

### Solar Report Shows

## Roof Panels Could Save Acres from Development

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — Two advocates for policies to cope with climate change have issued a report that promotes rooftop solar projects over solar farms, saying the panels will increase renewable energy while protecting open spaces and natural habitats.

The July 8 report from the Environment California Research and Policy Center and Frontier Group said rooftop panels that generate 28.5 gigawatts of power would save 148,000 acres of land needed to manufacture the same amount with solar farms. According to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, an average residential solar installation in 2019 could generate up to

(See SOLAR, page 8)

## Swalwell's Requests For Funding Granted

REGIONAL — Nine of the 10 Community Project Funding requests made by Rep. Eric Swalwell (CA-15) for vital community projects in the East Bay have been granted by the House Appropriations subcommittees, totaling \$11.5 million.

"From safe and reliable drinking water to mental health services to housing the homeless, these projects will significantly improve the lives of 15th Congressional District residents," Swalwell said. "I'm pleased that the subcommittees agreed, and I look forward to continuing the fight to have this funding

(See SWALWELL, page 6)

## TVC Names Laura Antrim New Director

LIVERMORE — The Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC) Board of Directors announced the appointment of Laura Antrim as the new executive director.

Antrim will succeed Laura Mercier who retired at the end of June 2021 after 18 years of



Laura Antrim

service to the organization. Antrim is an accomplished leader, engineer and project manager with over 13 years of experience at The Wine Group in Livermore and Ripon, and most recently, as a manager with Bay Area Rapid Transit.

"The Tri-Valley Conservancy Board of Directors is looking forward to working with Laura and for her to apply her expertise as the land trust undertakes several new projects to revitalize local agriculture, implement

(See DIRECTOR, page 9)



Volunteers from the East Bay Casual Hikers group gathered at the Pleasanton Ridge Tuesday morning to assist in the ongoing search for missing runner Philip Kreycik, 37. The Berkeley resident's wife reported him missing Saturday afternoon after he failed to return home from a run. To read more, see page 10. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

[See photo gallery at [www.independentnews.com/multimedia](http://www.independentnews.com/multimedia)]

## Bill to Preserve Tesla Park Advances

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — Nearly two years after Gov. Gavin Newsom vetoed similar legislation, the latest attempt to protect a 3,100-acre Tesla Park site near Livermore from use as an off-road vehicle recreation area moved ahead Thursday, July 8, in a state Senate committee in Sacramento.

The National Resources and Water committee voted 6-1 to send Tri-Valley Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan's AB 1512 to its next stop, the Appropriations Committee, where it would need to be approved before shifting to the entire Senate for a vote.

The bill passed 57-20 in the Assembly on June 1.

"AB 1512 is trying to

settle this decades-long dispute, which I would point out has cost taxpayers significant resources to fight over this land, and we need to just resolve it and call it a day," Bauer-Kahan told the panel.

As he did at an Assembly committee hearing in May, Brandon Dawson, acting director of Sierra Club California, told the senate panel that "permanent preservation of Tesla Park is a top conservation priority for the East Bay region."

"There is overwhelming support for Tesla preservation from not only university professors and scientists, Native American leaders, ranchers, conservation and preservation groups in the community, (but also) public agencies such as the County of Alameda, City of Liver-

more, East Bay Regional Park District," Dawson said.

Dee Rosario, East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Board president, said the bill's passage was necessary to preserve native vegetation and wildlife habitats, as well as the historic Tesla town and mine complex, and sites important to indigenous people.

"This rich history is important to us now and to future generations," Rosario said.

If ultimately passed by the heavily Democratic legislature and signed by Newsom, Bauer-Kahan's bill would forever preserve the portion of the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area known as the Alameda-Tesla Expan-

(See TESLA, page 8)

## Council Considers All-Electric Plans

By Aly Brown

LIVERMORE — The Livermore City Council this week considered a framework for an electrification ordinance that would eliminate gas from all new construction and increase the number of charging stations for electric vehicles.

Tricia Pontau, an associate planner with the city, presented the framework, which came out of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) update underway since early 2020. The CAP measures propose to adopt reach codes — which are voluntarily more stringent than state building codes — requiring all-electric new buildings and expanding requirements for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. New construction would be required to

help facilitate electric vehicle adoption citywide by making 20% to 30% of its parking spaces capable of charging electric vehicles and at least one operational Level II EV charger in new multi-family and nonresidential developments.

"Building electrification is one of the most effective and affordable tools for cities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions," Pontau said.

She pointed out that Assembly Bill 3232 requires 40% greenhouse gas reductions in buildings by 2030. This means new residential and nonresidential buildings will need to reduce the wasteful, uneconomic, inefficient or unnecessary consumption of energy, including energy associated with the use of water. Senate

Bill 100 requires the electric sector to be 60% renewable by 2030 and 100% carbon-free by 2045, meaning that the procurement of energy through solar or wind energy must not emit climate-altering gases.

Speaker Dr. Roger Logan said that the costs presented by Rincon Consultants Inc. in the staff report seem incredibly low, but beyond that, there was not enough cost benefit or cost data to show how the figures were achieved. He pointed out that China plans to build more coal through 2030 and called for an alternative plan to encourage and enable "top offender" nations to do their part.

"What about something really innovative?" Logan

(See ELECTRIC, page 8)

## Zone 7 Eyes \$77M Project

By Ron McNicoll

REGIONAL — Zone 7 Water Agency directors will soon consider spending an estimated \$77 million to install pipelines linking the Chain of Lakes.

The pipeline framework would help to store more water in the underground basin between Pleasanton and Livermore or send emergency drought supplies to the Del Valle Water Treatment Plant near Arroyo Road.

The board is expected to make its decision about pipeline routes later this year.

On June 29, Zone 7 staff presented information to the Zone 7 Water Resources Committee (WRC), comprised of directors Sandy Figuers, Sarah Palmer and Dennis Gambs. The direc-

tors asked clarifying questions but took no position.

Zone 7 also has met with staff members from Livermore, Pleasanton and the county in an outreach effort.

Although total costs have been penciled in at \$77 million, a report to the committee notes that it is "not applicable yet" to address funding, since it is still early in the process, and there won't be a need to choose the routes until the end of the year.

Approximately \$69.5 million of the \$77 million total cost will come in overlapping phases of environmental review, permit process, monitoring, and construction, which is expected to begin in January 2024 and finish in early 2026.

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## Water District to Submit Offer on The N3 Ranch

By Aly Brown

REGIONAL — The Alameda County Water District (ACWD) on Thursday last week directed staff to proceed with a backup offer for the purchase of the N3 Ranch, currently listed at \$68 million.

While the 50,500-acre property — which spans the counties of Alameda, Santa Clara, San Joaquin and Stanislaus — has a "sale pending" status due to another offer on the table, the district will put one forward for consideration should a sale not be constituted.

"It's not uncommon for a sale of a property like this — which can be very

complex — it's possible that it may not go through," said Ed Stevenson, ACWD manager of engineering and technology services.

The district's primary interests in obtaining the property include watershed protection. It covers portions of four sub-watersheds in the Alameda Creek Watershed, which provides the district with 40% of its water supply.

"We want to ensure that whatever happens with this watershed is going to maintain the quality of the water that ultimately serves the district and our customers," he continued.

Stevenson noted that

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### On Nuclear Issues

## Local Group Joins Suit Against Federal Agency

By Jeff Garberson

REGIONAL — A local antinuclear group is taking part in a lawsuit against the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), as that federal agency moves ahead with plans to increase its capacity for making the plutonium cores of nuclear weapons, commonly called "pits."

The local antinuclear group is Tri Valley CAREs, for Citizens Against a Radioactive Environment. It has joined activist organizations from New Mexico and South Carolina in suing the NNSA.

The lawsuit alleges that NNSA is failing to live up to an obligation imposed by

the National Environmental Protection Act to carry out a full nationwide review of the enlarged pit manufacturing program.

Instead, the suit alleges, NNSA has improperly conducted only location-specific studies of the two sites where pit manufacturing will occur, Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico and the Savannah River Site in South Carolina.

The big federal agency should carry out a nationwide study of all the activities that might be affected by its expanded program, from the transportation of radioactive waste to altered operations at the manufac-

(See LAWSUIT, page 8)

## Bankhead Reopens to the Public for Live Performances

By Ruth Roberts

LIVERMORE — The Bankhead Theater reopened its doors to the public last week for its first live music event since COVID-19 restrictions closed the performing arts center about 16 months ago.

A.J. Croce, son of legendary musician Jim Croce, performed to a sold-out crowd for his "Croce Plays Croce" show, presenting classic songs from his late father's playbook including "Time in a Bottle," "Bad,

Bad Leroy Brown" and "Lovers Cross," as well as his own compositions.

"We were very excited to be opening again," said Chris Carter, executive director of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC). "It felt like everyone in the crowd was in a great mood and just happy to be seeing live music. A.J. Croce was excellent, and the crew all said he was incredibly nice and easy to work with."

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A.J. Croce played to a sold-out Bankhead Theater in the first live performance in almost 16 months. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen) [See photo gallery at [www.independentnews.com/multimedia](http://www.independentnews.com/multimedia)]



TINSEL

### PET OF THE WEEK

Handsome Tinsel shoulders his fancy moniker well. This active and athletic boy doesn't let much throw him off his game. He's open and affectionate to people from all walks of life and excited to meet other active cats who enjoy a game of follow-the-leader. At just one year of age, Tinsel is a very fun and active cat who will gladly accept some scratches and pets when he's ready to rest. For more information, please contact info@valleyhumane.org. Valley Humane Society coordinates adoptions by appointment only. (Photo - Valley Humane Society /E. Scholz)

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## Teens Support Seniors With Handmade Cards

By Jesse Watson

Isolation has stood out as a common theme throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, especially in the Tri-Valley's senior population.

Vulnerability to the virus forced senior citizens to cut off in-person contact with friends and loved ones. In response, a group of Pleasanton teens started a nonprofit organization, HappyArt, to combat isolation through handcrafted cards.

card creators, and the team has produced a total of 754 handmade cards for various causes.

"Our talented card creators use their calligraphy skills to make impactful cards that we know the senior citizens will love," said Aditi. "Even though most of us are in high school, we put our time and efforts into HappyArt, because it is a great way for us to show appreciation and just genuinely create smiles on



From left, Ishmet Dhillon and Aditi Balakrishna of Pleasanton display greeting cards they send to seniors as part of their organization called HappyArt. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Led by the group's president, Aditi Balakrishna, and vice president, Ishmet Dhillon, HappyArt consists of 15 teens who create and send cards to senior centers, health care workers and firefighters.

"HappyArt's goal is to help support all those who need help and create a movement to empower others to do good in their communities," said Ishmet.

The organization got its start during May of last year as a way to show love to seniors in the community during the height of the pandemic.

According to Aditi, HappyArt was initially just a project among her friends and family to support local seniors. Their initial effort produced 100 cards, which they donated to the Pleasanton Senior Center.

Since last May, HappyArt has grown to include 15

seniors' faces."

Above all, HappyArt aims to spread positivity in a time when people need it most. Through a simple handmade card, these teens hope to show their recipients that they're not alone and that there are people out there who appreciate them.

"We know a card doesn't cure anything, but with each card, we hope to bring a smile on people's faces," said Ishmet. "HappyArt's one of many purposes is to bring hope and shed light, especially during hard times."

HappyArt recently started offering community service hours for high school students as well. Students can earn 15 minutes of community service hours per card.

To get involved or learn more, visit [www.happy-art.org](http://www.happy-art.org) or email the team at [aditi.happyart@gmail.com](mailto:aditi.happyart@gmail.com).

