

For Tesla Park

Groups Ask To Assist in Planning

By Aly Brown

REGIONAL — On the heels of Tesla Park's preservation in September, both local officials and stakeholders submitted a letter to the state, requesting involvement in the planning process for the land.

Addressed to California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) Secretary Wade Crowfoot and Armando Quintero, director of the California Department of Parks and Recreation — a CNRA subsidiary — the letter called for a meeting to "lay the foundation for this critical next stage." It also requested the formation of a local stakeholder group to aid in planning for the 3,100-acre site, which was removed last month from the existing Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area to protect it from off-road vehicles.

"We hope that the planning process for the Tesla Park land can be a model for future park planning that is based on transparency and collaboration with local governments and communities," stated the letter, dated Sept. 27 and signed by Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert, East Bay Regional

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Council Sets Funding for Select Projects

By Ruth Roberts

DUBLIN — The city council unanimously approved the allocation of nearly \$17 million from the general fund to various reserves to support ongoing projects.

A healthy budget paved the way for staff's recommendations during the council's Oct. 19 regular meeting. The general fund operating revenues totaled \$103.1 million in fiscal year 2020-21 — an increase of \$17 million from the previous year.

"In June 2021, based on estimated revenues and expenditures at that time, the city council approved allocations to specific committed reserves and assigned reserves," said Lisa Hisatomi, director of administrative services. "With the close of the financial books, staff is

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The Imperial Knights Medieval Stunt Show at the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton offered spectators a stunning joust display, Oct. 23. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Conservation Mandates Remain for The Tri-Valley Despite Heavy Rains

By Tony Kukulich

REGIONAL — Despite the recent downpour last weekend, the 15% water conservation mandate and drought-emergency status remain in effect for the Tri-Valley.

On Tuesday this week, a release from Zone 7 — a wholesale water supplier to Tri-Valley water retailers, including the cities of Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin, and the California Water Service Company — stated that the storms provided a boost of water supplies, but "California's weather is predictably unpredictable."

"While this storm brought significant precipitation in a month that isn't typically

very wet, this isn't the time to break those water-saving habits and lose sight of the existing drought," said Valerie Pryor, Zone 7 general manager.

"There is a strong possibility that calendar year 2022 will be an even more difficult water year."

Over the weekend, storms descended with rainfall amounts varying widely across Alameda County. The National Weather Service (NWS) reported a 48-hour total of more than nine inches of rain in parts of Oakland, while other areas of the county received less than one inch of precipita-

tion. Locally, Pleasanton led the Tri-Valley with a 48-hour total of 4.34 inches. Livermore Municipal Airport recorded 4.15 inches, while the rain gauge at Murray

Elementary School in Dublin captured only one-half inch of rain. The NWS also reported that San Francisco — which received more than four inches of rain — experienced its wettest October day and its fourth wettest day since record keeping started in 1849.

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Residents Cite Affordable Housing as Top-ranking Concern Within the City

By Ruth Roberts

PLEASANTON — Affordable housing remains a top concern for residents, according to the city's recent community survey.

The results were presented during the council's regular meeting on Oct. 19.

Over the past 25 years, the city has routinely surveyed residents on a multitude of municipal services, including public safety, water, sewer, building, planning, library and recreational ser-

vices opportunities. The last survey was conducted in 2017. The information assists the council and staff in their development of the annual operating budget, the capital improvement program and other long-range planning efforts.

Respondents ranked housing costs and affordable housing (16%) as the highest concern, followed by crime (12%), traffic (12%) and education (10%).

On the topic of crime, Councilmember Jack Balch

pointed out that, as the holidays approach, some residents might be worried about package thefts.

"We know (crime) is a concern, and we have had a conversation with police about how to address it," he continued.

One survey question asked, "What is the most important thing the City of Pleasanton can do to improve city services for the people who live and/or work in Pleasanton?"

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Marijuana Farm Proposed for Land On Tesla Road

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — An East County Board of Zoning Adjustments (ECBZA) board member hopes to build a 1.5-acre marijuana farm on property about four miles from Livermore in an unincorporated area of Alameda County.

Frank J. Imhof — whose own committee would vote on whether to approve the project — proposes to operate the farm on a 4.36-acre site owned by James Thomas Halter, who formerly ran H & H Recovery, a car repos-

session business on the land.

State Department of Consumer Affairs records indicate Halter's license to operate was revoked July 27, 2012, following an investigation that showed he failed to register his employees and report "violent acts" during repossessions.

Plans for the "8588 Tesla Road Cannabis Cultivation Project" became public this month when county planners posted Imhof and Halter's plans online to seek public input. The plans do not include any information on the

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Stanford Health Care - ValleyCare

Hospital Celebrates 60 Years of Health Care

REGIONAL — When residents of the Tri-Valley in the East Bay had a health crisis or needed a medical specialist 60 years ago, they had no choice but to travel 20 miles to Hayward or 30 miles to Oakland.

That changed in 1961, after residents of the then-patchwork of small townships launched a campaign to raise money — sometimes \$1 at a time — and leaders secured grants to build what would become Valley Memorial Hospital. Over the years, the facility has kept pace with the growing Tri-Valley region, offering comprehensive medical care and serving as a

training ground for the next generation of clinicians.

In 2015, ValleyCare expanded its care and medical education options by joining Stanford Medicine to become Stanford Health Care — ValleyCare.

"Historically, ValleyCare has always been a traditional, community-based health care system," said Richard Shumway, the organization's president and CEO. "For 60 years, ValleyCare has done that really, really well. But joining the Stanford family has allowed us to bring really high-end, complex programs — usually only available at academic

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Bull Elk Brightens the Commute Along Hwy 84

By David Jen

SUNOL — A bull tute elk in Sunol returned to social media notoriety this month. Spotted along State Route 84 east of Interstate 680, the "84 Elk" — as some have named him on Facebook — captured the attention of cellphone-motorist photographers by strutting north of the highway on the side opposite the wilderness. He also raised questions about his origins.

"There's just the one lone bull by himself, and he's been there for about four years," said Clayton Koopmann, rangeland manager for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. Koopmann, who manages

the land around the San Antonio Reservoir, ventured that the 84 Elk could not get back across the highway because of traffic or construction.

The bull belongs to a herd that ranges between the reservoir and Lake Del Valle. The herd branched off from other elk reintroduced to the Mount Hamilton area in 1978.

Jack Romero, ranger aide for the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, said that during wet years, the elk can make it as far north as Sycamore Grove Park in Livermore. Motorists also sometimes see the animals from the highway during the morning and

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Britt Henze creates a mural on Oct. 23 on Livermore's Purpose-Built Trade Co. building, which was formerly the site of Dom's Surplus. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Police Vehicle Purchase Order Re-evaluated

By Aly Brown

LIVERMORE — Following a call-out from a public speaker, the city council this week pulled an item from the consent calendar and requested staff to review its options for purchasing eco-friendly police cars.

Addressing consent calendar item 5.6 on the Oct. 25 agenda — a resolution authorizing the purchase of eight replacement police patrol vehicles from Tracy Ford for a limit of \$344,176 — Ann Brown raised her concerns as a Livermore resident. She also identified herself as a member of the city's Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee.

"In working on the climate plan update, one of the things that we all agreed on

was we need to incentivize our community to make the transition to clean energy

charge at a charging station on city property." She wanted to know

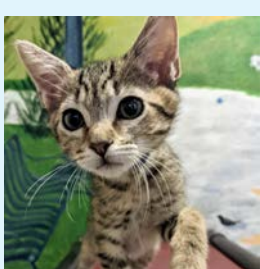
"We need to, as one of the members of our public says, model behavior that we're going to be asking our community to model."

and transportation options, including incentivizing and encouraging using electric vehicles by providing more charging stations," Brown said. "I was very dismayed when I found on the agenda the approval of a purchase of eight vehicles for the police department, and there was no mention of them being hybrid or plug-in electric vehicles for which this use seems very well suited, as they can plug in and re-

whether staff considered electric or hybrid options and if they had factored in the reduced cost of maintenance and fuel these types of vehicles offer. City Manager Marc Roberts said some of the questions raised had already been considered.

"The city has adopted a program that puts all of our various vehicles into classifications," Roberts said. "Those range from passen-

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Luigi

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CELEBRATES

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The first baby born at Valley Memorial Hospital was Tommy Baker in 1961. (Courtesy of Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare)

medical centers — directly into the community.”

In the late 1950s, the Tri-Valley region — which comprises the Amador, San Ramon and Livermore valleys — was made of up small towns surrounded by farmland and ranches. The area’s only hospital was a small, 18-bed facility in Livermore that wasn’t equipped to provide critical or emergency care or treat complex illnesses.

For the region to thrive, community leaders realized they needed a bigger hospital. Plans moved forward in earnest after the Kaiser Paving Company donated a piece of land in downtown Livermore to build the facility.

“Then it was really the community that began the fund drive,” said John Yee, M.D. vice president of clinical initiatives for Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare, who joined the hospital in 1982.

According to Yee, residents walked door to door seeking donations, and local employers ran pledge drives.

“Every month, every paycheck, they’d donate \$1, or \$2 or \$10,” he said. “The community is really how the hospital came about, and the board of directors came out of these members who pledged money into the system.”

Local leaders also applied for government grants to match the community-raised funds, and on Oct. 2, 1961, Valley Memorial Hospital opened with 46

beds and a staff of 23.

As more people moved to the Tri-Valley, the hospital grew to accommodate their health needs. In 1969, a third floor was added to the building, expanding capacity to 110 beds. Five years later, Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare purchased a 23-acre parcel of land in Pleasanton to build what would become the main medical center and hospital campus in 1991.

Through all the expansions Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare’s community focus and culture of caring remained constant.

“We’re supported by the community; we care about the community; and almost everybody you take care of knows somebody else who’s involved with the hospital in some fashion,” Yee said.

That legacy continues through the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation, which was recently folded into the Stanford Medicine Office of Medical Center Development. The development office helps fund new technology and equipment for Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare.

“Our history is really quite amazing,” said Jeanette Kitt, R.N., a nurse educator who has worked at Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare for 45 years. “The community came together to fund the building of the hospital, and has continued to show strong support for it all these years.”

Most recently, she said, local donors helped finance the development of a new stroke program, certified

by the Joint Commission as a primary stroke center in 2019. The program recently was awarded the Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award from the American Heart Association.

Since joining Stanford Medicine, Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare has gained a competitive edge in recruiting more specialists and subspecialists, and it has been able to fund infrastructure upgrades and make significant updates to its treatment protocols in oncology, orthopedics, stroke recovery and other specialties, Shumway said.

Joining the Stanford family has allowed us to bring really high-end, complex programs — usually only available at academic medical centers — directly into the community.

“It’s exciting to see the growth we’ve had, to be able to offer all these amazing programs that, five years ago, we never could have even thought about offering,” said Monica Davila, R.N., Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare’s chief nursing officer.

The organization has partnered with local nursing colleges for years to bring Tri-Valley students into the hospital for clinical rotations, often recruiting them to stay.

“As we continue to raise the bar in nursing at ValleyCare, we are still very much attracting people from within our community,” Davila said.

Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare has also given

Stanford Medicine medical residents and students an opportunity to experience community-focused medicine.

“ValleyCare gives Stanford a test bed for innovative technology, research and education. With just 160 beds, it’s a smaller environment, allowing us to try new things in a streamlined way,” said David Svec, M.D., Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare’s chief medical officer.

Community connections have been key to responding to one of the nation’s biggest health challenges: the COVID-19 pandemic. Because ValleyCare leaders already served on many local boards and committees, they were well-positioned to help with the public health response.

“Luckily, we’ve had close partnerships with a lot of organizations and governmental structures around the Tri-Valley,” Svec said.

For instance, in collaboration with the cities of Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton, as well as with Alameda County, Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare converted the Alameda County Fairgrounds into one of the largest COVID-19 testing sites in the East Bay, performing hundreds of thousands of tests during the first peak of the pandemic. When the COVID-19 vaccine became available, Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare and local health organizations joined forces to turn the fairgrounds into a mass vaccination site.

Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare experts also provided public education and outreach about topics such as infection control, safety at the hospital, how to safely reopen businesses and schools, and vaccination effectiveness and hesitancy. “From a COVID perspective,” Shumway said, “we’ve certainly continued our integration into the community.”

Today, Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare serves a population of more than 350,000 in the Tri-Valley, one of the fastest-growing regions in California.

“It’s important that we continue to grow and develop with the growth and development of the community,” Shumway said.

Looking to the next 60 years, Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare plans to continue to build on the quality of its medical services and

expand them beyond the immediate Tri-Valley region.

“If somebody’s in Stockton or Fresno or North Oakland,” Shumway said, “we want them to have access to Stanford-level programs at the same level as somebody in Palo Alto might. But we

also want to make sure the commitment and passion that ValleyCare has always had for our local community shines through — so it’s really the best of both worlds

By Hadley Leggett, Courtesy of Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare

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Halloween at Hagemann Ranch Set for Oct. 31

The Livermore Heritage Guild will sponsor “Halloween at Hagemann Ranch” from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 31, featuring pumpkin and gourd decorating, the Frank Bona Halloween Show and a Día de los Muertos celebration.

The family-friendly event is free and Halloween costumes are encouraged.

The Hagemann Ranch Historic District represents the last five acres of a former 600-acre ranch that operated from the 1870s to 2005. The site, which includes a farmhouse, barn and other outbuildings, is now owned by the City of Livermore and managed by the Livermore Heritage Guild.

The event is located at 455 Olivina Ave., in Livermore.

Heritage Guild Publishes a Book on Livermore Plaques

The Livermore Heritage Guild has published a pictorial history of the plaques found on historical sites, homes, buildings, and public art around the city.

“Livermore Plaques,” by city historian Richard W. Finn and researcher Peter Kitchingham, includes pictures of the plaques and the historic sites, along with information about the people whose names are engraved on the plaques. There are

also maps to locate the plaques.

The book is available at the Livermore Heritage Guild Museum in the historic Carnegie Library building, 2155 Third St. or from www.lulu.com.

There will be a book signing at Hagemann Ranch, 455 Olivina Ave., during the guild’s Halloween open house from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 31.

Special Needs Camp Program Named a Top-Rated Nonprofit

The Exceptional Needs Network, a Livermore-based volunteer organization that provides camps for children in the East Bay area with special needs, has been named a 2021 Top-Rated Nonprofit by the website GreatNonprofits.

