in California neighborhoods is getting better as more EVs are driven.

To EV or not to EV, that is a question for some. Having driven one for several years, we have no doubt our next car will also be electric.

Haubert Protests
Too Much
Mark Palajac, Livermore

As I recall, the Shakespeare quote from Hamlet was “The lady doth protest too much, methinks”. I must admit I’m not a fan of my guy, Haubert, on the Board of Supervisors. It dates back to his no-show at a candidates’ forum at Granada High School before the 2020 election. He had a scheduling conflict and was in southern California after committing to the forum. Who does that in the age of so many options for coordinating calendars? My takeaway was that he didn’t want to face questions. Since then, he has been a no-show when votes counted on some significant issues. Now he opposes SB1193, which seeks

to make financial transactions more transparent. That seems like being opposed to mom and apple pie.

It has always bothered me that supervisors can unilaterally choose what they do with some of our tax money. Yes, it is our tax money, not theirs. They should be required to spend it for our collective benefit, not to help them get out of a bind or to enable their reelection.

Now how about showing up for the votes on issues like tenant rights and the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission?

Yes, he doth protest too much.

Remembering Hiroshima
and Nagasaki
Raiza Marciscano, Livermore

Eighty-one years after the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the threat of nuclear weapons remains with us. While these bombings are part of history, the choices we make today will determine whether they are repeated.

Here in Livermore, where nuclear warheads continue to be designed, we have a unique responsibility to reflect on the human cost of nuclear weapons and to support efforts toward a safer future. Commemorating Hiroshima and Nagasaki is not about dwelling on the past; it is about honoring the lives lost, remembering the devastating humanitarian consequences of nuclear war, and reaffirming our commitment to peace.

On Thursday, August 6, at 9:00 a.m., community members from across the Bay Area will gather at the West Gate of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for a peaceful commemora-

tion. The event will include speakers, music, a traditional Japanese Bon Dance honoring those who perished, and a nonviolent witness for those who choose to participate. Among the featured speakers will be Patricia Ellsberg, widow of Daniel Ellsberg, whose lifelong advocacy challenged us to confront the dangers of nuclear weapons.

Whether you attend in person or join the livestream (available through the Tri-Valley CARES website later this week), I encourage you to take part in this meaningful event. In a world facing growing nuclear tensions, remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki is more than a memorial; it is a call to work together for a future free from the threat of nuclear war.

Visit www.trivalleycares.org to find out more!

Livermore’s Looking
Glass: Twenty-five
Years Past and Future
Greg Scott, Livermore

At a recent City of Livermore Planning Commission meeting, a planning commissioner stated she has lived in Livermore for twenty-five years...

Twenty-five years ago this September, I was rowing as lead raft for a group in the Grand Canyon when the sky went silent. The Grand Canyon is a giant ear and aircraft are loud there, even with the din of roaring rapids. Greg’s explanation: We had rowed out of the Phoenix-to-Las Vegas flight path. No one questioned my absurd trigonometry, nor the possible existence of multiple flight paths.

At that time period, upstream Powell Reservoir and

downstream Mead Reservoir were near capacity,

A year before, I was helping build racks at the then new Harley-Davidson outlet in Livermore.

Our group emerged from the Grand Canyon to a changed and accelerated changing world.

Twenty-five years later, buying a Harley-Davidson is “woke,” and Powell and Mead reservoirs are at apocalyptically low levels after two-and-a-half decades of drought now termed “aridification.”

We go on now as if past detrimental structural and cultural changes have no effects on the future, and we make no adequate strategic plans to account for them.

The West is in a water crisis and we in the Tri-Valleys are not preparing. The San Joaquin Aquifer is collapsing from overdrafting and the ground above is subsidizing. This is undermining the infrastructure and functionality of the California Aqueduct, from which Livermore gets 80% of its water. Already, in the San Joaquin Valley, properties have lost \$1.9 billion in value from this ground subsidence.

We are entering an era of even greater accelerating change. In our delusions and distractions, we are not making reasonable strategic plans to accommodate likely scenarios. We have a super El Nino now, which will accentuate drought patterns. We need to plan for the resulting crises.

Get Out the Vote
Jon Miller, Livermore

As the November elections approach, we are reminded that democracy depends on

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Livermore resident Ernestina Shay offers her take on “iconic Livermore” with this photo of St. Michael Catholic Church. (Photo courtesy of Ernestina Shay)

MAILBOX

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active participation. Voting is one of the most important ways citizens can make their voices heard, and help shape the future of our country. But civic engagement should not stop at the casting of our own ballots. Each of us can play an important role in motivating others to vote as well.

An effective way to do this is by sending postcards out to registered voters who don't always participate in elections. An easy way to do this is by using Activate America to send postcards to prospective voters.

The Activate America website (www.activateamerica.vote) provides, free of charge, lists of names and addresses of prospective voters to send postcards to, and a short script to write on the postcards that encourages the receiver to vote for candidates that will put the people of our country first, not corporations and the wealthy.

We all benefit when more citizens take part in the democratic process. Higher voter participation strengthens our communities and ensures that a broader range of voices are represented.

This November, let us encourage one another to stay informed, participate respectfully, and make voting a shared civic responsibility. Democracy works best when everyone has a chance to be heard.

250 Years and Two Weeks

Patricia Munro, Livermore

On Saturday, July 4, we observed the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence—the official birthday of the United States. Anyone currently watching Ken Burns' The American Revolution, or who has read history, knows the Declaration was only one step on the very bloody path to becoming a nation. Nevertheless, the Declaration stated plainly values we have striven to achieve—sometimes with greater success; sometimes, sadly and painfully, with failure. Those values are stated most succinctly in our two most civically sacred documents, the Declaration of Independence and the Preamble to the Constitution. They include: the inalienable rights of all to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; justice (the rule of law), and the idea of civic virtue and domestic tranquility, and a social contract we all share to promote the general welfare.

On Saturday, July 18, exactly two weeks later, ICE showed up in downtown Livermore, masked and heavily armed. There is a reasonable conversation to be had about

borders, immigration, and how the U.S. (or any country) sets those rules, enforces them, and at the same time enables speedy resolution of immigration issues. Armed, masked men who answer to no one are not part of that conversation. Indeed, their presence stops that conversation cold. Their presence is, in effect, a challenge to everything that those values we celebrate on July Fourth stand for. So many are already standing up to that challenge and fighting for our common values. ICE invading our home is a reminder of what we are fighting for and why we must prevail.

Hernandez for CA-14?

Janet Battaglia, Livermore

“Right now, our legislative leaders are out of touch, barely working, and serving the interests of billionaires and special interests at your expense.” I couldn't agree with Ms. Hernandez more.

Her impact as Dublin's mayor is quite impressive: Just look at all its development and crowded landscape. Oh! Let's not forget to give her credit for being one of the Board of Directors

for BART. This alone speaks volumes of her fiscal expertise.

When you vote, think about who's out of touch. I'm voting for Ashia Wahab.

Lastly, am I the only one who thinks Livermore needs cameras for red light runners? Just think of all the revenue it would bring...

WHY VOTE!!!

Richard Andrews, Livermore

Thursday, we witnessed the leader of MAGA, and (unfortunately) our country, behave like the narcissist he is. He used the guise of a public announcement to unleash another of his inane rants filled with lies and false claims.

I guess if you are “wed to the cult” you'll accept whatever your leader says and continue to sit and nod assnigation, trying to blame whomever he says are the bad guys. Fortunately, some of the “faithful” have woken up and are abandoning this narcissist, so there is hope we can return to the fun dialogue of opinions and disagreements without having to dissolve into angry letters such as this.

But, just like mega churches have people showing up every Sunday to fill the coffers of the priests of Manon, some will continue to blindly follow. I truly hope that we move away from this anger, which I am now posting, and become civil all the time. But he must go first.

Trump's Address to the Nation

David Marco, Livermore

If you missed President Trump's address to the nation last week, you need to know what he just released, because it is significant regardless of where you stand politically.

Four major bombshells were dropped tonight with declassified documents to back them up.

First: The federal government has known for years that electronic voting machines and ballot counting systems are vulnerable to foreign attack. Declassified intelligence assessments spanning from January 2020 to June 2026 state that Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea all have the capability to compromise U.S. election infrastructure. The same documents say centralized voter registration databases and pollbooks are the most vulnerable targets. They knew this and said nothing publicly.

Second: China stole 220 million American voter files. Names, addresses, phone numbers, party affiliation. Intelligence agencies knew about it starting in 2020, and according to the White House, members of the intelligence community actively suppressed and downplayed the information rather than alerting the president or the American people.

Third: The FBI uncovered evidence of large-scale voter registration fraud in Michigan in 2020. State police raided a Democrat get out

the vote organization in Muskegon. Canvassers admitted to FBI agents they signed voter registration forms in other people's names and submitted registrations for people who did not exist. The Biden DOJ slow-walked the investigation for years.

Fourth: A DHS review found approximately 278,000 non-citizens registered to vote in federal elections. And that is with Democrat states refusing to share their voter files. The real number is higher.

You can agree or disagree with Trump on anything. But these are declassified government documents. The White House has published them for anyone to download and read. This is not a speech. This is a document dump.

Go read them yourself and form your own opinion.

By: “Working Man's Truth”

Welcome to Trump World: O Canada!

Rosario Milelli, Pleasanton

Canada is our good neighbor. We share a long border, enormous trade, common security interests—and, oc-

asionally, smoke.

President Trump's latest response to Canadian wildfire smoke drifting across the United States was to accuse Canada of “willful negligence”, and to threaten still more tariffs. Apparently, even the wind now owes him money.

