

Fire Fighters, Union Reach Contract Deal

By Larry Altman

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and its firefighters' union recently reached agreement on a new contract that includes a 13% wage increase spread over the next 3 1/2 years.

Members of the International Association of Firefighters Local 1974 ratified the agreement June 18 following mediation hearings in late May. The Pleasanton City Council will hold a special "sunshine" meeting Tuesday to review the contract and has scheduled a vote to consider approval at its July 19 meeting, City Manager Gerry Beaudin said on June 22.

The Livermore City Council approved the contract at its meeting Monday June 27.

"We are proud of our firefighters and the services they provide to our communities," Marysheva said. "Under the leadership of Chief (Joe) Testa, we look forward to the future of the department and a positive and productive partnership with our firefighters to continue to provide the exceptional services our communities so richly deserve."

Joe McThorn, president of the IAFF Local 1974, said his membership overwhelmingly approved the contract on June 18. He declined to provide the breakdown of the votes.

"It's a good fair contract for both parties," McThorn said. "It's impactful policies that help not only the city,

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Evan Branning Set to Run for Council Seat

Evan Branning, a Livermore resident and activist who teaches culinary arts at Village Continuation High School in Pleasanton, has



Evan Branning

announced he will run for the District 1 seat on the Livermore City Council.

"Livermore is a really great place to live," Branning said. "I love the community, culture, food, wine, and activities. My wife, Nicole, and I have made a lot of good friends and feel totally supported and welcomed. I'm running to help make things a little easier for people. Times have been tough and I want to work to make sure the city can improve people's quality of life as much as possible."

Livermore recently adopted a new map with four district council seats and the mayor elected at large.

Branning is currently a member of the Livermore Planning Commission, and previously served on several advisory boards, including the Human Services Commission, Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Foundation, and Alameda County Public Health Commission.



A fire near the Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park forced evacuations for residents living in the vicinity of Golden Eagle Estates in Pleasanton on Friday, June 24. The blaze burned approximately 120 acres according to Cal Fire. There were no reported injuries or damage to homes. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Council Explores Redistricting Maps

By David Jen

DUBLIN — The city council reviewed on June 21 the first set of draft maps that will divide the city into four voting districts for city council elections beginning 2024. The meeting served as the third of five public hearings required for the city to transition from an at-large election system to a district-based one.

National Demographics Corporation (NDC) — consultants to the city in the districting process — presented nine draft maps submitted by the public and three draft maps drawn by NDC demographers. NDC disqualified an additional four public maps because

of excessive population deviations.

NDC asked the council to apply a prioritized list of criteria, as defined by state and federal law, when considering the maps.

"The most important thing for you to consider is not dividing your neighborhoods and communities of interest," said NDC Consultant Kristen Parks. "That's really your top priority in evaluating these maps."

Other criteria included population numbers, geographical contiguity, easily identifiable boundaries and geographical compactness.

While the need to balance populations across districts may necessitate

neighborhood splits, Mayor Melissa Hernandez, along with Vice Mayor Jean Josey and Councilmember Shawn Kumagai, expressed desires not to divide the Camp Parks neighborhood nor the transit center neighborhoods when drawing the district boundaries.

The council also considered the racial composition of districts — one of the motivating factors behind by-district elections — while looking at the various maps. Dublin's Asian Pacific Islander (API) residents make up 54% of the city's voting age population according to NDC.

"I would really like to see that we have two major

(See MAPS, page 10)

Funding Not Available for Rehab Center

By Dawnmarie Fehr

LIVERMORE — The City of Livermore is reconsidering plans for a treatment facility after learning the state funding portion of the project has been exhausted.

The funding, made available through the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program, would have created a treatment center for substance and medication abuse, and the homeless at 2347 Walnut Street in Livermore.

The site was home to Victory Baptist Church and the city had advanced a bridge loan in the amount of \$2.4 million to the Housing

Consortium of the East Bay (HCEB) to purchase the property. Questions about why the city and council were unaware that the funding was not available prior to the announcement of the plans for the treatment center, were not answered as of press time.

Now, with funding unavailable, the county's ability to fund a treatment facility at this location is uncertain. HCEB will continue to act as the holder of the property for up to two years as the city and community partners explore potential uses of the property which could include, but are not limited to, affordable housing,

youth counseling services, and substance use disorder treatment.

Livermore's Assistant City Manager, Christine Martin, said after two years, the use of the property will revert to the city.

"The funds for the loan were from affordable housing, so it would be that type of project," Martin said of what the city might do with the property. "We wouldn't do a treatment facility because we don't have the operational wherewithal to run that; it's the county's bailiwick. So, the other uses apply, affordable housing, counseling, or something

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Livermore High, Community Celebrate New Sports Center

By Ruth Roberts

LIVERMORE — The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) cut the ceremonial ribbon on Livermore High School's new gymnasium facility last week, marking the official opening of the much-anticipated state-of-the-art complex.

"The Livermore community made the completion of this incredible facility possible with their support of the Measure J Bond. We were thrilled to give them the opportunity to see it up close and appreciate the impact that improved school facilities will have on our students and the future stu-

dents of Livermore," stated LVJUSD Superintendent Kelly Bowers.

The two-story gymnasium facility is 49,000 square feet and includes a main gym with mezzanine bleachers, practice gym, wrestling room, dance studio, weight room, PE classroom, team rooms, boys' and girls' locker rooms, concessions kitchen, patio and a ticket booth.

The project broke ground in the summer of 2020. With students learning from home during the pandemic, the project was accelerated, and completed ahead of schedule and under budget, according to LVJUSD Coordinator of Community Engagement

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Livermore High School's new gymnasium complex was officially opened on Saturday, June 25 during a community ribbon-cutting event. Funded by Measure J bonds, the two-story structure is 49,000 square feet and boasts a practice gym, wrestling and weight rooms and a dance studio. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Protections Expand for Women, Abortion Providers Under Bauer-Kahan's Bill

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — Reacting to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, Tri-Valley State Sen. Rebecca Bauer-Kahan joined Gov. Gavin Newsom last week as he signed her bill to protect California's abortion providers and women who come to the state for care.

Bauer-Kahan's bill, AB 1666, went into effect immediately June 24, just hours after the court's expected ruling became official. It declares that any civil legal action brought against abortion providers, or women seeking care, to be against the public policy of California and unenforceable in the courts.

The state Senate passed the bill last Thursday.

"Twenty-six million women nationwide are already facing near-total abor-

tion bans, and the U.S. Supreme Court has abandoned its duty to ensure their equal rights," Bauer-Kahan said in a statement. "Extremist laws from anti-choice states are putting California and its providers in danger. AB 1666 creates a strong legal shield to ensure abortion care stays legal in our state."

On Monday, June 27, California state lawmakers announced that a constitutional amendment will be on the ballot in November for voters to decide to protect reproductive rights.

Newsom, Bauer-Kahan and U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell, who represents much of the Tri-Valley in Congress, and U.S. Rep. Mark DeSaulnier, who will soon represent a portion of Dublin in Congress, were among top local Democrats voicing outrage at the court's ruling, which was expected after a copy

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Commission Moves Ahead On Vineyard Sewer Project

By David Jen

LIVERMORE — On June 21, the planning commission gave their support for a draft supplemental environmental impact report (EIR) for the construction of a South Livermore Valley sewer line. The sewer line project intends to provide sewer service beyond the city's boundaries to help address groundwater issues from current septic systems and help revitalize the South Livermore wine region, according to the staff report.

"Initially, when we adopted the (South Livermore Valley Area Plan), which I think was about 1990, there

was a requirement that vineyards be planted," said Stein. "Those are now getting to the end of life and we need to have some way of encouraging further expansion and replanting."

Last November, the city council directed staff to prepare a ballot initiative that would amend the South Livermore Valley Urban Growth Boundary General Plan to allow for the extension of sanitary sewer lines beyond the Urban Growth Boundary.

"This is one way to make sure that the economy is there, that the infrastructure is there, that that continues

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Rising Fuel Costs Cause Hike In Pleasanton Garbage Rates

By David Jen

PLEASANTON — Customers of Pleasanton Garbage Service (PGS) will see a 5.8% rate increase beginning July 1 to help pay for the rising cost of fuel and to comply with new state composting requirements.

Residential rates for a 35-gallon cart will increase from \$27.58 to \$29.18 per month, while rates for a 96-gallon cart will increase from \$48.12 to \$50.91 per month.

The rate increase, unani-

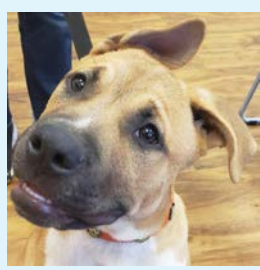
mously approved by the city council on June 21, bases itself on an index of expenses each year.

"The highest expenses were related to fuel this year — no surprise there," said Becky Hopkins, assistant to the city manager.

PGS's diesel fuel costs increased 64% from the previous fiscal year and compressed natural gas costs increased 27.7%, according to the staff report.

Senate Bill (SB) 1383, (See GARBAGE, page 8)

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Local Resident Paying it Forward to Single Moms

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Livermore resident Chloe Laponte is doing her best to pay it forward for single moms.

Although not a single mother herself, Laponte was raised by a single mom, and wants to support women who are parenting alone.

“That’s what made me appreciate how much work it is,” said Laponte who has a 3-year-old daughter with her husband. “Just (my husband and I) tag-teaming one child made me realize how difficult it must have been for my mom to have three of us and do it on her own.”

Laponte’s mother, Gail Edwards, moved into her parents’ house with her three young children after she divorced her husband. Laponte remembers how much her grandparents, especially her grandmother, Rita Gonzales, did to help and support Edwards. Now, to honor Gonzales’s memory, Laponte pays it forward to a single mom every June on her grandmother’s birthday.

“This started the year I had Olivia,” Laponte said. “I started it because even being pregnant at home, I realized how much I depended on my mom, and my mom was a single mom

of three. She did so much more.”

Previously, Laponte had quietly asked around her community to see if anyone knew of a single mom who needed a little help in the form of a small donation and gently used toys for her children. This year, she took it to Facebook, posting on the popular Livermore Rants and Raves page to ask for help finding a recipient.

“I had overwhelming feedback,” Laponte said. “Not just the comments, but I received DMs (direct messages) and a lot of those were from women offering support and saying how touched they were. I honestly didn’t expect that, I thought I’d maybe get two or three people.”

Olivia got into the spirit of the donation too pulling from her own toy collection. She even offered up \$5 from her piggy bank. Laponte was able to find a local single mom and donate some toys, but the woman declined the cash donation. Laponte promised to double the money and pay it forward to the next mom. She plans to reach out to a local organization to donate the rest of the toys she has collected.

“I think that is bloody awesome,” said Edwards,

Laponte’s mother. “My mother would have been so proud to think she was

ous, she was an RN in her professional life and her life was in service to oth-



Olivia Laponte, 3, is helping her mom assist single mothers in Livermore through a grassroots effort to pay it forward. (Photo courtesy of Chloe Laponte)

the inspiration for helping out another single mom. My mother was very gener-

ers and to us. I think she would have been just over the moon.”

Virtual Eden Housing Debate to Be Held June 30

Joya’s Steam House Coffee & Kava Bar, 1935 Second St., Livermore, will host a debate on Thursday, June 30, over the proposed development of 130 affordable housing units in the downtown area.

The city has reached an agreement with Eden Housing in Hayward to develop and manage the housing project. However, a group known as Save Livermore Downtown (SLD) wants the project moved to a different location.

According to organizers, representatives from SLD declined to participate in the debate, so its side will be represented by reading from letters to the editor, public statements, and advertisements. Livermore

Mayor Bob Woerner will represent the city and respond, debate style, to the SLD statements.

Dubbed the “Eden Housing Debate,” the program will run from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will be streamed over Zoom.

As a proxy for SLD’s direct participation, excerpts from SLD letters to the editor, statements, and advertisements related to Eden Housing will be presented during the event. Mayor Woerner will respond to SLD’s position in a simulated debate format.

To attend the event, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85450922441>. The meeting ID is 854 5092 2441.

To attend by phone, dial 669-900-6833.

COVID-19 Mask Mandate Lifted for Alameda County

Health officials announced that Alameda County health officials have announced that the local order requiring masks in most indoor public settings, have been lifted effective June 25.