Operated out of Redwood Shores, California, GreatNonprofits publishes community-sourced stories about nonprofit organizations nationwide. The website’s annual Top-Rated award is based on ratings and reviews provided by volunteers, donors and aid recipients.

The Exceptional Needs Network offers three camps a year for children and young adults with special needs, providing a respite for family caregivers.

The sessions are free to the families and are held at Camp Arroyo in Livermore with a 1:1 camper-to-counselor ratio.

“Exceptional Needs Net-

work is a great example of a nonprofit making a real difference in their community,” said GreatNonprofits CEO Perla Ni. “Their award is well-deserved recognition not only of their work, but the tremendous support they receive, as shown by the many outstanding reviews

they have received from people who have direct experience working with Exceptional Needs Network.”

The Exceptional Needs Network was also a Top-Rated Nonprofit in 2015, 2016, 2018 and 2019. Since 2002, more than 1,000 children and young adults have

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The Wave in Dublin recently offered a unique pumpkin-picking experience to local swimmers during its Floating Pumpkin event, Oct. 23. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Pleasanton Teacher Receives Distinguished Alumni Award

Christie Carnahan, a kindergarten teacher at Valley View Elementary School in Pleasanton, recently received a Distinguished Alumni Award from California State University East Bay.

The award recognizes the accomplishments of the university's graduates in community or public service, and those who contribute to scholarship and lifelong learning in service to, or support of, the university.

Carnahan, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in liberal studies in 1995, is the first classroom teacher to receive the Cal State, East Bay award. She also received her master's degree in education from Cal State,

East Bay in 2005.

Carnahan, who pioneered the Pleasanton Unified School District's award-winning multilingual Dual Immersion Program, was named the district's Teacher of the Year in 2014.

Granada High Teen Creates Pet Care Website Nonprofit

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Granada High School senior Eileen Seetho is passionate about pet care.

Using the internet as a platform to spread her message, she founded a website and club to positively impact her community and their furry friends.

"The website, 'Better Care for Pets,' primarily targets teen and adult audiences," said Eileen, 17. "We post weekly blogs on pet care, pet physiology and wildlife preservation. Our mission is to show people they can make a difference in their pet's well-being."

The Livermore resident said her website serves as a guide to help pet owners keep their animals happy and well-cared for. She began building the site last summer, while shelter-in-place restrictions kept many people at home, noting her newfound downtime allowed her to get creative. She also began Pet Care Club (PCC) to help spread awareness and education on the subject of pet care.

Several experiences with animals — both domesticated and wild — helped form Eileen's love of all creatures at a young age. She recalled one animal in particular, Jasper, who touched her heart.

"My love for animals grew even further when a baby squirrel fell out of a tree when I was in ninth grade," said Eileen. "I named him Jasper, and he was so young; he was still both blind and deaf. I became attached to him, but I decided the best thing I could do for him was to give him to the Lindsay Wildlife Foundation, because they had a rehab program for squirrels in similar situations. This experience changed my life."

Alyssa Eaton, vice president of PCC, is also a long-time animal lover. She said she is thankful for the opportunities the club offers.

"I am currently a sophomore, so I started high school during quarantine with little opportunities to get involved," Alyssa said. "Overall, I would say that becoming a member of this club and taking part in writing the blogs has inspired me to continue working with animals in the future and trying to educate more people on everyday issues in the animal world."

Alyssa takes a leadership role during club meetings, helping members to educate themselves about animal physiology. She also leads the group in organizing club events and collecting supplies for local animal shelters. She authored one blog post discussing the energy levels of different dog breeds and looks forward to writing more.

"The website Eileen started has a lot to do with our goals of spreading

awareness and educating others about current issues, both with pets in captivity, as well as animals in the wild," she said. "Being able to write blogs on these topics has inspired me to do more research on animals and has increased my interest in working with them in the future."

Eileen said she hopes site visitors learn something new about pet care and pet health, because even good pet owners might not know everything.

"I believe that if you can better understand your pet's physiology, you can better understand how they work," she said. "For example, you would understand why some dogs should not go for a walk on a hot day, and through that, you can prevent certain issues from arising. We cover that too.



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Livermore Arts to Offer Thanksgiving Camp

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center will offer two three-day art camps for students over the annual Thanksgiving school vacation.

Both camps, Thanksgiving Art at the Bothwell and Thanksgiving Art-Lego Days, will run from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 22 to Wednesday, Nov. 24, at the Bothwell Arts Center. The cost is \$220 for either camp.

Thanksgiving Art at the Bothwell will offer lessons by professional artists incorporating a mix of media, including watercolor, acrylic, clay, chalk, charcoal and pencil. Students will create multiple two- and three-dimensional projects.

Students attending the Thanksgiving Art-Lego Days camp will build a group Lego set the first day, then spend day two drawing their creation, adding their

own individual touches. The third day will be spent painting their Lego drawings.

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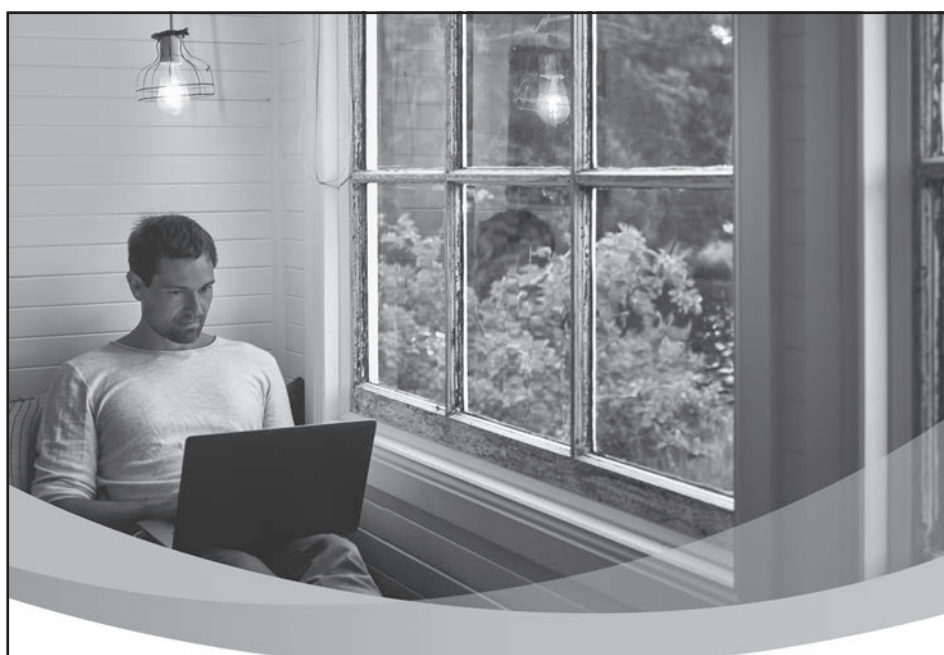
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EDITORIAL Drought Not Cancelled

As rainwater soaks the thirsty earth and residents throughout the Tri-Valley search for their lost umbrellas, don't be tempted to sing "rain, rain, go away." Record rainfall makes it easy to believe the drought, at last, is over, but our reservoirs paint a different picture.

Zone 7's source of water, Lake Oroville, rose approximately 25 feet, yet it has only reached 27% of its capacity.

Conservation is still necessary. The community must remain vigilant to achieve its 15% reduction goal. Zone 7 notes that outdoor irrigation takes up 60% of household water use; it asks residents to turn off systems when it's raining.

"With such a heavy soaking, it should be several days be-

fore irrigation systems need to be turned back on," the agency stated in a press release this week. Those with lawns should consider replacing them with California native and drought-resistant plants. Rebate programs are available through cities in the Tri-Valley, along with Zone 7.

The agency also offers rebates for installing water-wise appliances, including \$200 toward the purchase of a high-efficiency washing machine. Although many have already reduced their water consumption, there are now more resources available to help cut back even further.

For more info on rebate programs and water-wise resources visit www.zone7water.com/conserve.

MAILBOX

Mailbox Guidelines:

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Give the Gift of Clear Air

Victoria Dennis, Pleasanton

The holidays are approaching and if you're thinking about what to gift your family, consider buying an electric leaf blower and a manual or electric lawn mower. The State of California recently passed AB 1346 banning the sale of gas-powered equipment by 2024. I was shocked to learn that the emissions from a gas lawn blower used for an hour is equivalent to the tail pipe emissions of a car running for over eight hours!

Removing your lawn and installing a Bay friendly native species garden with drip irrigation eliminates using a gas lawn mower, invites birds and bees, eliminates the hassle of lawn mowing, brings down the expense of garden maintenance and reduces water consumption. That's like killing five birds with one stone! Gas leaf blowers emit disgusting odors, are extremely noisy and disturb the peace and quiet of a neighborhood. They are a health hazard to your family and to your gardener due to the toxic fumes emitted.

Last year I switched to a manual lawn mower for my backyard; it's fun and easy to use and above all, silent. My front yard has been converted to a native plant species garden with rocks and mulch and is now a visual and sensory delight.

Give the gift of clean air, reduced noise pollution, good health to your family, your gardener and your neighbors by switching to electric or manual equipment!

Downtown Livermore

Paul Thompson, Livermore

For the past several years we, the citizens of Livermore, have been witnessing the development and improvement of our city's downtown. The changes wrought by the moving of Hwy 84 from First Street to Isabel Ave., and by First Street becoming one lane each way, have been a joy to watch. I think that many of us are happy with the adding of Stockmen's Park and Veterans Way. The start of the work downtown in the old Lucky's shopping center represents a good beginning to the current but hotly contested downtown plan.

However, I fear that these good emotions and feelings are now in jeopardy. I do believe the councils have tried their hardest to put the best plans and ideas in place, utilizing the inputs from all the appropriate agencies, committees and most importantly, the citizens of the city. There were many differing points of view. Most notable were where to locate the hotel and what size the Livermore's "Grand Central Park" should be. The remaining differences are now increasingly focused on the Eden low-cost housing part of the plan. This disagreement and where to locate the Eden Housing project are not just about the aesthetics and its makeup, but about the cost. The two camps are at serious odds with each other, which does not bode well for a peaceful and agreeable outcome.

A mini confession. Although I am not experienced when it comes to city and community finances, for many years, I ran a successful business here in town. This I eventually sold to Xerox Corporation, enabling me to retire and continue to enjoy my life in this community. To close and to get to the point, I wish to pick up on Jay Davis' expression he used two weeks ago in his letter, which by the way, was in common usage in England when I was growing up - "We must stop going down the garden path." This only leads to a dead end.

So Council, it is time to put your heads together and end the relationship with Eden and develop an agreeable plan knowing you will have the support of the residents. Much to consider and resolve, but you must try and succeed. Now is the time to get this done and, for me, to end the risk of going down that garden path.

Let's Protect Livermore's Quality of Life

Will Murray, Livermore

In regard to the Eden Housing project, I'm in agreement with Save Livermore Downtown's argument

that it conflicts with city plan design. Plan design in anything, especially a city, should be well thought out. To me, the Eden Housing project required no thought at all, just an easy fix to a state mandate.

We live in a city with history. We need a plan that reinforces Livermore's unique small-town character and that history. Plans that don't block out the scenic beauty or the surrounding hills and windmills. The last thing Livermore needs is a huge four-story apartment complex, which is exactly what this is.

Livermore is different from a lot of other cities in the Bay Area for sure, but even different from the few in the Tri-Valley. So why would we build this that looks so like everything else? I don't know if many of you have been around much of the Bay Area, but I have, and I can tell you that Livermore is the place to be! Let's protect Livermore's outstanding quality of life!

The Scariest Part of Halloween? The Dairy Industry

Lex Manwill, Livermore

Little scares me about Halloween or trick-or-treating. Ghosts, zombies, skeletons and witches have nothing on all the milk ingredients in candy and the frightening truth about the dairy industry.

This is the industry that has spent billions convincing humans that drinking the milk of another species is okay.

This is the industry that feeds millions of dairy cows in favor of feeding starving humans.

This is the industry that creates pastures for dairy cows which accounts for a substantial reduction of forestland and other wildlife habitats. Add to this that the digestive system of cows discharges large amounts of methane, and their waste discharges nitrous oxide, both contributors to global warming.

This is the industry that perpetually impregnates cows in order to keep them lactating to produce milk and then kills them off after they are "spent."

The dairy industry is more frightening than any Halloween nightmare.

But, we're lucky. Our local supermarkets offer a selection of plant-based milks, cheeses, and ice creams, as well as a colorful display of fresh fruits and veggies. And the dairy industry reporting slumping sales is just the treat we need this holiday season.

Let's Get Housing Right

Nile Runge, Livermore

How should we Livermorons plan and care for our downtown open space? We could muck it up and be stuck with it for the rest of our lifetimes. Some say we could just go with the plan, just to get it done. They don't really care; they just want action. Well, I care, and based on the many letters to the editor most of us care greatly and don't want to regret construction of a monster housing project of the wrong design and in the wrong place. We're not done

yet with planning a pleasing solution for a downtown with wonderful potential.

Unfortunately, our council is not searching for a design we would like and even admire. What's the rush? Do it right. Please.

The Sound of Silence

Sofia Schaefer, Livermore

There seems to be a prevailing sound of silence here in Livermore when it comes to the Eden Project. Numerous concerned citizens (myself included) have written and sought information, clarity and transparency with regard to decision-making and progress on this project. The result so far has been silence from the mayor and the current city council. The only communication has been from former Mayor Marchand, who admonished us to volunteer or run for office if we are that concerned with what's happening with regard to this project, as well as the future of Livermore.

Mr. Marchand, with respect, I am and many others are concerned citizens who have expressed our desire for more information and transparency from our current city government; not running for office nor volunteering for community committees (LARP, library board, etc.) does not negate the seriousness of my concern, nor does it mean that my expressions of concern or disagreement with the decisions/communication of our current city government represent a lack of interest in my community, or labels me as a whiner.

Let me suggest that the current city administration has willfully and knowingly ignored the various letters and statements of concern and disagreement expressed and your continued excusing and gaslighting of their behavior does little to remedy the current conflicts in our fair city. We need to seek solutions, not chastisements, of the citizens of Livermore who are expressing their concerns.

Input Alternative to the New City General Plan Review Committee

Rich Buckley, Livermore

The public can participate in the 2021 Livermore City General Plan Advisory Board. You don't have to be appointed by the City Council to hold a seat on the board. Here's the direct link to all the members on the board: <https://bit.ly/3vDNL0B>.