A rational president would understand that climate change is helping create hotter, drier conditions and more destructive fire seasons on both sides of the border. He might also know that periodic fire is part of the natural cycle in many forests. The reasonable question is not how to punish Canada for nature. It is: “How can we

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A young cyclist gives his friend a lift through downtown Pleasanton on a sunny afternoon. (Photo — Jacob Clouser)

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help? Do you need firefighters, aircraft, equipment, or satellite support?"

Canada has helped us fight American fires. That is what neighbors do. They do not invoice one another for the direction of the wind.

Trump's hostility is not limited to smoke. He threatened to block, and then helped delay, the Gordie Howe International Bridge between Detroit and Windsor. Canada financed the \$4.7 billion bridge to reduce congestion and strengthen trade. Trump once called it a "vital economic link." Then his administration interfered after the billionaire owner of the competing Ambassador Bridge, a Trump donor, met with Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick. How stupid, and how familiar, can it get?

Now Trump threatens not to extend the USMCA, the very trade agreement he negotiated, signed, and praised as historic. Fortunately, refusing an extension does not

destroy it tomorrow. It remains in force through 2036, with annual reviews giving the three countries a decade to recover their senses.

Canada is not our enemy. Smoke is not a tariff violation. A bridge is not an insult.

Canadians do understand we are stuck with the stupidest president ever.

Snark Attack

Paul Stone, Dublin

With the seemingly endless snark attacks in Mailbox on President Trump and his supporters, I felt it incumbent upon me to offer just one of the multitudinous reasons I support our 45th and 47th president.

And that reason is that he has succeeded in permanently affixing the cognomen of "Pocahontas" to Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) in a gentle jab at her for the faux ancestry she used to promote her career and political aspirations.

Time and space would fail me to tell of the lies of Newsom, Schumer, The Squad,

Pelosi, Bernie, the DNC, the DSA, etc. And you want to talk about Trump lying? Pullease.

(This letter means no disrespect to the real Pocahontas. She converted to Christianity and took the name "Rebecca" in 1614.)

Oh No, Not Again

Keith Jackson, Dublin

John Lahommedieu is at it again. The sky is falling and all the illegal immigrants are stealing, killing and raping everyone. Of course, the truth is that illegal immigrants commit violent and drug related crimes at about half the rate of the general population. So, for every illegal immigrant rapist, there are two non-immigrant rapists out there. Which group is a bigger concern for you? Entering the country illegally is indeed a crime. It is a MISDEMEANOR. If you were trapped in a poor country and your choices were to die from starvation or crime, or try to enter a safer country illegally, what would you do? There

are always criminals in any group, but the vast majority of immigrants just want a better life, and they are hardworking, honest people. If you are really against crime, stop supporting Trump, who is a convicted felon, a rapist, and a thief who is killing people with wars and by cutting off needed benefits. Of course, none of this matters to this Trump supporter who thinks that protesters' concerns are "garbage", as he has stated before. He berates Trump opponents for not having common sense. You decide who has no common sense here. Talking to people like this writer is a waste of time. They are too far gone. In a few months, we can all send a message to our government as to what we want. VOTE. It is the one time you get to express your concerns, and one of the most important things you will ever do. Let Trump and his supporters know what you think about the direction he is taking the country. Vote for the truth, not Trump's lies. It is your right.

Predictable Trump Speech

Frank Cannella, Livermore

It was interesting to note that several of the major networks did not choose to broadcast live the president's speech on July 17th. When asked why, they answered that it was because so many of his statements are distortions or outright untruths, they would prefer to research them before reporting on their accuracy. Meaning, if they broadcast his quotes, it doesn't mean the words spoken were true just because he said them. Thursday's speech was the perfect example. Trump made a big deal of announcing that he was declassifying documents which verified the veracity of the 2020 election. Trump continues

to insist, without evidence, that he won that election in spite of overwhelming evidence to the contrary, so he is doing what I most feared he would do — namely, trying to increase his personal power using two different means. First, he'll enlist all of his sycophantic appointees whose initial qualification for their jobs was agreeing the 2020 election was stolen. These are powerful people, holding powerful offices, and when they chose to throw their weight around using specious evidence, they can cause great harm to many sincere, honest people who merely did their jobs well. Second, Trump wants to pass the "Save America Act" so the Federal government (Trump and lackeys) can "monitor" blue states "where all the fraud is" with the kind of intimidation this administration specializes in. Of course, the fact that the Constitution gives the individual states control of their election processes will not deter Trump a bit.

One final thought: if the midterm elections go bad for Republicans, it won't be Trump's fault. After all, he isn't on any ballot, so MAGA Republicans have the option of voting on issues other than the 2020 election, like the economy, the Iranian situation, global warming, etc.

July 9th Letter: "The Communists Are Coming"

Daniel Mauthe, Livermore

In his submission "Welcome to Trump World: The Communists Are Coming" of July 9th, the writer contends that Trump is just trying to distract voters from increased costs by calling his opponents Communists. However, the disastrous economic history of Communism (and its close cousin, Socialism) is riddled with high prices. Often, the goods aren't available anyway, and many of the people are in jail without trials.

Communism brought starvation of millions in China, the country only to be saved when it began to allow zones of Capitalism to thrive. Communism brought poverty and the Gulag to the Soviet Union, while such economic systems laid waste to societies in Venezuela and Cuba.

Trump may provide ample fodder for attack in other areas, but if you think that Communism is anything but a significant danger, you are on a very foolish errand.

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to prevent 92 planned layoffs, fund an efficiency study and extend behavioral health services.

"Closing this gap without cutting essential programs or laying off workers is proof that disciplined governance delivers real results for real people," Haubert added.

Haubert's District 1 includes Dublin, Livermore, Sunol, a portion of Pleasanton and most of the unincorporated Livermore-Amador Valley.

Major investments include more than \$800 million for behavioral health services, over \$440 million for housing and homelessness programs, and \$476.9 million in direct assistance for residents.

Measure W, a 0.5% county-wide sales tax approved by voters in November 2020, is projected to generate approximately \$170 million annually. In July 2025, the board directed 80% of the Measure W revenue to housing and homelessness programs through the Home Together Fund, with the remaining 20% supporting

essential country services, including food assistance and senior programs. Drawing from current revenue and funds accumulated during the legal challenge, the spending plan includes \$347 million in Measure W investments. These allocations, along with \$386.5 million earmarked for municipal services in unincorporated areas, are intended to advance Vision 2036. Approved by the Board of Supervisors in May 2025, Vision 2036 serves as the county's framework for addressing community needs over the next decade.

Its goals include eliminating homelessness, poverty and hunger, while expanding access to healthcare, employment and infrastructure.

"This budget reflects our collective resolve to serve every community member in Alameda County — today and for generations to come," Haubert said. "Vision 2036 is our north star, and even in a challenging fiscal environment, we are making investments

that move us closer to a county where all people can live, work and thrive in prosperous communities."

Despite avoiding major reductions this year, county officials warned that state and federal funding uncertainty could make future budgets more difficult to balance.

Some provisions of H.R. 1 — commonly known as President Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Act and signed into law by Congress in July 2025 — will begin affecting counties during the 2026-27 fiscal year, according to state analysts. County officials warned that larger reductions could place greater pressure on county revenue in future budget cycles.

County officials said demand for behavioral health treatment and housing assistance continues to grow as state mandates and unfunded requirements expand. Those pressures could force county leaders to make difficult spending decisions in the coming years.

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Bassist Marty Isenberg Brings Wes Anderson-Inspired Jazz Performance to Club Bankhead’s Season Launch

By Kathryn Stroud

LIVERMORE — When bassist Marty Isenberg takes the stage at the Bankhead Theater on Friday, Aug. 7, the audience won’t be sitting in the usual rows. They’ll be seated right on the stage with him, part of a reimagined “club” space that marks the launch of Club Bankhead, Livermore Valley Arts’ new jazz series.

The series’ opening show, “Marty Isenberg’s The Way I Feel Inside: Inspired by Wes

Anderson,” pairs modern jazz with cabaret-style theatricality while telling a deeply personal backstory drawn from the filmmaker’s soundtracks.

Isenberg describes the album as a kind of mixtape that reworks songs featured in Wes Anderson films, including tracks by David Bowie, The Kinks and The Velvet Underground. When he released the album, he said, people enjoyed it but didn’t understand what it had to do with Wes Anderson.

“That’s when I realized it

needed to be connected in a live performance,” Isenberg explained. That’s when the theatrical element began.

The performance opens with Isenberg dressed in an outfit straight out of Anderson’s “The Grand Budapest Hotel,” explaining to the audience that he’ll be narrating the evening — and will be addressing himself in the third person while looking directly at them.

The tongue-in-cheek, Anderson-inspired commentary

continues between songs as Isenberg recalls moments from his life.

“There’s a lot of personal storytelling about my life — growing up, losing a parent, coming out, all of those things,” Isenberg said. “This is a mixtape that tells the story of who I am as a musician: why music, why these songs, even why Wes Anderson.”

Isenberg’s connection to Anderson’s films goes back to high school, when he first saw “The Royal Tenenbaums” and “The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou.” What stuck with him, he said, was the sense of alienation and loneliness running through the films’ characters, who cope by building their own strange, whimsical worlds.

That resonated with Isenberg. His father, a professor of Russian literature who also played bass and mandolin, died when Isenberg was young.

“I started playing bass out of loneliness and being overwhelmed. It was my healing experience, and it brought me comfort,” Isenberg said. Many musicians play for many different reasons, he continued,

but “my reason has always been clear to me. Losing my dad is my music origin story.”

He added that absence is also central to Anderson’s films: “His films are all about absentee dads, so that relates.”

While Isenberg has played in Broadway musicals, he had never performed onstage in this way before, and it took some getting used to.