## Alameda County Sales Tax Hike Highest in State

Alameda County residents now have the highest county sales tax rates in the state.

Effective July 1, Livermore, Dublin, Sunol and Pleasanton tax rates will raise to 10.25%. Six other Alameda County cities, including Alameda, Albany, Hayward, Union City, Newark and San Leandro, saw their rates rise to 10.75%.

The 1% increase is the result of the passage of 2020's Measure C and Measure W.

Measure C funds pediatric health care, child care, preschool and early education programs. The 0.5% increase passed with 64.35% of the vote. Measure W, also raised rates 0.5% and passed with 50.09% of the vote and funds essential county and social services.

The Alameda County

Taxpayers' Association is challenging the tax hike on multiple grounds, including charges the taxes were required to pass with a two-thirds supermajority. However, previous court rulings have upheld the simple majority for passage, so their success is unlikely. Until a decision is made the collected funds will sit in an escrow account where they cannot be spent.

Regardless, shoppers are feeling the sting at the checkout.

"I wasn't really paying attention to the new rate, but I am seeing it now," said Dublin resident May Davis, who purchased a new laptop computer over the weekend. "Over \$100 in sales tax on this (computer)? That is crazy."

## Swalwell Joins the Call for Pregnancy Health Coverage

Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA) has joined 38 other Democratic members of Congress in asking that the Department of Health and Human Services issue guidance that federally funded and administered health insurers must cover all pregnancy and pregnancy-related services, including maternity care for dependents.

"It would be illogical and contrary to the [Affordable Care Act] to require coverage of some costs, including prenatal care, but not the most significant costs, including those for labor and delivery," the members said in a letter to HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra.

"We applaud the Biden Administration's work to expand access to healthcare during the COVID-19 pandemic," they said. "We urge you to continue your work and issue further guidance that all costs related to pregnancy should

be covered for insured individuals' dependent children."

Prior to adoption of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) most individual healthcare plans did not include maternity care. In 2015, HHS directed that plans covering dependent children must also cover preventive care services, including prenatal care. However, that coverage often excludes labor and delivery.

In their letter, the Congress members argue that failing to cover all the costs of a dependent child, including maternity care, violates the ACA's policy against gender discrimination and disproportionately impacts women of color.

The letter was supported by the National Women's Law Center, the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, NARAL Pro-Choice America, and March of Dimes.

## Quest Science Center to Host 4th Innovation Fair at County Fairgrounds

Quest Science Center will host the fourth Tri-Valley Innovation Fair on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

"It's important to be welcoming and accessible to people of all backgrounds, with a central and familiar location that has ample flexible indoor and outdoor exhibit space for exhibitors and can also accommodate evolving public health guidelines this year," said Quest CEO Monya Lane. "Planning the event with the Alameda County Fairgrounds was the perfect solution and they've been a wonderful partner every step of the way."

Past Innovation Fairs were held at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore, but with attendance expected to exceed 2,000 this year, Quest agreed to host the event and explore venue options.

The fair is designed to bring science and technology to life through hands-on activities, exhibits, and program sessions that appeal to a diverse audience, including students, families, educators, and other community members.

The event, which will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., is free and open to the public. Details are available at <https://quest-science.org/innovation-fair/>.

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## “Jesus Christ Superstar” Coming to the Vine

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Vine Cinema and Alehouse will host a digitally remastered screening of “Jesus Christ Superstar” next month, complete with an appearance by the film’s lead, Ted Neeley.

Neeley played Jesus Christ in the original 1973 film, using his strong vocals to propel Andrew Lloyd Weber’s lyrics to audiences all over the world. With the easing of restrictions on indoor gatherings and the 50th anniversary of the film’s release approaching, Neeley has taken the film back on its screening tour, with the first stop in Livermore.

“We have done screenings at the Vine before, and there are wonderful people at the Vine,” Neeley said. “The idea is to support the local community theaters. One hundred percent of the general admission is going to the Vine Cinema and Alehouse, because so many of these theaters have been locked down and run out of business and we want to support them.”

Neeley is also celebrating the release of a documentary he produced offering a behind-the-scenes look at the making of “Jesus Christ Superstar,” with original photos and footage of the cast in

Israel during the making of the film and interviews with principal characters.

When Norman Jewison began casting for the film version, he sought out unknown actors to give the film an organic feel and to help maintain focus on the story line. Neeley said his accidental meeting with Jewison changed his life and career.

“This film has stood the test of time, and I am on the road doing the show live all the time,” Neeley said. “All over the world, there are so many people who have seen this show over 100 times who come back. . . The real miracle is I shall forever be 33.”

The version being screened at the Vine was digitally remastered by a company in Italy and accidentally discovered by Frank Munoz, a friend of Neeley’s. They obtained the rights and set up a screening tour that was delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, although Neeley said he is disappointed that the sing-along feature has not been able to return, he is thrilled to be back on the road supporting community theater.

“I am so happy we get to do something, because this pandemic has closed so many businesses over-

whelmingly in the entertainment industry,” he said. “I always ask communities to support their independently owned and operated theaters. The fact we can go out and help these local theaters raise funds and stay alive is just wonderful.”

The August screening will not be Neeley’s first appearance at the Vine. He brought “Superstar” to Livermore almost two years ago with such success, he said he was looking forward to coming back as soon as he left.

“We are very excited to be hosting Mr. Neeley again,” said Kenny Way, Vine manager. “We entertained Ted in November of 2019 before COVID, and it was a sold out, smashing success. It was a wonderful showing, and he is the nicest, sweetest person I’ve ever met. They approached me and wanted to see if we could do it again and I said ‘absolutely.’”

“Jesus Christ Superstar” will show at the Vine Cinema and Alehouse, 1722 First St., Livermore, on Thursday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m. General admission and VIP tickets available. For more information, visit [www.tedneeley.com](http://www.tedneeley.com), <https://www.vinecinema.com/>, or call 925-447-2545.

## Credit Union Launches Program

Chabot Federal Credit Union is now providing financial services, such as wealth management, asset protection, insurance, annuities, and estate planning, to select employer group members, including Chabot College, Las Positas College, the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, and the City of Hayward.

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## Museum on Main to Welcome ‘Marie Curie’

Famed scientist Marie Curie, as portrayed by noted storyteller Susan Marie Frontczak, will take the virtual stage this month at the Museum on Main as part of the Ed Kinney Speaker Series.

Curie, a two-time Nobel Prize winner, is best known for her pioneering work into radioactivity in the early 20th century. Frontczak, a scholar and living history performer, has portrayed the life of Curie on stages across the United States and in nine foreign countries more than 400 times since 2001.

Frontczak will present “A Visit with Marie Curie”

on the webinar platform Big Marker at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., on Wednesday, July 21.

The program, researched and written by Frontczak, will introduce the audience to the “woman behind the science,” according to the museum, including her childhood in Poland, early experiments treating cancer with radium, groundbreaking research to isolate two new elements, and the obstacles she had to overcome as a woman in science.

Curie died in 1934 at age 66 of aplastic anemia, caused by exposure to radiation from her scientific

research and radiological work at field hospitals during World War II.

The presentation is part of the STEM on Stage program, “Humanity Needs Dreamers,” to promote science through theater, film, and live events.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$15 for seniors and students, and \$10 for museum members, and are available at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or by calling 925-462-2766. Links to the virtual presentations will be sent to ticket holders by email one day before the performance.

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# EDITORIAL

## Urge Newsom to Sign AB 1512

With Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan's AB 1512 gaining support from the National Resources and Water Committee, environmentalists concerned with protecting Tesla Park from off-road vehicles saw another victory last week. This preservation bill will now make its way to the Appropriations Committee and then on to the Senate for a vote.

Sen. Steve Glazer, who previously authored a similar bill that was set aside in order to

push AB 1512 through the system, has been a significant force on this issue as well.

We urge Gov. Gavin Newsom to sign AB 1512.

This land is one of cultural significance to Native Americans and an important habitat to native vegetation and wildlife that would be harmed by the presence of loud off-road vehicles tearing through the soil. Families can still enjoy the park's beauty.

While Newsom vetoed Glazer's legisla-

tion nearly two years ago, this bill includes a trigger for mandatory preservation within the state parks department, instead of requiring a sale to a conservation group, which was something he opposed. Hopefully, that change will be enough to appease him and aid in the protection of a precious natural resource.

Those who wish to contact Newsom's office on the matter can either call 916-445-28411 or submit an online form through <https://govapps.gov.ca.gov/gov40mail>.

## MAILBOX

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### Ways to Ease the Climate Crisis

Ann Brown, Tri-Valley Citizens' Climate Education

I applaud your highlighting of one of the consequences of the climate crisis in your editorial on July 8 - increasing threats to human health from high temperature days. Recently, I passed an older woman sitting along the sidewalk, looking distressed and very hot. Let's all be alert for people who may be suffering and be proactive about offering help.

One blessing that we have in our communities is shade trees. The heat impact can be up to 20% lower if you are in shade. When outdoors, bring an umbrella for shade, along with a spray mister and a bottle of ice water. Evaporative cooling really helps!

These are adaptation strategies. Let's also consider getting to the root of the problem, greenhouse gas emissions. In the Tri-Valley, the two greatest sources are transportation and buildings. As a center for innovation, we can showcase some solutions and model the future. Here are some resources:

The Ray <https://theray.org> is a transportation innovator with some locally relevant projects that could work well here. For example: public EV charging stations using solar shade structures and battery storage, and inductive charging lanes for electric buses and trucks. Given the controversy over the Aramis solar project, here is a viable alternative: Right of

Way Solar, creating solar facilities on freeway right of way interchanges. On the Ray's interactive map on the website, they have identified the I-580 Airway Blvd. interchange as a potential site. Besides producing clean energy, these sites could be planted with native grasses and pollinator plants, restoring the soil's capacity to sequester and capture excess CO2. Watch a YouTube video with Allie Kelly of The Ray, as she explains and shows graphics of some of these solutions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uHx0g8AKiZs>

Allie is the July monthly speaker for Citizens' Climate Lobby. You can watch recordings of many fine speakers on the CCL YouTube channel, or visit <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/monthly-speakers/>.

Use the natural air conditioning of our bay marine layer whenever possible. Set your thermostat for 76 - 78°F. It is generally cooling down to at least that in the evenings, so just open your screened windows and doors until the next morning when it rises above that. Close the blinds as the sun hits the windows. Energy efficiency can save dollars and on the potent F-gases released by air conditioning that exacerbate the climate crisis.

### Time to Negotiate

Mary Anne Rozsa, Livermore

It is time for the players in the Downtown core development to come to the table and negotiate a responsible resolution. It is unfortunate that a lawsuit had to be filed to get the attention of our Mayor, City Council members and Eden Housing. Citizens have begged to get the attention of our City's leadership with no response from them to consider any plan other than what they have proposed, with a majority of citizens opposing the Eden Housing being built on the last open space available in our downtown. This land should be reserved for the enjoyment of all our residents and visitors. Certainly, we need affordable housing, but this is not the location. Now is the time to come together and present a plan that can accommodate housing in a better location and save the Downtown for what most residents envision as a Central Park, not encircled by multiple story buildings. It is not going to be an easy process, but all parties involved have the time to work on a better solution to move housing forward as well as save the last downtown open space.

### We Had Been Warned!

Owen Brovont, Livermore

None other than our first President, George Washington, in his 1796 Farewell Address, warned the American people with these words:

However (political parties) may now and then answer popular ends, they are likely in the course of time and things, to become potent

engines, by which cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government, destroying afterwards the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominion.

