

Upset at Climate
Denier's Platform

Santer Set to
Leave LLNL

By Jeff Garberson
REGIONAL — Internationally known climate scientist Ben Santer will leave Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory at the end of September, unhappy that the Laboratory where he has worked for nearly 30 years is providing a speaking platform for a critic who not only rejects the seriousness of climate change, but also disparages the efforts of climate researchers.

Santer announced his departure plans on Monday through the Union of Concerned Scientists, a scientific advocacy group of which he is a board member.

By chance, Santer's name also appeared Monday as lead author of a scientific article suggesting that the world has warmed more in the past 40 years than was initially understood from past satellite observations.

The article appeared in the American Meteorological Society's Journal of Climate. It served to reinforce Santer's view, and the consensus of the research community, in two respects: first, that climate change is real, dangerous and needs continuous investigation; and second,

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Widower of
Dublin School
Board Member
To Fill Vacancy



WILLIAM KUO

By Dawnmarie Fehr
DUBLIN — In a special meeting held May 18, the Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) Board of Trustees appointed William Kuo — spouse of late trustee Catherine Kuo — to fill his wife's empty seat.

Catherine Kuo was struck and killed by a car while volunteering for food distribution at a district school in March. The board interviewed Kuo and two other applicants during the special meeting. After acknowledging the overwhelming community support for Kuo, they unanimously voted to select him.

"I was very encouraged and touched by the amount of support I received from the Dublin community," Kuo said. "Folks emailed and made public comments to the board members. I was also relieved to have been appointed unanimously by all four board members, which puts us on a good starting note."

Although Catherine Kuo was elected to serve as the Area 3 trustee from 2020 to 2024, Kuo's appointment will end with the next board election cycle in 2022, at which time he can run for re-election. He has indicated his intention to do so.

During the meeting, Kuo

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On Saturday, May 22, the Pleasanton VFW Post 6298 and American Legion 237, along with local Boy Scout troops and Cub Scout Packs, place veterans' markers and American flags on the graves of vets buried at Pioneer Cemetery in honor of Memorial Day. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen) [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia]

Injured Vet Finds Path to Recovery

By Dawnmarie Fehr

LIVERMORE — Mariela Meylan is a United States Army veteran fighting to overcome repercussions from an injury sustained in Kuwait in 2004.

Meylan — a heavy equipment truck driver — was traveling as part of a convoy when she left her vehicle to help another crew change a tire on their truck. She said she doesn't remember the entire incident, but the situation changed very quickly.

"We were almost done, we were tightening the lug nuts," she recalled. "Then we were hit by a vehicle."

Meylan sustained a traumatic brain injury, as well as a dislocated hip, a collapsed lung and a host of other issues. The brain injury caused a stroke, leaving her in a coma. She was sent

to a hospital in Germany. Meylan's parents flew to Germany to be with her and bring her home.

"We brought her back. She was still in a coma," said her mother, Lisette Meylan. "She was really bad . . . they didn't think she was going to survive the flight."

Meylan stayed at Walter Reed Hospital for one month, then was transferred to a nursing home in Washington D.C., where she stayed another two years. In the early days after the accident, doctors advocated for Meylan's former husband to "pull the plug," but he insisted on keeping his wife and hope alive. Meylan said she is still appreciative of his advocacy, though they have since separated.

With her recovery still in question, she moved into the Livermore Veterans Affairs

(VA) nursing home, where she spent another two years. In 2008, her parents were finally able to bring her back to their Livermore home, where she now resides.

Her journey to recovery has been long, but Meylan is determined to work toward the goal of walking unassisted and regaining lost motor function. Through programs at the VA and other locations, she has laid plans to meet those goals.

One place she focuses on re-training her brain is Arena Training Center (ATC) in Livermore. Founded in 2017 by Lorraine Maggi, ATC offers a range of classes and modalities for fitness, overall health and athletic training.

Meylan uses multiple tools in ATC's arsenal, focusing on neurocentric health and

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Legislation to Protect Tesla Park Advances

By Tony Kukulich

REGIONAL — It's been more than two decades since state officials first attempted to expand off-highway vehicle (OHV) access to the 3,100-acre Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area. But legislation intended to bring that effort to an end is advancing in both the state senate and assembly, with votes expected this June.

In February of this year, Senator Steve Glazer, D-SD7, introduced Senate Bill (SB) 799, while Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, D-AD16, simultaneously introduced Assembly Bill (AB) 1512. The language in the bills differs slightly, but both bills require the Department of Parks and Recreation to preserve the Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area, also known

as Tesla Park, in exchange for a payment of \$9 million to Off-Highway Vehicle Trust Fund.

"Rather than continuing the local controversy and ongoing litigation, my legislation provides a path to resolve the local dispute in a manner that is wise and fair — good for the state, good for the public and good for the environment," Glazer said.

The Senate Appropriations Committee passed SB 799 on May 20, qualifying it for a vote before the full senate. That vote is expected before a June 4 legislative deadline. The path of Bauer-Kahan's bill in the assembly mirrored that of the senate bill. A vote in the assembly is also expected by June 4.

"We have an incredible opportunity to save this rare ecological treasure for generations to come," Bauer-Kahan said in an email to The Independent. "Tesla Park contains an abundance of highly sensitive natural resources, including native biological diversity, a critical linkage habitat corridor, unique vegetation assemblages and wildlife habitats. Our community has fought for decades to preserve this land, and my bill AB 1512 is a win-win for the state of California, our environment and recreationists."

The Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area is owned by Parks and Recreation. It's part of the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) off-highway motor vehicle park in Corral Hollow Canyon. There are 1,300 acres currently open to OHV use in the park.

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City Updating Blueprint to
Address Area Housing Needs

By Ruth Roberts

PLEASANTON — The council has begun the work of updating the city's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) blueprint for 2023-2031 as mandated by the state.

"This is the beginning of an 18-month process to comprehensively update the city's housing element, and a key piece of this process is to complete planning, and to identify sites, for 5,965 future housing units," said Ellen Clark, Pleasanton's community development director.

The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission will soon begin issuing draft

RHNA allocations and timeframes for the local reviews and appeal process.

The city will use the unit estimates as a guideline and begin scheduling public outreach forums and workshops per state regulations.

"There will be opportunities for the public to provide input and comments, and to cover the content in detail," said Jennifer Hagen, Pleasanton's associate planner. "This will include outreach events, stakeholder meetings and planning commission and city council meetings."

In order to meet the new RHNA numbers, the council will need to identify and ultimately rezone a number of parcels throughout the city.

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Council Votes 5-0
To Approve Eden
Housing Project

By Aly Brown

LIVERMORE — The city council this week voted 5-0 to approve the Eden Housing project.

The decision was made Tuesday afternoon, following a packed virtual meeting on Monday with about 200 participants and just over 100 public speakers.

Slated for the city's Downtown Core at the southeastern corner of Railroad Avenue and South L Street, the project is set to provide 130 affordable housing units.

The project has been a point of controversy for Livermore. Those who support the current plans have stressed the importance

of immediately providing affordable homes to a community that's seen a large portion of residents priced out. Those who oppose the current plans — including groups such as Preserve Downtown Livermore and Save Livermore Downtown (SLD) — want the housing moved across the street to enable a park on the vacated land and to create additional affordable units on the new location, as many as 230 in total.

During the deliberation on Tuesday, Livermore Mayor Bob Woerner said that the planning for the area started in 2003; the city has repeatedly reached out to get input from the community for the site.

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Sunwalker Energy Withdraws
Solar Project Proposed for
North Livermore Open Space

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — Facing stiff opposition from Tri-Valley property owners and environmentalists, Sunwalker Energy of Oakland has withdrawn its approved project to build a 59-acre solar power generating site in agricultural land near Livermore, county planning authorities said Thursday.

The company emailed its decision to Alameda County planning officials on Wednesday, prompting officials to remove four appeals of the project from the Board of Supervisors June 3 meeting agenda, said Damien Curry, a county planner.

The email was not made public.

"The reasons stated are time/money and no clear outcome to (the) project, difficulty attracting/keeping investors," Curry said.

Attempts for comment from Sunwalker Energy were unsuccessful.

Curry said the withdrawal cancels the conditional-use permit to develop the solar farm approved by the East County Board of Zoning Adjustments (EBZA) in December. Sunwalker or another entity would have to begin the process anew if a similar project for the site were planned, Curry said.

"We're unsure if they'll come back to the project or not," Curry said.

Sunwalker's plan would have placed a solar farm

capable of generating six megawatts of power on most of a 71-acre parcel at 4871 N. Livermore Ave.

The solar farm would have been developed near a site where Intersect Power plans to build a 350-acre solar farm. Intersect Power's Aramis project was approved in March.

Both large-scale solar facilities faced significant community opposition. Three groups — Save North Livermore Valley; Friends of Livermore; Friends of Open Space and Vineyards — and residents John and Jackie Bowles filed appeals with the Board of Supervisors to stop the Sunwalker project.

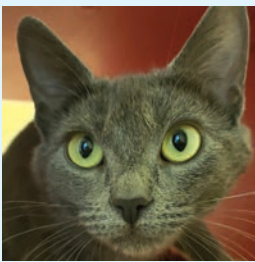
In April, Supervisors David Haubert, Richard Valle and Wilma Chan voted 3-0 to consider the appeals, and revisit the EBZA's certification of the project's final environmental impact report and approval of the conditional-use permit. Supervisors Keith Carson and Nate Miley were not in attendance at the time.

Among other charges, the appellants said that the project was an improper use of agricultural land; it would ruin aesthetics, violate Measure D and harm federally listed species; and that the county needed to develop a solar policy. The groups also stated that the Sunwalker project violated the

(See SUNWALKER, page 10)



Las Positas Collage held a drive-thru graduation for its veteran graduates Saturday, May 22. The event was sponsored by Las Positas' Veterans First Program and included active military, veterans' support groups and other veterans' organizations. Seen here, Adeana Santos, Student Veterans Organization president, receives flowers for graduation. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen) [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia]



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The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LPFD) responded to a fire on Vineyard Avenue between Livermore and Pleasanton Thursday, around 4:20 p.m. LPFD Deputy Chief Joe Testa said his crews were able to quickly extinguish the vegetation fire that covered a 1-acre parcel of school district-owned land. No injuries occurred, and no homes were threatened. Equipment from crews conducting weed abatement for fire safety sparked the fire. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

[See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia]

Sandia Celebrates 40th Anniversary of Research Facility

Sandia National Laboratories is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the opening of the Combustion Research Facility (CRF) in Livermore.

The facility, which opened on March 6, 1981, “was designed to provide an understanding of combustion in response to the energy crisis,” explained Craig Taatjes, who supervises physical sciences research at Sandia, referring to the 1970s oil embargo by members of OPEC that drove a surge in gasoline prices and a supply shortage in the United States.

“The other part of the vision was that it be a collaborative facility where researchers from around the world could participate, teach us and learn from us,” Taatjes added. “One of the big visions was to bring together the applied offices and fundamental offices in one place.”

Bob Carling, who spent 27 years doing research at the facility,” noted, “There isn’t a single modern vehicle on the road today that hasn’t benefitted from the

work done at the CRF.”

Technological advances to emerge from the CRF include ion imaging, developed in the late 1980s, which uses lasers to ionize gas molecules and projects the resultant ions onto a two-dimensional detector, providing information that can be used to understand the details of the chemical reactions that formed the molecules.

“Ion imaging is used in hundreds of labs around the world now,” said CRF director Sarah Allendorf, “and is a foundation for other types of experiments that have expanded our understanding of gas phase chemistry.”

Other technologies developed at CRF include Chemical Kinetics, a software package written to calculate combustion chemistry and now used by industry around the world; a process called rapid reduction of nitrogen oxides to help clean up engine emissions; and photo-ionization mass spectrometry to unravel complex combustion chemistry and

atmospheric chemistry.

Researcher Charles Mueller is currently working on ducted fuel injection for diesel engines, which could eliminate soot by fine tuning the fuel-air mixture, and which Chris Shaddix, who headed energy and transportation sciences before recently being appointed to manage another department at Sandia, said “would be a huge, huge breakthrough.”

Carling said it “took a while for the engine companies to really understand the value of what we can provide them as they design these engines.”

“As time went on,” Carling said, “they became more and more dependent upon understanding what was going on inside the cylinder, which we were uncovering.”

The business partnerships with Sandia have extended beyond engine makers, driving innovation across sectors including steelmaking, glassmaking, and energy production.

“They do work in their own labs, where we’ve

LLNS Accepting Applications for Grants

Lawrence Livermore National Security (LLNS) is now accepting applications for its annual Community Gift Program for 2021.

Established in 2008, the LLNS Community Gift Program helps fund nonprofit organizations addressing science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics education, along with community service and philanthropic needs of the surrounding communities.

LLNS will provide up to \$150,000 to qualified nonprofit organizations and government agencies serving Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Joaquin counties. Grants will be awarded in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$10,000.

Organizations interested in the program must apply by Aug. 13. To be eligible, organizations must be sus-

tainable, financially viable, and accountable for spending and program results.

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COVID-19 Relief Fund Distributes Third Round of Grants

One year after its launch, the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Fund for Covid Relief has completed its third round of funding, thanks in part to the Rotary Club of Livermore.

The Rotary Club last month donated \$9,300, triggering the distribution of \$63,000 to the fund’s beneficiaries, including Axis Community Health, CityServe of the Tri-Valley, Open Heart Kitchen, Senior Support Services of the Tri-Valley, Spectrum Community Services (Meals on Wheels), and Tri-Valley Haven.

The latest round of fund-

ing brings the total contributions to \$183,000.

“Raising funds during a pandemic seemed an insurmountable task,” said Pleasanton Human Services Commissioner Susan Hayes, who co-founded the fund with Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance (TVNPA). “It has been unbelievable to see the community rally around the organizations serving our most vulnerable populations even as their own businesses and personal lives were being impacted by COVID-19.”

Donations were matched by contribution from the Workday Foundation, the

Community Health & Education Foundation, and other corporate sponsors.

Rotary Club President Carolyn Siegfried said when the service organization began meeting online, instead of in-person, because of the pandemic, two members, Jay Davis and Glenn Kubiack, suggested a “Give Us Your Lunch Money” campaign, asking members to donate what they would have spent on their usual weekly lunches.

Although the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Fund is currently paused, TVNPA CEO Kathy Young said the nonprofit is exploring ways to

extend the fund’s reach, which may include making grants available to more organizations and ensuring funds to support groups with immediate need are available in the future.

Livermore Library to Host Encore Players Performance

The Livermore Public Library will host an online performance by the Encore Players community theatre group on Tuesday, June 15, as part of its Adult Summer Reading program.

The theme for this year’s reading program is “Color Your World,” and

the Encore Players will present a variety of readings, stories, and songs reflecting the many colors of both art and people.

The live, Zoom-based performance will begin at 7 p.m.

The library’s Adult Summer Reading Program

is for those 18 and older. For more information about the program and access to the Encore Players performance, sponsored by Friends of the Livermore Public Library, go to livermorelibrary.net or call 925-373-5505.

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Pleasanton's Prodigy Fitness and Fleet Feet are sponsoring a training program and 5K run to raise money for nonprofit organization Girls Soccer Worldwide. The 5K for a Cause event begins May 31 and includes six weeks of personal training, conditioning and entry in the 5K. (Photo - Robyn Ladle)

Livermore to Hold East Avenue Corridor Workshop

Livermore will hold a third East Avenue Corridor Study community workshop on Tuesday, June 8. The online, Zoom-based meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The city is considering several alternatives to enhance bicycle and pedestrian travel and safety along East Avenue between Livermore Avenue and South Vasco Road, including medians and left-turn lanes, bicycle lanes, and wider sidewalks. The city is also considering changes to crosswalks and more street lighting.