“It’s been great, though it’s taken some time to dive into it. I’m not really an actor, so I started by doing it just for the music’s sake, and now I’m really enjoying it,” Isenberg said. In a way, he said, it’s less a performance than a diary of his life events. The band performing at Club Bankhead includes musicians Isenberg has known for decades: vocalist Sami Stevens, guitarist Alicyn Yaffee, pianist Nitzan Gavrielli and drummer Rodrigo Recabarren.

The critical response to the album has been positive. DownBeat magazine, one of the oldest and most respected magazines covering jazz and blues, praised the album’s cinematic quality and summed it up simply as “a movie.”

For listeners unfamiliar with Anderson’s films — or with jazz itself — his advice is simple: come in with an open mind, and the music and story will carry you along.

Tickets for the Aug. 7 show start at \$40 and are available at livermorearts.org, by calling 925-373-6800, or at the Bankhead Theater box office. The performance begins at 8 p.m. and kicks off a Club Bankhead season that continues through much of the Bankhead’s 20th-anniversary programming year.



Bassist Marty Isenberg performs music from his Wes Anderson-inspired project, launching Club Bankhead's new jazz series on Friday, Aug. 7. (Photo courtesy of Erika Kapin Photography)

HAGGERTY

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Haggerty also chaired the Alameda County Transportation Commission.

During his tenure, the commission advanced nearly \$200 million in I-580 projects, including carpool and auxiliary lanes and wider overcrossings.

Measure B sales-tax revenue helped pay for the work, along with regional, state and federal transportation funds. In addition to road and highway improvements, regional planners invested in passenger rail expansion to cut down on commute times across the corridor. Valley Link, for instance, would tackle traffic along the same travel corridor by offering a rail alternative.

The planned 42-mile system would connect Northern San Joaquin Valley communities with BART, serving a route traveled daily by more than 105,000 Bay Area workers living in San Joaquin County.

Plans call for an initial 22-mile route from Dublin/Pleasanton BART to Mountain House.

The initial phase would run battery-electric trains to serve Isabel Avenue and Vasco Road in Livermore, before extending from Southfront Road out to Mountain House.

By 2040, the transit authority projects the line will carry 30,000 daily riders, with trains running throughout the day and as often as every 15 minutes during peak hours. However, a final price tag for the revised project has not yet been released.

Measure D: Save Agriculture and Open Space Lands Initiative

While Valley Link would respond to regional growth by expanding transit, Measure D drew the line between areas open to urban development and land intended to remain rural.

Approved by a 57% majority of Alameda County voters, the Save Agriculture and Open Space Lands Initiative took effect Dec. 22, 2000. It directed urban growth inside an established boundary, while protecting agricultural land and open space outside it.

A review in 2020 commissioned by the Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission and published in December 2021 found that Measure D effectively kept urban growth within Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore and away from prime agricultural land and important open space.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors put the measure into practice by amending the East County Area Plan (ECAP) in May 2002. The changes removed North Livermore from planned urban development, tightened development limits in the South Livermore Valley and redesignated land previously set aside for growth as large-parcel agriculture.

Measure D also required voter approval to loosen its

core protections, although the Board of Supervisors could impose stricter development limits.

As District 1 supervisor, Haggerty remained involved in applying Measure D and shaping amendments to the ECAP through his work with the Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC).

TVC Board Chair Jennifer Yeamans saw that work firsthand. Haggerty appointed her in 2019 to represent Alameda County on the board, where she has served continuously. Yeamans, a senior grants and management specialist at the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), also worked with him through LAVTA and while she was on staff at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission from 2007 to 2014.

“Supervisor Haggerty was very engaged in making sure Measure D worked the way voters intended — protecting open space, while still allowing the agricultural economy in East County to not just survive but thrive,” Yeamans said in a statement to The Independent.

That balance shaped the ECAP amendment process as county officials, conservation advocates, property owners and agricultural operators worked to preserve Measure D’s protections, while keeping farms, wineries and other agricultural businesses viable.

Rather than weakening the urban growth boundary, targeted amendments to Measure D were enacted to address a specific economic need — allowing local vintners and farmers to build necessary support facilities, processing structures, and administrative spaces, on agricultural land. “His leadership helped reinforce a core principle in the Tri-Valley: conservation and sustainable development aren’t competing priorities,” Yeamans said. “They’re part of the same long-term vision for protecting open space, supporting agriculture and maintaining the character of the region.”

Tri-Valley Conservation Partnerships

“Supervisor Haggerty was a tireless champion for everything that makes the Tri-Valley — and especially the South Livermore Valley — so distinctive,” Yeamans said. “He understood these landscapes as both treasured open space and productive working lands, and he consistently fought to protect the people, wildlife and agricultural heritage that depend on them.”

She pointed to the more than 6,000 acres the Tri-Valley Conservancy now holds under conservation easement, much of it safeguarded because Haggerty believed the region’s history and distinctive character were worth defending.

“Supervisor Haggerty had

a long-range vision for the Tri-Valley, and he also knew that vision only matters if you’re willing to keep after the hard work to make it real — and to keep it that way,” she continued.

One example of that legacy is the Edward R. Campbell Bridge. He helped secure the public and private financing needed to open the bridge in 2019.

“That bridge now connects more than 44 miles of continuous trail and 25,000 acres of protected land,” Yeamans said, calling it a milestone that would not have happened without Haggerty’s early and steadfast leadership.

The former supervisor also looked to the next generation of land stewards through his support for the conservancy’s Youth in Nature program. To him, conservation meant not only protecting land but “inspiring young people to care for it tomorrow,” Yeamans said.

That same long-range thinking shaped Haggerty’s early support for the South Livermore Sewer Extension Project — a plan made possible after voters approved a ballot measure in 2022 to allow municipal sewer service beyond the urban growth boundary. Yeamans said Haggerty understood that wineries and agritourism needed adequate infrastructure to remain economically viable and that sustaining those businesses would help preserve the vineyards and open spaces defining the Livermore Valley.

Clean Air Renewable Energy

While serving as chair of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Haggerty initiated the Tri-Valley Clean Air Plan, released in 2004. The plan offered cities, businesses and residents voluntary strategies involving cleaner technology, transportation, land use and public education.

The plan responded to the Tri-Valley’s particular air-quality challenges.

At the time, most Bay Area violations of the federal one-hour ozone standard were recorded in Livermore, where hot summer weather and the valley’s geography contributed to pollution buildup.

Yeamans said the former supervisor’s work made it easier for the region to “support clean energy, preserve working lands and maintain the balance between development and conservation.”

Haggerty’s environmental work extended from smart-growth policies to clean-energy initiatives. One visible example stands in the Altamont Pass.

Ava Community Energy named its wind project there the Scott Haggerty Wind Energy Center in recognition of his leadership. Haggerty had

served as founding board chair of the agency, then known as East Bay Community Energy.

According to the agency, the project replaced 569 aging turbines with 23 modern turbines that began operating in 2021. Together, they generate approximately 57 megawatts of electricity — enough to power more than 47,000 homes annually.

Community Impact Through the Arts

Livermore’s arts scene gives residents a place to gather and local artists a stage on which to perform. Haggerty viewed the arts as part of the

region’s civic infrastructure and supported partnerships that

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Student-Led Nonprofit Expands STEM Education, Opportunities Worldwide

By Sanestina Hunter

PLEASANTON — Niti Jain transformed her passion for STEM into a mission to give students around the world access to the educational opportunities that sparked her own interest.

The rising Foothill High School senior founded STEM-Dost, a student-led nonprofit that brings hands-on science, technology, engineering and math activities to students with limited access to those opportunities.

STEMDost means “STEM friend,” with “dost” meaning friend in Hindi, Jain said.

“I noticed a lot of students don’t have access to hands-on education around the world, and this discourages them from pursuing STEM,” Jain told The Independent. “I found labs and experiments very helpful from my personal experience at school, so I wanted to give every child the opportunity I got.”

Jain said her experiences in two education systems inspired her to start the nonprofit. She lived in Delhi, India, before moving with her family to Pleasanton at age 8.

“We were expected to read lots of material, memorize it, apply it on the test and then move on,” Jain said. “The lack of hands-on experience could be [discouraging] for [some] students and make it difficult for them to understand how the subjects relate to the real world.”

By contrast, Jain encountered hands-on learning through labs and experiments in her middle and high school science classes in Pleasanton. At Foothill, she applied physics, math and engineering concepts while building robots and machines.

The contrast motivated Jain to launch STEMDost in 2024.

Since then, the nonprofit has directly served more than 100 students in Africa and reached more than 80,000 people through partnerships and educational pro-

grams, she said.

The curriculum centers on two-part slide presentations led by high school tutors or teachers. Students first review notes and diagrams before completing an experiment that applies the concepts to the real world.

“STEMDost primarily serves students in elementary and middle school,” Jain said. “The tutors usually present at school clubs, after-school clubs, daycares, libraries and organized in-person events.”

Experiments include making

and Canada.

One of those partnerships is with EquiSTEM International, a youth-led nonprofit based in San Fernando, Trinidad and Tobago, that expands STEM access through publications, mentorship and collaborative projects. EquiSTEM featured STEMDost in its magazine and on social media.

“Our collaborations with these organizations have greatly expanded our reach and the number of students impacted,” Jain said.

Locally, the 17-year-old leads a

guins Academy in Pleasanton and host an in-person workshop for third-through sixth-graders at a Tri-Valley library in August.

In June, Jain also organized TEDxCreekside Park Youth at Foothill High School, bringing together students and other speakers under the theme “The NEXT Tomorrow.”

