

Eden Housing

Motion Filed Against City Resolution

Alleges City Tried to
Evade Referendum

By David Jen

LIVERMORE — The Alameda County Superior Court has been asked to compel the City of Livermore to undo a recent resolution on the downtown Eden Housing project.

As proposed, the project plans to build two buildings with a total of 130 affordable-housing units and an estimated 0.7-acre public community park between Railroad Avenue, Veterans Way, L Street and a planned K Street fire lane.

On June 24, the Livermore City Council accepted the certification of a voter referendum looking to repeal the approval of a 2022 agreement between the city and Eden to develop the housing project and build a public park. The referendum had gathered over 8,000 signatures in 2022 and gained

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Pleasanton Teacher Honored

California History
Teacher of the Year

By Ruth Roberts

PLEASANTON — When Katie Orenberg learned she had been named the 2024 California History Teacher of the Year, the Pleasanton Middle School (PMS) educator was enjoying a lazy summer afternoon relaxing on the floor with her toddler surrounded by snacks, sippy cups and talk of Disney movies.

“So, here I was in full ‘mom mode,’ and I looked at my email and found out I had won,” said Orenberg, the married mother of a young son with another on the way. “It was a very surreal moment; one of those when I had to read it twice because I wasn’t sure what I was seeing.”

But for the longtime

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An East Bay Regional Park District helicopter flies over Lake Del Valle. The park district's air operations recently moved from Hayward Executive Airport to Livermore Municipal Airport, where it was called into action even before becoming officially operational. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

FCI Dublin Prison Guard Indicted

Charged With Victimizing Female Prisoners Under His Watch

By Larry Altman

DUBLIN — More than three months after federal authorities shut down their notorious women’s prison in Dublin, prosecutors last week continued their efforts to hold correctional officers accountable for alleged sexual abuse of inmates.

The U.S. Attorney’s office on July 26 announced that a federal grand jury issued a 15-count indictment against former guard Darrell Wayne

Smith, charging him with victimizing five female inmates under his control at Federal Correctional Institution, Dublin (FCI Dublin).

“The defendant’s alleged actions are some of the most disturbing charges we’ve seen for a former federal corrections officer,” said Michael D. Nordwall, executive assistant director of the FBI’s Criminal, Cyber, Response, and Services Branch. “Sexual abuse scars everyone who survives it but can be particularly traumatiz-

ing when it’s perpetrated by someone in a position of trust or authority.”

Smith, 55, who now lives in Florida, originally was charged in April 2023 with sexual abuse allegations involving three women. His expanded indictment added two victims to the case, along with a charge that he violated one victim’s civil rights under the color of law. The allegations occurred from 2016 to 2021. If convicted, Smith could face multiple life sentences

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Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Samples from Asteroid Mission Will Soon Be Up for Analysis

By Eli Ramos

LIVERMORE — Insights into the beginnings of our solar system await study at Lawrence Livermore National Lab (LLNL) thanks to an asteroid-collection mission completed last year.

Scientists at LLNL will soon begin analyzing samples from the asteroid Benu, collected by NASA’s OSIRIS-REx (Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security, Regolith Explorer) mission, which returned safely to Earth on Sept. 24, 2023. Through chemical and physical analysis, they will

be able to analyze Benu’s composition. Those results, in turn, can tell us what the solar system looked like billions of years ago.

Benu is of particular interest to researchers because of its unique qualities. Research shows that it likely broke off from a larger carbon-rich asteroid, then drifted closer to Earth over time. The frigid temperatures of space have preserved the carbon-containing molecules — also called organic molecules — inside the asteroid, which could help understand where organic molecules originated from.

But LLNL’s focus is on

a different question — Benu’s age. Greg Brennecka, an LLNL scientist who works on cosmochemistry, said the chemical analysis of space samples can reveal how the galactic neighborhood was formed.

LLNL has a long history of working on this kind of analysis, which is why they — among other labs throughout the country — are responsible for analyzing inorganic compounds in the asteroid samples. Brennecka said, “Our main charge is to find out where Benu originally formed, which can help us reconstruct the early solar system.” He

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East Bay Parks Aircraft Move to Livermore Airport

New Location Increases Its Service

By Ruth Roberts

REGIONAL — The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) recently moved its air operations from Hayward to the Livermore Municipal Airport, where it is enjoying the weather and neighbors at its new home.

EBRPD Police Captain Terrence Cotcher, who manages the operations, said leaving the Hayward Executive Airport was based on several factors.

“Our move offers increased service delivery, better flying weather and increased amenities offered by Livermore (airport),” said Cotcher. “This all helps us to streamline our services. ... It’s just a better fit for us and we’re very excited to be here.”

Covering over 125,000 acres between Alameda and Contra Costa counties and 73 parks, the EBRPD operations division, which includes an independent police department and the air support component, serves both visitors and employees of the district, as well as the area’s vast natural resources and wildlife.

“Most people don’t even know we have a police department,” laughed Cotcher.

The air support unit currently owns two helicopters and employs five pilots, who are also police officers. The team serves the EBRPD by patrolling the areas daily and is also a regional asset and support for local fire, police and rescue units.

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The Sunol Glen Unified School District has welcomed its new superintendent and principal Shay Galletti, who is working to prepare for the new school year during a fractious time for the district. (See story on page 2.) (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Livermore

Downtown Hotel Timeline Extended by City Council

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — The city council last week granted a loan extension to a troubled hotel project in downtown Livermore.

In a 4-0 vote, with Councilmember Brittini Kiick absent, the council amended a loan agreement with the developer of a four-story, 133-unit hotel set to be built

by Davis-based Presidio Companies at the southeast corner of Railroad and South Livermore avenues.

Under the agreement first approved in February 2018, the developer was to receive a \$1.93 million loan from the city to purchase the 33,600-square-foot property owned by a private company and pay it back with interest when

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Little League teams march in the opening ceremony for the Intermediate Baseball World Series on July 27 at Livermore’s Max Baer park. The games will run through Aug. 4. (See story on page 10.) (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Chamber of Commerce Asks Area Businesses to Support Next Generation

By Christina Cavallaro

LIVERMORE — Last week, a panel of Tri-Valley business leaders addressed the concept of work-based learning and how local businesses and organizations can leverage the myriad career opportunities in the area to help train the next generation of workers.

Hosted by the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, a large crowd of chamber members, local organizations and area politicians gathered on July 25 for the chamber’s first event of its 2024 Wine Country Summer Luncheon Series, where “Business to Youth Connection” featured as the primary

topic.

Kim Hudson, engagement specialist for Earn & Learn PBC, a women-owned and -operated education intermediary that bridges the gap between campus and career, moderated the discussion.

“My hope today is that you all leave here having either a contact or an idea of how you can call your local educational institutions — whether it’s a K-12 or your local community colleges or adult career centers — to engage and change somebody’s life.”

Hudson touched on some of the panelist’s youth initiatives that are helping lead that change, such as the building up of soft skills. “How to

shake a hand,” she said. “How to look somebody in the eye. How to communicate verbally and not just on your phone.”

Panelists then weighed in on what work-based learning meant to them.

Alcian Lindo, program manager for the Tri-Valley Career Center, a service of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, kicked off the discussion. She said, to her, work-based learning means everything.

“It means providing the community with the means to achieve, to have economic freedom and security,” said Lindo, adding that the idea translates into providing job assistance and training to

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Sunol Glen Welcomes Superintendent Shay Galletti

By Ruth Roberts

Shay Galletti has been on the job for just a few weeks, but the new superintendent and principal of the Sunol Glen Unified School District (SGUSD) has hit the ground running. As she prepares to welcome students back to the classroom on Aug. 7, the longtime educator and administrator is eager to start the school year.

“My total focus right now is on opening the school and getting everything running smoothly,” said Galletti. “This is a new position for me and I’m ready for it and very, very excited. I am ready for the challenge.”

And there are many challenges to be faced.

Galletti comes to the small community of just under 300 students on the heels of a fractious, difficult time for the district. A recent recall election resulted in the removal of two of the district’s three school board members,

and the resignation of the former superintendent and principal Molly Barnes. But with the hardships seemingly behind the district and its residents, Galletti said she is optimistic the coming year will be a season of renewal for them all.

“Helping the school based on what they faced last year is very important to me,” she said. “There is a community divide that I hope will heal. ... I, we, are focused on the students and their well-being and creating a positive school culture, and I think the staff has done an amazing job of buffering this from the students. Really, when you think about any school, it’s about families feeling included, and I am going to ensure that happens for Sunol.”

Ted Romo, the only board member who was not recalled, said he welcomes Galletti to the SGUSD.

“I am enthusiastic about Shay and I believe that she brings a wealth of

knowledge and skills to the job of superintendent/principal,” said Romo. “I have complete faith in her and expect her to do a great job. There will be a period of adjustment as she gets to know the ins and outs of the role and builds rapport with the teachers and staff and parents and larger community, but in the end, I think she will do well.”

Galletti brings to her new position a history of experience and expertise. The daughter of Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) Trustee Steve Maher, she has been with PUSD for the past nine years, serving as the principal of Fairlands Elementary School from 2015 to 2019 before being appointed as the district’s director of elementary education. Earlier in her career, Galletti taught at two PUSD elementary schools and later became the Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program coordinator in 2004. She has also taught classes at Liv-

ermore, Granada, Foothill and Amador Valley high schools. Galletti holds a bachelor’s degree in liberal studies from California State University, East Bay, and a master’s degree in early education from Saint Mary’s College of California. She is currently working on her doctorate.

“Honestly, when I thought about Sunol, I realized it really combines what I have done in my career and I felt it was a perfect fit with my skills and where I saw myself in my career,” said Galletti. “I look forward to getting to know the staff better and the community and supporting all of them as best I can.”

As she prepares for the first day of school, the Pleasanton resident, married mother of four and grandmother of four, eagerly anticipates returning to the school campus and engaging with students, families and the wider community

“It’s been five years

since I’ve been on a campus, so I am really looking forward to the students’ arrival,” said Galletti. “There is just a special energy that being with the students brings. And because we are such a small district, I will get to know all the students and their families. I am very excited to be here.”



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Interim SGUSD Board Members Appointed

By Ruth Roberts

The Alameda County Board of Education (ACBOE) has appointed two interim trustees to fill the vacancies following the recall of Sunol Glen Unified School District (SGUSD) Board President Ryan Jergensen and Trustee Linda Hurley. The recall was certified on July 19.

ACBOE President Cheryl Cook-Kallio appointed herself and ACBOE Trustee Aisha Knowles as interim SGUSD board members. Cook-Kallio will serve until the Nov. 5 general election when Hurley’s term would have expired. The winner of the November race will be sworn in on Dec. 10.

Knowles will sit on the

board until a replacement is appointed for Jergensen’s seat. According to staff, the position will be appointed by the SGUSD board on Aug. 14. Applications for the position are currently being accepted. Jergensen’s seat expires in November 2026.

The Cook-Kallio and Knowles appointments, mandated by law, are crucial for ensuring SGUSD maintains a full three-person board to conduct business. The remaining board member, Ted Romo, was unanimously approved as the new board president during the July 24 special board meeting.

Cook-Kallio and Knowles were introduced during the same meeting.

“I am honored to be working with Superintendent Galletti and Trustee Romo to better serve the students of Sunol,” said Cook-Kallio, whose grown children attended the K-12 school. “I did elect myself (and Knowles) and not lightly. You are the people I take care of as part of my responsibility on the County Board of Education. ... We all want what’s best for the students, and we will turn this back over to the Sunol community as quickly as we possibly can.”

Knowles agreed that getting the school board back on track was the top priority.

“I am thankful for the opportunity to serve in the role at this period in time, and I look forward to doing

whatever is necessary in support of students here so they can begin the new school year in a positive manner,” she said.

Jergensen and Hurley were recalled earlier this month following a series of contentious board meetings. During these meetings, Jergensen and Hurley voted to prohibit flying the LGBTQ+ pride flag and other non-U.S. or non-California flags on campus. Supporters of removing Jergensen and Hurley also cited poor governance and not allowing community members to speak during public comment periods at school board meetings as contributing factors to the recall.

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Five Scouts From Troop 939 Achieve Eagle

Five former members of Troop 939 will receive their Eagle Scout Awards during a court of honor at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore on Saturday, Aug. 3.

The ceremony will recognize Dallas Gonci, Soham Khedkar, Aditya Satish, Siddarth Velnati, and Enzo Vickroy.

The Eagle Scout Award represents the highest rank

in the traditional Scouts BSA program.

To attain the rank of Eagle, a Scout must earn at least 21 merit badges, complete a community service project, and pass a board of review.

Dallas, Soham, and Aditya each completed projects benefiting Hagemann Ranch, a National Historical Site owned and managed by the Livermore

Heritage Guild that includes a 19th century farmhouse, blacksmith shop, and other outbuildings.

Dallas’ project consisted of removing two inches of dirt and installing bender boards for a path leading to the site of a future museum.

Soham installed projectors and repositioned heavy historical farm equipment to create an outdoor exhibit near the entrance to the ranch on Olivina Avenue.

Aditya constructed a replica barn and functional hay trolley to demonstrate 1800s farm technology as part of the guild’s educational program.

For his Eagle project, Siddarth restored and preserved wooden playground structures at Tri-Valley Church of Christ in Livermore, while Enzo built two outdoor play kitchens for the preschool and daycare programs at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, also in Livermore.

Troop 939 is sponsored by First Presbyterian Church in Livermore.



From left to right, former Troop 939 members Aditya Satish, Soham Khedkar, Enzo Vickroy, Dallas Gonci and Siddarth Velnati stand together. (Photo courtesy of Anna Vickroy)

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Bridge Removed From Planned Arroyo Vista Project

By Ruth Roberts

The Livermore Planning Commission agreed last month to remove a pedestrian bridge requirement from the city's planned Arroyo Vista residential project, a move that is expected to save the city an estimated \$73,000 per year while adding two pocket parks.