The City Clerk is obliged to send your correspondence to the board member or members you address by email. The City Clerk's Office email is, cityclerk@cityoflivermore.net.

Everything at this level of government participation seems to be pretty well scripted by the City Council already. The ears of the advisory members may tend to be tuned to a drum you don't march to. So, if you want your little drum beat to get into the record, look up each of the names provided in the link above, find one who will listen and tell them what you want. It'll probably have as much impact as if you received an appointment to the committee. The former mayor is on

the committee so you can only imagine how scripted things on this committee will turn out.

Here's my two cents to the committee members:

1. I'd like the general plan to include a voluntary resident-only planning sandbox play area where participants would be allocated a presence on the official city website homepage to openly discuss any matter.

But this sandbox would have zero legal authority. However, it would have the powers inherent in gathering real-time information on all non-personnel, non-lawsuit related finance information. All income, all expenses broken down to a near graphite level. It would also be given lists of all city assets, physical or financial. Sandbox topics could for example create alternative development solutions, re-price city assets, illustrate methods of generating balanced budgets. Mitigate discussions on complex issues by creating alternative revenue streams. Run poles on Sandbox ideas. City managers would have a love-hate relationship with this volunteer sandbox idea no doubt.

We need to change a lot of things over the next few years and the stifling of public input on a vast array of topics is at the core of why the country, states, counties and cities are in chaos. The SANDBOX will plumb a new level of citizen community participation. Residents would be asked to use their real names.

2. I think six elected council members instead of four elected, plus one mayor, would provide more responsive city councils.

Parks and Shops, Not Houses

Sherry Sisul, Livermore

I would very much rather have parks and shops in my downtown area than a bunch of stack and pack houses! Houses can be built anywhere else, but there is only one downtown, and once you ruin it, it will be ruined forever.

Trick and Treat

Anne Giannini, Livermore

Some cities may have haunted houses and buildings. We have something creepy right downtown for all to see.

The forlorn, abandoned Legacy development shrouded in rotting mesh and aging building materials is indeed a haunting example of what can happen when city officials past and present trick the people and treat themselves and their cronies to get what "they" want.

What a scary thought this could easily happen again with the proposed Eden development site just across the street. BOOOO.

Making The Future

Greg Scott, Livermore

If your roof were leaking, would you be in denial? Would you just let it leak as if the leak(s) would go away and not manifest with the next rainstorm? Perhaps your corner of the house would not have the effects of the leak(s). Would you thusly care about the other inhabitants in the

house? Pots and buckets could be put out to catch the drips and/or rivulets of water. Would you spare your expensive large pots and put too small pots under the leaks? Would you let the water from some leaks just pool in the dwelling? Until what scenario? This metaphor is about how we are dealing with climate disruption.

The climate disruption response in the Build Back Better Act is all but gutted. President Biden and America behind him are to go representing to climate conference COP26 (Conference of the Parties) in Glasgow, Scotland with little to no credibility. Most simply do not care in America.

Elsewhere globally, more and more are affected and do care. The climate disruption results are blatant. When they slam into us, then we will care too. COP26 is on track to be a horrendous failure.

There is the hope of hopes from atomized individuals in a global neoliberal capitalistic market, beholden to maximum profit for the few, that COP26 concludes otherwise. This is a delusion when the top OECD (Organization for Economic and Co-operation and Development) countries are expanding fossil-fuel production and consumption. State-owned companies in fossil-fuel laden nations are also increasing outputs. Great Britain's Former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher use to say, "There is no alternative," to this capitalism. There darn well better be for the sake and fate of humanity vitally dependent on precipitation patterns and temperature bands. Ironically, a "thatcher" would be one who would put on a protective thatch as a covering for a roof.

The elders have betrayed the young. Young Swede, Greta Thunberg, said "How dare you?" at the last Davos, Switzerland World Economic Forum and continued, "You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words."

The leaders of the countries of the greatest radiative-reactive-gas emissions, President Joseph Biden and President Xi Jinping, have little to offer at COP26 other than "empty words." The vision needed is one of a changed world made better and beautiful by cultural imagination that is implemented with the treatment of Earth Mother as sacred, not profane.

Livermore's Silent Volunteers

Deborah McQueen, Livermore

Among the wonderful things about Livermore is its committed network of volunteers that selflessly serve in numerous ways throughout the city. Moms volunteering to improve their children's schools, dads volunteering on soccer and football teams, grandparents volunteering to help the homeless, are just the beginning. Diligently working without fanfare are volunteer members of civic organizations such as the Knights of Columbus, the Lions Club or the Rotary Clubs of Livermore. You

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District Attorney Candidate Forum Set for Nov. 14

Residents are invited to attend a forum with the three candidates running for Alameda County District Attorney. The candidates are vying for the seat of retiring Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley.

The virtual event will be held on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 1:30 p.m., and is presented by Livermore Indivisible, a non-profit, grassroots organization.

Candidates Pamela Price, Terry Wiley and Jimmy Wilson will answer questions from the audience as they discuss the job of a district attorney.

Pamela Price was raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. She graduated from Yale University with a B.A. in Political Science in 1978. After Yale, Price attended Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall) where she received her J.D. and a master's degree in jurisprudence and social policy in 1981. She started

her career as a criminal defender in Bayview Hunters Point in San Francisco. Price is one of a handful of African-American women who have ever argued a case in the United States Supreme Court.

Terry Wiley is the first African American chief assistant for the Alameda County District

Attorney's Office. He is a strong advocate for criminal justice reform and fighting inequalities in the adult and juvenile justice systems. In November 2020, Wiley was appointed director of the new groundbreaking Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. He is currently a member of the American Bar Association's Criminal Standards Committee, a past member of the State Bar of California Board of Trustees, and a past vice-president of the National Bar Association.

Jimmie Wilson grew up

in San Francisco's Bayview-Hunters Point. He spent the first 16 years of his career as a plumber and pipefitter with UA Local 38 while attending night school and raising three children. He completed his bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley at 40 years old and attended UC Hastings College of the Law. Wilson has worked as an

Alameda County Deputy District Attorney for the past 16 years, and has lived in Alameda County for the past 30 years. He serves on the executive committee of the Hayward-South County NAACP.

The event is sponsored by The Independent, Livermore Vine and Pleasanton Weekly.

To register for the webinar, trivalley.rocks/ACDA2022

Email questions to: livermoreindivisible@gmail.com.

Comments Due on Proposed Widening of I-205

Public comments on the scope of an environmental study for the proposed widening of a 15-mile stretch of Interstate 205, from I-580 to I-5, must be submitted to either the San Joaquin Council of Governments or the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) by Monday, Nov. 1.

The proposal is to widen the stretch of I-205 from six to eight lanes. One HOV lane would be added in both directions between the Alameda County line and I-5.

Caltrans will prepare an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assess-

ment for the I-205 Managed Lanes Project, which could also include interchange improvements and transit hubs.

The environmental will consider five alternatives, including an option to forgo the project.

Comments can be sent by email to scott.guidi@dot.ca.gov, or by regular mail to Scott Guidi, Caltrans, District 10, 1976 East Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Stockton, CA 95205).

The project website is:

<https://205managedlanes.com>.

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can find these members giving their time and expertise to plan and run fundraisers, opening night galas for arts organizations, raising money for Axis Health, planting trees in parks, making home improvements for senior citizens, building gazebos in Carnegie Park or donating money to classroom teachers.

Many Rotarians sit on multiple boards in Livermore, serving a broad spectrum of civic needs. They don't receive a paycheck or a pension for their services. Many of these same public-spirited, civic-minded people, have written multiple letters to the Independent voicing their concerns about Eden Housing's plan to drop a football field-sized building that looks like "prison barracks" into the last open space in our downtown.

Yet Mayor Marchand in last week's paper characterized these individuals as 'complainers' who 'don't serve' and write "hateful letters." Marchand references Doug Mann's quote "Stop complaining and start

servicing." Yet, there are literally thousands of volunteers doing just that; serving and working to make Livermore a great place to live every day. They aren't seeking glory, status, advancement or power. Marchand benefited from the hard work of these gracious volunteers during his tenure as Mayor. He shouldn't vilify them.

In the same LTE, Marchand then throws 99% of the township under the bus, for failing to attend the PlaceWorks - General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC)-2045 meeting. Marchand claims it's not PlaceWorks' fault that no one showed up; it's the public's fault. The truth is, when the city wants you to know something, they make sure they communicate effectively. This was proven recently with water reduction notices. The city sent out detailed voice-mails to citizens, followed up by fliers in mailboxes. The public got the message and adjusted their water usage. PlaceWorks could have used the same method for reaching the citizens of

Livermore. If GPAC-2045 is truly a public lead effort, then make sure the public is included! Marchand is 'astonished' that no one applied to be on the GPAC committee. If only we'd had crystal balls.

Pleasanton School District Has It Wrong
Anthony Beckett, Pleasanton

Is a school board acting in good faith with their employees when they vote themselves a pay raise, while refusing to do the same for the teachers they supposedly support? To put it clearly: Pleasanton Unified School District has left their teachers in contract limbo for two years, while awarding themselves a pay raise. Teachers are rightfully considering striking.

When I was looking for a place to live in the Bay Area, 25 years ago, one of the top priorities was quality of schools. Pleasanton, at the time, was a shining star in that area. For the past 20 years, the school district, in spite of the outstanding students, teachers and

staff, has slowly become a less-than-ideal place to work (and by extension, to get educated). Most of you don't know that, unlike most private-sector jobs, even full-time employees pay full cost for health insurance. This means most of those who need health insurance because, for example, they are single or their spouse doesn't have it, are basically working just to be insured. Meanwhile the superintendent makes over \$300,000 a year. Stark contrast.

Bad management has a cascading negative effect. Management's bad example and acting in bad faith creates a toxic work environment and trickles down to difficulty in retaining talent, which in turn leads to long-term churning of substitute teachers, which leads to, yes, a measurable impact on the students actual learning.

PUSD needs to realize what makes the district shine, and it's not the school board. And they need to fix it before the shine is irreversibly tarnished, and it's too late.

Dublin to Host Holiday Craft Boutique

Dublin will host its annual Holiday Craft Boutique from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd.

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Hope Hospice offers a free workshop to discuss healthy coping strategies.

Choose from the following dates; the program is the same. Please call to register (925) 829-8770. Although the workshop will be held online via Zoom, space is still limited due to the interactive nature of the program.

Wednesday, November 10, 2-3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 7, 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

DOWNTOWN IN-DEPTH

Focusing on issues that make a difference
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How the Eden Housing Project Fails to Meet City Design Requirements. Part 3 Horizontal Mass



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

Livermore's Downtown Specific Plan contains critical guidelines to prevent buildings from becoming an unsightly mass. Specifically, the design standards state that "horizontal mass shall be broken down to create architectural interest and provide visual separation between units or modules of units."

The 4-story, block-long Eden building would make a mockery of our horizontal mass design standards. Looking at the proposed Eden design (shown above), it is impossible to tell whether there are separate modules of units. Instead, the project resembles a large, uniform wall with no distinctions for individual units, and without individualized roof forms. This design blunder applies not just to the building proposed for Railroad Avenue, but also to the building planned for Veterans Way.

Livermore's City Council should have upheld our Downtown Specific Plan, but failed. We rely on our City Council to protect the character of our beautiful downtown. But in their rush to approve Eden's flawed plan, the Council has rubber-stamped massive buildings that will damage the heart of our city.

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TESLA

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Sen. Steve Glazer and Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan hold photos of the landscape found at Tesla Park. The two played significant roles in helping to preserve the land and recently attended a celebration with local stakeholders. (Photo – Al Johnson)

Park District President Dee Rosario, Livermore Mayor Bob Woerner, Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board Director David Furst, Save Mount Diablo Executive Director Edward Clement, Sierra Club California Director Brandon Dawson, Northern Valley Yokuts/Ohlone/Bay Mewuk Tribal Chairperson Katherine Perez and Friends of Tesla Park's Nancy Rodrigue.

Celeste Garamendi of Friends of Tesla Park explained that the planning process will include an assessment of resources, followed by a classification of the land. After that, State Parks must go through the establishment of a general plan and the completion of an environmental impact report in order to gain California Environmental Quality Act approval for opening the property to the public. She said the time frame was unclear, but it could take up to a year.

"The local governments and advocates are pressing the state to move quickly to get it done and to establish Tesla as a unit of the State Parks system and confirm the plan for how public access will be provided and how the resources will be

protected, and then allow for access when the park is opened," she continued. "The objectives from the local community — both local government and the stakeholders — is that this land be established under the State Parks' system in order to protect and preserve its sensitive natural and cultural resources ... and that public access be provided consistent with those resources. There are certain classifications of State Parks that would accomplish that."

Woerner further stated the groups have long called for Tesla Park to be a natural and cultural preserve and passive-use park.

"The classification that best meets that objective is to designate Tesla as a 'reserve' that can provide for low-impact public access for enjoyment of nature and education about our cultural heritage, while protecting Tesla's exceptional sensitive resources," Woerner said.

The advocates' letter continued to note that before site planning can occur, "an accurate baseline of existing biological and cultural resources must be established" and called for the establishment of a local stakeholder group to inform the planning

process.

"While more surveys and research are needed, the existing knowledge of many in the local and scientific community of this land are invaluable assets that should inform the planning process from its very first steps," stated the letter. "We also hope the CNRA will look more broadly on a regional basis to use the Tesla Park planning process as an opportunity to evaluate a conservation corridor through the Corral Hollow Canyon and along the Diablo Range. Our organizations want to participate in the Tesla Park planning process, as do many others."

Preserving this site in perpetuity followed a two-decade battle between activist groups and the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR), which is a division of the agency now tasked with planning for its future — State Parks. Over that time, Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan and Sen. Steve Glazer proposed legislation to stop off-road vehicle use into the Tesla Park site before state lawmakers reached a deal that placed \$29.8 million from the state's general fund into the Off-Highway Motorized Vehicle Trust Fund to

help off-roading groups find another location for a motorized-vehicle park.

Speaking for Friends of Tesla Park, Rodrigue thanked Glazer and Bauer-Kahan for their "steadfast effort to save Tesla Park." She further noted that trust will need to be built between the local stakeholders and State Parks.