The state and Alameda County continue to strongly recommend masking indoors. Daily reported COVID-19 cases have peaked and continue to decline, and case rates are improving across each of the county’s largest racial and ethnic groups, including Hispanic/Latino residents who were once

again disproportionately affected. Local wastewater data, which provides information about the amount of COVID-19 circulating in the community even when reported case information is incomplete, supports these trends. While the number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 remains elevated, daily new hospital admissions of patients with COVID-19 have stabilized. Alameda County has moved from CDC’s “High” (Orange) COVID-19 Community Level to “Moderate”

(Yellow).

“Conditions have stabilized following the sustained increases in case reports and hospitalizations we saw throughout May,” said Alameda County Health Officer Dr. Nicholas Moss. “While we expect continued impacts from COVID-19 in the coming weeks and masks remain strongly recommended, it is appropriate to step down from the health officer masking order at this time.”

Despite these improvements, residents should anticipate substantial ongoing

impacts from COVID-19 after the order is lifted. Indoor masking continues to be required by the state for everyone, regardless of vaccination status, in health care settings; congregate settings like correctional facilities and homeless shelters; and long-term care facilities.

“Masks work and are still an important tool to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities, especially when rates are high,” said Dr. Moss. “We strongly encourage everyone to continue masking.”

Contra Costa County Property Tax Increase To Cover Rising State Water Project Costs

By David Jen

Some Contra Costa County residents will pay more property taxes beginning July 1 to cover increased State Water Project (SWP) costs. The new charges come as a result of a unanimous Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) decision during a June 21 board of directors meeting.

Single-family detached homes will pay \$87.88 per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU), compared to the previous \$61.34 per EDU levied last fiscal year. Multi-family attached homes will pay \$35.14 per EDU, compared to \$24.52 per EDU previously.

While Zone 7 directly collects SWP costs from DSRSD customers in Alameda County, “Zone 7 lacks authority to collect these costs on the property tax rolls in Contra Costa County,” according to a report prepared by consultants at NBS. The DSRSD-approved property tax increase therefore serves as an alternative way to pay for SWP water delivered to Zone 7.

No members of the public spoke on the SWP charges at the June 21 meeting.

The California SWP, which consists of canals, pipelines, reservoirs and hydroelectric facilities that extend across two-thirds of the state, delivers clean water to 27 million Californians where local sources fall short. The project also provides flood control, power generation, recreational activities and environmental stewardship, according to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR).

At the same June 21 meeting, the board also heard an update on the district’s water conservation status in response to the ongoing drought that began in 2020.

“DSRSD demands have hardened since the last drought,” said DSRSD senior engineer Irene Suroso, who presented a graph of

this year’s potable water demands that closely tracked those of 2020. Both years remain above target usage levels despite outreach efforts from the district and drought messaging from the state.

The State Water Board adopted a second water conservation emergency regulation last month, following the first emergency regulation in January that, among other things, prohibited watering of commercial, industrial and commercial decorative grass, and re-

quired urban water suppliers to implement their level 2 demand reduction actions by June 10.

DSRSD’s level 2 actions included requiring hotels to offer linen service opt-out, requiring restaurants to only serve water upon request, and limiting landscape irrigation to specific days and times.

California will enter the dry summer months with below-average reservoir storage and essentially non-existent snowpack, according to the DWR.

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Livermore City Council Receives 20 Year Update on Measure D

By Aly Brown

LIVERMORE — The city council this week received a 20-year report on Measure D, which was passed by voters in 2000 to protect agriculture and open space from urban sprawl and agreed to move forward with proposed amendments to expand some activities allowed in the protected area.

Presented during the council's regular June 27 meeting, the report by Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) considered the efficacy of Measure D, which established an Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). Since that time, "no changes to the UGB have occurred, and no urban development has displaced agricultural or open space lands on the outside of the UGB," according to the report.

However, LAFCo also found the agricultural economy to be stable but stagnant, and suggested changes that would allow for larger agricultural building sizes,

cannabis cultivation or sales in certain regions, and more visitor-serving uses.

"The stability of overall agricultural business revenue is driven by continued strong growth in sales and wine grapes," said Rachel Jones, LAFCo executive officer. "However, the wine industry's revenue eclipses the relatively sizable decline in sales revenue and productive agricultural use of other agricultural activities, like crop harvesting and horse boarding within East County."

Jones said these findings contributed to the recommendations, later agreed upon by the council during the meeting.

Specifically: The first amendment saw a change to the South Livermore Valley Area Plan's (SLVAP) Floor Area Ratios (FAR) — from 1% to 3.5% — to permit larger agricultural buildings and allow for clustering of development, while still ensuring a minimum of 90% of each parcel would be planted with agriculture.

The second amendment

prohibits commercial hemp and cannabis cultivation in the SLVAP, "until more information exists on the effects of hemp and cannabis on viticulture and other agriculture," while still allowing both in the East County Area Plan (ECAP), a larger territory surrounding the SLVAP.

The third amendment changed the Alameda County Cultivated Agriculture Combining District to allow for such visitor attractions as hot air balloon rides, day spas, a boutique cannabis dispensary, a 140-room resort hotel, a wine country museum or a deli and market.

Vice Mayor Gina Bonanno said the concept of "clustering development" seemed subjective and wanted to ensure that a specific definition of this existed, so it wasn't subject to debate. Jake Potter, city associate planner, explained that an attachment in the staff report outlined this explicitly under "Program BBB," which describes the clustering plan. To review the full report, visit bit.ly/Indy_ProgramBBB.

"So essentially, the building envelopes that are allowed out there today may be combined together to create a larger building envelope to accommodate additional visitor-serving uses there," Potter said.

Potter said the intent of all the recommendations was to increase the Wine Country's viability and that the modifications from the stakeholder groups and LAFCo were consistent with the city's general plan. Among the various stakeholders were the Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC), and Measure D co-author Dick Schneider.

Public commenters Lori Souza and David Epstein of TVC, and David Rounds of Friends of Livermore, spoke in favor of the recommendations.

"Friends of Livermore wholeheartedly supports this effort to modify Measure D with the changes proposed that we believe will improve the viability of agriculture in the South Livermore Valley Area Plan," Rounds said. He noted a number of changes

that need to be made to the draft to make it accurate.

"The summary of the LAFCo report has two im-

portant errors," but they are not reflected in the actual

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Jean Fineberg and JAZZphoria will headline the Tuesday Tunes concert on July 5 at the Shea Homes Stage in the Livermore Plaza adjacent to the Bankhead Theater. (Photos courtesy of Teddy Padilla)

Nationally known Jean Fineberg and JAZZphoria will perform at Tuesday Tunes on July 5 at 6:45 p.m. A contemporary octet based in the San Francisco Bay Area, their material ranges from swing and blues to funk, R&B, hip hop, bebop and New Orleans second line.

The tight four-member horn section and grooving rhythm section replicate the arrangements and power of a jazz orchestra, while presenting a fun and exciting live show. Fineberg has recorded on more than 50 albums, and her compositions have been performed at the Monterey and San Jose Jazz Festivals, Carnegie Hall, The Grammys and the Kennedy Center. The ensemble's musicians

have performed and/or recorded with Melba Liston, David Bowie, Laura Nyro, Andrea Bocelli, Cornell Dupree, Mo'fone and The Montclair Women's Big Band.

Produced by the Livermore Cultural Arts Council, Shea Homes is a main sponsor of Tuesday Tunes, with additional funding by Fremont Bank, Las Positas College Foundation, Uncle Credit Union, Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard, The Independent, and Joan and Lynn Seppala. City municipal codes restricts alcohol consumption in public places.

Next up is the Blue House Band on July 12.

To view an interview of Fineberg and JAZZphoria, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=p8b2UdtieSg

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We also are so thankful for all members of both GHS and LHS Safe and Sober Grad Night 2022 Committees, the Board members of Granada Supporters and LHS PTSA as well as the outstanding parent volunteers who committed their time, talent and energy towards both schools' events!

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EDITORIAL Thanks to Bauer-Kahan for Fighting for Women's Rights

Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, the state assembly member who represents the residents of the Tri-Valley, made history last week when the governor signed her bill, AB 1866.

Seeing the handwriting on the wall in what eventually became the Supreme Court's overturning of *Roe v Wade*, Bauer-Kahan set the ball in motion months ago to protect Californian women's right to choose. AB 1666 states that abortion care will remain legal in California with protections for both patients and healthcare providers.

How lucky we are to have a local advocate who is fighting for what is needed. Bauer-Kahan's determination comes at a time when

political voices, as well as community support, must be strong and clear.

We thank Bauer-Kahan, a mother herself, for understanding that the issue surrounding the Supreme Court's frightening decision is not just about the right to choose, but rather about accessible, safe healthcare, equal rights and freedom.

Fortunately for those of us in California, and specifically the Tri-Valley, we have an advocate such as Bauer-Khan fighting for her constituents. Her commitment comes at a time when political voices, along with community support, must be strong and clear.

For those of us living in California, our

reproductive rights will be secured. But for those living in over half of the states in the union, their rights and their health are at stake; it is incumbent on all of us to do what we can to help.

We encourage our quality healthcare providers here in the Tri-Valley to answer the call, not only to assist residents, but also to offer a safe haven for women in other states in unknown situations, who need affordable healthcare.

These are perilous times in the United States. We must have advocates like Bauer-Kahan to ensure the way forward for women's rights.

MAILBOX

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The End of "The Age of Reason"

Van Rainey, Livermore

I was listening to the testimony of Gabriel Sterling, the COO of the election's office of Georgia's Secretary of State, when he described a discussion, he had with an attorney who was arguing false allegations of potential fraud and malfeasance at the Folsom County election tabulation center at Atlanta's State Farm Arena. In response to the attorney's allegations, Mr. Sterling gave factual responses to refute them. He stated that he had said certain facts, and the Attorney responded simply, "I get that." After continued rebuttal of the specious argument after argument with specific facts supported by irrefutable evidence, the attorney replied after each, "I get that."

Still, in the end, the attorney said, "I still believe in my heart; they stole the election."

When persons, who by their very profession rely on facts and reason, can simply deny reality, because they know better in their heart, we can begin to recognize the perversion of the least and basic notion of decency and righteous behavior that plagues our public square. From the beginning of the Age of Reason when the fundamentals of democratic principles were given birth, they demanded that truth and reason must prevail for the rule of law to remain sacrosanct above the will of men. I argue that it is incumbent on all who choose democracy over autocracy to faithfully commit to understanding, to the best of their ability, the truth and reality.

When I watch attorneys deny facts and people violently invade the Capital and hatefully threaten others in devotion to blatant falsehoods promulgated by an inveterate liar and his sycophants, I think of petulant children, but that would be unfair to the brattiest of kids imaginable. When I watch intemperate speeches at school board meetings that replace loudness for logic, what responsibility do these people feel for reaching others with reason instead of wrath?

I get that we can get emotionally tangled, but like when I get into a dispute with someone I love and care for, we usually start with, "Can we talk?"

Letter to the Editor

Susan Mayall, Livermore

In August, it will be fifty years since my husband and I, with four children and two cats, arrived in Livermore. The hills were brown, the temperature was nearly 100 degrees, and our furniture had not arrived. But, our realtor had left us The Independent, and we started to learn about Livermore. That newspaper itself taught us a lot. What sort of a small city can produce a paper like this? We had lived in many places, all of them small cities. In none of them had we experienced a local publication so literate, so full of real news, covering, it seemed, every activity in town. We began to feel part of the community.

I opened Goodenough Books, and Joan Boer, of The Independent, wrote a long article about us. The Independent helped show me the clientele I was hoping to serve, helped me meet other business people and, covered events we put on in the store. Eventually, I even wrote a regular book column for them. I found The Independent staff honest, intelligent, always helpful, and as interested in being part of Livermore as I was.

Skimming through last week's edition, I see a column on "Revisions to Downtown Hotel Parking," "Livermore School District Superintendent to Retire," "Dublin Winner of DAR Poster Contest," and columns containing information on a new marijuana dispensary, the County Fair, a new police officer in Pleasanton and, the Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo. And, I see no less than 24 letters to the Editor, some quite lengthy, covering topics as varied as nuclear war and Livermore's western culture. How better to learn about Livermore?

We look forward each week to our delivery. So, thank you, The Independent, for helping us make this city our home.

City Council

Maryann Brent, Livermore

To the Marchand and Woerner councils: When it comes to center city plan-

ning, you have let Livermore down. Look at your stubborn effort to place blocks of housing where the majority of residents specifically do not want housing -- that is, the 4-story Legacy project, the 4-story Eden Housing project, adjacent to the 5-level L Street garage. Most recently, we see with dismay the barren, cement covered, unshaded Livermore Plaza.