The commission unanimously greenlit the modifications at its July 17 meeting. The changes also

include increasing the height of homes from two to three stories and a financial contribution from the developer.

The project, originally approved in 2017 for 435 homes developed by Summerhill LLC, has been taken over by Trumark Homes, LLC. The new modifications raise the height of single-family homes and replace the pedestrian bridge over the Arroyo Seco Channel with pocket parks and a \$2 million financial contri-

bution from Trumark.

"The modifications were made to address liability issues and enhance community benefits," according to the staff report.

The 29-acre site, located southeast of Arroyo Vista and Las Positas Road, will now feature three-story single-family homes and the pocket parks in place of the bridge landings. The approved changes do not affect the overall layout or the number of residential units.

The financial contribution from Trumark will be split between the Community Benefit Fund and the Social Opportunity Endowment Fund.

In 2007, the city council established the basic development framework for the Arroyo Vista Neighborhood Plan, which guided the residential land use, circulation, open space, and architecture for the project site. The latest amendments reflect the city's evolving approach to

balancing development with community needs and safety concerns.

The removal of the bridge aspect of the plan was hailed as a significant cost savings for the city, as it relieves the city of the responsibility of upkeep for an essentially private community.

"I don't want to see us waste \$73,000, in the long term, that could go towards other bike infrastructure," said Commission Chairman Jacob Anderson.

Trumark said the pocket parks were a positive replacement for the bridge and one that made the most sense.

"We agree with staff that it's kind of a challenging public/private component to the project and believe that this is an excellent alternative that benefits both parties," said Michael Keeney, director of forward planning for Trumark Homes.

Gaidos Launches Bid for Pleasanton Council

Veteran Alameda County prosecutor Matt Gaidos has launched a bid for the District 4 seat on the Pleasanton City Council.

District 4 covers portions of downtown Pleasanton, the Vintage Hills and Ruby Hill neighborhoods, Jensen Tract, and Amador Estates.

Gaidos, a lifelong Pleasanton resident, has been an Alameda County deputy district attorney for 16 years.

He is also on the Pleasanton Planning Commission and is a former member of the city's Housing Commission.

In announcing his campaign, Gaidos promised to provide the council with an "expert level understanding" of public safety issues.

"I will leverage my experience to reinforce a bridge between Pleasan-

ton's police and prosecuting agencies so that criminal cases are held accountable," Gaidos said.



Matt Gaidos announced his candidacy for the Pleasanton City Council District 4 seat. (Photo courtesy of Matt Gaidos)

"Pleasanton is a safe community, (but) it will require a comprehensive effort by law enforcement, the courts, and residents to

keep it that way," Gaidos added.

Gaidos also said he is a proponent of "measured development and open hillside space."

As chair of the Pleasanton Housing Commission, Gaidos supported grants to Sunflower Hill, a nonprofit that develops housing for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

He also supported programs for senior and low-income family housing and said he supports efforts to make housing more affordable for teachers and public safety employees.

During his tenure on the Planning Commission, he has supported high-density housing projects with easy access to freeways and public transit options.

Gaidos also said he has been closely watching issues affecting the city's

water supply and would make that a top priority going forward, while taking a fiscally conservative approach to municipal spending.

"Like many Bay Area cities, Pleasanton is facing a daunting budget shortfall that will require pragmatic and creative ways to secure fiscal health," Gaidos said. "I'm prepared to join that conversation and be a part of a solution that Pleasanton residents will support."

Gaidos has a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and a law degree from Golden Gate University.

He and his wife have four children enrolled in the Pleasanton Unified School District.

His campaign website, vote4gaidos.com, lists endorsements from former

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and Western music, describing her compositions as "great gifts from the human souls from the past, for the children of the future."

She is also a philanthropist, performing and donat-

ing royalties from her compositions to support various causes, including the United Nations World Food Program, fighting cancer, and encouraging bone marrow donations.

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EDITORIAL

Classify the Upcoming Tesla Park as a State Reserve

Some 3,100 acres of open space in the Diablo Range east of Livermore are currently undergoing a classification process to become a state park. The process, expected to be completed this year, will decide between designations — such as state reserve or state recreation area — that will define the allowed uses in the park.

Known as the Alameda-Tesla property, the area lies along the boundary between the Native American people of the Northern Valley Yokuts and the Ohlone.

Evidence of Native American settlement has been found both within and near the prospective park.

The property is also located within the climatic convergence zone between the hot, dry San Joaquin Plain and the cool, moist Pacific Coast. The result is one of the highest levels of biodiversity in the state. Fifty-three special-status species, including the Alameda whipsnake and the California red-legged frog, have been identified in or near Tesla, of which 32 are listed as “species of greatest con-

servation need” in the California State Wildlife Action Plan.

This confluence of cultural and biological significance in a large, scenic, contiguous space should be preserved as a State Reserve. Such a classification would put cultural and ecosystem values first, while still allowing for low-intensity public recreation.

More intensive recreation, increased human traffic and facilities risk fragmenting the Tesla habitats as they are today, driving some species away and damaging

ecosystems.

Other parks in the state parks system, such as the neighboring Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area, already offer a wide array of options for these more intensive recreational activities. Preserve Tesla Park for the fragile natural and cultural resources it uniquely offers.

Contact the California State Park & Recreation Commission to share your opinions on the classification process by emailing spr.commission@parks.ca.gov.

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The Big Scam Is Going Down Again!
Mike Grant, Dublin

Dublin citizens: The city leaders are going to try and pull off the big cover up scam again by not posting the city manager’s job out on the open market with a headhunter. Back in 2019 behind closed doors Chris Foss, then city manager, got the council to appoint Linda Smith as the new city manager. They didn’t go out and do a search for the best candidate available or at least look. The council and mayor behind closed doors went and slid Linda Smith in without a search or letting the citizens look at others. Well, they are right back at doing it again behind closed doors trying to put the assistant city manager in the job without looking for the best candidate available. You have to ask yourself why this would be going on? Could it be that if they just keep appointing from within so they

can hide any mistakes the city manager or staff have made over the years? There must be a reason why they keep doing these kinds of appointments without looking outside. Could it be that an outsider may see major issues and blow the whistle on them? This stinks like an Oakland cover up! In the corporate world, almost all upper management jobs are posted, and they interview candidates for the job. If the internal person is the best candidate, then they get the job.

Dublin has a very poor track record for doing the right thing! The big cover up is starting again! Should this happen and we get stuck with another person that is appointed, then just remember November when we vote. Jean Josey is running for Mayor of Dublin and Michael McCorriston is running for the 1st District West Hills. We need to get these two candidates out of office because they both will support this idea for a cover up. Call the council and demand that this \$340,000 dollar job be posted so we can see who is out on the market and get the best candidate. Call City Hall at 925-833-6650 and demand that a job search be done.

Don’t Lose Your Property Value
Vic Avila, Livermore

What does a 1,300 square foot, well-maintained, energy efficient, modest house sell for in Livermore? \$1,132,00. What would that house sell for if urban sprawl invaded Livermore, as it has in DUBLIN? If urban sprawl encroached on the city’s open space, with the Urban Growth Boundary being altered to accommodate that sprawl, what would that house be worth? At the moment, urban sprawl is present in Livermore primarily in the immediate downtown core, with the developments bordering the First Street Alehouse, due to recent City Council’s disregard for the uniqueness and value of the “small-town feel” that creates Livermore’s appeal and vibe. Don’t let the city council devalue your property value by willy-nilly allowing development of Livermore’s perimeter.

2020 vs. 2024
Phil Mumford, Livermore

A recent letter to The Independent (Are You Better Off Now or Before, July 18) prompted me to examine the differences in my life between 2020 and 2024.

Well... I can now eat in a restaurant instead of outside. I no longer have to wait for hours to get into Costco. Toilet paper and hand sanitizers are now on the shelves. Hospitals now have available beds if needed. My stock portfolio has been climbing. The dollar is at its highest level internationally in decades. The ports are now open. The supply chain of goods and services is restored. The bond between the U.S. and our allies is strengthened. Public parklands are now better protected. Unemployment claims are way down. On the downside... My insurance premiums are up. PG&E rates are rising. More extreme weather conditions. I’m four years older. Overall I’m much better off in 2024 than in 2020. I’d like to thank the writer for reminding me of that before I vote.

Protect the Health of Our Children; Offer GAMI G100UL ASAP
Donna Cabanne, Livermore

As you may have heard, Livermore Airport (LVK) is now offering UL 94. This is a small step towards eliminating the impacts of leaded aviation pollution on several residential developments, schools, and preschools close to the airport. Unfortunately, UL 94 cannot be used in all piston engine aircraft. Clearly, the most important next step is for Five Rivers Aviation FBO Pete Sandhu to start selling GAMI G100UL — an unleaded aviation fuel that can be used and/or mixed with fuel in any plane or tank. GAMI G100UL is FAA approved, insurable, and can be purchased from a distributor in Fresno by the end of 2024. Mr. Sandhu says he will offer GAMI G100UL by the end of 2025. Why DELAY for a year? We need to reduce the impacts of leaded aviation fuel on our community as soon as possible. The Livermore City Council has the authority to direct the FBO to offer GAMI G100UL. At the July 22nd council meeting, the Mayor stated that other airports sell leaded aviation fuel. This comment is both DISTURBING and disappointing. When residents asked the City Council to ban the sale of vaping products and

flavored tobacco products, the Council worked swiftly to make these sales illegal in Livermore and followed up with an ordinance to allow enforcement. The sale of leaded aviation fuel also poses a significant health risk to minors living and/or participating in outdoor activities near the airport. The Livermore City Council needs to respond as urgently and forcefully to this health threat as they did to the sale of vaping products. Vaping was a free choice decision teenagers made. In contrast; children living near the airport are marginalized because breathing leaded aviation fuel is not a free choice. Please contact all Livermore City Council Members: Ask the Council members to direct the FBO to initiate a contract with the GAMI G100UL distributor before the end of 2024: mayormarchand@livermoreca.gov 1 925 960-4020 rwcaring@livermoreca.gov 1 925 960-4018 bbarrios@livermoreca.gov 1 925 960-4016 egbranning@livermoreca.gov 1 925 960-4013 bkiick@livermoreca.gov 1 925 960-4019 Let’s make our message loud and clear... “Leaded aviation fuel hurts humans, especially children. Start selling GAMI Unleaded G100UL — ASAP “

Kristie Wang for Livermore City Council, District 4
Patricia Munro, Livermore

I first met Kristie Wang when she came to advocate for the city to enact an anti-vaping ordinance. I was impressed with her understanding of the issues, her ability to advocate for the whole community, and her compassion. A few years later, I — along with others — encouraged her to run for school board, a seat she had held for four years. Now Wang is running for City Council in District 4. I cannot imagine a better candidate and urge all who can vote for her to do so. Wang has integrity, that combination of honesty and self-awareness that is the most basic quality to look for in anyone running for office. She has been a voice of calm and clarity on the school board. She shows up everywhere, supporting all the different voices that make up our Livermore community.

Wang has both past experience and dedication to understanding and doing the work to come. She did not commit to run for either school board or city council until she had researched each position to ensure she understood the work and was confident that she could be effective. Though she began to consider running for council late last year, she became a candidate only after much research. Wang understands the collaborative nature of city government. As a school board member, she gained experience in advocating for Livermore at the regional and state level. She understands how to work with city staff, as well as with other Livermore governmental bodies. She served during very difficult years and understands how to listen to all voices, then put the needs of the whole community first. I do not live in District 4, so I will not have the pleasure of voting for Kristie Wang. But if you can vote for Kristie, please do! As a councilmember, she will work for all of us and with all of us. Go Kristie!

Providence and Intervention? Give Me a Break!
Rick Nurdyke, Livermore

Wait!....What? So.... after last week’s letters, we’re supposed to believe that God protected Trump at his recent rally from deadly gunfire. Apparently, God was sitting idly by in Dallas in ‘63 as JFK, one of the most revered and respected presidents to hold office, takes multiple bullets to his neck and head; a practicing Catholic no less! But on July 13, this corrupt, fraudulent, amoral, narcissistic, psychopath (his own chief of staff, General John Kelly, called him “...the most flawed individual I’ve ever met. The depth of his dishonesty is astonishing”) got a divine pass? Just before the 2020 election, Trump’s staff alerted him that he’d likely see a big lead that would evaporate into defeat as mail-in votes arrived. Still, he claimed it was stolen and thought it was a good idea to attack his own Capitol, putting democracy at risk. Unhinged and unfit for office. God saved his life in Pennsylvania? I’d prefer to call it just plain dumb luck! P.S. And let’s keep the Urban Growth Boundary in place to continue doing what it was designed for. It’s still important!

A Different Look at God’s Providence
Frank Cannella, Livermore

Last week, there was a letter in The Independent speaking about how the near fatal attack on Donald Trump was an omen from God that somehow Trump was God’s chosen leader for the country since he was spared. There was an immediate upwards spike in support for Trump leading to his entry into the Republican convention with videos of his courageous fist pumping and shouts of “fight, fight, fight” all over the airwaves. It was indeed very fortunate Trump was not seriously hurt from that horrific attack. Our country has no need for such violence. However, I do not believe it was God’s providence to elect Trump. Maybe it was God’s providence to send a message to Joe Biden to leave the presidential race, since he saw the effect the shooting had in the presidential polls. In fact, you will all remember President Biden had said he would not leave the race unless God himself told him to do so. Maybe that is what happened, since his leaving the race has galvanized the Democratic Party around its new standard bearer, Kamela Harris, who does not have the incredible baggage either of the original candidates have. She is not old; she does not stutter; she has not been convicted of any felonies and is not under any indictments. I think the hand of God is in this after all.