The workshop will highlight various alternatives and present the results from previous surveys and outreach efforts. To join the workshop online, go to www.zoom.us/j/95295713124 (Meeting ID 952 9571 3124) or call 669-900-6833 to listen by phone. For more information, go to www.eastavecorridorstudy.com.

California to Lift Most COVID-19 Restrictions on June 15

Citing increased vaccination rates and low COVID-19 hospitalization, California announced last week that it will no longer require social distancing or limited capacity for businesses or events as of June 15.

However, the state said it would still require facemasks, in line with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

Current guidelines are that people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 "can participate in indoor and outdoor activities, large or small, without wearing a mask or physical distancing," according to CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky.

Some businesses may also continue to require facemasks at their discretion.

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For large outdoor gatherings with more than 10,000 people, the state said event organizers must require proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test. But people without either may still be allowed in if they wear a face covering.

People must also show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test to

Nurses Push for Continued Mask Mandates

By Ron McNicoll

The National Nurses Association is objecting to the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) proposed relaxation of rules that have helped control the spread of the coronavirus.

A Nurses Association co-president, registered nurse Jean Ross, said in a video posted on the group's website that the new changes in the guidelines create confusion for health professionals and potential danger for health professionals working cases.

"How am I going to understand whether the person next to me is not masked because they are fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated, refuse to be vaccinated, or have a condition that does not allow them to be vaccinated?" said Ross. "Only 36% of the country is fully vaccinated. We are not out of the woods yet. It's dangerous to take away any part of the plan — social distancing, wearing a mask and getting vaccinated."

She urged those who agree with her to sign an online petition to the CDC posted on the Nurses Association website.

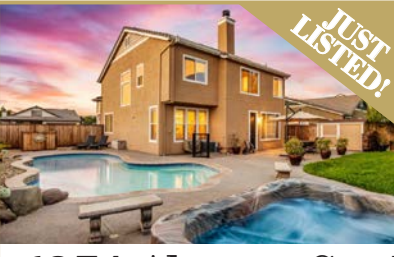
Zenei Triunfo-Cortez, a registered nurse who is

president of the California Nurses Association, said that 600 people a day in the nation are dying from COVID-19, and more than half the population is not yet fully vaccinated. She said she applauded state health officials' decision to keep conservative policies in place until June 15, and hopes they will continue afterward.

The nurses also have been concerned about the relative lack of vaccinations and higher death and hospitalization rates for minority groups that appear to be underserved.

Dr. Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, vice dean for population health and health equity at UCSF, told The San Francisco Chronicle late last week, "We should probably wait a few more weeks until as many people as possible can get vaccinated."

The dashboard posted by the Alameda County Health Department shows higher percentages of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations for African Americans and Hispanic people, compared to people who are white only or Asian, a measurement of how hard Hispanic people and African Americans have been hit by the pandemic in the county.



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Dublin Police to Conduct DUI Checkpoint to Promote Safety

Dublin Police Services will conduct a DUI checkpoint from 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 29, to 3 a.m. on Sunday, May 30, near Dublin Boulevard and Civic Plaza.

The goal, according to police, is not to make

arrests, but to promote public safety by deterring motorists from driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

"The safety of our community is, and always will be, our mission," Captain Nate Schmidt said. "We

are looking for impaired drivers because driving under the influence is dangerous and puts others on the road at risk."

Police said checkpoint locations are chosen based on a history of DUI crashes and arrests. Drivers

attend indoor events with more than 5,000 people. Wearing a facemask will not be sufficient, according to the state.

The California Department of Public Health is also lifting isolation and quarantine requirements for travelers, and instead will issue a travel advisory that aligns with CDC guidance.

charged with a first-time DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

Quest Board Member to Match \$50,000 in Donations

Jay Davis, a member of the Quest Science Center board of directors, and his wife, Mary, have pledged to match up to \$50,000 in donations to the nonprofit organization between now and June 15.

"After six decades as a practitioner of science, helping build Quest and its programs gives me the chance to experience again the awe and wonder of science, and share it with others," Davis said.

Davis was a nuclear physicist at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory for more than 30 years.

He was also a nuclear inspector for the United Nations in Iraq after the first Gulf War and was the first director of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency at the U.S. Department of Defense.

David has also served on the boards of the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, Hertz Foundation, Rotary Club of Livermore, Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group and Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center.

"We are fortunate to have someone of Jay's caliber join us as we turn the vision of Quest Science Center into a reality," said Quest CEO Monya Lane. "Mary and Jay's generous support for science in our community through this matching fund pledge couldn't come at a more important time."

Donations during the fundraising campaign will support science and technology projects already underway, including "Quest Plaza," a shaded, outdoor gathering area for learning about science at Stockmen's Park, which is also slated to be the home of a future

Quest Science Center. Quest Plaza is scheduled to open this summer.

Other projects include the organization's "Volts & Bolts" summer science camps for middle school students and an Innovation Fair at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in September.



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Symphony Guild to Hold Estate Sale

The Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild will hold a "Fabulous Estate Sale" at 3871 Hillsdale Ave. in Livermore on June 4-5 and 11-12. The sale will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. all four days.

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EDITORIAL

If there’s a mantra for this year’s fire season, it’s preparation.

That’s not to say that preparation isn’t the mantra for every fire season. It surely is. But it’s safe to say that this year is different. A set of conditions, years in the making, is converging all across the western states to create particularly worrisome predictions for the period typically between July and September.

Back in January, when there was still hope that atmospheric rivers would develop over the Pacific and deliver quenching rains across the state, fire officials remarked offhandedly that every fire season is predicted to be the worst ever. Three months later, when it was becoming clear that those rains were not going to materialize, the concern became more real.

“Preparation” is the Operative Word

A number of conditions could spell trouble: historically low levels of moisture in vegetation, a second consecutive year of below average rainfall, and a meager snowpack that melted too early. Runoff either evaporated or was absorbed by the parched ground before it could drain into the creeks and rivers that feed watersheds. That was before the first red-flag days were posted in mid-May.

If there is a silver lining, it’s that officials from Gov. Gavin Newsom to the fire service agencies that serve the Tri-Valley – the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LPFD), Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD) and Cal Fire – understand exactly what is at stake and what steps need to be taken to prevent a worst-case scenario.

As Newsom stood at McClellan Air Force Base on Monday, May 24, he described a \$2 billion

investment in disaster preparedness that included a \$536 million dollar early action wildfire package. That package gives the state a head start on projects designed to mitigate wildfire damage.

During recent interviews with The Independent, representatives from LPFD and ACFD talked about the action their respective agencies are taking as wildfire season takes hold. They also stressed the actions that residents should take, particularly those living in fire-prone wildland-urban interface zones. Residents should harden their homes, create defensible space, and consider how they would handle an evacuation should one become necessary.

The fire season may be challenging, but the opportunity to be prepared and understand the risk is also better than ever.

MAILBOX

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Marc Palajac’s Letter Jay Davis, Livermore

I want to thank the Independent for publishing the remarkable letter from Marc Palajac.

I have never met him; I surely wish I had. In a superbly researched and fact-filled letter, he has managed to expose and demolish the wishful thinking and persistent delusion of those expecting a magical park to appear on the old Lucky Site. We all would love a large and beautiful park. We all would love to have gracious, low-cost housing and parking on a different site.

Unfortunately, those wishes conflict with the reality of the conditions that made possible the acquisition of the Lucky Site. The Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy cannot deliver those, nor can the city under the current restraints.

Those wishing a fairyland park can petition the city to terminate the contract with Eden, taking the associated legal and financial consequences, and then they can support a bond measure to repay the money used to purchase the site. That done, the city would presumably use operating funds or acquire by bond issue other resources for park construction, leaving provision of housing and parking elsewhere to the marketplace.

There is no free lunch in this matter. The Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy have inadequate management and financial resources.

The Independent would do the Livermore community a real service by reprinting Mr. Palajac’s letter in boldface in a prominent box on its first page. That would clarify the reality of the situation downtown and the options going forward.

Response to Mark Palajac’s May 20 Letter

Jim Hutchins, Livermore

Mark Palajac’s letter to the editor on May 20 made claims regarding the Alternative Plan put out by Save Livermore

Downtown. My group, Preserve Downtown Livermore, has reviewed the plan by SLD and believes it is a viable and feasible plan.

Mark claims the Alternate Plan’s density is more than twice the Eden plan, but the acreages are wrong. When both plans only consider the acreage of the lots the buildings are on, the Eden plan is 94 units/acre while SLD’s is 91 units/acre.

Mark claims none of the parcels north of Railroad are owned by the city and cannot be acquired in time, but one is owned by the city, and others are open to selling. Sufficient land can be acquired in time to demonstrate viability and satisfy A1’s requirement.

Mark claims any change will trigger a new competitive award process, but with an increase in the number of affordable units, the project’s score would increase, and retaining the funding is very likely.

Mark claimed SLD’s plan had units half the size, but it has the same ratios of one-, two- and three-bedroom units, and at the same density, they would be about the same size.

Mark claimed by including more units, the per-unit cost would go up past statutory limits causing loss of funding. But economy-of-scale means per-unit costs would decrease, not increase. SLD’s above-ground robotic garage is much cheaper than the underground parking in Eden’s plan. By moving the housing across Railroad Avenue, the current site would be retained by the city and the housing requirement alleviated allowing it to be used for a destination park.

Mark says there is no funding source for SLD’s plan, but SLD’s website lists potential sources of funding. Mark also says no building partner has been identified, but the city can partner with Eden to develop the site north of Railroad, or the city can engage another developer if Eden declines.

While running for mayor, Bob Woerner put forward what he called a “win-win” of moving the housing to the north of Railroad and building a large park for the community. This was a campaign issue that helped him get elected. But after he was elected, he dropped the pretense.

The people deserve a large, beautiful park in the center of downtown, not a large high-density apartment project in its last open space.

Eden Housing Elsewhere Thomas Jefferson, Livermore

I am a long-time Livermore resident. Count me as one of the majority of Livermore residents who are against placing the Eden Housing project as planned north of Veterans Way. That area should be for public use, not housing.

Eden Housing elsewhere, sure, but not where it is currently being planned.

Drowning Out the Opposition Deborah McQueen, Livermore

Eden Housing is utilizing the services of outsourced lobbying firms against the citizens of Livermore. Two of these services are called EveryAction.com and CoUrbanize.com which are large National and East Bay lobbying groups hired by Eden Housing to build ground swell support for public

meetings and project objectives. CoUrbanize.com offers a five-point plan to developers on how to overcome local town opposition to urbanization.

The City Council and the Mayor were notified that lobbyists were being employed and used during the Zoom call virtual meetings but showed no concern. The voices of the citizens of Livermore are being diminished by multi-million-dollar developers using multi-million dollar lobbying groups to drown out their opposition.

Pay Attention to Legacy Lawrence Thompson, Livermore

I have lived in Livermore since 1973 and worked at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for 40 years. I truly appreciate the qualities and ambience that make Livermore a remarkable community. A telephone poll and countless letters to the editor in the Independent over many weeks show that most Livermore residents oppose the downtown Eden Housing plan. Residents object to the idea of four-story apartment buildings facing each other across L Street and the lack of open space. The revised Eden Housing plan has much larger buildings than the ones illustrated in the Yes-on-P literature, and the green space that would have provided a community centerpiece has disappeared. Residents like me are bewildered by the lack of common sense behind these changes. Now is the last chance for our elected representatives to actually respect the will of the people by scrapping the revised Eden Housing plan in favor of development that most residents find attractive and inviting. Council members, please pay close attention to the irreversible development legacy you will be creating in our cherished community.

Gun Laws Mike Grant, Dublin

Just another couple of Democrats with zero knowledge of gun laws.

Citizens over the last couple years and months the city staff in Dublin have violated our second amendment rights. So, let’s talk about the restriction of your rights.

Councilmembers Shawn Kumagai and Jean Josey were behind this lock your guns up city ordinance. Just in the last five months, they again went out and passed a city ordinance requiring all citizens to lock their guns up. Dublin, there are state and federal laws already on the books for this.

Furthermore, not one person has been convicted for not locking their guns up in the state of California. And let’s go one more step on this comment; not one homeowner who has had their gun removed from their home and use by a minor or anyone in a crime has been convicted for not “locking their gun up.”

So, this brings me back to just another couple of Democrats who have zero idea what they are doing to stop crime or make Dublin safe.

As you may know, Shawn works for the 16th State Assembly person Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, who is the biggest anti-second amendment person we could have in office. Jean works for the Dublin school district as a study hall teacher, so that says it all for all us gun owners.

“Why arm qualified teacher to protect our kids?” That would be stupid!

As a federal firearms dealer for 44 years, I can tell you that Democrats have done almost everything to get rid of guns. The fact is Democrats don’t care about public safety at all, caused (sic) if they did, why did all the crap go on across this county last year with looters and destroying property?

Their solution (is to) lock your guns up, so that the bad guy will have the jump on you.

Dublin, the local (law enforcement) are three to five minutes away, so do you think that a bad guy can do you harm in three minutes?

What’s your life and your family’s worth? Do you think Jean or Shawn will come fight the bad guy for you? No way. Both of them will hide under the covers in bed (until) the entire ordeal is over.

Trust me, you need to defend yourself and family, because the city of Dublin could care less about your safety.

Reconsider the Plan Linda Milanese

My husband Don and I have lived in Livermore for a long time. We’ve raised 3 kids here. I’m a former Livermore High School teacher and Don was an original founder of Las Positas College. I say this because, needless to say, we care a great deal about our town.

We do believe there’s a pressing need for affordable housing, but we also believe preserving open space downtown is just as important.

I think the controversy about Eden Housing has deteriorated to an “us vs. them” situation that is unnecessary. We all support both housing and open space. We can have both by moving the housing a short walk away.

City Council, please reconsider the present plan and make it a win-win for both sides of this fabricated controversy.

Comment Letter Summary of Winston Letter to City Jean King, Livermore

I represent Save Livermore Downtown. Our attorney at Latham and Watkins sent the city letters explaining why the City Council cannot approve the Project in its current form.

The Project’s design continues to be inconsistent with the Specific Plan. Denial of the Project would not violate the Housing Accountability Act. And the Project is not exempt from CEQA.

The rationale for all of this is in his letters.

If the Council approves the Project tonight, that would be unlawful.

Despite all the community opposition to this Project, our voices have been ignored.

If the City continues to ignore us, we may have no choice but to ask a judge to resolve the dispute.

Rather than do that, we urge the City and Eden to press pause and come to the table with us to discuss an alternative, through mediation, community meetings, or some other approach.

We would prefer a resolution that ends with a win-win solution. Livermore deserves better, and we are here to help that happen.

The Eden Housing Plan Is Critical Because It Affects the Community Raquel Holt, Livermore

Here are two observations of the Livermore City Council meeting held on Monday, May 24:

1. On the beautifully drawn picture, Central Park has become a sliver of a park between the two tall buildings of the Eden Housing Plan. Somehow, it felt that the park is there mainly for the residents of the complex.

2. A number of those who spoke that endorsed the Eden Plan were not Livermore voters.

As a long-time Livermore resident and voter, I visualize enjoying a Central Park that is spacious with beautiful trees that will make the commercial and art center of our city even more attractive for the residents and visitors alike. We will remember Mayor Woerner and members of the City Council as having the courage and vision instrumental in helping create this Central Park at the

heart of our city. Certainly, we do not want to be reminded, time and again, about them as instrumental in creating a token park, small, that is obstructed and shadowed by the plan’s 2 four-story buildings next to it.