The center of a town symbolizes its values. You have misunderstood Livermore's character. You have misled and misjudged your population. We need a city council that is in step with its residents.

The Pendulum Needs to Swing Back

Darryl Manrique, Livermore

Last week, I read about how the county board approved the Darcie Kent marijuana permit. I wish I could say I was shocked, but nothing in this immoral state surprises me anymore. I am saddened that our society has come to a point where we feel it is okay to celebrate drug sales. I have lost all respect for the Kent family and will definitely not be patronizing their wine establishment. Selling marijuana is not doing a "service" to our community. It is eroding the moral fabric that holds our community together and is another example to our children that rules only matter until they don't. Does no one else notice the laws and values that used to be at the core of who we are as Americans are slowly being chipped away? I know it is not just California, but California just seems to be the state that likes to pioneer stupidity. I cannot wait to flee this state at my first chance. For the sake of all the good people that can't pack up and leave, I truly hope the pendulum swings back towards sanity soon.

Response to Hutchins Letter to the Editor

David Jonas, Livermore

Dear Jim Hutchins, As the organizer of the "Eden Housing Debate" event, I am uniquely positioned to respond to your letter to the editor entitled "Fake Debates," published in the 6/23 issue of The Independent.

Your assumptions about the event are cynical and misguided.

A bit of background about the event:

The City has communicated the details of the Eden Housing plan via workshops, frequent discussions at City Council meetings and more.

Save Livermore Downtown (SLD) has articulated its position through its website, letters to the editor, public comments, prepared statements and petitions.

To my knowledge, the two sides have never debated the issue in public. That was my goal in organizing "The Eden Housing Debate."

Full disclosure: I am a strong supporter of the city's plan.

My partisanship notwithstanding, I reached out to SLD in an extremely even-handed and collaborative way to secure a debate partner for the event. I contacted SLD on May 27, providing over a month of lead-time. As the Independent article

accurately noted, SLD declined to participate.

Rather than cancel the event or limit it to a one-sided defense of the City's plan, I chose to restructure the event with a simulated debate format.

Rest assured that SLD's position will be represented faithfully, comprehensively and without prejudice.

The article about The Eden Housing Debate in the June 16 issue of The Independent omitted the Zoom connection details. A press release that I submitted to The Independent, and which triggered the article, clearly stated that event was virtual only, and contained the Zoom information. In other words, the article omitted the critical details needed to attend the event.

Immediately upon discovering that omission, I emailed the Independent editor, and very politely asked to include the Zoom details in yesterday's Independent. That request was ignored. Draw your own conclusions.

Editor's Note: In the 6-16-22 issue of The Independent, a staff member handling press releases inadvertently omitted at the end of the story information on how to join the online-only event featuring "The Eden Housing Debate" with Mayor Bob Woerner.

To attend the event, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85450922441>. The meeting ID is 854 5092 2441. To attend by phone, dial 669-900-6833.

The Independent apologizes for the error. The editors are reviewing the press release system and the procedure for responding to emails sent to editor@independentnews.com to ensure that mistakes are avoided in the future.

Once we were advised after the delivery of last week's paper of the error in the Eden Housing Debate article, the Zoom information was included in the online story. The corrected story is also running in this week's edition of the print newspaper.

Oil Shortage

Philip La Scola, Livermore

President Biden and those in his administration want to blame high fuel costs on the gouging oil companies, the war in Ukraine, a lack of refined fuel and even the Trump administration.

His Energy Secretary, Ms. Granholm, has stated all that is needed is more production by the refineries and all will be well; there is more than enough oil. There is truth in that statement.

But, there is a catch. Since Biden took office, he has done everything he can to stifle exploration and make it harder for oil to continue to flow to refineries for production.

First, he canceled the Keystone Pipeline. Oil will continue to flow from Canada to Texas and it will continue to be transported there by railcar and tanker truck — more costly than by pipeline.

He then halted new leases in Alaska's Arctic National Refuge. He banned new oil leases on federal lands, he terminated exploration on existing leases in ANWR and he increased the regulatory burden on building pipelines.

Biden has sworn oil companies like his twined enemy, threatening to put them out

of business as his goal.

If you are the CEO of a major oil company and the President has threatened to put you out of business, to make it more difficult to drill for and transport oil, what is your incentive to invest shareholder capital in expanding refinery capacity or even building new ones?

All of this is intended to force the public into electric cars. The public cannot be forced into electric cars any more than they could be forced to give up the horse and buggy to buy a car; it's a choice. Currently, electric cars are neither practical nor affordable for the average citizen.

If Biden and his administration had any smarts, they would not condemn the oil companies to their demise. They would allow them to co-exist, with reasonable regulations, while the technology for electric cars continues to grow and improve, thus making them a future choice over gas-driven cars.

A Fond Farewell

Steve Goodman, Livermore

After nearly 68 years, I am leaving our town, Livermore.

I have loved living here. My wife and I both went to elementary, junior high and high school here, as did our two daughters.

I am writing this to thank all of those teachers, coaches, volunteers, co-workers, firefighters, police officers, community leaders, local business owners and mentors in a place I have been proud to call home.

Family and other opportunities have presented me and my wife with a unique opportunity for new life experiences.

As I reflect on why I've been here so long, I think of the wonderful people who have been so kind, generous and welcoming to not only me and my family, but strangers as well.

Livermore has changed over the years, as it should have; signal lights don't blink after 10 p.m. as they used to; a horn doesn't call volunteer firefighters to help with a fire; cruising cars along First Street is no longer the thing to do for high schoolers on Friday nights. The one thing that hasn't changed, and I hope never will, is the willingness of Livermore residents to do their part to make this town the best place it can be. All of the volunteers, organizations, service clubs, school groups, scouts, 4H and others help contribute to the betterment of the residents.

Livermore is a unique collection of cowboys, scientists, winemakers, small businesses and others which make it a wonderful place to live. This year marks 50 years since I graduated from Granada High. When I talk to former classmates, they often say, "Oh, you still live in Livermore?" I say yes, but I always want to add, "Yes, I like it here; it's a great place to live!" I hope the friendly, caring nature of Livermore folks never changes.

So, thank you, Livermore. It has been my privilege and pleasure to have lived here, worked here and raised my family here. I will miss you!

Goodness is Still Alive

Gay Maestas, Livermore

A few months ago, a young mother paid forward my articles at Walmart. This

week, three men helped me with unexpected car issues. Each one of these people deserves a big thank you. They just came from nowhere and left. Today, it seems many folks just like to be mean; I'm encouraged that not everyone feels the same.

My name is Gay Maestas, and I'm so happy that good people still exist. That's my story, and I am sticking to it.

What Has Become of Our Downtown?

Jim Hutchins, Livermore

Livermore has been a rural town since its founding in 1876. Its First Street is wider than most similar nearby cities because ranchers used to drive cattle down it to the railcars at the train station. Two decades ago, Highway 84 was relocated off First Street, allowing the city's main street to be redesigned, presenting visitors with a more visually appealing scene. It created an atmosphere that drew people in.

Today, First Street is cluttered with unattractive dining areas out to the street, the park at the flagpole has been torn out, the once green Mills Square Park has been replaced by a big piece of concrete called Livermore Plaza, and the street is strewn with garbage. The west end of First Street is being dominated by the four-story Legacy Apartment buildings, with another four-story low-income housing project and five-level garage planned directly behind the First Street businesses. In the last decade, the City Council has changed the course for Livermore's downtown from one that draws visitors in to one that pushes them away. And this despite the results of the city funded 2017 PlaceWorks Outreach, and the Council's own 2018 published priorities that said, "the historic character of Downtown is a key part of Livermore's identity" and "that new uses are in scale with existing buildings and do not loom over areas such as Blacksmith Square or First Street."

The Council twenty years ago aimed to make Livermore a place to be, while the Council in the last decade, primarily under Mayor Marchand, has gone in the opposite direction. This town deserves better and deserves representatives that work for the good of people, rather than pushing their own agendas under the guise of "progress."

If Wishes Were Horses

Susan Putnam, Livermore

Anything worthwhile is worth working toward. I've noticed many signature gatherings in the past few weeks, canvassing our city in a quest for a more beautiful and inviting downtown. Eager residents are signing for the referendum to appear on the November ballot, to achieve a better vision for Downtown Livermore. This is an opportunity to maximize both open space and low-income housing for the benefit of today's residents and for the future growth of our city. It's common sense not to overload Downtown Livermore with two, side-by-side four-story buildings. We can't let this valuable parcel of land just ride away. Sign the referendum today.

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Stare Decisis

Mark Palajac, Livermore

It occurs to me that we have a peculiar imbalance in thinking within the Supreme Court. The court's most prominent role is something called judicial review. This is the process of determining if laws passed by Congress are consistent with The Constitution. Judicial review is not mentioned in The Constitution. Rather, it was claimed by Chief Justice John Marshall's court in 1803 in the case Marbury vs. Madison. Now, the court claims that liberties only exist if expressly stated in The Constitution.

Upcoming City Elections

Terry Givens, Livermore

I am so tired of reading in this newspaper and the small group of people keep sending in letters stating that the current City Council does not listen to them. They state that our current City Council has turned a deaf ear, that they can no longer be trusted and are unanimously and irrationally stubborn.

The new group Save Livermore Downtown which is funded by the same group of downtown dissidents and the various other groups that have been created by these same people. Are about to run, endorse, have this newspaper's editor promote and provide all the positive newspaper articles and flyers a couple new candidates.

They will tell us that these new candidates will listen to the citizens. That they have our best interest in mind. That these two new candidates can walk on water and

chew gum at the same time.

Now what will these two new candidates have in common with the present City Council members? First all the present City Council members were endorsed by this newspaper. At one time each received the recommendation of this newspaper's editor. They were benefactors of hundreds of thousands of dollars spent to get them elected. We were told that our current council members would listen to us and had our best interests at heart. In fact, some of our current council members replaced previous sitting council members who failed to bow to this small group of well-financed people. Those past council members were once the recipients of this group's endorsement.

So, whom am I to believe what is best for our city? The soon to be new candidates, or last election candidates or the election before candidates that or the election before that. Close to 16 years we have been told who to vote for and why.

So, when will this newspaper and that small group of people learn that the people that they have been endorsing and then calling for their removal for years were/are indeed listening to the vast majority of the citizens just not to them?

Who is Kidding Whom?

Thomas Soules, Livermore

According to Eden Housing's own website, there are 11,000 households on their waiting list <https://edenhousing.org/properties/downtown-livermore-apartments/>.

The Livermore Housing Authority Section 8 waitlist is 3,000 households. The proposed low-income Eden housing project downtown is for 130 households. This project will not even dent the need for low-income housing in Livermore. 10,870 applicants will be unable to rent these units so the odds of getting one are a little more than one in a hundred and I wonder how the winners will be chosen.

Also, according to the Eden Housing website, those 130 households will pay from \$700/month for presumably a one-bedroom unit for a family at the low end of the income scale, that is \$27,400, to \$2,100/month for two-bedroom units for families making \$82,200, versus a fair market value for a two-bedroom unit of \$2,640/month. While the rents for these units will be somewhat lower than market rents, they won't be that much lower and will vary. Rents just across the street at Legacy will presumably be higher, likely to cause competition, or worse a feeling of class distinction depending on which side of the street you're on, not friendship between higher and lower income workers.

Bragging about this project being a solution to low-income housing in Livermore is an insult to those the city is claiming to help. We need to do much more if we really want to help provide housing for low-income workers in Livermore. We need to do it in a different place, perhaps near downtown, but where there is

more room, and it makes more sense and on a different larger scale. I am not even going to go into what I sincerely believe this project will do to the character of downtown, while failing to significantly address affordable housing.

City Fountains and The Drought

Trish Munro, Livermore

As we consider water usage this very dry year, you may wonder why the several fountains downtown continue to run. Here's the answer to that and other fountain-related questions.

1. Q: How many downtown fountains are currently in use? Who owns and main-

tains them?

A: There are three fountains at First St. and S. Livermore Ave. and three fountains at Shea Plaza in front of the Bankhead Theater. The city owns and maintains all of them (as well as the Bankhead Theater itself). In addition, there is a fountain in front of Carnegie Park.

2. Q: Are all of the fountains recirculating?

A: Yes, all of them recirculate the water they use.