Be a Voter! Vote 4 Dunbar
Lori Souza, Livermore

Steven Dunbar is running for City Council to represent District 3. He has demonstrated his readiness for the role while currently serving on our Planning Commission. Steven carefully studies the proposals and considers public input when deliberating as a commissioner. Advising the city council on matters related to city growth and development is an important way to prepare for a council seat. He has illustrated his commitment to serving the city with a track record of balancing complex challenges with concerns from the community to achieve the best outcomes for Livermore. A vote for Steven is a vote for skilled leadership and informed decision making. It’s a vote for a community that values our heritage and invests

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in sustaining our environment and a healthy economy.

Vote for Kristie Wang
Heather Hammer, Livermore

Do you feel frustrated by the choice of candidates running for President in November? I am relieved that on a local level I can feel good about the choice. If you live in District 4, you should vote for Kristie Wang for Livermore City Council. Kristie and I met in a creative writing class where we formed our own writers' group. Already then, I knew Kristie to be smart, hard-working, and articu-

Capitalism turns housing into a scarce commodity and then blames people who lack it. The unhoused are on the balance just like us, only a little less lucky. Rather than treating them as untouchable, we should give them security and more chances. It is the Christian thing to do and a humane imperative.

Governor Gavin Newsom's executive order to sweep away homeless encampments is cruel. It does nothing to solve the systemic problems that cause homelessness in the first place. And by treating other people like trash, the governor has proven that he's garbage.

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These simple gifts, packed with love, send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten. Again, a big thank you to the churches, businesses, schools and individuals in the Tri Valley area for their generosity!

The Power and Money for Israel's Genocidal Insanity
Greg Scott, Livermore

Recently, the genocidal war criminal Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu spoke before the U.S. Congress. He received numerous standing ovations. Why? To honor the cruelty, immorality, and

Prime Minister. Where were the Groypers?

The two major political parties are so corrupt, it is a poor depiction of America. We, as individuals in nation-states, have to get our governments to do better. The inhabitants of the world deserve better.

What we need is: "A humming, thrumming togetherness that transcends not only sexual desire, but the human world itself. Call it a garden state: a cross-species ecology of astounding beauty and completeness, never static, always in motion, progressive and prolific. I want to live there, and the world won't survive much longer if we don't." (Olivia Laing, "The Garden Against Time: In Search of a Common Paradise," 2024)

Kristie Wang for Livermore City Council
Allegra Williams, Livermore

To know Kristie is to befriend Kristie. I wholeheartedly support Kristie Wang for Livermore City Council in the 4th District and I'd like to share with you why. I understand that my experience is not actually that unique for those of us who have worked with Kristie. Like so many other community members, I first worked with Kristie on a project here in Livermore, got to know Kristie, and I now consider Kristie not only to be a tremendous civic leader, but also a good friend. When Kristie sees something that needs to get done for the improvement of our community, she rolls up her sleeves and gets it done.

When Kristie first heard about a project I was working on over four years ago, the Portola and Enos safety improvement crosswalk project, she immediately shared her mutual concern for the safety of children and families trying to cross Portola Ave. to get to and from school at Lawrence Elementary and Junction Avenue K-8. As an LVJUSD Trustee, she figuratively "mega-phoned" our safety concerns and helped us advocate for a safer crossing with flashing beacons, a pedestrian island, and a high-visibility crosswalk. Without Kristie's help and advocacy, I am certain that the crosswalk and flashing beacons would have taken much longer, putting many young lives and community members' lives at risk. I am so grateful to Kristie for her unwavering support over the years and her care for our community members of all ages.

Assassination Attempts
Glenn White, Dublin

After reading David Ott's arrogant assertion

that Trump was spared by God's "providence" (Mailbox July 25, 2024), the same word Hitler and his Nazis used to describe Hitler's survival of assassination attempts, I was pleased to read Patrick Weidhaas's letter comparing the Nazi reaction to the attempt on Hitler's life in 1944 with the Republican reaction to the assassination attempt on Trump.

David Ott's gushing over Trump reminded me of slaves and subjects worshipping dictators and kings throughout history, from Pharaoh, to Caesar, to Hitler, to today's Kim Jong Un. This ungodly "Caesar worship" after a failed assassination attempt is described in Revelation 13:3-4: "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?" It's an old blasphemous propaganda technique.

Regarding Trump's record, FactCheck.org reported that the economy lost 2.7 million jobs. The unemployment rate increased by 1.7 percentage points to 6.4%. Illegal immigration increased. Apprehensions at the southwest border rose 14.7% in 2020 compared with 2016. The international trade deficit that Trump promised to reduce went up. The murder rate rose to the highest level since 1997. It appears that Trump rode the Obama economy until he broke it. Trump continues to aggravate the situation at the southern border when he sabotaged bipartisan legislation addressing the border earlier this year because he wanted to run on that issue.

Regarding unity, Trump calls his opposition "human scum" echoing Hitler. His childish name calling is designed to incite division among Americans. Trump's rallies previously celebrated Paul Pelosi being attacked with a hammer. Trump still refuses to acknowledge that he lost in 2020 and continues to

refuse to accept the 2024 results. Project 2025 is his "Gleichschaltung", his plan to establish a dictatorship — which is why he tells Christian Nationalists that they won't have to vote again after 2024 promising them satanic retribution rather than Christian forgiveness. Maybe he's gotten worse.

Trump is a fascist, an autocrat, who tells his followers that he and only he can save America, so that his followers will believe the greatest con man in history and worship Trump as a god, while throwing Jesus under the bus.

Dramatic Events
Jan Brovont, Livermore

In recent days America has experienced some very dramatic events happening politically.

1. A former President of the United States had an attempt on his life. If it had succeeded, it would have been murder. The sitting President has decided not to run for a second term, and the current VP may be the only candidate for their party to run for President.

In watching a lot of this on the TV News a couple things stand out. When the (especially) TV News speaks of these events, they often talk about "what is best for the party". It should be what is the best for the country... Seems they have forgotten that we should ALL be concerned with what is the BEST for the United States of America, not either of the parties.

2. I've been watching the Olympics today. Interesting and nice to see so many different countries participating. During the Beach Volleyball, they showed the team which was playing taking a timeout (or whatever it's called) would

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East Bay Grooveline, a highly energetic Funk, Groove, R&B and Motown dance band is the 9th concert of the Livermore Cultural Arts Council's "Tuesday Tunes". The concert starts August 6th at 6:45 p.m. on the Shea Homes Stage in front of the Bankhead Theater. With several danceable and singable tunes from the last 40 years sprinkled in for good measure, they will get everyone up and dancing! Shea Homes is the major sponsor, with funding from Fremont Bank, UNCLE Credit Union, Uncle's Yu's at the Vineyard and The Independent. (Photo courtesy of East Bay Grooveline)

late. Kristie's insight and dedication made our time together valuable as we worked hard to improve our writing skills. Since then, I supported Kristie when she served on the Livermore School Board, and we developed a lasting friendship. Kristie has encouraged me, as a former Livermore teacher and active community member, to express my opinions to the Board on what our District's vision should include. She also sought out my voice in her campaign against flavored tobacco products, and I spoke before the City Council. Kristie is a tireless advocate for the needs of all people in our city. You'll find her at every community event celebrating the health, safety, and diversity of this city—my hometown for the last 45 years. If you are tired of divisiveness in politics, vote for Kristie who listens well and demonstrates respect for all. (See map to find your district: <https://bit.ly/LivermoreMap>.)

Shame on Newsom
Alan Marling, Livermore

The scary truth is that most Californians are only a few bad breaks away from homelessness. Insurance companies won't sell wildfire coverage to people living in high-risk areas. (You would instead need CA's FAIR Plan.) A few may lose everything that way, but more likely the unlucky blow will come from an unexpected medical bill. Insurers profit most from denying you coverage, and if they weasel out of their responsibility you could lose everything. That is, if you were fortunate enough to have health insurance in the first place.

Between the crush of student loans and unaffordable housing, too many working-class people end up living out of their cars. But if your vehicle breaks down, or you lose the ability to make payments on it, you may land hard on the street.

Thank you for Supporting Operation Christmas Child!
Michele Rediger, Pleasanton

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of the people of the Tri Valley area, Operation Christmas Child had a successful season in the Tri-Valley, collecting 6,516 Christmas shoebox gifts for children in poverty or war in third world countries in 2023, contributing to a total of 19,869 for the entire San Francisco East Bay! Across the U.S., this Samaritan's Purse project collected 10 million shoebox gifts in 2023. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2023, the ministry is now sending over 11.3 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide.

Through shoeboxes—packed with fun toys, school supplies, and personal care items—Tri-Valley area volunteers brought joy to children in need around the world. Each gift-filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love, and it is often the first gift these children have ever received. Through the continued generosity of donors since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 220 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

Across California, shoebox packers often shop for deals on shoebox items throughout the year, and many serve at a deeper level by becoming a year-round volunteer. Information about ways area participants can get involved year-round can also be found at samaritanaspurse.org/occ.

Although local Tri-Valley drop off locations for shoebox gifts are closed until Nov. 18 — 25, 2024, anyone can still be a part of this life-changing project by conveniently packing a shoebox gift online in just a few simple clicks at samaritanaspurse.org/

inhumanity of this man and what Israel is doing and has done in Gaza and the West Bank — is unconscionable.

What is fostered by Israel and its enemies is a growing hatred and resentment. This course will only lead to further and greater scale war, as is about to occur in Lebanon. Now Turkey threatens to enter into the conflagration. Netanyahu is also inspiring war on Iran. To instigate it all, Netanyahu orchestrated the financing of Hamas through Qatari and Egyptian monies deposited into Israeli accounts and then transferred to Gaza. This was done to create discord between Hamas and the corrupt Fatah, formerly the Palestinian National Liberation Organization. Netanyahu wants war and he can only do this with American military and financial support.

The anointed "queen" for the coming coronation in the Democratic Party National Convention of Vice President Harris puts her in an awkward position. So she, as President of the U.S. Senate, conveniently was not present for Netanyahu's speech. Candidate Harris knows she needs the Arab-American vote in Michigan to win the state's critical fifteen Electoral College votes. How strategic! If Harris wins, with her large contributions from the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) and other pro-Israeli lobbyists, she will just go back to supporting the murderous genocide in Gaza and the killings and expanded illegal occupation in the West Bank.

The irony of ironies is that Netanyahu met with the anti-Semitic Donald Trump. Apparently, Trump's Mar-a-Lago dinner guests of November 2022 — White supremacist, anti-Semitic Nick Fuentes and pro-Hitler Kanye West — were not invited to meet with the Israeli

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sit down and wipe the sweat off their faces with a towel. But their towels looked like an American flag.... This is way out of place. The American flag should be respected. A lot of people had died defending it.

It's one thing to wear clothes that have an America flag, but NOT using what looks like's a flag to wipe the sweat off one's face.

In honor & showing our patriotism, the Military and the Scouts are taught not to ever let the flag touch the ground. Now we see athletes wiping their faces with a towel that has the American Flag on it... As my Mother-in Law used to say, "We are going to hell in a handbasket."

Support for Kristie Wang
Christiaan VandenHeuvel,
Livermore

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Kristie Wang in her bid for a seat on the Livermore City Council. In a time when our community is seeking reliable and forward-thinking leadership, Kristie stands out as the ideal candidate.

Kristie's extensive knowledge and understanding of the issues facing Livermore are truly impressive. She works hard to be educated about all things Livermore! She has already demonstrated a deep understanding of our city's challenges and opportunities, making her exceptionally well-equipped to navigate the complexities of local government. She is selfless in serving our community through her work in various local initiatives and organizations. Her actions reflect a genuine dedication to improving the lives of all Livermore residents.

Integrity is a cornerstone of Kristie's character. In an era where trust in public officials is (should be) paramount, Kristie remains steadfast and incorruptible. Her unwavering ethical standards ensure that she always acts in the best interest of our community, free from undue influence or personal gain. Her track record speaks volumes about her commitment to honesty and transparency.

Kristie's vision for the future of Livermore is both intelligent and loving. I believe that she possesses a unique blend of strategic thinking and compassion, allowing her to envision and implement policies that not only foster growth but also nurture our community's unique spirit. Her plans for Livermore's future are rooted in sustainability, inclusivity, and a genuine desire to see our city thrive for generations to come.

Additionally, Kristie's ability to network and connect with people from all walks of life is amazing. Her extensive connections within and beyond Livermore will be invaluable in bringing diverse perspectives together, fostering collaboration, and driving positive change. Her approachable and warm demeanor makes her an effective communicator, able to build bridges and unite our community toward common goals.

In summary, Kristie Wang has all the qualities we need in a City Council member: knowledgeable, selfless, and filled with integrity. Her intelligence, love for the community, and incorruptible nature make her the best choice for Livermore's future. While I cannot vote for her since I do not live in District 4, I will be donating to her campaign and I urge my fellow residents to support Kristie Wang for City Council as well, confident that she will lead our city with wisdom, compassion, and unwavering dedication.

An Irresponsible
Comparison
Colin McGinley, Livermore

Last week, a Letter to the Editor published in this newspaper attempted to draw direct comparison between the July 1944 assassination attempt on Adolf Hitler and the July 2024 assassination attempt on Donald Trump.

This comparison, of a deranged dictator and war criminal in 1944, to that of a democratically elected politician who sometimes says mean things on the internet, is deeply disingenuous and displays ignorance of the history of both Germany and the United States. It displays a level of hysteria and demonization that has no place in American politics. It is deeply irresponsible.