Of course, we want to have affordable housing! The Mayor and City Council can do this with a creative solution. I urge them to move the Eden Plan to a nearby place, and even consider adding to it. The future residents of the complex will certainly enjoy the amenities of a large, airy central park, as we, ALL, rightfully should. Also, moving the Eden plan to a different location will definitely ease the big problem of traffic and parking.

Overall, this is a “Win-Win” solution.

Move Eden Housing Marcus Libkind, Livermore

Readers surely know why it is a win-win to move the Eden Project across Railroad Avenue. More units, units for essential workers, not just low income, a larger park, more parking, and less congestion.

But the City of Livermore continues to support a mediocre design that is the antithesis of what the citizenry of Livermore desire.

From early on, the Eden Project has been one of bait and switch. The citizens of Livermore were promised one thing and now they are presented with something completely different. The City Council should never have allowed the non-agreed upon design to continue forward.

There is a feasible and better option for low income and essential worker housing that is just across Railroad Avenue. It will support more units, that can benefit essential workers too and meet Livermore parking codes. The end result of moving the Eden Project to this location is a win-win – more housing and a larger park to be shared by all the citizens of Livermore.

Given the benefits of moving the Eden Project across the street, I can’t see what has kept the City Council from embracing the move. It is time that the City Council makes a clear statement as to why they support the current plan as opposed to a better plan across Railroad Avenue. Or better yet, support the better plan!

The City Council has one chance only to do it right. I sincerely hope that they will meet the wishes of the vast majority of Livermore’s citizenry by moving the Eden Project across Railroad Avenue.

Do Not Contribute to Canyons Maryann Brent, Livermore

The housing project that the City Council proposes for the Lucky Catalyst Site - 2 large housing units in the middle of downtown - is most unfortunate for Livermore. It will create traffic congestion and parking problems and will threaten Livermore’s economic health, in my opinion.

The city has changed proposals for the Lucky site a number of times over the years. And when a housing proposal was made in 2018, hundreds of residents showed up at the city council meeting in protest. According to a recent poll, a majority still oppose housing there. I hope the City Council will not contribute to the canyons of housing that already appear downtown.

Oppose AB1512, SB799 Estelle Miller, Livermore

Assembly Bill 1512 and Senate Bill 799 seek to stop the Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area from use by Jeeps, 4x4s and UTVs.

If you own one of these recreational vehicles and enjoy seeing nature using them, these bills would eliminate any chance of having this opportu-

nity in the Bay Area. Oppose these bills.

The Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) General Plan for the expansion area allows one-third of the 3,100 acres to be a buffer zone dedicated to conservation and restoration, in which there would be no motorized travel. The remaining part of the expansion area would be an off-road experience for four-wheel driving and backcountry camping.

An off-road experience doesn’t mean you just go out and drive wherever you please. Off-road driving takes place on designated dirt roads, trails or in special off-highway vehicle (OHV) areas. It is an enjoyable form of recreation for all ages and families. It would be fun to explore the hills in this area in a park specifically dedicated and planned for such use.

Carnegie SVRA is to be commended for having the foresight to buy the Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area for OHV recreational use using OHV funds. There is no place in the Bay Area for this kind of off-road nature experience for those of us who enjoy Jeeps, 4x4s and UTVs.

Oppose this legislation by contacting your State Legislator or the Bills’ authors, AB1512 Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan or SB799 Senator Steven Glazer.

Change the Plan Kathy Pedrini, Livermore

When a downtown area gets crowded and overdeveloped, when the traffic increases and it becomes a hassle to find a parking space, the area becomes less inviting to visit and spend time there. Filling downtown Livermore with large apartment blocks will not lure people to congregate in our downtown space. The current plan has inadequate parking and will lead to more traffic congestion. The current plan is massively ugly and will destroy the charm of downtown. I don’t want a “Dublinfication” of Livermore, with lots of ugly, tall, high-density housing buildings downtown. I agree that increasing the supply of low-income housing is important. If alternative locations exist nearby that can accommodate the housing, why not move the housing so that downtown Livermore can have some open space for residents and visitors to enjoy in the center of town? What’s the point of public comment and input when Livermore residents are not being heard by the Planning Commission and City Council? The revised Eden Housing plan is NOT the plan promised to Livermore voters. Please change the plan and save our downtown.

Improve Downtown Brian Bonner, Livermore

Now that the four-story housing proposed for the Lucky site is on the drawing board, we can see that it is truly out of scale and on the wrong site. When Livermore undertook its large-scale downtown revitalization, citizen support was nearly universal. The planning, process and result for the Eden Housing development on the Lucky site have not achieved the same universal support. Most people want workforce and affordable housing blended into the community, with some walkable to downtown. Why not build on the win-win approach suggested by candidate (now Mayor) Woerner: move Eden Housing to the north, increase the affordable housing within walking distance of downtown, grow the public access park, and add innovative ideas such as the robotic garage, live-work options, co-housing? Other forward-looking communities have done these things. This approach would certainly engage more people in working

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Blood Drive Set for Dublin Senior Center

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Friday, June 4.

Donors will also be tested for COVID-19 antibodies, with results available in seven to 10 days on the Red Cross Blood Donor app or the donor portal at www.RedCrossBlood.org.

Reservations are required to donate. To schedule a blood donation, go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code, DublinCommunity, or call 800-733-2767.

Health Account Activated for Livermore Lab Retirees

An account to reimburse health costs for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) retirees has been established following settlement of a health care lawsuit against the University of California. The account, called a health reimbursement arrangement, or HRA, is available to surviving members of the lawsuit class through the end of 2040, or until 1,000 survivors remain, according to provisions of the settlement.

The LLNL retirees sued in 2010 after a contract change denied them access to UC health care benefits. The roughly 9,000 class members did not succeed in returning to UC health programs, but an \$84.5 million settlement reached in late 2019 gave them significant benefits including the HRA.

The 2021 HRA benefit will be \$598 for class members who use Via Benefits and \$606 for those with Kaiser Senior Advantage, according to an announcement from the settlement. Those amounts will vary in future years depending on several factors including investment returns.

Reimbursement for eligible 2021 expenses is retroactive to January 1. Eligibility will be determined by IRS regulations.

Class members must sign up for the HRA to receive benefits, according to the settlement announcement. Settlement administrator Archer Systems has sent texts and emails to tell class members how to proceed and has put information on its website at llnretiree-settlement.com.

Memorial Day Observed Across the Tri-Valley

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Memorial Day celebrations to honor the sacrifice of those who have served are looking a little different across the Tri-Valley.

In Livermore, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7265 will consolidate their annual three-part observance to one ceremony in the new Stockman's Park while marking their 75th anniversary.

"In the past, we have held an event for Memorial Day at all three cemeteries in Livermore," said post commander Mike Gilmore. "This year, we are combining them all in one spot at Stockman's Park. It's something we have been thinking about for a few years, and with the opening of the park last year, we decided to make that happen."

Local Scouts will present the colors, and Jeana Collinsworth will sing the national anthem and "God Bless America." The event will be co-hosted by the VFW, the City of Livermore, and American Legion Post 47, and include static vehicle displays, comments from Livermore Mayor Bob Woerner, a representative from the California State Guard and the Livermore Stockman's Rodeo Association.

The event begins at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 31, and will be streamed live on the City of Livermore's Facebook page and available on the City's YouTube channel after. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/cityoflivermore or www.facebook.com/VFW7265. California Department of Public Health

guidelines will be followed. Stockman's Park is located at 29 South Livermore Ave., in Livermore.

In Pleasanton, local veterans' groups chose to forgo a public Memorial Day observance, and instead honored the day in a quiet fashion.

"The Veterans, in partnership with the scouts ... placed flags and medallions at each veteran gravesite

for Memorial Day," said Pleasanton spokesperson Cindy Chin.

The flags and medallions were placed in a non-publicized ceremony at Pioneer Cemetery, 5780 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton, on Saturday, May 22. The flags and medallions will remain on the gravesites through Memorial Day and can be observed by the public who care to drive through the cemetery.

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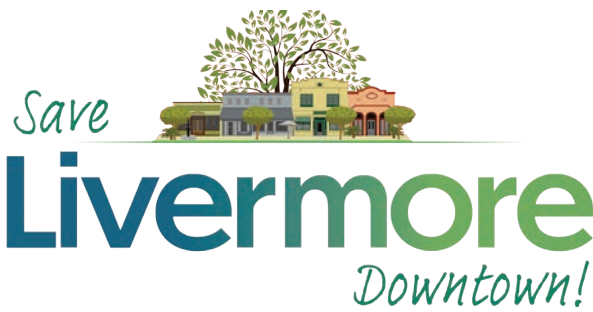
They voted against Livermore



This week, Mayor Bob Woerner and the Livermore City Council sided with Edén housing's flawed plan for Livermore.

The Edén plan places massive 4-story buildings in the heart of our downtown, provides inadequate parking, will increase traffic congestion, squeezes public open space between private residential buildings, with no workforce housing. By approving it, the Council also ignored a Downtown Alternative that would provide more affordable housing nearby, with units for teachers, and would enhance our downtown with a beautiful park, more parking, and less traffic.

We will be reviewing all available options to remedy this terrible mistake. We will not give up on trying to preserve the unique charm of the city we love.



A's Right Fielder, Former Amador Athlete to Host Concert Series to Honor His Mother

By Matt Schwab

With a heavy heart and a hopeful spirit, Oakland A's right fielder Stephen Piscotty is bringing a national story home ... in the memory of his beloved mom.

Piscotty, a former Amador Valley High and Stanford star, lost his mom, Gretchen, in May 2018 to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), the rare and fatal condition also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. She was 55.

Thus, when Major League Baseball rolls out its first annual "Lou Gehrig Day" on June 2, followed in September by an ALS Country Concert Series at three Bay Area venues hosted by the Piscotty family's ALS CURE Project, to raise more awareness and funds, Stephen figures to be touched deeply and inspired greatly.

"We're really excited about a lot of things," Stephen Piscotty said. "Obviously, Lou Gehrig's Day on June 2 is going to be a game changer for this phase and bring in tons and tons of awareness (about ALS)."

The country music concerts are at Deerfield Ranch Winery (north of Sonoma), on Sept. 10; Campos Family Vineyards (Byron), on Sept. 11; and Islanders Field in the River Islands community (Lathrop), on Sept. 12. Moreover, the ALS CURE Project, headed by Stephen's dad, Mike, is hosting a golf tournament on June 7 at Orinda Country Club, which will feature at least 12 A's players, including Stephen Piscotty.

Mike Piscotty, an IT project manager at Lawrence Livermore National Lab, launched the nonprofit ALS CURE Project with his three sons after Gretchen's death, and has made it his

mission to find a cure. The ALS CURE Project and the Livermore Lab Foundation led an international symposium of ALS researchers to create the first 'Roadmap to Cure ALS' in 2019. Organizations involved include Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Stanford, Sheffield University, Barrow Neurological Institute, UCSD, Northwestern, and UCSF Gladstone Institute.

"I made good on a promise to her to work towards a cure for ALS, so nobody would have to suffer my Gretchen's fate," Mike said.

Stephen Piscotty marvels at his dad's drive.

"He's taken something that was obviously a bit of a tragedy for our family, in losing my mom, and the way he has responded and set his mind and all of his energy toward finding a cure, it's really special," said Stephen, who lives in Danville. "We're obviously in huge support of him. He's the right man for the job in the sense that he's so incredibly passionate."

Always rooted in the Bay Area, Stephen Piscotty was raised in Livermore before his family relocated to Pleasanton when he was 13. He played travel ball with numerous elite teams, including the powerful Danville Hoots Baseball Club guided by Don Johns, site director of Islanders Field. Johns also coached Stephen's two younger brothers, Austin and Nick, with the Hoots, and all three of the brothers' teams advanced to the Connie Mack World Series. Austin went on to play baseball at Saint Mary's College, and Nick pitched at Duke.

"The Piscotty family never missed anything," Johns said. "They traveled, the grandfather traveled,

and everybody traveled with the team. They're a baseball family. Gretchen was always there, and Mike ... They had great kids. They each went on to the next level, and they would always come back and help. That doesn't happen all the time."

Stephen Piscotty, 30, a stalwart in the A's outfield, says baseball was woven into his family. He has excelled at every level.

"Some of my fondest memories are with my brothers in the backyard just playing for hours and hours with tennis balls and little wooden bats," Stephen recalled. "Those were just amazing times. Obviously, we would go off and play on our Little League teams and our travel ball teams like the Hoots ... It was in our DNA how much we loved the game."

ALS is a devastating disease attacking the neuromuscular system of the body, slowly and systematically rendering a person paralyzed and struggling to breathe. The journey is particularly painful for families who watch their loved ones become trapped in their own bodies until they pass away. It can affect anyone at any time, and they have no biomarkers or cures.

Baseball is forever connected to ALS because of Gehrig, the New York Yankees' Hall of Fame first baseman who died on June 2, 1941. Gehrig became a Yankees regular starter on June 2, 1925, hence the fitting date for "Lou Gehrig Day," 80 years after his death.

Former Oakland A's and Yankees great Jim "Catfish" Hunter, another Hall of Famer, also died from ALS in 1999 about a year after being diagnosed. Milwaukee Brewers catcher Jacob

Nottingham has lost six extended family members to the disease.

Colorado Rockies outfielder Sam Hilliard and Piscotty have a bond that neither player wished they had. Hilliard's father has been diagnosed with ALS and was still battling the disease in the spring. The two players had a brief meeting on March 4 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

"You wish the circumstances were different and that you weren't getting to know someone through that," Piscotty told MLB.com at the time. "But it's good for me, and hopefully for him, to share in some of the emotion."

When the A's face the Rockies on June 4-6, the ALS CURE Project will have a virtual silent auction. Radio celebrity Marty Lurie, who hosts Talkin' Baseball on KNBR, doesn't know Stephen Piscotty personally, but admires the strength of his character and his family's resolve. He's seen similar virtues in other baseball families battling ALS.

"These families are so strong that it doesn't shock me when I hear that they do things like this," Lurie said. "It's incredible to see it ... You want to beat this disease, because when you see how it robs someone who apparently is in good health of everything that they could do, it breaks your heart."

Interestingly, Piscotty's family story and Gehrig are linked in an ironic way.

When Stephen was a freshman at Amador Valley, he was a good student, but struggled in English with writing papers and making speeches. His mom, who worked at Foothill High in Pleasanton at the time, helped him with a report. It was on Gehrig.



From left back row, Stephen, Nick, Mike and Austin Piscotty all stand behind Gretchen Piscotty, who passed away in 2018 from ALS. (Photo courtesy of the Piscotty family)

"That's something that I look back on that was kind of ... interesting, but I don't know how to describe those feelings," Stephen Piscotty said.

Throughout his family's personal ALS ordeal, Stephen Piscotty drew strength and inspiration from his extended baseball 'family' across the country, which includes the A's and St. Louis Cardinals fans and organizations, Stanford, and many other communities. The Cardinals traded him to the A's in late 2017, in large part so he could be near Gretchen and help with her care. She passed away about 16 months after being diagnosed.

"We've felt the love from our East Bay community, the A's fan base, even the St. Louis Cardinals fans base," Piscotty said. "That was definitely part of this whole journey that our family has been on and that was something that my mom felt when she was still alive and was very grateful for."

Moreover, the moments the family had with Gretchen as she battled ALS were

priceless.