"Since the fight to protect Tesla from the State Parks' OHMVR damaging activity has gone on for 20 years, it is reasonable that those of us intimately involved with this battle are leery of letting go of the reins now and also trusting that State Parks will do the right and best plan for Tesla Park," Rodrigue said. "At this time, there is no expectation that Quintero and Crowfoot will share the 'reins' with our stakeholders. There is precedent to include locals in planning, but the strained communications will have to be remedied and trust built for this to happen."

At press time, a date had not been set for a meeting between State Parks, CNRA and the local groups. However, Gloria Sandoval, State Parks deputy director of public affairs — also speaking on behalf of CNRA — indicated in an email to The Independent that the offices had been in communication with the letter writers. She said staff will be meeting with them to "explain the process and receive their input."

"California State Parks looks forward to the future planning of the Tesla-Expansion Area, including the classification and naming of the unit by the California State Park and Recreation Commission," Sandoval continued. "Once the park unit has been classified, planning efforts can be initiated that identify new public recreational opportunities. A robust public planning process that includes stakeholder input will be part of the process."

RAINS

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In tracking the water year, which runs Oct. 1 to Sept. 30, last year the Tri-Valley received only 5.67 inches of rainfall for the entire water year, which is a mere 39% of the average rainfall, according to the Zone 7 release. Last year surpassed the previous record for the lowest annual rainfall at 6.02 inches in 1977. In last week's storm, the area received somewhere between 3.5 and 4.5 inches, quickly approaching last year's total rainfall in just one week.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) reported that weekend storms caused the water level in Lake Oroville — from which Zone 7 pulls its water — to rise approximately 25 feet. Still, the lake currently holds only 27% of its 3.5 million acre-foot capacity. An acre-foot of water is defined as the volume of water necessary to cover one acre with one foot of water. It equates to about 326,000 gallons. While the rain and snow that fell across the northern half of the state was a good start to the new water year, it remains to be seen what impact it will have on long-term drought conditions.

State Water Project (SWP) customers like Zone 7 have had a challenging year. The DWR manages the SWP and initially forecast that it would provide 10% of the requested water supply to its customers. In March, that allocation was reduced to just 5%. At that time, Zone 7 warned its retail customers that 2022 allocation could be further reduced.

"There is a strong possibility that calendar year 2022 will be an even more difficult water year," wrote Pryor in a letter to customers dated Aug. 23. "The primary SWP reservoir, Lake Oroville, has reached a record low level and continues to drop. Based on the current extremely low storage in the SWP water system, and if dry conditions continue, it is possible that Zone 7 may receive significantly reduced deliveries from the SWP in 2022."

At a state level, Newsom extended a drought emergency proclamation on Oct. 19 to eight counties not covered by previous proclamations. With all the state's 58 counties now included in the drought emergency, the

governor gave the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) the authority to ban wasteful water practices, such as the use of potable water for washing sidewalks and driveways.

Still, Newsom's proclamation stops short of implementing mandatory statewide reductions in water use, even though the state has underperformed meeting its water conservation goal. In July, he called for a voluntary reduction of 15% compared to 2020. Since then, the state has fallen far short of that goal, achieving only a 5% reduction.

"As the western U.S. faces a potential third year of drought, it's critical that Californians across the state redouble our efforts to save water in every way possible," Newsom said in a press release. "With historic investments and urgent action, the state is moving to protect our communities, businesses and ecosystems from the immediate impacts of the drought emergency, while building long-term water resilience to help the state meet the challenge of climate change impacts making droughts more common and more severe."

While the rain didn't change the state or regional water conservation mandates, the SWRCB temporarily lifted its ban on pumping from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta based on anticipated precipitation, reduced demand and a need to recharge groundwater storage during significant storms.

The Oct. 19 action by the SWRCB restored access to Delta water for more than 10,000 water-rights holders in the region. Worsening drought conditions had prompted the state to suspend all Delta pumping on Aug. 20 — a decision that impacted farmers just outside the Tri-Valley. The most recent action is good news for many in the Delta, but the SWRCB stressed that the resumption of pumping was temporary and could be short-lived.

A notice issued by the SWRCB stated, "The State Water Board will continue to closely monitor forecasted precipitation and hydrologic conditions and may re-evaluate curtailment statuses within the next week, if appropriate."

MARIJUANA

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men's backgrounds.

Records show Halter purchased the site in 1996, and lives in a nearly 3,000-square-foot home on the property.

Attempts to reach Imhof — a Pleasanton resident who formerly served as president of the Contra Costa Alameda County Cattlemen's Association — and Halter through email and telephone calls proved unsuccessful.

An initial county Planning Department study of how the proposal would affect the environment gave the project a green light to move forward because Imhof and Halter took steps to prevent significant negative effects on the environment, the report said.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration report further noted that Imhof and Halter hope their marijuana farm will meet an increasing demand for sun-grown outdoor cannabis and "provide a steady stream of high-quality cannabis cultivated within the county to support local county dispensaries."

The farm, the report said, would include 20 separate 1,000-square-foot hoop houses to grow mature plants and one 3,000-square-foot hoop house to cultivate immature plants. The project would also include the construction of four 10,000-gallon water tanks, security fencing, lighting and parking areas.

The second floor of an existing barn would be used for maintaining "mother" plants and cloning for immature cultivation. Harvested cannabis would be dried and trimmed on the ground floor.

The Imhof and Halter proposal includes a detailed security plan that states the public would not be allowed into the facility, the county report noted.

"The proposed project would implement controlled access to the property, and include full security measures with security personnel, site fencing, gates, lighting, cameras, and alarms to implement controlled access to the property," the documents show.

At least one licensed se-

curity guard would be on-site 24 hours a day, with more potentially hired seasonally. According to the report, an 8-foot cyclone fence with privacy slats will surround the cultivation site. All gates will have lighting and cameras with video surveillance.

The document does not indicate whether Halter will be the security guard. California Bureau of Security and Investigative Affairs (BSIS) records show Halter was issued a license to work as a security guard on Dec. 14, 2020. The license expires on Dec. 31, 2022.

The county report said Imhof and Halter's farm will require 2,000 gallons of water a day for irrigation during the seasonal growth cycle. An on-site well would be built and water would be stored in four 10,000-gallon storage tanks north of the existing barn.

To reduce odor, the men plan to install charcoal filters within the processing building during harvest and processing cycles.

The project plans to operate year-round from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. with two full-time employees and up to five employees during harvest. Harvesting would occur twice a year for about four or five days.

County planning officials posted their initial documents online for public review and to request input. The 72-page mitigated negative declaration is available online at https://bit.ly/Indy_farm. County officials are seeking opinions through Nov. 15. The documents also are available for review in person at the Alameda County Clerk Recorder Office in Oakland, and at the County Planning Department Office in Hayward.

At some point, the ECB-ZA will hold a public hearing. County Planner Albert Lopez said Imhof would have to recuse himself.

Already, the pot farm proposal has drawn questions and disapproval. During an interview with The Independent, one Tesla Road resident, who requested to remain anonymous, said the

other two board members might disregard public input and give their colleague quick approval.

"Just because he recuses himself doesn't mean there's no influence," the resident said.

The resident said neighbors are not concerned about pot farming, but don't believe their Tesla Road neighborhood is the place for it. Primarily, they are concerned about water use in a rural area that utilizes wells, along with Halter's background.

"We are having to rotate the days we wash and shower because the wells are near empty," the resident said. "He's talking about 2,000 gallons of water a day and four 10,000-gallon tanks of water."

Potential odor and bright grow lights at a business intended to operate from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., along with crime, are also concerning, the resident added.

"They said there was security that lives on the property," the resident said. "I don't know what qualifications they consider for security."

When Halter operated the repossession business, the resident said the H & H owner walked outside the property with a gun several times to meet people arriving to collect their repossessed vehicles.

"The concern was there would be some type of gun battle out there," the resident said.

Halter's license was revoked in 2012 following complaints and lawsuits involving five incidents in 2010 and 2011.

In one incident, two H & H repossessors wearing paramilitary or law enforcement type uniforms, entered a criminal justice classroom at Carrington College in San Leandro, and got into a loud argument and physical fight with a teacher in front of his students. In another case, police arrested an H & H employee who allegedly battered a woman during a repossession in Manteca.

In two cases, Halter failed to report incidents where a

man removing his belongings from his car struck one of the H & H employees, knocking him unconscious, and another where a woman pulled a gun and threatened to shoot the H & H employees.

The investigative report cited seven other Business and Professional Code citations from 2003 to 2009 that involved H & H employees striking or intimidating debtors, entering private property without consent, seizing the wrong vehicle, and damaging property. It also accused Halter of lying during the board's hearing on the matter, including saying he was at incorrect locations during the incidents.

In 2018, a second judge cancelled Halter's license to work for Champion Recovery Services, another car repossession company that used the Tesla address. The other man was listed as the qualified agent to run the business, and Halter worked for him.

The judge's ruling shows Halter applied for his license to work as a repossession agent without disclosing his previous revocation, and while using the false middle name "Francis" when applying.

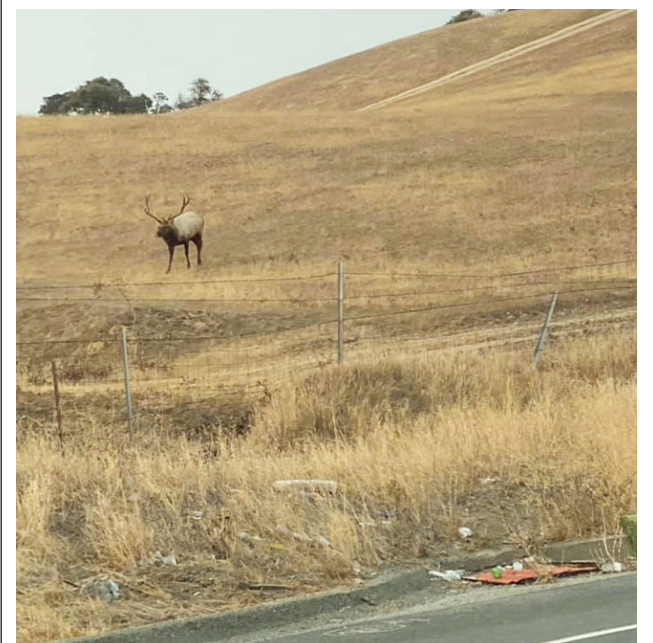
Secretary of State records and online searches show Halter holds a business registration for Vinjim Farms LLC, a cannabis cultivation site in Willits, California. The state Bureau of Cannabis Control website indicates a license to operate the business was temporarily rejected in 2018.

A state Bureau of Cannabis Control spokeswoman said the "the revocation of a non-cannabis license by another state licensing entity does not automatically disqualify a person from commercial cannabis licensure. However, all information relevant to whether a person is qualified to hold a commercial cannabis license is evaluated on a case-by-case basis during the application process."

The spokeswoman said Halter applied for a license to operate in Willits, but no license had been issued.

ELK

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The "84 Elk" has been known to delight commuters along Highway 84 for years. It's believed the bull elk got separated from its herd and cannot easily cross the highway. (Photo - Dennis Timmons)

evening hours, when the elk are most active and, coincidentally, commuters are there to watch.

Within an elk herd, only a small percentage of bulls get to participate in the mating season each fall, explained Jeff Miller, the director of the Alameda Creek Alliance. The other bulls therefore feel pressured to strike out on their own in search of new territory. This may be what the 84 Elk had in mind when he first crossed the highway.

Wanderlust has worked well for tule elk in the past. According to the National Park Service, the subspecies was thought to have been hunted to extinction until a rancher near Bakersfield discovered and protected a herd of less than 30 in 1874. Since then, with the help of wildlife management, this remnant has rebounded to

5,700 elk across 22 herds, based on a 2020 survey.

But locally, the Sunol herd is not enjoying the same success. While a helicopter survey counted 138 elk in 2003, Koopmann estimated that today, the herd is probably down to 30 or 40 elk — a drastic decline. Disease, predation and poaching are all possible causes of the decline.

What's more, helicopter counts are only rough estimates. Miller feels uneasy about the lack of visibility into the herd's health. Because the Sunol herd ranges primarily on private land, it presents less of a hunting opportunity and receives less attention than other more publicly accessible herds.

For now, whatever is distressing the Sunol herd must be dealt with by the Sunol herd itself — without its 84 Elk.



The Foothill High School marching band makes it way down Main Street in Pleasanton during the 47th annual band review, Oct. 23. Local high school and middle school bands participated in the event. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

VEHICLE

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ger vehicles that are used by the city — and actually a number of those are plug-in or hybrid vehicles — to essentially light-duty vehicles to heavy-duty vehicles to specialty vehicles. And of course, a police interceptor is a specialty vehicle. It's built in a very specific way, so it's not a stock car that you can buy as an individual off of a car lot."

According to Torque News, an automotive news provider, in comparison to a standard passenger car, a police vehicle intended for intercepting suspects in flight contains a high-output engine and an enhanced electrical system needed to run lights, sirens, radios and other equipment.

Roberts said the city's current fleet maintenance program states that as soon as an electric vehicle can meet the specifications necessary for the vehicle class, it's to be the preferred choice moving forward. He further noted that the electrification of storage and the city's fleet is included in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The current police fleet includes about 36 to 40 vehicles at a given time, Roberts continued, with replacements occurring every four years; this means, the department replaces about 20% of its fleet each year, and it's done with bulk purchases.

"That's because the vehicles are put under extreme stress, and of course, it's really bad for us when our public safety vehicles — be it a police car or a fire engine — doesn't work when we need it to," he said.

He went on to note that while some other police departments have turned to electric options for secondary standard passenger vehicles, there is no option currently available to serve as a full interceptor vehicle.

Councilmember Gina Bonanno reported that she had received phone calls

about the consent calendar item as well. While she said she understood the police interceptor vehicles have a special functionality, she wanted to know if staff had thoroughly explored hybrid options prior to requesting the purchase.

Bonanno said there's a Ford Explorer on the market that's considered an interceptor utility vehicle with a hybrid powertrain. She wondered if the city could consider purchasing at least one.

"We need to, as one of the members of our public says, model behavior that we're going to be asking our community to model," she said.

Roberts said the hybrid vehicle was not considered with this purchase, as the city was planning to move to a full electric vehicle.

"If the council would like us to explore hybrids as an interim step, we can certainly explore that," he continued.

Bonanno, backed unanimously by the council, moved to pull the item for consideration this week and move it to the next council meeting, when it's expected that staff will have studied whether the hybrid vehicle option could work.

Affordable Housing In-Lieu Fees

The council unanimously agreed to increase the city's affordable housing in-lieu fee for residential development from \$29.23 to \$39.94 per square foot effective beginning Jan. 1, 2022.