3. Q: Recirculation isn't perfect. How much water loss is there every week?


A: There is water loss from evaporation and interaction with people using the areas. The Carnegie Park fountain loses about 20 gallons/week, Lizzie Fountain,

and the Flagpole fountain about 100 gallons/week, and the new Water Ball about 10 gallons/week. In total, the seven downtown fountains lose about 290 gallons/week. For comparison, that is about half of the water an average

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- ▶ A new organization called "Move Eden Housing" has been formed to conduct a signature drive to overturn City Council resolution 2022-085, passed May 24th.
- ▶ The City Council resolution will block any future City Council with a new majority from ever moving the location of Eden Housing.
- ▶ We must collect 6,000 signatures from Livermore voters by July 8 to reverse the City Council resolution and allow a new Council majority to move Eden Housing!

About the Flawed Eden Housing Plan

- ▶ Massive 4-story buildings in the city center will seriously degrade Livermore's downtown and will make parking and traffic in Livermore much worse.
- ▶ The flawed plan doesn't include housing for teachers, police and firefighters that was promised.
- ▶ By relocating the housing off the city center to a nearby site of the new Council's choosing, we can build more affordable housing. In addition, we can create a park that would be a gathering place in the heart of downtown.

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Tri-Valley Celebrates the Fourth



Livermore and the nonprofit group Downtown Livermore Inc. will present "United We Shine Community Fireworks Night" on Monday, July 4, with fireworks launched from the top of the parking garage at the juncture of Maple Street and Railroad Avenue. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

July 4th is around the corner and there are several fireworks options for celebrants to choose from this year thanks to the lifting of most COVID-19 restrictions in the Tri-Valley. The following offers a sample of available holiday events.

PLEASANTON:

The annual fireworks display at the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton is scheduled for 9:30 p.m. on Friday, July 1, following the Super Diamond concert. The fair will be closing early on Monday, July 4.

LIVERMORE:

Livermore and the nonprofit group Downtown Livermore Inc. will present "United We Shine Community Fireworks Night" on Monday, July 4, with fireworks launched at the top of the parking garage at the juncture of Maple Street and Railroad Avenue. The 20-minute fireworks show will begin about 9:30 p.m. and will be choreographed to music playing from four speakers set up around the downtown area. The music will also be broadcast on 104.9 FM.

Livermore will begin closing streets in the downtown area about 4 p.m. for viewing the fireworks. The parking lot behind Stockmen's Park will also be closed to create a safe viewing area.

The city will also have a disc jockey and free glow sticks for children at Stockmen's Park. Glow sticks will also be available at three First Street businesses: Donut Wheel, Livermore Cinemas, and 1st Treat Yogurt. The Livermore High School football team will be parking cars for \$20 at three high school parking lots to raise money for team activities, while the Livermore High dance team will be parking cars at Junction K-8 School.

DUBLIN:

Dublin will not be sponsoring a July 4 fireworks display but will allow residents to set off "safe and sane" fireworks at single-family residences and at four municipal parks: Shannon Park, Dublin Sports Grounds, Alamo Creek Park, and Emerald Green Park.

No fireworks will be allowed at multi-family residential complexes, businesses, schools, unauthorized parks, or other city facilities. Dublin has approved 15 nonprofit stands selling "safe and sane" fireworks in the city.

Pleasanton Commerce Joint Mixer To Salute Community Partnerships

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation will host a mixer on Monday, July 11, in a salute to community partnerships.

The outdoor Salute to Partnerships Joint Mixer & BBQ will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Barone's Restaurant & Gardens,

475 St. John St. The mixer, which includes dinner and two drinks, is open to the community. The event is free to city staffer and Leadership Pleasanton alumni, and \$15 for everyone else.

Registrations are required by July 6. Tickets are available at pleasanton.org.

Rincon Library to Celebrate 30th Year

The Rincon Branch of the Livermore Public Library will celebrate its 30th anniversary with free cupcakes, games, and crafts, from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, July 9.

The celebration will also include a scavenger hunt, displays depicting Rincon's history, the David Perez

Band, and community organizations promoting local resources. The branch library is in May Nissen Park at 725 Rincon Ave.

To register for the book club, call 925-373-5505 or visit the information desk at any Livermore Public Library. Registration is not required.

COUNCIL

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report, he said. It "erroneously describes the proposed county ballot measure as allowing a 2% FAR in ECAP and 3.5% in the SLVAP; the latter is correct; the former should also be 3.5%. In both areas, up to 1% can be for visitor-serving uses, and 2.5% is for agricultural buildings that are not meant for the public or for social events."

Second, Rounds added, the two-acre building envelopes "is erroneously described. The LAFCo letter says all agricultural uses must occur within that two-acre envelope. It is buildings, of course, not uses that must be contained within the two-acre development envelope. But even here, buildings for agricultural uses can be located outside the two-acre development envelope if necessary for agricultural use."

Councilmember Robert Carling recommended limiting the cannabis operations to three, which the council

agreed upon. Councilmember Trish Munro appreciated the prohibition of cannabis cultivation in the SLVAP and raised her concerns with the practice in general in regard to climate.

"(Cannabis cultivation) is extremely soil depleting. It is extremely water intensive," Munro said. "As we are looking at enabling that cultivation to take place, I'm hoping that we are able to ensure that it is climate friendly and soil friendly."

Mayor Bob Woerner thanked the stakeholders, staff and LAFCo for their work.

"It's good to see that there's agreement from a lot of the stakeholders that we do need to do more to help our wine industry," Woerner said. "These recommendations seem very well considered."

LAFCo will return to the council with updated recommendations during the July 14 regular meeting.

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home swimming pool loses/week, while watering the average California landscape takes, conservatively, 700 to 1000 gallons/week. (The average American family uses 320 gallons of water/day. About 30% goes to outdoor uses, with more than half used for landscape irrigation. Nationwide, that translates to nearly 9 billion gallons/day.)

4. Q: Why would keeping the fountains on be important?

A: While the fountains may seem simply decorative or an unnecessary source of fun, they actually serve a crucial public function. They provide an accessible, free way to cool off for those who don't have access to air-conditioning or a pool. They are also places for the community to enjoy each other in a low-key way.

5. Q: Does the state or water agencies have restrictions on public fountains? Are recirculating features exempt?

A: Current state restrictions prohibit the use of potable water for decorative fountains unless they recirculate the water. All the city's water features recirculate water and are therefore exempt from this prohibition.

6. Q: How does the City's water usage in this 2022 drought compare to prior years?

A: The city landscape section has reduced watering by 15% from previous non drought years.

Want more? See here: <https://www.livermoreca.gov/government/public-works/water-resources/drought-water-conservation> or here: www.LivermoreCA.gov/drought.

Independence and Freedom for All

Lex Manwill, Livermore

When we think about our independence and freedom in the United States, I wonder how many people think of the freedom of farmed animals. There are currently 1.6 billion animals in our nation's 25,000 factory farms who often never see the light of day.

Cows, chickens, pigs and more are subjected to unnecessary breeding, overfeeding, abuse and slaughter each and every day. The majority of these animals are raised in environments unfit for any being, and there seems to be no end in sight. But, releasing animals from cages, crates and the psychological torment of Big Ag and slaughterhouses can happen, and it is truly a step towards independence for all. When we stop treating animals as commodities, overall suffering in the world reduces, the Earth can heal, pandemic and antibiotic-resistance risks are reduced, and human health will improve.

Luckily, there are options. Browse any grocery store or food co-op and you'll uncover a variety of delicious, and nutritious, plant-based burgers and more. Companies like Beyond Meat, Impossible Foods, Gardein and Field Roast are showing up at cookouts across the country and are proving that this 4th of July there can be freedom for all.

You will be Closer to Heaven!

Vic Avila, Livermore

But... that's the only advantage to having Eden Housing across the street from the 4-story Legacy Apartments, and behind the Ale House. More traffic, less spaciousness. More concrete, noise, congestion, pavement, obstruction of views. There is no advantage to placing the Eden Housing development in that space.

Sign the petition to move Eden Housing. Then pat yourself on the back. Oh, one more advantage to Eden Housing's location across from the Legacy Apartments: there will be plenty of pigeons roosting on the roof.

In My Humble Opinion

Dalen Casto, Livermore

About the article "International Association of Firefighters Local 1974 Reach Contract Agreement," I like the fact that our firefighters are receiving support, and some people agree with me, evidently. I know how much these firefighters go through, risking their lives to keep our homes and us safe. I wonder

why they rejected the pay increase, though. I also see that people with better skills get paid more, which is a great idea on Marysheva's part. I also see why the drug tests were required. You do need to be fully awake for a job like that, anyways. Please note that I am doing this for a merit badge, so please take my opinion with a grain of salt.

Eating the Young – The Pension Malignancy

Greg Scott, Livermore

Can't meet your pension obligations? There's a solution... Borrow! That way you amplify your gains and your losses. No worries, if you lose, you simply go back to the ATM! Withdraw your investments from corporate bonds and more cautious fixed-rate investments and get a loan to buy riskier investments in private equities, hedge funds, derivatives, and so-called affordable housing. Have difficulties here? Incur losses? No problem - raise taxes and reduce services! Who's going to bail out \$440 billion CalPERS? Not Saul?! ("Pension funds were historically invested very conservatively, favoring relatively low-yielding fixed-income investments. CalPERS had all its money in bonds until 1967. Rabouin and Gillers, "Pension Funds Make Riskier Bets," The Wall Street Journal, (06/27/2022).

Ah, pensioners, enjoy! You are eating the young! It is, after all, a magnanimous pursuit! Chant the tripe of 'affordable housing' from your single-family-detached-houses for your means-tested-essential-workers who are the serfs in the current feudal system as your leveraged pension return goals make housing ever more unobtainable for the first-time home buyers and others. Invest in fossil fuels for best returns and for that climate disruption future, despite the protests of ineffectual 'boutique' climate activists! Extreme rainfall events marooning lumber shipments from Vancouver, British Columbia will be forgotten, though not the price rise, a risk Fed Chairman Powell and associates seemed to have neglected in their sado-monetarist interest rate hikes.

No real issue here with housing costs spiraling upward with total housing assets valued at \$27.5 trillion in the United States. The happy baby boomers own \$12.5 trillion, smug Gen X'ers \$7.5 trillion, and forlorn millennials a paltry \$2 trillion of this. Forget the homeless, you can shoo them from one location to another endlessly (adding to police pensions) and have City of Livermore contract sycophant CityServe, give more fatuous surveys; expensive, temporary residences; and words of support for the Eden Housing Project.

The young should just grin and tolerate the pension malignancy, for they will never experience such benefits. The elders have no wisdom, for trinkets and other worldly possessions are far more important. Why should we wish to change?

Underlying it all is the now globalized energy inflation that will cut into non-energy sector earnings and returns. The pensions play a

usurious game, mortgaging the future of progeny. There seems no rational vision for the future, only a delusion stuck in the past, supported by unpayable debt.

Why Do We Send Our Children to School?

Owen Brovont, Livermore

How often do we ask ourselves, "Why do we send our children to school?" An accurate response is, "The state requires it!" A more reasonable and meaningful response is, "We believe that children have to be educated in order to get jobs, so they can look forward to a reasonably decent life." Well, that is certainly a partial answer, but not the most important one; it lacks specifics that clarify the significance of what education is supposed to accomplish; that is, education opens doors. Logically, the more education, the more doors. Personal experience and 50 years of observation verifies those as incontrovertible facts! There is a correlation between the quality, breadth and depth of the future for educated persons, depending upon the content of their education and the success they achieve.

Primary education is intended to introduce the basic reading, writing and arithmetic tools necessary to provide a foundation on which to expand at the secondary level, to build deeper and broader skills that include advanced mathematics, history, literature and languages. After the normal 12 years of education in America, these educational attainments have given each citizen basic survival tools to succeed comfortably as a member of society. Further advanced education is generally needed by those who desire to enter one of the many professions that

require special knowledge and skills, as well as widen their perspective from which to gain an appreciation of the road humanity has trod in developing different societies. Such appreciation tends to diminish anxiety and fear of different peoples and different societies. Those are the fundamental characteristics and purposes of education, but things are changing rather rapidly. The government, at the federal, state and local levels, has begun to inject itself into what was previously considered strictly familial responsibilities.

The United States Department of Education has mandated that states must develop curricula on topics such as Critical Race Theory, the 1619 Project and some schools have already injected transgenderism and sexuality into the primary and secondary grade levels — sometimes withholding knowledge of such educational activities from the parents — grossly intruding on the right of the family to rear their children according to their own beliefs. Some of these educational institutions also require the children not to inform their parents of such activities.