"We have some very, very positive, special memories that we are able to look back on, which means the world," Stephen Piscotty recalled. "After she passed, people reaching out and the connections and the relationships that we've made through the charity and this organization are really special and just impressive, really."

The people that are helping (in the fight against ALS), and what they're bringing to the table, they're just so talented. I never would have met them," he continued.

On June 2, the inaugural Lou Gehrig Day, MLB players, managers and coaches will wear a special uniform patch, with red "4-ALS" (Gehrig's old number) wristbands. Additional ceremonies will take place at stadiums on a variety of dates.

For information on the ALS Country Concert series, visit: deerfieldbranch.com, camposfamilyvineyards.com, or islandersfield.org/index.php.

Boosters Club Announces Finalists for Olympian Awards

The Livermore-Granada Boosters Club has selected 12 finalists for its annual Olympian Awards, three boys and three girls from each of the city's comprehensive high schools.

Four winners, a

boy and girl from each school, will be announced at the Olympian Scholarship Awards banquet. Each winner will receive a \$2,500 scholarship, while the other eight finalists will each receive

\$750.

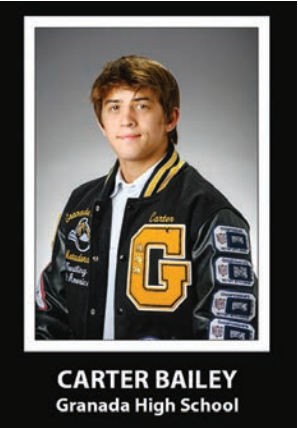
The finalists from Granada High School are Sophia Anderson, Hannah Callahan, Shea Hill,

Carter Bailey, Wesley Chiba, and Anthony Molleson.

The finalists from Livermore High School are Kinsey Claudino, Cameron Ho, Viviana Valenton, Tyler Martin, Jaxson Mosby, and Shaun Smith



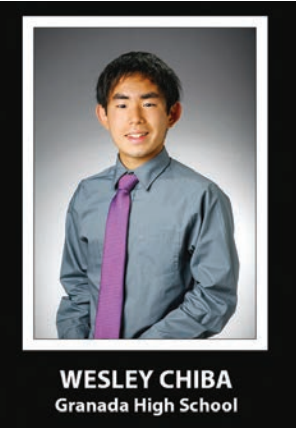
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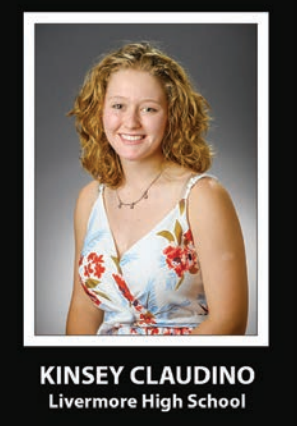
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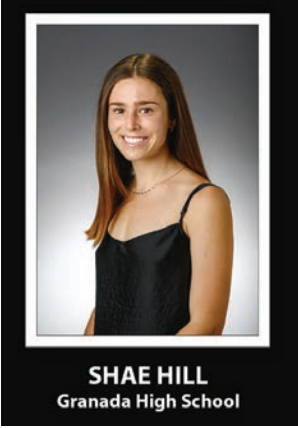
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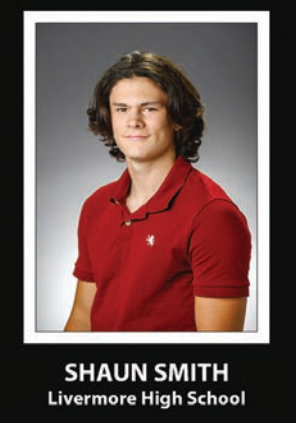
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VIVIANA VALENTON
Livermore High School



Dublin broke ground last week on the third phase of improvements to Fallon Sports Park. The remaining 14 acres of the 60-acre community park will include a cricket field, four sand volleyball courts, two Little League fields, and multi-sport batting cages. The projected cost of the improvements is \$10.5 million. From left are Councilmembers Michael McCorriston, Sherry Hu, Mayor Melissa Hernandez, Councilmember Jean Josey, and Vice Mayor Shawn Kumagai. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

EDUCATIONAL AWARDS

Cring Graduates Magna Cum Laude

Madison E. Cring, who attended Foothill High School in Pleasanton, has graduated magna cum laude at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York, with a bachelor's degree environmental studies and economics.

Local Students Named to President's List

Two students from Dublin and one from Pleasanton have been named to the President's List for the winter semester at Southern New Hampshire University.

Named to the honor roll with 3.7 grade point averages or better for the term were Fendley Cushing and Neluka Bandara, from of Dublin, and William LaMarche, from Pleasanton.

Lucero Earns Degree in Cybersecurity

Marciano Lucero, from of Dublin, has received a bachelor's degree in computer networks and cybersecurity from the University of Maryland Global Campus, an online degree program offered by the University of Maryland.

Local Students Named to Dean's List at Utah

Several students from the Tri-Valley were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

From Dublin were Noah Boekweg (mechanical engineering), Derek Dayton (operations and supply chain management and information systems), Andrew Saake (computer science) and Ally Slayday (nursing).

From Pleasanton were Madelynn Crimi (theater), Tyler Loll (health and kinesiology), Luis Lopez (pre-business), Kennedy Scofield (nursing), and Carson Shea (pre-games).

From Livermore were Ben Hatch (computer science), Katrina Makarewicz (computer science), and Christopher Tam (sociology and criminology).

To qualify, students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for at least 12 credit hours during the term.

Tri-Valley Civil Air Patrol Cadets Receive Various Awards

Four local cadet members of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) were honored last week during an open house for the Livermore-based Tri-Valley Composite Squadron 156.

Cadet Sgt. Sriya Katreddi of Pleasanton received the Air Force Sergeants Association Award for Outstanding Squadron Cadet

Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, while Cadet Chief Giulia Telli of Pleasanton and Cadet Lt. Lena Amato of Tracy received the Veterans of Foreign Wars awards for cadet noncommissioned officer and cadet officer, respectively.

Cadet First Sgt. Yuhui Wang, also from Pleasanton, received a Commander's

Commendation from California Wing Commander Col. Ross Veta for her role as the squadron's CyberPatriot team captain.

The CyberPatriot program, created by the Air Force Association, is a competitive program designed to encourage students to pursue careers in cybersecurity or other science, technology,

engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. Wang's team placed in the top competitive tier.

The CAP is both a volunteer organization and the official civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. It includes a cadet program for teenagers and senior members 18 and older.



Granada High Matadors hosted a dual track meet with The Livermore Cowboys, Thursday, May 20. The girls are seen here, dashing over the 110-meter hurdles. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen) [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia]

Granada, Dublin Face Off this Weekend

The Granada Matadors, 9-1, and the Dublin Gaels, 6-1, will face off in a key home-and-away East Bay Athletic League matchup this weekend, after both varsity basketball squads suffered their first losses of the season last week.

Granada fell to the league rival San Ramon Valley Wolves, 44-47, while Dublin fell to Archbishop Mitty, 79-86, in a non-league matchup.

Both squads bounced back to win home-and-away league matchups on the weekend.

Granada defeated Livermore twice, 80-50 and 74-58, while Dublin took two against De La Salle, 63-57 and 78-67.

The Matadors built an 11-3 lead against San Ramon before the Wolves went on an 8-0 run to tie the game at 11-11 at the end of the first quarter. The Wolves continued strong in the second quarter to take a 26-18 lead

at the half.

San Ramon increased its lead to 11, 38-27, when the Matadors leading scorer, Kevin Gad, hit the floor going for a rebound and had to leave the game with 3 minutes left in the third quarter.

Granada fought back, scoring seven straight points in the fourth quarter to closing to within four, 34-38, and Gad, who reentered the game with about 5 minutes left, tied the score at 40-40 with less than 3 minutes remaining.

The Wolves, however, responded with a 3-pointer to retake the lead.

Landon Wiedenfeld hit a bucket to pull Granada to within a point with 15 seconds left, but with all their fouls to give, the Matadors were unable to force the Wolves to the foul line or steal the inbound pass. San Ramon scored on a last-second layup to make the final score 47-44.

Dublin Basketball Suffers First Loss

Dublin, which played five games in a six-day stretch, started out the week with wins over Bellarmine College Prep, 76-39, and Dougherty Valley, 70-68.

But Archbishop Mitty, from San Jose, went into Dublin and outscored the Gaels 22-9 in the second quarter on Thursday. Dublin was held to just one field goal and seven free throws in the period.

Mitty went on to win 86-79, despite 30 points from Dublin guard T.J. Meagher, 18 from forward Caleb Oden, and 14 from guard Courtney Anderson Jr.

Dublin then took both games in its home-and-away matchup with De La Salle.

Dublin faces another five games over six days this week, including the home-and-away league matchup with Granada.



The Amador Dons' water polo teams traveled to Granada High for a match against the Matadors, Thursday May 20. The girls' varsity team won 13 to 0. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen) [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia]

Dublin, Granada Split League Matchup

The Dublin Gaels and Granada Matadors split their home-and-away varsity basketball matchup last weekend with each squad winning at home.

Dublin defeated Granada 68-65 on Friday, with Granada coming out on top the following night, 70-62.

It was the first East Bay Athletic League loss for both teams.

Coming into this week, Dublin was 10-2 overall and 3-1 in league play. Granada was 9-3 overall and 5-1 in the conference.

In the first game, at Dublin, the Gaels took a 19-point lead at the half, and still led by 18 after three quarters. Granada then mounted a furious comeback, outscoring Dublin 28-15 in the final period, only to fall just short.

Caleb Oden led Dublin with 27 points, five rebounds, five steals, and three assists. Courtney Anderson Jr. Added 24 points, five rebounds, and five steals for the Gaels.

Foothill Takes Two Against Amador Valley

Foothill High School took a home-and-away league matchup last weekend against Amador Valley, 52-42 and 46-39.

Pleasanton School District Unveils Cricket Field

The Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) unveiled its first cricket field on May 21 at Alisal Elementary School.

The district agreed last fall to spend \$60,000 to refurbish the playfields at the elementary school after Cricket for Cubs, a Dublin nonprofit group, agreed to fund construction of the actual cricket pitch, where most of the action takes place.

Cricket is a team sport played with a ball and a flat bat, most popular in England and former British Commonwealth nations. Cricket matches can last for an afternoon or for several days.

Since being founded in 2015, Cricket for Cubs has introduced more than 4,000 Tri-Valley students to the sport through physical education classes and after-school programs.

Local students, led by Amador Valley High School juniors Ajay Immadi and Kanish Bhalla, played an exhibition match following the ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday.

Immadi and Bhalla are considered in contention for the 26-member USA Men's Under 19 National Training Group after their performance this spring in the Under 19 National Cricket Championship in Houston.



Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) celebrated the completion of a turf cricket pitch at Alisal Elementary School in partnership with Cricket for Cubs. PUSD Superintendent David Haglund threw out the first bowl. Seen here, Prithvi Alluboyina gets ready to whack the ball. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen) [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia]

Granada's New Wrestling Room Named for Former Coach Conover



The new wrestling room at Granada High School has been named for Clark Conover, the school's former wrestling coach and now a vice principal. Clark is shown with a picture from his days as a wrestler at Livermore High School. (Photo courtesy of the Livermore Valley Joint United School District)

The wrestling room in the new athletics building at Granada High School has officially been named the Clark Conover Wrestling Facility for the school's former wrestling coach and California Wrestling Hall of Fame member.

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees approved the name unanimously last week.

The new athletics facility, which opened this spring, also includes a classroom, weight room, dance and recreation room, and an outdoor pool.

Conover is considered a local sports hero, having graduated in 1990 from Livermore High School, where he was a three-time East Bay Athletic League champion wrestler and placed at the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) North Coast Section tournament three times, culminating with a section championship his senior year.

He also medaled at the CIF State Championships, Cadet and Junior National Championships, and was a two-time All-American.

Conover continued wrestling at Chabot Community College, and in his sophomore year, won the California Community College State Championship.

He went on to attend California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, earning both bachelor's and master's degrees, and placing third in the PAC 10 Wrestling Championships. In addition, he competed in the NCAA Division I Championships and earned All-American honors at the Espoir Nationals.

Conover also debuted his coaching career at Cal Poly, serving as an assistant wrestling coach.

During his 12 years as wrestling coach at Granada, the Matadors had 31 East Bay Athletic League champions, 35 California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) North Coast Section medalists, and 21 CIF state qualifiers.

He was also the school's athletic director from 2007-2018 and is now a vice principal.

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Dublin Police to Hold Youth Academy

Dublin Police Services will hold its annual Youth Academy from June 14-18. The program is free and open to students from 14-18 years old who have an interest in criminal justice.

Law enforcement personnel will cover topics ranging from crime prevention and community policing to crime scene investigation, canine units, and the bomb squad.

To apply, go to www.dublin.ca.gov/FormCenter/Dublin-Police-Services-8/Dublin-Police-Services-Youth-Academy-190 or pick up a paper application at Dublin Police Services, 6361 Clark Ave. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, June 8.

For more information, contact Deputy Paula Greenbaum at 925-833-6622 or the Crime Prevention Unit at 925-833-6677.

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Gingerbread Preschool Accepting Registrations

The Gingerbread Preschool, sponsored by the city of Pleasanton, is now accepting registrations for the 2021-22 school year.

Play-based classes are available for children from 3 to 5 years old, two to four days a week. The school year will begin on Aug. 23.

Register at www.pleasantonfun.com, or for more information, go to www.gingerbreadpreschool.org.

MAILBOX

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toward a viable Livermore, thus improving the wonderful downtown we now enjoy.

Room for Discussion Rifka Seval, Livermore

I am a Livermore resident. We have gone from the campaign promise of "Win-Win" to the prospect of "Lose-Lose." It is truly unfortunate that the climate of ignoring significant citizen concern over the impact of the totally revised Eden Housing proposal continues with our City Council. The atmosphere created by the Council is a continuation of the dark days we experienced over the past years in this country of being overrun and not listened to. Surely there is room for discussion and a ray of hope for a lovely and open downtown to be enjoyed by all.

Council Has Been Less Than Frank Susan Mayall, Livermore

I have read all the reports available on the Eden Housing project proposed for Downtown Livermore, and have considered the issues carefully. My background and the experience of living in many cities have persuaded me that the decision to go ahead with the present plans would show a complete lack of vision and be a grave mistake.

In addition, the council has been less than frank about its proceedings and intentions. Public input has been ignored. I voted for our present Mayor against my better judgement, partly because of his experience as opposed to his opponent, but largely because he talked about the win/win possibility. We heard no more about it.

I owned and operated Good-enough Books for 23 years and have been involved in many city enterprises. Have been a citizen of Livermore for 50 years.

No Regard for the Truth Alan Marling, Livermore

Last week's article, "Officials Say to Prep for Fire Season," warned Livermore residents to take action.

The best way to prevent widespread damage due to the climate crisis is to support local green energy. Not only will this reduce and reverse global warming, but also, localized energy will decrease the need for high energy power lines, which are so dangerous that PG&E's inept response is to shut off our power.

Fortunately, the Alameda supervisors unanimously approved the Aramis solar farm for Livermore. Unfortunately, our source of safe energy is being paralyzed in the courts, due to a lawsuit from Save North Livermore and Friends of Open Space and Vineyards. Tell your neighbors to withdraw support from those two groups until they stop endangering our homes and lives us with frivolous litigation.