Inspired by her family, the 17-year-old developed an early interest in STEM. Her parents, who work in information technology and project management, encouraged her to explore the field, while her grandfather was her main inspiration.

“My grandfather was an engineer and wrote more than seven engineering books,” Jain said. “I followed in his footsteps and recently published my first book, ‘Basics of Happy Living.’” The book explores the idea that success comes from living with purpose and contentment rather than money alone. Niti said she wrote it for middle and high school students facing academic stress and competition to show them that there are different paths to happiness and success. She hopes the book encourages students to do their best, feel more confident and live fully. It also serves as another way for her to share her knowledge and connect with others in her community.

After graduating next year, she plans to attend a four-year university and study aerospace or materials engineering, two of her lifelong interests. She also hopes to use the resources and connections she gains in college to recruit volunteers and expand the nonprofit.

“I see myself using the opportunities and connections I gain in college to grow STEMDost even further and expand its reach beyond my original goal of helping students in India and Pleasanton,” she added.

For more information about STEMDost or to volunteer, visit stemdost.wixsite.com/my-site-1.

HAGGERTY

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expanded cultural opportunities throughout the Tri-Valley.

As a Livermore resident, Haggerty brought his regional influence close to home through his support for the Bankhead Theater. Since opening in 2007, the theater has expanded the cultural offerings of a city already known for its wineries. Its development brought Alameda County, the City of Livermore, Livermore Valley Arts (LVA) and community supporters together.

“Supervisor Haggerty was absolutely instrumental in the development of the Bankhead Theater,” Chris Carter, executive director of LVA, told The Independent.

“As a result of his leadership and vision, we have held more than 30,000 programs for over 1.1 million people and delivered \$30-plus million in economic impact to the City of Livermore since opening in 2007,” Carter said. “That’s quite a legacy.”

One of his key contributions was identifying a long-term source of public funding for the theater. After taking office, he challenged plans for a large landfill in the Altamont and negotiated a host-community impact fee to compensate Livermore for the project’s effects.

Working alongside city leaders, the publisher at The Independent and the arts nonprofit that developed the performing arts center, he helped direct a \$23 million portion of that continuing revenue toward the financing of the Bankhead Theater.

“This was the project the community wanted to do,” Haggerty said during a 2021 episode of LVA’s Beyond the Stage. “If it wasn’t for Joan Seppala, I’m not quite sure this project would be here.”

He credited her persistence and the Livermore City Council’s decision to accept the impact-fee revenue and forward it to the theater.

When he entered county

government, he did not expect a performing arts center to become one of his signature accomplishments.

“I can’t tell you when I ran for county supervisor that one of my main accomplishments would be getting a performing arts center built,” he said. “But I can tell you it’s probably one of my prouder ones, to be honest with you.”

“This is a culmination of a lot of people’s dreams,” Haggerty said.

For Haggerty, the Bankhead represented more than a performance venue. He described it as a place where residents could step away from everyday pressures and reconnect with their community.

“This is the heart of the community,” he said. “This is where it beats. You have to continue to invest in your heart, because if you don’t have it, you lose as a community.”

David Haubert succeeded Haggerty as District 1 Supervisor in 2021.

“We are deeply saddened by the passing of former Supervisor Haggerty,” Board of Supervisors President Haubert said in a statement. “His long-standing commitment to our community touched many lives, and we extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, community and former colleagues as they grieve this loss.”

Melissa Hernandez, BART Board president and former Dublin mayor, worked in Haggerty’s office and considered him a mentor, friend and former boss.

“Scott was a great father, a loving grandfather and a wonderful community leader,” Hernandez wrote in an Instagram post. “He had the biggest heart and was always ready to help others.”

“Anyone who crossed paths with Scott knew the amazing man he was,” she added. “I’m blessed to have called him my friend.”

OBITUARIES

Suzanna Leal Geiger May 15, 1962 — June 4, 2026

Suzanna Geiger passed away surrounded by family on June 4, 2026, at the age of sixty-four.

Suzanna was born to Joe and Jennie Leal on May 15, 1962, in Livermore, California. A nearly lifelong resident of Livermore, she attended Marilyn Avenue Elementary, Junction Avenue Middle School, and Granada High School (Class of 1980).

She graduated with honors from Heald College, and worked over thirty years for Pacific Medical, Inc.

Suzanna will be remembered by her family and friends for her quiet and calming temperament, aptitude for nurturing, quick ingenuity, sense of levity and whimsy, and her warm and accepting spirit. She was a caring and devoted

wife, mother, and grandmother, going above and beyond for her family. She enjoyed reading, music, art (especially Monet), going to car shows, Studio Ghibli movies, animals, baseball (a longtime Giants fan), and hiking.

Suzanna was preceded in death by her parents, and survived by her husband of 38 years, children, and grandsons.

Weldon B. Offill April 8, 1946 — July 4, 2026



With profound love and sadness, we announce the passing of Weldon Offill, who entered eternal rest on July 4, 2026, at the age of 80. After a courageous battle with cancer, Weldon passed away peacefully, surrounded by the love of his family in the comfort of his home.

Weldon was born on April 8, 1946, in Porterville, California, where he was raised. He was the beloved son of Bert Weldon and Mildred Vivian Offill. He was preceded in death by his sister, Joyce Epps, and is survived by his sisters, Jennie Haupt and Beverly French.

The values of hard work, faith, and family that were instilled in him during his childhood remained the foundation of his life.

Weldon was known for his strength, unwavering integrity, generous heart, and deep love for his family. He was a devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather, father-in-law, and friend, whose kindness, humility, and willingness to help others left a lasting impression on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

A respected businessman and skilled craftsman, Weldon was the proud owner of Country Builders Construction from 1979 until his retirement in 2013. He was a proud Union framer. Over the course of 34 years, he built more than homes—he built lasting relationships, earned the trust of countless clients, and established a reputation for quality workmanship, honesty, and dependability. He took great pride in his work and in providing for his family through a career defined by dedication and excellence.

Weldon’s faith was the foundation of his life. He was a faithful member of the Church of Christ until his passing. He loved worshipping God, and especial-

Niles Stein and his wife, Hanna; Vance Stein and his wife, Jordan; Brittany Offill; Shelby Offill; Tyler Offill and his wife, Kylie; Courtney Offill; Kyle Offill; and Kendall Offill. He was also the cherished great-grandfather of Haven, Bixby, Niles, Bradley, and Brynlee, each of whom brought him immeasurable joy.

Weldon will be deeply missed by his family, extended relatives, many dear friends, and all whose lives were touched by his kindness, wisdom, and unwavering faith. His legacy of hard work, love, humility, and perseverance will live on through the family he cherished and the countless people whose lives he influenced.

In Weldon’s own words, he would want to leave everyone with this simple message: “Keep on keeping on, and pray, pray, pray.” May we honor his memory by living each day with faith, perseverance, kindness, and love for one another. “Well done, good and faithful servant.” — Matthew 25:23

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly request that donations be made to the American Cancer Society in Weldon’s memory.

The funeral service for our beloved Weldon B. Offill will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Fry Memorial Chapel, 550 South Central Avenue, Tracy, CA. Chapel services will be livestreamed via his tribute page at www.frymemorial-chapel.com for family and friends unable to attend. An online guest book is also available for condolences and special messages to the family.

The Offill family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude for the prayers, love, kindness, and support shown during this difficult time. Your compassion has been a source of comfort and strength; it will never be forgotten.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Stephen Ernest Basso Aug. 15, 1948 — July 8, 2026



With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Stephen Ernest Basso, who passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, surrounded by his family. Steve lived a life defined by kindness, laughter, friendship, and an unwavering love for his family, sports, and the western way of life.

Steve was born Aug. 15, 1948, in Livermore, California, to Ernie and Dorothy Basso. He was raised alongside his sister, Sandra (Basso) Inderbitzen, with strong family values and a deep appreciation for horses and rodeo. Livermore was always home to Steve. It was here that he built lifelong friendships, raised his family, and created memories that will be treasured by generations to come.

In 1980, Steve met the love of his life, Sandy, while playing on a local softball team. They married in 1982 and built a wonderful life together, welcoming their sons, Brian in 1985 and Kyle in 1986. Steve was a devoted husband, a proud father and loving grandfather — a role that brought him endless joy.

He worked for Groth Brothers Oldsmobile until he was seriously injured in November 1987 while stopping to help someone involved in an accident along Vasco Road. His injuries resulted in a medical disability, allowing him to embrace one of the roles he cherished most, being a stay-at-home dad to his two sons.

He treasured every moment with his boys, coach-

ing baseball teams, preparing family dinners, making school lunches, picking them up from school, and being a constant presence in their lives. During Livermore Rodeo Week, he especially enjoyed visiting his sons’ schools to teach their classmates how to rope dummy steers, sharing his passion for rodeo with the next generation.

Over the years, Steve won numerous buckles and saddles, but the awards were never what mattered most to him. He was admired as an exceptional roper and respected for his sportsmanship, generosity, and willingness to mentor others. Whether sharing a tip, offering encouragement, or celebrating someone else’s success, Steve found great joy in helping others improve and achieve their goals, leaving a lasting impact on everyone who had the privilege of knowing and learning from him.

Steve was a proud member of the Native Sons of the Golden West and American Cowboy Team Roping Association (ACTRA). He also served for several years as a Director for

ACTRA’s Northern California Chapter.

Outside of rodeo, he rarely missed a San Francisco Giants, San Francisco 49ers, or Golden State Warriors game. While Steve was known for his patience and calm demeanor, family and friends will tell you that all bets were off when one of his teams was playing, especially if a questionable call was made.