Given the events of the last several years, are we not seeing that warning fulfilled? Washington also gave the fledgling American society a clue of what was necessary to ensure that our democratic republic would continue.

"... The general Government is arranged, that it can never be in danger of degenerating into a monarchy, an Oligarchy, an Aristocracy, or any other despotic or oppressive form; so long as there shall remain any virtue in the body of the People."

Washington meant that virtue would have to be a characteristic of the general public, not just typical of a few people. Given the turmoil and the failure of the general public to rise up in righteous objection to current events is an indication that the American people do not possess the requisite "virtue" that Washington said would be necessary to preserve the Republic!

"What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives everything its value," said Thomas Paine in 1776. Our freedom and our Republic appears to have been obtained too cheaply by the majority of the last several generations - if one is to judge by the current state of American society.

Are these two men, speaking across nearly 250 years, suggesting that we should choose more trustworthy leaders who are demonstrably honest and virtuous and believe in the American Republic as founded? Are they not implicitly indicting the Woke Generation as woefully ignorant, conspicuously foolish, and critically dangerous?

### Consider Alternatives for Affordable Housing

Peggy and Paul Schimmelman, Livermore

We are writing in support of the Save Livermore Downtown lawsuit against locating the Eden Housing in the center of downtown. We feel strongly that affordable housing should certainly be built in Livermore, but also feel that the center of town should be for all and not the few (whatever their income levels are). We also feel the city council has ignored a large segment of Livermore citizens who clearly do not want the Eden Housing project in the center of town. A new "win-win" would have the council meet with the community to consider alternate locations for affordable housing.

### Feinstein Supports Jim Crow?

Alan Marling, Livermore

I would hate to think of a California Senator being a white supremacist in favor of voter suppression, but Feinstein's recent statement to Forbes makes it hard to come to a different conclusion. "If democracy were in jeopardy, I would want to protect it. But I don't see it being in jeopardy right now."

Voting rights aren't in jeopardy for millionaires in San Francisco. The same is not true for the working class and people of color in

other states where Republicans are restricting access to the polls. These new Jim Crow laws are spreading everywhere from Georgia to Florida.

Either Senator Feinstein is too oblivious and senile to see that and should resign, or she is a white supremacist and should resign. The only other path that won't leave a stain on her legacy is for her to call for an end to the filibuster and the passage of the For the People Act.

### Eden Housing Made Big Mistake

Rich Buckley, Livermore

Livermore's mayor promised he would be open to publicly review alternative locations for Eden Housing and/or moderate to low income housing across the street, north of Railroad Avenue, and other possible sites, during the height of his recent mayoral campaign. He has not honored that commitment and has walked it back in so many ways. The mayor's promise was tendered at a critical moment in his election campaign, knowing 4 to 1 public preference that we keep the old Lucky's store site open and place the housing elsewhere. The committee had even obtained legal opinion that there was a legal basis that would support such actions.

WE ARE EXPERIENCING BROKEN SUPPLY CHAINS AND 38% CONSTRUCTION INFLATION. Directly across the street <https://bdearch.com/legacy-livermore/>, .150-feet away from the misguided Eden Housing Project, is a cost saving rental project known as Legacy Partners about 50% to 60% completed, fully vetted, with traditional parking ratios, and environmental clearances and perhaps best of all, nearly ready to go. We will save 3 to 5 years of hyperinflation costs to just condemn what we need out of the LEGACY PARTNERS project. It's hardly NIMBYISM to root for a much sounder financial solution benefiting the public and building within 150 feet. This is about a City Council's total disconnect in regard to expressed public opinion on this downtown project to develop a much larger open space all the way through from South Livermore Avenue to South L Street. Eden Housing muffed it, Big Time. Even their architect offered his apology.

In Support of Eden Suit

Cal Wood, Livermore

I am happy to see that there seems to be a way for concerned citizens to work with the City and Eden in regard to the location of Eden's downtown housing project.

I know John Marchand and have met with Bob Woerner and I feel that both of them are men of integrity and would never take direct money (a bribe) from anyone. There has been a change in Livermore, however, in that both Bob and John accepted contributions to their election campaigns from developer interests. This represents a distinct departure from most of our previous mayors and city council members in previous administrations. I have lived in Livermore continuously since our return here in 1964, so my time here covers a lot of our local history. I remember that almost all of our previous mayors refused even contributions

to their election campaigns to avoid the very appearance of undue influence (unlike Dublin's recent seemingly unchecked development history). I believe that this has had a wonderful influence in making Livermore such a desirable community in which to live and raise a family.

The lawsuit seems to me to be the only way left to get our leaders to hear us - we want a park, not housing, on the downtown lot, since it looks like a better alternative exists to move housing north and gain quite a few more housing units in the process.

Can you imagine housing in Golden Gate Park (SFO) or Central Park (NYC)? Even Sacramento has no housing in the park just east of our state capitol. Perhaps the lawsuit might enable us to work out better options with the City and Eden for a downtown housing location. I fully back the lawsuit.

### Kudos to the School Board

Sally Brown, Livermore

This article properly lauds young Vieira for a project at the Livermore Jackson Avenue Elementary School garden "which has allowed the school to grow its own seedlings for transplant."

This 93-year-old woman recalls the days when the concept of a vegetable garden at the same school was forbidden and fifth grade teacher, Dr. Abe Feinberg received a negative evaluation because his class actually created such a garden on school property.

Hooray for an enlightened school board.

### Keep the A's Local

Betty Mendoza, Livermore

I am writing today about our Oakland A's baseball team and the possibility of them moving away.

We have lost the Oakland Raiders, and the Warriors found a new home in S.F. Now, the only professional sports team we have here on our side of the Bay could be moving out of state, which leaves us with no professional sports teams here at all.

I was born and raised in Oakland 78 years ago, my three children also were born in Oakland. We all now reside in Livermore, but our hearts are still with Oakland and our A's, and the last thing we want to see is them move away.

On July 20, the Oakland city council will take a vote to decide whether to keep the A's here and build a new stadium or to let them go! I know that the mayor of Oakland, Libby Schaff would like them to stay, but that's not enough. We need to get out our paper and pens and start writing to the city council and let them know that we want and need our sports team here at the Howard Terminal in Oakland!

So please every sports fan out there, let's get together and fill the mailboxes with letters asking the council to vote YES to letting us keep our only professional sports team here on our side of the Bay!

"Rooted in Oakland," "Stay in Oakland."

### Last Hope for Our Central Park

Richard Langlois, Livermore

After the Measure P election, the proponents of the Downtown Park offered to hold off on litigation hoping the Mayor and City Council

would put forth some efforts at compromise. The current city leaders chose to ignore any compromise, but instead they voted to move forward with the Eden Project. This plan is even more massive and intrusive on a potential park than any proposal the city has made in the last three years. Unfortunately, litigation may be the only option to get this City Council, or their future elected replacements, to listen to the citizens and make an open Downtown Park reflecting our relaxed wine country heritage.

### Swalwell Needs to Investigate Homeland Security

Van Rainey, Livermore

I was watching Rachel Maddow last Friday night on her hour on MSNBC and was shocked to learn in a segment that concerned Afghani's that assisted us but are being thwarted from receiving refuge in our country by people in the Department of Homeland Security and the State Department. According to her report that is substantiated by government reports and testimony that people in these departments are preventing potential recipients of refuge from being transferred and housed in U.S. territory of Guam where they can be further processed and vetted for permanent admission to the U.S. The purported logic of these bureaucrats is that they are against allowing them onto U.S. territories because they would then have the legal right to appeal an administrative decision. More succinctly, they would deny already fully-vetted Afghani's who were promised refuge because we are afraid of providing them due process for our decisions. The potential tragedy is that time is running out for us to gather these people and their families to allow them safe passage while the government is removing all personnel from the area.

Since Rep. Swalwell serves on the Homeland Security Committee, I am hoping that he can investigate this issue more deeply and urgently to resolve the bureaucratic log jam that threatens the lives and welfare of families that have served us loyally and are due what we promised them. Why this is an issue is beyond comprehension but needs to be resolved immediately. I recognize that Rep. Swalwell has many issues which he needs to address but few others have the urgency and consequence that this failure would create.

### Where is the Compromise?

Dave Biggers, Livermore

Eden Housing has gotten bigger, taller and uglier with every unveiling, and it seems to consume more real estate now, than originally intended. This just leads me to ask ... Mayor Woerner, what happened to your urging that we should all "work together on a solution that would result

in a "win-win" for all involved?" To date, I've seen no evidence of that. I fear that it was just your pre-election gibberish designed only to help get you elected. Please, prove me wrong. Show some honest attempt at it, even if it doesn't pan out.

### Have You Ever Wondered?

Mark Frise, Livermore

Why is it that?:  
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Why we can have the Spanish flu and German measles, but cannot say Chinese (or Wuhan) virus/flu?

Why for four years illegal children were kept in cages at the border, but they miraculously became detention centers the day after the election?

Why walls don't work at the border, but Congress had a wall around the Capitol building for 6 months to keep people out?

Why when Trump stopped flights from China in 2020 there were cries of xenophobia, but when Biden stopped flights from India in 2021 all were heard were crickets?

Why Biden cancelled the XL pipeline on Day 1, but gave his blessing for Russia to build a pipeline to Germany?

Why the Left "celebrates" diversity, but will shut down any opinion contrary to theirs as "racist, homophobic, xenophobic, bigoted"?

Why Kapernick was celebrated for taking a knee for his beliefs, but Tebow was vilified for taking a knee for his beliefs?

Why liberals always complain that the country is being run by "old white people", but the president, speaker of the house &

senate majority leader (all Democrats) are "old white people"?

Why liberals push for the voting age to drop to age 16, yet will say we should not prosecute teenagers for violent crimes as adults because their brains are not fully developed?

Why, in 2017, the majority of Senate Democrats signed a letter to preserve the filibuster, but now that they have the majority, those same Senators attack the filibuster as "an archaic rule" and "racist"?

Why if a Republican president fires an appointee from a previous (Democrat) administration there is a media firestorm, but if a Democrat president fires an appointee from a previous (Republican) administration we, again, only hear crickets?

Why if Republicans in Congress vote to halt pending legislation they are called "obstructionists", but if Democrats in Congress vote to halt pending legislation they are called, "the resistance"?

#### Eden Housing Needs to Wake Up

Rob Blum, Livermore

It is shameful that Eden Housing is not taking the logical steps for the best

housing solution. I applaud Save Livermore Downtown for filing a lawsuit for an honest discussion on better options for a downtown park and Eden Housing. Talks need to take place to build across Railroad Avenue to save the downtown park and create more affordable housing. Eden Housing needs to take action and do the right thing to preserve the downtown with a large-scale open space for the citizens of Livermore. Eden Housing needs to take advantage of this opportunity to create more housing across Railroad Avenue. The City Council has a flawed plan and continues to deceive the citizens of Livermore with their bait and switch tactics. Wake up Eden Housing and make the right choice.

#### The Dissolution of Our Electrical Grid

Greg Scott, Livermore

As I write this letter over 142 square miles have burned in the Beckworth Complex

Fire north of Truckee. In southern Oregon, the Bootleg Fire has interrupted California electric energy imports on three electrical transmission lines. California is the largest net importer of electrical energy. Governor Newsom has temporar-

ily allowed ships in port to use their auxiliary power to relieve the California electrical grid, notwithstanding the greater carbon dioxide emissions.

We cannot continue the status quo of our complex,

over-stretched electrical grid. The way to change this is through Net Energy Metering (NEM) and energy storage using ammonia. We already have significant experience storing ammonia for fertilizer and other

uses. We need a new way to manufacture ammonia using high-efficiency gas plasma. The Australians have made great strides on this.