It bears repeating that another group that opposed the Aramis Project, Friends of Livermore, argued against solar on Earth Day. Specifically, during the April 22 Alameda supervisors meeting, Friends of Livermore said the "public need for solar is overstated or doesn't exist." On Earth Day.

These groups seem to have no regard for the truth or whom they hurt so long as they get their way.

Opposed to Eden Housing Merlin Newton, Sr., Livermore

I have been a Livermore resident and I'm opposed to the Eden housing revision for several reasons. As a Livermore resident for 37 years, I have witnessed various changes to Livermore's downtown. The changes have been well thought-out and involved the community's input to enhance the downtown experience for all to enjoy. The new downtown plan and Eden Housing were another step in the right direction.

However, with the most recent proposed changes to the Eden Housing plan, it's a step in the wrong direction. I support relocating the Eden Housing across the street to Railroad Ave to provide additional affordable housing, but we don't have to destroy our small downtown charm and character by excessive building, reducing open green space, and creating parking and traffic congestion.

Lastly, I also find it very troubling that teachers, police officers and firefighters are no longer included in the affordable housing plans.

A Downtown Alternative Carol Silva, Livermore

I oppose the currently proposed location of Eden Housing at L Street and Railroad Avenue. I am in favor of the development being moved a short distance away from the downtown business core, which can increase the number of housing units from 130 to 230 units, can provide affordable

housing to essential workers, can increase the number of residential parking spaces without Eden residents needing to park in public parking garages, and it allows the creation of a beautiful larger central park in the downtown business core for visitors and residents to enjoy.

Many Livermore residents have concerns with the currently proposed Eden Housing development. Some of these concerns are as follows:

- Inadequate onsite parking which doesn't even meet Livermore's minimum standard for parking. This will cause greater traffic congestion while drivers circle around looking for a parking space.

- The supposedly "open space" between the two huge 4-story residential buildings looks like a large path for use by only Eden residents.

- There would be an unnatural canyon effect on "L" Street between Eden Housing and the tall residential buildings at the old Groth Brothers site.

- The current Eden plan violates the goals established in the Downtown Specific Plan, which was meant to revitalize the city's center with restaurants, shopping, public spaces, and arts and entertainment facilities.

- City officials had promised residents that Eden Housing would allow teachers and first-responders affordable housing. This has changed and they will no longer be able to qualify for this housing since now only households with very low income or homeless people will be allowed to live at Eden Housing.

"A Downtown Alternative" describes in detail an option to how the beauty of downtown can be increased by having a larger central park while increasing affordable housing units for essential workers, increasing the number of parking spaces for Eden Housing residents, improving visitation to the area, and accomplishing this in a fiscally responsible manner. A lot of effort and expense was put into this downtown alternative researching land acquisition, loans and grants, deadlines, legal issues, and creating a Plan.

I ask the City Council members to do what is best for the Livermore community by seriously considering this alternative or a similar alternative. Please do what is right for this generation, for many future generations of Livermore residents and visitors, and for downtown businesses.

Listen to Residents Pat Wheeler, Livermore

I am horrified to learn that Eden Housing is working with a lobbying group of people who are NOT Livermore residents to support Eden's housing plan. This is a matter that should be decided by Livermore residents, not people from other communities around the state and country.

Also, our City Council must remind themselves of how their agreements with the Eden Housing Plan must follow the Livermore Downtown Specific Plan and follow state regulations for preserving environmental quality. It makes me wonder whom the members of the Livermore City Council represent. It should be the citizens of Livermore!!!

The Racist Stereotypes of Low-Income Housing Peter Buckley, Livermore

The latest chapter of our never-ending drama, aptly titled, "Downtown Livermore; A Comedy or Errors", has brought to light a very disturbing trend in the nomenclature used by our ruling progressive elites, and the blatantly racist stereotypes they perpetuate. Let's dive in, shall we?

It has now become en vogue for the very exclusive, cultural Marxist and progressive elitist wing of Democrat culture, to incessantly use the words "inclusive" and "diversity" when speaking about low-income housing. To openly associate low-income housing as just being exclusively for people of color is blatantly and overtly racist. It is a supremacist ideology stemming from their own projected superiority complexes.

"I'm so wealthy, successful, and powerful in my community that I would never qualify to live in such low-income housing, only a person much less powerful than myself, a person of color, could possibly qualify."

This way of thinking, a thoroughly racist ideology, is a giant slap to the face of the hard-working and highly successful ethnic minorities of our community, who have never asked for, or need handouts from these entitled elitists with their white savior syndrome. They have succeeded on the merits of their own hard work and determination, to begin building up their own generational wealth to pass on.

Isn't that the point of America? To come here for a better quality of life and be treated as an equal, instead of having stereotypes leveled in your direction, that one must be poor or helpless because of the color of one's skin, which nobody has control over??

Yet, the progressive elites slap themselves on their backs and hold their chins high as they preach inclusivity, while openly creating division and spreading a racist ideology, where the underlying and insidious intent is to destroy a certain ethnicity's confidence and self-esteem while pumping up their own.

This is progressive elitism and woke liberal privilege at its absolute worst.

Livermore Residents' Opinions Should Matter Most Wayne Lo, Livermore

I really feel that the opinion from Livermore residents is number one. If a person from Florida or New York disagrees with the Livermore city mayor, vice mayor and councilmembers' decision, what does that mean? Does it mean that the current Eden Housing is inconvenient to New Yorker or Floridan when they visit Livermore once every 20 years?

Eden Housing Thomas Soules, Livermore

I would like to make a couple of points that were not mentioned at the May 24 city council meeting.

First, let me say that I am all in favor of trying to make living in Livermore affordable for working-class families. Clearly, Livermore is not affordable for the working class.

However, the proposed housing will not do what is intended, namely to significantly help make Livermore more affordable. At best it will be

like putting a small band-aid on a huge wound. Only a small number of very low-income people will be significantly helped. With a stipulation that the renters would only pay 30 % of their gross income in rent and would have an income of 20-60% of the median, teachers making \$60 K per year will either not qualify or will get a small reduction in their rent. Hospitality workers making \$30 K will get a substantial reduction in rent. The units will be "affordable" only to these very low-income workers. But there are only 130 units while Linda said there was a backlog of 13,000 people on a waiting list. We are not addressing the big problem or getting at what is really causing the unaffordability.

On the other hand, these two huge buildings will result in the unintended consequence of destroying the character of downtown Livermore. In fact, by making downtown more like Dublin or Hayward, there will no longer be a lot of people walking around, shopping, eating or staying at the new hotel. There will be a lot more traffic, a huge parking problem and in a few years buildings which will require substantial maintenance. We will have replaced the small-town atmosphere with the atmosphere of a city and a city with a large residential project where it doesn't belong in the center. We will have shot the goose that laid the golden egg. There will be no need for the Eden affordable housing buildings to house hospitality workers. There will be few visitors and hence no need for the hospitality workers.

In short, we will not get the intended consequence of affordable living, but we will get the unintended consequence of destroying Livermore's character. By placing these two

large low-income apartment buildings right in the center of downtown we will have taken the possibility of a win-win and turned it into a lose-lose.

Life Versus Solar Cells Greg Scott, Livermore

"It is life, more than death, that has no limits." (Gabriel Garcia Marquez, "Love in the Time of Cholera".)

There is no love in the calamity of dissolution of the ecological integrity and resilience sphere which is the most important of the "Spheres of Transformation". (Ashish Kothari, "A Tapestry of Alternatives", Scientific American, June 2021.) We can cause species to decline and go extinct: "But the thread is pulled from that tapestry and the picture gets weaker as more threads are pulled, until that tapestry, once so beautiful, is hanging in tatters." (Jane Goodall, Templeton Prize winner 2021.)

We are delusional in thinking that techno-optimism will solve all our problems. We are being Pollyannas in living by the non-maintainable dominate culture of increased acquiring and consumption. "When the game of Monopoly is over all the pieces go back in the box." ("Zeitgeist: The Movie").

One example are solar cells which generate electricity via the photovoltaic effect that diffuses an electron from a material, upon the incidence of light of sufficient energy, to another closely associated material. Life needs energy: energy is not

necessarily life. Solar cells do not "fix" carbon and turn it into glucose as is done in the Calvin Cycle of photosynthesis; nor do solar cells have the repertoire of the functions of biological photoreceptors; nor do solar cells regenerate.

Ten percent of solar panels are recycled. There is no federal mandate for the exponentially growing waste stream of solar panels. Only Washington state has laws concerning the recycling of photovoltaics. To make solar-electric energy more useful backup batteries are required. 75% of lithium batteries are produced in the People's Republic of China (PRC), a country that has expanding cartel control over the metals of 'renewable energy' like manganese, cobalt and nickel. The United States is at a perilous strategic disadvantage with the PRC over 'renewable energy' requirements, especially when the PRC is eyeing the military overthrow of the Republic of China (Taiwan) for the control of large-scale advanced semiconductor chip production and to adhere to historical vow.

We need to get off of fossil fuels. The question is: How are we going to do it? By political nonsense or by adequately analyzing the problem?

Necessary are judicious choices regarding land use. Are we going to choose life, or are we going to choose detrimental non-ecological solutions?

May we have love for Earth Mother.



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Now until May 31 PAL's Pals Student Art Show

Pleasanton Art League's (PAL) very first art show and competition for middle and high school students is now up and hosted on PAL's website at <https://bit.ly/3vMtRiO>. All the pieces of artwork across all media were judged by local artists, and winners have been announced on the website. Enjoy the outstanding work created by talented youth.

Now to Tuesday, June 1 Boundaries: Insights into Ourselves and Our Relationships

Presented by George Papageorge, MFT licensed marriage and family therapist, this Boundaries Workshop, partly based on the book by Cloud and Townsend, will explore how the health of our personal boundaries can make or break our relationships. With our childhood as our 'emotional classroom' participants will gain insight to their own story and boundary setting skills will be offered and discussed. Hours are 6:30 to 8 p.m., on May 18 and 25, and June 1, and cost is \$30. For more information or to register, visit crosswindschurch.org.

Now Until Friday, July 23 Art History in Action

A creative and varied monthly curriculum introduces some of art's major periods, artworks and architecture, as well as the impact of different cultures, theories, materials, processes, techniques and audiences. The instructor will be Thomasin Dewhurst. There are multiple class dates. For more information or to register, visit <https://sforce.co/3ktrnKY>.

Now to Thursday, Aug. 19 Twilight League

Join other Dublin Chamber members for some fresh air, exercise and friendly competition. Chamber Board of Director, Les Jacob, with Select Imaging, is looking for interested golfers to form a team to play in the Twilight Golf League at Dublin Ranch Golf Course on Thursday evenings. Shotgun start goes at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Jeff Hazelwood, director of golf, Dublin Ranch Golf Course.

Saturday, May 29 Becoming Othello: A Black Girl's Journey with Debra Ann Byrd

Livermore Shakespeare Festival presents the second event in their Life SPARC: The Victory of Spirit series, "Becoming Othello: A Black Girl's Journey with Debra Ann Byrd." In this series, organizers will explore the human spirit and how it has triumphed in the most difficult of circumstances. The event takes place at 5 p.m., with a live Zoom Q&A. The link available to watch from Thursday, May 27, through Sunday, May 30, and is sponsored by Trutner Law Office. Cost is \$15 for the link only and \$30 for the link and a ticket to the live Zoom Q&A. For more information, visit livermoreshakes.org/life-sparc.

Monday, May 31 Memorial Day Remembrance

Beginning 11 a.m., the City of Livermore, Livermore Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7265, and American Legion Post 47 are co-hosting a Memorial Day Remembrance at Stockmen's Park to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation.

This will be livestreamed on the City's Facebook page and available on the City's YouTube channel after. The event is free. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/2SkJEqz>.

Tuesday, June 2 Livermore Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting

The public is invited to attend the free monthly meeting of Livermore's Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee. During this virtual meeting, learn what steps the committee is taking to help update the city's plan. For the agenda and information on how you can participate, visit <https://bit.ly/3eQTcIV>. For recordings of past presentations, visit <https://bit.ly/3m4Xdp4>.

Thursday, June 3 Free Webinar: Gardening for the Good Bugs

Encouraging beneficial insects is one of the best ways to effectively reduce the number of pests in your garden. In this session from 5 to 6 p.m., you will learn about the

most important beneficial insects in the garden and how to attract them. Offered as part of a series in association with Our Water Our World (www.ourwaterourworld.org) and presented by Suzanne Bontempo and Charlotte Canner, both certified Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Advocates. Follow @CleanWaterProgram to learn about upcoming webinars. Space is limited, so register now at <https://bit.ly/3h0sVGN>.

Sunday, June 6 Paint Livermore - Call for Artists

Livermoreartassociation.org The Livermore Art Association is calling for artists to the event on June 4 to 6. This is a free, judged event. Artists will gather at the Carnegie Park Bandstand for judging and art sales on Sunday, June 6, at 3 p.m. Visit livermoreartassociation.org for more details or email dp.rodriguez@icloud.com.

Monday, June 7 Community Education Course-- Grammar 101— Online

Do you need help constructing sentences with proper grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure? Whether you are a current college or high school student, a returning student, an English language learner, or just want to brush up on your grammar skills for school, work, or fun, this class is for you. No matter your age or background, you will learn how to write more efficiently and effectively. These are open access courses and online, and there are multiple sessions available. The cost is \$49, and the course starts at 10 a.m. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/2TahMpv>.

Saturday, June 12 and Sunday, June 13 East Bay Open Studios

Recent and vintage paintings, sketches, drawings, block-prints, and etchings will be featured by East Bay Open Studios in Livermore, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event is free and handicap accessible. Refreshments will be available, and organizers will be following state and county pandemic guidelines. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3vtGgbP>.

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

Dublin Farmers Market Open for the Season

Open Thursdays, 4 to 8 p.m., at Emerald Glen Community Park, 4201 Central Parkway.

Livermore Downtown Farmers Market Open for the Season

Open Sundays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Second Street between J Street and L Street. Open Thursdays, April 15 to Nov. 18, from 4 to 8 p.m., at Carnegie Park, 2155 Third St., between J Street and K Street.

Pleasanton Farmers Market Open for the Season

Open Saturdays, from 10 to 1 p.m., at Main Street and West Angela Street. Seniors 60 and over are welcome for specialized shopping from 9 to 10 a.m.

VIRTUAL ONLINE EVENTS -AVAILABLE ANYTIME

Pacific Chamber Orchestra Offers Musical Podcast

During this time of challenge, PCO continues to bring everyone beautiful music made insightful. Conductor Lawrence Kohl is pleased to announce the launch of a series of podcasts of musician interviews and conversations about the music. Subscribe to listen at www.pacificchamber-orchestra.org.

Sunflower Hill Online Activities

Sunflower Hill posts new Online Activity videos created for people with developmental disabilities each week. Our archive includes over 140 free videos on yoga & meditation, movement exercises, cooking activities, scavenger hunts, arts & crafts activities, and more! Visit www.sunflowerhill.org/onlineactivities

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TESLA

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Amy Granat, managing director of the California Off-Road Vehicle Association – a group that supports the expansion of OHV use into Tesla Park – said SB 799 and AB 1512 seek to exclude access to the state park at a time when the governor’s message in the May Revise “clearly states the need for outdoor access to all.”

“The intended consequences of SB 799 and AB 1512 will hurt children and families, especially from Central Valley areas who flock to this park, and the thousands of motorized recreation enthusiasts with no opportunities available in the greater Bay Area,”

BOARD

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and his fellow applicants, Taji Brown and John Wu, responded to a series of 10 questions asked by board members. They listened to an extensive public comment period, responded to follow-up questions from the board and made closing statements. After deliberating, the board voted; Kuo’s smile was evident under his mask.