With its vote, the council also approved establishing new maximum income limits for extremely low-, very low-, low-, median and moderate-income households — applied to the first-time homebuyer and affordable rental programs; maximum for-sale housing prices for the Affordable Homeownership Program, which will be effective for homes sold

through the program beginning Jan. 1, 2022; and updated annual rent limits for city-restricted affordable units effective immediately upon adoption by council.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Area Median Income (AMI) for a four-person household in Alameda County increased by 5% from the previous year. "Extremely low-income" households are defined as those with incomes up to 30% of the AMI; "very low-income" households earn up to 50% of the AMI; "low-income" up to 80%; "median-income" up to 100%; and "moderate-income households" up to 120% of the AMI.

The income limit for Livermore homebuyers and renters of a three-bedroom unit for a family of four increased to \$109,600 for low income and \$150,700 for moderate income. The for-sale price for low income is now \$415,736 and \$605,029 for moderate income. For rentals, the rate for low income is \$2,740 and \$3,768. Both affordable sales prices and rental rates are based on households paying 30% of monthly income for housing.

"Per the ordinance, the fee for units is calculated at 15% of the difference between the development cost of a market-rate, single-family unit and the average affordable sales price of an affordable unit," Claudia Hernandez, Livermore housing administrative technician, said. "The city has historically implemented a strong must-build policy, and the intent of the in-lieu fee is to be economically equivalent to the cost of the developer providing on-site affordable units. The proposed fee is the result of increases in the sale price of market rate housing in Livermore."

is an excellent/good place to live.

"I'm pleased with the results of this (survey) given COVID," said Councilmember Kathy Narum. "I think these are awfully good and really a credit to our city manager and their staff ... It's a team effort."

To view the full results of the city survey, visit www.cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Livermore Lab Completes Work on Camera Filters for a New Observatory

For much of the past decade, researchers at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) have been designing optical components for the world's newest ground-based observatory in northern Chile while their industrial partners have fabricated the components.

Now, with the shipment of the last of six optical filters for the Vera C. Rubin Observatory's 3,200-megapixel digital camera to the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC) National Accelerator Laboratory in Menlo Park, which is managing the overall project, the researchers have finished their work.

The Legacy Survey of Space and Time Camera (LSSTCam) is expected to begin searching the southern sky in 2024. The Rubin Observatory, under construction on an 8,800-foot peak in the Andes Mountains, will consist of an integrated system that combines an 8.4-meter primary mirror, the world's largest digital camera and a complex data processing system.

The telescope will take digital images of the entire visible southern sky every few nights and is expected to reveal unprecedented details of the universe.

Over a 10-year period, the telescope is expected to detect about 20 billion galaxies and help researchers better understand dark matter and dark energy, which make up 95% of the universe, but whose makeup remains unknown. It will also study the formation of galaxies, track potentially hazardous asteroids, and observe exploding stars.

"We're all very excited," said LLNL engineer Vincent Riot, who has been the Rubin LSSTCam manager for the past four years, while working at Livermore and at SLAC on special assignment.

"The optical lenses and filters have been a long time in the making," Riot added. "This project has been under way for about 10 years. Now, we'll soon see the integration of all of the camera's components as part of the telescope's commissioning."

Thales Space SESO in southern France fabricated the six optical filters between 2016 and 2020, using raw materials from New York State.

After the optical glass filters were shaped and polished, they were shipped to Materion, a specialty materials company in Massachusetts, which applied the coatings that allow each filter to transmit light from a different segment of the electromagnetic spectrum, progressing

throughout the entire visible range and moving from the near ultraviolet to the near-infrared.

Justin Wolfe, an LLNL optical engineer and the LSSTCam optics subsystems manager, said coating the 30-inch diameter LSSTCam optical filters was especially challenging because the irreversible coating process required uniformity within about two percent.

"It's one thing to have uniformity over two inches," Wolfe said. "It's another to have it over 30 inches."

Once Materion finished coating the filters earlier this year, they were shipped to LLNL to be placed into lab-designed mechanical mounts at the National Ignition Facility optical assembly building.

The LSSTCam will use

the largest high-performance optical lens ever fabricated at 5.1 feet in diameter.

That lens, which was listed in the latest edition of Guinness World Records, and its two companion lenses, were fabricated between 2014 and 2019 by Colorado-based Ball Aerospace and a subcontractor, Tucson-based Arizona Optical Systems.

They were shipped from LLNL to the observatory in Chile in 2019.

Financial support for the observatory, which is expected to cost close to \$500 million, has come from the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy and the LSST Corporation.

The observatory will be managed by the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy.

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HOUSING

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Seventeen percent answered "accessibility/responsiveness/communication," followed by traffic and traffic safety (9%), additional police patrols (8%), affordable housing costs (8%) and jobs/economy (7%).

"It's been a tough year and a half, and it's really nice to see the residents have appreciated all that has been done by staff," said Mayor Karla Brown.

But not all the news was positive. Only 77% of respondents reported satisfaction with the way the city provides services, a decrease from previous years. In 2017, 85% said they were satisfied; 84% in 2015, 88% in 2013, and 93% in 2007.

"I want people to under-

stand this is one data point for us, as we use this as a tool or use as information as we make decisions," Councilmember Valerie Arkin said. "(It) will be useful to look at this going forward, but other input is very important as well."

The surveys were conducted Sept. 20 through Oct. 5, 2021 by Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates. Completed surveys from 996 citizens were utilized, producing survey results with a +/- 4% accuracy.

City staff received high marks from the council when it comes to assessing and meeting the needs of the community, with 94% of respondents saying Pleasanton

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Supergroup SF to Perform Benefit for Hospital

David Victor and the band Supergroup SF will perform a benefit concert at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore on Saturday, Nov. 6, for his hospital music charity, Harmony & Healing.

Victor, who played lead guitar for Boston from 2012 to 2015, founded Harmony & Healing in 2013, after performing for the pediatric oncology ward at Miller Children's Hospital in Long Beach, California.

As he explains on the Harmony & Healing website, Victor was nervous about performing for children suffering with serious diseases.

"Any fear I had was quickly abated," Victor said. "It was

a non-stop love-fest from the moment I walked into the building, with the children and their parents embracing me with open arms."

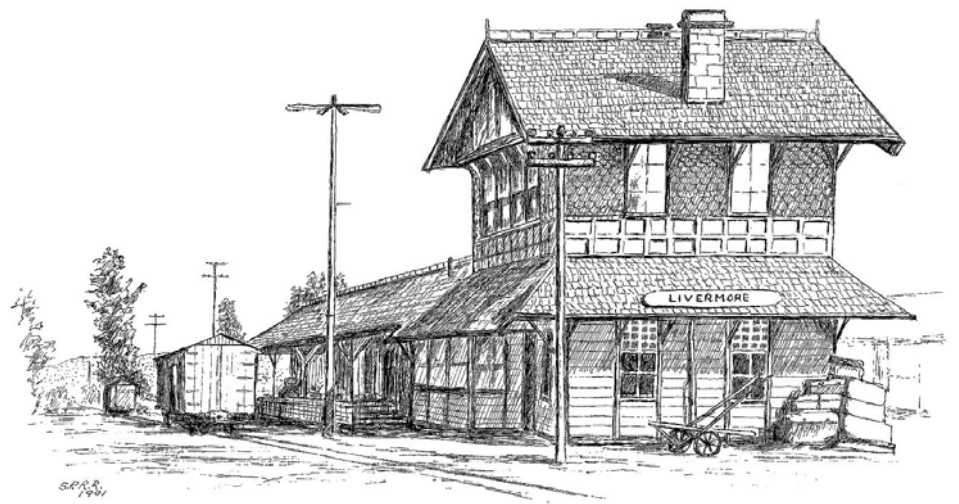
"I came away from that visit with my own powerful, uplifting, and profoundly meaningful emotional experience," Victor added. "I wanted to keep bringing live music to patients and their families in these extremely trying circumstances in order to lift their spirits, ease their burden, and help them understand they were not alone."

Now based in San Ramon, the charity's goal is to "get as many live musicians in front of as many hospital and hospice patients as we

can, bringing them soothing and heartfelt live music that resonates in their souls, brings them solace, and gives them hope for tomorrow."

Victor's Supergroup SF band also includes former members of Lynch Mob, Y&T, and Big Brother & The Holding Company. It features hits from several popular Bay Area bands, including Journey, Train, Janis Joplin, Jefferson Airplane, Bonnie Raitt, and Creedence Clearwater Revival.

The performance at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Ave., will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets range in price from \$50 to \$125, and are available at livermorearts.org.



Longtime Livermore resident Barbara Rawles was known for her pen and ink drawings of historic sites. Over the years, Barbara sold many of her pieces locally and also enjoyed giving them as gifts to family and friends. See page 9 to read her obituary. (Sketch: Southern Pacific Depot, Livermore, c. 1901)

Dublin Seeks Senior Center Committee Member

Dublin is seeking applicants to fill an alternate position on the Senior Center Advisory Committee for a term ending in December 2022. The Senior Center Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the city regarding the operation and maintenance of the Dublin Senior Center at 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. The committee consists of five members who serve staggered, four-year terms and two alternates who serve two-year terms.

To apply, visit dublin.ca.gov. The deadline is Friday, Nov. 12.

SPARC to Present the Work of Latina Playwrights

The Shakespeare & Performing Arts Regional Company (SPARC) will host a series of readings in November celebrating the connection between art and science.

The readings will present the work of two Latina playwrights, Marisela Trevino Orta and Diana Burbano, and are part of the theater company's social justice initiative, Science@Play.

The readings will begin with "Sapience," by Burbano, on Friday through Sunday, Nov. 5, 6 and 7.

"Sapience" tells the story of Elsa, a primatologist, and how her work with an orangutan named "Wookiee" challenges her previously held worldview.

"Heart Shaped Nebula," by Orta, will follow the following weekend, Nov. 12, 13 and 14.

A love story set against a dark night sky and the anticipation of a meteor shower, the play explores how

particulate matter behaves, while also shedding light on the human understanding of love, time and space.

"Flatten the Curve," a play commissioned by SPARC for Science@Play, will close out the series the weekend of Nov. 19, 20 and 21.

Also written by Burbano, the play follows a team of scientists working to solve the global pandemic. Burbano consulted with scientists from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory while researching and writing the play.

"It's been a phenomenal challenge to work on this science-based commission" Burbano said. "The most interesting process has been interviewing scientists about their fields of expertise. It was a new and exciting way to write a play."

All reading performances will begin at 7 p.m. at SPARC Studio, 2172 Railroad Ave.,

in Livermore. Tickets are \$25 per performance and are available at sparcheater.org or 925-443-BARD. Proof of vaccination for COVID-19 and facemasks will be required. Recordings of the readings will also be available.

Dublin Poet Laureate's 'Gallery' Set to Music

The Interfaith Center of the Presidio in San Francisco will premiere "Gallery," composed by Deon Nielsen Price with lyrics by Dublin, California, poet laureate James Morehead, as part of its free concert series on Sunday, Nov. 14, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

"Gallery" will be performed at the Presidio Chapel by Welsh baritone Jeremy Huw Williams, accompanied by Paula Fan on piano.

The lyrics come from Morehead's poem, "Gal-

lery," which he will also read for the audience.

"I'm thrilled that my poem 'Gallery' has been set to music," Morehead said. "The acoustics, the location with the Golden Gate Bridge and the San Francisco National Cemetery in view, is spectacular."

Masks are required inside along with proof of COVID-19 vaccination. Presidio Chapel is located at 130 Fisher Loop, in San Francisco. For more information, call 415-515-5681, email presidiointerfaith@gmail.com or visit interfaithpresidio.org.

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Now Until Jan. 30

Student Speakers Contest

The Livermore Lions Club is having its annual Student Speakers Contest. This college scholarship event is open to all high school students in and around Livermore. The topic of the speech is "How Can Kindness Reunite Our Country?" The purpose of the contest is to provide an opportunity for competitive public speaking, stimulate self-expression and independent thinking, and to consider the means at our disposal for meeting present and future world problems. The winner at each level continues to the state level and will win \$21,000 in college scholarships. The contest takes place in the afternoon of Jan. 30, 2022, at the main library in Livermore. For more information, contact Ann Lopez at 805-405-8742 or [ann.lopez16@yahoo.com](mailto:lopez16@yahoo.com).

Friday, Oct. 29

Pumpkin Carving Party

Ridgeview Hope Church in Pleasanton is hosting a Pumpkin Carving Party from 7 to 9 p.m. This family-friendly event will include pumpkin carving and a movie. Snacks, water, tea lights and carving tools will be provided. All one needs to bring is a pumpkin, imagination, and a mask (nothing scary or gory). R.S.V.P. by calling 925-462-4362.

Saturday, Oct. 30

Wine & Wags

Join Paws In Need for the third annual Wine & Wags event from noon to 4:30 p.m. Local animal organizations will be partnered with wineries, promoting adoptions of furry friends that need a home. Paws In Need will be hosted by Wood Family Vineyards, 2407 Research Drive, in Livermore. Tickets are \$30 at <https://bit.ly/2ZmLYkE> or \$35 on the day of the event. Tickets include entrance into participating wineries; at least two tastes at each winery; commemorative Livermore Valley Wine Country GoVino glass; and special event activities.

Saturday, Oct. 30

Friends' Halloween Book Sale

The Friends of the Pleasanton Library organization is offering another one-day book sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., outside the Pleas-

anton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. There will be a fresh, new set of books for all ages, DVDs, and CDs - all in pristine condition - at really great prices. Find treasures for yourself, your family, and your friends. Everyone is invited to wear their Halloween costumes and enjoy a "fun zone" during the book sale. For more information, email friendsofthepleasantonlibrary@gmail.com, call 925-931-3400, or visit <https://bit.ly/3jGGSx>.

Sunday, Oct. 31

Inklings Fall Fest

This Fall Fest is for the whole family! Join in at Inklings Coffee & Tea, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. There will be games, trunk or treat, and a few special surprises. Everyone is invited to wear their costumes. Inklings is located at 530 Main St., in Pleasanton. For more information, contact Lilian Jewell at lilian@vc.church.