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Livermore School of Dance presented Dance: Remixed, performed by the school's jazz and ballet teams during performances on June 24 and 25 at the Livermore High School Theater. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Repertory Theatre to Present 'Newsies'

The Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre will present "Newsies: The Broadway Musical," based on the 1992

Disney musical about the real-life newsboy strike in New York City in 1899, at the Bankhead Theater in

Livermore beginning Saturday, July 16, and running through Sunday, July 31.

"Newsies" tells the story of the fictional Jack Kelly, a 17-year-old newsboy who organizes a strike against the city's newspaper publishers when they raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense. The Disney film was turned into play in 2011, with music by Alan Menken and lyrics by Jack Feldman, and made its Broadway debut in 2012, addressing the themes of social justice, child labor practices, and fighting the establishment.

Performances at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., are scheduled for 8 p.m., Saturday, July 16; 2 p.m., Sunday, July 17; 8 p.m., Saturday, July 23; 2 p.m., Sunday, July 24; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday, July 30; and 2 p.m., Sunday, July 31. Tickets are \$21 to \$39 and are available at livermorearts.org.



Tommy Lassiter (left) will play Jack Kelly and Kyle Herrera will play Davey in the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre's production of "Newsies: The Musical." (Photo - Ben Krantz)

Dublin to Continue Anniversary Celebration with Gala

Dublin, which recently marked its 40th year of incorporation as a city, will continue the celebration with a gala, dubbed The Ruby Affair, at Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, 6600 Donlon Way, on Saturday, Aug. 6.

Beginning at 6 p.m., the social event is for adults 21 and older and will include appetizers, dinner, music, and dancing. Cocktail attire is encouraged. The gala will also include the screening of a documentary that follows the city's history from the earliest days of its incorporation efforts to the present, told by early residents and Dublin leaders from the past 40 years.

Tickets are \$100 each and are available at bit.ly/30EUcbU.

Nava Dance Theater to Explore Impact Of India Partition at Bankhead Theater

The San Francisco-based Nava Dance Theatre will present "Broken Seeds Still Grow" at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore on Saturday, Aug. 27.

The performance is a multi-disciplinary dance and visual arts production exploring the 1947 British partition of India and Pakistan and its impact on the hyphenated American immigrant experience. According to Livermore Valley Arts, which is sponsoring the presentation as part of its Bankhead Summer Series, "Broken Seeds Still Grow" will explore what it means to belong somewhere and how the feeling of displacement continues to shape identities today through bharatanatyam, a traditional Hindu dance, and mixed visual media.

The production is the creation of Nadhi Thekkek, Nava Dance Theater's artistic director, and Oakland visual artist Rupy C. Tut, based on stories from the crowd-sourced 1947 Partition Archive, which is available online. The partition of India into two independent nations in 1947, with Pakistan becoming a Muslim country and Indian becoming majority Hindu, resulted in more than a million people killed and 15 million refugees.

"This real-life history of so many Americans,

told through this powerful performance, is important for us all, as we consider what we carry with us and what does it mean to be American, in all of its rich and multi-faceted forms," Livermore Valley Arts said in a news release.

Tickets for the 3 p.m. performance range from \$10 to \$60, with \$20 discount tickets available for students, military personnel, and seniors. The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First St. Livermore Valley Arts is a nonprofit organization operating the Bank-

head Theater and Bothwell Arts Center. For tickets or more information, visit livermorearts.org.

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TRI-VALLEY WATER AGENCIES



REHAB

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like that.”

Martin noted nothing is set in stone at this point, and a future city council could always change zoning or the general plan in relation to the property.

The site was home to Victory Baptist Church and lies within easy walking distance of Lawrence Elementary School, Junction Avenue K8 School and Safari Kid Preschool and Childcare. Local residents, as well as teachers and administrators from the schools, expressed concern over a treatment center in such close proximity to children.

Local resident Brandon Madera had expressed his concerns to local school

authorities and the city, requesting another location be considered for the treatment center.

“If you care about your children’s walk to and from school in the future, I encourage you to take action with me to prevent this development at this site,” he wrote on social media. “We the residents of the area are already victims of local gang activity, graffiti, sideshows and illegal fireworks. Do we really want the Tri-Valley’s transient and drug abuse population residing in our neighborhood?”

Madera said a site specifically designed for those actively under the influence of drugs or alcohol should not be placed so close to school

and day care campuses.

Martin noted the city had not completed an analysis of the location.

“The proximity to Vineyard 2.0 was a positive benefit, it would have had all the service providers, but it was just a placeholder until outreach was completed,” she said.

The city issued a statement saying it would go through a series of outreach steps to gather community feedback, including information online, neighborhood meetings and information posted at locations like the Farmers Market and the Library. Ultimately, the project will go to the Livermore City Council for consideration.

COMPLEX

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Michelle Dawson.

The aquatic facilities will include a 12-lane swimming pool, diving boards and a water polo field, all deep water. Completion of this phase is planned for summer 2023.

In attendance at the June 16 community event were LVJUSD administrators, Livermore High staff and parent organizations, as well as current and former board

members. Other community members celebrating the opening included newly elected Alameda County Board of Education District 7 Trustee Cheryl Cook-Kallio, Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez who presented a commendation on behalf of Supervisor David Haubert, Livermore City Manager Marianna Marysheva, Livermore Vice Mayor Gina Bonanno, and Livermore

City Council Member Bob Carling. Along with Superintendent Kelly Bowers, Principal Helen Gladden, Hernandez, LVJUSD Board Clerk Emily Prusso, and members of the LHS Dance Team spoke during the event.

“Thank you to our Livermore community for supporting school facilities improvements for the benefit of Livermore students,” Bowers noted in a heartfelt tone.



The gymnasium that had served Livermore High School for approximately 65 years, along with the Small Gym, were demolished to begin work on the Livermore High School Aquatic Complex that will include a 12-lane competition pool and water polo field. The Old Gym began as an aircraft hanger at Livermore Naval Air Station (NAS) during World War II. The Livermore NAS was at the site of what is now the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

SEWER

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to flourish,” said Planning Commission Chair Steven Dunbar.

The project would construct approximately 5 miles of new sewer line, with the first phase along Tesla Road, Buena Vista Avenue and Greenville Road.

Livermore senior planner Andy Ross said that the design and construction would begin, at the earliest, in 2025.

Staff plans to present revised initiative language and the supplemental EIR to city council in July.

At the same meeting, the planning commission provided comments on land-use options for the city’s coming general plan update, focusing on the areas around Southfront and Vasco roads, East Avenue and Vasco Road, Laughlin Road and Las Positas Court in Livermore.

The updated plan will succeed the city’s current general plan adopted in 2004, and serve as the city’s “policy for growth, land use, sustainability and resource and open space conservation” through 2045, according to the staff report.

While feedback touched on city character and public transit, the commission did not pass any resolutions at the meeting, as it strove only to validate the range of available options for future discussion.

The land-use project team expects to continue gathering input through spring 2023.

“We’re pouring cement,” said Commissioner Jacob Anderson. “We’re here to make sure we’re headed in the right direction, that we have plenty of opportunities to make changes, if we have to, down the road. The cement is not dry yet — not even close.”

Several commissioners mentioned neighborhood commercial areas, where groups of small businesses service adjacent residential neighborhoods, as a defining characteristic of the city. They noted, however, that

preservation of them could be challenging during the city’s next 20 years of expansion.

“One thing that’s very apparent if you drive through Livermore, bike through Livermore, (is) there are little pockets of current neighborhood commercial (businesses) that just aren’t able to survive because they don’t have enough population around them,” said Commissioner Evan Branning. “Everyone loves neighborhood commercial, but it is not always viable.”

The influence of public transit on land uses was also part of the commission’s discussions.

Commissioner John Stein, referencing his prior experience with Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), cautioned the project team against treating the Valley Link rail project as a foregone conclusion.

“When I came here 50 years ago, we were told BART would be here in five years,” he said. “Now, the statement is that Valley Link will be here in five years. Fifty years on, BART is not here, and it may be 30 or 50 years before Valley Link is completed ... We don’t really understand the risks of creating a transit-oriented development without transit.”

Valley Link — a 42-mile, seven-station passenger rail project currently seeking funding — plans to connect the Dublin-Pleasanton BART station with the Lathrop ACE station in San Joaquin County.

The commission also echoed prior land-use feedback from the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC), including the desire to limit high-density residential areas immediately adjacent to I-580 in the interest of reducing residents’ exposure to pollution and noise, and to protect scenic corridors.

More generally, a GPAC memorandum stated, “Maintaining Livermore’s quality of life is paramount and

recognizing that what creates a high quality of life for Livermore residents may vary based on age, income and personal interests, but some shared aspects include access to parks and green spaces, opportunities to get around without driving, and housing that is affordable.”

Next spring, the land-use project team will consolidate the commission’s and GPAC’s input with further feedback from the community and the city council to produce preferred scenarios for each focus area and later integrate these into the city’s general plan.



Alameda County Fair fans enjoyed another weekend of sunshine and good times at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton. The fair runs through July 10. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

GARBAGE

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the state composting law adopted in 2016, whose regulations take effect this year, constituted 0.2% of the 5.8% increase.

“The premise of (SB 1383), whether you agree or not, is that the landfills are obviously filling up,” said Councilmember Jack Balch. The law addresses the “diversion and proper recycling of the organics and other elements, and (is) trying to think a little longer term as an entire state.”

SB 1383 focuses on a class of greenhouse gases known as short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs) that exhibit greater heat-trapping effects than carbon dioxide. The law will require garbage customers

to sort organic material into a separate collection cart.

According to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, organic waste in landfills emits 20% of the state’s methane, an SLCP that is 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide as a greenhouse gas. SB 1383 aims to reduce organic waste disposal to 75% below the state’s 2014 levels by 2025.

While the current rate increase includes the cost of separate green waste carts, PGS anticipates future SB 1383 related costs, such as new commercial organics collection routes and camera-based enforcement technology, to necessitate

further rate increases or special rate adjustments.

Council discussion also touched on possibly using the city’s garbage reserve fund to allay some of this year’s increase.

“We’ve got three million dollars sitting out in the rate reserve, and I’m not quite hearing the plan or timing of how we’re going to begin to use that,” said Councilmember Kathy Narum.

Pleasanton City Manager Gerry Beaudin, however, assured the council that the reserve funds would return to ratepayers “in one form or another”. The council ultimately chose not to immediately apply any of the reserve toward this year’s increase.

FIRE

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but our employees and the members of Local 1974...I wish we could have come to this six months ago.”

The union declared an impasse in negotiations in March following eight months of negotiations with the cities’ representatives. By then, firefighters had already worked four months without a contract.

At the time, city officials said union negotiators had rejected a 12.5% pay increase for firefighter-paramedics and a 10.5% general wage increase for all other LPFD employees during a 3 1/2 year contract. The union wanted increased pay for firefighter-paramedics who were promoted to the rank of engineer, so they had incentive to remain paramedics.

In late May, the parties went before a neutral mediator, which helped to resolve the standoff.

Under the mediated deal, firefighters will receive an immediate 5.5% pay increase for their next pay period; another 3.5% increase on Jan. 1; a 3% raise on Jan. 1, 2024; and another 1% increase on Jan. 1, 2025. Firefighters did

not receive retroactive pay.

Firefighters certified as paramedics will receive additional compensation, as will engineers and captains who maintain their paramedic certifications after promotion, Marysheva said.

The package includes additional monthly pay for bilingual skills, and \$75 to \$175 a month for college degrees.

“As part of the agreement, the department will implement a comprehensive drug/alcohol testing policy, a short-term staffing policy and a method for future policy changes that are not covered in the agreement,” Marysheva said. “These modifications will improve the safe and efficient operations of the department.”

Substance abuse policies had been a sticking point during negotiations. The LPFD wanted firefighters to submit to a drug or alcohol test when another employee had concerns about the “appearance, behavior, speech and/or body odors of the employee.” The union wanted tests limited to only after vehicle accidents.

McThorn said the resulting policy “is kind of in the

middle.” He described the policy as “something that the entire state looks at as a model for first responders and firefighters.”

Firefighters can be tested following any serious vehicle accident or accident involving power equipment, or for reasonable suspicion, he said.

“A reasonable suspicion example would be, ‘I show up to work slurring my speech and smelling of booze.’ That’s a good reason to get tested,” McThorn said. “It’s reasonable suspicion with a couple of for cause incidents that could happen, such as a serious vehicle accident or serious power tool accident.”