“One may wonder why I applied to become a trustee after losing Catherine just eight weeks ago,” Kuo said during his closing statement. “It is a decision made with a lot of

Granat continued.

Efforts to open Tesla Park to OHV traffic were started and abandoned in 2000 and 2004. A third attempt began in 2012. This time the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division of Parks and Recreation approved the environmental impact report (EIR) allowing the expansion to proceed. Alameda County and environmental groups sued to stop the state’s initiative. In January, a judge ruled that EIR violated the California Environmental Quality Act, and the EIR was set aside. Further, the ruling concluded that there is no statute that requires land acquired by

the OHMVR be open to OHV use.

Bauer-Kahan and Glazer spearheaded an earlier effort to force the state to sell Tesla Park to the East Bay Regional Park District, but it was thwarted by a veto from Gov. Gavin Newsom in 2019.

Dick Schneider of the Altamont Landfill Open Space Committee (ALOSC) believes that several factors – including the ALOSC’s pledge to pay the \$9 million required by both bills – could result in a different outcome should one of them make it to Newsom for his signature.

“We do not know what

the governor will do if either of these two bills pass when it goes to his desk — whether he’ll sign or whether he won’t,” Schneider said. “We hope that he will sign. We don’t know how the recall effort is going to affect his calculus. That is certainly one of the conditions that’s different from when he vetoed the bill a couple of years ago. Also, the fact that the Altamont Landfill Open Space Committee has pledged to spend the money – the \$9 million – is right there. We’ve written letters to that effect, which we didn’t do in the past. We supported the bills, but we never said flat out that we

have the money, and we’ll do it. That may be another reason why he’ll have another view this time around.”

If one of the bills were passed, it would advance to the opposite house for a vote. A bill approved by both houses of the legislature would need to be approved by the governor before it became law. If both bills were passed by both houses, it is expected that one would be dropped while the remaining bill would be sent to Newsom.

“Sierra Club has fought to protect the area, because it is a biodiversity hotspot recognized by generations of scientists and confirmed

by ongoing research” said Brandon Dawson, acting director of Sierra Club California. “The area includes at least 42 threatened, endangered and special-status wildlife species; designated critical habitats; 13 special status and over 20 locally rare plant species; seven sensitive vegetation communities and a vast array of unusual vegetation assemblages. California’s natural beauty is worth preserving for future generations, and Tesla Park is a prime example of that. We’re hopeful that both houses of the legislature will recognize the significance of this area and vote to protect it.”

thought and deliberation. I witnessed her passion and dedication to our students and the well-being of the school district for the last two years as the first Area 3 trustee. Her impact on me was profound, and I share her same passion to serve.”

Kuo immigrated to the United States with his family at the age of 10. He said his decision to run for the board position was strongly influenced not only by his wife’s passion, but also by the impact teachers in the public school system had on him as a youth. He stressed the importance

of a public education, and said he feels indebted to the system for his chance to attend Berkeley for his undergrad, the University of California Los Angeles for his degree, and California State University East Bay for his MBA. He currently works as an engineer in the East Bay.

Kuo is a longtime resident of Dublin, and during his time as a parent of two DUSD students, has served as a volunteer, a chaperone and auditor for the Dougherty Elementary School Parent Faculty Club.

At the end of the inter-

view process, DUSD board president Dan Cherrier thanked the candidates, stating that they were an integral part of the district and should continue to stay involved. He expressed hope the district would move into the challenges of the new school year unified and prepared.

“Through this process, it’s clear that William comes to us with a wealth of knowledge, expertise and genuine support from our community,” said Cherrier. “As we continue to move through critical projects in our district,

William will play a vital role in ensuring our future success. We look forward to working with him to continue this work for our students, staff and families.”

DUSD serves 12,900 students from preschool through adult education with seven elementary schools, two middle schools, one K-8 school, one alternative high school and one comprehensive high school, with a second due to open in the fall. One challenge the board will face in the new school year is opening all campuses

full time with appropriate safety guidelines in place, a challenge Kuo thinks he and the district will meet.

“With our school being remote since March 2020, getting kids back into in-person learning could be a big challenge,” he said. “We’ve had kids that never stepped inside a classroom (pre-k), to kids who have not interacted in person with teachers, staff and other students. Addressing the learning-loss that occurred during the pandemic, social-emotional wellness, are some of the challenges I see we face.”

OBITUARIES

Raymond (Ray) Joseph Thomas

Dec. 1, 1930 – April 25, 2021



Ray passed away in Livermore, California, surrounded by his four children, Gerald Thomas of Folsom, Janet Thomas of Castro Valley, Colleen Hornbacker (Kurt) of Livermore, and Gregory Thomas (Joanie) of San Jose. Many of his beloved grandchildren were also by his side.

Ray was born in Dickinson, North Dakota, to his loving parents, Frances and Raphael Thomas. He attended St. Patrick’s Catholic School and Dickinson High School, where he excelled at sports and academics. College at Dickinson State was interrupted by his service in the Navy (Korean War) on the USS Princeton as an aviation electronics technician. Ray had a tremendous respect for the military that continued throughout his well-lived life.

While he was on military leave, he attended his best friend’s wedding as best man in Oakland, California. He met and fell in love with the maid of honor, Kathleen (Kay) McGee, the bride’s sister. In one of his many love letters, Ray stated, “You’re the only gal for me”... which was true, since they were married for 64.5 years, until Kay’s passing in January 2020.

He started his career in

1957, teaching P.E. and coaching various sports at A.B. Morris Junior High School and then Canyon Middle School in Castro Valley in 1977. After retiring from teaching in 1985, he worked as the tasting room manager at Wente Bros. Sparkling Wine Cellars and Con-cannon Vineyards. He attended both St. Charles Borromeo and St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Livermore with Kay by his side. He was a devout Catholic, which was evident through his kindness and acts of service.

Ray Thomas was a teacher, coach, painter, athlete, prankster, wine connoisseur, and quite often had a twinkle in his eye and was just full of fun! He was a loving husband, wonderful father, and lit up every time he saw his grandchildren, Kathleen, Taryn, Meghan, Lauren, Grant, Connor, and Riley. His Easter egg hunts were legendary, along

with his Castro Valley sports teams, and his passion for life. Ray was an active member of the Elks Lodge Livermore-Pleasanton #2117, and Sons in Retirement (SIRS) Branch #121 in Livermore. He truly cared about his family, friends, and students.

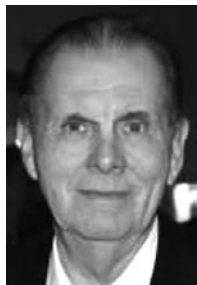
Ray was preceded in death by his loving wife, Kay, in January 2020; his parents; brothers, Robert Thomas and Richard Thomas; and sister, Marie Kubisiak. He is survived by his four children; his grandchildren; his brother, Tom Thomas; sister-in-law, Jean Thomas; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; and many dear friends.

His burial with military honors will be held Tuesday, June 1, at 11 a.m., at St. Michael Cemetery in Livermore. A joint Memorial Mass for Ray and Kay will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 2, at 11 a.m., at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, and to continue the Ray Thomas Legacy through Canyon Middle School sports, donations in Ray’s memory can be made to Canyon Athletic Boosters, c/o Athletic Director, 19600 Cull Canyon Rd, Castro Valley, CA 94552.

Alan Ernest Glace

June 11, 1945 – May 14, 2021



Alan Ernest Glace, born June 11, 1945, passed away peacefully on May 14, 2021. He was surrounded by his loving family.

Alan was born in Aylesbury, England, and graduated from Lincoln High School in Philadelphia.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy upon graduation and served proudly during the Vietnam War aboard the USS MARKAB from 1965 to 1969. Alan was one of the original founders of ICOM Mechanical in San Jose and retired as a UALocal 393 member after 35 years of service.

Alan loved video poker, going to the movies, fishing, and spending time with family. He was also an avid Philadelphia Eagles fan.

Alan is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Linda

(Newman) Glace; and their two children, Thomas Arthur Glace and Denise Lynn (Glace) Estrada; their spouses, Kim Glace and Henry Estrada; grandchildren, James (JT) and Jacob Varney and Hailey, Taylor, and Brooke Glace. He was also Papa to six granddogs, Rosie, Daisy, Rico, Roger, Penny, and Luna. He is also survived by his brothers Raymond, Ron, and Artie Glace. He is preceded in death by his parents.

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

Bonnie Mae Jupina

Dec. 13, 1941 – May 6, 2021



Bonnie Mae Jordan Jupina, age 79, of Whiteville, North Carolina, quietly faded from this world on Thursday, May 6, 2021.

She was with her husband of 60 years, Jerry, who cared for her at home, and unconditionally stayed by her side throughout her more than nine-year battle with dementia and Alzheimer’s.

Bonnie was born on Dec. 13, 1941, in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, to the late James Donald and Leah Mae Shearer Jordan. Survivors include her husband, Gerald Arthur “Jerry” Jupina of the home; daughters, Vicki DiMuzio of Whiteville, Valeria Jardine of Poway, California, and Ve-

ronica Jupina-Keathley of Livermore; seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and an abundance of beloved family and friends.

Bonnie, Bonnie Mae, Mom, McMaw, Mrs. Jupina ... devoted her life to her family, church, community, the children, art

... she touched the lives of so many with her disciplined, yet loving ways. She spent her time working and volunteering for the schools, libraries, churches, and community organizations in Livermore and in Whiteville. She enjoyed RV’ing across the United States numerous times with Jerry upon retirement. A life well lived and blessed.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations please be sent to Liberty Home Care and Hospice, who were instrumental in lovingly help Jerry with the care of Bonnie at home for the past two and half years, at 46 McNeill Plaza, Suite 105, Whiteville, NC 28472 or 910-642-5808.

Lois Edna Mardiroisian

Nov. 16, 1921 – April 28, 2021



Lois Edna Mardiroisian was born Nov. 16, 1921, in Olive, Montana, to Beulah Wing Brown and Russell Brown.

From there, they moved to Minnesota and traveled out to California by train to San Leandro (45) years. She retired from General Motors after 24 years and started her retirement in Dublin with her two cats, Puss and Boots.

She loved to read historical romance novels. She could read a book in less than a week! Other hobbies were stained glass, knitting, counted cross

Ada Marjorie Williston Dorn

Oct. 18, 1926 – May 12, 2021



camping. She grew many of the family’s fruits and vegetables, canned and made jams and pickles all summer long and sewed many of their clothes.

Ada enjoyed knitting and quilting, often for others, including prayer shawls and quilts for shut-ins, also gardening and tennis where she won trophies. She was very involved in church where she and Dave co-led Bible studies, and she shared elder responsibilities with Dave, bringing comfort and hope, especially ministering to those near death. For more than 30 years, she and Dave held leadership roles in International Marriage Encounter, and she was active in Lutheran Women’s Missionary League and visited nursing homes among many other service activities. They always remembered birthdays and an-

her family lineage is traced back to the late 1600s.

Lois is survived by Ruth L. Young (daughter) and Russell A. Asp (son); 11 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren, plus one on the way.

Chapel of The Chimes is honored to be serving the family. An online guest book is available for condolences or memories at: Hayward.chapelofthechimes.com. The family also requests if you wish to make a donation to consider Meals on Wheels (Spectrum) in her memory.

niversaries faithfully sending handmade cards to an extensive list of friends and family.

She was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s and died at the age of 94.

She was predeceased by her husband, Dave (Jan. 10, 2021); and is survived by her four children, Kalani Baker (Howard Croy) of Arcata, California; Donald Dorn-Lopez (Patricia Dorn-Lopez) of Annapolis, Maryland; Patricia Dorn (Terrill Boykin) of New Orleans, Louisiana; Malcolm Dorn of Port Townsend, Washington; and eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was gracious and kind and lived by the motto: “if you don’t have anything nice to say, don’t say anything at all.”

Faith and family were her top priorities, and she lived a life in service to others. Her gentle warmth and kindness will be sorely missed.

A memorial service at Our Savior’s Lutheran Ministries in Livermore will be planned for later in the summer. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Alzheimer’s Association or to a charity of your choice.

Gloria Lorraine (Cardoza) Vasconcellos

Oct. 20, 1963 – April 21, 2021



It is with a heavy heart that the family of Gloria Lorraine (Cardoza) Vasconcellos announces her passing in Turlock, California, on April 21, 2021.

Gloria was born and raised in Livermore. She was part of a long established and deep-rooted farming and ranching family, with extended family still engaged in the agriculture community. Gloria was always such a kind and joyful person, always a pleasure to be around. She wanted nothing more than for people to be happy and enjoy life.

Gloria had an amazing worth ethic that she learned from her family on the ranch. Gloria graduated from Livermore High in 1981. Shortly after graduation, she started waitressing and continued her career up until the pandemic hit in March 2020. Gloria’s customers were always very loyal to her, many times offering to wait to be seated in her

section. A tribute to her wonderful personality and amazing customer service skills.

Gloria met Monte Vasconcellos in Concord while working at Lyon’s restaurant. They were married in 1992. They had two amazing children who Gloria was so proud of, Ashley Vasconcellos and, a few years later, Ronnie Vasconcellos. They briefly lived in Concord and then moved to the Turlock area and purchased their first home.

The loss of Gloria will be

felt by many. She leaves behind many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. All these people she touched and loved deeply, but the light of her life were her beloved grandchildren, Olivia and Piper Essary.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents, George Cardoza and LaVerne (Sachau) Cardoza; and sister, Debra Ann (Cardoza) Paulo (passing on April 6, 2021.) She is survived by her sister, Sheila Fagliano (Paul); her half-sister, Linda; loving children, Ashley Vasconcellos and Ronnie Vasconcellos; granddaughters, Olivia and Piper; ex-husband, Monte Vasconcellos; and fiancé, Gary Dinwiddie. Due to the pandemic, a private ceremony was held on May 14, in Turlock.

Gloria was an 11-year breast-cancer survivor. Donations may be made to your local breast-cancer foundation or a charity of your choice.

LLNL Research Suggests Global Warming May Be Underestimated

New research at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) suggests that global warming in the troposphere, or lowest level of the atmosphere, may have been underestimated over the last 40 years.

Climate scientists studied four properties of tropical climate change that should vary in correlation with one other. For example, changes in tropical water vapor should correlate with trends in both sea surface and lower tropospheric temperature, governed by well-understood physical processes.

The fourth property studied was upper tropospheric temperature.

The researchers found that the closest correlations were found in climate model simulations using datasets suggesting larger tropical warming of the ocean sur-

face and the troposphere.

“Such comparisons across complementary measurements can shed light on the credibility of different datasets,” said LLNL researcher Stephen Po-Chedley, who contributed to the study that appears in the Journal of Climate.

“This work shows that careful intercomparison of different geophysical fields may help us determine historical changes in climate with greater precision,” according to Po-Chedley.

If climate model expectations between tropical temperature and moisture are realistic, the findings reflect either a systematic low bias in satellite tropospheric temperature trends or an overestimate of the observed atmospheric moistening signal, according to LLNL.

“It is currently difficult to

determine which interpretation is more credible,” said climate scientist Ben Santer, lead author of the paper. “But our analysis reveals that several observational datasets – particularly those with the smallest values of ocean surface warming and tropospheric warming – appear to be at odds with other, independently measured complementary variables.”