Sunday, Oct. 31

Trick or Treat - Fun & Games

Come to Asbury UMC for Trick or Treat - Fun & Games! This is a free, outdoor, community trick or treating event, happening at Asbury United Methodist Church, on 4743 East Ave., from 3 to 5 p.m. All are invited to come dressed in their Halloween costumes and enjoy crafts, games, music, balloon animals, food, and lots of candy. For COVID-19 safety, organizers are asking everyone to wear a mask with their costume.

Wednesday, Nov. 3

Mass of Remembrance

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton will celebrate a Mass of Remembrance at 7 p.m., at St. Augustine Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., in Pleasanton. The mass is a special liturgy to celebrate the lives of our loved ones' who have gone before us to live in the light of the Lord. Attendees will also be able to view this celebration virtually at catholicsofpleasanton.org. Just find the Mass of Remembrance, click, and find a worship aide and the readings. The mass will also be on YouTube, Facebook, and the website. For more information, call Barbara at 925-548-7525.

Thursday, Nov. 4

Granada's Sip and Shop

Organizers are gathering to raise funds for Granada's Safe and Sober Grad Night 2022. Money raised will help to cover the cost of activities, prizes, food, equipment and staff to create an amazing and safe night for school graduates. Advance tickets are \$40, or \$45 at the door. Ticket includes entrance to the event, a glass of Del Valle wine or non-alcoholic sparkling cider and live music. Local artisans and vendors will be showcasing their goods, and a food truck will be available. For more information, email granadasafesobergn@gmail.com or call 925-518-9772.

Saturday, Nov. 6

Holiday Boutique

More than 30 vendors will be selling unique gifts, from

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Ave. Available will be handmade jewelry, gourmet candies, stained glass creations, lotions, decor, kitchen items and so much more. Cousins Maine Lobster truck will be selling their 'Best of the West' lobster rolls, bisque and other items. After shopping, attendees can pick up a lobster roll and enjoy an al fresco lunch at one of the outdoor picnic tables.

Monday, Nov. 8

Exploring Irish Townlands

The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society presents Cath Madden Trindle, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Specializing in Irish research, storytelling, records of the Great Depression and California, Trindle has spoken on a variety of topics at the national, state and local level. The event is free, and the Zoom link is forthcoming. For more information, visit l-ags.org.

Thursday, Nov. 11

CYT Presents Disney High School Musical On Stage

Join in for CYT Tri-Valley's fall production of Disney High School Musical on stage, Nov. 11 to 14. Tickets go on sale on Oct. 22, at noon. Who will earn the coveted lead roles at the upcoming musical at East High School? Will it be Troy Bolton and Gabriella Montez? Not if twin siblings Sharpay and Ryan Evans have their way. Performances will be held at Livermore High School. Stage performers and crew members are students between the ages of 8 and 18. General admission is \$16.

Thursday, Nov. 11

Tri-Valley Artist Studio Tours (TVAST) Preview Exhibit

See samples of art on display by the artists participating in the Nov. 13 and 14 weekend Tri-Valley Artist Studio Tours (TVAST). Plan your weekend tour of the Tri-Valley artist studios to view demonstrations and chat with artists. This event is free and open to the public, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Almost Famous Wine Lounge, located at 2271 South Vasco Road, Suite D, in Livermore. This event is hosted by Darcie Kent Winery. For more information, visit TVASTart.com.

Friday, Nov. 12

"Mamma Mia!"

The Tri-Valley Repertory Theater is bringing "Mamma Mia!" back to the Bankhead Theater in Livermore for six more performances in November. "Mamma Mia!" will be presented Friday, Nov. 12, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 19, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 21, at 2 p.m. For tickets, visit <https://bit.ly/3nbSUsM>.

Saturday, Nov. 13, and

Sunday, Nov. 14

Tri-Valley Artist Studio Tours

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., visit more than 50 artists in their homes, studios and collectives, representing the entire Tri-Valley. This event is free and open to the public. Tour artist studios in

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays at Hagemann Ranch

Sundays at Hagemann Ranch are hosted by the Livermore Heritage Guild. Each free, family-friendly event has a different educational, historical and entertaining theme. Tours of the historic ranch and the Blacksmith Shop, as well as visits with the animals and art exhibits are offered each month. The ranch is located at 455 Olivina Ave., in Livermore. Sundays at Hagemann are on the last Sunday of each month, except July and December, and take place from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.lhg.org.

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

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OBITUARIES

Barbara Creveling Rawles 1931 – 2021



Barbara was born in Dallas, Texas, the first of three children, to DeWitt and Julia Creveling. Following a move to Davis, California, the family settled in the small farming town of Dinuba where she had an idyllic youth. Her parents were both schoolteachers and, in fact, Barbara took high school Spanish from her father. Her mother instilled a love of music — Barbara learned to play the piano and ukulele. She had a natural gift for drawing. Her job as an usherette at the local movie theater started a lifelong passion as a movie buff. Family and friends enjoyed her huge, cataloged collection of old movies.

During high school and college, one of Barbara's favorite activities was acting in theater productions, ranging from "Hay Fever" to "Macbeth." At Fresno State college, where she earned a B.A. in education, she met Donald Rawles of Oakdale, California. It was love at first sight and they married soon after graduation. The couple moved to College Station, Texas, where Don became a flight instructor for the USAF at Bryan AFB and Barbara gave birth to their first two children.

In 1957, the family moved to Livermore, where Don began his career at Lawrence Livermore Lab. They lived in a tight-knit neighborhood of Rad-Lab folks where "everybody knew your name." Baby number three arrived and Barbara beautifully juggled

full-time parenting with a variety of community volunteer work. Some of the many organizations she volunteered for over the years were: AAUW, Mulberry Branch of Children's Hospital of Oakland, Livermore Art Association, Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild and the Presbyterian church. For years she was active in local and state political campaigns. She also taught classes in leadership and human relations" (Creative Dynamics) to inmates at DVI prison in Tracy.

She developed her skill as an artist by studying watercolor painting and became known for her pen and ink drawings of historic sites. Barbara sold her work locally and was commissioned to make real estate drawings. Many a Christmas card she sent was an original pen and ink drawing, and she often gave her paintings as wedding gifts.

Barbara loved to cook and frequently entertained neighbors, friends and colleagues that Don would invite home from work. Her kitchen was

always open, and the food was delicious!

Barbara and Don had a wonderful group of Livermore friends with whom they played bridge, cooked gourmet meals, played tennis and traveled. Favorite travels Barbara made in her lifetime included Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, Alaska, Egypt and several trips to Europe.

She was especially interested in health, spiritual and metaphysical studies. In addition to participating as a student and teacher in the Creative Dynamics program, she was a founder of the group "New Frontiers" in the 1990s. For decades, she had weekly meditation meetings with friends who had similar interests and became an important mentor in the lives of many.

Devoted to her family as well as to the community, she thoroughly enjoyed being "Gomma" to eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She is survived by her children Bruce, Gayle and James, her sister Anita and her brother DeWitt. Don preceded her in death in 1985.

Barbara was warm, welcoming, inclusive, entertaining, interesting and had a wonderful sense of humor. She blessed the lives of every one of her family and friends.

Donations in Barbara's memory may be made to Children's Hospital Branches, 5700 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland, CA 94609 or online at www.childrenshospitalbranches.org/donate.

Frederika (Fritzi) Traini Dec. 31, 1930 – Oct. 12, 2021



Frederika (Fritzi) Traini age 90, passed away peacefully in her home Oct. 12, 2021 in Pleasanton. She was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on Dec. 31, 1930. Fritzi was raised in San Diego, California and graduated from Hoover High School in 1948. At the age of 19, she joined the United States Air Force where she served for four years. As a sergeant, her tour took her throughout the United States having several adventures and occupations including meteorology.

Fritzi married James Traini in 1955 where they resided in Oakland until 1967 when they moved their family to Pleasanton. She was an active leader in 4-H with her children for many years. Fritzi had a 25-year career with the Alameda County Library system, working at the Pleasanton Library. It was her calling as you

never saw her without a book. Upon Fritzi's retirement, she and James enjoyed traveling and spending time with their family and friends. She also was a dedicated volunteer at the Pleasanton Senior Center for 12 years and a member of Friends of the Pleasanton Library.

Fritzi will be remembered for the love and dedication she had for her family, her

books, her sense of humor and endless hours mastering Bookworm. In January 2021, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 65 years, James.

She is survived by her children Tony (Patty), Andrea (Andrew) and Matthew (Wendy), four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Nov. 8, 2021 at St. Augustine's Church in Pleasanton followed by interment at the St. Augustine's Cemetery. A celebration luncheon will follow at the Amador Recreation Center, 4443 Black Ave. in Pleasanton. If desired, in lieu of flowers, any donation to your favorite charity or a donation to The Friends of the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Pleasanton, California, 94566, would be appreciated.

Edward Albert McKenna



Edward was born October 15, 1939 in San Francisco, California to Edward G. and Myrtle Grace McKenna, and died Sept. 26, 2021 at his home in Dublin, California.

Ed is survived by wife of 30 years, Sheryn McKenna; brother Robert and his wife Helen; Ed's first wife Joan; son Sean and his wife Tracey; two stepsons; Victor Penner and Jeff Penner and his wife Racelle LaMar; three grandchildren, Jared Penner, Samantha McKenna and Victoria McKenna and several cousins and other extended family.

He grew up in San Francisco, in the Potrero Hill neighborhood, graduating from Lowell High School in 1957. He attended UC Berkeley and UC San Francisco graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree.

In the early '60s Ed traveled the world for a year with his family. Ed the photographer and his father the narrator, created a lyceum

series from the movies they took from their travels.

Ed spent 37 years working for PacBell, seeing many changes in the company while he was there. By the time he retired the company was called AT&T. Ed also spent an interesting year working on the Y2K issue at McKesson in San Francisco.

Ed enjoyed projects around the house such as landscaping and fixer-upper projects. He was a detail-oriented man causing projects to take quite some time which ended in a spectacular result.

Family gatherings were very special to Ed. Most

gatherings centered around food which Ed generally prepared. Having a large library of cookbooks, gave rise to experimentation involving many and varied tastes and styles of cuisine, making meals a delicious adventure. In addition to cooking, Ed had a great appetite for reading. If he wasn't reading a cookbook, he could be found exploring topics from gene editing to historical novels. Patrick O'Brien was one of his favorite authors.

Music played a big part in Ed's life, with listening and performing rating equal billing. He always supported the arts, attending plays and concerts. He sang in the Bohemian Club chorus since 1967 and was very involved with the Aviary Camp, where he was camp captain for several years. The friendships he made there were long-lasting and a huge part of his life.

Ed was a special man who will be missed by all who loved him.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Joan Tabb Fisher Boer Aug. 24, 1928 – Dec. 9, 2001

Joan Boer passed away from complications of COVID-19 on Dec. 9, 2021. A full obituary was published Dec. 17, 2021. A celebration of life will be held at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way in Livermore, at noon on Saturday, Oct. 30. Please wear a mask.



Mervyn Henry Nichols March 24, 1934 – Oct. 16, 2021



Mervyn (Merv) Nichols was born and grew up in San Francisco with his parents and two sisters, Marion and Helen and a brother, Jake. He attended Sacred Heart High School and City College of San Francisco.

He obtained a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from Sacramento State University and later an M.S. degree from Stanford University.

He served part of his military service in Greenland and was proud to be a veteran. As a youth he joined the Sea Scouts and began a lifelong love of sailing. After working for a while at Lawrence

Livermore National Laboratory, he joined friends on a yacht, which was starting on a round-the-world cruise. He sailed with them to Tahiti and then flew to New Zealand where he met Pat. They trav-

eled to England (Pat's home country) and were married there in 1973.

They made their home in Livermore where Merv continued employment at the Lawrence Laboratory. They are very proud of their son Peter and daughter Julie and all they have accomplished. The family made many journeys to visit relatives in England and Australia. Merv retired from the Lab in 2000 and fought through a long, tough struggle with Parkinson's disease and dementia before passing away peacefully at age 87. He will be missed by family and many friends.

Brandon Todd Burchfield Dec. 28, 1974 – Sept. 8, 2021

Brandon Todd Burchfield was born Dec. 28, 1974 in Modesto, California and passed away Sept. 8, 2021 at the age of 46. He is survived by his two daughters Emily and Haley and son-in-law Garrett Bailey.

Unfortunately, he did not have a chance to meet his first granddaughter, Maeve Aoife Bailey who was born Sept. 30, 2021.

He leaves behind his par-

ents Dan and Kim, loving brother Eric Troy, sister-in-law Rosylen, many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. A memorial will be at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore, 94550 on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 2 p.m. Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Burchfield family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.



Helen Rose Cooley Nov. 2, 1924 – Oct. 1, 2021



Helen R. Cooley, age 96, died Friday, Oct. 1, in her home in Livermore. A long-time Livermore resident, she was born in Concord, California, on Nov. 2, 1924 to Ira K. and Vada Rose as the sixth of seven children. She is survived by her younger sister, Marlene Carlton and her husband Lodge, her two sons, Donald and Patrick and their wives Sheryl and Nita, five grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren who called her "Grandma GG."

Helen was a graduate of Berkeley High School (1942), and following World War II, while raising two young sons, returned to the University of California at Berkeley to complete her B.A. degree and

earn her teaching credential in 1960. She taught for 32 years in the Berkeley and Mt. Diablo school districts. She provided class after class of primary grade children with a firm learning foundation; some students she had in first grade have maintained

contact with her for decades, sharing news of their own growing families and professional careers from across the country, including occasional visits to Livermore for lunch-time gatherings. Her devoted past students often spoke of experiencing the same loving and caring personal attention that graced the growing up years of both her sons.

Helen thoroughly enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, quilting, and playing piano in a piano group. "Mom" was known as the perennial "Employee of the Month" at Cooleykatz Toy Store in Livermore, owned by her son Patrick and his wife Nita. She will be deeply missed by her family and all who knew her.

Joseph Edward Rodrigues Dec. 29, 1960 – Oct. 16, 2021



Joseph Edward Rodrigues died unexpectedly on Oct. 16, 2021. He was born on Dec. 29, 1960 in San Francisco, California. Joe is the son of M. Lynn and Daniel Rodrigues of Pleasanton. He leaves behind his wife Donna Elizabeth Rodrigues, stepson Paul Hoover and son John Rodrigues.

Joe was drawn to cooking at an early age. By the time he was 17, he was well on his way to becoming a professional chef. Joe received his culinary education from Northern California's Diablo Valley College, and he received his Certified Executive Chef certification in 1989 from the American Culinary Federation. Chef Joe was recognized as "Chef of the Year" in 1990 by the American Culinary Federation.