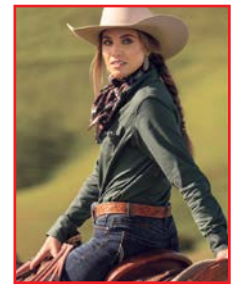
NEM is the installation of solar-electric on residence-

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## Livermore residents say: "Lawsuit could bring about a discussion"



Future Eden Housing building stretching for a block along Railroad Avenue from I Street to the extension of K Street. Source: City of Livermore Planning Document.

### "Bring about a discussion"

"I applaud Save Livermore Downtown for filing a lawsuit aimed to bring about a discussion on options for our Downtown park and housing. Too long have the Mayor and City Council created a divide among city residents...the time has come for the Mayor, Eden Housing and the residents of Livermore to have a discussion about their flawed plan and the options for our Downtown."

– Susan P, Livermore

### "A lawsuit to encourage the City and Eden Housing to come to the table"

"I am pleased Save Livermore Downtown (SLD) has filed a lawsuit to encourage the City and Eden Housing to come to the table to discuss alternative locations for the Eden Housing project. We certainly want affordable housing. It is the proposed location that is the problem."

– Merlin N, Livermore

### "A good thing"

"We are all rather cautious about lawsuits. However, the one filed recently regarding the Eden Housing Plan project is a good thing. Several important matters will be sorted out through well thought out negotiations."

– Ann G, Livermore

### "There is still time"

"There is still time to finalize a solution that the whole community can embrace and move forward in a positive and productive manner for all of the business owners, residents and visitors of this beautiful city. Please get together and resolve as soon as possible."

– Dan M, Livermore

### "Revisiting the issue would be very helpful"

"It appeared that a plan to accommodate the needs for housing and still leave significantly more open space in the "8 acres" is possible. Revisiting this issue would be very helpful to creating a downtown that we all would enjoy."

– Bill D, Livermore



## It's not too late to Save Livermore Downtown!

Sign the Petition at [SaveLivermoreDowntown.com](http://SaveLivermoreDowntown.com)



A SPARC on the Park event took place at the Livermore Stockmen's Park, Saturday, July 10, in celebration of the reopening of California. It was put on by Livermore Shakespeare Festival and Livermore Downtown Inc. and featured dance by Kalaikoil Dance of India and music by Cawdad Republic. The next SPARC on the Park is scheduled for July 31 in partnership with Hispanic Heritage Center. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen) [See photo gallery at [www.independentnews.com/multimedia](http://www.independentnews.com/multimedia)]

### Local Fiber Artists to Display Work at Museum on Main

The Museum on Main will showcase the work of four Pleasanton Art League fiber artists from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday, July 17.



Seen here is "Teatime," by local fiber artist Christine Watters, whose work will be on display July 17.

Jan Loomis, Nova Starling, Ruzanna Kirakosyan, and Christine Watters will set up on the museum's front lawn to exhibit their work, talk about their processes, and in some cases, demon-



Jan Loomis, who created the stitch work above, will be among the local fiber artists exhibiting their work at the Museum on Main in Pleasanton.

strate their techniques. The special event is in conjunction with the Pleasanton museum's current exhibit, "Stitching California: Textile Artists Interpret the Golden State," which includes 43 textile artists

four artists showcased, there will be examples of a wide range of fiber arts including silk painting, felting, fiber books, ribbon work, crochet

### Livermore Eagles to Hold Flea Market

The Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie 609, will hold a flea market at 527 N. Livermore Ave., Livermore, on Sat., Sept. 18. Vendors or those looking to rent tables should email Val Olson at [volson582003@yahoo.com](mailto:volson582003@yahoo.com) or call 925-449-5807. The cost is \$5 for a table or \$20 for a 15-by-15 foot space.

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es, commercial and government buildings, and other existing infrastructure such as parking lots. The building of new infrastructure for electrical transmission is minimal for NEM compared to, for example, utility-scale solar-electric.

There is a 'class warfare' campaign against NEM by Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) and others: they deemed it economically unfair. That it is. So why not promote NEM to low-income households and businesses through infrastructure investments? Because PG&E is in the business of selling energy and making money for investors.

Income is not the only inequality on solar-electric. In a study by the University of California Berkeley "Disparities in rooftop photovoltaics deployment in the United States by race and ethnicity," NEM is also established to be discriminatory by race, with income ruled out as a dominating factor. PG&E doesn't advertise that fact.

Jacqueline Patterson, Senior Director of the Environmental and Climate Justice Program for the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) states that "With clean energy, not only is it often a more affordable way of accessing energy, but it also puts us in control of our energy." What is the "control" of utility-scale solar-electric versus NEM rooftop solar? Rooftop solar projects "can slash monthly utility bills by up to 75 percent." ("Solar Power's Unequal Shine", Scientific

American, Summer 2021). How is this going to happen with utility-scale solar-electric?

There is no social justice in electricity rates when a household or business cannot reduce by NEM, or in very expensive food produced by "agrovoltatics" alongside of utility-scale solar-electric.

#### Revisit Residential Plans

Rifka Several, Livermore  
I am writing to support Doug Horner's letter to the editor from July 1, noting both the housing windows at ground level, as well as the drastic changes in downtown residential concepts. In the Livermore Downtown Specific Plan (Chapter 6), we understood "At multifamily buildings, the emphasis should be placed on giving each unit or each small cluster of units a sense of individual identity... accessed from and raised above the street." The current plan looks in at street level, rather than having the recommended rise as well as the individual dwelling identities.

#### Midnight at the Oasis

Anthony Beckett, Pleasanton  
Rep. Swalwell, please refrain from falling for foreign interests, be they Chinese spies, or Middle-east special interest groups. As enticing as they are, it sends a sour message to your constituents. Your latest junket to Qatar, shirtless (and maskless oh my) atop a camel is just another example of why foreign interests are attracted to you: you seem to be easily penetrated by

foreign operatives for questionable motives that have nothing to do with your constituents. And please, for optics alone, resign from the House Intelligence Committee. The irony is unbearable.

#### Eden Lawsuit Necessary

Vivian Guzman, Livermore  
I was glad to learn that we are filing a lawsuit against the City!

I, for one, do not like the Eden Housing being proposed! The green area is insufficient, and the housing development will overcrowd that downtown Livermore area!

It is deplorable that we have to go to such measures as a lawsuit in order for the community to be heard!

#### Stop HB 1927

Madeline Brown-Vega, Livermore  
Texas has just passed HB 1927, a law permitting anybody over the age of twenty-one who has not been prohibited by the state to possess a firearm, to carry a handgun in public without a license nor any training. This law, not protected by the U.S. Constitution, will only cause a rise in shootings and serve to perpetuate gun violence. Even under the current laws, in which concealed-carry applicants must undergo and complete training, submit fingerprints, prove their skill and proficiency, and pay a fee, there have been countless deaths and injuries.

In one year alone, twenty-four law enforcement officers were killed and thirty-five mass shootings, sixty-two murder-suicides and thirty-eight accidental

deaths occurred at the hands of concealed carriers. This is proof enough to convince anyone and everyone that this negligent law would not only put guns into the hands of dangerous criminals but allow them to carry these guns in the midst of untold innocents.

It is imperative that we bring this cogent opposition to the attention of the Texas Legislature, so I implore you to highlight this issue in your newspaper and to arouse public interest as well as you can. We must stop HB 1927 before more people are hurt.

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passed into law."

Under guidelines issued by the Appropriations Committee, each Representative was allowed to request funding for up to 10 projects in their community for fiscal year 2022. Projects were restricted to a limited number of federal funding streams, and only state and local governments and eligible non-profit entities are permitted to receive funding.

#### Appropriations subcommittees have approved the following Tri-Valley projects:

- \$2 million for the Crow Canyon Road Iron Horse Trail Bicycle-Pedestrian Overcrossing, connecting Concord to Pleasanton.
- \$1 million for a new Veterans Park in downtown Livermore, featuring an open-air performance space and children's playground. Federal funds would be used for design, engineering, entitlements, and construction.
- \$450,000 for a Mental Health Urgent Care Services Pilot Program. Dublin is collaborating with Livermore, Pleasanton, and Axis Community Health to establish a Mental Health Urgent Care Center, providing Tri-Valley residents with a different option other than calling law enforcement to address a mental health crisis.
- \$375,000 for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District to develop a Latinx Support and Access community engagement program.

#### Appropriations subcommittees have approved the following regional projects:

- \$3.5 million for the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) project to update the Upper San Leandro Drinking Water Treatment Plant.
- \$1.7 million for the Alameda County Transportation Commission's Safe Routes to Schools Mini-grant Program.
- \$1.5 million for Hayward's Stack Center.
- \$750,000 for Hayward's Covenant House.
- \$250,000 for a critical upgrade to Fremont's emergency dispatch system.

Swalwell's only Community Project Funding request that wasn't at least partially granted was for Valley Link — a 42-mile, station-station passenger rail project connecting the existing Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station to downtown Tracy. However, Swalwell has advanced \$20 million for Valley Link through a separate process for highway and transit member-designated projects.

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## SOLAR

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7.7 kilowatts of power. Laura Deehan, state director at Environment California, said this means that 28.5 gigawatts would require about 3.7 million residential roofs. She further noted that does not include large solar installations

and contends rooftop projects can reduce the amount needed to protect natural areas.

"Rooftop solar energy does not change existing land uses and can help California protect agricultural land, fragile habitats and natural

and a month after state legislators failed to advance a controversial bill that would have reformed "net energy metering," the process that allows those with home solar systems to sell their excess energy to their utility company.

"Rooftop solar is among the best and fastest ways to generate clean power," said Deehan. "Panels are quick to install; they don't use up precious open space and they start working almost the minute they're on the roof. That's the kind of response to climate change that really makes sense."

The report also arrived just months after county officials approved Intersect Power's controversial Aramis project to install a 350-acre solar farm on open space near Livermore, and after Sunwalker Energy of Oakland withdrew its proposed project to build a 59-acre solar power generating facility nearby. Although some advocates for green energy supported the project, Sunwalker — like Aramis — had faced stiff opposition from Tri-Valley property owners and environmentalists who had concerns about the project's impact on the land and federally listed species found at the site.

On July 6, Supervisors David Haubert and Nate Miley postponed a discussion during a Transportation and Planning Committee meeting to establish policies for solar projects, including

what types of projects will be allowed, especially in the East Bay. At a future meeting, the discussion will include the controversial concept of agrivoltaics, which blends solar farms with agriculture fields.

The policies, created by the county Planning Department's Agricultural Advisory Committee, also include plans for rooftop solar. Once Miley and Haubert go over the recommendations, they will forward them to the full board.

Larry Gosselin, a rancher who serves as an AAC commissioner, said rooftop solar, microgrids where neighbors consolidate the power generated on their homes, and large-scale solar farms will each be necessary to meet the state's clean energy goals. People should not be "dithering" over picking one type of solar-producing project or another, he said.

"The fact is we need to be doing all of them as fast as we can," Gosselin said.

Rooftop projects can meet only a small percentage of the energy that's needed and cost 10 times the price of establishing larger solar farms, he said.

"The market is demonstrating what's feasible," Gosselin said. "The market is showing rooftop is not feasible and unfortunately utility-scale photovoltaics is feasible."

Gosselin, a former horse veterinarian, advocates for agrivoltaic projects, which allow for the raising of cattle

or crops under the shade of the solar panels as they create energy. The panels also provide shade for workers.

"We need solar now. We need it everywhere," Gosselin said. "We need carbon capture now. We need it everywhere. Agrivoltaics allows us to capture carbon, as well as green power, and allows us to develop a new food economy."