According to city documents, the agreement will cost LPFD nearly \$6.6 million during the course of the contract. The two cities share the cost of fire services in the joint department.

McThorn credited Marysheva and Beaudin, along with Pleasanton Human Resources Director Veronica Thomas, with helping to end the stalemate. All three recently assumed their positions.

TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Now to Tuesday, July 19 Draft 2023-2031 Housing Element

Pleasanton has published the Draft 2023-2031 Housing Element Update and invites the community to provide feedback on the plan. The comment period for public review is through July 19. To view the draft plan and provide comments, or to check out any upcoming events related to the Draft Housing Element, visit bit.ly/30mftto.

Now to Wednesday, July 20 Pleasanton Library Systems Upgrade

Over the next few weeks, the Pleasanton Library will be upgrading its computer systems. The upgrade is anticipated to be completed by July 20, during which time some services will be limited while the work is completed. During the upgrade period, the library will maintain normal hours of operation, visitors can sign up for a new library card, and items can continue to be checked out. The library

asks that users return checked out items either before June 20 or after July 20. For a full list of impacted services and new features, visit bit.ly/3y1teWt.

Now to Thursday, July 28 Catholics of Pleasanton Grief Ministry

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Please join in for bi-monthly meetings at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, in Pleasanton. The schedule is June 9 and 23, and July 14 and 28. Meetings will start at 7 p.m., and although there is no advance registration, attendees are asked to arrive a little early to check in. The meetings are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. For a short video visit catholicsofpleasanton.org, scroll to Grief Ministry, and tap on the video box. For more information, call 925-846-3904.

Now to Wednesday, Aug. 17 Livermore Scavenger Hunt

Play the Livermore Scavenger Hunt from June 1 to Aug. 17 for a

chance to win prizes. No registration is required to participate in this free event. Participants may print a Livermore Scavenger Hunt form at home or pick up the form at any Livermore Public Library branch. Completed Livermore Scavenger Hunt forms must be submitted by 9 p.m., on Wednesday, Aug. 17. The 10 winners will be randomly selected from among the correct entries in a drawing held during the week of Aug. 22.

Monday, July 11 Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society Presents Gena Philibert-Ortega

The Works Progress Administration left behind a legacy that is used by family historians today. In this presentation from 7 to 8:30 p.m., they will discuss the WPA projects under the WPA relevant to genealogy, and how you can research some of those records today. Gena Philibert-Ortega is an author, researcher, and instructor whose focus is genealogy, social and women’s history. To register, visit bit.ly/3QPVIjY.

Wednesday, July 13 Interfaith Interconnect Religion Chat

From 7 to 8 p.m., this month’s featured speakers are from Asbury United Methodist and St. Charles Borromeo Catholic churches, and the event will be followed by time for audience questions. Optional breakout discussion groups take place from 8 to 8:30 p.m. The in-person venue is located at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., in Livermore. The Zoom link is bit.ly/3y1aZiy. For more information, email interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com or visit facebook.com/InterfaithInterconnect.

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

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OBITUARIES

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Tony Adrian Talbot

Tony Adrian Talbot, 48, passed away too soon on June 19, 2022, surrounded by his family. Tony was a very passionate man. He watched every football game shown on TV, especially the Patriots. Tony loved the Dodgers and going to Dodger Stadium. He also enjoyed travelling with his family and visiting friends.

Despite his diagnosis, he was not bitter, scared and had no regrets. His goal was to smile at everyone at the cancer clinic and hope to impact both their days with his brightness and light. Tony strived to do this in his everyday world as well and he was successful.

Tony was a wonderful husband, father and member of his community and is missed terribly by all who knew him.

He was a 1992 graduate of Livermore High and attended Las Positas College. Tony married his love, Sandy, in 2005, his second love, Max, was born in 2004. He worked many years at Beeb's in Livermore. After many moves, Tony and his family settled down in Livermore and bought his grandmother's home. Together the family owned and operated the best spa repair company in the world, Talbot Spa Repair.

Tony is survived by his wife, Sandy; his son, Max; his father, Chris, and bonus mom, Connie Talbot; his mother, Cindy, and bonus dad, Dr. Mike Alper; his siblings, Jennifer, Gina, Ian Overaas, Sam Alper and Emily Alper; nephews Quintin and Nathan; as well as friends he considered his brothers: Greg, Lance, Jonny, Jeff, Roger and Chad, and too many others to mention; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, grandparents, and cousins.

Tony was preceded in death by his grandparents Lee Talbot, Jean Talbot and Adrian and Beatrice Coover.

We are so grateful for all the love and support we have received from friends and family, and the kindness of strangers. We feel very fortunate that we are not walking this road alone. Thank you.

A celebration of life will be held at Beeb's in Livermore on July 31 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join us wearing your favorite team colors. Special memories, photographs, etc. can be shared at tonyaltbotmemories@gmail.com.

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



Agnes Moomau Brenzel

April 21, 1935 – Jan. 18, 2022

Agnes passed away in her sleep in her home in Dubois, Wyoming. She was born and raised in Livermore to a family of eight children. She married Norm Brenzel and they had a son, Doug Brenzel.

Agnes is survived by her son Doug and his wife Barbara, brother Gilbert Moomau, sister JoAnne Butterfield and numerous nieces and nephews.

John Raymond Hudson

Aug. 28, 1935 - June 3, 2022

John Hudson passed away suddenly on Friday, June 3, in Pleasanton, California.

John was born in Dallas, Texas, raised in Oklahoma, and spent the last 38 years in the Bay Area where his helping hands will be missed by his family, friends and neighbors.

John went to Will Rogers High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma, earned a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering from Oklahoma State University, and an M.B.A. from St. Mary's College of California. He spent his early career building infrastructure power systems both in the U.S. and overseas, with projects in Thailand, Peru, Pakistan, and Vietnam. He then became a sales engineer and ran teams for Westinghouse, General Electric, and United Technologies in New York City, Saudi Arabia and Iran.



In 1984, he settled in Northern California as CEO of Luminoptics. John moved his young family from Connecticut into the old water tower off College Avenue in Livermore, California in 1984, where he happily spent the next 15 years becoming an entrepreneur, starting a local business, and being active in the Rotary Club of Livermore In Act 2 of his long and

interesting life, John dedicated himself to supporting his wife Nancy as she focused on her career. They settled in Pleasanton nine years ago. John was always working on a project for himself or his friends; first in line to lend a hand or a tool on a new construction project. John's adventurous spirit led to a love of travel, and he visited all 50 states and over 100 countries.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Nancy Hudson, his daughter Liz Kerton, his son Joseph Hudson, and their families. John will be remembered for his dedication to family, enthusiasm for adventure, and a smile that could brighten the room. Memento mori, memento vivere.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances can be made to the Alameda County Community Food Bank.

John Robert Ambrosino

April 5, 1935 – June 17, 2022

Heaven has gained a true angel, John Robert Ambrosino, who passed on June 17, 2022, at the sweet age of 87. John was born April 5, 1935, in Gloversville, New York. John spent most of his younger years growing up in Gloversville helping his uncles with cement sidewalk repairs and local paper route, and then entered the Air Force in the 456th Fighter Interceptor Squadron to serve his country, which later would bring John to Livermore, California to begin working at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) where he met Lorrie — the love of his life. They later married and raised their two children, Terri and Michael. After living in town a few years, they both wanted to live in the country and purchased their piece of paradise on Buena Vista Avenue in Livermore where family and friends have gathered ever since. John later retired from LLNL after 38 years.

He truly enjoyed everything family related; camping, fishing, hunting, traveling, taking long trips to the southwest exploring, and even purchasing a Polar Ranger to ride and explore various ghost towns and old historical gold, silver and copper mines. He truly enjoyed spending time with his five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Most of all he loved everyone! John loved to help everyone and was always there to lend a hand. He was a member of the Livermore Pleasanton Rod



& Gun Club for 50+ years where he ran their building and grounds maintenance for over 20 years. He was a member of the Livermore Police Volunteer program since 2017. He enjoyed assisting with the California Hunter Education Program where he volunteered his time alongside the instructor's helping children understand the importance of hunter's safety. John had a gentle side that all animals could sense and his favorite of all were his black Labrador Retrievers who patiently sat beside him every night at dinner time waiting for that little piece of food to drop their way. His family and grandchildren have so many memories of spending time together building things out of wood, hunting, fishing, camping and riding in his 1965 Chevy Truck where he would pick up Mike and Terri from school and later in life pick up his grandkids from school.

John is preceded in death by his two loving parents James Vincent Ambrosino and Dora E. Ambrosino, his sister Nancy Cinelli (Pete living) and brother Anthony Ambrosino (Michele living).

John is survived by his wife of 59 years Lorrie, his daughter Terri (Mike) Perry, son Mike (Jennifer) Ambrosino, and grandchildren, Chris Perry, Nikki Perry, Justin Ambrosino (Danielle), Kyle Ambrosino (Amanda), Cody Ambrosino (Alana), two great-granddaughters McKenzie and Remi Ambrosino and one more great-grandchild arriving in December 2022; brother-in-law Frank Moglia, brothers Jim Ambrosino (Toni), Tom Ambrosino (Mary), sister Dawn Ambrosino and many nieces and nephews.

John was a member of St. Michaels Church in Livermore.

Services will be held July 12, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Callaghan Mortuary - 3833 East Avenue, Livermore, California, 94550. Reception to follow at the Livermore Pleasanton Rod & Gun Club

4000 Dagnino Rd, Livermore California.

In lieu of flowers donation can be made in John's name to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Johnny you will be forever in our hearts and prayers.

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

Kil Cha Naylor

Kil Cha Naylor is one of seven children. She was born in Seoul, South Korea and made her new home in the United States in the California Bay Area with her husband and two children in 1975. She moved to Livermore, California in 1976 where she lived until her passing.

Before retiring she was a cook for many years at Bon Appetit. She was known for not only cooking delicious Korean food but American dishes as well.

Kil Cha was a dedicated member of the Livermore True Light Korean Baptist Church and had been for so many years.

In 1972 she married Andrew Naylor Jr. and had two children: Grace and Andrew Naylor III.

In her early years, she enjoyed going to church, playing bingo, cooking, traveling back to Korea to spend time



with her sisters and brother, and going out to eat with her friends. Kil Cha was very generous to her family and was always willing to share and help others.

Kil Cha departed this life on June 21, 2022. Her biological parents (Bok Nam Son and Ok Bok Mo), oldest sister (Young Suk Son), and beloved husband preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories: daughter Grace Naylor, Hayward, California; son Andrew Naylor III (Susan); two grandchildren: Grace Naylor, Worcester, Massachusetts; Sandra Naylor, Stockton, California; four sisters Young Ok Son, Seoul Korea; Young Wan Son, Seoul Korea; Young Me Chun, Honolulu, HI; brother: Young Jae Son, Seoul Korea. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The funeral service will be Friday July 1 at 11 a.m. at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore. Burial at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery.

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

Mae Jo Gannon

Oct. 19, 1954 - May 31, 2022

Mae Jo Gannon (Mary Josephine) of Tracy, entered into rest on May 31, 2022, at the age of 67. She is survived by her sisters, Maureen Baker (Larry) and Christine Sa (Mike) and her brother Jimmy Gannon. She has six nieces and nephews, 15 great-nieces and nephews and four great-great-nieces and nephews.

She also shared her life with numerous friends that she treasured. Mae Jo was preceded in death by her parents and eldest brother Mike

Gannon.

Mae Jo was born in Daventry, Iowa to Charles and Madonna Gannon. When she was 2 years old her family relocated to Palo Alto, California. In 1958, the family moved once again to Fremont, California which would become the family home.

Mae Jo graduated from Washington High School in Fremont where she met many friends that she would know throughout her lifetime. After high school she attended

Ohlone College which led her on a direct path into the business world.

Mae Jo's favorite pastime was traveling the United States and the world. She was always up for an adventure and shared her contagious smile with all she met. She had a charitable heart and enjoyed helping the less fortunate by donating her time serving others during the holidays at a soup kitchen. Services for Mae Jo have been held.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Getra Beede

July 7th 1936 - June 20th 2022

Getra passed away peacefully at the age of 85 at Quail Gardens in Livermore. It was an early sunny day with the birds singing.

She was born in Orville, California as the first-born twin to Maren and Leonard Kendall. She was raised on the Circle J Ranch with her four sisters. Greta, Helen, Allet and Karen, where she loved sewing with her sisters and raising her champion cow Princess in the Pentz 4-H Club.