Adolf Hitler fostered a terrorist state that openly flouted political norms and basic rights. One of his first acts was to suspend the German constitution and democratic system. His state apparatus of terror led to the destruction of personal rights and the imprisonment and execution of innocents without trial or process. He worked to exterminate entire ethnic groups, where they were brutally and systematically killed in the millions. The aggressive racial war of annihilation that he began in 1939 led to the death of at least 50 million more.

Donald Trump, recipient of 80+ million votes in a Democratic election, has killed nobody. He has suspended no democratic systems. When he was president, the government continued to function. No political parties

were banned. No rights were abolished. No wars were started, nor countries invaded, nor ethnic groups systematically cleansed. What he did do was tweet unpresidential things, act without tact, and push policies many in this country disagree with.

The assassination attempt on a candidate in a democratic election should be recognized as a black mark on our democratic system. There is nothing "divine" about it.

Pleasanton School Teacher
Gifted With Trip to Hawaii

Vanitha Mahesh, a third-grade teacher at the Stratford School campus in Pleasanton recently received a trip to Hawaii during the private school's 25th anniversary celebration.

Stratford School, which opened its first school in Danville, California, in 1999, now has 30 campus locations, including separate elementary and middle school campuses in Pleasanton, with more than 9,000 students.

Stratford said Mahesh has taught multiple grades at four Bay Area sites during her 15 years with the school, demonstrating a "deep passion for education and a commitment to making meaningful impacts on the lives of her students."

Mahesh has a bachelor's degree in engineering from Anna University in Chennai, India, and received her teaching credentials from San Francisco State University in 2004, according to her LinkedIn profile.



Vanitha Mahesh

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AIRPORT

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Flying at speeds of 120 miles an hour, EBRPD’s helicopters can cover one corner of the district to the other — roughly the size of Rhode Island — in seven to eight minutes.

“We take pride in the job we do and serving as an ambassador for any fire or police agency or first responder in need,” said Cotcher. “The air support unit is critical to us. We would need 400 officers to cover that area on foot.” The park district’s police department currently has 76 sworn officers.

The EBRPD is leasing its hangar at the airport from Five Rivers Aviation. Five Rivers owner Pete Sandhu said he is delighted to have the units housed in Livermore.

“We are thrilled to have them here; it just makes sense,” said Sandhu. “These are the kinds of things we want to bring to the Liv-

ermore Airport. We don’t want Boeings; we want to fill the airport with aviation uses and activities that are compatible with the community.”

Five Rivers also rents space to the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office Air Support Unit. The new location of the parks district police department, according to Fred Greer, EBRPD police sergeant and chief pilot, allows for better communication and collaboration between the teams.

“Being at our current location gives us daily net- working with the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office Air Support Unit, which is right next door,” said Greer, adding that it’s also allowed for better resource coordina- tion, cross-communication and tactics.

Since arriving in Liver- more, the EBRPD team has been busy.

Three days after the unit’s move, even before becoming operational, said Greer, a lost hiker with medical conditions was re- ported in the nearby Sunol area. The team was called in on a day off and initiated a two-day search operation in coordination with local emergency personnel. The hiker was found, and the helicopter was used for evacuations.

“The ability to take off from the Livermore Airport and be on scene in less than five minutes was a huge advantage,” Greer added.

Then, just three weeks later, a series of fires broke out in the Altamont Pass area. Due to the location, the team was first on the scene at a small fire and coordinated with Cal Fire resources. A week later, the team en- gaged in water drops in the Altamont with Cal Fire air resources on another fire.

“So far things are going



EBRPD Chief Pilot and Police Sergeant Fred Greer works inside one of the park district’s helicopters. The aircraft can cover the entirety of the park district — roughly the size of Rhode Island — in less than eight minutes. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

very well,” said Cotcher. “We are very, very happy to be here and look forward to

providing excellent service to the Tri-Valley.” EBRPD is looking to hire

additional pilots. For more information or to apply, visit bit.ly/3yebFFE.

EDEN

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county registrar certification in June following a two-year court battle on the referen- dum’s validity.

Although the city coun- cil, in response to a court ruling in March, agreed to rescind its 2022 approval at its June 24 meeting, it also readopted the admin- istrative parts of the 2022 agreement — as opposed to the legislative parts — that were not related to the park. City Attorney Jason Alcala advised the council that such a separation would allow the other aspects of the approval to move forward.

Legislative actions estab- lish policies, while adminis- trative actions execute them. Administrative actions can- not be referended, only legislative actions.

In rescinding the approv- al, the city council decided against putting the issue to a public vote.

The council voted 4-1, with Councilmember Ben Barrientos against, for the readoption.

Move Eden Housing (MEH), the community group behind the referen- dum, filed a motion on July 29 claiming that such a readoption was not allowed under state law. The motion now asks the court to order the city to rescind the June 24 resolution.

“The city council’s ac- tions on June 24 clearly violated rules in the Elec- tions Code requiring that cities wait one year before reapproving an ordinance or resolution that has been subject to referendum,” said MEH attorney Win- ston Stromberg. “An ordi- nance or resolution cannot be passed in less than a year if it is ‘essentially the same’ as the original proposal, as is the case here.”

The city, however, main- tained that the readoption of the administrative portions was allowed.

“The new question posed to the courts by MEH is whether a petition against the legislative acts has the

legal effect of preventing the city council from pursu- ing the administrative acts the appellate court deter- mined were not subject to referendum,” City Manager Marianna Marysheva told The Independent. “The law is clear that adminis- trative acts are not subject to referendum, so the city is confident the courts will answer that question in the city’s favor and reject MEH’s argument.

“The city looks forward to the day when MEH no longer engages in public deception about the legal effect of its referendum,” she continued.

Linda Mandolini, CEO of Eden Housing, also lament- ed the delays of MEH’s new legal action.

“It is unfortunate that Move Eden Housing con- tinues to seek ways to delay the development of afford- able housing for families with limited means. Despite these challenges, Eden re- mains dedicated to provid-

ing housing opportunities for the crucial members of our communities, including our teachers, firefighters, school staff, and restaurant, vineyard and other essen- tial workers. Without these baseless lawsuits, 130 fami- lies would now have a place to call home and enjoy a beautiful park that cannot be developed at this time due to Move Eden Housing’s actions.”

The hearing is scheduled for Aug. 22.

Project History

According to Richard Ryon, the original proponent for the referendum, the Livermore community favored a larger, creative commu- nity park on the site that the council had chosen for Eden. Ryon stated that com- munity members wanted to relocate the housing units across Railroad Avenue to the north and accommodate even more units.

The referendum, how- ever, ran into issues when

MEH submitted the petition to the city in July 2022. On the advice of Alcala, Liv- ermore City Clerk Marie Weber declined to verify the signatures when they were submitted, reasoning that the city council’s approval was administrative and not legislative.

While the Alameda County Superior Court sid- ed with Alcala’s interpre- tation in August 2022, the California 1st District Court of Appeal earlier this year overruled that decision, reasoning that the city clerk lacked the legal authority to make the determination she did. The appellate court also concluded that a \$5.5 million payment from the city for the park rendered the entire 2022 resolution as legislative and therefore subject to referendum.

Following MEH’s mo- tion this week, Marysheva said that “the question the court previously answered was whether the city clerk was required to process

MEH’s petition as a referen- dum.”

“That question evaluated whether the resolution con- tained a legislative act,” she continued. “That is import- ant here because the petition signed by the voters said, ‘We request the legislative acts contained in said reso- lution be entirely repealed.’”

Last week, Alameda Su- perior Court Judge Michael Markman, in response to the appellate court’s ruling, reversed his earlier decision and ordered the city to pro- cess the referendum.

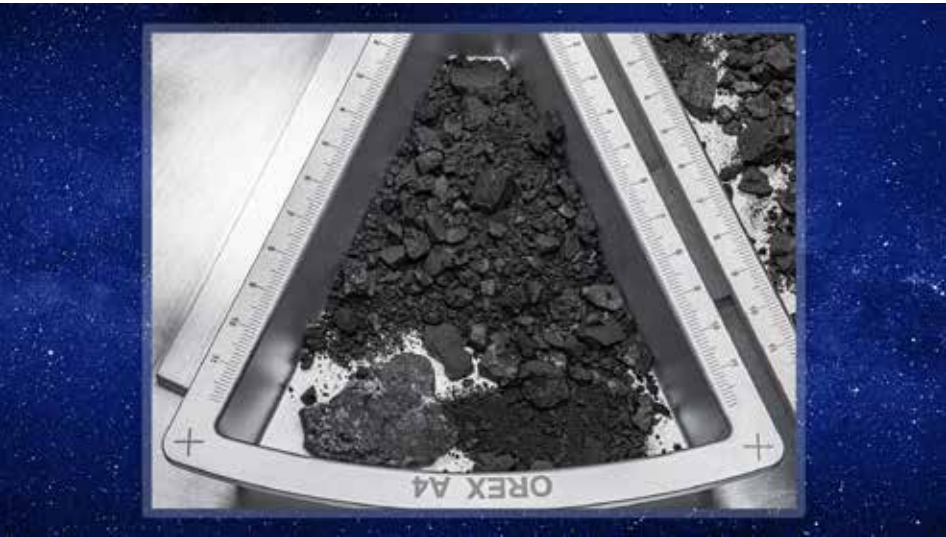
According to Stromberg, the city’s readoption of por- tions of the 2022 resolution represents an attempt to “evade the referendum.”

“We regret having to demonstrate again that the city has not complied with the law,” he continued.

Ryon added, “We are so frustrated that the city con- tinues to ignore the voices of the voters in Livermore, who clearly supported this Referendum.”

ASTEROID

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Rocks and dust from asteroid Bennu await analysis at LLNL. (Photo courtesy of NASA Johnson Space Center / Erika Blumenfeld and Joseph Aebersold)

compared the work that he and his colleagues will be performing as something of a forensics exercise: trying to understand when and how something happened.

Brennecka emphasized just how important these samples are to understand- ing the history of our solar system. “This is a rock that captures our origins. The sun is formed from the same stuff that this as- teroid is formed from. Our planets are too. But those other rocks have melted and formed cores, whereas Ben- nu has spent over 4.5 billion years in a deep freezer in- stead.” And Bennu differs from rocks on Earth because its composition was formed far before the ones on Earth. For example, many space samples contain more iron than those found on Earth because they haven’t melted to form the core of a planet.

Not only that, but Bennu, unlike meteorites that have been studied in the past, has stayed free from the influ- ence that burning through our atmosphere and crashing onto the surface can have.

“Targeting pristine aster- oids, the way that OSIRIS- REx and Hayabusa-2 (an-

other asteroid-sample return mission) have done, gives us a chance to analyze the samples that haven’t been changed by interacting with terrestrial systems, which is really valuable,” said Brennecka.

One process cosmo- chemists use to understand a sample is to take a rock, dissolve it in an acid, then perform chemical separa- tions that help observe isotopes, which are like the fingerprints of different ele- ments. These chemical sig- natures are distinct enough that scientists can tell when a compound was formed or how far away it was from the sun at its origin point. But it can be tricky when the sam- ples are limited. The NASA mission collected about 120 grams of Bennu samples; LLNL received 0.5 grams.

“You can’t easily go back and get more samples,” said Brennecka. “Some sit- uations, when you start an analysis, you get one shot. And that’s it.”

But 0.5 grams is more than enough — especially because cosmochemistry is a rapidly evolving field. “It’s a golden period of cosmo- chemistry right now. We’re

getting to a point where we can collect these materials, bring them back from space and analyze them in a lab on Earth,” said Brennecka. “The material that NASA collected is designed to rep- resent something like 50 to 100 years of study, because as the field keeps changing and technology gets better, we’ll want to study it with that better, cutting-edge research.”

In the future, cosmo- chemistry and other anal- yses of space material can help us understand more about our neighboring plan- ets and those beyond our galaxy.

“It’s important to pre- serve these materials so we can keep furthering our understanding. The Space Age before really inspired so many people to go into STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathemat- ics), to do these hard things that no one’s done before that help us learn more about the world,” said Brennecka. “And it’s important to do hard things. Not just for learning, but it’s important for humanity to keep striv- ing to understand what’s out there.”

GUARD

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behind bars.

“As alleged, Officer Daryl Smith engaged in appalling criminal acts when he sexually abused those in his care and custody,” said Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco. “This superseding indictment is the latest product of the department’s ongoing work to seek justice for victims of sexual assault at FCI Dublin. We remain steadfast in our commitment to root out sexual assault within the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) and hold to account those who so egregiously violate their duty.”

At least eight FCI Dub- lin employees — including guards, a warden and a chap- lain — have been charged since 2021 with sexually abusing women housed at the low-security women’s institution, which inmates

nicknamed the “Rape Club.” So far, five have pleaded guilty and two were convicted at trial, including former warden Ray Garcia.

Smith is set for trial be- fore U.S. District Court Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers in Oakland on March 17, 2025. Rogers has sentenced several of those charged in the case to prison and is overseeing a class-action lawsuit filed against the BOP that is set to go to trial next year. Calling the prison a dysfunctional mess, Rogers appointed a special master to oversee the institution in April, but BOP officials days later shut the facility down and transferred inmates to other prisons across the country.

The special master, Wendy Still, completed a report on the institution, but it has not been released.

Last month, inspired large- ly by the treatment of inmates at FCI Dublin, the U.S. Senate passed a prison oversight act that legislators hope will prevent the toxic conditions that resulted in the institution’s shutdown from happening anywhere else.

The bipartisan Federal Prison Oversight Act, which previously passed the House of Representatives, was sent to President Joe Biden for his signature.

The act will require the Department of Justice’s In- spector General to conduct comprehensive inspections of the BOP’s 122 correctional facilities, provide recommen- dations to fix problems, and assign each facility a risk score. Higher-risk facilities will be required to be inspect- ed more often.