Anyone who knew Steve knew that he never met a stranger. Soft-spoken yet full of life, he had a remarkable ability to make everyone feel welcome. Steve had a gift for making people laugh and feel like old friends. His kindness, humility, and genuine interest in others left a lasting impression on everyone he met.

Steve is survived by his beloved wife, Sandy Basso; his sons, Brian Basso (Jamie) and Kyle Basso (Ashley); his cherished grandchildren, Shelby, Cadence, Rylan, and Beau; and his sister, Sandra Inderbitzen. His family was the center of his world, and nothing brought him greater joy than spending time with them.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Inderbitzen Ranch/Basso’s Arena (Charlie’s Arena), 6030 Dagnino Rd., Livermore, California.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations in Steve’s memory be made to the ACTRA Catastrophe Fund of California, the American Diabetes Association, or the American Heart Association.

Nancy Louise Bridges, 73, passed away on June 26, 2026, at her home in Sacramento, California. Born on Jan. 15, 1953, in Oakland, California, Nancy was the daughter of John and Dorothy Bridges. Nancy is

Nancy Louise Bridges Jan. 15, 1953 — June 26, 2026

survived by her two daughters, Alexandria Walker and Becky Johanson, whom she had during her marriage to Jesse Aranda. Nancy had two granddaughters and two great-grandchildren. She also found companionship

in her later years with longtime partner, Mike Brewer. Nancy is also remembered by her brother, John Bridges. She was predeceased by her parents John and Dorothy Bridges and her sister, Mary Jean Roehr.

OBITUARIES

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Minnie Robles Pedersen
July 7, 1922 — June 22, 2026



Minnie (Renteria) Robles Pedersen, 103, of Livermore-Pleasanton, California, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones, having witnessed over a century of technological, scientific, and social changes. From candlestick telephones to her well-used flip phone, from biplanes to SpaceX rockets, Minnie even witnessed the invention of sliced bread.

The eldest of four children, Minnie grew up in Boyle Heights, a busy neighborhood in east Los Angeles. She and her brother, Art, would ride the boat to Catalina Island and visit their uncle. They earned tips entertaining fellow boat riders by singing and dancing. During the WWII years, Minnie regularly rode a train from LA to Livermore to spend time with her aunt and uncle who owned a local bar and restaurant. It was during one of these visits that she met her future husband, Michael (Mike) Robles.

Minnie and Mike married on Sept. 7, 1941, and initially lived at the Robles Ranch on Morgan Territory Road. After moving into town, they started their family; raising five children: Ron, Melvin, Clarinda, Rodell and Melinda. Mike passed away in 1964, leaving Minnie to run the family business, “Robles Concrete”. Eventually it proved to be more than she could manage, and she was forced to take on

another job. Minnie waitressed until she was hired at the Lawrence Livermore National Lab, where she made lifetime friends.

In 1972, Minnie married Jens “Jim” Pedersen and moved to Pleasanton. With the kids grown, and on their own, Minnie and Jim enjoyed traveling, socializing with friends, and hosting family gatherings. When Jim was diagnosed with cancer in 1990, Minnie opted for early retirement to care for him. After Jim’s death Minnie was resolute about maintaining her independence and was still driving at the ripe old age of 100.

From a 40’s LA city girl to joining the cattle/farming community, Minnie was an active member of the Alameda County Cattlewomen’s Association. As recently as last summer, she took daily treks in a four-wheeler with her daughter, Melinda, to count new-born calves at the Koopmann Ranch. Minnie continued to thrive on socializing with

family and friends. She enjoyed traveling on cruises, and attending theatrical performances in San Francisco, Livermore, and Pleasanton, even at 100 years old. Minnie was a vocal fan at her grandchildren’s, and later great grandchildren’s, soccer and softball games. She was also an avid reader, remaining current with the latest James Patterson novels.

Minnie is survived by her son, Mel Robles (Marianne) and daughter, Melinda Koopmann (Tim); grandchildren, Matthew Robles (Kim), Michael Ratekin (Josephine), Wendy Ratekin, Kelly Ratekin, Clayton Koopmann (Natalie), Carissa Koopmann Rivers (Vic), and great-grandchildren, along with many nieces, nephews, neighbors, and friends who became family. She is preceded in death by husbands Michael Robles and Jim Pedersen; brothers Arturo Robles and Paul Dominguez, and sister Dorie Coronado; sons Ron Robles and Rodell Robles, and daughter Clarinda Ratekin. Her family extends their heartfelt thanks to the medical staff at Stanford Medical and Bristol Hospice for the compassion and support they gave Minnie.

A celebration of Minnie’s life will be held Saturday, Aug. 15 at 1:00 pm, at the Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore, CA.

Elizabeth Maupin Zalaznik
Sept. 24, 1946 — July 4, 2026

Elizabeth (Betsy) Maupin Zalaznik, a beloved and longtime resident of Livermore, California, passed away peacefully after a long illness, surrounded by the love of her devoted husband, Lee.

Betsy built a life centered around community and dedication. She worked for many years in classified advertising for the Tri-Valley Herald, and went on to dedicate 20 years as a substitute teacher for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, touching the

lives of countless local students with her patience and care.

She was the cherished wife of Lee Zalaznik, with whom she shared 50 years of blissful marriage. Together, they built a beautiful life of deep companionship and quiet devotion in the Tri-Valley area for over five decades. Throughout her journey, Lee remained her steadfast partner, ensuring she was surrounded by comfort, dignity, and love until the very end.

Betsy was preceded in death

by her loving parents, James and Frances (Petite) Maupin. She is survived by her devoted husband, Lee; her brother, Dru Maupin, and her sister-in-law, Elaine (Ireland) Maupin, along with extended family, former colleagues, and friends who will miss her deeply.

A private remembrance will be held by the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Betsy’s memory to the local community organizations that supported her care.

Diane Pauline Micheli
July 16, 1933 — June 20, 2026

Diane Pauline Micheli was born on July 16, 1933, at St. Paul’s Hospital in Livermore, California. She was the daughter of Daniel J. Micheli and Adeline B. Micheli (née Minoggio). The Minoggio family emigrated from Italy in 1888, followed by the Micheli family in 1910.

Diane is survived by numerous cousins on both sides of her family, especially her beloved relatives Cindy and Frank Micheli and their son, Justin; David K. Minoggio, Jr.; and the Steward sisters—Wendy Bishop, Mary Getz, and Kathy Sullivan—as well as many loyal and cherished

friends. Diane will also be fondly remembered by her lifelong friends, the Starrhs, the Cappels, the Kekelas, and the Marylinites.

Diane graduated from Livermore Grammar School and Livermore High School before earning her degree from the University of California, Berkeley. She also received a Miller-Unruh Special Reading Teacher Certificate. Diane devoted 39 years to teaching in Livermore’s elementary schools, where she made a lasting impact on generations of students.

She was a lifetime member of the University of California

Alumni Association, a lifetime member of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), and a lifetime member of the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Diane passed away peacefully on June 20, 2026, surrounded by her close family.

Diane requested that donations be made in her memory to St. Anthony’s Foundation, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 885602, Los Angeles, CA 90088, and/or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Donna Jean Neuenschwander
July 18, 1932 — July 3, 2026



Donna Jean Neuenschwander, a longtime and dearly loved resident of Livermore, passed away peacefully at home on July 3, 2026, with her daughter by her side. She was 93 years old, just 15 days shy of her 94th birthday.

Born Donna Jean McDaniel on July 18, 1932, in Nebraska, Donna moved with her family to Napa as a young girl. Shortly after World War II, she met Charles “Chuck” Neuenschwander at a local roller-skating rink. They married and began a loving partnership that lasted more than 65 years. In 1953, they made Livermore their home, where they raised their family and became a beloved part of the community.

Family was the center of Donna’s life. She devoted her early years to supporting her husband, caring for her daughters, and creating a warm and welcoming home. Later, she built a career with the City of Livermore, serving as Department Secretary for the Fire Department under Chief Jack Baird. She also generously gave her time to the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore and organizations including the Las Positas Women’s Golf Club. Donna and Chuck embraced

life with enthusiasm. They enjoyed traveling, boating, water skiing, snow skiing, tennis, golf, dirt bike riding, and countless games of cards, including lively participation in the neighborhood Bunco group. Their early vacations included camping and water skiing at Lake Shasta, while later years brought cherished month-long stays in Hawaii. Donna often said those simple days at Lake Shasta were among the happiest of her life. Chuck loved building and fixing things; Donna made every house a welcoming home. Together, they were truly two peas in a pod.

Donna will be remembered most for her warmth, grace, and generous spirit. She loved a house

filled with family and friends, and welcomed everyone to her table, where her homemade cherry pie became a treasured tradition. She carried herself with elegance, kindness, and quiet dignity throughout her life.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil and Hazel McDaniel; her husband, Chuck; her daughter, Sheran Lee; her son-in-law, Rusty Millar; and her siblings, Lova, Joe, and Royce. She is lovingly remembered by her daughter, Debra Neuenschwander Millar; grandchildren Benjamin Dumanowski and Laura Millar; and great-grandson Aiden Millar, who will carry forward her legacy of love, kindness, and hospitality.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, with a reception immediately following. For those who cannot attend, live streaming of the service can be accessed via fpcel.online.church. In lieu of flowers, Donna requested donations to the Legacy Fund at First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. Please visit the Neptune Society obituary page to share a memory in her honor.

Eleanor Jean Gannaway
Feb. 21, 1929 — June 11, 2026



Eleanor will be sorely missed by her many friends and loved ones after her passing in Pleasanton at the remarkable age of 97.

She was born in Baldwin Park, California to Carrie Matilda Brink and Elwood Black, the youngest of their four children. After enjoying several years there, in what was then a rural area, the family moved to the Highland Park area of Los Angeles. Here she had an active life in high school, married John Gannaway Jr., and welcomed two daughters.

