

Dublin Stays On Track With New Housing Element Plan

By David Jen

DUBLIN — The city council unanimously voted to submit Dublin’s draft Housing Element update to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), keeping the city on track for the next eight-year housing cycle beginning January 2023.

Although both the council and the planning commission reviewed the draft previously, recent events, such as the repeal of the East Ranch housing project and the formal application for the SCS housing project, triggered adjustments to the city’s housing inventory that the council reviewed, before voting at its May 17 meeting.

Councilmembers commended staff for the draft’s clarity and balance of state laws, public input and inventory changes.

“Beautiful job on the housing element,” said Vice Mayor Jean Josey.

The Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), a state law developed in 1969, requires “local governments to adequately plan to meet the housing needs of everyone in the community,” according to the HCD website. The housing element of a city’s general plan specifies how a city will meet those needs for the next eight years.

As part of the updated process last December, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) finalized Dublin’s RHNA numbers at 3,719 new housing units in the next cycle, including 1,085 very low-income and 625 low-income units. ABAG allocated those numbers despite pushback from Dublin — in the form of letters to ABAG and an appeal — arguing the magnitude of the requirements.

Dublin’s draft previously expected the East Ranch housing project to provide 68 of these affordable housing units. Opponents of the project, however, launched a referendum in January that caused the city council to repeal its stage-two development plan in March and re-

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Bull Bash Friday Night kicked off the centennial celebration of the Rowell Ranch Rodeo on May 20. The weekend’s events included bull riding, ranch saddle broncs and breakaway roping. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Pleasanton School Board Approves New \$23.5 Million Office Purchase

By Dawnmarie Fehr

PLEASANTON - Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) voted to purchase new office space for district functions during its regular board meeting on May 12.

The vote to purchase two buildings totaling 113,000 square feet in Hacienda Business Park for \$23.5 million was 4 to 1, with Trustee Kelly Mokashi casting the only dissenting vote.

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Ahmad Sheikholeslami made a detailed presentation to the board, explaining the size and usability of the space, as well as the financing plan.

“The financing will be

through a Certificate of Participation (COP),” Sheikholeslami wrote in the staff report. “A COP is a method of borrowing a school district can use to construct or acquire new property.”

Sheikholeslami explained the district will need to collateralize a property with a non-profit organization like the California School Board Association, and then enter into a lease and make lease payments. The lease payments are essentially repayments of the COP loan. Unlike bonds, obtaining a COP loan does not require voter approval.

The district will use the COP loan to finance the purchase of the property and

make initial improvements — estimated at \$75,000. Sheikholeslami said the plan is to pay off the COP loan with the sale of seven acres of the district office and Village High School property.

District Spokesperson Patrick Gannon said there has been some “sticker shock” with the price of the new buildings, but the property the district offices occupy now is far more valuable.

“We are sitting on land valued at much more than that,” said Gannon. “The seven acres, a portion of the district office property, was valued at \$31-34 million from our property brokers.”

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Airport, College Explore New Curriculum

By Ruth Roberts

LIVERMORE — A collaboration between Las Positas College and Five Rivers Aviation is flying toward a new on-campus curriculum and off-site workforce program designed to provide living wage jobs and a connection between the community and the airport.

The courses would offer students the technical skills and certifications needed to enter careers in aviation through hands-on technical classes and general flight

education.

“Difficulties in hiring and retaining FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) certified mechanics has been an ongoing problem that has been getting more acute recently,” said Pete Sandu, owner of Five Rivers Aviation and a partner in the proposed programs. “Airlines have been cancelling flights this summer due to lack of staff to maintain and fly the aircraft. The job outlook calls for 11% growth and an average local wage of \$85,860 ... (this could be)

a permanent connection between the airport and the community that will help train residents in high paying, in-demand jobs that let our youth afford to live in the communities that they grew up in.”

Las Positas College President, Dyrrell Foster, Ed.D., has attended some of the initial meetings between Sandu and college administrators, and believes the potential for a partnership is strong.

“Las Positas College has engaged in some initial,

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Eden Housing

Council Approves Revised Agreement; Strong Opposition

LIVERMORE — The City Council on Tuesday unanimously approved a revised agreement with the developer of the controversial 130-unit Eden affordable housing project, advancing the deal despite the fact the city and Eden remain in litigation with a citizens group. The group’s intention is to relocate the development from the site in the center of the downtown to one nearby.

According to city officials, the council approval of the revised agreement would enable the project to go forward quickly if an appellate court rules against Save Livermore Downtown’s lawsuit. The 5-0 vote followed a lengthy meeting spread over two days. Proponents of the housing project accused detractors of practicing “NIMBYism,” or “Not In My Backyard,” and Eden’s opponents accused council members of ignoring the community’s

concerns.

Voting Tuesday afternoon, city council members had harsh words for the projects’ opponents, encouraging them to end their legal efforts that spend taxpayers’ dollars on attorneys. Council members cited public comments that were 2-1 in favor of the project, as well as repeated elections where residents voted for candidates in favor of Eden.

While casting “ayes” on Tuesday, council members added adjectives including “100%,” “absolutely,” and “emphatically” to approve the project at the southeastern corner of Railroad Avenue and South L Street.

“This is a really good project,” Vice Mayor Gina Bonanno said. “It addresses a very critical housing need that we’ve heard about often, and it’s a very much less intense (project) than allowed by law and the new state

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Eldercare Project Goes Forward Amid Protests

By David Jen

DUBLIN — Rising demand for Tri-Valley eldercare outweighed construction health concerns and possible litigation risks on May 17 when the city council voted to approve the Inspiration Drive Memory Care and Assisted Living projects.

Mayor Melissa Hernandez and Vice Mayor Jean Josey opposed two of the approval’s eight motions — those related to the zoning and development plans of the assisted living facility — arguing that the three-story building would block too much of the hillside view.

“I think that this particular location just does not lend itself to a three-story building no matter how well you attempt to cut it into the hill,” said Josey.

The two motions passed 3-2.

Proposed by Fulcrum De-

velopment, the two projects will construct a two-story, 55-bed memory care facility and a three-story, 84-bed assisted living facility on part of the property currently owned by the Valley Christian Center (VCC), north of Dublin Boulevard and straddling Inspiration Drive.

The proposal attracted almost 30 public speakers to the city council meeting, some of whom questioned whether it sufficiently addressed the project’s potentially adverse environmental effects, specifically those of hazardous materials and emissions generated during the construction process.

East Bay Residents for Responsible Development (EBRRD), a coalition of four crafts unions — electricians, sheet metal workers, sprinkler fitters and plumbers — sent letters via their attorneys, Adams Broadwell

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A customer gathers fresh tomatoes during Thursday afternoon’s May 19 farmers market at Carnegie Park in Livermore. The event featured fresh fruits, vegetables and culinary treats as well as the live music of Jack Quigley. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Meadowlark “Trail to Nowhere” Hits Dead End

By David Jen

PLEASANTON — The city council unanimously scrapped plans for the Meadowlark Trail last Tuesday, May 17, despite having already awarded a construction contract for the 0.6-mile dirt path.

Opponents of the trail — a proposed loop around the Meadowlark housing project currently under construction west of the Alviso Adobe Community Park — have dubbed it a “trail to nowhere” because of its short length and lack of connections to other trails.

“A loop that goes around eight homes -- I just don’t see that as a beautiful amenity,” said Mayor Karla Brown.

The council, along with residents of the neighboring Laguna Oaks neighborhood, also cited fire risks, traffic concerns and redundancy with the nearby Castleridge Trailhead of Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park as reasons to cancel construction.

The proposed trail’s 22-acres of open space were created by an agreement with the developer of the Meadowlark housing project, Sun Meadowlark. The city was expected to construct a public trail on the land looping around the new development. Sun Meadowlark also agreed to pay the city \$57,379 for construction of the 0.6-mile trail, which it did in 2020.

The agreement itself, however, and its trail plans, dated back to 2006.

Since then, the construction of Castleridge Trailhead — also adjacent to Alviso Adobe and less than a quarter mile away — was completed in 2018, opening access to Pleasanton Ridge’s network of trails and, at times, creating parking issues along Old Foothill Road.

“I believe the Castleridge Trailhead wasn’t even envisioned when this trail (was planned) back in the ‘05-‘06 time,” said Brown.

Nevertheless, the city

continued forward with the Meadowlark Trail and awarded a trail construction contract to American Ramp Company last November.

Soon after, word reached the city council that many residents were unaware of the trail’s plans, and outreach conducted in March suggested that most residents opposed the idea.

Sun Meadowlark did not take a stance either for or against the trail.

has.”

Proponents of the trail envisioned collaboration with Alviso Adobe’s youth programs, allowing children an opportunity to explore the environment at the base of Pleasanton Ridge. They also pointed to the steepness of the trail at Castleridge, which renders it prohibitive to some trail users and therefore distinct from the gentler Meadowlark Trail.

City staff estimated that

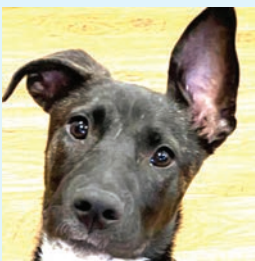
“We authorize the city to keep the funds previously provided and to use those funds for any other trails that the city has.”

— Terrence Chen, Sun Meadowlark representative

“Sun Meadowlark does not wish to be reimbursed should you decide not to build the trail,” said Terrence Chen, Sun Meadowlark representative. “We authorize the city to keep the funds previously provided and to use those funds for any other trails that the city

the city will have to pay about \$5,000 to cancel the contract with American Ramp, while the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee will investigate other uses for the remaining funds — about \$50,000 — previously earmarked for Meadowlark.

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A new, exhibit “The Artists Among Us: Native People Today” will be on display at the Bankhead Art Gallery from June 2 through July 31, featuring artists of Native descent. The artists for the exhibit are from the Bay Area and beyond, representing different tribes and all visually representing their life experiences as Native artists. For more information, visit www.livermorearts.org.

Lab Foundation Releases Annual Update

By Dawnmarie Fehr

The Livermore Lab Foundation (LLF) has released its annual report for 2021 to update its donor community and spread the word about the work it is doing.

Founded in 2016 with the intention of aiding and supporting the Lawrence Livermore National Lab, the foundation enables science solutions through student and research support.

“We were excited to have the opportunity in the report to summarize the path the foundation has been on,” said LLF Executive Director Sally Allen. “The board ... had a strong vision for the opportunities a philanthropic partner for the lab could bring in, facilitating new types of partnership or facilitating new connec-

tions, and we feel like we have made some strong progress there.”

A nonprofit foundation that supports the lab’s work while remaining independent was a novel concept seven years ago. Since then, the LLF board, says Allen, has forged new ground through support of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fellowships and partnerships, and research of climate resilience and neurodegenerative diseases.

Dona Crawford is an original member of the foundation and currently serves as its board chair. She said the foundation has been successful in facilitating partnerships for the lab, while amplifying the lab’s work.

“From our origins, we were essentially a small

startup and have been organically, steadily making progress and showing impact, and we are now poised to move to the next level, so I am pleased with our progress,” Crawford said. “It’s important that as we invest in lab capabilities for philanthropic and societal benefit, those capabilities go back into the lab’s mission, so it’s a spin out and a spin in, which is important for the lab’s mission.”

Some of the projects highlighted in the report include the foundation’s high school level carbon clean up initiative curriculum, currently being tested in 30 classrooms in Northern California; a new year-long fellowship with UC Merced and the lab’s Data Science Institute for rising undergraduate seniors seeking to advance their educational

and services to the Dublin community.”

Dwyer is joining the city as Dublin embarks on the construction of a new 13,000-square-foot Cultural Arts Center at the Dublin Civic Center and the development of an 8.75-acre community park adjacent to the Wallis Ranch community.

In her role with Stanislaus County, she oversaw 34 public park facilities with an annual budget of \$13.2 million and a staff of 55 full-time and 50 part-time employees. She previously worked as execu-

tive director of the Gettysburg Recreation Authority in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and as a recreation supervisor for Brentwood, California.

Dwyer holds a bachelor’s degree in recreation administration management from California State University, East Bay, and a master’s degree in management and public administration from the University of Phoenix. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, she received a Navy and Marine Corps

Achievement Medal for her service during Operation Iraqi Freedom.



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Algae Closes Del Valle Park to Swimmers

Although warm weather is here and the traditional swim season starts this Memorial Day weekend, swimming and wading are currently banned at Del Valle Regional Park south of Livermore because of the hazards brought on by blue green algae blooms.

The ban includes pets as well as people.

Signs prohibiting swimming and wading are posted at the park as well as on the website of the East Bay Regional Park District, which manages Del Valle for the California Department of Water Resources.

What are commonly called blue green algae are actually bacteria, properly known as cyanobacteria, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. “Cyan” means blue-green.

Cyanobacteria are a primitive and perhaps the first form of life, credited with generating the atmosphere’s rich supply of oxygen through photosynthesis more than 2 billion years ago.

Commonly found in lakes and streams, they can appear red or brown as well as blue-green. Intense

growths called blooms can occur in warm, stagnant water. They do not always produce toxins, but when they do, illness can follow, according to the California Department of Public Health.

Exposure may occur through inhalation, skin contact, eye contact and drinking or eating contaminated food.