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TEACHER

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history teacher with deep roots in Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley, the recognition was the honor of a lifetime.

“Honestly, I was so shocked, I didn’t even know I was up for it (the nomination),” she said. “It felt wonderful to be recognized not only for my efforts but also while serving this wonderful community. It was amazing.”

The honors come from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, a nonprofit organization focused on American history education for students from elementary through high school. Based in New York, the institute was established in 2004 and annually recognizes history teachers from kindergarten to high school across the country with an

award for their contributions to American history education.

Orenberg is one of 53 national winners. She was awarded \$1,000 in prize money in addition to a selection of American history books and educational materials curated by the Gilder Lehrman Institute. She will also be recognized in a local, public ceremony sometime during the school year. As one of the state winners, Orenberg is automatically placed into a pool of all the state winners from which a national winner will be chosen later this year. The national winner will be honored in an awards ceremony in New York City and receive \$10,000.

“In times like these, history teachers play a critical

role in shaping students’ understanding of the past and inspiring hope for the future,” said James G. Basker, president of the Gilder



Katie Orenberg (Photo courtesy of Katie Orenberg)

Lehrman Institute, in a press release. “Their unwavering dedication to educating our

youth is commendable, and we take great pride in honoring the most exceptional educators across the country.”

Orenberg grew up in Pleasanton and attended PMS and Foothill High School. Today she lives in Dublin with her family, and while her love of history has always been intact, she said the support she received from the teaching community as she followed her path toward teaching was key to her success.

When she was in high school, Orenberg’s father became ill. While he later recovered, Orenberg worked on securing as many college scholarships as possible as she was dealing with her family’s situation and financial considerations. As the offers of financial support came in, she says most of

her awards came from the Pleasanton community.

“I wasn’t necessarily the strongest student, but I was committed,” said Orenberg. “And I kept saying to them (the scholarship panels) that when I come back, I’m going to teach in Pleasanton, and they believed me, and they believed IN me. ... I owe so much to this community. It’s been a real full-circle moment.”

And it is her contagious enthusiasm that continues to drive her. As a U.S. history teacher, Orenberg said it is not unusual for her to arrive to class in a period costume to engage her students on a particular historical topic or to create educational games to make the learning fun.

“Maybe they (the students) don’t go on to be

history teachers or historians, but the theme of government and civics, and that they are going to be able to participate in that process someday is so important,” she said. “History and how it happens doesn’t change, but our perception of it does, and if you can blow the dust off of it for students to see how it changes for them ... that’s worth everything.”

For now, as Orenberg enjoys the last days of summer, she remains grateful for the recognition and to those who helped her get there.

“It’s been really lovely,” she said. “I feel so lucky. I think the best part of it has been all the former families who have heard about it and shown their support. It’s been really, really special and I am so appreciative.”

HOTEL

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the hotel opened in 2020.

Delays, including two referenda and an initiative, postponed the project. In 2022, the city council authorized a new agreement with Presidio to pay back the loan with 3.5% interest when the hotel opened on the expected date of May 2024.

According to a city staff report, however, the project continued to face problems. The hotel has yet to be built.

“The COVID-19 pandemic had a damaging effect on tourism and business travel, which has resulted in reduced demand for new hotel development,” the report said. “Following the pandemic, a prolonged period of economic inflation has resulted in increased costs for materials, labor, and capital, which has further challenged the developer’s ability to deliver the hotel, and the related payments, in accordance with the original Schedule of Performance.”

The amended agreement sets the new date as Dec. 31, 2027, and terminates the

agreement with Presidio for the hotel if that date is not met. The developer must also pay for a market feasibility study and confer with the city to help it identify alternative projects if the study suggests the project is no longer feasible.

During public comments, resident Donna Cabanne questioned why the city would extend the timeline.

“The loan agreement has already been extended numerous times,” she said. “The developer gets a loan taken out of the general fund at the expense of the taxpayers. This gift has gone on long enough. It’s time to end the gift. Please require the developer to start construction by the end of the year or to get their own loan.”

Resident Jean King encouraged the council not to vote to extend the agreement for a different reason.

“We need more information about this to say what is happening with the hotel,” King said. “What is going to help us bring our hotel to Livermore?”

Gillig Partners with Communities Nationwide in Low-Emission Projects

Gillig, the Livermore-based manufacturer of heavy-duty transit buses, is partnering with more than four dozen communities nationwide to support clean-energy vehicle projects.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) recently awarded more than \$1.5 billion in grants for low- and no-emission projects in 47 states. Gillig said its partnerships represent two-thirds of the grants involving heavy-duty transit vehicles.

“We are thrilled to be the trusted partner for these communities as they make transformative investments in their transit systems,” said Gillig Vice President Bill Fay. “Our commitment to quality and reliability has

made Gillig a cornerstone of the public-transit sector. This funding empowers our customers to drive America forward to a more sustainable and connected future alongside Gillig.”

Gillig said it is partnering with “more than 48” communities.

The federal program provides funding for public transit agencies to purchase low- and zero-emission buses, build infrastructure, and develop the workforce needed to support that transition.

Gillig said its inclusion in these projects underscores the company’s leadership in developing compressed natural gas (CNG), hybrid-electric, battery electric, and hydrogen fuel cell buses.

TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Through Aug. 20

TUESDAY TUNES FREE CONCERTS

Tuesday Tunes are family-friendly concerts on the Shea Homes Stage in front of the Bankhead Theater, hosted by the Livermore Cultural Arts Council. The free shows, scheduled for 6:45 to 8:15 p.m., include: August 6: East Bay Grooveline - funk, groove, Motown, R&B August 13: LunaFish - classic rock 60's & 70's August 20: The Hurricane Band - classic rock, R&B, country, and pop

Thursday, Aug. 1

COFFEE WITH A COP

Dublin Police will hold a “Coffee with a Cop” event at the Dublin Farmers’ Market on Thursday, Aug. 1. Police will serve up coffee and conversation from 4 to 8 p.m. Dublin Police will also be collecting school supplies for Dublin students in need. The Dublin Farmers’ Market takes place at Emerald Glen Park, 4201 Central Parkway, every Thursday through Sept. 26.

Thursday, Aug. 1

DUBLIN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS “WONDERBREAD 5”

The Dublin Summer Concert Series, held on Thursday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m. in the Emerald Glen Park Amphitheater at 4201 Central Pkwy. during the Dublin Farmers’ Market, is offering “Wonderbread 5” (current hits to classics from the ‘70s, ‘80s, ‘90s, and beyond) on Aug. 1. The concert series is sponsored by DUBS, a Dublin-based drum shop.

Friday, Aug. 2

PICNIC FLIX MOVIE SERIES

The city of Dublin is holding the Picnic Flix Movie Series through the beginning of August. Movies will begin at dusk. Guests are encouraged to bring low-back chairs and/or blankets and to dress warmly. Sorry, but pets are not allowed. Food and snack vendors will be on hand for meal purchases by 6:30 p.m., along with games and activities. A flashlight will be helpful in finding your way back to your car following the movie. On Aug. 2, the movie series features Across the Spiderverse (PG) at Emerald Glen Park, Field B

Saturday, Aug. 3

DRESS A GIRL AROUND THE WORLD

Make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Meetings are once a month. The next SewFest is Aug. 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho St., in Livermore. Bring your sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, or just your helping hands. You can come for as long as you want — an hour or all day! (Please bring a bag lunch if you plan to stay all day.) Cheerful cotton fabric donations are always accepted. If you can’t make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, there are kits with which you can sew from home. Contact Suzanne Beck at 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com.

Saturday – Sunday, Aug. 3–4

DUBLIN FAMILY CAMPOUT

You don’t have to go far to experience the great outdoors! The City of Dublin offers a wonderful opportunity to bring your family camping. At a Dublin Family Campout, you just bring your tent, sleeping bags, chairs, flashlights, clothing and personal items. The City of Dublin provides a hearty dinner and breakfast; entertainment around a campfire; group games; arts and crafts; and of course, s’mores! Arrival: 4 p.m. on Saturday; depart at 10 a.m. on Sunday. At Schaefer Ranch Park, 9595 Dublin Blvd., in Dublin. Cost: residents, \$27; non-residents, \$30. Reservations are open at DublinRecGuide.com.

Tuesday, Aug. 6

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

All are welcome to join in the food, music, fun and games when St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church hosts a National Night Out celebration from 5 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 6. National Night Out is an annual event promoting police-community partnerships, neighborhood safety and fellowship, and LPD officers as well as District One City Councilmember Evan Branning will be present for the festivities. The church is at 678 Enos Way in Livermore.

Wednesday– Friday, Aug. 7–9

TRI-VALLEY SUMMER REVIVAL

Worship music, prayer, and preaching of the pure gospel, sponsored by Tri-Valley churches. 7-8:30 p.m. Come early! At Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Enter at Gate 12 on Valley Ave. Free parking and free event. For more information call 925-290-7057.

Monday, Aug. 12

AI AND GENEALOGY PRESENTATION

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society presents Thomas MacEntee with “AI and Genealogy: Trouble Ahead?” Learn how AI is currently being used to improve the genealogy experience and whether you should seek out other uses of artificial intelligence for your own genealogy research. No charge. From 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. (Zoom call begins at 6:45.)

Friday, August 16

ANDREW FLORY PLAYS THEORBO

Trinity Concert Series presents Andrew Flory on Aug. 16, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., in Pleasanton. Dr. Andrew Flory is a classical guitarist, theorbo player, lutenist, and educator. He has captivated audiences around the world with the colorful and nuanced musicality of his repertoire. The program features music by Alessandro Piccinini (1566-1638), G.G. Kapsberger (1580-1651), and Robert de Visée (1655-1732). A contribution of \$20 is requested; \$5 students; children free. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Contact Dwight Stone at stonemusique@gmail.com or 510-512-2623 for more info.

Sunday, Aug. 18

OPERA IN THE VINEYARD

Join Livermore Valley Opera for a memorable and captivating experience. Enjoy gorgeous music while relaxing with friends in this charming, picturesque setting. Bring your picnic basket and immerse yourself in the harmonious blend of beautiful arias and popular show tunes drifting across the vines. At Garré Vineyard & Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore, August 18, at 5 p.m., gates open at 4:15 p.m. See livermorevalleyopera.com/event/opera-in-the-vineyard-24 for tickets.

Wednesday, Aug. 21

The Chris Bradley Jazz Band

On the third Wednesday of every month, The Chris Bradley Jazz Band will be playing traditional jazz at the Old Mexico Bar & Grill on Portola Ave. in Livermore from 7 – 9 p.m. There is no cover charge, and the restaurant is family-friendly.

Saturday, Aug. 24

BINGO/LIGHT LUNCH FUNDRAISER

St. Michael’s Golden Friends and Italian Catholic Federation Br. 285 are holding a Bingo and light lunch fundraiser on Aug. 24 at St. Michael’s Church Hall, 326 Maple St. In Livermore. Doors open at 10 a.m., Bingo starts at 10:30. Seating is first come first served. \$15 per Bingo card and lunch / \$10 for additional Bingo cards / \$5 TK- 8th grade. Partial proceeds benefit ICF local Catholic charities. RSVP by Aug. 19. Contact Suzanne at suzibg@sbcglobal.net-Golden Friends or Virginia at virginia1153@comcast.net-ICF.

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TOPSCIENCE

TOPScience is a group that partners with elementary school science teachers to enhance learning for both students and teachers. It is an opportunity to pass on skills and knowledge while having fun and contributing to schools in Livermore. For more information or to volunteer, contact Art Krakowsky at artkr@sbcglobal.net or 925-455-0486.

ONGOING EVENTS

FARMERS MARKETS

Saturday Pleasanton Farmers Market

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

Sunday Livermore Downtown Farmers Market

Open year-round on Sundays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in downtown Livermore, on Second St. between J St. and L St.

Thursday Night Livermore Farmers Market

Now through to Oct. 10 at Carnegie Park, 2155 Third St., downtown Livermore, from 4 to 8 p.m. See www.livermorefarmersmarket.org.

Thursday Evening Dublin Farmer’s Market

The City of Dublin partners with Pacific Coast Farmers’ Market Association to operate the weekly market on Thursdays, 4 to 8 p.m., through Sept. 26 at Emerald Glen Park. The Summer Concert Series will run through Aug. 1, 6 to 8 p.m. Themed nights will be held the first Thursday of each month. Arts and crafts for kids will be available at the City of Dublin booth.

GRIEF MEETINGS IN PLEASANTON

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Although there is no right or wrong path, you can explore the stepping stones that are part of each grief journey in bi-monthly meetings at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton, on June 27, July 11 and 25, and August 8 and 22 at 7 p.m. For more information, please call Barbara at 925-846-3904. For a short video explaining the program and additional information, please see catholicsofpleasanton.org and scroll down to Grief Ministry. Meetings are open to all regardless of religious affiliation.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

The Unitarian Universalist Church is welcoming to all. Join in on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for music, singing, and conversation. The church is located at 1893 North Vasco Rd. in Livermore. For more information, visit uucil.org.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (DAR) CHAPTER MEETING

The local Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter meets on the first Saturday of the month from Sept. to May, with a short business meeting and a program. The DAR was founded in 1890 and is headquartered in Washington, DC. DAR is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women’s service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America’s future through better education for children. Its members are descended from the Patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. For more information, visit jhl.californiadar.org or email jane.everett@sbcglobal.net.

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Asbury United Methodist Church invites the community to join for worship at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. There, discover a church that believes that all people are children of God and are of sacred worth. This community practices loving neighbors in daily life. The church has Sunday School and nursery care, and worship is followed by a fellowship time with bagels, beverages, and great conversation. The church is located at 4743 East Ave., in Livermore. For more information, visit asburylive.org.