Meanwhile, a bill in the state Assembly that would have changed the net metering system for home solar panel use recently failed. Deehan's organization had opposed the bill co-authored by San Diego Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez. The bill would have changed how much solar users save on their electric bills.

Gonzalez — who said AB 1139 was intended to force the California Public Utility Commission to take action on reforming net energy metering — would have ended the practice of utility companies crediting rooftop solar users who use their own energy; utility companies would have been prevented from then recovering the loss from non-solar customers. Gonzalez and other supporters of the bill said that policy incentivized wealthy customers to install solar on their homes, but hurt poor people, who were paying the affluent person's cost savings through higher rates.

"I did talk to a lot of people about this bill and learned a

lot about my own decision to get rooftop solar and who that costs," Gonzalez said June 2 on the Assembly floor. "I'm embarrassed, quite frankly, that I continue to burden my neighbors ... The reality is less than 1% of my constituents can afford rooftop solar panels, less than 1%. I know that's not the case for everybody. On the floor, some of you have 15%. But the people in my community shouldn't be paying for that."

Opponents of the bill said it would have eliminated the incentives for homeowners and business operators to install solar on their rooftops, hurt the solar panel industry, and slowed the shift to clean energy.

The bill failed 27-27 in the Assembly with 25 members not voting June 2. Tri-Valley Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan voted against the bill.

Environment California said the PUC is still considering changes to the state's net metering program. Some of the state's largest utility companies — Pacific Gas and Electric, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric — could impose the country's highest fixed charges for solar customers, while slashing the net metering payments the utility companies receive.

"The utility proposal to wipe out net metering would stall the growth of rooftop solar in the Golden State," Deehan said.



**Rooftop solar panels that generate 28.5 gigawatts of power would save 148,000 acres of land needed to develop solar farms, according to a report by Environment California.** (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

on commercial roofs like Walmart, Ikea, universities and nonresidential entities that would significantly contribute to generating power and lowering the number of residential roofs needed, as well as improvements in technology.

The report — "The Environmental Case for Rooftop Solar Energy" — said solar panels on rooftops of homes, schools, businesses, farms and other buildings is the preferred way to meet California's goals for 100% clean energy by 2035. The report agrees California needs "utility-scale solar projects," but

areas," the report notes.

The report also advocates that the state update its net metering policy, which enables people with home rooftop solar to be paid for the excess energy they send to the power grid; suggests incentives for quickening the pace to put solar panels on affordable and rental housing; and calls for cities and counties to establish online permitting systems for small projects.

The report was released at a time when local officials are working to establish policies for how solar power is generated in the county,

## TESLA

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sion Area about 15 miles east of Livermore for conservation purposes, including non-motorized public recreation. The bill would put \$9 million in the Off-Highway Motorized Vehicle Trust Fund and not affect areas already allowed for off-roading in the Carnegie site.

California State Parks owns both sites and has long wanted to expand off-roading from the Carnegie area into the Tesla Park area along Tesla Road.

Environmental groups fought the idea for years, suing in 2016, while contending that more off-roading would threaten endangered species, birds and plants, and scar

lands once inhabited by Native Americans.

Off-roading proponents, however, said an expansion would offer space for four-wheel drive vehicles to operate, and provide motorized access for the disabled. The existing Carnegie site was excellent for motorcycle riders, they said.

Bauer-Kahan's previous bill to preserve the land appeared successful in 2019, but Newsom vetoed the legislation because it would have required the EBRPD to sell the Tesla site to a conservation group. Newsom said the site should remain property of the California State Parks.

In January, siding with

Alameda County and other organizations including the Friends of Tesla Park, Sacramento County Judge Judge Shelleyanne W. L. Chang ruled that an environmental impact report and general plan that supported creating the expanded off-road area violated the California Environmental Quality Act. She declared them invalid. That allowed Bauer-Kahan and Tri-Valley Sen. Steven Glazer another chance to propose legislation to stop the expansion.

During Thursday's committee meeting on the bill, Amy Granat, managing director at California Off-Road Vehicle Association, argued

that Bauer-Kahan's legislation was more about "those with wealth and political connections seeking to take away land and opportunity from everyday Californians."

Granat said many of those who go to the Carnegie site for motorized recreation are from the Central Valley, including "traditionally less advantaged communities, with over 40% between the ages of 25 and 48 identifying as Hispanic."

"This issue is no different from those with wealth and power who seek to privatize an adjacent beach to their beachfront homes and to deprive access to average citizens," Granat said. "This

act will deprive children and their families, who paid for the park with their hard-earned money, the opportunity to have fun and enjoy a day in a state park doing what they love to do ... While the needs of the wealthy take center stage in AB 1512, the needs of the everyday Californian are being discarded."

During the meeting, 21 people representing numerous land, nature and wildlife conservancy groups and heritage organizations, called in to support the bill. Three callers supporting off-roading and motorcycle groups urged the panel to vote no.

Six Democrats on the committee voted to approve

the bill with the lone dissenter, Republican Sen. Brian Jones.

Should the bill make it to the full Senate and pass before the legislative session ends in August, the question will be whether Newsom decides this time to sign it.

Although this bill is similar to what Newsom vetoed, it includes a trigger for mandatory preservation within the state parks department instead of requiring a sale, which Newsom opposed.

The bill that Glazer authored to also preserve Tesla Park was set aside in favor of Bauer-Kahan's bill to make its way through the system.

## LAWSUIT

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turing sites and other NNSA facilities.

The National Environmental Protection Act "requires NNSA to treat expanded pit production as the national program it is, with impacts in addition to those at the two production sites," wrote Tri-Valley CAREs leader Marylia Kelly in an email.

"These include waste disposition, transportation of plutonium crisscrossing the country, and potential environmental and health effects at seven other sites that NNSA acknowledges are part of its pit plans, but did not analyze."

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) is one of those seven sites and in fact "illustrates why a more detailed review is needed," she wrote.

On the scientific side, she pointed out, LLNL carries out research that sheds light on how and why plutonium

changes over time.

More immediately, she said, LLNL is also working to replace a 37-year-old thermonuclear warhead with a design called the W87-1 Mod. This effort project is a near-term factor in the push for expanded pit production capacity, Kelly believes.

"Thus, LLNL is a key, unexamined, site" motivating the lawsuit against NNSA, she said.

Other parties in the lawsuit include Nuclear Watch New Mexico and Savannah River Site Watch.

The activist groups say they have contacted the U.S. Department of Energy and NNSA "on more than six occasions since 2019 over the legal requirement for a broad, nationwide programmatic environmental impact statement" for the pit production program.

NNSA responded that it "has no plans to revisit its review of pit production,"

after which the groups concluded that the federal agency's analysis effort has been "piecemeal ... arbitrary and capricious and violates ... the National Environmental Policy Act, according to the lawsuit.

Expanded Program Under the expanded NNSA program, Los Alamos is expected to increase pit manufacturing capacity from today's 10 to 20 units per year to 30 or more, and the Savannah River Plant is expected to develop the capacity to make 50 or more per year.

If accomplished, this program would meet Congress's 2018 mandate that NNSA be able to manufacture at least 80 units per year. Congress demanded that capability by 2030, but the newly nominated head of NNSA, Jill Hruby, formerly of Sandia, recently estimated that the program might be late.

development.

The council collectively agreed that making sure new construction is ready — not just compatible — for EV charging was critical, given the significant impact transportation has on the climate. Mayor Bob Woerner asked councilmembers what percentage of new development parking should be allocated to EV charging. Councilmember Gina Bonanno said the draft ordinance could include 35% EV charging, while Vice Mayor Trish Munro said she'd consider 50%.

While Woerner stressed that the ordinance would be applied to new construction only, he wondered how the city could help existing residents in multi-family units gain access to EV charging for their electric vehicles. He also wanted staff to provide details on the proportions of

Los Alamos should be ready ahead of schedule, she told the Senate, but Savannah River's Plutonium Processing Facility might not be up to speed until late 2035.

During the Cold War, pits were manufactured in large numbers at Rocky Flats Plant in Colorado. The plant was closed for safety reasons in 1989, after which a limited pit manufacturing capability was created at Los Alamos.

Pit manufacturing is extremely demanding, requiring exceptional precision as well as extraordinary care in storing and processing large quantities of plutonium. In addition to being radioactive, plutonium is highly reactive chemically. It is toxic to humans as well as having the potential for generating huge bursts of nuclear energy that make it an essential component of nuclear weapons.

Creating a large-scale pit

the community that reside in multi-family homes compared to single-family and how many live in new versus old buildings.

"I think before we pick a number on just new construction on multi-family, we ought to think about what percent of the population is that," he said. "Are there more cost-effective ways to reach a higher proportion of people? I think it's a good question, but let's have an analysis before we pick a number."

Woerner further asked for information to be made clearly available on the city website.

The next steps include drafting an ordinance that could trigger reach codes, a public workshop and focus group with local developers, and a return to the planning commission and city council for adoption.

## ELECTRIC

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said. "We are, after all, right next to two national labs. Have we thought about demonstrating a DAC (direct air capture) plus CCS (carbon capture and sequestration) system for a new or existing multi-unit project? We in the labs could perhaps pioneer such a system, so we can keep the energy security benefits of natural gas ... The USA can easily do plenty and do our share without energy poverty or the need for homeowner or even business owner mandates."

Another speaker, NL Atkinson, agreed that the proposal called for "broad steps based on a superficial analysis." He wondered if the electricity set to replace gas would ultimately come from gas-fired power plants.

"While this might be a good idea, the council should make quite a bit more information available to those of

us in the public, so we can understand the basis for the recommendations," Atkinson said.

Ryan Gardner, Rincon CAP manager, said the results came directly from the state's Codes and Standards Program, through which cost effectiveness studies of reach codes are conducted.

"They've been doing this for very many years. The cost of electricity goes into that. The current grid mix goes into that — it's broken out by climate zone," he said. "They do energy modeling for building types in each climate zone, so it's really specific to the energy usage that we see in Livermore's climate zone."

Councilmember Brittni Kiick requested more detailed data points regarding the cost effectiveness of the reach codes, as she didn't want them to discourage

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## Pleasanton Police Dept. to Celebrate National Night Out

The Pleasanton Police Department will celebrate National Night Out, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, from 5-9 p.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 3.

National Night Out is designed to strengthen relationships between the police and the community they serve. Neighborhood groups that schedule block parties or other activities between 5-9 p.m. can register to receive visits from police, Livermore-Pleasanton Fire

Department, and city or state officials.

The first National Night Out in Pleasanton 20 years ago was celebrated with four block parties. In recent years, that has grown to more than 40 neighborhood events.

To register an event, go to <http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/police/permits/eventapp.asp>

For more information, email [crimeprevention@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:crimeprevention@cityofpleasantonca.gov) or call 925-931-5100.

## BANKHEAD

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It's been a long dry spell for the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC), the nonprofit organization that operates the Bankhead Theater and Bothwell Arts Center, since the pandemic shut down performances on March 12, 2020.

"There had been a speaker planned for that night, part of the Rae Dorrough Speaker Series and a sold-out show the following night," said LVPAC Marketing Director Roberta Emerson. "In addition to the spring 2020 shows, most of the 2020-2021 season had already been planned, so more than

50 events were canceled or rescheduled as a result of the closure."

But the LVPAC rallied with virtual events and art classes offered through 2020, including a successful fundraiser in November. The theater remained closed to the public until May 19, 2021 when the film "Fiddler on the Roof" was screened to a limited audience, with masks and socially distanced seating. Art exhibits returned to the gallery in the lobby around the same time and live music returned outdoors with the first "Courtyard Concert" on April 23, 2021.