A Department of Public Health fact sheet lists headaches, nausea and skin rash among the symptoms of mild exposure.

Severe exposure can lead to liver and neurological

damage including respiratory failure and death, according to the fact sheet.

Children are especially susceptible to the toxins because of their small body mass.

Cyanobacteria blooms first led to swimming and wading prohibitions at Del Valle in 2016. Warnings have been posted occasionally since then.

This year’s prohibition allows fishing, but fish should be cleaned and washed thoroughly with tap or bottled water before eating, according to Park District warnings.

Library to Offer Story Time in Neighborhood Parks

The Livermore Public Library will offer its children’s Music and Movement story time program at a different neighborhood park every Saturday at 10 a.m., beginning June 11 and continuing through Aug. 13.

Locations include Al-

tamont Creek Park, 6544-6634 Altamont Creek Dr., June 11; Almond Park, 1555 Almond Ave., June 18; Pleasure Island Park, 280 Pearl Dr., June 25; Bruno Canziani Park, 5905 Charlotte Way, July 2; Jack Williams Park, 2041 Neptune Road, July 9;

Tex Spruiell Park, 5411 Felicia Ave., July 16; Big Trees Park, 5470 Kathy Way, July 23; Ralph T. Wattenburger Park, 1515 Honeysuckle Road, July 30; Sunset Park, 1055 Geneva St., Aug. 6; and Al Caffodio Park, 1294 Le Mans Court, Aug. 13.

The programs are free, and registration is not required. Families with children of all ages are welcome to attend and are encouraged to bring a blanket for seating.

For more information, visit livermorelibrary.net or call 925-373-5576.

Drones to Light Up the Night at County Fair

The Alameda County Fair will offer nightly drone-based light shows at the Stella Artois Grandstand during its upcoming run from Friday, June 17 through Sunday, July 10.

The visual display will be presented by Sky Elements, which will have 100 drones in the air for each show ‘operating in harmony to display 3D imagery, animations, lighting, and beyond.’

The fair, at 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton, will be open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, and from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, July 4. It is also bringing back several cultural celebrations on successive Sunday, including “Out at the Fair,” celebrating LGBTQ pride, on June 19; “Bollywood at the Fair,” on June 26, and “Fiesta at the Fair,” on July 10, celebrating the Bay Area’s deep Indian and Hispanic roots; and “Blues at the Fair,” on July 3.

“We have always taken pride in celebrating our diversity and inclusiveness,” said Tiffany Cadrette, mar-

keting and communications manager for the fair. “We are excited to be able to offer these amazing mini festivals for everyone to enjoy.”

The fair will also feature its beer-tasting “Brew Fest” on Saturday, June 18, and

“Wine Fest” on Saturday, July 2.

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Livermore Police Department Supports Special Needs Community

By Lauren Farrauto

Working to build the lines of communication between the police and some of its most vulnerable residents, the Livermore Police Department (LPD) has launched the Special Needs Registry (SNR). Implemented just a few weeks ago, the program was created by officer Andrew Graycar. As a policeman and the parent of a special needs child, Graycar believes his unique perspective and position allows him to see things from “both sides of the aisle.”

“Livermore PD consulted with special needs parent groups, as well as neurodiverse individuals, who both contributed input for the Special Needs Registry during the development process,” Graycar said.

The goal of the LPD is to support local residents and provide special assistance when needed, and the SNR provides responding officers with the information to do just that.

According to the SNR webpage, parents and caregivers may enroll a person of any age with any type of medical condition or disability, including but not limited to, autism spectrum disorder, Alzheimer’s disease, dementia, bipolar disorder and Down syndrome. Adults with special needs may also enroll themselves in the program. If someone is unable to provide consent due to their disability, a parent or caregiver can provide legal documentation to show they have the legal authority to make decisions for the person enrolling.

The registration form allows participants to include information regarding triggers, preferred communication methods, stimming behaviors (repetitive or unusual body movements or noises), sensory issues, cognitive abilities and de-

escalation methods specific and unique to them. Once registered, the information will be immediately disseminated to responding patrol officers without having to ask the individual/parents/guardians unnecessary questions during a high-stress call for service. Only Livermore PD personnel who require this information to complete their duties will have access to it.

“If a participant of the SNR goes missing and is reported by the parent/guardian, information about their physical appearance, the most likely places where they would go, as well as triggers, stimulants and de-escalation techniques will be sent to Livermore PD officers,” said Graycar. “If the individual has not been reported missing and is incapable of effectively communicating his/her name when encountered by an officer, a geographical records check of the neighborhood for individuals registered nearby, coupled with the physical appearance provided, may allow us to identify the individual faster. This will then allow Livermore PD to use the contact information on file to reunite the individual with their parents/guardians.”

The inspiration to implement the program came to Graycar after a few nights working the graveyard shift.

“I came into contact with elderly individuals in the early morning hours who were unable to communicate, due to having dementia, and were completely unaware of their surroundings,” he explained. “Not knowing who they were, where they lived or anything about them led to obvious difficulties. With the Special Needs Registry in place, the Livermore Police Department is expecting to have a higher probability of reducing emotional trauma, fear, anxiety and conflict when members of the special needs community come into contact with first responders.”

Although the program is still too new to track results, community support is evident.

Graycar received an overwhelmingly positive response from parents in attendance of the Starlight Ball where he presented the registry last month.

“I have spoken to several parents over the past two weeks, and every single one has been extremely appreciative in knowing that Livermore PD has a program like this in place,” he said.

To participate in the Special Needs Registry, complete the online form and turn it in to the Livermore Police Department in person or via email: snr@livermoreca.gov.

Dublin Launches Adopt-a-Bench Program

Dublin has introduced a city parks program that allows donors to ‘adopt’ a new or existing bench, adding a bronze plaque with a personal message to honor an individual, family, business, or community organization.

Donors can “adopt” an existing, 6-foot steel bench in a city park for \$1,500, or the city will install a new bench for \$2,500. Messages on the 2-inch by 10-inch plaques will be limited to three lines, with no more than 30 characters per line, including spaces.

The Parks and Community Services Department said the plaques and benches will be maintained at the city’s expense, including the removal of any graffiti, for at least 10 years. Once a bench is considered no longer serviceable, donors will be offered the opportunity to “adopt” a new bench.

The plaques and benches remain the property of the city. For more information, call 925-556-4500.

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EDITORIALS

Sanchez for Sheriff

Cook-Kallio for ACOE Area 7 Trustee

The ballot to replace Area 7 Trustee Yvonne Cerrato, who opted not to run for re-election after serving 20 years as Tri-Valley representative on the Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) [??], includes three candidates, two with extensive backgrounds.

The often overlooked board sets policy and approves the budget for the ACOE, which provides education for teen mothers and students in the juvenile justice system; teacher training programs; and curriculum development and technology assistance for districts. The board also can play a key role in the creation of charter schools and hears appeals of student expulsions.

Cheryl Cook-Kallio worked for 40 years as an award-winning public school teacher in Fremont before retiring and serving two terms on the Pleasanton City Council. She has received most of the major endorsements — including from Tri-Valley Congressman Eric Swalwell; Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan; State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond and two of his predecessors; and numerous Tri-Valley school trustees and teachers organizations. She also is heavily backed by labor organizations, including the unions for Pleasanton and Fremont teachers.

Cook-Kallio believes her public school experience would suit her well in “supporting children, parents, and teachers in ensuring

access to quality education programs and in securing legislation to benefit all District 7 communities.” She believes in accountability of charter schools, saying they are valuable because they “offer something unique to the community.”

Voters have twice rejected her political ambitions. Cook-Kallio lost an election for Pleasanton mayor in 2012, and lost to Republican Catharine Baker for a state assembly seat, despite \$2 million in spending by the Democratic Party. However, she was elected to serve on the Pleasanton council.

Candidate Eric Dillie, a former Texas public school teacher turned charter school principal, works as Superintendent of Schools at Dublin-based Key Educational Group, where he manages a \$6 million budget for a network of public charter schools, advising them on their creation and curriculum. Dillie believes his career experience and knowledge of the issues would make him an invaluable trustee.

Dillie’s past, however, includes a fatal flaw that disqualifies him for this position.

In 2018, Dillie pleaded no contest in Alameda County Superior Court to a misdemeanor charge of failure to report child abuse. Two years earlier, while working as principal at the Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory School, Dillie failed to call police when a tutor told Dillie and a vice principal that the tutor was involved in a reportable incident with a 14-year-old student.

The tutor had accused the boy of copying his homework and humiliated him in front of other students.

The boy ran, but the tutor found him behind a nearby grocery store, grabbed him by the arms, picked him up, restrained him and forced him into a car. The boy complained of pain and an injured shin.

As mandated by law, Dillie and his vice principal were required to call the Livermore police and Child Protective Services. A later police investigation found the men laughed about what had occurred and provided inconsistent statements to detectives.

A judge sentenced Dillie to community service and mandatory reporting classes. The charge was dismissed upon completion of the sentences.

But the dismissal of the charges does not exonerate Dillie. He is not qualified to serve as a representative on the Office of Education.

A third candidate, Kate Dao, a mother of three who founded the Livermore-based Acton Academy East Bay, lacks the appropriate experience. Her school’s website said it offers a curriculum that encourages critical thinking, imagination and creativity. As a parent, she said at a recent forum that she knows what she wants for her children’s education and would work hard to make sure children get what they deserve.

Cook-Kallio rises to the top of the field. We recommend her for Area 7 Trustee.

Wiley for DA

Alameda County voters’ choice for District Attorney in 2022 will make history, no matter who wins. All four candidates have a chance to become the first African-American to hold the title of the county’s top prosecutor.

In selecting a successor for retiring Nancy O’Malley, who has held the post since 2009, voters can choose between two veteran prosecutors from within the District Attorney’s Office, a former San Francisco prosecutor and fighter pilot, and a civil rights attorney who formerly defended the accused.

All four are formidable candidates: Terry Wiley, O’Malley’s top assistant and her choice to succeed her; Jimmie Wilson, a plumber turned 17-year veteran prosecutor; Seth Steward, chief aide to Oakland Councilman Dan Kalb; and Pamela Price, who received 42% of the vote when she ran against O’Malley in 2018.

Each said Alameda County requires criminal justice reform and has an array of endorsements. Unless one candidate receives more than 50% of the vote June 7, the top two finishers will face off in November to determine who should run the office with a budget of about \$90 million and about 430 employees, including around 150 deputy DAs and 60 inspectors.

Our choice is Wiley, a 32-year veteran of the office who offers experience that separates him from the pack. Wiley worked his way to the top, gaining extensive experience in prosecuting cases, while

leading the felony trial team with a 93% conviction rate. He also runs the agency’s human resources department and trains colleagues in diversity, equity and inclusion policies.

In championing the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office partnership with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Expungement Program, he ensured the records of hundreds of people in Alameda County were cleared. He also created programs to keep people out of prison and currently serves as the Director of Human Resources at the DA’s office. Due to his work, Wiley received the National Bar Association’s Heman Sweatt Award for Civil Rights.

Wiley’s policies include not prosecuting teenagers as adults, except in severe circumstances for 17.5-year-olds. He led the Juvenile Division, addressing ethnic disparities in juveniles in custody and worked to cut youth incarceration rates, while also helping to create the “Know Your Rights, It Can Save Your Life” program for middle school students.

While he has clearly worked to develop programs for those who commit nonviolent crimes because of mental illness, addiction and poverty, he hasn’t shied away from prosecuting murderers and police officers. His goal is to create a balanced system where violent offenders are held accountable for their crimes. He said he is willing to file cases against police officers when necessary, such as when

he handled the case against Oakland officers in the infamous “Riders” scandal.

To top it off, Wiley is a member of the American Bar Association’s Criminal Standards Committee; a former member of the State Bar of California Board of Trustees; past vice president of the National Bar Association; past president of the Charles Houston Bar Association; past chairman of the State Bar of California Criminal Law Section; and past president of the Bay Area Black Prosecutors Association.

Supported by O’Malley, the Alameda County Prosecutors’ Association and the Alameda County Police Chiefs and Sheriffs Association, Wiley’s endorsements include U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell, who represents the Tri-Valley in Congress; Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan; Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf; and Tri-Valley councilmembers Kathy Narum and Jack Balch of Pleasanton, and Jean Josey of Dublin.

He’s also the choice of four civil rights attorneys, including Benjamin Crump, who represents George Floyd’s family.

Sean Steward and Jimmie Wilson both have good ideas for reform, but lack Wiley’s experience. Price’s ideas are noteworthy, including calling for outside investigations of police shootings and not prosecuting teens as adults, but she, too, lacks the appropriate experience, as she has never prosecuted a case.

Wiley’s values and vast experience make him our choice to succeed O’Malley.

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MAILBOX

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Ahern for Sheriff

Mike Grant, Dublin

Ahern for Sheriff! I just saw the top Editorial calling for a candidate for Sheriff — whose name I will not print, because she does not even have the background to run such a complicated department. Like normal, the Editor, or whomever wrote this, is very misinformed about what the candidate does at the Alameda County Sheriff’s Department. Well Mr. Editor, she runs the Santa Rita jail that you wrote about with all the issues. Maybe you should tell all the readers about that before

you dump on our sheriff. Another thing she was in charge of was the seating for the banquet at Urban Shield. Now for many years I was a vendor at this event, and the table seating was a joke. She would tell you what table you were to be at, but someone else was already at the table. She was very unorganized! To let her run the Sheriff’s Department would be a train wreck like you never seen. Crime would get out of control, deputies would retire, and public safety would suffer. Voters should remember this comment, “You don’t put the ‘baggage handler’ loading the 747 in the cockpit.” Ahern needs to fly this plane and the other candidate needs to keep loading the luggage on the belt.