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anyone in the community. “It means growth; it means a better community for everyone.”

When the Tri-Valley Career Center was first founded in 2016, it operated under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The WIOA program was originally awarded to help people aged 18 and over by supplementing wages for adults to have experiential internships of short-term placements with employers. But Lindo’s previous work in the youth space led her to push the Tri-Valley Career Center to open up to youth as well as their adult students.

Regional Occupational Program

The career center recently partnered with the Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program (TVROP) to expand a high school Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program. The pilot program started this past spring with five students, three of whom are now employed.

“Not only are we providing them with this opportunity to support their families and support themselves,” said Lindo, “but we’re helping

the Tri-Valley community that has expressed a need for more CNAs.”

And students are feeling stressed, she shared. They think at age 15, they need to know exactly what they want to do.

“And so, we alleviate those fears by allowing them to really explore, to get their feet wet and also gain certifications and make a nice chunk of change as a high school student,” she said.

Julie Duncan, TVROP superintendent, said, “My job is to make sure we give students in the Tri-Valley the opportunity to have a career by choice and not by chance.”

ROPs are all over the state of California and have been for over 50 years. Their original intent was to help Vietnam Veterans gain access to training programs after their service. Their mission has evolved and so has some of the terminology Duncan helped redefine.

“You’ve heard of vocational ed,” said Duncan. “That’s an archaic term because it was, you know, these

kids go here and these (other) kids go to college.”

It’s not like that anymore, she explained. Instead, TVROP empowers students to gain the skills and certifications in a variety of career pathways to choose what they like to do. Whether that’s to earn a livable wage so they can afford college or move directly from high school into a well-paying job.

Panelist Monya Lane, CEO of Quest Science Center and a retiree of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, said work-based learning gives youth the awareness of the possibilities for a future they might not otherwise have known about. For Quest that means bringing hands-on learning through fun, interactive activities and events to local learners who are interested in all things science, technology, engineering and math.

Lane shared an anecdote that speaks to Quest’s purpose: A young boy was overheard saying, as he was leaving an exhibitor booth at their annual Tri-Valley Innovation Fair, “They told me I could

work there someday.”

The only traditional employer on the panel, Megan Craig, rail services coordinator for the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission, leads a workforce development program called The Rail Academy of Central California. The program was developed in direct response to an aging workforce and evolving industry. In partnership with Sacramento City College, which acquired a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education, graduates of the academy, currently in its pilot stage, would be able to enter an industry in just seven months.

“So this is huge, because high school students, by the time they graduate, are automatically able to enter into a career.”

Craig added in closing, “I think that it’s important to take care of our youth and provide these opportunities for competitive salaries and allow them to really grow within the community they grew up in, without (necessarily) going the traditional four-year university route.”

Dublin Seeks Artist Proposals For Basketball Court Murals

Dublin is soliciting proposals for temporary murals to be painted on outdoor basketball courts at four neighborhood parks.

The goal, according to the city, is to make the courts “more inviting and more fun” and “draw people to the parks.”

Murals will be painted in the “keys,” or free-throw lanes, at each end of the courts at Alamo Creek Park, Dolan Park, Schaefer Ranch Park, and Ted Fairfield Park.

The city will provide artists chosen for the project with paint and a sealant for outdoor basketball courts.

Murals must be created by professional artists or students

supervised by a professional artist or art teacher.

Individuals may submit up to three proposals, although no more than two will be selected. Artists will receive \$1,200 stipends for each proposal selected.

The deadline to submit proposals is Monday, Sept. 9. The city’s Heritage & Cultural Arts Commission will review the proposals in October, with the Dublin City Council approving the commission’s selections in November. The call for proposals has the unveiling of the murals tentatively set for April 2025.

For more information and guidelines, go to dublin.ca.gov and search for “murals.”

CityServe Receives \$1 Million for Expanded Rideshare Program

CityServe of the Tri-Valley has received a \$1 million grant from the Alameda County Transportation Commission (CTC) to expand a rideshare program for older adults and those 18 and older with disabilities.

Volunteer drivers with the Pleasanton-based nonprofit will provide transportation to medical appointments, grocery stores, group activities, and other destinations throughout the Tri-Valley area.

The CTC is a joint-powers agency formed by Alameda County and 14 cities to fund

transportation programs and projects.

CityServe said the expanded program would address a “significant gap” in available transportation services.

Created by area churches in 2009, CityServe provides support services for seniors and families in need, and helps coordinate services among government, faith-based organizations, and other nonprofit groups.

To volunteer as a driver, or to enroll in the ride program, call 925-222-2273 or email rideshare@cityserve-cares.org.

Rincon Public Library to Offer Students Help with Homework

The Livermore Public Library’s Rincon Branch in May Nissen Park will begin offering students help with their homework on Monday, Aug. 26.

Adult volunteers will be available to help students of all ages with their homework, or with math and reading

practice, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays. Students may also study or complete their homework independently in the library’s dedicated homework space.

The program will run

through May 15, excluding school holidays and breaks.

The Homework Help space is equipped with a computer and printer for student use. Students may print in color or black and white free of charge for all school assignments.

OBITUARIES

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Eva Marie Cassell
May 19, 1966 – July 7, 2024

Beloved Eva Marie Cassell passed away unexpectedly at the age of 58. The youngest of seven siblings, she was born and grew up in Livermore, California, where she lived until her death.

Marie made her career in data analytics and database management with Epicor Solutions. During her 30+ plus years of employment there, she received Key Contributor and Employee of the Month awards. Most recently, she had found her niche working in accounts payable for Alden Lane Nursery, which she described as a paradise.

Marie was a lifelong lover of animals. As a young girl, she had the opportunity to sponsor a horse named Sassafra at a local stable. Hers was a frequent face at Robertson Dog Park where she made many good friends. She was an especially strong advocate for shelter animals; among the beloved menagerie of five rescues she came to adopt were three dogs, Boris, Josie and Fiona, and two cats, Zander and Dante. Marie’s joys in life were walking and hiking with family, friends, and her dogs in the beautiful open spaces of the Tri-Valley and Bay Area, taking photos, bicycling, spending time with family and visiting extended family in Sweden, caring for her flowers and plants, true crime documentaries, reading, attending concerts and airshows, road trips, posting funny memes on Facebook, and good belly laughs.

Marie was an active volunteer. She completed the Citizen’s Police Academy, becoming certified in public safety measures for local events in Livermore, and trained to become a member of the Community Emergency Response Team. She participated regularly



in Hike for Hope, benefitting Hope Hospice. Marie also chose to be an organ donor, which enabled her to give the gift of sight.

Marie was preceded in death by her father, Donal B. Cassell and mother Eva Inga-Lisa (Sjodin) Cassell. She is survived by brother Gary Cassell, sisters Delanie Cassell, Donna (Homi) Vazifdar, Cristen (Kurt) Cassell, Loellyn (Michael) Cassell, and Laura Cassell; nephews Cyrus (Shannon) Vazifdar, Mark (Jamie) Frydendal, and Brian (Sunita) Vazifdar; one grandnephew and four grandnieces; aunts Helen Reynolds Cassell, Lillemor (Ingemar) Skoglund and Birgitta (Lennart) Andersson, uncles Anders (Birgitta) Sjodin and Lars-Olof Sjodin; cousins Keith (Sally) Cassell, Lynn (Mark) Cassell, Nancy (Daniel) Cassell, Rolf (Berit) Petersson, Tord (Carina) Petersson, Peter (Carina) Skoglund, Beatrice (Hans) Vestberg, Charlotte (Pers) Söderholm, Emma (Harry) Sjodin, and Sofia Sjodin.

Her family wishes to acknowledge Marie for her extraordinary strength and courage as a breast cancer survivor. She will be remembered for her seeking spirit, wicked sense of humor, tenacity, compassion, honesty, warmth, and generous nature. Marie will be missed beyond measure by those who had the good fortune of sharing time with her on this earth.

A celebration of life will take place at Alden Lane Nursery (located at 981 Alden Lane) on Saturday, Aug. 17 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Marie can be made to Hope Hospice or The Humane Society.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Kay Ellen Schrader
July 18, 1942 – July 21, 2024

Kay Ellen Schrader, 82, of DeKalb, Illinois, passed away Sunday, July 21, 2024, at Oak Crest DeKalb Area Retirement Center.

She was born July 18, 1942, in Sycamore, Illinois, the daughter of Wayne and Gladys (Hegberg) Wirsing.

She graduated from Sycamore High School Class of 1960 and attended Illinois Wesleyan for two years, majoring in sacred music. She married Barry Schrader on Sept. 27, 1963.

Kay served as a church organist at various locations and also played for many weddings, receptions, funerals and other events over the years, most recently at Oak Crest, playing piano for chapel services and sing-alongs. She was also part of a quartet, the Sweet as Berries at the Asbury United Methodist Church when they lived in Livermore, California. She worked as a teacher’s aide, secretary, and early in their marriage was business/office manager for the Genoa (Illinois) Republican weekly newspaper, which was owned by her and husband Barry. She was active in PEO Chapter FX in Livermore for many years.

Kay was a devoted mother and wife and a friend to all who knew her.



She is survived by her two sons Todd Vernon of DeKalb and Darrin Wayne of Sycamore; her sister Carol (Ray) Larson; her nieces Lynn (Mike) Martz, Ronda (Rick) Ball, Denise Hill, Sue (Scott) Rankin, Angie (Tom) Mecklenburg, Aron Smudy; her nephews Norm (Barb) Larson, David (Robin) Larson, Steve (Virginia) Wirsing, and Mark (Elizabeth) Wirsing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and her three brothers, Gene, David and Ron.

A celebration of her life memorial service will be held on Thursday, Aug. 1, at the Sycamore United Methodist Church, 160 Johnson Dr., Sycamore, with Reverend Luis F. Reyes-Rosario officiating. Visitation will start at 9:30 a.m. and the service will be at 11:00 a.m. Her ashes will be interred at a later date during a private ceremony in Elmwood Cemetery in Sycamore.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages memorials be given to the Sycamore United Methodist Church. The mailing address for the church is 160 Johnson Dr., Sycamore, IL 60178.

For information, visit www.AndersonFuneralHomeLtd.com or call 815-756-1022.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Jan Winegarner
April 24, 1939 – May 26, 2024

Jan’s full obituary was published in the July 25, 2024 edition of The Independent.

Jan Winegarner’s life was marked with generous love and encouragement. God used Jan in building a godly foundation in so many young lives. Jan’s loving family introduced her to God early in life. Jan

dreamed of marrying, having a family and becoming a kindergarten teacher. God led Jan to attend WSU studying to be a teacher until she met and married Ray, her husband of 63 years. Her family Mark and Evonne, Kim and Craig, Anna, Kevin, Erin and Rachael were her delight.

Teaching three-year-olds was Jan’s passion since her children were filled with endless questions and enthusiasm for mastering new skills. Her class always heard God’s Word, sang and made a project to reinforce Bible concepts. Jan’s



days were happily filled with preparing projects and collecting craft materials. When Ray was injured, Jan needed to go to work. As Mark and Kim went through high school and to college, Jan eventually found her favorite job at Las Positas College.

In 2021, Kim and Craig bought a home in Auburn so Jan and Ray could move in with them. Jan embraced the move, making new friends of both the human and four-legged variety. When Ray passed in 2022, Jan was happy that he was healed in Heaven but longed to be with him again. Jan battled a benign brain tumor and dementia. Eventually Jan suffered from seizures and severe dementia and went to be with her Lord and Ray in Heaven on May 26, 2024.

Jan’s celebration of life will be held at New Beginnings Church, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore, on August 3, 2024, at 4 p.m.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

James Lee Steinhauer
Sept. 28, 1960 – July 14, 2024

James Lee Steinhauer passed away peacefully at home in Livermore surrounded by family and friends. He is survived by his beloved wife of 42 years, Deanna Steinhauer, and their son, Brandon Steinhauer.

James was a proud member of the Granada High School Class of 1979. He worked as an auto mechanic for several shops in the Bay Area before joining Alhambra Water in 1997 as a fleet mechanic, a position he held until his retirement in 2011. Even after retiring, James remained active, working as a delivery driver for Monument Auto in Livermore. He cherished the opportunity to visit with old



and new friends during his deliveries. He always carried cookies in his car to share with the “shop dogs”.

James had a passion for cars and enjoyed attending car shows and races. He also loved gambling trips to Reno.

He is also survived by his brothers: Conrad Steinhauer of Henderson, Nevada; Ron Steinhauer of Sacramento,

California; Mike Steinhauer of Atwater, California; best buds Scott Chesley of Pleasanton; and Jeff Hallin of Livermore. James leaves behind many nieces and nephews who will miss him dearly.

The family will hold a celebration of life at their home in Livermore on Sept. 28, 2024.

LLNL Physicist Discusses the Future of Fusion

Tammy Ma, a physicist at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), posed a question during a TED Conference talk this spring in Vancouver, Canada: “What would you do with the largest laser in the world?”

Ma’s answer was to make non-polluting laser-based fusion energy available to the world, which she said is now feasible after LLNL demonstrated fusion ignition for the first time in late 2022.

“Our team at LLNL demonstrated fusion ignition for the very first time in human history,” Ma said. “We generated a controlled thermonuclear reaction in the laboratory that generated more fusion energy than the laser energy needed to spark it.”

Ma is now spearheading efforts to establish commercial fusion energy based on LLNL’s approach.

By harnessing what’s known as inertial fusion energy (IFE), Ma said a new kind of power plant could create usable energy from lasers firing onto hydrogen fueled targets at a rapid rate.

When those targets ignite, Ma said, they would give off more clean fusion energy than was used to create the reaction, and unlike nuclear fission power plants, fusion ignition does not result in long-term waste.