John’s career moved the family several times from California to Arizona to Utah, and finally back to California, where Eleanor happily lived the last 54 years in Pleasanton. After John’s passing at a young age, she moved on to live an active independent life that included a long successful career at Lawrence Livermore Lab, many community focused activities, and many meaningful friendships. She loved the outdoors, and when she wasn’t tending to her beautiful gardens, she could be seen daily walking and hiking the trails for miles. She was a weekly fixture for over 30 years shopping at the Saturday Farmer’s Market. She loved the wonderful produce and flowers, and the special vendors that became dear friends.



After her retirement, she immediately dedicated herself to volunteering for multiple causes. She drove Cancer Society patients to life-saving treatments, providing reliable transportation and welcomed comfort. She also delivered for Meals on Wheels, and eventually worked thousands of hours as a Valley Care Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary member.

She will be remembered as a bright, talented, extremely

generous person that cherished her family and many friends. Eleanor was a perfectionist that truly made the most of every day. She nurtured her family in a warm, loving home with beautifully prepared meals, special home-sewn outfits, and the joy of beloved pets. She and her many treasured friends stayed in touch throughout her life and continued to visit until the very end.

She was preceded in death by her brother Harry Black (his wife Edith and their son Steven), bother Horace, sister Anna Hand, and daughter Sharon Myers.

She is survived by her daughter Marilyn Stuckey, nephew Jim Parker, nieces Denise Sciandra and Diana Koerber and their beloved families.

The family offers heartfelt gratitude to the special caregivers at Creekview Skilled Nursing in Pleasanton for providing exceptional care and comfort and love. Thank you also to Zenith Hospice Care for providing relief and comfort in her last days, and to the members of Livermore Presbyterian Church for their faithful support and visits.

Donations in Eleanor’s honor to the American Cancer Society or the Valley Humane Society of Pleasanton would be welcome.

A memorial celebration will be announced at a later date.

Harry Albert Levin
March 22, 1939 — April 7, 2026



Dr. Harry A. Levin, age 87, of Livermore, California, passed away peacefully on April 7, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family.

He was born on March 22, 1939, to Sue and Abe Levin and grew up in Chicago. Harry attended The University of Chicago, and completed his postgraduate work at Northwestern University, where he earned his PhD.

Upon graduation, he was captivated by the beauty of California, and settled with his young family in Livermore. He spent his entire career as a nuclear scientist at General Electric, where he authored several patents. Harry also dedicated his time to volunteering at numerous charitable organizations throughout his life.

He was a true Renaissance man with a passion for photography, painting, bocce ball, fine woodworking, and fishing of all kinds. He was an avid griller, and in his spare time, he obtained the highest-level licensure for HAM radio operation, volunteering as an emergency

services radio operator. Most of all, he loved spending time with family and friends. Admired for his intellect and sharp wit, Harry loved nothing more than a good laugh.

He is survived by his beloved bride of 65 years, Judy Levin; his daughters, Amy Levin and Roberta Gabriel (Aaron); his grandsons, Joshua and Jacob Gabriel; his brother, Sydney Levin (Carol); and his niece and nephews.

A private burial was held shortly after his passing. If so inclined, donations in his honor may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Harry will be deeply missed as our proud patriarch and will forever be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

David Kent Dean
Sept. 25, 1932 — July 7, 2026



David Kent Dean passed peacefully into the Lord’s embrace on July 7, 2026, at 93 years old, surrounded by his family. Born with his twin sister, Caroline, on Sept. 25, 1932, in St. Louis, Missouri to James Lester and Jessie Irma Dean, he grew up in Festus, Missouri, graduated high school in 1950 and was able to maintain many lifelong childhood friendships. Dave served during the Korean War as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. He was part of a SAC squadron as a navigator bombardier on a B36 Peacemaker.

Dave and his beloved wife, Virginia, met on a blind date in Spokane, Washington, where they were married in 1956. Dave graduated from Washington State in 1959 with a degree in electrical engineering. That same year, he and his wife moved to Livermore, where he accepted a job at Sandia National Laboratory and worked there for 32 years. He and Virginia raised their three children and were very active in the Livermore community.

During his early years at Sandia, he was accepted into the Teller Tech Program for advanced degrees, where he earned his master’s degree in applied science. Throughout his career, he worked on various systems, such as being the lead electrical engineer on Mk21 Firing Set Interface Module. In addition, he worked on the reaction of metal to beam irradiation, and chaired the Pantex Tester Review Committee. In his later years, he was awarded



the prestigious Distinguished Member of Technical Staff for making a unique contribution to Sandia.

As a lifelong St. Louis Cardinal’s baseball fan and longtime 49er’s football fan, Dave loved all things sports. In his adult years, he played tennis and golf, and took up downhill skiing in his 60’s. He generously volunteered his time in every sport that his children played. This included tennis, baseball, soccer, and swimming.

The focal point of his life was serving his Lord Jesus Christ. He was involved in Bible Study Fellowship,

Promise Keepers, Iron Man, and the Paul-Timothy program, which mentored young Christians. Children’s ministry was near and dear to his heart. He believed everyone is born with a gift from God.

Once retired, he and Virginia traveled the United States and Europe, including family vacations in Lake Tahoe and Palm Desert. They played mixed doubles and spent time with their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dave enjoyed playing chess at the Livermore Public Library, as well as teaching chess to his grandchildren and many local youth.

Dave was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Virginia, his twin sister, Caroline, and brothers Bob and Neil. He is survived by his son Murray Dean (Denise), daughters Linda Jansson (Tim), Leslie Montgomery (Barry), as well as seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hope Hospice Care or Shepherd’s Gate in Livermore.

Dad, you fought the good fight with dignity, and we are so happy that you are with Jesus and Mom again. Our family would like to thank the staff at Ivy Park (Rosewood) in Livermore for taking such good care of our Dad in his final years.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Cedar Grove Church in Livermore (2021 College Ave.) on Tuesday, August 4, at 1:00 p.m. (a reception will follow at the church).

Paddleboard Yoga Delivers Peace and ‘Joya’ to Del Valle

By Christina Cavallaro

LIVERMORE — The journey to Joya Yoga’s standup paddleboard (SUP) yoga class at Lake Del Valle in Livermore last Saturday proved as magical as the destination. Mines Road was dotted with deer in the brush leading to the entrance of the East Bay Regional Park just before 8 a.m. as the sunlight broke over the valley.

Alison Cardenas, Lead Yoga Instructor at Joya Yoga was perched on the open hatchback of her red Mustang. Laid out before her was a collection of bright yellow paddleboards awaiting the arrival of students.

“I’m a huge proponent of yoga outdoors,” Cardenas said. “It’s just kind of relaxing and it connects you to nature in a way that I think yoga was intended.” Add to that a paddleboard and “it’s just so much fun,” she said. “And you cannot have a bad day when it starts on water, right?”

The water on Lake Del Valle a little after 8 a.m. in the morning looked more like a painting; its surface was green and glassy. A pair of fishermen hunkered on the shore were the only other people around.

Cardenas has more than a decade of international yoga experience and teaches in a wide variety of disciplines at her stateside studio community, Joya Yoga, with locations in Livermore, Pleasanton, Blackhawk and soon-to-reopen Dublin.

“They have created such

a lovely community. And that’s what you hear when you go to Joya,” she said. The co-founders and owners of Joya Yoga, husband-and-wife duo Deanna and Razi Hasni, are extremely active in the community and involved in a multitude of fundraising events for schools and non-profits. “They really give back to the community, and I love that,” Cardenas said. “And that’s why I work for them.”

Following an instructional briefing on the shore about SUP technique, the group hit the calm waters and began getting comfortable on the boards. Cardenas then taught the class different paddle strokes for turning and soon enough the convoy glided right up alongside a huge blue heron in a tree growing in the lake.

Pleasanton resident Nancy Rodriguez who was taking the class with her daughter said, “This is a piece of heaven – and right in our own backyard.”

The second part of the class incorporated a yoga practice.

“You could definitely fall in the lake,” Cardenas said. “Standing on one leg on a board, even a stable board is a super challenge,” she said of the switch from paddling on the board to balancing on it. “And as long as you’re willing to get wet, then it’s not a huge deal.” The water at the lake was surprisingly warm. “It always shocks people,” she said. So once you go in, then it doesn’t matter. You’re

willing to try everything,” she laughed.

She said she’s even seen baptisms. “It’s a multipurpose lake.”

Cardenas led the group through a variety of poses from challenging ones to savasana, also known as corpse pose. “I could lay here all day like this,” Rodriguez said. Her daughter Erin, a regular in Cardenas’s aerial yoga classes when she’s not away at college, had impressively balanced on one leg in tree pose just minutes before.

As the group pulled back ashore two hours later, the park’s picnic areas were filling up, and a live mariachi band had just begun to play.

A woman dashed down to the shore in a gold sari to check out the paddleboard yoga regatta.

As the group prepared to disband after a magical morning together, Cardenas said the feeling of peace and community connection starts at Joya.

“We joke that my aerial yoga class is more of a book club at this point. But that’s the kind of community it is,” she said. “You just get to know people along the way.”

While many of her SUP yoga participants are regulars from her studio classes, Cardenas noted that sessions are open to members and non-members alike. The next session on the lake is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 9, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Email alison@joyayoga.com for details and registration.



Pleasanton resident Nancy Gonzales unplugs during a Joya Yoga stand-up paddleboard class on Lake Del Valle on July 12. The next opportunity to savasana on the water is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 9, from 8 to 10 a.m. For registration and details, email alison@joyayoga.com. (Photo courtesy of Alison Cardenas)

DEMOCRACY

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lists to determine whether to transmit ballot mail.