What a Tangled Web We Weave

Jim Hutchins, Livermore

"Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive!" (Sir Walter Scott)

On Monday night, the Livermore City Council began discussing a modification to the agreement with Eden Housing. The proposed amendment would move up by a couple of months the transfer from the City to Eden Housing of the old Lucky site land. The original plan was for the

transfer to occur on December 31, 2022, but that is after a new Council, elected in November, would be sworn in. Since the land wouldn’t yet be transferred, a new Council could do what the current Council has refused to do — listen to the people and investigate potential alternative locations for the Eden Housing buildings. Instead, the current Council has decided to change the transfer date to before a new Council is seated, in order to prevent them from having the ability to undo what this Council has wrought.

The Council’s motivations were further on display during the meeting’s public comments about the amendment. Six speakers exceeded their allotted speaking time, but the five speaking in support of the amendment were allowed to continue without interruption (ranging from 6 to 18 seconds over), while the one who was speaking against the amendment, Mony Nop, was cut off by Councilmember Kiick when he went only seven seconds over. They seek to silence dissent and control the narrative.

This Council has ignored the call of the residents to relocate the housing so that the people can have a large, beautiful park in the center of their town, instead of filling it with four-story

apartments. But now they are actively working against the residents and plotting how to place barriers to stop the public’s demands from ever happening. That is unconscionable.

The Council’s actions are also putting millions of dollars of the City’s money at risk. They have decided to commit over \$8 million to the Eden Housing project before the Save Livermore Downtown lawsuit is settled. The Council’s actions are both reckless and duplicitous.

In November, we need to elect new representatives that will actually represent what the people want.

Council Puts City at Risk

Marcus Libkind, Livermore

Long ago the citizens of Livermore should have been given the opportunity to vote on whether they were in favor or against the current Eden Project in downtown. The City Council has not permitted that to happen.

The project has been on hold, pending the outcome of ongoing litigation, until the City Council meeting of May 24 when the Council voted to authorize the City Manager to execute amended documents that permit the Eden Project to go forward.

It makes no sense for the Council to accelerate

the Eden Project. In fact, doing so puts the citizens of Livermore at risk of losing millions of dollars or at best recovery over many years. Save Livermore Downtown has sued to stop the Eden Project, and if successful, Eden Housing will have years to repay a \$7.8 million loan and the City may lose \$5 million that they pay Eden to develop the park. The City Council has not met their fiduciary responsibility to the citizens of Livermore. They have jeopardized funds that could be used for affordable housing in a number of other locations within Livermore. What is as disturbing or maybe more disturbing is that the City Council has hamstrung the next Council that may look quite different come the November election. Maybe that is why they have proceeded as they have done on May 24.

While the City has never given the citizens the opportunity to vote on the Eden Project, the November election of a new Mayor and two council members will be a referendum on the project given that it will be at the center of the issues. By going ahead with the Eden Project at this time, their intent may well have been to hamstring a new council from working towards a

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EDEN

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housing legislation which allows for higher density, taller buildings and less parking.”

Mayor Bob Woerner said he was satisfied with the deal to sell the land for Eden’s development, calling it well-considered, while protecting the city and community’s interest.

Woerner blasted oppo-

nents who he said sought to delay the project in court.

“Having repeatedly failed at the ballot box by 2-1 margins, they have now resorted to frivolous lawsuits to block progress,” Woerner said. “We heard another direct threat of even more litigation (Monday) They have dramatically failed in court so far. And

I’m confident that they will continue to fail in court and elsewhere.”

Jean King, a spokesperson for SLD, submitted a statement to newspapers Tuesday after the Council vote that said, “Save Livermore Downtown is considering all of its options and may be forced to take legal action to stop this unwise

and harmful transaction.”

The SLD statement noted that Save Livermore Downtown is extremely displeased that the City Council has voted to enter into a substantial revision of its Disposition, Development, and Loan agreement with Eden Housing that would accelerate the transfer of the Lucky site to Eden

prior to the conclusion of the litigation Save Livermore Downtown filed challenging the City’s approvals for Eden’s project.

“The agreement is a reckless deal for the City and a waste of taxpayer resources,” King continued. “The agreement requires the City to commit millions of dollars to a project that is still at

risk of not being built.

“The City Council’s action further demonstrates that the City continues to ignore its residents, the vast majority of whom do not support this project being located at this site, and instead support an alternative location that can provide even more affordable housing.”

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This Is the City Council's Plan



Proposed Eden Housing building, along the block on Railroad Avenue from L Street to

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This is Save Livermore



Architectural rendering of proposed park along Railroad Avenue from L Street to

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There's still time to Save Livermore's downtown

EDEN

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ing units.

“If Eden is able to acquire the property now, prior to the resolution of the litigation and prior to obtaining the necessary financial commitments to build this project,” according to SLD, “the ability of the City to consider superior alternative locations that allow additional affordable housing

will be greatly diminished.”

SLD added that the City’s approval of this agreement is not a prudent business decision and ignores real opportunities to find a better project for the Livermore community. The agreement requires the City to loan Eden \$7.8 million to acquire the property, to pay Eden over \$5 million to build a

small park in between the project’s two tall, wall-like apartment structures, and to commit itself to over \$4 million to clean-up the existing soil and soil vapor contamination at the property.

SLD’s statement concluded: “The City is guaranteeing a lot of money to prop up a project that most residents do not support.”

The resolution, unanimously approved by the council, stated that the project fell within the scope of the city’s Downtown Specific Plan’s Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and authorized the City Manager to execute the final documents and agreements with Eden. It also declared the

property exempt from the state’s Surplus Land Act, making the sale possible.

Initially approved in May 2021, the Eden Housing project has been in the works since 2018. Eden plans to build two multi-unit and multi-story buildings around a park. Under the deal, once various conditions are met, the city will

transfer the parcel from the city to Eden no later than the end of September.

To fund construction, Alameda County awarded Eden \$14.4 million in competitive regional housing bond funds to develop this site, giving the company two years to gather other financing and get the job underway.

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n for Livermore's Town Center



street to the extension of K Street. Source: City of Livermore Planning Document.

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the extension of K Street, with Eden Housing moved to another location nearby.

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Symphony Closing Season With Vibrant Voices

The Livermore-Amador Symphony will hold its final concert of the season, “Building a New World,” on Saturday, June 4, at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

Conducted by music director Lara Webber, the concert will include “Listen-

ing to the Land” by Frederic Zhou, “New World Symphony” by Antonin Dvorak, and Sergei Prokofiev’s Piano Concerto No. 3 with soloist Frederic Chiu, a full-time professor of piano at Carnegie Mellon University and adjunct professor at the Hartt School of Music.

The colorful Piano Concerto No. 3 is the most-often performed of Prokofiev’s five piano concertos. The concert begins at 8 p.m., following a prelude talk at 7:00. Visit livermorearts.org or the Bankhead Theater ticket office at 2400 First St., or call 925-373-6800 for tickets.

Youth Theater Group to Present ‘Shrek the Musical’

Christian Youth Theater (CYT) Tri-Valley will present “Shrek the Musical” from Thursday, June 16, to Sunday, June 19, at the Livermore High School Performing Arts Center, 600 Maple St.

Based on the 2001 hit animated comedy about an ogre who finds his swamp overrun by fairy tale crea-

tures and his friendship with Donkey, “Shrek the Musical” opened on Broadway for a 12-month run in 2008. Nearly 60 local CYT students from 9 to 18 will appear in the Tri-Valley chapter production.

Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 16; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Friday, June 17; 2 p.m.

and 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 18; and 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 19. Tickets are \$16 in advance and \$18 at the door.

CYT is a nationwide after-school theater arts program for students ages 4 to 18. The Tri-Valley chapter was formed in 2014.

For more information or tickets, visit bit.ly/3lArnRx.

Valley Dance Theatre to Present Ballet Excerpts

Valley Dance Theatre, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary, will present excerpts from four ballets at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 28, and 2 p.m., Sunday, May 29, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore.

Selections are from the classical “Pas de Quatre,”

“Dolores,” based on a true story, “Paquita,” a 19th century piece named for a Spanish gypsy who saves the life of a French aristocrat, and “La Fille Mal Gardée,” a comedy that includes cloggers and a Maypole Dance.

Tickets for the Livermore-based dance group’s

Spring Rep are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students 17 and younger. Tickets are available online at www.lvpac.org, by phone at 925-373-6800, or in person at the Bankhead Theater box office.

For more information, go to www.valleydancetheatre.com.

Bankhead Presents Tickets on Sale June 2

Tickets for the Bankhead Presents 2022-2023 season, with more than four dozen scheduled events, go on sale to the public on Thursday, June 2.

The season will lead off Saturday, Sept. 10, with “Brilliance at the Bankhead,” featuring award-winning singer and songwriter Randy Newman, accompanied by the Liver-

more-Amador Symphony.

Other top draws later this year will include the rock icon Jefferson Starship on Friday, Sept. 23; Micky Dolenz, the sole surviving member of the 1960s band The Monkees, on Friday, Oct. 21; journalist and commentator Carl Bernstein on Thursday, Nov. 3; jazz drummer and composer T.S. Monk, the

son of jazz pianist Thelonious Monk, on Thursday, Nov. 10; Jose Feliciano on Friday, Nov. 18; and the Gaby Moreno Quartet on Friday, Dec. 2.

The Bankhead Theater, located at 2400 First St., Livermore, is operated by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. For more information or tickets, visit livermorearts.org.

PURCHASE

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Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) has voted to purchase two buildings totaling 113,000 square feet in Hacienda Business Park for \$23.5 million. The district plans to relocate its staff and offices to the new location.

(Photo courtesy of PUSD)

Of the space in the two new buildings, approximately 37,600 is already occupied, and revenues from those leases initially cover the annual COP payments.

Once this purchase is complete, the district plans to move forward to place seven acres of the current office space and Village High School property on the market for sale. The process involves statutory notifications and the convening of a citizen advisory committee to advise the governing board on the disposition of surplus property, among

other steps. Funds from the sale can be used to pay off all or part of the COP loan. Remaining funds will be used for capital improvements, as state law limits how that money can be spent.

According to officials, the search for new office space was initiated because the current space occupied by the district offices and Village High School is dilapidated and no longer fits their needs. The buildings were constructed in the 1950s and, according to a staff report, “have seen little upgrade and modernization since the

late 1980s. The facilities are not well-suited for a small high school or modern-day office facilities that promote collaboration, teamwork and integration of work.”

During a previous meeting, Sheikholeslami noted there were major Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) issues, including a lack of ramps and accessible bathrooms. All the buildings need fire and safety upgrades, and staff have observed dry rot in some locations.

During the meeting, Moshashi said she did not support the plan because she felt it had been rushed and would have liked to see other options considered. She also felt the board’s energies would be better spent on creating school boundaries and focusing on what the district’s families want.

“I recognize the importance of addressing ADA issues for both district offices and the Village High School, and I support promoting a conductive, positive work and school learning environment,” she said. “However, I feel that the board needs to consider additional options to determine the best long-term solutions.”

For more information on this purchase, visit www.pleasantonusd.net.

Springtown Library to Hold Open House

The Springtown branch of the Livermore Public Library will hold an open house from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 4, with games, crafts, and refreshments.

Guests will also have an opportunity to apply for a library card, meet Springtown librarian Caitlyn Lung and her staff, and tour the branch library at 998 Bluebell Dr. No registration is required, and the open house is open to all ages.

For more information, visit livermorelibrary.net or call 925-373-5576.

Summer Reading Program for Kids, Teens, and Adults

The Livermore Public Library’s Summer Reading Program will offer four levels of reading games for pre-readers, independent readers, teens, and adults.

Registered readers can either log their minutes online at livermore.beanstack.org or keep track on a paper game board, with prizes

awarded at each level.

The free program will run from Wednesday, June 1, through Wednesday, Aug. 17. This year’s theme is “Read Beyond the Beaten Path.”

The library will also sponsor several activities to complement the reading program, including story

time events for children, a painting workshop for adults, science day, wildlife show, introduction to opera, “Taste of Africa” family festival, and a Harry Potter birthday party for all ages.

To register, and for a complete list of events and times, go to www.LivermoreLibrary.net.

Chamber Welcomes WellNest Warehouse Program

On May 18, the Dublin Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the WellNest Company’s new Dublin warehouse at 6450 Trinity Court.

WellNest provides a variety of services to enable at-home care for aging adults,

including WellNest Pods, or backyard accessory dwelling units (ADU).

“The Dublin business community is thrilled to have a company providing much needed products and services that address the housing crisis and enable seniors to be

close to family while remaining independent as possible,” said Dublin Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Sue Stephenson.

The ribbon-cutting included a tour of the company’s WellNest Pod Express Units.