Joe and Donna success-

fully started and operated Valley Catering for 30 years; working in and around the Tri-Valley area. Joe's passion as a chef also had him working with national and regional restaurants and hotels, major league sports teams, corporate dining, specialty caterers and government institutions (including the U.S. Navy) and with celebrity chefs.

Taylor Johnathan Cox Nov. 4, 1988 – Oct. 3, 2021



Taylor Johnathan Cox, age 32, passed away Oct. 3, 2021 due to accidental death. He was born Nov. 4, 1988 at Valley Memorial Hospital in Livermore, California, son of Blane R. Cox and Lisa J. Lewis.

Taylor was raised in both Livermore and Pleasanton, California. In his youth Taylor played football, basketball and golf. Taylor truly enjoyed spending time at the beach skimboarding, surfing or just hanging out to the sounds and views of the ocean with friends. What Taylor was truly wonderful at was making his family and friends laugh. Always so thoughtful, affectionate and loving to his family. He also loved to write at such a young age; many times, making his own very special greeting cards for family.

Taylor graduated from high school in Livermore. After graduating, he served in the U.S. Armed Forces, Navy from April 2009 thru April 2013 with an honorable discharge. While in the Navy he started writing his first book "Transient Joy." This book was published by Null, Feb. 14, 2011. After Taylor's service in the Navy, he hiked the Pacific Crest Trail with his

best friend Nick Livigni. They started this hike on April 22, 2013 in Campo, Mexico and came close to finishing but needed to end it early due to extreme weather on Sept. 20, 2013 in Gold Bar, Washington on Stevens Pass.

Taylor then moved to Venice, California to start pursuing his dream of being a writer. Once settled in, he attended Santa Monica College and earned his AA in film studies. He then attended Loyola Marymount University and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude in screenwriting, May 2018.

After graduating college Taylor began writing his second book "Americana Curse" which was published by Austin Macauley Publishers, Feb. 26, 2021. In the

process of writing his book, Taylor became an author, screenwriter and co-founder of @Channelthesun, a creative platform for collaborations with other artists worldwide. While working with this group of people he made his first film "PULL." It was a biographical documentary of personal dreams through life's tragedies and triumphs. Over the past year Taylor moved up north towards the Mendocino Coast to focus more on his writing. He was in the process of starting his third book and deciding on his next adventure.

Taylor is survived by his mother, Lisa Lewis and stepfather Mike Lewis; his brother Ryan Cox and his sisters, Katy Nuno and Kristen Doran. He also leaves his grandmother Eleanor Cox as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins. A celebration of life service will be held to remember Taylor on Sunday Nov. 7, 2021 at 1 p.m., at Wente Vineyards outdoor terrace lawn and event center, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore, California, 94551. ALL are welcome, come casual as that's what Taylor would enjoy. Lunch to follow. Please RSVP, if possible, to 209-624-9897 (call or text.)

Lady Dons' Volleyball Defeats the Falcons

By Nathan Canilao

The Amador Valley High School student section was a sea of purple and blue as rival school Foothill High came into town for the final game of the girls' volleyball season, on Oct. 21.

While both student sections screamed at one another in support of their own to see who would have bragging rights at the end of the night, the Amador Valley Dons defeated the Foothill Falcons 3-1 in the final game of the regular season. The Dons swept the Falcons in their season series, giving the Falcons their only losses in league play.

The first set was controlled by the Falcons. They

held a lead as big as 5 points and stopped the Dons' late set run. They won the first set 25-22.

The second set was much more competitive for the Dons. The Dons forced the Falcons into calling two timeouts during the set to stop their momentum. They ended up winning the set 25-22.

The third set was crucial in maintaining the momentum for the Dons. They were down by as much as 6 points to start the game. They stormed all the way back and took a 22-18 lead and didn't look back. They would go on a 3-1 run at the end of the match to win the set 25-19.

With the Dons up by one

set the Falcons stepped up their play in the fourth set. They took a 10-point lead early and it looked like the match was going to go to a fifth set. The Dons, however, climbed their way back on a 9-0 run to tie the game.

There were four ties down the stretch as both teams looked to take the set. The Dons eventually were able to win 27-25 to upset the Falcons. The Amador Valley student section rushed to the floor to celebrate the win with the players.

The Dons finish out the season going 20-6, beating the first place Falcons twice this season. The Falcons finish out 27-3 and finish the season as East Bay Athletic League Champs.



The Falcons' Grayce Olson (18) and Stuti Joanalagadda (8) battle Amador's Ella Hodges (12) and Charlotte Kelly (15) at the net, Oct. 21. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



Spectators light up the Dublin Homecoming game with their cell phones in a show of support for the Gaels on the field. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



Dublin's Irish Guard marching band escorts the football team onto the field during Friday night's game. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Foothill Keeps Winning Streak Alive in 24-10 Game

By Nathan Canilao

The Foothill Falcons defeated the Dublin Gaels 24-10, pushing their winning streak to three games to improve to 7-2, Oct. 22.

The Gaels' homecoming game started off slowly, with both teams committing turnovers on back-to-back possessions, and no one could get the ball moving offensively. Foothill scored first, with a 40-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Nick Walsh to freshman wide receiver Chris Lawson.

The slow start continued for both teams, but the Gaels were able to get into field goal range near the end of the first half. The Falcons led at halftime 7-3.

The Gaels struggled in

the second half. Senior line-backer Kenny Olson picked off Gaels' quarterback Anthony Armendariz on the Gaels' first possession of the second half. On the ensuing possession, senior running back Tony Schillaci got into the end zone on a 40-yard run to put the Falcons up 14-3.

On Dublin's first possession of the second half, they were able to get into the end zone on an 8-yard touchdown pass from Armendariz to senior running back T.J. Costello cut the lead to just four with just over ten minutes remaining in the fourth quarter.

The Gaels' defense could not hold the Falcons, however, and allowed 10 points in the last quarter. The Fal-

cons took control of the game with their defense in the closing minutes and were able to escape with a 24-10 victory.

Both teams racked up the turnover column as both defensive groups thrived for both teams. Olson came away with two interceptions for the Falcons and sophomore defensive back Jackson Chandler came away with one. Defensive backs Dylan Sheppard and Gary Cabida both came up with one interception on the night.

The Falcons improved to 7-2 and will play Granada High in Livermore on Oct. 29. The Gaels dropped to 5-3 and will play an away game at Livermore High on Oct. 29.

Livermore Wrestlers Place at Annual Freak Show Tournament

Six members of the Livermore Elite Wrestling Club competed in the annual Freak Show, a national youth wrestling tournament recently held in Las Vegas, with five coming away with top eight finishes in their divisions.

Lauren Nguyen finished third at 101 pounds in the girls' 15U division, Jack Baker finished fourth at 83 pounds in the boys' 13U division and Lytning Hazen at 98 pounds in the boys' 12U. Maile Nguyen, who wrestled at 109 pounds in boys' 13U, and Jayson Victoria, who wrestled at 132 pounds in boys' 18U, both finished in the top eight for

their divisions.

Nicholas Baxter, wrestling at 123 pounds in the boys' 13U division, lost his first two matches and did not advance.

More than 3,200 youth wrestlers from 40 states competed in this year's Freak Show, which was held at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino on Oct. 16 and 17.

Several members of the Livermore Elite also placed in the annual California World Challenge Wrestling Tournament in Fresno on Saturday, Oct. 9.

Timothy Cowen finished second at 163 pounds in the boys' high school elite divi-

sion, Josiah Hurd finished third at 148 pounds and Jayson Victoria finished fourth at 138 pounds in the boys' high school varsity division.

In the high school girls' division, Jalen Bets finished second at 100 pounds and Lauren Nguyen finished second at 105 pounds. Lytning Hazen placed fourth at 95 pounds and Juelz Brewick finished fifth at 70 pounds in the 11- and 12-year-old division.

In the middle school division, Nik Baxter finished fourth at 125 pounds and Jack Baker took fifth at 89 pounds.

For more information, visit rmnevents.com.

East Avenue Middle School Dolphins Finish Undefeated

The East Avenue Middle School eighth-grade basketball team closed out an undefeated season last week, beating the Mendenhall Middle School Mustangs

39-38 in the championship game.

The Mustangs held a 15-point lead at halftime, but the East Avenue Dolphins completed the come-

back in the fourth quarter with the help of some late-game fouls by Mendenhall.

The Dolphins ended their season with a record of 10-0.



Several members of the Livermore Elite Wrestling Club competed in the California World Wrestling Challenge in Fresno this month. From left are Maile Nguyen, coach Jeff Morgan, Jalen Bets, Lauren Nguyen, Josiah Hurd, Jayson Victoria, Timothy Cowan, Logan Ezell, and coaches Sean Jackson and Dick Bailey. (Photo courtesy of Rich Bailey)

Livermore Author Releases Collection of Short Stories

Livermore author John G. Bluck's latest work, "Florida Grand Theft & Other Tales," was released earlier this month.

The 276-page book includes 16 crime and sci-fi short stories, including

"BART and Ernie," about a grocery store cashier who confronts crime on a BART train.

Bluck is a former television news cameraman and NASA public affairs officer. His previous works include

"The Knight Prowler, a Novella," a mystery about a fictional murder that takes place in Livermore, published in 2017.

Library to Host Free Magic Show

Caleb Cheung, a magician and chief learning officer for the Quest Science Center, will present a free science and magic show, with a look at the science behind the illusions, at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., at 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6. The show will be presented outside and reservations are not required.

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recommending additional allocations."

The Lease Revenue Bond Payment, a new reserve project, will be allocated \$4 million.

"In response to the state law transitioning California's transportation sector to zero emissions by 2035, the city council has approved the Citywide Energy Improvements project and financing of the project through the issuance of tax-exempt bonds," according to the staff report. "Staff recommends the creation of the new reserve with an initial set aside of \$4 million for debt service payments and/or early payoff."

Suggested additions to

already committed reserves includes a \$3 million increase to the Downtown Public Improvement Reserve to preserve funding for the Dublin Town Square Park and downtown Dublin street grid network. With the proposed adjustment, that reserve will total \$13 million.

Staff also recommended an additional \$346,869 for fire services, growing the reserve to \$5.7 million. An additional \$600,000 was also suggested for police services, which would bring that reserve to \$2.6 million.

In addition, staff made recommendations for the future utility underground-

ing projects covering Scarlett Court to Scarlett Drive and Dublin Boulevard to Scarlett Drive, adding \$2.3 million to the fund.

"With the adjustment, this reserve will total \$3.5 million, said Hisatomi.

A shift of \$96,000 from the Non-Streets Capital Improvement Projects Reserve to the cemetery expansion project was also itemized to account for a slight increase in the project cost.

The Don Biddle Community Park will see an increase of \$600,000 to provide for the inclusion of a specimen tree and upgraded playground equipment, bringing the reserves to \$2.1 million.

A reduction of \$9,388 was recommended for the Donlon Way Acquisition Project in order to liquidate the reserve balance, since the sale of the property is complete. The balance will return to the General Fund Undesignated Reserve fund.

"I do want to say that our staff always runs a tight budget; we are just in a fortunate situation where we are still coming into a surplus," said Mayor Melissa Hernandez.

Councilmember Jean Josey echoed the mayor's comments.

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The following person(s) doing business as: TLR Productions, 775 Wimbledon LN, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Thomas Reynolds, 775 Wimbledon LN, 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: Thomas Reynolds, Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 23, 2021. Expires September 23, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4985. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Rasayana Ayurveda and Skincare, 4283 Piedmont Ave, Suite A6, Oakland, CA 94611, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Fanny Clavier, 4173 Montgomery ST, Apt 3, Oakland, CA 94611. 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: 9/15/2021. Signature of Registrant/s: Fanny Clavier, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 17, 2021. Expires September 17, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4986. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 583027

The following person(s) doing business as: Siblu Ling, SP, 1801 Vetta Drive, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kuok Y. Ling, 1801 Vetta Drive, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. 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: Kuok Y. Ling, Sole Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 28, 2021. Expires September 28, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4987. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 583125

The following person(s) doing business as: JJ Goods, 7551 Olive Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sujin Chang, 7551 Olive Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Sujin Chang, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 30, 2021. Expires September 30, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4988. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 582935

The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Family Pet Hospital, 2494 Railroad Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Livermore Loving Paws Veterinary Corp., 2494 Railroad Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Heather S. Moore, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 24, 2021. Expires September 24, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4989. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 583023

The following person(s) doing business as: Fons Solutions, 5424 Sunol Blvd, Ste 10-589, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): LeeShin Looa, 11625 Alegre Dr., Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact

business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: LeeShin Looa, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 28, 2021. Expires September 28, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4990. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 583053

The following person(s) doing business as: Los Caporales Taqueria, 2118 First St, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Dolores Macias, 1468 Aspen CT, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/28/21. Signature of Registrant/s: Dolores Macias, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 28, 2021. Expires September 28, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4991. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 582979

The following person(s) doing business as: Tran Enterprise, 8922 Hillside ST, Oakland, CA 94605, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ngoc Tran, 8922 Hillside ST, Oakland, CA 94605. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Ngoc Tran, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 27, 2021. Expires September 27, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4992. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 582745

The following person(s) doing business as: Pleasanton Auto Tech, 1809 Santa Rita Road, Ste I, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ed's Automotive & Light Truck Repair Inc, 1809 Santa Rita Road, Ste I, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/10/2021. Signature of Registrant/s: Catherine S. Hussain, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 17, 2021. Expires September 17, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4993. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 582567

The following person(s) doing business as: Good Schmitt, 319 Basswood Common, Unit 8, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Richard Schmitter, 319 Basswood Common, Unit 8, 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: Richard Schmitter, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 9, 2021. Expires September 9, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4994. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 582415

The following person(s) doing business as: XO Pandora, 5177 Peony Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jacob Stansky, 5177 Peony Drive, 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: 1/1/2006. Signature of Registrant/s: Jacob Stansky, Founder/President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 7, 2021. Expires September 7, 2021.

ber 7, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4995. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 583006

The following person(s) doing business as: Pizza Guys # 151, 1545 North Vasco Road, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): JKTN, Inc., 3113 Nicoletta Lane, Stockton, CA 95212. 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: 1/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s: William Leung, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 28, 2021. Expires September 28, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5001. Published October 21, 28, November 4, 11, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 583020