## Culinary Angels Seeking Volunteers

Culinary Angels, a nonprofit that provides nutrient-rich meals to members of the community undergoing treatment for cancer or other serious illnesses, is recruiting for volunteers.

The organization relies on volunteers 16 and older to prepare and deliver meals to patients in Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and Danville.

Executive Director Lisa McNaney said volunteers are needed to prep, cook, and package meals at the group's kitchen, 3701 Nevada St., Pleasanton, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. The hours vary, but begin at 10 a.m.

"Our volunteers are the heart of our organization," McNaney said.

All volunteers are required to pass an online state-accredited course on food handling and safety.

For more information, go to [www.culinaryangels.org](http://www.culinaryangels.org).

## OBITUARIES

### Jane Ellen Nissen

Oct. 6, 1919 – June 26, 2021

CORRECTION: Memorial services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, 2020 5th St., on July 29, 2021, at 2 p.m. A reception will be held following the service. In lieu of flowers, Jane asked that donations be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore.



### Lorraine Mary Romano

May 4, 1931 – June 23, 2021

Lorraine Mary Romano passed away Sunday evening, June 23, 2021, at Carefield Memory Care Center in Pleasanton with family at her side. Lorraine was born in Oakland, California, the youngest of four sisters and three brothers, born of Jesse and Mary (Souza) Carvalho. She grew up on 23rd Ave. in Oakland and as a young woman met the love of her life, Rodney Romano Sr. and they married on September 3, 1949. Shortly after marriage, they moved to Concord, California, where they raised three children, Rodney Jr., Patricia and Donald. They eventually moved to Livermore, California, in 1970 where they lived out their lives. Lorraine worked many different jobs during her life but the one she most enjoyed was as a crossing guard for elementary school children in Livermore. She enjoyed the children and getting to know some of the Livermore police officers. Lorraine adored her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The grandchildren and great-grandchildren enjoyed visiting "Maca" as she was dubbed by one of her great-grandchildren. They enjoyed playing in the backyard and the swimming pool, as well as with her two little dogs, Bear and Ben. She enjoyed spending time with her family, taking vacations to Lake Tahoe and working in their huge backyard every day, where she had the most beautiful flowers and plants. She grew dozens of Japanese maples from seed over



the years. She really had a green thumb. Her other hobbies included sewing, knitting, quilting and tole painting. She could also make one of the best apple pies ever! Lorraine was preceded in death by our dad, her parents and all of her siblings. She is survived by her children Rod (Debbie) Romano; Patricia (Robert) Wyckoff; and Don (Peggy) Romano. Grandchildren Staci (Kevin) Lewis; Kristi (Ryan) Goldsberry; Brittany (Mike) Olsen; Corrina (Ryan) Male; Christina Wyckoff (Kenny Oliver); Jeff and Mark Ball; and her great-grandchildren Cate, Kian, Millie, Annie and Matilda Goldsberry; Riley and Ryder Male; Reese Wyckoff; Harlow and Maci Oliver/Wyckoff; and Atlas Olsen. A memorial service celebrating the life of Lorraine Romano will take place on Tuesday, July 20, at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Lorraine's name to Suncrest Hospice, 42808 Christy St, Suite 216, Fremont, California, 94538.

### Barbara Gene Richards

Sept. 27, 1925 – May 13, 2021

Barbara Gene Richards Resident of Livermore, California. Barbara passed away on May 13, 2021, after 95 years on this earth. Born in Jackson, Michigan, she became a Navy nurse after graduating from the nursing program at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. While stationed in San Diego, she met Russell Verne Richards, whom she married July 2, 1949. They lived in San Diego, California and Hopkinsville, Kentucky, then moved to Livermore over 60 years ago where they raised their family. She worked part-time as a recovery room nurse at Valley Memorial Hospital where she developed many lifelong friendships. Camping and fishing were favorite activities, especially the family trips to the Big River on the Mendocino coast. She and Russell enjoyed gardening and growing and preserving fruits and vegetables together. After raising their family, they traveled together to Alaska on fishing trips and scenic cruises, and Barbara later traveled to Italy, the Panama Canal and even snorkeled in Hawaii when she was 80. At home, she enjoyed painting in oils and acrylics, sewing and decorative stitchery. She was an avid reader of a range of subjects from history to mystery novels. Barbara was preceded in death by her husband Russell in 2004 and daughter Ruth in



2006. She is survived by her brother Tom Redinger; daughter Nancy (Paul) Meglen; and son Dan (Sarah) Richards. Grandchildren Michele (Dan) Spender; and Ted (Yolanda) Olheiser. Great-grandchildren Justin, Nolan, and Meliza, as well as many nieces, nephews, and informally 'adopted' children and grandchildren. Known to many as their 'Second Mom' she was always ready to give support and advice, or to share her love of nature with them. After retirement she enjoyed many years with the Springtown Ladies Golf group. She was active in the PEO Sisterhood and cherished her friends there. She belonged to the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore where her joy in helping people led to her serving in the Stephen Ministry through the church. She brought cheer and good humor everywhere she went. A celebration of her life is being planned for September 10, at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore.

### Mr. George Overturf

Longtime Livermore resident, and faithful husband to Sue, Mr. George Overturf passed away peacefully this July. His civic-minded and enterprising father of the same name was born in the 1890s, and his spritely mother (Nellie) was the youngest licensed teacher in Springfield, Illinois. In Nebraska, our George began a draftsman apprenticeship, but heeded the call to service in the Korean War. California 40th Medical DIV, 160th Battalion, from 1950, to 1952. He turned down sniper duty to serve as a MASH unit, camp electrician, just ten miles above the 38th parallel.

In 1955 he graduated as an electronics and electrical engineer from the University of Houston and fell in love with the girl next door (Sue). Sandia-Albuquerque hired him as a "Super Tech," but in 1956 he transferred to Sandia-Livermore. Fifteen years later, he worked on the Glomar Explorer at Lockheed (a Howard Hughes venture). George's career at G.E. broadened his knowledge of nuclear power reactors, where he built and rebuilt sophisticated detectors and calibration devices. In 1985, he retired from the Nicolet M.R. division of G.E.

George kept abreast of scientific advances and his home workshop was never dusty. George loved to trade stocks, and help others learn about the free market. In the 70s he taught as a Sunday school teacher and served as a deacon for the Livermore Trinity Baptist Church. George remained a



staunch Christian throughout his life. He could restore, invent or repair anything, including the 100-year-old home. In retirement, he designed prototypes for Sandia, GE and Materials Data INC (MDI). He also authored two articles in "Machinist Magazine." He consumed daily newspapers, absorbed hourly newscasts and gave spirited reports — a walking fountain of world events and living history.

He will live on in the echoes of his words and everything he touched, including his family and friends across America. He is sorely missed by his loving wife of 67 years, son George Overturf III (Carolyn); daughter Kay Gilbert (Richard); five grown grandchildren; Tiffany, Geoffrey, Chip, Jonathon and Danielle; three great-grandchildren; Audry, Cora and Jakob; and nieces and nephew Karen, Kathy, Susan and Gary.

Memorial donations can be made to Doctors Without Borders, and the Salvation Army. Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Overturf family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at [www.callaghanmortuary.com](http://www.callaghanmortuary.com).

## N3

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ACWD has worked with other agencies with the goal of protecting the environment and open space of N3 Ranch and possibly developing it as a park. However, during an interview with The Independent after the meeting, he said ACWD must be cautious when naming other agencies — also referred to as partners — as it's a particularly sensitive time from a negotiation standpoint.

"ACWD has been working with a number of local and state entities to protect the property and to try and maximize the public benefit of a multi-agency acquisition, if possible," he said. "There hasn't been anything formally executed amongst these entities."

During the July 8 meeting, Jon Wunderland, ACWD manager of finance, explained that while the property is currently listed at \$68 million, the actual price would be negotiated. Ongoing operations and maintenance (O&M) is projected to cost \$3 million per year. In consultation with the district's financial advisor, Wunderland said ACWD could obtain a rate as low as 2.3% for a 30-year, fixed rate bond to finance the purchase.

Staff evaluated three financial scenarios. In the first scenario, the district would put \$5 million toward the purchase and \$1 million in annual O&M — which would result in a 1% rate impact to customers. The second: \$34 million toward the purchase and \$2 million in annual O&M — a 3% rate impact. The third option would be \$68 million toward the purchase and \$3 million for annual O&M — a 5.2% rate impact.

"There is significant uncertainty in the amount of funding that might be contributed by partners," Wunderland warned. "The more that ACWD contributes toward the purchase, the more

likely it will be responsible for ongoing O&M, because that suggests a greater portion of the ownership of the property."

Those who spoke in favor of the ACWD's land acquisition focused on the preservation of open space, the prevention of urban sprawl and the creation of public access to the recreational area.

Jeff Miller, director of the Alameda Creek Alliance, said his organization strongly supported the ACWD purchase of the N3 Ranch.

"This is a significant chunk of the watershed, and it does contain some important, large, contiguous wildlife habitat," Miller said. "Obviously, your interest is the fact that this property is in the watersheds that drain down to the critical water supply facilities ... This is the largest current landholding for sale in California, and it's supposed to be a pretty significant conservation effort if this land was purchased by a public agency and protected for water supply, water quality and public open space."

Miller went on to say that since there already is an offer from an unknown source, the threat of development is real. He saw the land's proximity to the Silicon Valley as an opportunity for wealthy individuals to purchase remote properties and build trophy homes.

In addition, ACWD President Aziz Akbari, Vice President John Weed, and board members Jim Gunther and Paul Sathy spoke in support of submitting an offer.

However, some public speakers and ACWD Board Member Judy Huang expressed concerns about the uncertainty of partner contributions, leaving the district to pay the full cost of the land purchase; they questioned whether the purchase was the best use of funds.

"Alameda County Water District's mission is to provide clean and reliable water at a

reasonable cost for our customers in Fremont, Newark and Union City. In my opinion, we should not and cannot spend our customers' funds to purchase a piece of property that does not provide additional water supply," Huang said. "Twenty-seven percent of the N3 Ranch is outside of the Alameda Creek Watershed, and there are also significant business risks and liabilities associated with the purchase of this property that have not been fully evaluated."

While she agreed with those who supported protecting limited open space and watersheds, Huang stressed that ACWD customers should not be asked to carry the entire financial burden when other local agencies like Zone 7 will also benefit from the district's purchase. She wondered if Zone 7 Board Member Sarah Palmer, who Huang said submitted a letter urging ACWD to submit the backup offer, would urge her board to contribute financially. Palmer did not respond for comment at press time.

"It is unfair to ask our customers in Newark to pay for property that will benefit the residents of San Ramon, whose median household income is 38% higher," Huang added.

In addition, she said the purchase wouldn't guarantee the preservation of open space.

"ACWD is not a land-use agency or an open space agency. ACWD is a water supply agency," she continued. "If you have been following ACWD's board meetings, you will have known that there is at least one director on this board that would like to build a dam on the N3 Ranch property and flood the valuable habitats. You will also know that there is at least one director on this board that believes water supply should always override open space protection and public access."

for us. I was definitely on cloud nine the whole time."

The LVPAC is home to eight resident performing arts companies and over 40 studio artists and cultural arts instructors. The performing arts theater has 500 seats and hosts local opera, ballet and theater groups, as well as live concerts.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First St. in Livermore. The box office is open from noon - 6 p.m., Thursday through Saturday. Tickets are also available online at [www.LivermoreArts.org](http://www.LivermoreArts.org). For additional information, call 925-373-6800.