She attended elementary school in a one-room schoolhouse known as Clear Creek School. Then she graduated from Durham High School and went on to Chico for one year majoring in Business. After graduating from Chico, she went to work on the Orville Dam where she met and married her beloved husband of 65 years. Getra and John attended the Durham Annual Parade and Picnic every year they could to meet up with family especially her sisters.

Getra and her sister Greta marched in the parade while in high school in the baton unit. Durham is just four miles south of Chico in the heart of California almonds and rice fields. Durham became a town after 1870 named after Robert Durham.

Getra was very active with the Pleasanton Arboleda 4-H club and sports with both her children. She was one of the first coaches in Pleasanton for girls' soccer and softball. This was the beginning of girls' sports! She attended every one of her children's games and activities. The family even traveled to British Columbia, Canada to watch her son play with his all-star soccer team the Ballistic United Under-12 team with coach Harry Miller.

When her children were older, she worked as an accounting assistant for many different companies including a nursery. She loved to garden and enjoyed roses, so this was a perfect fit for her. She traveled with her husband to many job sites. Their most enjoyable site was Morro Bay and of course the Bay Bridge Project.

Getra and John stayed active, and you would always see them walking around the park with one of Linda's dogs. Getra also participated for years in the swim aerobic classes at the Aquatic Center. One of her most enjoyable moments was the Beanie Baby Craze of the early 1990's where you could purchase one of these stuffed toys for \$5 and believed as many did that somehow these plush toys would somehow fund your grandchildren's college. She enjoyed it! She went with friends and bought the collectors' magazines and even plastic protectors designed to keep the tags attached to each stuffed animal. Her grandchildren got involved as well especially when McDonald's put miniature Beanie Babies in the Happy Meals. Grandma just loved the fun and excitement.

Getra was a proud mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She enjoyed watching her children in their activities as mentioned and then her grandchildren at their sports games and with their 4-H projects. Getra was always active and outgoing. She loved people and always enjoyed supporting her family.

Getra is survived by her daughter Linda and son-in-law David Daniel and their children Sean, Megan, Ryan, Madison and son-in-law Jayden Williams, a Specialist in the U.S. Army, with one great-granddaughter Lilly and great-grandson James. Son Kenneth Beede, his late wife Stephanie, their two sons Kenneth IV and Blake, and with Lynn Hahlbeck their children Jordan, Trey and Joel of Livermore. Getra lost her beloved husband almost a year ago at the age of 94. We all know he was tired of waiting for her in heaven and this was her time to join him.

Getra will be remembered for her outgoing spirit, her kind heart and always being there and ready to go on an adventure. Getra was always busy with some type of project or with her family. She even made her daughter's wedding dress with the help of Linda's cousin Julie. Even though her Alzheimer's took away her memory she tried as hard as she could to fight through it and remember what she could. Mom, Grandma and Great-Grandma you will be missed!

A celebration of life will be on July 23, 2022, at Graham Hitch Mortuary of Pleasanton, California at 5 p.m. Please join the family and share your stories. The burial will be on a future date at Clear Creek Cemetery in Orville, California.



Rene Umverto Martin

May 20, 1949 - June 16, 2022

Pleasanton native Rene Martin passed peacefully at home on June 16, 2022, surrounded by his loving family.

Rene adored people, making friends everywhere he went. After retiring from Kaiser Sand and Gravel he dedicated his time to making barbecue and flour tortillas for his friends. His greatest joy was to make people laugh with his silly jokes. He was a Giants, Niners and Warriors fan for life. He had a soft spot for animals and the underprivileged, always doing what he could to help them out. He was preceded in death

by his beautiful wife of 44 years Bertha Alicia Martin. He is survived by his daughter Ana Daisy Loa (Eddie), his son Rene Martin Jr. aka Tito, grandchildren Austin and Natalee Martin, Grand dogs-pugs-Leo and Lucy, his beloved niece Adriana Villamar, sister-in-law Maria Sergia aka Sally, many cousins, nieces and nephews and an abundance of friends.

Memorial Mass will be held on Friday July 8, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Augustine Church, 3999 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, followed by a reception at the Veterans Me-



morial building at 301 Main St. also in Pleasanton.

Water Agencies Urge Low-Water Landscaping

Tri-Valley water agencies are encouraging commercial property owners to install low-water landscaping this fall, following a decision by the California State Water Resources Control Board last week to ban the use of potable water for irrigation of “non-functional” turf.

Non-functional turf is defined as any grass that is purely decorative and not used for recreation or civic events. The emergency water conservation order applies to non-residential properties, including offices, retail stores, hotels, places of worship, and non-profit organizations. The state’s ban does not apply to turf that has a functional purpose or is irrigated with recycled water.

“Climate change will make droughts more frequent and severe in the fu-

ture,” said Anthony Smith, Livermore’s interim water resources manager, noting that replacing non-functional turf with low-water landscaping would not only save water, but would improve the property’s appearance during a drought.

Water agencies, including Zone 7 Water Agency and California Water Service, are also offering rebates to property owners who install low-water landscaping.

“We are confident that the business community will step up to meet this new call to action and help our community towards a more sustainable future,” said Zone 7 General Manager Valeries Pryor. “If we are going to successfully weather this drought, we need all hands-on deck. In return, we are here to support businesses interested in replacing turf

with native plants and other low-water-use landscaping with rebate programs and technical expertise.”

A drought emergency declared by the Zone 7 Water Agency last September remains in effect, requiring a mandatory 15% water conservation from all Tri-Valley water service providers. Outdoor irrigation is also limited to no more than three days per week and restricted to the evening or early morning to minimize evaporation.

Zone 7 Water treats and manages water supplies for eastern Alameda County, including Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin. Drinking water service is provided to individual customers by Tri-Valley’s water retailers, including Cal Water, the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, and the Dublin San Ramon Services District.

MAPS

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ity Asian Pacific Islander (API) districts in our final breakdown,” said Kumagai. “We are now a majority API city, so I think it’s important that we take that into consideration and ensure that we have two representatives coming from majority API districts.”

Josey added, “I also don’t want us to lose track of our Hispanic population. I know that that’s what started this Voting Rights Act in the first place. There is a way to draw these districts so that they either dilute or concentrate our Hispanic population, and I’d like this to at least be looking at that.”

The city decided earlier this year to transition to a by-district system in response to a demand letter from Malibu law firm

Shenkman & Hughes that accused the city of “racially polarized” elections that violated the California Voting Rights Act of 2001. The letter cited the inability of Indian American candidates to win councilmember seats in Dublin’s 2018 and 2020 elections as support for its accusation.

In addition to district boundaries, the council will also decide on an election order this summer, with two districts holding city council elections in 2024 and the other two in 2026.

This November’s election will elect councilmembers to four year, at-large terms.

“For a while, there could be a couple councilmembers, theoretically, that live in the same district until we fully have rolled out the

by-district elections,” said Kumagai.

What’s more, explained Parks, at-large councilmembers will have the option to run for district-based seats in 2024, while retaining the safety net of their remaining at-large term if they lose.

The mayoral seat will remain at-large even in the by-district system.

Community members have until July 6 to submit their own draft maps for council consideration. The council then plans to conduct a second round of drafts review on July 19, followed by the final map selection on Aug. 16.

Residents can find mapping tools, background and instructions on the city’s website at dublin.ca.gov/dubлиндistricts.

PROTECTIONS

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of Justice Samuel Alito’s opinion was leaked in May.

All of the region’s top representatives in Congress and state government are Democrats.

The court’s 5-4 vote along ideological lines struck down the court’s 1973 decision that had guaranteed federal constitutional protection for abortion. It immediately allowed for states to set their own rules for abortion, triggering outright bans in Alabama, Arkansas, Ken-

November, retweeted former President Donald Trump’s statement taking credit for appointing Justices Neil Gorsuch, Amy Coney Barrett and Brett Kavanaugh to enable the “biggest win for life in a generation.”

“It is the duty of the government to protect the most vulnerable,” she tweeted. “Now that decision is where it belongs, in the purview of state legislatures, the vote of the people.”

Hayden added: “Public

use the court’s decision to ban contraception and same-sex marriage.

“This is truly a sad day for our nation,” Swalwell said. “We are frustrated, we are upset, and we are angry — but we are not helpless.” The Senate must immediately take up legislation that we passed in the House to codify Roe into federal law.”

DeSaulnier, a Contra Costa County representative whose district will take in a large portion of Dublin

with states that have laws pushing providers and those seeking care.

California Attorney General Rob Bonta and 22 attorneys general nationwide issued a joint statement reaffirming a commitment to supporting and expanding access to abortion care in spite of the decision.

“Abortion care is health-care. Period. We stand together, as our states’ chief law officers, to proudly say that we will not back down in the fight to protect the rights of pregnant people in our states and across the country,” Bonta and his colleagues said.

Some Northern California-based companies — Apple in Cupertino; Meta in Menlo Park; and Yelp, Uber and Levi Strauss in San Francisco — were among businesses nationwide that said their benefits packages allowed employees to travel out of state to seek abortion care. Uber said the rideshare company would reimburse drivers sued under state laws for driving women to clinics.

“Extremist laws from anti-choice states are putting California and its providers in danger. AB 1666 creates a strong legal shield to ensure abortion care stays legal in our state.”

—Rebecca Bauer-Kahan

tucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah and Wisconsin. Six-week bans went into effect in Texas and Ohio. Abortion bans are expected in Wyoming, Mississippi, Tennessee and Idaho.

In signing Bauer-Kahan’s bill, Newsom declared California a “safe haven” for women seeking care. He said the court’s ruling will endanger millions of women across the nation.

“California must do everything it can to protect the fundamental rights of all women — in California and beyond,” Newsom said. “We know that states like Missouri are already targeting women seeking abortions in states like California, where abortion remains legal. This legislation seeks to protect women and care providers from civil liability imposed by other states, and sends a clear message that California will continue to be a safe haven for all women seeking reproductive health care services in our state.”

The bill ensures that abortion care remains legal in California and to provide “a legal shield for our doctors, providers and patients against attacks from the radical-right extremists who seek to strip women of their fundamental rights,” Bauer-Kahan said in May, after the Assembly passed the bill.

Following the Supreme Court’s decision, Republican candidate Alison Hayden, who hopes to pry Swalwell from the 14th District seat in

policy/laws are made to apply the majority, not minority incidence. It is meant to shape behavior. This ruling will help promote personal responsibility, revere life, that clump of cells that we all once were. Society is measured by its protection of the most vulnerable.”

The Independent sought comment from the Livermore-based Tri-Valley Republicans, but did not receive a response.

Bauer-Kahan also is a co-author of AB 1242, which would shield abortion providers in California from criminal charges filed in other states. Patients from other states who remain in California following treatment also could not be extradited to face criminal charges. The bill, which already passed, is making its way through the legislature.

Swalwell called the court’s ruling a “dangerous and deliberate attack on our most basic freedoms.”

“This ruling overturns the nearly 50-year-old precedent of Roe v. Wade, undermining the constitutional right to privacy, and ripping away a woman’s right to make intimate and personal health care decisions. For the first time in our history, America’s daughters have less freedom than their mothers.”

Swalwell said the ruling will allow Republicans around the country to “roll back the clock on reproductive rights and criminalize health care.” He added that “radical Republicans” could

when redistricting takes effect in January, called the court’s ruling a “dark day in America’s history.”

“This unconscionable decision is the lasting legacy of a president who did not share our values, nor a duty to uphold the U.S. Constitution,” DeSaulnier said. “His appointments to the Supreme Court do not reflect the values of the American people, and as such, they are tearing down the very fabric and foundation of the society we have built.”

In Washington, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who represents San Francisco, sent a letter to her Democratic colleagues on Monday that outlined what the caucus might explore “to protect the health and freedom of American women.”

Legislation could include protecting women’s personal information stored in apps so that it cannot be used against them in states that criminalize abortion. I could also make it clear that Americans have a Constitutional right to travel freely throughout the United States. She also again suggested passing the Women’s Health Protection Act that would codify Roe v Wade into law.

Newsom joined with Oregon Gov. Kate Brown and Washington Gov. Jay Inslee to condemn the decision and committed to protecting patients and providing safe access to contraception and abortion care. Under the agreement, the states would refuse to cooperate

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Livermore Valley's Annual Celebration of Food and Wine Begins July 14

Livermore Valley wineries will mark the annual Taste Our Terroir celebration of food and wine with more than a dozen events between Thursday, July 14, and Sunday, July 17, including dinner in an olive orchard, an electric bike tour, and a wine and food pairing competition.