Although the Trump administration can’t yet move forward with the order, a ruling from a federal appeals court last week has paved the way for the USPS to continue advancing the rule while litigation continues.

“I don’t know where that’s ultimately going to land, but the main thing I tell people about mail-in voting is that if they plan to do it, do it as early as possible,” Cohen said.

Another major concern he’s encountered among state and election officials is the possibility of ICE agents or other federal law enforcement showing up at polling sites, an occurrence that local law enforcement has not been traditionally trained to handle.

Since states are responsible for running and overseeing local elections, not the federal government, the presence of ICE or other federal law enforcement would be illegal. It’s also illegal for troops or armed federal agents to be deployed to any place where an election is held, under an 1865 law.

However, even with these protections, Trump adminis-

tration allies have continued floating the idea, specifically U.S. Sen. Markwayne Mullin, R-Okla., who said in his confirmation hearing to lead the Department of Homeland Security that ICE could be sent to polling places in the event of a “specific threat.”

Cohen says that this is a possibility that state election chiefs are taking seriously and already planning for.

“Over the past year, state and local law enforcement have been having conversations about how to protect ballots from being seized by federal agents and law enforcement, so that the police can physically stop them at voting offices should they try to do that,” Cohen said.

Despite all the potential threats to voter interference, both from ICE and the president himself in his attempts to reshape the entire system of mail-in voting, Cohen believes that the greatest threat is disinformation.

According to him, the disinformation propagated by election deniers and conspiracy theorists has increasingly worked to undermine confidence in elections and suppress voter turnout, partic-

ularly among voters of color and those from marginalized communities.

“The biggest concern and threat we have right now is disinformation,” Cohen stressed. “When you have a president going on live television and spouting nonsense that gives conspiracy theorists and election deniers vindication, we’re in a pretty dangerous place.”

As for actions that ordinary people can take to combat disinformation, he recommends supporting pro-democracy organizations like Indivisible, volunteering at polling stations, engaging with trusted local leaders and organizations to counter misinformation and promoting media literacy through verifying sources and reporting false content on digital platforms, such as Facebook, X or Instagram.

While the fight against disinformation is an ongoing challenge, Cohen said that only through taking a proactive stance and engaging with trusted voices, can communities and local governments better navigate an ever-evolving information landscape and help ensure that all voters have access to the truth.



Los Angeles Knight Riders batters Colin Munro and Matthew T romp score a pair of runs enroute to the squad’s 164 total during its inning in the Major League Cricket T20 championship against the Washington Freedom held on Saturday, July 18, at the Oakland Coliseum. (Photo courtesy of Major League Cricket)

Tri-Valley Cricket Fans Revel in Thrilling Championship Finish

By David Scholz

TRI-VALLEY — All the high and lows of the sport of cricket were encapsulated in the final ball bowled in the Major League Cricket championship game last Saturday at the Oakland Coliseum, adding another exciting chapter to the thrilling finishes that have played out at the historic venue through the decades.

The Los Angeles Knight Riders, trying dearly to hold on, survived a late rush in the final overs by past league champion Washington Freedom, which was finally run out off its last batted ball that failed to get the three runs required to win.

The Knight Riders’ nail-biting victory by a score of 164-163 in front of a record MLC crowd of 11,000 gave the franchise its first league crown.

Adidep Senthilraj, of Dublin, who was waiting with his parents on the BART platform for their train home, was still giddy with how the championship finished.

“Honestly, I think the finish was one of the best things

I’ve ever seen,” he said, using his hand to describe the roller coaster ups and downs he had witnessed.

“First at the start LA was going to win,” the boy continued, “then it was more like Washington was going to win, and then at the end it was a comeback (for LA).”

Tri-Valley fans were well-represented among the thousands of Knight Riders and Freedom fans who filled much of the Coliseum’s lower bowl. The Tri-Valley area — including Dublin and Pleasanton and San Ramon — has emerged of late as a major Bay Area hub for youth cricket academies and local leagues, driven by shifting demographics.

Vikas Sawkar and son, Medhansh, of Pleasanton, were expecting nothing less from the championship match.

“This is actually my first time at a match,” said Medhansh, with eyes wide as he watched both sides do their pre-game warmups from the concourse, noting he had only watched cricket on the internet. “So it’s the first experience for me.”

For his father, who came last summer when the MLC hosted its first series of regular season matches at the Oakland venue, it was a joy to be able to bring his son to see the sport live.

Growing up in India, Sawkar had experienced the excitement of matches in person. Bringing his son on Saturday was a wonderful opportunity for him to share the passion.

Seeing the international sport of cricket coming to the U.S. allows a whole new audience to experience the excitement in person who otherwise wouldn’t, and for Sawkar, that is a good thing.

“A lot kids at this young age, they get the TV exposure and they try to understand the game,” Sawkar said. “Coming to see it live makes a big difference.”

The Sawkars were backing the Knight Riders in the championship, so the ride for them and so many others heading home to the Tri-Valley was no doubt going to be a pleasant journey and an experience sure to be relived for days to come.

VELO

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The pre-existing building’s single-level interior and 36-foot ceilings played a major role in attracting the company. The massive vertical clearance allows for large-format additive manufacturing sys-

tems with room to scale taller if needed.

The new facility supports 40 such systems, and Velo3D hopes to expand to more than 100 systems over the next few years, establishing one of

the continent’s largest metal additive manufacturing environments to support domestic production.

The company expects the Livermore campus to become operational later this year.

STONERIDGE

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such as objective design standards, meant to guide redevelopment at the site.

The council also adopted that year a housing plan that identifies Stoneridge as a site for potentially 1,440 new housing units, hoping to keep the indoor mall largely intact while taking advantage of superfluous parking spaces to add housing.

“Ideally situated in the heart of the Tri-Valley region,

the property offers immediate access to I-580 and I-680, two of Northern California’s most heavily trafficked freeways, with combined /daily traffic counts exceeding 360,000 vehicles,” the 3VG investors wrote on their website. “Located immediately adjacent to the Dublin / Pleasanton BART Station, this 8.4-acre site offers a large-scale, infill redevelopment opportunity in a supply-constrained market.”

State law requires that the city zone and issue permits for a total of 5,965 new housing units between 2023 and 2031. But according to data from the California Department of Housing and Community Development, Pleasanton has permitted less than 8% of that requirement as it approaches the cycle’s midpoint. Failure to meet quotas can result in fines, lawsuits and loss of local housing authority.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 623912

The following person(s) doing business as: Rejuva Day Spa, 4508 Las Positas Road, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Oasis Wellness International LLC, 4508 Las Positas Road, Livermore, CA 94551.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 4/16/26. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ping Liu, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 8, 2026. Expires June 7, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6912. Published July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026.

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FILE NO. 624190

The following person(s) doing business as: Bella Nail, 41468 Malcolmson ST, Fremont, CA 94538 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Yaxi Chen, 41468 Malcolmson ST, Fremont, CA 94538. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 6/20/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Yaxi Chen, Own-

er. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 22, 2026. Expires June 21, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6913. Published July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624177

The following person(s) doing business as: Synthesis Medicine, 154 Santa Clara Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610 is hereby registered by the following

owner(s): Heather Vaughan, 822 57th ST, Oakland, CA 94608. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 6/5/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Heather Vaughan, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 22, 2026. Expires June 21, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6914. Published July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 624191

The following person(s) doing business as: Giddy - Upcycle, 3384 Marina Ave, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Leah Beniston, 3384 Marina Ave, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed

above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Leah Beniston, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 22, 2026. Expires June 21, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6915. Published July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624055

The following person(s) doing business as: Popular Playthings, 32408 Central Ave, Union City,

CA 94587 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hunter Company, Inc., 32408 Central Ave, Union City, CA 94587. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 2015. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jason Cheung, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 15, 2026. Expires June 14, 2031. The Independent, Legal No.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624033

The following person(s) doing business as: Norotoco, 5717 Brisa ST, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Roto Rooter Services Co, 255 E 5th ST, STE 2500, Cincinnati, OH 45202. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 9/16/19. Signature of Registrant/s/: Steven Ratterman, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 12, 2026. Expires June 11, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6917. Published July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624164

The following person(s) doing business as: The Greenrun Investment Group, 32520 Potlaski Drive #105, Hayward, CA 94544 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): The Greenrun Invest Group, P.O. BOX 1802, Union City, CA 94587. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 6/8/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Gerals Long, Single Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 18, 2026. Expires June 17, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6918. Published July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 623653

The following person(s) doing business as: Dumont Creamery & Cafe Livermore, 2375 Railroad Ave, Suite 101, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Presence Cafe LLC, 2700 Ellis Town DR, Tracy CA 95377. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ajay Vattipally, Member Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 28, 2026. Expires May 27, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6919. Published July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624187

The following person(s) doing business as: R & R Flooring, 1951 88th Ave, Oakland, CA 94621 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Brian Rogel, 1951 88th Ave, Oakland, CA 94621. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 6/22/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Brian Rogel, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 22, 2026. Expires June 21, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6920. Published July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 623966

The following person(s) doing business as: Accentera, 7475 Burnham Way, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hanawa Garden, LLC, 7475 Burnham Way, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Kristine Oo, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 9, 2026. Expires June 8, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6921. Published July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 608808

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s). Accentera Decor, 7475 Burnham Way, Dublin, CA 94568. Registered by the

following owner(s): Kristine Oo, 4104 Dublin Blvd, Ste F-103, Dublin, CA 94568. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 8/21/2024 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by an Individual. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Kristine Oo, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 6/9/2026. The Independent, Legal No. 6922. Published July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624194