During the staff report, Stevenson explained that the water rights on the property are indeed minimal — "single digit to low double-digit gallons per day." However, in conversation after the meeting, he noted that the focus of acquiring the land rests more with protecting the watersheds.

"The Alameda Creek is really, really important to our water agency and all of our customers," Stevenson said. "It's a very significant part of that critical water supply to ACWD, and that's why we're so heavily interested in this ... About 73% of the ranch is within the Alameda Creek Watershed."

Heather Gately, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) communications director, said that while "TNC is not involved in ACWD's potential offer for the N3 Ranch property, we will always be supportive of an outcome where N3 Ranch is protected by multiple public agencies and provides numerous public benefits, including water and habitat conservation, cultural resources protection, and recreational access."

Akbari said that given the engagement that ACWD has had with the partners, he believed they would financially participate.

I don't think there's a solid enough case to be made for our customers to take on the full responsibility for this purchase and for the ongoing maintenance, but that's why we've had such extensive discussions with other partners," Akbari said. "Given where we are right now, and given that we do have the opportunity to take the lead in this negotiation and to put in a backup offer, I would certainly be in support of that. But again, with the understanding that my support would be to continue to work with the partnership for the purchase and the O&M cost."

## ZONE 7

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### Desalination in the Spotlight

The pipeline project comes at a time when Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) Board Member Arun Goel of Dublin has expressed interest in another pipeline project: Antioch's project to desalinate brackish water it plans to send through a 3,000-foot-long pipe from the adjacent Carquinez Strait. He told The Independent that he wants DSRSD General Manager

Dan McIntyre to make a presentation about Antioch's project, because it could serve as a model for the Tri-Valley.

The Tri-Valley water retailers, who meet as a liaison group periodically, have listed building a desalination pipeline network as one of the options to provide more Valley water. Other alternatives include injecting reverse-osmosis treated wastewater into the underground basin or a pond, funding the creation

of a new water-generating reservoir (Sites) northwest of Sacramento with other water agencies for new water, and purchasing storage water from Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) at Los Vaqueros Reservoir.

John Samuelson, who heads the Antioch project, said that it will produce 6,700 acre-feet (AF). The city's total use is 15,000 AF. An acre foot is the amount of water that covers 1 acre to a depth of 1 foot and can serve two households dur-

ing a year.

Antioch is contributing 15% of the money from its water rate fund. The city is also borrowing \$56 million from the State Revolving Fund, with \$55 million for construction and \$1 million for planning.

The state Department of Water Resources (DWR) gave the city a \$10 million grant, one of only three awarded this year. Antioch started planning the project seven years ago.

## DIRECTOR

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the South Livermore Valley Area Plan and protect urban growth boundaries," wrote the TVC in a press release.

TVC Chairperson David B. Kent said that Antrim "shares our vision of a Tri-Valley with distinct townships and communities

protected and defined by vineyards, orchards and other forms of open space."

"We are excited to have her boots on the ground as we embark upon this next chapter for the Conservancy," stated Kent.

Founded in 1994, the

TVC has preserved over 5,000 acres of land, primarily farmland endangered by development, and educated over 3,000 local students on the benefits of agricultural, habitat and open space land protection now and for future generations. The Tri-Valley

Conservancy continues to respond to land issues in the Tri-Valley in support of a vibrant wine country with clean water, infrastructure, rural viewsheds, and flourishing farms.

Antrim will assume the new role on July 26.



A new work of art recently appeared at Sean Diamond Park in Dublin. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

### “Diamonds in the Wind” Sculpture Unveiled in Dublin

Visitors to Sean Diamond Park in Dublin will notice a new piece of public art located in the center of the park. Entitled “Diamonds in the Wind,” the 18-foot-tall piece was designed and fabricated by Rideart Studios of Berkeley and unveiled on June 21 of this year. Shaun Chilkotowsky, Heritage and Cultural Arts Manager for the City of Dublin, said the park, which opened in 2018, was created with a space for public art. “The City of Dublin’s Public Art Program is in-

tended to create a diverse collection that promotes cultural expression and artistic appreciation,” Chilkotowsky said. “The City of Dublin is proud of its public art program and the many benefits and value that public art brings to the community.”

### Search Continues for Missing Pleasanton Jogger

On Saturday, July 10, at approximately 2 p.m., Philip Kreycik was reported missing by his wife after he failed to return from a run in the hills near the Moller Ranch staging area in Pleasanton.

Since then, search and rescue teams have worked through Tuesday, at press time, to find him.

“We have about close to 100 searchers from agencies throughout the Bay Area,” Pleasanton Police Department (PPD) Lt. Erik Silacci said.

Kreycik had parked his vehicle at the staging area around 11 a.m. and told his wife he was going for a one-hour run in the East Bay Regional Park. Kreycik has not returned from his run, and his whereabouts are currently unknown. Kreycik is described as a 37-year-old

white male, with a thin build, brown hair, brown eyes, and presumed to be wearing running attire. Kreycik is an avid long-distance runner with no known health conditions. An extensive search is being conducted in the surrounding area. Personnel from the Pleasanton Police Department, East Bay Regional Park Police, Alameda County Sheriff’s Department, and the California Highway Patrol are utilizing drones, fixed wing aircraft, off-road vehicles, and search and rescue teams to locate Kreycik.

On Monday, the agencies moved their command post to Foothill High School, and by Tuesday, more volunteers set out on foot and bike to comb the area.

Jerry Pentin, a former Pleasanton councilmember and avid ridge explorer, said

the outpouring of support from the community was amazing.

“I think a lot of us, including those who have decades of experience on the ridge, are surprised at how vast it really is and easy it is to simply disappear if you get off the trail,” Pentin said. “Amongst us experienced users of the ridge, going out and searching for a complete stranger is, at a minimum, what we hope would happen if we were missing.”

PPD and its allied agencies Tuesday evening decided to scale back the search to reassess the effort. Silacci explained that going on four days, the volunteers were worn out. But he added that the search will continue.

Anyone with information is asked to call the PPD at 925-931-5100.

### Body of Missing Swimmer Found at Lake Del Valle

Divers on Monday found the body of a 40-year-old man who disappeared while swimming at the Lake Del Valle recreation area near Livermore.

The man was found about noon Monday in Heron Bay. He disappeared about 5 p.m. on Sunday, shortly after he jumped from a rental boat into the water outside of the designated swim area, East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Police Capt. Alan Love said.

Park police lifeguards,

as well as Alameda County and Livermore-Pleasanton firefighters arrived within minutes, launching boats to search. A police boat already was on the water.

An Alameda County sheriff’s dive team arrived about 8 p.m. Love said the search continued into Sunday night until it became too dark to work.

The search resumed at sunrise Monday.

The Alameda County coroner’s office will examine the man to determine the cause of death, Love said.

The victim lived in Pleasant Hill and Vallejo.

Following the man’s death, police advised people wanting to swim at any EBRPD swimming facilities to review their visitor rules and regulations, which include swimming in designated areas when lifeguards are on duty; not diving in shallow water, wearing life-jackets on boats, and refraining from drinking alcohol.

The complete list is available at [https://bit.ly/Indy\\_EBRPDsafety](https://bit.ly/Indy_EBRPDsafety).

### Alameda County Fair Announces Winning Wines

Alameda County Fair last week announced the winners of the 2021 Alameda County, Zin Challenge & Sauvignon Summit, and Amateur Wine competitions.

The Almost Famous Wine Co. took Best of Alameda County honors, a new category, out of 106 entries in the 2021 Alameda County Wine Competition for its 2018 vintage Firepit Petit Sirah.

Almost Famous Wine also took Best of Show (Red) for its Firepit Petit Sirah and Best of Show

(Rosé) for its 2020 Pistachio Lane Rosé.

Concannon Vineyard took Best of Show (White) for its 2019 Chardonnay and Singling Winemaker took Best of Show (Dessert) for its 2015 Tawny Pot.

Almost Famous Wine also received Best of Show (Zinfandel) at the Zin Challenge & Sauvignon Summit for its 2019 Primitivo and Best of Show (Sauvignon Blanc) for its 2020 Sauvignon Blanc.

In the Amateur Wine Competition, Best of Show (Red) went to Thieving

Crow Vineyard for its Parnieux Bordeaux Blend, while Best of Show (Dessert) went to Fred Watkins for his 2017 Zinfandel Port.

For a complete list of winning wines, go to 2021 Zin Challenge & Sauvignon Summit; 2021 Alameda County Wine Competition, and 2021 Alameda County Homemade Wine Competition.

After being cancelled last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Alameda County Fair is scheduled to return this fall from Oct. 22-31.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579396

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Charles R. Vineyards - 2. Charles R. Estate - 3. Charles R. Cellar - 4. Charles R. Vintners, 8195 Crane Ridge Rd, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Quail Nest, LLC, 8100 Crane Ridge Rd, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Co. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/26/2006. Signature of Registrant/s/: Bonnie Bartlett, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 25, 2021. Expires May 25, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4896. Published June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579980

The following person(s) doing business as: Boltz Building Maintenance & Repair, 2264 High Street, Oakland, CA 94601 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Michael R. Boltz Jr., 2264 High Street, Oakland, CA 94601. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/7/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Michael R. Boltz Jr., Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 14, 2021. Expires June 14, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4897. Published June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579613

The following person(s) doing business as: Fast Print, 2411 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Campus Copy Partners, LLC, 2411 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Craig Fairbanks, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 2, 2021. Expires June 12, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4898. Published June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579527

The following person(s) doing business as: Leslie Appraisals, 642 Ravenna St, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tyrone Leslie, 642 Ravenna St, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Tyrone Leslie, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 28, 2021. Expires May 28, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4899. Published June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579596

The following person(s) doing business as: Resolve Conflict Management Services, 836 45th Street, Oakland, CA 94608 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Odilla Sidime, 836 45th Street, Oakland, CA 94608. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to trans-

act business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 3/1/2016. Signature of Registrant/s/: Odilla Sidime, Sole Proprietor/Founder. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 1, 2021. Expires June 1, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4900. Published June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579894

The following person(s) doing business as: Camino Press, 1452 North Vasco Road #167, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Patrick Gordon, 10860 Cougar Chase, San Antonio, TX 78251. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/18/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Patrick Gordon, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 10, 2021. Expires June 10, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4901. Published June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579786

The following person(s) doing business as: A & E Design Service, 2157 Fourth Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bishop Associates Engineering, LLC, 4435 North First Street, Suite #101, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Robert Bishop, Member/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 7, 2021. Expires June 7, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4902. Published June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579999

The following person(s) doing business as: Holistic Sustainability, 1072 60th Street #7, Oakland, CA 94608 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ana C. Galvis-Martinez, 1072 60th Street #7, Oakland, CA 94608. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ana C. Galvis-Martinez, Founder. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 14, 2021. Expires June 14, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4903. Published June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579636

The following person(s) doing business as: 1) Internal Medicine For Pet Parents 2) Internal Medicine For Vet Techs, 757C North L Street, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Yvonne Brandenburg, 757C North L Street, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: January 2019. Signature of Registrant/s/: Yvonne Brandenburg, Founder - General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 2, 2021. Expires June 2, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4905. Published July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580255

The following person(s) doing business as: Mary's Joint, 73 Rickenbacker Circle, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Martin's Joint LLC,

409 N. O Street, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/23/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Martin Roberts, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 24, 2021. Expires June 24, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4906. Published July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580008

The following person(s) doing business as: Ruby Aromatherapy, 122 S. Vasco Rd, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Thuy Truong, 2137 Otis Drive, Apt 212, Alameda, CA 94501. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Thuy Truong, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 14, 2021. Expires June 14, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4907. Published July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580217

The following person(s) doing business as: Saltz Delivery service INC., 201 McArthur Boulevard, Suite B, San Leandro, CA 94577 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Saltz Delivery service INC., 201 McArthur Boulevard, Suite B, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/18/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Vanessa Ortiz, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 23, 2021. Expires June 23, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4908. Published July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580361

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

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580566

The following person(s) doing business as: The Hummus Republic, 33032 W. Jack London Boulevard, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Five Rivers, 1938 Enterprises, Inc., 3187 E. Ruby Hill Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A1. Signature of Registrant/s/: Rupinder S. Gill, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 15, 2021. Expires June 15, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4910. Published July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580056

The following person(s) doing business as: The Hummus Republic, 33032 W. Jack London Boulevard, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Five Rivers, 1938 Enterprises, Inc., 3187 E. Ruby Hill Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A1. Signature of Registrant/s/: Rupinder S. Gill, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 15, 2021. Expires June 15, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4910. Published July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2021.