Museum on Main to Offer "Family Day" Events

The Museum on Main’s staff and volunteers invite families for an afternoon of fun on the museum lawn. On the first Saturday of each month, June through September, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., children, parents and grandparents are encouraged to join the Museum on Main for Family Days.

“Our goal for each Family Day is to provide families with free, unique, and fun learning experiences during those long summer days,” says Education Director Sarah Schaefer.

The first Family Day will be June 4, with a theme of Old Time County Fairs. It will be a great way to get the family excited for the

Alameda County Fair that opens on June 17. Activities will include carnival games with prizes, virtual horse racing, paper quilts, coloring and more.

Other Upcoming 2022 Family Days:
July 2: Celebrate Community Day- Salute to Service

Join with Pleasanton Military Families and honor those who have served in the military and those who are currently serving
August 6: Old Time Toys and Games

Enjoy an afternoon playing with all types of toys and games including old time wooden toys, optical illusion toys, carnival games, and retro toys. Participants

will also be able to make some toys of their own to take home.

September 3: Life in Early Pleasanton

Take a step back and learn about life in Pleasanton without modern conveniences. Participants will enjoy making adobe bricks, dipping candles, stamping leather and pressing tortillas.



Opening Saturday of the Fair!

June 18

Fun Run
Fairgrounds in Pleasanton



REGISTER!

The Sun's OUT Fun's OUT Fun Run, benefiting Sunflower Hill, is open to athletes of all abilities and features a run or walk around the historic Race Track and through the Fair with fun stops along the way!



www.sunflowerhill.org/sofo2022

TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, May 26 to Sunday, May 29
Pleasanton Library Book, Media Sale

Friends of the Pleasanton Library hosts the Memorial Day Weekend Book and Media Sale with books for all ages, DVDs and CDs, all in nearly new condition. New memberships and renewals are encouraged with a 10 percent discount on book sale purchases, except for Sunday’s bag sale. Cash, credit and debit cards will be accepted. Bring your own bags or boxes. The sale will take place at 400 Old Bernal Ave. For more information, visit friendsofthepleasantonlibrary.com.

Sunday, May 29
Questers Fundraiser at Hagemann Ranch

The Questers, a nonprofit specializing in restoration and preservation of historic buildings, is having a fundraiser

event on from 2 to 5 p.m., at Hagemann Ranch, located at 455 Olivina Ave., in Livermore. Craft items will be for sale, and all proceeds will go for the restoration of the Midway School Project. The Questers are working with the Livermore Heritage Guild on this historic, one-room schoolhouse restoration.

Wednesday, June 8
Interfaith Interconnect Religion Chat

From 5 to 6 p.m., this month’s Interfaith Interconnect Religion Chat topic is “How does your community welcome children and youth into the faith? What rite of passage ceremonies are traditional in your culture?” Featured speakers are Trish Munro, Congregation Beth Emek, and Karan Saini, Sikh. Presentations include time for audience questions, and optional breakout discussion groups will take place from 6 to 6:30 p.m. The

in-person meeting will take place at the Muslim Community Center East Bay, Suite 100, 5724 W. Las Positas Blvd., in Pleasanton. For a map, visit mccceastbay.org/hp. For the Zoom meeting, visit bit.ly/3G8AVN9. Doors and the Zoom room open at 4:40. For more information, email interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com or visit facebook.com/InterfaithInterconnect.

Sunday, June 12
Celtic Harps at Trinity Lutheran Church

Lisa Lynne and Aryeh Frankfurter will perform Celtic Harps, rare instruments and wondrous stories, at the Trinity Lutheran Church of Pleasanton, at 4 p.m. The show features two Celtic harps, the rare Swedish Nyckelharpa, Ukrainian Bandura, Cittern and more. The concert takes place at 1225 Hopyard Road, in Pleasanton. Suggested donation is \$15 to \$20, and students and children are free.

Monday, June 13
Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society Presents Karen Bowdren LaDuc

During “How to Research your Ancestors in Italian Records” Karen will walk you through the steps to find what you are looking for and download it successfully. She will also review the basics of Italian research and the use of familysearch.org. The free presentation beings at 7 p.m., with the Zoom call starting at 6:30 p.m. Preregister at bit.ly/3wif02F.

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

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.



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OBITUARIES

Janet (Jan) Anderson Attaway Jan. 4, 1943 — May 5, 2022

Janet (Jan) Anderson Attaway passed away in her Red Bluff home surrounded by family after a seven-month battle with her third round of cancer on May 5, 2022. She was 79 years young. Jan was born in Oakland on Jan. 4, 1943, to the late Fred and Bernice Anderson (Precision Frame & Axle owner from Sweden and homemaker from Oakland, respectively).

The Anderson family moved to San Jose when Jan was 7 years old where she lived throughout her middle and high school years. Jan then headed to San Francisco State University, but soon realized she didn't like the big city and transferred to San Jose State University where she met her first husband, Eric Lyons. Jan and Eric married in 1965 and moved to Livermore in 1967 where they raised their two sons and spent their

entire careers as teachers. Jan



taught first and second grade at Arroyo Mocho and retired as a kindergarten teacher from Portola Elementary.

Jan's sons remember amazing summer vacations, because both of their parents had the summer off. They also remember their house being the place where all of their friends wanted to be. Eric passed away unexpected-

edly in 1995. Jan married John Attaway in 1996 and retired in 2002. She and John then moved to Red Bluff to be in a central location for their combined children. Jan loved the small-town feel of Red Bluff and was very involved in her church and community. She devoted herself to the Presbyterian Church and became a deacon and member of the choir.

Jan is survived by her sisters Donna Mapes and Lois Anderson; sons Greg (Christina) and James (Amy) Lyons; stepson Evan Attaway and stepdaughter Sally Neat-hamer; grandchildren Josh and Jordan, Xavier and Nyah, Ashley and Erica, and Cerina and Philip; and her beloved dog Sophie. A celebration of life will be held at the Presbyterian Church of Red Bluff on Saturday, June 18 at 11 a.m. A reception will follow.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Dennis Mapes

Aug. 13, 1940 — May 17, 2022



John Dennis Mapes of Livermore, California passed away unexpectedly on May 17, 2022 at 81 years old. He was a husband, father, grandfather, uncle, friend and Granada Little League coach.

Dennis was born in Hollywood, California and grew up in the Los Angeles area. The son of Ted and Ruth Mapes, a Hollywood stunt man and postal worker, he graduated from John H. Francis Polytechnical High School before attending San Jose State University. In 1964, one month after graduating with a degree in geology, Dennis quickly joined the United States Navy as an aviation officer. He served his country for eight years — a position that he held with the highest regard.

After service Dennis went on to complete his master's degree in civil engineering from San Jose State

University while working at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory. He retired from the lab after 30 years of employment.

But it was Coach Mapes that many will remember most. Dennis began coaching baseball with his oldest son in 1982 and continued to coach for the next 12 years until his younger son aged out at 18 years old. And although his boys had grown, Dennis continued to be involved; he ran youth tryouts and helped with the draft for several more years. In addition, he served on the Granada Little League Board of Directors and was part of the second class elected to the Granada Little League Hall of Fame.

Dennis loved the outdoors and enjoyed travel. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and watching them in their many activities.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Donna, sons John and Jeff, daughter-in-law Joanne, daughter-in-law Trina, four grandchildren Tyler, Rachel, Ellie and Abri, and several nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his sister Marilyn IIs.

There will be a celebration of life service for Dennis on Friday, June 24 at noon. The service will be held at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue in Livermore. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested for donations to be made in Dennis Mapes' name to Granada Little League PO Box 665, Livermore, California, 94550.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Mapes family. An online guest-book is available for condolences at callaghanmortuary.com.

AIRPORT

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exploratory discussions with Mr. Sandu and Five Rivers Aviation regarding significant workforce needs in the aviation industry," said Foster. "Collectively, we've identified ways in which the college could assist in addressing those critical needs."

According to Sandu, initial plans would include offering classes using a variety of existing facilities in the area.

"In the meantime," said Sandu. "Five Rivers Aviation will build a new facility here at Livermore Airport that would be anchored by the college's aviation program and surrounded by several flight schools and aviation maintenance providers ... The facility will be located along Airway Boulevard that used to be home to an MD-80 (McDonnell Douglas airline) based at Livermore Airport."

There is also the potential, added Sandu, to include flight training through the college in partnership with a national flight training organization.

HOUSING

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move these sites from the city's inventory.

Similarly, the draft estimated that the SCS project would provide 150 affordable housing units, but revised that number down to 100 following the project's formal application, resulting in an additional loss of 50 lower-income units.

An ABAG technical memorandum clarifying how accessory dwelling units may be used to satisfy RHNA numbers also reduced the inventory by eight units.

The city reassigned the missing units to planned developments at the tran-

"We are all crossing our fingers that the aviation program will include that as well," he said.

While still in the preliminary stages, Kristina Whalen, Ph.D., vice president of academics at the college, said the current plan is to add the courses for students this summer and into the fall while looking for local, regional and state support for the programs.

"Come the spring and summer of 2023, we are moving our focus to identify the best facilities to launch the program while a permanent home at the Livermore Airport is being finalized," she said. "We are currently applying for a Strong Workforce Program Planning grant while continuing to move our work forward. We are also in the very early stages of talking with ATP (Airport Terminal Program) about an aviation program."

Both programs, Whalen explained, would provide an important employment pipeline for an industry in need of qualified profes-

sionals. Las Positas College would offer the instruction at the same affordable rate as the rest of the classes at the college; a significant benefit considering the high cost of aviation programs.

"The opportunities for collaboration are promising and truly exciting," said Foster. "It's our hope that these initial efforts will lead to the development of new courses and programs that will provide students with the technical skills and certifications that they need to enter careers in the aviation industry."

For his part, Sandu is anticipating new uses for the airport that will serve both the community and aviation enthusiasts.

"I'm thrilled that we have another great opportunity to develop Livermore Airport in a way that is compatible with the community and uses raw space that can never again be considered for Boeing 737s or MD-80s. It's a permanent connection between the airport and the community. It's very exciting."

of opportunity, a shortage of willingness to do the right thing when it comes to construction workers, particularly when we are talking about the construction of housing," he said.

Staff said legislation in support of local workers could be considered while the HCD reviews the draft.

The HCD will next review the draft for 90 days, followed by a chance for the city to revise it in response to HCD comments. The city council and planning commission plan to adopt the new housing element sometime between November and January 2023.

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Joseph & Cardozo, to both the Dublin Planning Commission and the city council detailing their concerns about the Inspiration Drive project.

While the project claims to satisfy its environmental review requirements with a 2003 VCC Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and a 2018 Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), EBRRD argued that the MND lacks sufficient coverage.

"This project has significant construction and operational impacts which the supplemental mitigated negative declaration does not address," said Kelilah Federman, attorney with Adams Broadwell, at the meeting.

The city, she continued, should prepare a new EIR before approving the project.

Local plumbers, electricians and sheet metal workers also chimed in at the meeting, sharing their fears of the effects fumes, diesel exhaust, silica dust, concrete dust, sheetrock dust and naturally occurring asbestos will have on themselves and surrounding residents

should an improperly mitigated project move forward.

City staff, however, determined that additional environmental reviews were not required.

"The public has expressed concerns about traffic and air quality," said Councilmember Michael McCorriston. "I don't dismiss those, but I do think there are sufficient mitigants there."

City Attorney John Baker explained after council's questioning, that following approval, opponents are free to pursue litigation against the city under the California Environmental Quality Act and attempt to undo the approval.

Fulcrum, who would bear the litigation costs of any defense, said they were confident and ready to defend their case.

Other residents, some of whom self-identified as senior citizens, welcomed the development project and recognized the growing need for senior living in the Tri-Valley.

"The silver tsunami: it's true; it's coming; it's here," said Steve Ring, Fulcrum managing principal.

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wrote the story taking into consideration both sides of the issue. It would have been a better article if he interviewed residents directly affected by the detrimental noise pollution of the airport expansion. I guarantee you; Pete Sandhu, Eric Swalwell and Livermore Airport officials do not live near Livermore Airport or its landing and departure approaches.

Pros and Cons: Affordable Housing Rifka Sevalal, Livermore

I am for affordable housing. As someone who would qualify for this and wants our teachers and public safety personnel to live here in Livermore, of course I am a huge supporter!

However, like a majority of my community members, I am mindful of the good of the entire central downtown area now and in the future. Therefore, I strongly object to moving forward with the current placement. This placement is so very costly to us, with huge multi-million payments for contamination clean-up and providing a narrow park chiefly for the use of the housing complex. Let's take a moment, take a breath and really look at the "pros and cons" of this issue. Affordable housing = good! A location that impacts our jewel of a downtown area — not good. Of course, this is simplistic, but there is no reason to move ahead while there is still a lawsuit pending.

I say this with continued respect for our leaders and our community; please treat our one and only downtown area with care and think of our future.