The following person(s) doing business as: Akha Roots, 5501 Claremont Ave, Apt C, Oakland, CA 94618 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nicha Goldman, 5501 Claremont Ave, Apt C, Oakland, CA 94618. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 6/22/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Nicha Goldman, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 22, 2026. Expires June 21, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6923. Published July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 623851

The following person(s) doing business as: Arete Arts Group LLC, 11921 W Vornac Road, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Arete Arts Group LLC, 11921 W Vornac Road, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 6/4/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Timothy R. Salaver, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 5, 2026. Expires June 4, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6924. Published July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624347

The following person(s) doing business as: Clarity Wellness, 473 Oriole Avenue, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Susan Green, 473 Oriole Avenue, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 2/5/2015. Signature of Registrant/s/: Susan Green, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 29, 2026. Expires June 28, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6925. Published July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624370

The following person(s) doing business as: Hacienda Lavandula, 4570 Mines Road, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Micaela Garofalo, 4570 Mines Road, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Micaela Garofalo, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 29, 2026. Expires June 28, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6926. Published July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624442

The following person(s) doing business as: Two Palms Hand Car Wash, 2645 Old First ST, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): JF Livermore Car Wash Inc, 4361 Technology DR, Unit H, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 6/30/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Harjinder Singh, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 1, 2026. Expires June 30, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6927. Published July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624388

The following person(s) doing business as: Compuchild, 3736 Fallon Road, Suite 125, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nextgen Learning, LLC, 4061 E Castro Valley Blvd, Suite 465, Castro Valley, CA 94552. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Samareen Rafai, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 29, 2026. Expires June 28, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6928. Published July 16, 23, 30, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624090

The following person(s) doing business as: Barker Maintenance & Consulting, 4086 Loch Lomand Way, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Christopher Ryan Barker, 4086 Loch Lomand Way, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 6/15/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Christopher Ryan Barker. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 15, 2026. Expires July 14, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6930. Published July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624056

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Alta Solutions; 2. Hempy Buddies, 6111 Fieldstore DR, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Altamont Solutions LLC, 6111 Fieldstone DR, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 12/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Brandon K. Bice, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 15, 2026. Expires July 14, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6931. Published July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624297

The following person(s) doing business as: Comfort Keepers #1199, 39652 Mission BLVD, Fremont, CA 94539 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): i3 Elementa LLC, 2369 Cantalisse Drive, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Satpal S. Dhilon, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 26, 2026. Expires June 25, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6932. Published July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624340

The following person(s) doing business as: iTrustNotary, 43301 Mission Boulevard, Fremont, CA 94539 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): iTrust-Notary LLC, 43301 Mission Boulevard, Fremont, CA 94539. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 6/1/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Kern Singh, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 29, 2026. Expires June 28, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6933. Published July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624580

The following person(s) doing business as: Duke's Plumbing, 365 Lille Ave, San Leandro, CA 94577 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Rory McHale Jr., 365 Lille Ave, San

Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Rory McHale Jr., Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 8, 2026. Expires July 7, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6934. Published July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624603

The following person(s) doing business as: Shadeloom Spaces, 7050 N Mariposa LN, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jaya Prakash Tondapu, 7050 N. Mariposa LN, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jaya Prakash Tondapu, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 9, 2026. Expires July 8, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6935. Published July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624140

The following person(s) doing business as: Mod of Livermore, 563 Leisure Street, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Timothy Morgan, 563 Leisure Street, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 4/7/1997. Signature of Registrant/s/: Timothy Morgan, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 16, 2026. Expires June 15, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6936. Published July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624391

The following person(s) doing business as: Pacific Hernia Institute, a Division of BASS Medical Group, 5901 Christine Ave, Suite 401, Emeryville, CA 94608 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): BASS Medical Group, 2637 Shadelands DR, Walnut Creek, CA 94598. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 6/1/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Rajiv Nagesetty, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 30, 2026. Expires June 29, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6937. Published July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624487

The following person(s) doing business as: The Healing Porch Collective, 6775 Golden Gate Drive, APT 483, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Shocka Heights, 3500 Bernal Ave, STE 145, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Shocka Heights, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 6, 2026. Expires July 5, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6938. Published July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624263

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Social Impact Advisor Network; 2. SIAN, 3525 Jorand Road, Oakland, CA 94619 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Fairlight Advisors LLC, 505 Montgomery Street, 10th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Shocka Heights, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 25, 2026. Expires June 24, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6939. Published July 23, 30, August 6, 2026.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624374

The following person(s) doing business as: Jango Works, 7685 Foothill RD, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Timothy Voss, 7685 Foothill RD, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Timothy Voss, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 29, 2026. Expires June 28, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6940. Published July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624683

The following person(s) doing business as: Agape Enterprises, 7223 Avon CT, Dublin, CA 94568-2101 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Don Stoneham, 7223 Avon CT, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 1/1/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Don Stoneham, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 13, 2026. Expires July 12, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6941. Published July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624327

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Starting on Monday August 3, 2026, at 8:00am the Housing Authority of the City of Livermore (LHA) will be opening the wait list for the Project Based Voucher (PBV) property, Pacific Range (Senior). It will close on Friday August 7, 2025, at 11:59 pm.

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The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program and all other PBV waiting lists remain closed.

A Little Circus With a Big Show

By Dawnmarie Fehr

LIVERMORE — The Venardos Circus rolled into Livermore for the second year in a row and residents have not been disappointed with the all-new performance.

The traveling outfit landed in Friesman Park earlier this month and scheduled shows through July 26. Founded by former Ringling Bros. ringmaster Kevin Venardos, the animal-free circus aims to reimagine the traditional American circus as a theat-

lasts two to three weeks, then the tent is packed up in less than four hours. The team's next stop is Portland, Oregon. A unit will travel with one show for about two years and hit 45 cities.

"This community showed up last year and we had a lot of fun and so we are here again because it was great last year," said one of the show's performers who goes by the stage name Mr. Edge.

Edge noted that aside from himself, all performers and acts — including his — are new this year. The team

\$30 bucks a seat?"

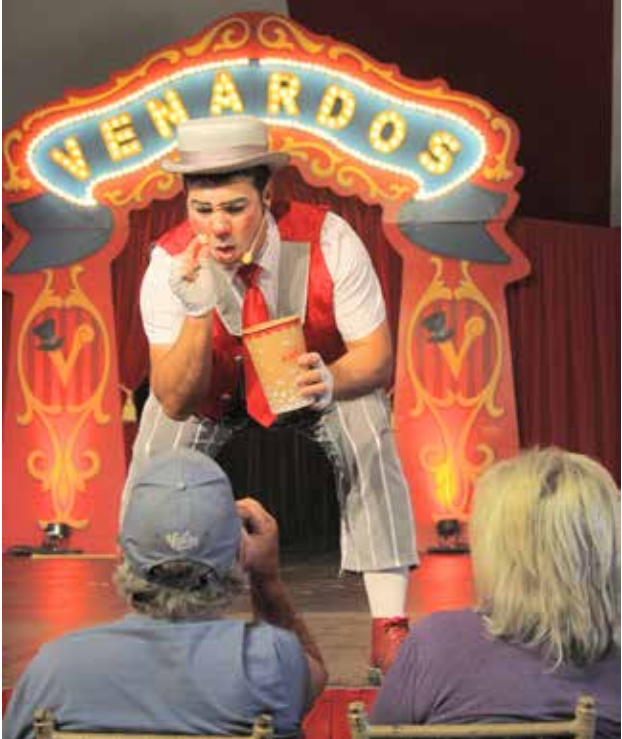
An evening at the Venardos Circus includes a festive atmosphere in its striped tent, with performers interacting with the audience, showcasing unique skills and enjoying their time in the ring. The circus makes its own lemonade, popcorn and cotton candy fresh each day to sell, and offers face painting and photo opportunities. Many of the performers grew up in circuses, watching parents and siblings perform, and taking their own dreams of performing to the next level. From tight rope walking to extreme juggling to aerial ropes to a clever clown, the Venardos Circus has it all.

The circus was established in 2014 by Kevin Venardos. Edge had been travelling the world as a cruise ship performer and though he saw the show in 2017, he was happy with his own gig. When the COVID-19 pandemic docked all cruise ships in 2020, he began looking for something new. He came across Venardos again in Florida in 2021 and decided to join the show.

"I signed on for three months and here I am, more than five years later, still loving it," Edge said.

"This is just something that I believe in so much," Edge said. "To see children put down their devices and look up and enjoy something someone has put their life into learning is an epic reward for me. I'm 57 years old and I see the youth of the nation and boy, they won't look up from whatever they have in their hand, but I notice a change when they come into this tent. It whisks you back to a time before Steve Jobs put devices in all our pockets."

The Venardos Circus will continue its run at Friesman Park through Sunday, July 26, at 3505 Livermore Outlets Drive, in Livermore. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.venardos-circus.com.



Venardos Circus performer Mr. Edge shares a lighthearted moment with audience members under the big top. The family-friendly show runs through July 26 at Friesman Park. (Photo — May Fraser)

rical experience celebrating artistry, storytelling and human connection.

What started in a small tent with a team of five performers grew into two traveling units with completely different shows and teams of more than a dozen each. When a unit arrives in a new town, it's all hands on deck to put up the tent, which takes about six hours, and seats 500 people. Shows are performed five days a week for a run that

brought a family-friendly show called "Far Beyond," meant to sweep audiences into a world of wonder.

"This is a great show, we have musical numbers, we have the ebb and flow of a traditional circus, and it's 'far beyond' your wildest dreams," Edge said. "The show is great for the grandkids, it's great for the grandparents, and it's cool enough for date night. Where else are you going to see people risk their lives for you at

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