LLNL collaborated on the study with researchers from several other institutions, including Remote Sensing Systems; the Canadian Centre for Climate Modelling and Analysis, Environment and Climate Change; the University of Washington; the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; University of Graz, Austria; and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

SANTER

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that climate scientists constantly reexamine and refine their past work.

Ironically, LLNL issued a news release calling attention to the Santer-led study on the day that he announced his intention of leaving. See page 10 for the news release.

On Tuesday, the Union of Concerned Scientists announced support for Santer, calling it “disturbing” that the Laboratory is offering a “platform to climate denialism.”

Learning of Santer’s plan to depart the Laboratory over the issue, scientific colleagues around the country, from Harvard in Cambridge, Mass., to the Pacific Institute in Oakland, spoke up in praise of his scientific contributions and his character.

Believes in Free Speech

In announcing his planned departure from LLNL, Santer said he believes in “free speech” and “diverse perspectives” but feels that “it is equally important for U.S. citizens to receive the best-available scientific information on the reality and seriousness of climate change.”

The speaker he objects to, Stephen Koonin, has made false accusations against the climate research community, Santer believes. Koonin explains these accusations in a recently published book, “Unsettled: What Climate Science Tells Us, What It Doesn’t, and Why It Matters.”

The book asserts that climate scientists are not forthright about large uncertainties and have failed to compare their unnecessarily pessimistic projections with real life climate measurements. It claims to be an effort to force climate scientists to confront the uncertainties.

Koonin has received support from those who deny that climate change poses a serious threat, such as the Manhattan Institute’s Mark Mills, writing in the Wall St. Journal, and Marc Thiessen, columnist for the Washington Post.

At the same time, “Unsettled” has been panned as misleading, simplistic and downright inaccurate in more scientifically focused publications, like Scientific American.

Koonin is a theoretical physicist who made significant contributions in several fields including nuclear physics, astrophysics and high performance computing. He has managed energy programs in the oil industry and at the U.S. Department of Energy. He is a frequent advisor to national laboratories, including LLNL, on a range of scientific programs.

Asked for a comment on Santer’s objection to the

Koonin talk and his decision to leave, a spokesperson for LLNL responded by email: “Differing technical opinions are part of the scientific process. Throughout its history, the Lab has invited guest speakers whose opinions differ from those of the Lab and its workforce. It does not mean the Lab endorses those opinions.

“The Lab has a long and distinguished history in groundbreaking climate research – the Lab continues to advance and stand by that research.”

Stands for Itself

For his part, Santer declined to elaborate on his decision to leave the Laboratory, saying he wanted his written statement to stand for itself.

“Professor Koonin is not a climate scientist,” the statement notes. He “is not an authoritative voice on climate science ... LLNL climate scientists have devoted their careers to measuring, modeling, and understanding changes in the climate system. Professor Koonin has not.”

The statement expressed concern that, by offering Koonin a speaking platform to espouse a denialist point of view, the Laboratory will make it more difficult to recruit and retain “the best and brightest climate scientists.”

“More importantly, LLNL is participating in the dissemination of Professor Koonin’s incorrect views on climate science. This makes it more difficult for U.S. citizens to reach informed, science-based decisions on appropriate responses to climate change.”

Perhaps most annoying to Santer are Koonin’s claims that climate researchers do not acknowledge uncertainties, that they fail to compare their abstract computer projections with real world measurements and need to be forced to confront these realities.

“It is simply untrue that Prof. Koonin is confronting climate scientists with unpleasant facts they ignored or failed to understand,” according to Santer’s statement.

“The climate science community treats uncertainties in an open and transparent way. It has done so for decades.”

Support for Santer

Colleagues across the country, learning of Santer’s decision to leave the Laboratory, spoke up on his behalf.

In Oakland, Peter Gleick, co-founder and president emeritus of the Pacific Institute, called Santer “a superb scientist, a brilliant thinker, a long-time well-respected leader in the field of climate

decision.

“We really didn’t see that coming, and it was a welcome surprise,” he said.

Sunwalker and the county would have been sued had the board denied the appeals, O’Brien said. He noted that voters passed Measure D in 2000 to preserve open space and agricultural lands in Alameda County.

Merlin Newton of Save North Livermore Valley said

science, and a man of principle.”

He declined comment on the Laboratory’s decision to offer Koonin a speaking platform but said that Koonin “has long been confused about the nature and severity and science of climate change.”

On the East Coast, Mike MacCracken, a retired former division leader who helped establish the LLNL atmospheric sciences program, wrote in an email that he is “really sad to hear that (Santer’s) time at the Lab will be ending.”

Over the years, Santer’s research findings “in every case have been found to be correct, while flaws have emerged in the publications of his critics.”

Because his research findings have pointed to the need to reduce dependence on fossil fuels, Santer has had to “endure unfairly harsh and intrusive scrutiny of his research.”

Now, for a “non-climate expert and critic such as Dr. Steve Koonin, who has simply not done his homework, to be given the podium at LLNL is akin to the situation in Arizona where a non-expert entity has been brought in to do a recount of the votes....

“It is thus not surprising that Ben has taken a strong stand in reaction to Koonin coming to argue that climate change is not really a serious issue.”

Also on the East Coast, Naomi Oreskes, a Harvard professor who has written extensively on the history of climate research, called Santer “one of the most important climate scientists in the history of the field.

“He has done more than probably any other single individual to demonstrate the reality of man-made climate change.”

Noting that Santer has been abused and threatened for his scientific findings, she said that “In a rational world, Ben would be recognized as a hero for this work... But in the topsy-turvy world we live in, he has been repeatedly attacked....

“Yet, through all of this, he has remained true to his science and the values embedded in it.”

She was also critical of LLNL for its decision to host Koonin. “Now the government laboratory for whom (Santer) worked for decades has invited a deeply cynical man, a man who is not a climate scientist, to spread disinformation about the climate system. Ben has rightly called that out. The American people need to know that we can count on our government laboratories to do honest work.”

he was surprised it took Sunwalker so long to drop out.

“We are very pleased with the fact that they’ve withdrawn their application to move forward with this project,” Newton said. “This has been going on for five years.”

Dick Schneider of Friends of Livermore said he was happy with the decision.

“Sunwalker’s proposal violated the Williamson Act,” he said.

EDEN

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He said the residents listed parking, open space and amenities as priorities.

“I believe the plan that we have adopted that includes all those priorities is a good one,” he said.

Vice Mayor Trish Munro said it was a matter of integrity to vote to approve the project, as the land was purchased with affordable housing funds and designed for housing. Councilmember Gina Bonanno found it to be consistent with the Downtown Specific Plan.

“It’s very clear to me that this is a high-quality project, which addresses an urgent need for affordable housing,” Bonanno said. “It offers the opportunity for 130 families and individuals who work here to live here.”

As someone who was raised by a single mother, Councilmember Britni Kiick said she’s always been an advocate of affordable housing. Councilmember Robert Carling stated that he supported the project because the property was purchased with money from the affordable housing fund and multifamily residential is a permitted use of the funds, among various other reasons, before motioning to approve the project.

While those in favor of the current plan made up about 60% of the public comments and emails submitted to city staff ahead of the meeting this week, some public speakers suggested a merger of the opposing views. Livermore resident and wine grower Karl Wentz said the current Eden plan was shovel-ready, making it the right plan to address affordable housing needs, but he said the proposal to build housing north of Railroad Avenue — as suggested by SLD — should be explored as well.

“There’s no other plan — that’s already been stated. But that other drawing (of SLD’s plan) actually shows we should be thinking bigger, too, in terms of what should be north of Railroad Avenue,” he said. “We need more housing; we need more teachers living here; we need more firefighters living here; we need more waitresses and waiters living here. We need more of our community — my generation — to be able to come back home and live here.”

Deborah McQueen with Preserve Downtown Livermore later expressed concerns about how the meeting was conducted. She said Eden had hired PR firms to secure public comments. Anyone could call in from anywhere, she added. She worried that those associated with Eden might feel obligated to express support for the project, when otherwise, they would not be interested.

“Zoom allows for people to call in from anywhere in the U.S. — not just California — so Eden’s ‘multiplier’ is potentially quite high,” she said.

Eden had engaged PR firms EveryAction and coUrbanize. When asked about the processes for recruiting public support, Courtney Porcella, coUrbanize spokesperson, said her company’s goal is to “get neighbors and Livermore community members to participate in conversations.”

“Those are the only community members we target, because their voices are those that matter most,” she said. “We do not solicit any feedback from out-of-state contacts, or those outside the immediate project area. People are never paid or incentivized to participate on the platform.”

Representing SLD, Jean King reported that her group’s land-use attorney, Winston Stromberg of Latham & Watkins, sent a letter to the council. The letter states that the project’s design continues to be inconsistent with the Specific Plan, denial of the project would not violate the Housing Accountability Act (HAA), and the project is not exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

“If the council approves the project tonight, that would be unlawful,” King said. “Despite all the community opposition to this project, our voices have been ignored. If the city continues to ignore us, we may have no choice but to ask a judge to resolve the dispute. Rather than do that, we urge the city and Eden to press pause, and come to the table with us to discuss an alternative, through mediation, community meetings or some other approach.”

She added, “We would prefer a resolution that ends with a win-win solution. Livermore deserves better, and we are here to help that happen.”

Attorney’s Statements on Downtown Specific Plan Inconsistencies

In his letter to the city, Stromberg asserted that the project is inconsistent with the Downtown Specific Plan in at least seven ways: main entrance/siting and orientation, windows, overall building massing, horizontal mass, site frontage, private open

space, and public open space.

In regard to the “main entrance/siting and orientation,” Stromberg said entrances for the project face inward, with the back of the building facing Railroad Avenue, a major public street. He asserted that this violates the Specific Plan.

He then addressed “windows,” which the Specific Plan states “shall include vertically proportioned facade openings, with windows that have a greater height than width.” He wrote, “The elevations and renderings for the project clearly demonstrate a large number of windows that are wider horizontally than vertically.”

Stromberg wrote in the letter that “overall building massing” was another inconsistency, as the project disregards city objectives for the multifamily residential buildings to give individuality to each unit.

On “horizontal mass,” Stromberg wrote that the Downtown Specific Plan requires that the horizontal mass be broken down to create architectural interest and provide visual separation between units” and that the project design does not comply with this standard.

Stromberg noted “site frontage” to be an issue, as the project misapplies the standard. “The fourth floor extends more than 60% of the total site frontage on those portions of the site along Railroad Avenue and L Street,” he wrote.

Regarding “private open space,” he pointed to city documents that state there should be 60 feet of private open space per residential unit on-site, stating “based on the remainder of the plan set included with the Planning Commission Staff Report, including the renderings of the buildings, there is no indication that these areas are provided only to the project’s residential dwellings.”

Finally, on “public open space” Stromberg noted that the Downtown Specific Plan requires the project to provide a minimum of 150 square feet of publicly available open space per residential unit. “It is unclear from the project plans and the staff report and accompanying materials whether Eden will be funding the creation of the proposed Veteran’s Park on the project site,” Stromberg said. “Indeed, from the proposed conditions of approval, it appears that the park improvements would be part of a city project, not Eden’s project.”

To review Stromberg’s letter in its entirety, visit http://bit.ly/Indy_Stromberg.

The City’s Response on Inconsistencies

Prior to the council decision, Jake Potter, a Livermore associate planner and Eden project planner, presented a staff report on the project and addressed the legal concerns raised by Stromberg.

“For the record, we would like to note that the project is consistent with Specific Plan requirements,” Potter began. “The project architecture provides vertical and horizontal articulation, color changes in architectural details to break down the massing of the building and establish a residential character. The buildings provide primary entries that front onto Railroad Avenue and Veterans Way, and the windows have a vertical orientation, or combined groupings of vertical windows. The project provides required private open space, which will be demarcated with signage, fencing and other appropriate delineators. And the project’s public open space will be provided by the project site as a whole by Veterans Park, as allowed by the specific plan.”

Potter explained that the Eden applicant has submitted four separate density bonus requests. As units are affordable to residents with incomes between 20-60% of the Alameda County area median income, he said the project qualifies for a density bonus, a height increase, relief from parking standards and up to four incentives to modify development standards, irrespective of local policy.

“State bonus density law would allow the project to have no maximum density,” Potter said.

However, he said the project proposes 52 dwelling units per acre, which is less than the city requires in the Downtown Specific Plan.

He further detailed that the project is allowed seven stories, but it proposes four; no parking is required, but it provides 146 stalls; and the applicant is allowed to request up to four incentives to waive local development standards, but the applicant has only submitted for one incentive to waive street side setback requirements.

“In summary, the project is proposing less density, less build-

ing height, more parking and utilizing less incentives than allowed under state law,” he concluded. “For these reasons, the project is in conformance with state density bonus law.”

On Housing Accountability Act (HAA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

In his letter, Stromberg also stated, “Denial of the project would not violate the HAA, as the city attorney claims. The HAA does not prevent the city from denying a project when it will have a specific, adverse impact on public health and safety. Such impacts are present here due to soil and groundwater contamination, and the presence of soil vapor gas intrusion, for which mitigation measures may prove infeasible and unaffordable.”

Stromberg said the project is not exempt from CEQA review for two reasons. First, he explained that it does not satisfy the requirements of the statutory exemption due to its inconsistencies with the Downtown Specific Plan, outlined above. Second, the categorical exemptions claimed by staff are inapplicable and defeated by the presence of unusual circumstances.

In regard to these unusual circumstances, he said that because the project site was previously subject to heavy industrial uses, the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board now manages cleanup at the site due to historical contamination. On Feb. 9, 2021, Board staff issued a letter to the city approving an April 18, 2020, site assessment and summary report and a May 22, 2020, site history technical report, he said.

“The Feb. 9 letter from Regional Board staff concluded that “[r]esults of investigations conducted since 2009 identified select metals in soil, petroleum hydrocarbons in soil and groundwater, and volatile organic compounds, including tetrachloroethene (PCE) and its breakdown products, in groundwater and soil vapor,” he wrote. “As a result, the Regional Board is now requesting that the city submit a Data Gap Assessment Workplan and an Interim Remedial Action Plan. As part of these plans, the city is now required to engage in further data collection, summarize the results of the investigation and data collection, and describe the remedial alternatives evaluated, remedial alternative selected, and proposed implementation method and timeframe.”

In conclusion, Stromberg wrote, “The presence of contamination on the project site, particularly the presence of soil vapor intrusion as noted by the Regional Board, will have a significant impact on the environment, and therefore constitutes an unusual circumstance.”

On Tuesday, Rick Teczon, a Livermore associate civil engineer, addressed Stromberg’s CEQA assertions.

“With regard to this development project, we note the following related to contaminate impacts,” Teczon said. “First, subsurface contaminant impacts were a known condition that was previously studied in the 2009 subsequent EIR. Second, no new information or circumstances have surfaced related to existing contaminate impacts at the site. The city is working with the Regional Water Quality Control Board to address existing conditions, following the Water Board’s typical process for development of impacted sites. And lastly, the project does not present any unusual circumstances. Although the site is subject to ongoing cleanup activities, that cleanup is not unusual. It’s not an unusual circumstance, given the past property use, which included a former lumber yard and train depot ... The planned response that’s being developed in coordination with the Water Board is expected to be routine for such a site, similar to what has been implemented for nearby development projects, such as the Legacy site right across the street.”

In his closing remarks on the topic before issuing a vote, Woerner said he found the application of the state density bonus law to be appropriate, “because there are no findings to the contrary.”