Against Swalwell Joseph Grcar, Castro Valley

I was flabbergasted to read the endorsement of Eric Swalwell. What a pile of malarkey. The Independent ignores the two things for which Swalwell is mainly known. He toured the country for years running for president, and then Swalwell was the first candidate to drop out in 2020. He also spent years trying to impeach President Trump for imagined ties to Russia, for which Special Council Muller found no evidence, and the Senate voted to acquit. Virtually every line in the endorsement is made up. "Accessible public servant" cannot be true, because Swalwell is mostly absent from the district; he bought a house in Washington not here, and I never see cars parked at his district office in Castro Valley. "Tenaciously fighting for stronger local and regional infrastructure;" what does that even mean? When Swalwell wrote to the BART Board arguing for a train to Livermore (which nobody wants), only a week later the Board dropped the project. Now, Swalwell wants a train over the Altamont

Pass, which will only add riders to the already packed BART trains through Dublin. Please stop voting for this failed Congressman. Choose from among the many candidates of many parties who may actually do something for us.

Re-elect Sheriff Ahern Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty Ret., Spring Hill, TN

We must re-elect Sheriff Greg Ahern on June 7, 2022. There has never been a more critical time to have proven and experienced law enforcement leadership in this county. I am greatly concerned about the future of public safety in this county without an experienced and proven sheriff. I worked with Sheriff Ahern for several years to expand and improve services to the Tri-Valley region. This included starting the Tri-Valley Patrol Station to address severe traffic safety concerns, reduce emergency response times and improve quality of life issues in the valley. These investments have increased traffic safety, reduced illegal dumping and increased community engagement between the sheriff's office and residents. Greg has done an outstanding job as our sheriff to make sure our sheriff's office is prepared to provide an exceptional level of service to residents. Sheriff Ahern has done an extraordinary job in responding to and managing emergencies in our region, including wildfires, natural disasters, civil unrest and the county's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. I have watched Greg invest in four major areas to reduce crime and advance our communities. Sheriff Ahern has shown that prevention, enforcement, programs and service are the keys to reducing crime. He believes apprehending dangerous criminals while investing in our community through innovative programs, like youth sports, the deputy sheriff's activities league and youth and family services, are proven strategies of modern policing. I hope you will join me in supporting Greg Ahern for Sheriff. He has the experience and tested skills to keep Alameda County safe. He deserves your vote.

Nop for Mayor

Al and Suzanne Cofer, Livermore

My wife and I have had the immense pleasure of living in Livermore and raising our large family here for the past thirty years. Through those years, mayors have come and gone; one of our favorite former mayors was Cathie Brown, who we feel moved our city forward in a positive direction.

With the upcoming mayoral election, we are endorsing Mony Nop. Mony has impressed us with his ongoing service to our community, not only as a police officer and small business

Dublin's senior population grows at 5.4% annually, compared to 3.7% for California, continued Ring. Even with the Inspiration Drive project plus the Dublin Senior Living project — another eldercare proposal coming soon to city council for consideration — Dublin can still expect to fall short of senior living demand by 200 beds over the next three to four years.

"We don't have enough facilities like this here, and this is a good start toward a trend I think is very, very important," added McCorriston.

VCC members particularly supported the project and recalled a 20-year vision to house senior citizens on the project's parcels, which VCC will sell as part of the project.

"This is really fulfillment of a dream and a commitment to integrating senior people into the community, rather than leaving them along the side," said VCC member Jim Johnson.

Fulcrum expects construction to span 18 to 24 months, beginning in 2024, with the facilities opening in late 2025.

owner, but because he's proven he is a person who cares about the people by organizing events like the Turkey Drop every year. Mony further shows his community spirit by offering to donate his mayoral salary to charities that help people locally.

Mony's vision for Livermore is impressive; he's ready to tackle tough issues, such as Livermore's unhoused. We believe that Mony Nop will bring a fresh and welcome vision to our city.

Sinister

Thomas Soules, Livermore

Monday night, the city council passed a resolution, Item 6.3, agreeing to the Eden Housing plan and writing up the sale of the land at the Lucky site to Eden housing. It is clear that the city wants to sell the property before the November election in order to try to prevent a new council from exploring any alternative locations for the low-income housing.

But there is something equally sinister that I do not think that the folks who spoke in support of the resolution realized. The city is also loaning \$8.3 M to Eden housing, since Eden housing does not have the money to pay for the land.

Why, if the city was going to sell the land anyway, did it not do so a long time ago and why did it not sell the land to the highest bidder for cash, even adding the restriction that it could only be used for low-income housing? This whole thing smells like it was a done deal from the beginning - a secret agreement between Eden Housing and the city.

The citywide public opinion meetings were a sham and citizen outcries, etc. were moot. No other options were seriously looked at, like spending the \$8.3M or more the city could have gotten if it sold to a cash buyer, and the city could then use the money to buy the nearly vacant property on Pacific Avenue or property north of Railroad, both of which would allow more affordable living units.

No, this is an egregious inside deal that they hoped to pull off. They are trying to slip it by the citizens and cloak it under a do-good purpose everyone agrees with. With this plan, Eden would make a lot of money. We would pay with high-rise buildings, more traffic and lack of parking and by having lost our last chance to keep the character of Livermore as a small town. We need to elect a new council majority this November.

Ripley's Believe It or Not! Deborah McQueen, Livermore

Ripley's Believe It or Not, was a famous newspaper, radio and TV show that dealt in stories so bizarre that readers might not believe they were true. People

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EDITORIAL

Monroe for Another Term as ACOE Superintendent

Voters should re-hire Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) Superintendent L.K. Monroe for another four-year term.

Alysse Castro, a San Francisco school administrator, also is a good candidate backed by teachers’ associations and numerous Alameda County politicians. But there does not appear to be any compelling reason to remove Monroe from her post.

First elected in 2014, Monroe successfully steered the ACOE through the COVID-19 pandemic and recently showed strong leadership in her budget oversight role with the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD).

As County Superintendent of Schools, Monroe has no role deciding curriculum or policy decisions for the Tri-Valley’s

three school districts — Dublin Unified, Pleasanton Unified and Livermore Joint Valley Unified. Those matters are left up to the trustees voters elect from their neighborhoods.

The ACOE superintendent acts as a liaison between the California Department of Education and 18 Alameda County public school districts. The superintendent provides oversight for each of the districts’ district budgets, makes sure they are meeting basic educational standards, and directly operates schools that serve Alameda County students held at the Juvenile Justice Center, in foster care and in substance abuse treatment programs.

Last year, in her job ensuring districts are financially stable, Monroe warned OUSD that the state

might rescind bailout money if the board did not get its house in order.

“The need for the OUSD to balance the budget has been consistently communicated since 2016-17,” Monroe wrote in a November letter to the district. “In this time period, the Governing Board has been unable to ensure solutions are in place to adequately meet the fiscal needs of the District.”

Monroe continued that if the OUSD did not implement timely solutions to reduce its budget by \$90 million, the county would intervene.

“We remain seriously concerned as OUSD’s current budgetary approach nearly caused the district to go bankrupt in 2017,” Monroe said.

With declining enrollment the primary cause, the district

closed and merged a number of schools, setting off teachers’ union protests and student walkouts.

Fourteen angry teachers associations now support her challenge.

But we contend Monroe was doing her job, just as she was in 2016 when she asked the state to conduct an audit of the Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC) to look into allegations of “fraud, misappropriation of funds, or other illegal fiscal practices.”

The audit found TVLC, which managed two Livermore charter schools, was \$3 million in debt and that its management had failed to disclose numerous conflict-of-interest relationships, diverting and commingling funds with various private entities, including three created by its CEO Bill

Batchelor. The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District revoked the schools’ charters and the campuses shut down.

Although no teachers organizations are listed among her endorsements, Monroe’s supporters include Tri-Valley Congressman Eric Swalwell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond, two Alameda County supervisors and all five current ACOE board members.

Castro, executive director of Court, County and Continuation High Schools in the San Francisco Unified School District, meanwhile, said she was running for superintendent “because the jobs of teaching, learning and education are hard and are darn near impossible right now.”

Castro said ACOE was strong in bud-

get and accountability compliance, but there was room for improvement in obtaining grants for such things as special education programs.

She touted her experience in alternative education to break “the school-to-prison pipeline” and change students’ lives. She called herself an expert in school finance and systems, and notes that she was recognized for her work as president of Alameda Family Services, a community agency that provides \$7 million of early childhood, school-based wellness, and family support to students or schools.

Her skills and voice in education are definitely important and needed in the years to come.

Monroe is our choice to continue as superintendent. She earned it.

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enjoy strange and unusual stories, but not when they are the byproduct of poor city governance. However, in another stellar move by City officials designed to show the public whose boss in town, the City approved a revised Disposition, Development and Loan Agreement (DDLA) with Eden Housing, whose primary function is to permanently halt the ability of a democratically elected council and mayor in November 2022 to modify the present DDLA for Eden Housing's downtown plan. The City's decision to accept Eden Housing's revised plans on Dec. 7th, 2020, formed the thin slice of the wedge which created division with the public. Subsequently, three developments emerged resulting in similar outcomes, aimed at blocking the ability to move Eden Housing's buildings across the street on Railroad Ave. Were these developments coincidental or intentional - you decide - or - Believe It or Not!

The first example was the acquisition of 2080 Railroad Ave., on behalf of Presidio for a flat surface parking lot, ostensibly due to Presidio's inability to finance the previously promised underground parking garage. The City loaned Presidio \$1.9 million from the taxpayer's public fund. The second was the timely purchase of 150 N. L St. by Alan Burnham, a publicly self-identified local philanthropist who fully supports Eden Housing's Plan. The third is the City's recent approval to amend the DDLA for Eden Housing's Downtown building to accelerate the property's ownership transfer before a new council and mayor are voted in, thereby transferring the land from the City to Eden Housing. Thus, the City will no longer own the land and won't be putting in a downtown public park.

The land in question is presently the subject of a lawsuit between Save Livermore Downtown and the City of Livermore. The suit's outcome is far from certain, making such a move at this time both financially dangerous and fickle for the City. Placing Eden Housing's affordable housing project in the last piece of open space will permanently destroy downtown Livermore. Too much cement and not enough green space will cause Livermore to lose its appeal as a tourist attraction. Instead, it will continue to drive more Livermore residents to Pleasanton's

downtown for superb restaurant dining, lively farmer's markets, and spacious green parks.

Vote for Alysse Castro for Alameda County Superintendent

Cate Sarraile and Jerry Yalon, Livermore

The citizens of Alameda County have lost faith in the oversight and management of Superintendent L. Karen Monroe for a variety of reasons. Most recently, the disbursement of funds provided by the federal government to cover the work needed due to the COVID-19 pandemic has created questions. It is not clear how the stipends were assessed and awarded, because no one at the county office has provided that information. Instead, it is being dismissed as a “labor issue.” The vast majority of stipends (\$600,000) were given to already well-paid management insiders in an election year. Many recipients were/are donors to Ms. Monroe’s campaign. In an attempt to appease the line staff—teachers, counselors, nurses, psychologists, custodians and clerical workers — they have offered \$400,000 in stipends.

The Alameda County Office of Education has a few main roles; approving and monitoring school district budgets is among the most important. Ms. Monroe has failed to provide that oversight to Oakland Unified. She has been approving OUSD’s budget since 2014; the administrative budget has grown 550% due to financial decisions like paying a consultant \$30,000 a month to oversee the Oakland Superintendent’s salary. They employ over 170 administrators and have been criticized by the Alameda Grand Jury and FCMAT.

Another area of concern is the use of government equipment during the workday to send emails to ACOE employees and their friends, urging support for Monroe’s re-election.

Alysse Castro is executive director of county schools in San Francisco who wants to see the Alameda County Office of Education greatly expand its support and training offered to school districts. She served as Alameda County’s director of student programs in 2014. She also spent time working in alternative education in San Leandro and the city of Alameda before joining San Francisco Unified School District to lead its alternative schools. Ms.

Castro’s goals are to remove the obstacles that prevent students, even those with troubled lives, from being successful in school. Ms. Castro wants to transform public schools by:

- Fostering community schools which provide a wide range of services to students and their families
- Raising the quality of schools, so no student is disadvantaged
- Addressing the teacher shortage by growing our own talent

After careful consideration and research, I have decided to vote for Alysse Castro for Alameda County Superintendent of Public Instruction. I hope you will too.

Concerning Eric Swalwell

Philip La Scola, Livermore

In the May 12 edition of The Independent, an editorial endorsed Eric Swalwell to be re-elected to the 15th Congressional district. The editorial states the reason for this endorsement is that Swalwell has been an ardent supporter of the Tri-Valley and beyond.

I have no reason to question all of the support items listed by the Independent in this endorsement, as our representatives are supposed to advocate for the constituency they represent.

What I find lacking in this endorsement is any editorial comment on those running against Mr. Swalwell. My sample ballot shows six other candidates, one or more of which could be just as much an advocate for the constituency as Mr. Swalwell. However, there is no mention of any of these candidates and their qualifications.

In concluding this editorial, The Independent states Mr. Swalwell serves with integrity, honesty and passion. I find that to be laughable.

If The Independent makes the statement that Mr. Swalwell serves with integrity and honesty, where were these traits when he went on CNN, MSNBC, FOX and the major networks with the opinion that there was overwhelming evidence that Russia helped Trump win the 2016 election? He gave his opinion during these guest appearances, but when questioned under oath before a Congressional committee, he stated he had never seen any evidence of Russian collusion in the 2016 election. While it may be true, he has never seen any evidence of Russian collusion, so how does he know there was overwhelm-

ing evidence that it existed?

Before The Independent made this endorsement, at a minimum, Mr. Swalwell should have been asked to explain his comments about Russian involvement in the 2016 election and why there has never been any documentation that it ever existed.