“When we make fusion energy a reality, energy will become so plentiful that it will no longer be a limited resource,” Ma said in her talk. This will change the world as we know it.”

She said LLNL has repeated the successful 2022 experiment four times.

However, she added, fusion is incredibly complex and difficult, and significant scientific and engineering hurdles remain.

Following LLNL’s successful demonstration two years ago, governments across the world have ramped up their efforts and newly formed private fusion companies have joined the pursuit, according to Ma.

“The depth and breadth of this challenge will require sustained investment from government and private industry and all of us working together,” she said. “I don’t know how exactly long this will all take, but I do know that we can do it.”



Tammy Ma, lead for the LLNL Inertial Fusion Energy Institutional Initiative, shared her vision for a fusion energy on the TED mainstage in a talk that is now publicly available. (Photo by Gilberto Tadday / TED)

TED Conferences are sponsored by a nonprofit organization that posts international talks online. Found-

ed in 1984, TED stands for Technology, Entertainment, Design.

A transcript and video of

Ma’s talk, “The Future of Fusion,” at the 2024 TED Conference are now available online at ted.com.

Livermore Loses to Louisiana Squad in Little League Intermediate World Series

By Phil Jensen

LIVERMORE — The Livermore Little League Intermediate All-Star baseball team produced the only two extra-base hits of its first game of the Intermediate World Series against Eastbank Little League from Kenner, Louisiana on July 29 at Max Baer Park.

But Eastbank, the Southwest representative in the tournament, controlled the majority of the game before those two hits in the final inning and emerged with a 4-2 victory in front of a very large crowd in Livermore.

“I knew that they had been very successful in their regional,” said Livermore manager John Lee about Eastbank, which won all its Southwest Regional games by 10 runs or more. “We knew they had some tough hitters, especially at the top of the order. But we knew we had Jack Wilhite going tonight and so we knew we’d be in the game, which we were. ... He really dominated the top of their order.”

Wilhite, a righthander,

allowed only two earned runs in his five innings on the mound. He struck out a game-high nine batters, allowed five hits and walked

Johnny Lee and Wilhite had back-to-back doubles with two outs in the seventh inning against Eastbank to narrow its lead to 4-2. But

Diego on July 31 after this article went to press.

Livermore played a consolation bracket game on July 30 at noon after this



Third baseman Braiden Weber makes a play in Livermore’s July 29 game against Eastbank, where Eastbank won 4-2. The game was part of the Little League Intermediate World Series, which culminates in a final game on Aug. 4. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

only three batters. Rhett Bystrom finished with a hitless, scoreless sixth inning for Livermore, the visiting team in the seven-inning game.

Eastbank pitcher Tanner Schexnaydre got the final out of his complete-game performance to move his squad to the winner’s bracket final against Scripps Ranch-San

article’s deadline. The consolation champion will face either Eastbank or Scripps Ranch for the United States championship on Aug. 3 at

5 p.m. The winner of that game will play in the World Series final on Aug. 4 at 6 p.m. against the winner of the international bracket. All the games are at Max Baer Park.

Livermore’s pitching and defense were solid throughout the California District 57 tournament in June, as it didn’t allow more than two runs in any of those games on its way to a championship title. The defense again had its moments against Eastbank. For example, second baseman Josh Ragan had an outstanding defensive game, including looking a runner back at third base before throwing a runner out at first in the third inning. Eastbank had runners on second and third with no outs in that inning, but the groundout and two strikeouts by Wilhite got Livermore out of the inning unscathed.

“Our middle infield played fantastic,” John Lee said. “We have some great pitching, so we tend to stay in games.”

Besides Wilhite and Bystrom, Johnny Lee, Grant Perotti and Braiden Weber

have also pitched well this postseason.

Eastbank took a 2-0 lead in the second inning on an error after a hit by Weston Poirrier, and a passed ball that scored Jackson Cantrelle. The Louisiana squad built its lead to 4-0 in the fourth inning on an RBI single by Cantrelle, who eventually stole home on a double steal for Eastbank’s final run.

However, Wilhite and Bystrom retired seven of the final seven Eastbank hitters, while Livermore scored its first run of the game in the fifth inning. Bystrom led off the inning with a single. Lucas Boosahda reached base on a fielder’s choice, went to third on a single by Regan, and scored on an error.

Johnny Lee finished 2 for 3 at the plate with a run scored. Reid Roussel was 2 for 3 with two runs scored for Eastbank.

Livermore qualified for the World Series by winning the California District 57 tournament with a 4-2 victory over Bollinger Canyon on June 20.

Livermore Ranch Receives Audubon Society Bird-Friendly Designation

The 3 Calhoun Sisters Ranch in Livermore is now a National Audubon Society-certified bird-friendly habitat.

Managed by sisters Nancy Calhoun Mueller, Susie Calhoun, and Merry Carter, the ranch is enrolled in the society’s voluntary Conservation Ranching program, which announced the bird-friendly designation this week.

The Calhoun family has been ranching on Mines Road in the Livermore Valley since the early 1900s.

The sisters can now use the Audubon bird-friend seal to market their grass-fed Circle H Beef.

“The biodiversity of our ranch, the open grassland, the oak woodlands, and the riparian areas create an envi-

ronment where birds and cattle can thrive,” said Mueller, who lives on the property with her husband and oversees the cattle operation. “We are privileged to be in partnership with the Audubon Conservation Ranching program.”

Since assuming management of the family ranch in 2018, the Calhoun sisters have dedicated themselves to improving the habitat value on the property, according to the Audubon Society. That has included upgrading the ranch’s infrastructure to improve livestock rotation, restoring native plants, and supporting research initiatives.

Grace Ferguson, a range ecologist with Audubon California, guided the Calhoun sisters through the bird-friendly certification process.

“The grazing strategy includes medium-to-high-intensity grazing in smaller pastures to allow for extended rest periods,” Ferguson said. “Under this grazing strategy, the Calhoun sisters are able to maintain a mix of short and tall stature grasses for species like Western meadowlarks and lark sparrows, patches of shrubs for the California quail and spotted towhee, oak savannah for Western bluebirds and acorn woodpeckers, and healthy riparian vegetation for ash-throated flycatchers and black-headed grosbeak.”

Owen Sowerwine and Farley Connolly, with the Alameda County Resource Conservation District, also created a habitat management plan for the ranch property.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607067

The following person(s) doing business as: eLivermore, 4043 Guildford Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Stephen Joseph Calderon, 4043 Guildford Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to

transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/28/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Stephen Joseph Calderon, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 7, 2024, 2024. Expires June 6, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6026. Published 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607649

The following person(s) doing business as: Solid Coat Painting, 38756 Huntington Circle, Fremont, CA 94536 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hong S An, 38756 Huntington Circle, Fremont, CA 94536. 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: 07/01/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Hong S An, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 2, 2024, 2024. Expires June 1, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6027. Published 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607677

The following person(s) doing business as: Bober Tea & Coffee, 5420 Las Positas Rd., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Three T Corp, 5420 Las Positas Road, Livermore CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/1/2024. Signature of Registrant/s: Monette Au, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 2, 2024, 2024. Expires June 1, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6028. Published 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607657

The following person(s) doing business as: Crumbl - Los Positas, 4304 Las Positas road, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): GT Cookies Fresno Incorporated, 1601 Bessemer Street, Suite A, Turlock CA 95380. This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: John Gauthier, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 2, 2024, 2024. Expires July 1, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6029. Published 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607657

The following person(s) doing business as: Crumbl - Fallon Road, 2862 Fallon Roda, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): GT Cookies Fresno Incorporated, 1601 Bessemer Street, Suite A, Turlock CA 95380. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: John Gauthier, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 2, 2024, 2024. Expires July 1, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6030. Published 11, 18, 25,

August 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607509

The following person(s) doing business as: Rashian, 4204 Mairmont Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Rashian LLC, 4204 Mairmont Drive, 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: Shilpa Eaga, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 26, 2024, 2024. Expires June 25, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6031. Published 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607737

The following person(s) doing business as: Global Art Dublin, 7238 San Ramon Rd, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kinder Art LLC, 7238 San Ramon Rd, Dublin, CA 94568. This business

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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: 7/3/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Anastasia Mishyrowska, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 8, 2024, 2024. Expires July 7, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6032. Published 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607630

The following person(s) doing business as: Tesla Vintners, 5143 Tesla Road, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Karen Powell, 5143 Tesla Rd, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/22/2019. Signature of Registrant/s/: Karen Powell, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 1, 2024, 2024. Expires June 30, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6033. Published 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607765

The following person(s) doing business as: Ideal Boat & Camper Storage, 6271 Tesla Road, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Steve J. Migliore, Owner. 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: 10/21/1963. Signature of Registrant/s/: Steve J. Migliore, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 8, 2024, 2024. Expires July 7, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6034. Published 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607433

The following person(s) doing business as: Little Wildflower Kids Cafe, 48541 Warm Springs Blvd, Suite 509, Fremont, CA 94539 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Dear Aria LLC, 48551 Warm Springs Blvd, Suite 509, Fremont, CA 94539. 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/: Joyce Turner, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 24, 2024, 2024. Expires June 23, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6035. Published 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607182

The following person(s) doing business as: Mesa Coffee, 518 Manor Blvd, San Leandro, CA 94579 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Table Coffee LLC, 518 Manor Blvd, San Leandro, CA 94579. 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/: Grecia Iniguez, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 10, 2024, 2024. Expires June 9, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6036. Published 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2024.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 595953

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Powermatic Associates, Inc., 1264 Stealth ST, Livermore, CA 94551. Registered by the following owner(s): LBF Enterprises, 1264 Stealth ST, Livermore, CA 94551. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 3/2/2023 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by an Individual. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Rodolfo M. Sols Jr., CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 8, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 6036. Published 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607937

The following person(s) doing business as: Home + Space 3033 Teagarden ST, San Leandro, CA 94577 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): HSKB Group, Inc, 3033 Teagarden Street, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2/18/2020. Signature of Registrant/s/: Brandon Williams, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 12, 2024. Expires July 11, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6038. Published July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607934

The following person(s) doing business as: Carpet one of Livermore, 1917 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Living Floors, Inc., 281 Via Lucero, San Lorenzo, CA 94580. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/1/2024. Signature

of Registrant/s/: Isai Batista, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 12, 2024. Expires July 11, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6039. Published July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607899

The following person(s) doing business as: Sands Motel Livermore, 3787 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bala Tripura Sundari LLC, 3787 First Street, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Bharat Patel, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 11, 2024. Expires July 10, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6040. Published July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607943

The following person(s) doing business as: Warm Springs Pet Hospital, 45962 Warm Springs Blvd, Fremont, CA 94539, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Warm Springs Pet Corporation, 45962 Warm Springs Blvd, Fremont, CA 94539. 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: 8/9/2016. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mark Doty, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 12, 2024. Expires July 11, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6041. Published July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607472

The following person(s) doing business as: CMT Solutions 1189, 2101 Marina Blvd, Suite 2, San Leandro, CA 94577 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): UltraEdge Solutions LLC, 2101 Marina Blvd, Suite 2, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/10/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Sameer Pandya, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 25, 2024. Expires June 24, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6042. Published July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607964

The following person(s) doing business as: Salazar's Tax Services, 980 W Jackson, Suite 206, Hayward, CA 94544 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Joaquin Salazar, 24237 Soto Rd. Apt. 6, Hayward, CA 94544. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 12/28/23. Signature of Registrant/s/: Joaquin Salazar. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 14, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6043. Published July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607953

The following person(s) doing business as: CloudScale Robotics, 2426 Second ST #1, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): CloudScale Robotics, 2426 Second ST #1, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/1/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Sri Thodupunoori, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 15, 2024. Expires July 14, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6044. Published July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607996

The following person(s) doing business as: People's Cannabis Company, 2590 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, CA 94704 is here-

by registered by the following owner(s): 200 MPH Consulting Inc., 2872 Ygnacio Valley RD # 137, Walnut Creek, CA 94598. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Erik Miller, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 16 2024. Expires July 15, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6045. Published July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 608009

The following person(s) doing business as: Mission Paradise, 28000 Mission Blvd, Hayward, CA 94541 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mission Paradise, L. P., 28000 Mission Blvd, Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by a Limited 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/: Welton Jordan, VP. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 16, 2024. Expires July 15, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6046. Published July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607857

The following person(s) doing business as: Eduardo Lin, MD & Associates, 6155 Stoneridge Dr., STE 101, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Eduardo Lin, 6155 Stoneridge Dr., STE 101, Pleasanton, CA 94588; Minh Dang, 6155 Stoneridge Dr., STE 101, Pleasanton, CA 94588. 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: 7/10/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Eduardo Lin, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 10, 2024. Expires July 9, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6047. Published July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607335

The following person(s) doing business as: Fluidity Post OP and Massage, 3101 Telegraph, Berkeley, CA 94705 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lise Ramaley, 782 20th Street, Oakland, CA 94612. 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/: Lise Ramaley, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 17, 2024. Expires June 16, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6048. Published July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 608022

The following person(s) doing business as: Aunties Drawer, 38416 Mission Blvd, Apt C, Fremont, CA 94536 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Christopher Larson, 38416 Mission Blvd, Apt C, Fremont, CA 94536. 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/: Christopher Larson, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 17, 2024. Expires July 16, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6049. Published July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607467

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Rubic; 2. Rubic Arts, 1220 Kilkare Rd, Sunol, CA 94586 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): David Adam Ball, 1220 Kilkare Rd, Sunol, CA 94586. 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/: David Adam Ball, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 25, 2024. Expires June 24, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6050. Published July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2024.