The following person(s) doing business as: Pizza Guys # 181, 24456 Mission Blvd, Hayward, CA 94544, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sai Baba Kirpa, Inc., 173 Roslea Road, Hayward, CA 94542. 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: 10/01/2016. Signature of Registrant/s: Jaswinder Kaur, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 28, 2021. Expires September 28, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4997. Published October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 583059

The following person(s) doing business as: Advanced Foam Packaging, 4754 Bennet Drive, Suite A, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Transpak, Inc., 20415 Corsair Blvd, Hayward, CA 94545. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Bert Inch, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 28, 2021. Expires September 28, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4998. Published October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 582756

The following person(s) doing business as: MC Vending, 4900 Hopyard Road, Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hardy's Homes LLC, 4900 Hopyard road, Suite 100, 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: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Cherrise Hard, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 17, 2021. Expires September 17, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4999. Published October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 583230

The following person(s) doing business as: CRC Salon, 4230 Rosewood Dr. #138, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Chantelle R. Coffman, 29615 Dixon ST, Hayward, CA 94544. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s: Chantelle R. Coffman, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 6, 2021. Expires October 6, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5000. Published October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 583058

The following person(s) doing business as: Beadazzled, 1741

Solano Ave, Berkeley, CA 94707, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): William Leung, 7420 Park Vista CT, El Cerrito, CA 94530. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s: William Leung, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 28, 2021. Expires September 28, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5001. Published October 21, 28, November 4, 11, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 583275

The following person(s) doing business as: Polo's Corner California Kitchen, 2002 Portola Ave, Ste L, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Pairings Lastra LLC, 2002 Portola Ave, Ste L, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Janett Cardenas, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 8, 2021. Expires October 8, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5002. Published October 21, 28, November 4, 11, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 583326

The following person(s) doing business as: Fremont Ford, 39700 Balentine Drive, Newark, CA 94560, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Fremont Sales and Service LLC, 4200 John Monogo CT, 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: Inder Dosanjh, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 12, 2021. Expires October 12, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5003. Published October 21, 28, November 4, 11, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 583022

The following person(s) doing business as: The Knotty Knitter, 110 North Murrieta Boulevard, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Donnamarie Fuller, 110 North Murrieta Boulevard, 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: 9/7/2021. Signature of Registrant/s: Donnamarie Fuller, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 28, 2021. Expires September 28, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5004. Published October 28, November 4, 11, 18, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 583429

The following person(s) doing business as: Cherry Property, 526 Cherry Way, Hayward, CA 94541, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Steven Connolly, 16 Fairway LN, Pleasanton, CA 94566; Thomas Connolly, 28 Tescadero CT, Danville, CA 94526; Elizabeth Connolly, 16 Fairway LN, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Joint Venture. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: January 2017. Signature of Registrant/s: Steven Walter Connolly, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 14, 2021. Expires October 14, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5005. Published October 28, November 4, 11, 18, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 583527

The following person(s) doing business as: JD Land Development LLC, 1419 Aster Lane, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following

owner(s): JD Land Development, 1419 Aster Lane, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Miguel Jarvis, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 15, 2021. Expires October 15, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5006. Published October 28, November 4, 11, 18, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 583409

The following person(s) doing business as: Castlewood Ventures Partnership, 239 Main Street, Suite E, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Rosalyn Simon, Trustee, Rosalyn M. Simon Revocable Trust, 5428 Pleasant Hill Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588; Rosalyn Simon, Trustee, 2008 Michael A Dunkley Revocable Trust, 5428 Pleasant Hill Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588; Rosalyn Simon, Trustee, 2012 Daniel H. Dunkley Revocable Trust, 5428 Pleasant Hill Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a General Partnership / A Trust. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/7/2016. Signature of Registrant/s: Rosalyn M. Simon, Trustee. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 13, 2021. Expires October 13, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5007. Published October 28, November 4, 11, 18, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 583531

The following person(s) doing business as: Emerge Health and Wellness, 1904 Franklin ST #300, Oakland, CA 94612, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Meghan Tunson, 200 Fairmont Ave #206, Oakland, CA 94611. 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: 9/2021. Signature of Registrant/s: Meghan Tunson, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 15, 2021. Expires October 15, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5008. Published October 28, November 4, 11, 18, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 583853

The following person(s) doing business as: East Bay Prayer Furnace, 5862 Las Positas road, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): The Prayer Furnace, Inc., 1519 Genoa Street, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2006. Signature of Registrant/s: Amy 28, November 4, 11, 18, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 583430

The following person(s) doing business as: Huntwood 2, 27347 Huntwood Avenue, Hayward, CA 94544, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Steven Connolly, 16 Fairway LN, Pleasanton, CA 94566; Elizabeth Connolly, 16 Fairway LN, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Joint Venture. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/1/2011. Signature of Registrant/s: Barbara Reynolds, Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 20, 2021. Expires October 20, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5012. Published October 28, November 4, 11, 18, 2021.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 583852

The following person(s) doing business as: Roxana & Karen The Home Group, 41111 Mission Blvd, Fremont, CA 94539, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Maria Roxana Gomez, 3400 Stevenson Blvd #102, Fremont, CA 94538; Karenjit Kaur Kalsi, 3400 Stevenson Blvd #v27, Fremont, CA 94538. 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: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Maria Roxana Gomez, 3400 Stevenson Blvd #102, Fremont, CA 94538; Karenjit Kaur Kalsi, 3400 Stevenson Blvd #v27, Fremont, CA 94538. This business is conducted by a General Partnership / A Trust. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/12/2021. Signature of Registrant/s: Brittany Tachkov, 2128 Alexander Way, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Brittany Tachkov, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 18, 2021. Expires October 18, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5011. Published October 28, November 4, 11, 18, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 583609

The following person(s) doing business as: Redwood Creative Therapy, 2128 Alexander Way, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Britany Tachkov, 2128 Alexander Way, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Britany Tachkov, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 18, 2021. Expires October 18, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5011. Published October 28, November 4, 11, 18, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 583789

The following person(s) doing business as: Movement Adds to Live, 775 Wimbledon LN, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Barbara Reynolds, 775 Wimbledon LN, 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: 1/1/2011. Signature of Registrant/s: Barbara Reynolds, Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 20, 2021. Expires October 20, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5012. Published October 28, November 4, 11, 18, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 583430

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94566; Thomas Connolly, 28 Tescadero CT, Danville, CA 94526; Christopher Connolly, 4163 Hall CT, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Joint Venture. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/2017. Signature of Registrant/s: Steven Connolly, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 14, 2021. Expires October 14, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5013. Published October 28, November 4, 11, 18, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 583423

The following person(s) doing business as: Nail Creations, 780 Main ST, Ste 205, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Amanda Stevenson, 6836 Inglewood CT, Pleasanton, CA . This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/12/2021. Signature of Registrant/s: Amanda Stevenson, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 14, 2021. Expires October 14, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5012. Published October 28, November 4, 11, 18, 2021.

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Dublin Rotary to Host Hometown Heroes Luncheon

The Rotary Club of Dublin Foundation, in cooperation with the city, will host the annual Hometown Heroes Veterans Day Luncheon, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Shannon Community Center, located at 11600 Shannon Ave.

The annual luncheon honors local veterans and active-duty members of the U.S. military. Ticket for the event, which includes entertainment and a family-style lunch, are \$30 each, or \$300 for a table of eight. Veterans and active-duty military are free.

For more information or tickets, call 925-321-5319 or visit <https://bit.ly/3n5T5Wx>.



At right, Lara Webber, Livermore-Amador Symphony's conductor, helps Roger Zahang learn how to wave the baton during a free concert held in front of the Bankhead Theater, Oct. 23. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Police Suspect Drug Overdose Killed Two Found in Car

By Larry Altman

The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau has not formally determined causes of death, but detectives believe drug overdoses killed a man and woman found dead in a parked car in Pleasanton last month, according to police.

Pleasanton police preliminarily identified the pair as Concord residents Elijah Quichocho, 27, and Macy Key, 28, said police Sgt. Marty Billdt.

Quichocho and Key had been reported missing in Concord. Detectives believe they died as much as a month before a passerby called police Sept. 18 to

report seeing a body in a car parked on Pimlico Drive near the 580 Freeway sound wall.

From the beginning, detectives said they did not suspect foul play.

"Preliminarily we believe it's a drug-related overdose," Billdt said. "Our detectives have been researching where they've been and what they've been doing by reaching out to family members and trying to track where they've been and where they planned on going."

Facebook showed Key with two pages in her name, one most recently identifying her as working at Peet's Coffee. Both pages said she attended Concord High

School and showed a friendship with Quichocho.

A LinkedIn page showed Key to be a student at Diablo Valley College in Concord.

Alameda County Superior Court records revealed Key was convicted of grand theft in 2016, when she also had a couple of arrests on drug offenses.

Online records showed Key had sought a restraining order against Quichocho in 2020. No other information was available.

Although police released the names, they called the identities preliminary identifications because the coroner's office has not completed its reports.

Harvest Almost a Wrap in Wine Country

By Laura Ness

Compared to last year, the 2021 vintage has been a blessing for most winemakers — no fires, no smoke and no merciless heat waves.

While some varieties came up short this season, (Ghielmetti sauvignon blanc among them), and harvest stretched out due to the largely cooler weather, the long, slow-ripening conditions have proven fruitful.

Most winemakers, including Mark Clarin at McGrail, who brought in about 155 tons, are declaring it a great vintage. Wood Family brought in about 115 tons and Las Positas about 82 tons, all before the recent rains arrived. Darin Winton of Cellar 11 is happy to have all his fruit picked, including everything for Cuda Ridge. He's especially excited for the albarino he got

for the first time, describing it as having very crisp stone fruits, pineapple and mango with driving acid.

Dave Hendrickson of Occasio said harvest is a wrap for them.

"It feels great being done so early," he said. "We brought in just under 20 tons, two of which were cabernet franc from Ghielmetti Vineyard."

Not everyone got all their grapes in before the bomb cyclone storm though. At Rodrigue Molyneaux, winemaker Meredith Sarboraria said that half of their estate fruit was supposed to be picked on Friday, Oct. 22.

"At the last minute, the pickers decided they didn't want to work in the rain, so they took off and never showed," said Sarboraria.

While she would have preferred two picks because of the constraints of their very small crush pad and

cellar setup, they were planning to bring in all the estate fruit this week, which includes cabernet sauvignon, barbera and petit verdot.

"So far, the fruit has been good at least, and I'm excited for my first rosé since Crooked Vine," Sarboraria added.

She and winery owners Garry Rodrigue and Nancy Molyneaux decided to make a rosé of estate cabernet sauvignon, which she said is Provence-style. They are on track to bring in about 19 tons of grapes this year.

Dane Stark from Page Mill isn't quite done, either.

"We are still picking," said Stark. "Out of 100, there are 12 tons to go, so very close. The quality seems exceptional this year. I've never seen acid/pH numbers as solid as this year. And the harvest was not super-hot ... should be a great vintage."

Latter-Day Saints Provide Kits for Afghan Refugees

Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Livermore are providing more than 70 'kitchen kits' for Afghan refugee families being resettled in the Bay Area.

Ken Mano, co-director of JustServe, a community outreach program sponsored by the church, said each of the kits contains pots, pans, and other kitchen utensils. Responding to a plea for help from the International Rescue Committee (IRC), a humanitarian relief organization, the church initially planned to assemble 50 kitchen kits, with help from other Tri-Valley community groups publicizing an Amazon Wish List of needed items.

Over a two-week period in October, JustServe co-director Dena Webb took delivery of more than \$11,000 worth of newly purchased cookware and kitchen utensils, enough for 70 kits. Thirty-five church members gathered at Webb's home on a Thurs-

day evening to unbox the Amazon deliveries and repackage them into 'kitchen kits,' which were then delivered to the IRC office in Oakland.

Mano credited several groups with helping publicize the effort and distributing the Amazon Wish List to their members, including the Pleasanton Community

of Character Collaborative, Lynewood United Methodist Church, Hively, the P-Town Life, Amador Valley High School Global Studies Club, Pleasanton Unified School District, Pleasanton Military Families, Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, Granada High School Human Rights Club, and the Valley Montessori School.

Rotarian Foundation Now Accepting Grant Applications

The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore invited nonprofit organizations to apply for grants that help create opportunities for young people, promote community service or improve the quality of life for the Livermore Valley.

This year, the foundation

awarded \$81,500 to 22 organizations and collaborated with the Livermore Valley Education Foundation to purchase Chromebook computers for students in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District.

Since 1999, the founda-

tion has awarded over \$1.3 million in grants to support the community.

Application forms are available at livermorerotarianfoundation.org, and will be accepted through Dec. 8. Grants will be awarded in April 2022.

Tri-Valley Conservancy Recruiting Board Members

The Tri-Valley Conservancy, a Livermore-based nonprofit that works to preserve agricultural, range and park lands, is recruiting area residents to serve on its board of directors and advisory council.

The 25-year-old organization said volunteers should have a passion for protecting and preserving land for future generations, be able to forge strong alliances and networks within the community, and able to devote the time to be fully engaged during meetings.

For more information, email info@trivalleyconservancy.org.

Quest to Host Fourth Innovation Fair in March

The Quest Science Center has announced the fourth Tri-Valley Innovation Fair will be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds on Saturday, March 19, 2022.

Quest had initially planned to hold the fair in September this year, but decided to push the date into 2022 because of ongoing concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic. The first three innovation fairs were held at the Bankhead Theater.

Monya Lane, Quest Science Center CEO, also announced that Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Sensiba San Filippo, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, and Intersect Power have agreed to be \$10,000 'foster tier' sponsors of the fair, designed to showcase the best of Tri-Valley innovation in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

"The fair will celebrate all things STEM in a central place in our community," Lane said. "We couldn't be more thrilled to welcome such a stellar group of businesses and organizations as sponsors that embrace education and science and are

excited to connect with our community in a meaningful way."

Other businesses and organizations that have already committed to sponsor the fair include CEMEX, Topcon Positioning Systems, and Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare at the \$5,000 'Cultivate' level; Uncle Credit Union, Sandia

National Laboratories, University of California-Merced, and Visit Tri-Valley at the \$2,500 'Curiosity' level; and Enigmata and The Hacienda Child Development Fund at the \$1,000 'Friend of Quest' level.

For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3jcTW6I>. Registration is also open for exhibitors.

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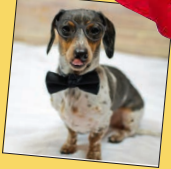

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