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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

## TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

**Petitioner:** Stephanie Joy Lopez 2171 Beech Common Livermore, CA 94551 (925)315-1594 sjl\_80@hotmail.com

**Present Name:** Stephanie Joy Lopez

**Proposed Name:** THE COURT ORDERS

That all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**Date:** 8/20/2021  
**Time:** 11:00 AM  
**Dept:** 17

The address of the court is: Alameda County Administration Building 1221 Oak Street Oakland, CA 94612

A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation printed in this county: The Independent Newspaper 2250 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550 Dated: May 7, 2021 /s/ Judge Tara M. Desautels. The Independent Legal No. 4911 Published July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580361

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579987

The following person(s) doing business as: All Cross Termites, 8332 Davona Dr., Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Myung Hwan Hwang, 8332 Davona Dr., Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Myung Hwan Hwang, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 14, 2021. Expires June 14, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4913. Published July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2021.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that bids for a sub-contracting opportunity are being accepted for Project #20196-20228 PWA Roof Restoration. Proposals must be received by 2:00 PM on August 17, 2021. NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 10:00AM at 399 Elmhurst Street, Hayward, CA 94544 - MEET OUTSIDE THE BUILDING AT THE MAIN FRONT DOOR. CONTACT: David Youm at (949)

355-5835 or (510)-647-8290 or via e-mail: davidyoum@mkinc.us. Information regarding the above may be obtained at the Alameda County Current Contracting Opportunities Internet website at www.acgov.org. 7/15/21 CNS-3490956# The Independent Legal No. 4914. Published July 15, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580611

The following person(s) doing business as: Gondola, 1678 Feldspar Ct, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Gondola Exchange, Inc., 1678 Feldspar Ct, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Dong Tran, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 8, 2021. Expires June 14ly 8 Legal No. 4915. Published July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580570

The following person(s) doing business as: Sleeping Tree Pictures, 1011 Jones Street, Berkeley, CA 94710, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Silvia Turchin, 1011 Jones Street, Berkeley, CA 94710. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Silvia Turchin, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 7, 2021. Expires June 14ly 7 Legal No. 4916. Published July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580571

The following person(s) doing business as: Bosschart Design, 1011 Jones Street, Berkeley, CA 94710, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Aimee Bosschart, 1011 Jones Street, Berkeley, CA 94710. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Aimee Bosschart, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 7, 2021. Expires June 14ly 7 Legal No. 4917. Published July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2021.

### Public Notice: Five-Year Review Parks Reserve Forces Training Area, Dublin, California

The United States Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, is initiating this First Five-Year Review for Parks Reserve Forces Training Area located in Dublin, California. This statutory

Five-Year Review will be conducted in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan. The purpose of the Five-Year Review is to determine whether the selected remedy at a site is protective of human health and the environment. Five-Year Reviews are prepared because hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remain at the sites above levels that allow for Unlimited Use and Unrestricted Exposure. The Five-Year Review Report documents the methods used for the review, the findings and conclusions based on a records review, and the site inspection. This Five-Year Review is evaluating the remedy selected in the 2012 Record of Decision for PRFTA-02 (Former Building 109 Incinerator), which included soil excavation, backfill, disposal with short-term groundwater monitoring, and land use controls. In 2016, an Explanation of Significant Differences revised the remedy to include supplementary soil remedial activities at PRFTA-02 to allow unrestricted use of the site. The Parks Reserve Forces Training Area First Five-Year Review Report is anticipated to be signed in July 2022. The United States Army Corps of Engineers will issue another public notice announcing the completion and availability of the Final Five-Year Review Report. The Final Five-Year Review Report will be available for public review at: **Parks Reserve Forces Training Area, Environmental Office Building** 331, Dublin, California 94568

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580570

The following person(s) doing business as: Sleeping Tree Pictures, 1011 Jones Street, Berkeley, CA 94710, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Silvia Turchin, 1011 Jones Street, Berkeley, CA 94710. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Silvia Turchin, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 7, 2021. Expires June 14ly 7 Legal No. 4916. Published July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580571

The following person(s) doing business as: Bosschart Design, 1011 Jones Street, Berkeley, CA 94710, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Aimee Bosschart, 1011 Jones Street, Berkeley, CA 94710. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Aimee Bosschart, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 7, 2021. Expires June 14ly 7 Legal No. 4917. Published July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2021.

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Should members of the community have questions or comments about the Parks Reserve Forces Training Area Five-Year Review, please contact Chadwick Bukle via phone (925) 875-4643 or via email at chadwick.c.bukle.civ@mail.mil or Monique Nixon via phone (210) 792-0475 or via email at monique.l.nixon.civ@mail.mil. The Independent Legal No. 4918. Published July 15, 2021.

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Visit our website, WWW.TVAR.ORG, to see adoptable animals, volunteer opportunities, and how to donate.

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## County Announces Road Work Schedule

East county motorists may encounter delays, detours, and road closures from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., July 26 through Aug. 6, as the annual Alameda County chip/seal road maintenance program gets underway.

The county last week announced the following work schedule:

- July 26 - Wente Street at Concannon Boulevard through Marina Avenue and Marina Avenue at Wente Street through Arroyo Road.
- July 27 - Arroyo Road at Mile Marker 3.93 to the end of the county right-of-way at Del Valle Regional Park.
- July 28 - Patterson Pass Road at MM 6.9 to the San Joaquin County line.
- July 29 - Street sweeping of Wente Street, Marina Avenue, Arroyo Road.
- July 30 - Street sweeping of Patterson Pass Road.
- Aug. 2 - Patterson Pass Road from MM 4.9 to at MM 6.9.
- Aug. 3 - Patterson Pass Road from MM 3.2 to MM 4.9.
- Aug. 4 - Patterson Pass Road from South Flynn to MM 3.2.
- Aug. 5 - Patterson Pass Road from MM 0.2 to South Flynn.
- Aug. 6 - Street Sweeping of Patterson Pass Road.

For more information, go to [www.acpwa.org](http://www.acpwa.org).

## Summer Road Work Starts In Pleasanton

Pleasanton began its summer pavement management program this week, which is expected to extend into November.

The city said it plans to treat nearly 4.75 million square feet of pavement this year.

Residents can check to see if their street is on the list this year by going to <https://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/engineering/projects/roadwork.asp#>.

## Dublin Seeks Applications for Leadership Group

Dublin is accepting applications for the 2021 class of Inside Dublin, a leadership academy designed to educate residents about municipal services and operations, community activities, and both current and future issues facing the city.

Class size is limited to the first 25 candidates. Candidates must be age 18 or older and currently live or work in Dublin.

To apply, contact Cierra Fabrigas at 925-833-6650, or apply online at [www.dublin.ca.gov/insidedublin](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/insidedublin).

## Kolb House To Remain Open During Renovations

The historic Kolb House at Dublin Heritage Park will remain open this summer open renovations of the park and Pioneer Cemetery, according to the city's park department.

The Kolb House, a Craftsman bungalow, was built in 1910 for George Kolb Jr. and his wife, Wilhelmina. The house was donated to the city and moved to Heritage Park in 2010.

The house is open for viewing from 9 a.m. to noon, Mondays and Wednesdays.

## Singers Invited to Join Chorus for Mozart Requiem

The Valley Concert Chorale is inviting experienced singers from across the Bay Area to join in a performance of Mozart's "Requiem" in October.

The chorus will hold rehearsals for the "Sing-It-Yourself Mozart Requiem" on three Mondays in September, beginning Sept. 13, at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore.

The performance, at 7 p.m., Oct. 2, will also be at the church at 2020 Fifth St. in Livermore and will be live streamed.

"As we regroup and begin singing together again, we wanted to offer singers throughout the Bay Area the opportunity to share in the power and beauty of Mozart's great choral masterpiece," said Bill Leach, president of the Valley Concert Chorale. "Many choral groups offer sing-alongs, including our annual 'Sing-It-Yourself Messiah' every December, but we wanted to take this event to a different level."

No audition is required, but there will be a \$30 participation fee and singers must have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

For more information, go to [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org) or call 925-866-4003.

## Dublin Schedules Emergency Response Classes

Dublin is accepting applicants for a second series of online Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes to teach residents about disaster preparedness and basic response skills to help their neighbors and other members of the community following a disaster.

CERT is a national initiative under the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Locally, the Alameda County Fire Department serves as the lead coordinator.

The Dublin classes are free and open to residents 18 and older, or to 14-

17-year-olds with approval of a parent or guardian.

Participants will have to complete the 20-hour virtual course covering emergency preparation, team organization, medical operations, fire safety, utility control, search and rescue, and disaster psychology. An in-person, hands-on skills class will be scheduled later.

The first series of CERT classes this spring were also taught online because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

To register, go to [www.eventbrite.com/o/alameda-county-fire-department-173444016](http://www.eventbrite.com/o/alameda-county-fire-department-173444016).

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## Hope Hospice Launches Respite Program for Caregivers

Hope Hospice, a Dublin-based nonprofit organization that serves the Tri-Valley, has launched a new service to help families caring for loved ones living with dementia.

Initially funded by the now-dissolved Tri-Valley Adult Day Care, the Family Caregiver Respite Program provides 16 hours of free in-home care from a participating agency. Families may reapply monthly, but priority will be given to new applicants.

The program is designed to introduce low- and middle-income family caregiv-

ers to the benefits of respite care. Recipients do not need to be registered for Hope Hospice's service.

"The stress that family caregivers experience as their loved one declines can be staggering," said Gia Barsell, manager of dementia Services at Hope Hospice. "Whether you have help from other family members and friends, or you're forging alone, you likely feel overwhelmed and exhausted most of the time."

"It's imperative for your own well-being to carve out time for self-care," Barsell said. "Simply put, self-care

is time away from your caregiving responsibilities at home. You might use the time for a social outing, attending church or a book club, a massage, or exercise."

Hope Hospice said the program would continue as long as funds, through grants and donations, are available. To be eligible, both family caregivers and their patients with dementia must live in San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton, or Livermore. For more information, call 925-829-8770 or go to <https://hopehospice.com/services/dementia-support/respite/>.

## REACH to Hold Anniversary Fundraiser

Tri-Valley REACH, a nonprofit organization that provides services and housing opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities, will hold its 30th anniversary fundraiser from 6-8:30 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 19, at the McGrail Family Vineyards, 5600 Greenville Road in Livermore.

Tickets to the fundraiser are \$100 and include McGrail Family Vineyards' wine, pizza from Gigi's Rolling Wood-Fired Kitchen, and a 30% discount on wine purchases.

For more information or to buy tickets, email [pattyvanlooy@gmail.com](mailto:pattyvanlooy@gmail.com) or go to [www.trivalleyreach.org](http://www.trivalleyreach.org).

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