Eleven Livermore Valley wineries will partner with chefs from local restaurants for the event's signature Food and Wine Pairing Competition from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Garre Vineyard and Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. The public will have an opportunity to sample the pairings and weigh in on the competition by voting in the People's Choice category. There will also be a silent auction.

Friday starts off with a trek from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. through the Murrieta's Well vineyard, 3005 Mines Road, Livermore, with its panoramic views of the Livermore Valley, to learn about "small lot" approach to wine growing. Tickets for "The Hills are Alive" are \$70. From noon to 2 p.m., cheese monger Brandon Wood from The Cheese Parlor in Livermore will be at Fenestra Winery, 83 Vallecitos Road, Livermore,

to talk about cheese-making and the aging process, and to guide guests in pairings of artisanal cheeses and local wines from Fenestra, Garre Vineyard, and Del Valle Winery. Tickets to the "Wine and Cheese Pairing" are \$55.

From 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., sixth-generation winemaker Steven Kent Mirassou and his Lineage Wine Collection team will discuss all things Cabernet Franc at The Cellar at The Lineage Wine Collection, 5443 Tesla Road, Livermore. Tickets to the "Cabernet Franc Retrospective" are \$65.

The evening will wrap up with the Livermore Valley Vintners Collective Winemakers Dinner, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., in an olive orchard at the Purple Orchard Inn, 4549 Cross Road, Livermore. Hosted by Fenestra Winery, John Evan Cellars, Las Positas Vineyards, Page Mill Winery, and the Wood Family Vineyards, the four-course, farm-to-table dinner will be catered by On the Vine Catering. The meal will be paired with 2019 vintage wines from the Livermore Valley Vintners Collective, which created guidelines for a red blend designed to highlight the

Livermore Valley growing region. Tickets are \$175.

Saturday will begin with yoga at Fenestra Winery, led by certified instructor Lisa Stanford. Also on tap Saturday is the Pedego Wine Trail, an electric bike tour to four wineries, including Page Mill Winery, Charles R Vineyards, Big White House, and Wood Family Vineyards. The tour will leave at 9:30 a.m. from the Pedego store at 1911 Second Street, Livermore, and return by 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$220 and include snacks, lunch, and wine tastings.

While the electric bike tour is underway, four women winemakers from the Livermore Valley will be hosting "Stop and Smell the Roses" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rosa Fiero Cellars, 2245 S. Vasco Road, Livermore. Rosa Fiero, Alexandra Henkelman from Omega Road Winery, Beth Refsnider from The Lineage Collection, and Samantha Bunegin from Las Positas Vineyards will discuss Rose wines and offer tastings, along with light bites provided by Charming Fig Catering. Tickets are \$55.

Two events scheduled for Saturday, "Taste the Best Cabernet Vintage in De-

cadés" and "Secrets of a Sommelier," sold out early.

Sunday offers another chance for yoga with instructor Lisa Stanford, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the lawn at Concannon Vineyard, 4590 Tesla Road, Livermore, followed by a Rose wine tasting. Tickets for "Yoga and Rose" are \$35.

Sunday afternoon offers a "Sensory Extravaganza" from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Nottingham Cellars, 2245 S Vasco Road, Livermore, with wine steward Jeremy Troupe-Masi. The event will feature a 16-foot sensory bar that allows ticketholders to smell, touch, and taste their way through more than 40 flavors and aromas, including wine and cheese pairings selected by Brandon Wood of The Cheese Parlor. Tickets are \$75.

Taste Our Terroir's closing event, "Sweet Endings, Port and Chocolate Tasting" from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Cedar Mountain Winery and Port Works on Reuss Road in Livermore was sold out.

For tickets, a list of participating restaurants and wineries, or for more information, visit lvwine.org.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 588321

The following person(s) doing business as: Above the Bar, 219 Blackstone Cmn, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): W.G.G.L. LLC, 219 Blackstone Cmn, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Jeremy Vadurro, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 17, 2022. Expires June 16, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5190 Published June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 588321

The following person(s) doing business as: The Habit Burger Grill #189, 3650 Village Dr., Castro Valley, CA 94546, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jose David Angel, 884 Herman Ave, Apt# 203, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Jose David Angel, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 16, 2022. Expires June 15, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5196 Published June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589817

The following person(s) doing business as: Premier Home Financing, 673 Sandalwood Dr, Unit 4, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Vasile Ciubancan, 673 Sandalwood Dr, Unit 4, 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: Vasile Ciubancan, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 16, 2022. Expires June 15, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5191 Published June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589363

The following person(s) doing business as: Livemore Grocery Outlet, 1320 Railroad Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): S Corp, 5151 Northway Road, Pleasanton CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/1/22. Signature of Registrant/s: Suphij Gajendran, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 26, 2022. Expires May 25, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5192 Published June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589738

The following person(s) doing business as: Magnificent Construction Company, 39372 Wilford St., Fremont CA 94538, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): David Lau, 39372 Wilford St.,

Fremont CA 94538. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/3/2006. Signature of Registrant/s: David Lau, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 14, 2022. Expires June 13, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5193 Published June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589723

The following person(s) doing business as: Praus Gifts, 8232 Brittany Drive, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lavon Malone Ribera, 8232 Brittany Drive, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/30/2022. Signature of Registrant/s: Lavon Malone Ribera, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 13, 2022. Expires June 12, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5194 Published June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589700

The following person(s) doing business as: Sweet Hope Soap Co., 1948 Railroad Ave, Unit 106, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Dulce Reyes, 1948 Railroad Ave, Unit 106, 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: 2/1/2019. Signature of Registrant/s: Dulce Reyes, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 13, 2022. Expires June 12, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5195 Published June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589811

The following person(s) doing business as: JCK Window Cleaning, 884 Herman Ave, Apt# 203, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jose David Angel, 884 Herman Ave, Apt# 203, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Jose David Angel, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 16, 2022. Expires June 15, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5196 Published June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589559

The following person(s) doing business as: The Habit Burger Grill #189, 3650 Village Dr., Castro Valley, CA 94546, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jose David Angel, 884 Herman Ave, Apt# 203, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/9/2007. Signature of Registrant/s: Jason Oviatt, Chief Legal Officer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 7, 2022. Expires June 6, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5197 Published June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589489

The following person(s) doing business as: FRESCO Construction, 33446 Western Ave, Union City, CA 94587, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jalala Masih Almuik, 3290000 Regents Blvd, Union City, CA 94587; Safi Naqibullah, 3819 Vineyard Ave, Apt 49, Pleasanton,

CA 94566; Ayaan Ajmal, 4882 Bernal Ave Apt B, Pleasanton, CA 94566; Salarzai Abdullah, 202 Carnation Ct, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Safi Naqibullah, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 3, 2022. Expires June 2, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5198 Published June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589940

The following person(s) doing business as: Family Wellness Center, 1439 Cedarwood Lane, Suite C, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Anna Yan Liu, 1429 Oasis Lane, Patterson, CA 95363. 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: Anna Yan Liu, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 22, 2022. Expires June 21, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5199 Published June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589919

The following person(s) doing business as: Pacific States Title Services, 4657 Sandalwood Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): William Edwin Le Roy, 4657 Sandalwood Drive, 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: 6/11/1992. Signature of Registrant/s: William Edwin Le Roy, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 22, 2022. Expires June 21, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5200 Published June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589980

The following person(s) doing business as: Medi Simplified, 9 Castledown Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Aladina Capaccioli, 9 Castledown Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Aladina Capaccioli, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 20, 2022. Expires June 19, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5201 Published June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589762

The following person(s) doing business as: Bateman Physical Therapy, 3848 Madeira Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): James Bateman, 3848 Madeira 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: 6/5/2022. Signature of Registrant/s: James Bateman, Owner/Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 15, 2022. Expires June 14, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5202 Published June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589860

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Beebo Engineering LLC, 7506 Larkdale Ave, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by

the following owner(s): Beebo Engineering LLC, 7506 Larkdale Ave, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Glenn Rustia, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 17, 2022. Expires June 16, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5203 Published June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589992

The following person(s) doing business as: Sunskissed Bath and Body, LLC, 5595 Sonoma Dr, Apt-B, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sunskissed Bath and Body, LLC, 5595 Sonoma Dr, Apt-B, Pleasanton, CA 94566. 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: Rachel Solis, Owner/Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 24, 2022. Expires June 23, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5204 Published June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2022.

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East Bay Park District Racks Up Awards

The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) has earned several awards already this year, including three awards of distinction for staff and volunteers from the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD).

Ayn Wieskamp, a park district board member for 24 years, was named outstanding board member for her efforts in environmental conservation and preservation of parks. She also received a distinguished service award from the Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals.

Carl La Rue and Ned MacKay were also named outstanding volunteers for their combined 37 years on the district's volunteer Trail Safety Patrol, which patrols on foot, bicycle, and horseback to report on trail conditions and assist park visitors. In addition, CARPD designated Dumbarton Quarry Campground on the Bay in Fremont, the district's first full-service shoreline campground, as an outstanding new facility.

Dumbarton Quarry also earned the district an outstanding achievement in parks and recreation award from the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials and outstanding park award from the California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) District 3.

CPRS also recognizes EBRPD for its dedication to policies promoting justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion, citing several numerous district programs including staff training and the naming of Thurgood Marshall Regional Park, Home of Port Chicago 50. EBRPD received an award of excellence in innovation in green community planning from the American Planning Association Northern California for its work on the San Francisco Bay Trail and a merit award for planning from California Trails and Greenways for its San Francisco Bay Trail Risk Assessment and Adaptation Prioritization Plan.

Bart O'Brien, manager

of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden at Tilden Regional Park, received the Liberty Hyde Bailey award from the American Horticultural Society for his four decades of leadership in promoting California native plant horticulture and conserving biodiversity, including extensive research and publication in scientific and scholarly journals. Ira Bletz, the district's regional interpretive and recreation services manager, received the master interpretive manager award from the National Association for Interpretation (NAI), Region 9, while Ed Valenzuela, an education volunteer at Big Break Regional Shoreline in Oakley, was recognized by NAI as an Outstanding Interpretive Volunteer.

EBRPD operates 73 parks in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, encompassing more than 125,000 acres of parkland, 1,250 miles of trails, and 55 miles of shoreline.

(Courtesy Ned McKay)

East Bay Park Picnic Areas Open on July 4

Fourth of July is one of the busiest days of the year for the East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD), but don't let that stop you from planning a day trip to your favorite park.

All picnic areas will be available on Monday, July 4, on a first-come, first-served basis, so arrive early to secure a table. Most picnic areas include facilities for grilling, but portable grills are also allowed if used properly. Grillers should avoid dry grassy areas and dispose of coals only in concrete bins provided for that purpose.

Some other tips for enjoying July 4 at the parks:

- Take plenty of water, especially if you plan to venture out on the trails. There are few sources of drinking water outside the picnic areas and trail heads.
- Plan hikes and rides for the morning hours, before the heat of the day. Go with a companion, so someone can go for help if a problem occurs. Be sure to download a map from the park district website or pick one up at the trailhead.
- If you go alone, tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return. Then let them know when you're back safe.
- Use sunscreen and wear a wide-brimmed hat to protect from sunburn.
- Keep in mind the parks are likely to be crowded, especially those with swimming areas.

EBRPD is offering a variety of weekend activities throughout the summer, including tours at Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve in Antioch; drop-in craft activities at Coyote Hills Regional Park in Fremont; and self-guided scavenger hunts at Sunol Regional Wilderness in southern Alameda County.

The district will also offer several virtual programs, including "Reptile Way Kahoot," about snakes and other reptiles, with Black Diamond Mines naturalist Kevin Dixon, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. on Sunday, July 10. To join the free program, visit the Black Diamond Mines Facebook page.

On Saturday, July 16, the district will offer a nature journaling workshop

about bats, hosted by naturalist Erica Stephens, from 2 to 3 p.m. The program will be available via Zoom or on the Sunol Regional Wilderness Facebook page. Black Diamond Mines naturalists will also celebrate World Snake Day with a pre-recorded program on the Black Diamond Mines Facebook page, from 6 to 6:30 p.m., on July 16.

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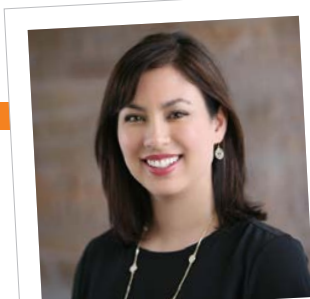
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