Yes, Mr. Swalwell serves with passion: a passion for making false, irresponsible statements that he cannot support.

Risks of Livermore City Funds

Carol Silva, Livermore

I oppose the authorization of the execution of an Amended and Restated Disposition, Development and Loan Agreement (DDLA) with Eden Housing, Inc. for development of the Downtown Multi-family Housing Site.

Why should the City Council quickly transfer the property to Eden when there still is a lawsuit pending over the city’s approval of this project? The DDLA includes the city paying Eden \$5million to build the narrow park in-between Eden’s two massively large four-story buildings. Why is the city paying for the park and \$4 million to clean up the contamination, when many community members are supporting “Save Livermore Downtown,” the grassroots effort and litigation to relocate Eden Housing? So again, I ask, why is the City Council willing to risk \$9 million when there is a lawsuit pending, which can halt the construction of Eden Housing at the former downtown Lucky site?

Is Eden Housing Good for Livermore?

Maryann Brent, Livermore

Last night our City Council proposed a premature transfer of property to Eden Housing to prevent changes by any future administration. Ralph Moir and I consider this to be a reckless, disappointing decision. It is reckless, because they are risking taxpayer money helping Eden before the Save Livermore Downtown (SLD) lawsuit challenge against the project has been decided.

Dense urban housing, such as the Eden project, is incompatible when placed next to Stockmen’s Park, the science and society center and the black box theater. Dense housing does not honor our heritage. What is compatible, what honors our heritage and our commitment to open space, is a

public park.

Mayor Woerner was elected on the expectation that he would explore a different location for the Eden Project. However, after the election, he never followed through. We and many in the Livermore community feel betrayed.

Although Mr. Woerner will not run for re-election, his predecessor, John Marchand, set the stage for a housing development frenzy where every housing project was permitted to opt out of the low-cost housing requirement by paying a fee to our city. After two terms as mayor, Mr. Marchand is running for City Council.

Do you think the Eden project is a good solution for Livermore’s future? It is up to you.

Our Age

Owen Brovont, Livermore

In this age, we are coming to grips with what we are and what we are capable of becoming — in both directions! As part of that process, we’re attempting to manufacture and substitute theoretical creations for hardcore, physical realities. It is a process that contradicts any claim of material certainty for these mental creations.

For example, how does psychology trump biology? (52 genders, really?) It’s outlandish and antiscientific to make such assertions that mental images and wishful thinking, accompanied by clever oral representations, can be interpreted as having an actuality superior to that of the material, naturally occurring, physical reality that we can see and touch. The products of such mental gymnastics are driven by surreptitious purposes and are offered clothed in pseudo-scientific sounding jargon that appeals to the ignorant and the contemporary ideologically educated university graduates who apparently prefer wishful thinking to reality.

A special technique is employed by the inventors and purveyors of these ideas by using neologistic euphemisms to clothe their ideas in nice sounding words and phrases to disguise the actual meaning of the ideas they are preaching. Mark Twain said, “It’s easier to fool people than to convince them that they have been fooled.” No doubt that today Mark Twain would still feel justified in applying that observation to modern Western culture!

Ayn Rand sagely observes that, “We are fast

approaching the stage of the ultimate inversion: the stage where the government is free to do anything it pleases, while the citizens may act only by permission, which is the stage of the darkest periods of human history, the stage of rule by brute force.” She also provided a warning: “We can evade reality, but we cannot evade the consequences of evading reality.” Another way of saying that is “the future often reaps the rewards of the stupidity of the past!” Your past is where you were, not where you are! Today creates tomorrow. What is done today, someone will likely have to pay for tomorrow. History is history; it is what happened, not what is happening. It is interesting and educationally useful.

Criticizing history is like condemning smoke; it drifts away because it lacks a lasting substance. The value of history lies in informing the present of both the achievements and mistakes made in the past; condemning it on contemporary moral grounds is a tool for fools, for like smoke, it lacks material substance.

Authoritarianism at Work in Livermore

Johnna Thompson, Livermore

Democracy, it seems, is under attack, not only nationally, but by our own city leaders who are taking extraordinary measures to prevent a future council from relocating the Eden Housing project. Relocating the housing project in favor of a large downtown park is a popular idea among Livermore residents, and there are candidates running for mayor and city council who support the idea, so the current council is attempting to make that move impossible for the next council. It’s a ruthlessly undemocratic effort to impose their will, regardless of the desires of Livermore residents. To me, this shows a complete lack of integrity, which, sadly, is becoming the norm for too many politicians. That makes it no less deplorable.

Oppose CA AB2223 Infanticide Bill

David Ott, Pleasanton

Call or write to your California Assembly Member to voice your opposition to AB2223. This immoral bill will prevent the civil or criminal investigation of the murder of a baby up to the age of 28 days. I know what you are thinking; how could this be true in our state? All you need to do is

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BART Considering Multi-Agency Transit Pass

By Eli Walsh,
Bay City News Foundation

Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) plans to launch a pilot program later this year to test the viability of a global transit pass compatible with every public transit agency in the nine-county Bay Area.

The first phase of the pilot program could begin as early as August and would offer up to 50,000 transit passes to students at San Francisco State University, San Jose State University, the University of California at Berkeley, and Santa Rosa Junior College, as well as the residents of at least three housing developments run by the nonprofit MidPen Housing.

The four schools and MidPen Housing were chosen in part because they each already offer a transit pass that reduces fare costs or makes riding free for at least one public transit system.

Transit fares would be free for those using the

global passes during the pilot program, according to BART Financial Planning Director Michael Eiseman.

"The objective will be to demonstrate the degree to which a product like this can promote greater ridership and meet the needs of riders, institutions and agencies," Eiseman told the BART Board of Directors last week. "We'll evaluate program performance and collect data that could be used as the basis of a revenue model for a permanent program."

The two-year pilot program is expected to cost roughly \$6 million, according to Eiseman, \$4.5 million of which would go to reimburse transit agencies for waived fares for using the pass during phase one.

Phase two of the pilot program, planned for early next year, would make transit passes available for the employees of up to 10 businesses across the Bay Area, with a focus on businesses in areas of the region with

multiple transit options.

If the pilot program is successful, Eiseman said, the new regional transit pass could be available when the next generation Clipper Card system launches, tentatively scheduled for the second half of 2023.

However, Eiseman also cautioned that the pilot and any regionwide program could be delayed if Gov. Gavin Newsom's current proposal to make public transit free statewide for three months is adopted as part of the state's 2023 fiscal year budget.

BART Board President Rebecca Saltzman said she was glad the pilot first phase will involve public universities since students at UC Berkeley and other schools have previously expressed interest in a global transit pass.

"Super excited about moving this forward and want to see what the pilot shows and how we can make this permanent and expand it," Saltzman said.

Library to Kick off Summer Reading Program

The Pleasanton Library and Recreation Department will kick off the city's Summer Reading Program on Saturday, June 4. The free program will run through Sunday, Aug. 7.

The theme this year is "Read Beyond the Beaten Path" and will focus on exploring nature, as well as learning about traditional summer-camp and specialty-camps activities.

"This year's summer reading program provides endless opportunities for creativity, connection, and life-long learning," said Cherie Buenaflor, library programs coordinator.

"Whether it's learning how to draw comics, making special camp-related crafts, or simply reading a book about the great outdoors, we're happy to encourage reading 'beyond the beaten path' at the library this summer."

While younger children are earning rewards and virtual badges by tracking their reading throughout the summer, community members of all ages will also be encouraged to get in on the fun. Teens and adults can also log their reading hours for a chance at winning prizes, and all participants will have the opportunity to

vote on a new library card design.

In addition to reading, the program will include craft afternoons and pop-up camp games at city parks, and performances at the Pleasanton Library, Firehouse Arts Center Theater, and Amador Theater. The library, located at 400 Old Bernal Road, will host a kickoff at 11 a.m., June 4, when Bay Area magician Brian Scott will present an outdoor "Biblio Spectacular." The first 100 residents to sign up for the program will also receive prizes.

For more information, visit pleasantonlibrary.org.

Livermore Arts Nonprofit Tweaks Name

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, which has used a handful of operational names during its history, announced last week that it will now be known as Livermore Valley Arts.

Most recently, the nonprofit had used the name

Livermore Arts.

In announcing the name change, the nonprofit said its Marketing and Outreach Committee had decided it was important to make clear that the organization wanted to embrace the entire Livermore Valley, including the

rural areas.

"It became clear that a minor name change was the right direction," according to the announcement.

The nonprofit is the umbrella organization that operates the Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore.

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to read the bill. A baby that is born in the United States is due all the protection that is granted to all citizens. This bill unjustly protects parents from negligence in the death of their baby and denies the rights that should be granted to the baby. This bill is unjust and immoral. Please do the right thing and encourage your California state leaders to vote NO on AB2223.

Let's Talk About Housing, Part One

Trish Munro, Livermore

The City of Livermore is currently updating its housing element. The City Council discussed the draft plan on Monday, May 23, and during the next month, is looking for input. You can get more information at imaginelivermore2045.org and give feedback at GPUupdate@LivermoreCA.gov.

This is part one of what the housing element is, where it comes from and why it matters.

Everyone needs a place to live. Communities where people thrive have a variety of safe, well-maintained living spaces which meet the needs, wants and budgets of diverse residents. The housing element is a local plan that includes the goals, policies and programs that direct decision-making around housing.

But, the goal of meeting housing needs begins with the state, not with any individual city. The state of California responds to changing housing needs by mandating cities update their housing elements every eight years. First, the state assesses current and anticipated housing needs across the state. Then, it allocates housing numbers to regions, with the Bay Area being one of those regions. Next, each region allocates housing to individual cities. This apportionment is called the Regional Housing Needs Allocation, or RHNA number. Finally, using these numbers, each city then develops its individual housing element, just as Livermore is doing.

No city is an island, and the distribution process — from state to region to city — shows how connected we all are. The apportionment, both at state and regional level, takes into account the full range of housing types and affordability, along with transportation and jobs. At the regional level, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) looks at housing, transportation, jobs, opportunities and equity to assign RHNA numbers. How ABAG allocates housing has a great effect on the region as a whole. A mismatch in jobs and housing (for example, if one area or city has too many jobs relative to housing) will lead to long commutes and increased traffic. This, in turn, leads to more pollution and less time in the community and at home. Finding the right balance regionally is hard and never uncontested. At the same time, each city needs to do its share or all

of us lose.

How did we do? Livermore received the expected RHNA number and has planned accordingly in the housing element. More on that in part two.

Elect Momy Nop

Charol Chargin, Livermore

The citizens of Livermore will have the opportunity to choose between Mr. John Marchand and Mr. Momy Nop for Mayor of Livermore. Mr. Marchand is a former mayor and one of the architects of the now contentious redevelopment plan for downtown Livermore. Mr. Nop came to Livermore from Cambodia. Everyone I know describes Mr. Nop the same way. Momy Nop is intelligent, a great listener, committed to completing the task at hand, positive, creative, and a person of integrity. In 2005, I had the opportunity to visit Cambodia. How Mr. Nop even survived Cambodia after its destruction by the Khmer Rouge is amazing to me. Then, he came to this country and worked in the fields to support himself and his family. Next, he had a successful career as a Livermore policeman, helped create two non-profits, and now is a successful Livermore businessman. All of these accomplishments tell me that Mr. Nop is not an ordinary person. Momy Nop is an EXCEPTIONAL person. The people of Livermore have the opportunity to work with a mayor who knows how to work with people to accomplish the desired goals. The finalization of the plans for the redevelopment of downtown Livermore on its own will be a huge task, let alone deal with the other problems that will undoubtedly occur. So, vote for Momy Nop who is a fresh and extremely talented individual and will help us all work together to accomplish our goals of creating a vibrant downtown Livermore.

They Paved Paradise, Put Up a Parking Lot

Susan Putnam, Livermore

Our Downtown deserves better, not just now, but for the future of Livermore. Two tall buildings in a short perimeter will surround our vibrant Downtown and open air with increased traffic, building shadows, and density of structures. Not one Council Member nor the mayor has found a path to a solution that works for the future of Livermore. The majority of Livermore residents rejected the current Downtown plan in the planning phase. The Mayor and the Council ignored the residents' vision and viewpoints, creating a plan of their own. Our city needs a place to attract more visitors to Downtown, to enjoy our Bankhead Theater, dine in our restaurants, and shop in our unique stores. More housing is wanted, needed, and supported by the people of Livermore -- and there are other identified locations for the proposed Eden housing. Why can't the Mayor and

Council share the residents' vision to support both affordable housing and an open downtown? The City Council unanimously approved a \$1.9 million loan to the downtown hotel developer to acquire a vacant lot for parking. It's clear the Mayor and City Council want to pave our paradise and downplay the opportunity of a park with affordable housing nearby. Doesn't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've got till it's gone? Don't let it happen to our Downtown Livermore.