“Voting no (on the project) ... would be an absolutely irresponsible risk of taxpayer funds, because of the likely risk of lawsuits from outside housing advocates. Associated with this, if we were to capriciously say no, \$6.5 million in penalties, plus legal fees ... would likely be imposed under state law, and then we would be forced to do this project anyway,” he said. “The opportunity for making a legislative decision to oppose the project has long passed. It was greater than three years ago. And if anyone wanted to referend, it’s on.”

SUNWALKER

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county’s Williamson Act, which enables local governments to enter into contracts with private landowners for the purpose of restricting specific parcels of land to agricultural or related open space use in exchange for property tax assessments that are much lower than normal.

Chris O’Brien of Save North Livermore Valley said his group was ecstatic to learn of Sunwalker’s

decision.

“We really didn’t see that coming, and it was a welcome surprise,” he said.

Sunwalker and the county would have been sued had the board denied the appeals, O’Brien said. He noted that voters passed Measure D in 2000 to preserve open space and agricultural lands in Alameda County.

Merlin Newton of Save North Livermore Valley said

he was surprised it took Sunwalker so long to drop out.

“We are very pleased with the fact that they’ve withdrawn their application to move forward with this project,” Newton said. “This has been going on for five years.”

Dick Schneider of Friends of Livermore said he was happy with the decision.

“Sunwalker’s proposal violated the Williamson Act,” he said.

VET

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fitness. ATC works with many veterans trying to regain motor function or stay in shape. Maggi said that coming out of the pandemic, physical fitness is an important part of maintaining mental health.

“We are able to address mental health,” said Maggi. “Stress management is woven into everything we do ... it’s a well-documented fact that when we are stressed, we have more pain in our bodies – sometimes unexplained pain – we are not as well rested and cannot care for others or ourselves. Stress and anxiety are the new epidemic.”

Maggi said there are many modalities available at ATC, including cryotherapy, float therapy and infra-red sauna, as well as kick boxing, Brazilian Capoeira and arena boxing. ATC also partners with the We Defy Foundation, an organization aimed at providing disabled combat veterans a means to overcome challenges through fitness training.

As she continues to work toward a more independent future, Meylan acknowledges the blessings she has received through the VA and other organizations who serve veterans. She said she will continue to aim high and over-

come obstacles placed in her path by one life-changing episode.

“I can walk with aid, I can walk by myself also, but by myself, I can’t walk very long,” she said. “What keeps me going is just the ‘want,’ and to prove to other people who told me I would not get very far. I hope to regain my balance and be able to walk independently again.”

For more information on ATC, call 925-660-9339, visit www.arenastrong.com, or email info@arenastrong.com. For more information on the We Defy Foundation, visit www.wedefyfoundation.org.

HOUSING

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The council will begin looking at current RHNA inventory and then close the gap by identifying additional sites. According to city staff, there may be as many as 250 acres that have to be rezoned at various densities and zoning levels. While the city must show that it has appropriate zoning to develop the required housing, it's not mandated to build the units.

Vice Mayor Julie Testa said that while Pleasanton has fallen short in the affordable housing elements, the council remains committed to meeting the mandate.

"When we are looking at these projects, the low-income projects that we have had in Pleasanton have been of incredible quality

and provided quality of life," said Testa. "We want (that again). We want affordability, but we also want quality projects."

The new RHNA regulations require the

"This is the beginning of an 18-month process to comprehensively update the city's housing element, and a key piece of this process is to complete planning, and to identify sites, for 5,965 future housing units."

inclusion of an income category. Affordable housing is specifically decided by the state government based on percentages of area median incomes in Alameda County. Hous-

ing is considered affordable if occupants pay no more than 30% of their income on housing. The new income levels for a family of four are extremely low, \$39,150; very

low, \$65,250; low, \$104,400; and moderate, \$143,050.

"This will be a delicate balance," said Mayor Karla Brown. "We are going to have

to find a way to still provide a quality of life for residents and all the amenities that make us a high-opportunity community."

Brown added that she believed the affordable housing units should be spread across the city.

"They need to be done throughout Pleasanton," she said. "It will help balance schools and traffic, and I think make everyone more comfortable that they are not on the side of town with 6,000 units ... these numbers come from the State of California, and it's our job to implement them."

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 578341

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Theorem, 2. FM Associates, 462 Hamilton Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Forrest L. Sass, 462 Hamilton Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2/9/1995. Signature of Registrant/s/: Forrest L. Sass, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 22, 2021. Expires April 22, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4858. Published May 6, 13, 20, 27, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 578262

The following person(s) doing business as: Simple Machining, 2681 Vernazza Dr., Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Aneet Singh, 2681 Vernazza Dr., Livermore, CA 94550. 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: 4/4/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Aneet Singh, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 20, 2021. Expires April 20, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4859. Published May 6, 13, 20, 27, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 578345

The following person(s) doing business as: Warrior Wellness, 300 Lee Avenue, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Erin Elizabeth Chandler, 300 Lee Avenue, 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/: Erin Chandler, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 22, 2021. Expires April 22, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4860. Published May 6, 13, 20, 27, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 578375

The following person(s) doing business as: Tay's Cookie Co., 513 Regulus Rd., Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Taylor Matthews, 513 Regulus Rd., Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Taylor Matthews, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 23, 2021. Expires April 23, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4861. Published May 6, 13, 20, 27, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 478448

The following person(s) doing business as: Fullfeel, 8048 Golden Eagle Way, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Zoomifier Corporation, 8048 Golden Eagle Way, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 3/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Chetan Saiya, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 27, 2021. Expires April 27, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4862. Published May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 578506

The following person(s) doing business as: Andersen Bakery, 31097 Courthouse Dr., Union City, CA 94587, is hereby registered by the

following owner(s): Hans Bakery, Inc., 30703 San Clemente Street, Hayward, CA 94544. 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: 10/15/20. Signature of Registrant/s/: Arthur Kao, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 28, 2021. Expires April 28, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4863. Published May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 578381

The following person(s) doing business as: Judith Cimino, Wise Choice VA, 389 Basswood Cmn. #12, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Judith Anne Cimino, 389 Basswood Cmn. #12, 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/: Judith Anne Cimino, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 26, 2021. Expires April 26, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4865. Published May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 578146

The following person(s) doing business as: Tha Moxie, 604 E 17th St. Oakland, CA 94606, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ericka McCoy, 604 E 17th St. Oakland, CA 94606. 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: 4/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ericka McCoy, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 14, 2021. Expires April 14, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4866. Published May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 578531

The following person(s) doing business as: Amvicious Lashes LLC, 16183 Ashland Avenue #108, San Lorenzo, CA 94580, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Danielle Adona, 16183 Ashland Avenue #108, San Lorenzo, CA 94580. 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: 3/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Danielle Adona, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 28, 2021. Expires April 28, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4867. Published May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 578280

The following person(s) doing business as: Crystal Smiles Dental, 3028 West Jack London Blvd, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Colin Young DMD, Inc., 842 31st Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94121. 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: 3/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Colin Young DMD, Inc., 842 31st Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94121. 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: 3/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Chetan Saiya, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 27, 2021. Expires April 27, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4862. Published May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 2021.

listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Colin Young, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 20, 2021. Expires April 20, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4868. Published May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 2021.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. HG 20098388 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Veronica Nubia Metante P.O. Box 2596 Dublin, CA 94568 (925) 325-4972

Veronica Nubia Metante filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name: Veronica Nubia Metante

Proposed Name: Veronika Nubia Metante

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.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 578505

The following person(s) doing business as: Andersen Bakery, 2033 Stoneridge Mall Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hans Bakery, Inc., 30703 San Clemente Street, Hayward, CA 94544. 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: 11/06/20. Signature of Registrant/s/: Arthur Kao, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 28, 2021. Expires April 28, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4871. Published May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 578749

The following person(s) doing business as: New City Locksmith Inc., 6994 Village Parkway, Dublin, CA 94568. 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: 3/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Arthur Kao, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 28, 2021. Expires April 28, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4871. Published May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2021.

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conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/11/21. Signature of Registrant/s/: Kuldeep Singh, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 5, 2021. Expires May 5, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4872. Published May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 578642

The following person(s) doing business as: WorkSHIFT, 1689 Arrowhead Avenue, Livermore, CA, 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Crisabel Monterola Thomas, 1689 Arrowhead Avenue, 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/: Crisabel Monterola Thomas, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 4, 2021. Expires May 4, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4873. Published May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 578321

The following person(s) doing business as: Catastrophe Cat Grooming, 383 South I Street, Livermore, CA, 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Devin Frankland, 3884 Harvard Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: April 1, 2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Devin Frankland, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 21, 2021. Expires April 21, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4874. Published May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 579019

The following person(s) doing business as: C.P. Delivery, LLC, 3541 Kings Canyon Ct, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): C.P. Delivery, LLC, 3541 Kings Canyon Ct, Pleasanton, CA 94588. 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: 3/1/2011. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ronald N. Potter, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 12, 2021. Expires May 12, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4875. Published May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 578421

The following person(s) doing business as: 1) 2 Chicks Fundraising LLC, 2. Custom Fundraising Solutions, 6985 Spencer Court, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): 2 Chicks Fundraising LLC, 6985 Spencer Court, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Shana Trias, Manager. This

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 578780

The following person(s) doing business as: Honee Bee Beauty, 6599 Dublin Blvd, Ste H, #230, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sarahi Carrillo-Martinez, 2311 Ivy Hill Way #932, San Ramon, CA 94582. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Sarahi Carrillo-Martinez, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 6, 2021. Expires May 6, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4877. Published May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 579248

The following person(s) doing business as: 1) Barrel Down Wine Services 2) Eat. Drink, Jet!, 2356 Palm Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Che Figo Ventures, LLC, 2356 Palm Avenue, 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: 2/15/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Meredith Saboraria, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 19, 2021. Expires May 19, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4878. Published May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 579293

The following person(s) doing business as: L & R Trucking, 26 Rollingstone Cmn, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): L & R Trucking, 26 Rollingstone Cmn, 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: 1/19/2016. Signature of Registrant/s/: Luis

Nieves Fuentes, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 19, 2021. Expires May 19, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4879. Published May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 2021.

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Members of the Team Fremont Bank took to the roads of North Livermore for their annual Tour de Cure bike ride Saturday, May 22. The ride is a fundraiser for the American Diabetes Association. Riders started early in the morning on 20- and 15-mile loops, leaving from Fremont Bank's Livermore operations center at 2580 Shea Drive and heading up Collier Canyon Road. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen) [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia]

Bankhead Theater to Launch Travel Film Series on May 30

The Bankhead Theater will launch its “Travel Without Leaving Town” film series on Sunday, May 30, with a presentation of “Tintoretto: A Rebel in Venice.”

The film is the first of five focusing on famous art and artists and will be accompanied by a new exhibit, “Take Me There: Travel the World through Art and Photography,” which opens July 1.

Jacopo Tintoretto is often considered last great artist of the Italian Renaissance. The film, narrated by actress Helena Bonham Carter, explores the places that evoke and preserve the memory of the painter, including the Doge’s Palace, St. Mark’s Square, and the Church of San Rocco.

Tintoretto was born in the early 1500s and spent

nearly his entire life in Venice, following in the footsteps of the legendary Titian and becoming one of the leading painters in the city. His large-scale narratives on canvas, animated by dramatic lighting and gestures, have been described as “daring and inventive, both in the handling and composition.”

The “Travel Without Leaving Town” series will include five “Great Art on Screen” films, interspersed with insights from art historian.

The Tintoretto film will be followed June 13 by “Hermitage: The Power of Art,” featuring works on display at Russia’s Hermitage, one of the largest museums in the world. Also scheduled are “Botticelli: Florence and the Medici,” on June 27; “The Prado: A

Collection of Wonders,” on July 11; and “Frida: Viva la Vida,” on July 25.

Each of the film will begin at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15, with \$10 tickets for students up to age 21.

Initially, fewer than 140 seats, spaced six feet apart, will be sold. Ticket availability may increase but audience size will not exceed 200 for film screenings through August 2021. For tickets, go to www.lvpac.org or call 925-373-6800.

In addition, a drawing will be held for a free pair of tickets for each of the five films. To enter, email a personal travel photo taken anywhere in the world to info@lvpac.org. Winning photos shared on the Bankhead Theater’s social media.

The new Bankhead Gallery exhibit, “Take Me There,” will include a dis-

Pleasanton PD to Form Local Advisory Board

The Pleasanton Police Department is forming a Community Advisory Board (CAB) to share concerns and propose changes in local policing.

“The purpose of the CAB is to create and nurture open lines of two-way communication with the diverse groups of our community,” said Chief David Swing, who will meet with the group monthly.

“Members will provide insights while weighing in on matters of policy and procedure,” said Swing, who was hired to lead the Pleasanton Police Department last year. “It is critical the make-up of the CAB reflect the diversity of our community. Diversity in all areas including race, gender, age, faith, thought, and experience.”

The CAB is expected to focus on public safety issues, including mental health response, use of force, and technology. However, the department said in a news release that the panel will not have any authority to investigate, review, or participate in matters involving specific police personnel or police-related incidents.

Membership is open to individuals over 18 who live, work, or own a business in Pleasanton. Those interested in serving on the panel can apply online or pick up at application at the City Hall.

For more information, go to www.policing.cityofpleasantonca.gov or contact Sgt. Marty Billdt at 925- 931-5100.

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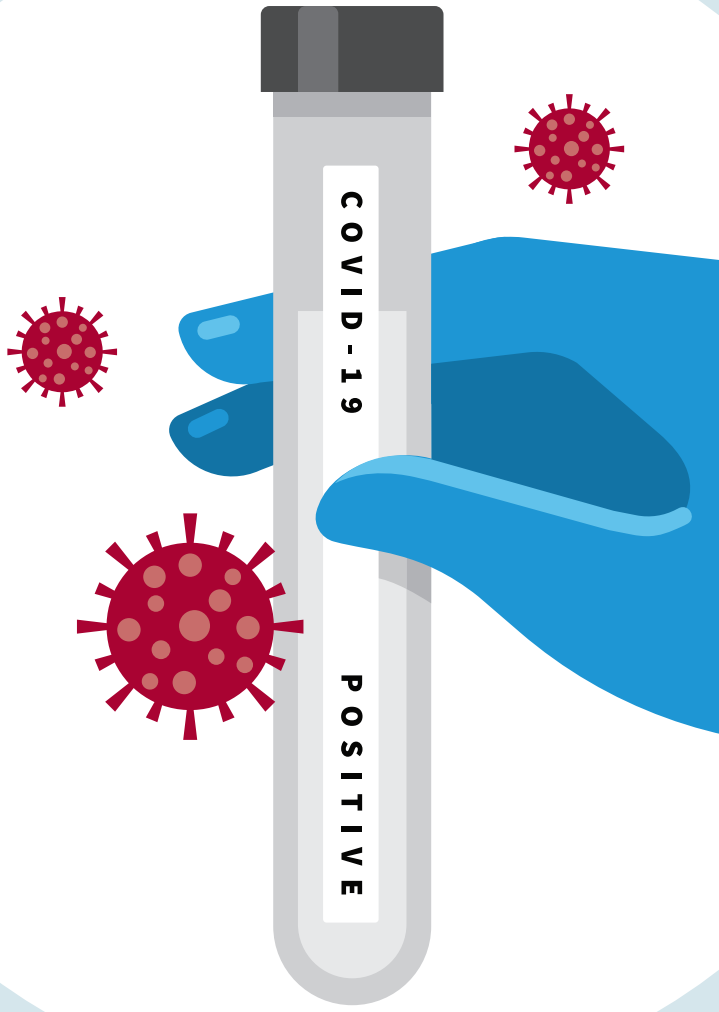


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