1, 8, 15, 2024.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

Michael Thomas Garrison
Case No. 24PR083580

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **Michael Tomas Garrison**.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **Jennie Bates**, in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The petition for probate requests that **Jennies Bates** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. THE COURT REQUIRES ALL PARTIES WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE HEARING ON THE BELOW DATE AND TIME, INCLUDING THOSE WHO WISH TO STATE OBJECTIONS, TO APPEAR BY AUDIO OR VIDEO TECHNOLOGY. THE PARTIES SHOULD CONSULT THE COURTS WEBSITE FOR THE SPECIFIC TELEPHONIC AND VIDEO APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE. THE PARTIES MAY ALSO CONTACT THE PROBATE CLERK AT probateclerk2@alameda.courts.ca.gov. PARTIES MUST BE PRESENT AT LEAST FIVE (5) MINUTES BEFORE THE SCHEDULED HEARING TIME. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

August 12, 2024, 9:45am in Dept. 202
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda
2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (Form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner: Jennie Bates
2324 Woolner Ave
Fairfield, CA 94533
(707)372-2114
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607969

The following person(s) doing business as: Esencia Gemela Tequila, 2841 Hoya Common, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Andrew Urista, 2841 Hoya Common, Livermore, CA 945518; Ana Reynoso, 2841 Hoya Common, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Joint Venture. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Andrew Urista, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 15, 2024. Expires July 14, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6052. Published August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607787

The following person(s) doing business as: Family BBQ Hickory Pit, 3064 Pacific Ave, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Isabela Mia LLC, 3064 Pacific Ave, 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/: Inocencio Hernandez, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 9, 2024. Expires July 8, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6053. Published August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 608061

The following person(s) doing business as: Jess Wynn-Grant Psychotherapy, 5738 Kingsley Circle, Oakland, CA 94605 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jessica Wynn-Grant, 5738 Kingsley Circle, Oakland, CA 94605. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/14/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jessica Wynn-Grant, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 18, 2024. Expires July 17, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6054. Published August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 608095

The following person(s) doing business as: Waxing The City, 6770 Bernal Ave, Ste 440 Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Baywax LLC, 6770 Bernal Ave, Ste 440, 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: 7/19/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Pradyot Kar, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 19, 2024. Expires July 18, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6055. Published August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607558

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Functional Nutrition Answers; 2. Functional Nutrition Library; 3. Nutritionist Recipes, 3020 Bernal Ave Ste 110 #1004, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nutritionist Answers, LLC, 2131 W Republic Rd #548, Springfield, MO 65807. 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/: Erica Julson, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

Alameda on June 27, 2024. Expires June 26, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6057. Published August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 608125

The following person(s) doing business as: McG's Photography, 6770 Tory Way, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Michelle McGowan, 6770 Tory Way, 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: 7/20/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Michelle McGowan, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 22, 2024. Expires July 21, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6058. Published August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 608130

The following person(s) doing business as: City Greens Maintenance, LLC, 40550 Chapel Way #21, Fremont, CA 94538 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): City Greens Maintenance, LLC, 40550 Chapel Way #21, Fremont, CA 94538. 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/: Guillermo Inguanzo Gurrola, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 22, 2024. Expires July 21, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6059. Published August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 608137

The following person(s) doing business as: Clarity Journals, 32955 Bridle Drive, Hayward, CA 94541 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Alexis Green, 32955 Bridle Drive, Hayward, CA 94541. 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: 5/23/24. Signature of Registrant/s/: Alexis Green, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 22, 2024. Expires July 21, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6060. Published August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607528

The following person(s) doing business as: C&C Davis Consulting, 898 42nd Street, Oakland, CA 94608 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Penelope Davis, 898 42nd Street, Oakland, CA 94608. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/1/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Penelope Davis, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 27, 2024. Expires July 26, 2029. The Independent,

Legal No. 6061. Published August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY THE PURCHASE PRICE OF WHICH IS IN EXCESS OF \$11,850,000 DOLLARS

Notice is hereby given that on August 6, 2024 at 10:00a.m., at 1221 Oak Street, 5th Floor, Oakland, CA, the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County will meet to accept the sale of the following property.

1. That certain real property described as APN's# 74-1339-016 & 74-1361-008, the land and improvements at 1150 & 1220 Harbor Bay Parkway Alameda, CA.

2. Owner: County of Alameda and City of Oakland

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CNS-3834260#
The Independent, Legal No. 6062. Published August 1, 2024.

LEGAL NOTICE

Crown Castle is proposing to install a 65-foot monopole telecommunications tower at the following site: 5481 Brisa Street, Livermore, Alameda County, CA 94550 (Lat: 37° 41' 46.25" N, Long: 121° 43' 31.94" W). The tower is not expected to be lighted. Any interested party that believes the proposed action may have a significant impact on the environment may file a Request for Environmental Review (Request) to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Such Request may only raise environmental concerns. Information regarding the project may be found under file number A1288519 on the FCC website www.fcc.gov/asr/applications. The Request must be filed with the FCC within 30 days of the notice being posted on the FCC website. The FCC requires that all Requests be filed electronically at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest. The Request must also be served upon Crown Castle by mailing a copy to 2000 Corporate Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317 ATTN: Regulatory Department. The Independent, Legal No. 6063. Published August 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607798

The following person(s) doing business as: Russell City Distillery, 22549 Foothill Blvd, Hayward, CA 94541 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Russell City Distillery, Inc., 5929 Highland Rd., Castro Valley, CA 94552. 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: 12/22/2014. Signature of Registrant/s/: Geoff Harries, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 9, 2024. Expires July 8, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6064. Published August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

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Proposed Dublin Place Designs Criticized, Put on Hold

By Ruth Roberts

The Dublin Planning Commission has hit the pause button on the Dublin Place Shopping Center project over concerns about its layout and architectural design.

In a unanimous vote during its regular meeting on July 23, Commission Chair Stephen Wright cited the project’s outdated parking design, lack of overall attractiveness, and unanswered commitments from some of its anchor stores as reasons for not approving the applicant’s request for a site development review permit.

The permit is required for the demolition of two commercial buildings at the southwest corner of Amador Valley Boulevard and Amador Plaza Road, and the subsequent construction of a new multi-tenant building. The relocation of tenants and reconfiguration of the existing site are the

first steps involved in the revitalization of the city’s downtown plan.

“I don’t know what to tell you except that I think you need to go back and figure out a way to hammer away at this or come up with a different design, because I don’t sense any excitement about this,” said Wright.

The applicant, Hines, a real estate development company, wants to tear down the existing buildings, which total 28,800 square feet, and build a new 33,125 square-foot multi-tenant building at the shopping center.

The new building would continue to host the center’s current tenants, including PetSmart, Panera, Chipotle, BMO Bank and Yafa. According to the applicant, Target has recently signed onto the plan.

The project also includes site upgrades such as an updated parking area with stormwater

treatment, removal of the northern driveway to Amador Plaza Road, shifting of the southern driveway on Amador Plaza Road to align with the new drive aisle, and improvements to the drive aisle leading to the intersection of Amador Valley Boulevard and Donohue Drive. The project site is in the Downtown Dublin Specific Plan and has a General Plan land-use designation of Downtown Dublin-Retail District, which allows for a range of residential and commercial uses.

For the project to proceed, the current tenants must agree to be relocated. Josh Brodsky, portfolio advisor for American Realty Advisors, the landlords of the project, said Target has agreed to move and several other retailers are still in negotiations. But PetSmart, whose lease runs out in 2036, is proving the most challenging currently, with a laundry list of requirements to

move including visibility from the street and proximity to Target.

“PetSmart doesn’t want to move, so they need incentives,” said Brodsky. “And we, as landlords, have to pay for this. ... They can stay until 2036; they don’t have to agree to move.”

The retail district’s architectural vision, per the staff report, and as set out in the Downtown Dublin Specific Plan, emphasizes that new buildings should harmonize with existing ones, ensuring compatibil-

ity with adjacent structures and the district overall. The structures are expected to use high-quality materials and feature creative, unique designs.

Commissioner Wahida Rashid said the project’s design as presented was outdated and unappealing.

“We are really trying to make Dublin and Amador boulevards a pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly city,” said Rashid. “But this whole idea about a giant paved parking lot in front of stores is so 70s, so it just doesn’t seem

very progressive thinking in terms of design. People are very excited about this downtown. ... I think we can do better.”

Commissioner Renata Tyler agreed.

“This is supposed to be a town square and we are getting a strip mall,” she said.

The applicant can appeal the commission’s decision or return with a new design.

Brodsky said the team would regroup and reach back out to the commission.



On July 23, members of Livermore Police’s Honor Guard assisted with the memorial service for fallen Vacaville Police Officer Matthew Bowen. Bowen was killed during a traffic stop earlier this month. (Photo courtesy of the Livermore Police Department)

Pleasanton Seeks Applicants For City Commission Openings

Pleasanton is seeking applicants for several openings on city advisory commissions and committees, including the Library Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Youth Commission.

Volunteers are also needed to fill positions on the Civic Arts Commission, Energy and the Environment Commis-

sion, Economic Vitality Committee, Human Services Commission, and Altamont Education Advisory Board.

Applicants must live within Pleasanton city limits, except for business and professional members of the Economic Vitality Committee and the Altamont Education Advisory Board, where the appointee must be a teacher

in the Pleasanton Unified School District.

Most appointments are for four-year terms.

For a complete list of openings, go to the city website, cityofpleasanton.gov.

The city will be accepting applications until 4 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26.

For more information, call the City Clerk’s Office at 925-931-5027.

LLNL Career Fair Attracts More Than 1,000 Interested Jobseekers

More than a thousand potential jobseekers attended a recent career fair organized by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), more than twice as many as attended last year’s event, according to the Livermore-based federally funded research and development center.

LLNL said the career fair included information about opportunities across the laboratory’s divisions.

More than 250 LLNL employees also participated in the event, held last month in the new University of California Livermore Collaboration Center, a three-building complex on the east side of the LLNL campus.

“The goal of recruiting is to always be recruiting, networking, and creating a pipeline of candidates preparing for when the next opportunity might arise,” said Debbie Eaton, with LLNL Human Resources.

“We responded to market conditions by hosting this career fair,” Eaton added. “By doing so, it positions LLNL to attract and retain exceptional talent, enhances our visibility and reputation, fosters valuable connections and builds a resilient and adaptable workforce.”

For many of those attending the career fair, this was their first time at a Department of Energy national

lab facility, according to LLNL.

In addition to career booths, where jobseekers could connect with hiring teams, LLNL hosted resume workshops and information sessions about lab operations.

“It was clear from the time spent with attendees that they were both aware of the exciting work done at LLNL and eager to set themselves up for success in their application process,” said Moira Kolasinski, a career development and coaching program manager for LLNL.

The City of Livermore, University of California, Merced, and the University of California, Davis also hosted discussions of community resources and educational opportunities.

Eric McKinzie, principal deputy for LLNL Global Security, pronounced

the career fair “a tremendous success” that drew “an impressive crowd of dedicated and passionate individuals.”

“Enthusiasm and commitment to national security were evident in every conversation, promising a bright future for LLNL and our nation,” McKinzie said.

LLNL, with nearly 9,000 employees, currently has more than 120 job openings posted on its careers website.

South Asian Comedy Festival Comes to Firehouse Arts Center

The 10th annual Desi Comedy Fest, billed as the “Biggest South Asian Comedy Festival in America,” will be held from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton.

Created in 2014 by Bay

Area comedians Abhay Nadkarni and Samson Koletkar, the goal is to “showcase the funniest South Asian comedians from around the world [and] create a unique live comedy experience for the South Asian diaspora,” according to festival organizers.

Scheduled to perform this year, in addition to Nadkarni and Koletkar, are Deeptanshu Jha, Ibhaan Kulkarni, Maryam Moosavi, and Maddie Kelly.

Tickets are \$30 and are available online at firehousearts.org.

Jewish Culture School to Hold First Class of Year at Local Art Studio

The Jewish Culture School, for students from 5 to 15, will hold its first class of the new year at Aran’s Art Studio, 3313 Village Dr. in Castro Valley on Sunday, Aug. 25.

A parent information meeting will be held following the class, which begins at 10:30 a.m.

The curriculum this year

will focus on a study Jewish history through art, according to Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, the secular Pleasanton-based nonprofit organization that sponsors the school.

Classes are held twice a month and usually meet in Pleasanton.

The school year culminates in a secular Brit Mitz-

vah ceremony.

For more information, call 925-399-8029 or email CulturalJews@gmail.com.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews is affiliated with the national Cultural and Secular Jewish Organization and supports individuals whose Jewish identity is based on culture, heritage, or family, rather than religion.

Parks District Rosario Named CSDA Board Member of the Year for 2024

East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) board member Dee Rosario has been named California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board Member of the Year for 2024.

Rosario was elected to the EBRPD board of directors in 2016, following a 37-year career as a park ranger, firefighter, and supervisor at Reinhardt Redwood Regional Park.

CSDA represents more than 1,300 special districts, including parks and recreation, irrigation, water, fire and police, cemetery, library, and other community services districts.

“Congratulations to Director Rosario for this prestigious award recognizing his leadership and achievements over the years, first as a staff

member, then as a board director,” said EBRPD Board President Elizabeth Echols. “His contributions to East Bay Regional Parks in both capacities are countless.”

Rosario will retire from the board of directors at the end of the year.

He will receive his Board Member of the Year award at the CSDA annual conference in September.

Dublin Chamber Sponsoring Trip to Portugal

The Dublin Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a 10-day trip to Portugal in February, with stays in Lisbon, Evora, Algarve, and Cascais.

The excursion includes roundtrip airfare from San Francisco.

The chamber is also offering an optional four-night stay on Madeira Island at the end of the main tour.

The trip, from Sunday, Feb. 9, to Tuesday, Feb. 18, will be hosted by Collette Travel Services.

For more information, contact Inge Houston at the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, 925-828-6200.

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