Zone 7 Elections

Laurene Green, Pleasanton

I've had several people ask my opinion on the Zone 7 director's election, so thought I'd share my two cents. The background and skills the three incumbents bring are varied and robust with a diversity of opinions, especially on tough issues. We don't agree on all solutions, especially potable reuse (I'm opposed). However, everyone is very engaged and does their homework to help craft thoughtful, well-studied responses to tough issues. We have good discussions/debates, and our decisions are usually better for it. All three candidates are also well qualified. More specifically, Sarah Palmer has a BA in biology & poli-sci, a PhD & post-doctoral work and teaching experience, all which she applies well. She does a tremendous amount of work for our board and this state, as she is on many committees, many community groups and currently serves as Vice President. Dennis Gambs is an engineer that worked for Zone 7. He brings important legacy knowledge and understanding to the board, especially regarding flood control — an area with which we are currently grappling — and he also engages with many community groups. Olivia Sanwong has a degree in mathematics & an MBA and, as our president last year, did a considerable amount of outreach, which she continues to do, especially regarding the drought and conservation. As all three incumbents have a science background, and they employ an evidence-based approach for decision-making. I'm happy to serve with these well qualified individuals and will be voting for them. I hope you do too.

Public Largesse for Eden Housing Project

Greg Scott, Livermore

The Eden Housing Project in downtown Livermore is such a great idea it needs a \$7.8 million loan from the City of Livermore's largesse. This is the same city that would like to add to the sales tax? Not a big deal really, considering that total debt in the United States is over \$133 trillion. Few seem to get the relationship to housing prices being out-of-reach or to the expanding housing crisis.

We are in the biggest growth in inflation in 40

years. We did this by insanely increasing the money supply after the Great Financial Crisis of 2007-2009 through the Federal Reserve Bank Corporation's (the "Fed") program of "quantitative easing." In a short period after this policy's approval in 2010, the Fed increased the money supply more than it did altogether in its previous 97-year history. This put the Fed's "balance" sheet at around \$3 trillion.

Then comes the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. Starting in 2020, the Fed propelled its "balance" sheet to around \$9 trillion. With supply chain difficulties from the pandemic, the Russo-Ukraine war and the continuing and resulting failure of neoliberal economic ideology, the inflation rate went bezerk.

The Fed had been on a plan of low interest rates, which provided "easy money" for buying houses. The wealthy borrowed money to make even more money — and buy houses. There are two types of inflation: consumer price inflation and asset inflation. Asset inflation has been a multiple of consumer price inflation. The average price of a Bay Area home has gone up 21% in the last year.

Now, the Fed wants to rein in inflation through monetary policy (i.e., the discount rate). Good luck. America will not tolerate a "Volcker Shock." (Paul Volcker was the Fed chairman during the high inflation times of the late '70s and early '80s). While the Fed will bring pain to the poor and the working class, it does not want to assault as-

set evaluations. It does not have a choice.

So, we can play this game of "affordable housing" with borrowed public money, but soon those tax receipts are going to go down drastically. It was so much fun for homeowners to watch their net worth go up while others could not afford housing that the "affordable housing" ruse had to be the feigned magnanimity.

Give the \$415,000 per year executive director of Eden Housing a raise!

Regarding the Proposed Urban Boundary Expansion into South Livermore

Rich Buckley, Livermore

(1) The chief executives of the new, super big Cannon Winery on Tesla, which is outside the city limits, found themselves having to pay \$150,000 per month in trucking costs to haul tank trucks of sewer waste to the city sewer plant to process.

(2) The county has committed money to put in a sewer line, including Buena Vista Ave. Testimony was given that Livermore taxpayers will not be taxed to pay for the sewer line, which is of course is BS. There are no free anything.

(3) No discussion was made as to "mandatory sanitary sewer hook-up costs." So, what you will likely find is there will be steeply enforced hookup charges whatever you do. It's all free until it isn't.

(4) There will be qualifying language put into the sewer issue before placed

on the ballot. The language will provide that the minimum size site requires 2.00 acres to participate in improvement expansion of additional facilities. So, unless you partner with adjoining neighboring properties to create those new facilities, you will only find yourself paying out for the free benefits. So, you can't go splitting your existing lot, and you can't add new square footage to the existing house. Tough luck.

Instead, you discover the city turns into a tyrant in the expanded area, because the area is now on the radar of all environmentalists in the entire SF Bay Area region. They will want to make examples of the first person they can any way possible with government double talk.

There will not be enough financial motivation for you to be a player, because the city will use the unclear wording in the ordinance to tell you everything on your property is included in your computation of square footage:

1. Current home
2. Current enclosed patio
3. Current detached garage
4. Current barn
5. Current loft in the barn

You will end up with no financial incentive to "improve" your square footage under the trends, comments and intentions currently in vogue and discussed in Monday's City Council meeting. You will find the city has not been forthcoming for the little guys and double speak rules. To heck with it. Vote No.

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Granada's Delaney Aumua slides into third base as Amador's Sophia Youngberg tags the runner out, during the May 18 varsity first round of the 2022 North Coast Section Championships, Division 1. Granada won 2-0. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Granada Softball Edges Out Amador In First Round of North Coast Section

By Nathan Canilao

The Granada High School softball team defeated the Amador Valley Dons 2-1 on May 18. The Matadors survive a first round upset and move on in the North Coast Section playoffs.

The Dons struck first, scoring the first run of the game in the third inning, taking a 1-0 lead.

The Matadors would come back in the fourth inning and

score their only two runs of the game. Their bullpen would shut out the Dons for the rest of the game and they would walk away with a victory.

Junior Leanna May was a stand out for the Matadors in a rare team struggle on the offensive end. She went 1-for-2 with two RBIs.

The Matadors pitching was outstanding. Junior Sierra Black pitched three innings and struck out five batters

and gave up only one run. Senior Alex Mello pitched four innings and struck out four batters.

The Matadors advance in the NCS playoffs and will look to cap off their NCS run with a championship.

The Dons season ended with a loss in the first round, but their late season push was able to get them into the NCS playoffs. They finish the year with a 10-12 record with a 5-8 record in league play.



On Saturday May 21st the Livermore Aquacowboys hosted four-time Olympic Medalist, American Record Holder and NCAA Champion Abbey Weitzeil. Abbey grew up swimming in Southern California and is a graduate of UC Berkeley. Over 130 athletes from the Livermore Aquacowboys were in attendance for the swim clinic. (Photo courtesy of Jamie Schellenberg)

Foothill Students Notch Top 10 Finishes at International Conference

Foothill High School seniors Jason Yu and Michael Zong finished third in Business Law and Ethics Team Decision Making competition at the DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Atlanta last month.

Two juniors in the Foothill DECA program, Tanvi Kapse and Maanya Raghuram, were also Top 10 finalists in Travel and Tourism Team Decision Making.

DECA is a nonprofit organization that helps prepare

students in high school and college for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. The organization's competitive events are designed to simulate real-life business scenarios while testing students' knowledge and skills development.

Seven other Foothill DECA members advanced to semi-finalist rounds in individual events:

Isabel Dong was a semi-finalist in the written phase of Integrated Marketing Campaign-Service.

Varunavee Mohanraj, Retail Merchandising Series, and Shristi Rath, Hotel and Lodging Management Series, were semifinalists in the roleplay competitions.

Misha Jain, Business Services Marketing Series, Emma Lin, Business Growth Plan, Jasmine Phan, Apparel and Accessories Marketing Series, and Aly Tran, Business Growth Plan, were overall semifinalists.

More than 14,000 DECA members competed at the ICDC, representing char-

Foothill Advances in NCS Playoffs

By Nathan Canilao

The Foothill High Falcons baseball team defeated Heritage High School 9-0 in the North Coast Section Quarterfinals on May 20. The Falcons shutout the Patriots with excellent pitching from their bullpen.

The Falcons scored four runs in the first inning to start the game, putting them up 4-0.

After scoring two runs in the fourth inning, they would tack on three more in the fifth inning to push their lead to nine.

Their defense also stood out, shutting out the Patriots who scored ten runs in their previous game against Berkeley High School.

Junior Tyler Gebb started the game for the Falcons and struck out four batters in 5.2 innings while allowing just three hits. Junior Brendan Comerford and senior Will Spinola combined to pitch two innings and allowed just two hits.

Senior Nick Walsh had a big game for the Falcons offensively. He went 3-for-4 with two RBIs and a double. Senior Evan Bilter went 2-for-3 with two RBIs. The Falcons totaled 14 hits on

the day as a team.

Foothill advances in the NCS playoffs with the win. They will look to host and play in a NCS championship as they advance through the bracket.



Foothill's Evan Bilter slides safely into second base covered by Heritage shortstop Elijah Wood during the May 20 game of the quarterfinals, 2022 North Coast Section Championships, Division 1. Foothill won 9-0. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Tri-Valley Track Team Shines at Meet of Champions

By Nathan Canilao

The end of the track season is near, but the Tri-Valley hosted one more event to showcase the best track teams in the Bay Area. The North Coast Section Meet of Champions took place on May 20-21 at Dublin High School and multiple Tri-Valley high schools participated.

Dublin High dominated the girls' unified 100M dash, with two Gaels taking the top spot. Rachel Johnson-Okwudiafor and Nyla Williams took first place with a time of 27.36.

On the boys' side for the Gaels, Anish Kasam took first place in the 300M hurdles with a time of 39.25.

The team of Brandon Burns, Alexander Franco,

Takihero Masubuchi and Manogya Yara took first place in the boys' 4x400M relay with a time of 3:20.82.

Dublin also took first place in the boys' pole vault. Khaliq Muhammed finished with a score of 15-07.00.

The Amador Valley Dons also took first place in the girls' long jump. Kiana Lum finished with a jump measuring 17-00.75.

Volleyball Season Ends with Second Round Loss for Amador

By Nathan Canilao

The Amador Valley Dons' volleyball team was defeated in the second round of the California Interscholastic Federation NorCal playoffs by the Woodcreek High Timberwolves on May 19 by a score of 3-0.

The Dons started off the match with a loss in the first set 25-15. The Timberwolves were able to capitalize off of their mistakes and attacked the Dons early.

The second set was much more competitive with both teams going back and forth. The Timberwolves scored three consecutive points in the second set to seal the victory.

The third set looked much like the first as the Timberwolves went on the attack early. They were able to close out the Dons with a 25-16 win.

The Dons' season ends with a loss in the state play-

offs. They finished the year 28-8 with a 16-2 record in league play.

Amador secured the top spot in the East Bay Athletic League regular season. They won games against notable opponents such as Granada, De La Salle and Las Lomas.

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Tri-Valley Students Earn Bachelor of Science Degrees

Kyra S. Clark, from Livermore, and Daniel Yang, from Pleasanton, recently received Bachelor of Science degrees from Harvey Mudd College in Clairmont, California.

Clark, who attended Livermore High School, majored in computer science, with a second major in media studies. She graduated with high distinction with departmental honors in humanities.

Yang, who attended Amador Valley High School, majored in computer science and mathematics. He also graduated with high distinction and departmental honors in engineering.

Harvey Mudd College, part of the Clairmont Col-

leges consortium, focuses on teaching science, tech-

nology, engineering, and mathematics.

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Livermore Libraries to Host Bike Repair Sessions Hosted by Transportation Commission

The BikeMobile, a free bicycle repair service sponsored by the Alameda County Transportation Commission, will make stops at all three Livermore Public Library branches during June.

Mechanics will be on hand to fix flat tires, adjust brakes and gears, or replace broken or worn-out parts, including chains, seats, and tires. The BikeMobile will be at the Springtown Library,

998 Bluebell Dr., from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, June 21; at the Rincon Library, 725 Rincon Ave., from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, June 24; and at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Liver-

more Ave., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 25.

The service, part of the county's Safe Routes to Schools Program, is open to all ages. No pre-registration is required, however, the Bike-

Mobile is only able to guarantee to fix bikes for the first 20 people who sign up the day of the event.

The BikeMobile will also conduct two 30-minute online information sessions via Zoom

in June. The first session, at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, will explain why bicycles are good for their riders and the environment and will explore such innovations as chicken stunt bikes,

banana bikes, and couch bikes. To join the session, visit bit.ly/3vbnRSa. The second online session, at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, will offer a tutorial on how to fix flat tires. To join the

session, visit bit.ly/3vbnRSa.

During each of the online sessions, the BikeMobile will give away a free bike accessory kit, including a u-lock, light set, pump, and patch kit.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 22CV010036

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner:
Lisa Ann Carter
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filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name:
Lisa Ann Carter

Proposed Name:
Lisa Ann Holmquist

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 6/10/2022
Time: 11:00 AM
Dept: 17
The address of the court is: **Alameda County Administration Building 1221 Oak Street Oakland, CA 94612**
A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation printed in this county: The Independent Newspaper 2250 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550 Dated: 4/18/2022 /s/ Electronically Filed - Xian-xii Bowie, Deputy Clerk - Judge Hon. Frank Roesch. The Independent, Legal No. 5144, Published April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 588368
The following person(s) doing business as: Nourish Healthy Habits, 5806 W. Las Positas Blvd, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Karuna Khara, 5806 W. Las Positas Blvd, 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: 12/9/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Karuna Khara, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 19, 2022. Expires April 18, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5150 Published May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 588078
The following person(s) doing business as: Aloha Nail, 869 E. Stanley Blvd, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lan Xuan Nguyen, 534 Downsglen Blvd, San Jose, CA 95133. 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: 4/4/22. Signature of Registrant/s/: Lan Xuan Nguyen, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 7, 2022. Expires April 6, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5151 Published May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 588408
The following person(s) doing business as: Oaktown Flour Shop, 6662 Liggett Drive, Oakland, CA 94611, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Christine Ong, 6662 Liggett Drive, 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: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Christine Ong, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 20, 2022. Expires April 19, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5152 Published May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 588598
The following person(s) doing business as: Wiztech Computer & IT, 5147 Sunburst Lane, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the fol-

lowing owner(s): Cody Joseph Shubin, 5147 Sunburst Lane, 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/: Cody Joseph Shubin, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 27, 2022. Expires April 26, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5153 Published May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 588549
The following person(s) doing business as: Lusty Creations, 3856 Dartmouth Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): LustyCo, LLC, 3856 Dartmouth Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/12/22. Signature of Registrant/s/: Christine Lusty, CEO/Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 26, 2022. Expires April 25, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5154 Published May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 588665
The following person(s) doing business as: Bag C Mini (Bay Area Gun Club Mini), 1463 103rd Ave, Oakland, CA 94603, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bay Area Gun Club Mini (Bag C.), 2112 Silver Oak Lane, Cares, CA 95307. 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/: Channon SMith, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 29, 2022. Expires April 28, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5155 Published May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 588684
The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Paula LeDuc Fine Catering & Events; 2. LeDuc Events, 1350 Park Ave, Emeryville, CA 94608, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Une Fete Complete, 1350 Park Ave, Emeryville, CA 94608. 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: 4/1/22. Signature of Registrant/s/: Tom F. Devine, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 29, 2022. Expires April 28, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5156 Published May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 588664
The following person(s) doing business as: Truck'N on C.G. Smith's Authority, 1463 103rd Ave, Oakland, CA 94603, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Truck'N on C.G. Smith's Authority, 2112 Silver Oak Lane, Cares, CA 95307. 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/: Channon Smith, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 29, 2022. Expires April 28, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5157 Published May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 588892
The following person(s) doing business as: Traveling Tax Lady, 38399 Birch Street, Newark, CA 94560, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Patricia E. Fretty, 38399 Birch Street, Newark, CA 94560. 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: 1/1/2017. Signature of Registrant/s/: Patricia E. Fretty, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 6, 2022. Expires May 5, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5158 Published May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 588435
The following person(s) doing business as: Third Culture Bakery, 2701 8th Street, Unit 101, Berkeley, CA 94710, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Third Culture Food Group, 2701 8th Street, Unit 101, Berkeley, CA 94710. 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: 4/30/2017. Signature of Registrant/s/: Raymond Butarbutar, CEO, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 21, 2022. Expires April 20, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5159 Published May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 588717
The following person(s) doing business as: Nomada, Coaching & Consulting, 1015 Park Hills Road, Berkeley, CA 94708, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jodi Pincus, 1015 Park Hills Rd, Berkeley, CA 94708. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/2/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jodi Pincus, Sole Proprietor, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 2, 2022. Expires May 1, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5160 Published May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 2022.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 22CV010768

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

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Attorney for Jerry Peter Walker (AKA Gerard Peter Garand) filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name:
Gerard Peter Garand

Proposed Name:
Jerry Peter Walker

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 588817
The following person(s) doing business as: Eli's Room, 4147 Freeda CT., Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Carey Hylton, 4147 Freeda CT., Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Carey Hylton, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 4, 2022. Expires May 3, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5162 Published May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 589001
The following person(s) doing business as: Bangles and Bovines, 751 Polaris Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Theresa Kummerer, 751 Polaris Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/30/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Theresa Kummerer, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 12, 2022. Expires May 11, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5163 Published May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 2022.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 22CV011323

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner:
Cheri Diana Zoellner
3421 Cornerstone Court, Apt 116
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(925)775-5043
nolafans@att.net
filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name:
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Proposed Name:
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THE COURT ORDERS
that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 589153
The following person(s) doing business as: Bob's Discount Liquors #7, 32154 Alvarado Blvd, Union City, CA 94587, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jay Umiya INC, 32154 Alvarado Blvd, Union City, CA 94587. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/17/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Nehal Patel, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 17, 2022. Expires May 16, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5165 Published May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 589113
The following person(s) doing business as: Green Valley Landscape, 3991 First Street, Suite B, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Green Valley Group, 3991 First Street, Suite B, Livermore, CA 94551. 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: 6/6/1996. Signature of Registrant/s/: Frank N. Smith, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 16, 2022. Expires May 15, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5166 Published May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 589092
The following person(s) doing business as: Barn It Up With BG, 4696 Amy Court, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bettygene Egan, 4696 Amy Court, 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/: Bettygene Egan, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 16, 2022. Expires May 15, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5170.

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FILE NO. 589096
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FILE NO. 589170
The following person(s) doing business as: Appliance Solution, 3926 Stoneridge Drive, Apt# 6, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ramon Ruiz, 3926 Stoneridge Drive, Apt# 6, 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/: Ramon Ruiz, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 17, 2022. Expires May 16, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5171. Published May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 2022.

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Supporters contend affordable housing is necessary in the city, where Bay Area housing prices and rents are high. The project is supported by several Livermore and Bay Area anti-poverty and environmental organizations, including the Livermore Housing Authority, East Bay Housing Organizations, the Tri-Valley Anti-Poverty Collaborative and Greenbelt Alliance.

Linda Mandolini, the president of Eden Housing, said before the council's vote that efforts to prevent the project will continue to fail in court.

"Had we not been sued, this project would be in construction right now and we would be welcoming 130 families to their homes next year," Mandolini said. "It is really unfortunate that we continue to be basically delayed for no legitimate reason."

SLD, in opposing the project, insists it is for building affordable housing in Livermore, but prefers that the Eden project be moved across Railroad Avenue to the north. They contend that this site could provide up to 230 affordable units. They prefer that the current Eden site be used for a park and contend the plain, four-story Eden buildings will destroy the downtown's character. SLD has engaged an appraiser, and has identified city low cost housing funds and other appropriate sources sufficient to acquire the parcels north of Railroad Avenue.

Following the council's approval last year, SLD filed suit, claiming the two buildings are so massive they will not comply with the city's Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) that created policies and standards for downtown revitalization developments. Opposite the four-story Legacy Apartments on L Street, they allege the four-story Eden buildings will create a canyon-like effect.

SLD's attorney argued in Alameda Superior Court in February that the project also did not comply with requirements in the DSP that ensured, for example, no parking occurs between a city street and the residential building, that the primary building entrance fronts onto a city street, and that windows must be taller than they are wide.

SLD also charged that the city's approval violated the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because officials relied on a 2009 review, and did not conduct a new study to determine whether soil vapor — gas from toxic chemicals in the ground — posed a danger. The site previously contained a supermarket, a Southern Pacific Railroad depot, and businesses that included auto body shops and a dry cleaners.

The city argued in response that courts normally defer to cities to determine whether developers have met their design standards. The city's attorney stated that the Eden project did comply with the Specific Plan, that the city did not have to eliminate existing parking along Veterans Way, that there was a building entrance on Railroad Avenue, and that some vertical windows have been joined and thus appear to be more wide than high.

In addition, the city said that soil tests found no serious contamination that could endanger future Eden residents.

Saying the lawsuit was without merit, Judge Frank Roesch sided with the city and Eden.

SLD recently appealed Roesch's decision to the California Court of Appeal.

SLD noted that Roesch had an unusually high rate of his decisions being overturned, 44% in full or in part.

During the Tuesday council meeting, the City Attorney said it could take a year or more for the appeal to be heard. He said the city was working to accelerate the case.

"That said, the city's legal team is confident that the Court of Appeals will confirm the trial court's judgment and reject Save Livermore Downtown's appeal."

Although the case remains unresolved, Livermore's Housing Manager Fran Reisner told the council that city staff had gone forward with other work to keep the project in order, including gathering community input to design Veterans Park and taking steps to begin construction this fall of the L Street garage.

The council's latest vote, she said, made some changes to the delayed deal, including restarting the clock once the Appellate Court rules, and transferring the property to Eden by the end of September, three months earlier than initially planned. The earlier transfer, Reisner said, would enable Eden to work on securing more funding.

The amended deals also would allow the City Manager to complete documents, including an amended environmental indemnity agreement that would divide up the environmental responsibilities and costs between Eden and the city, a future contract for the construction of Veterans Park, and a lease for 15 resident parking spaces in the L Street garage.

The deal includes a provision that, if Eden defaults before securing construction financing, the city would repossess the site but would forgive a \$500,000 predevelopment loan and repay other predevelopment loans secured to the site. The city would then locate another developer to assume the loan. Officials said they did not expect Eden to default.

During 90-minutes of public comment Monday night, 26 people who spoke during the virtual meeting supported the council's approval. Thirteen people spoke against it.

In addition, 13 wrote letters in support, and another three against.

Speaking in favor, General Plan Committee member Tracy Kronzak decried "trumped up issues" and misinformation from those opposed to Eden. She called the council's decision a "vote for the future."

"This is a vote for being on the right side of history," Kronzak said. "This is a vote for creating and executing the downtown plan to its fullest potential. Let's remove one more obstacle to the economic growth, the health of our city and facilitate living up to the ideals our residents have repeat-

edly asked us to ensure."

Susan Putnam, a 14-year Livermore resident, encouraged the council to vote against the project. Putnam said everyone agrees a vibrant downtown is critical to the city's future to build a long-term foundation for business, commerce, tourism and "the vitality of its Livermore residents and families."

"Unfortunately, the current plan for housing directly in the middle of downtown does not bring the promise of future growth," she said. "This has been expressed over and over again by the majority of Livermore residents who view a more inclusive plan and vision for a downtown with open space, gathering venues, businesses, plus low income housing that could be relocated nearby for the benefit of these families."

Matthew Wardlaw, a 34-year-old Livermore resident, was among several union representatives who said the project's approval would provide local jobs for construction workers, as well as housing many could not afford.

"I believe this project will be good for the community," Wardlaw said. "I believe this will be good for people like me who are union workers that live in Livermore. My best friend was born here and raised here and went to school with me and he had to move. So did my other best friend. A project like this might give them the opportunity to come back so we can have our kids be together through school... Let's get some housing back for the people that were born and raised here."

Tony Hunter, a downtown Livermore resident, urged the council to reject the agreement, saying that from the start, the Eden proposal never met the downtown plan's requirements.

"It violates the city's own rules on parking, drastically reducing the size and number of public parking spaces downtown, all to accommodate these developers," Hunter said. "This, despite the fact that in 2017 the downtown steering committee survey listed parking as the number one most important thing for Livermore residents downtown. Do not extend any new taxpayer funds and handouts, loans or special accommodations to Eden. Please stand up for Livermore residents and oppose Eden."

Alan Burnham, speaking in favor of the project, said it was time for the city to approve the affordable housing project or risk the state stepping in to meet its goals.

"If this agreement is not passed, it's more likely that we will get a larger project under state law, perhaps seven stories with less parking, than a larger park," Burnham said. "What (opponents) are proposing is just not going to happen...."

"I wish those opposing the housing of this location would have used their considerable financial resources earlier to work with the city rather than against it to enable a better alternative, instead of publishing unworkable notional concepts or simply being an obstructionist, but it is too late now."

City Council members

took note of the public comments, which tallied in their favor. Bonnano said the strong support and two election cycles validated the council's vote. They dismissed opponents' comments that said the majority of residents opposed the project.

"We all need to keep in mind that this is wasting your money," Bonanno said. "It's wasting my money and it's wasting the money of anybody who lives or pays taxes in Livermore. We're losing valuable staff time to distractions and lawsuits that have been deemed utterly without merit. So what's been accomplished? They've delayed the project and they've wasted taxpayer dollars. And they continue to do this while the city and the whole country was fighting a global pandemic."

Councilman Bob Carling said he hoped SLD would drop its lawsuit, but he said he suspected the group will "dig in and keep fighting this tooth and nail for reasons that are not clear." He said that those who believe they are in the majority in opposing the project are wrong.

"I do think we've listened to the residents," Carling said. "Since 2018, we've been voting for this. The public is behind us... I would hope again that SLD would stop wasting our time and taxpayers' money."

City Councilwoman Trish Munro said the Eden project was needed "yesterday" in a region where people live in homes worth a "million-plus." She said she heard "dog whistles of racism and classism" in the comments of some who spoke against the project.

"Those who say 'I want affordable housing but not there,' do not want to believe that they are engaging in this behavior," Munro said.

Munro said residents with secure shelter are obligated to enable others to have security with "real homes, not fantasies to soothe their troubled conscience."

"By the way," Munro said. "Some of those with secure homes have had the chutzpah to suggest that the city take the land north of Railroad by eminent domain. To them I say, 'Can we start with your house?'"

Councilwoman Brittini Kiick described herself as a renter who cannot afford to own a home in Livermore. She said the City Attorney had to determine if a renter could serve on the City Council. During the pandemic, she said, she used COVID-19 funds residents received to survive and to help her move to a rental on

a home's back lot.

"I just would like to remind my literal neighbors who spoke last night, (who) live to the right and across the street, that it's people like me that you don't want in our community," Kiick said. "Having you not realize that or have the understanding of how those words cut is disappointing. I'm not mad. I'm just disappointed."

King summarized her position by saying, "This City needs a new City Council that actually listens to constituents who want both affordable housing and an inspiring downtown park."



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