

## Dublin May Soon "Eat Mor Chikin"

By David Jen

DUBLIN – Chick-fil-A's presence in the Tri-Valley may increase soon, should two development projects currently in the application phase, move forward in Dublin.

The plans, which both propose razing former steakhouse restaurants in favor of new Chick-fil-A locations, seem a nod to the fast-food restaurant's iconic marketing campaign that began on an Atlanta, Georgia billboard that pictured two cows writing, "Eat Mor Chikin."

Developer 4G Development and Consulting, Inc. applied for a site development review permit in July 2021 that would allow for the demolition of the former Black Angus Steakhouse restaurant at the Hacienda Crossings shopping center, according to Dublin Communications Manager Shari Jackman. The permit would also allow the construction

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## Dean Wallace Is Running for Pleasanton City Council

PLEASANTON – Dean Wallace, district director for Democratic state Assembly-member Buffy Wicks, has announced his candidacy for the District 1 seat on the Pleasanton City Council in November.

This will be the first time Pleasanton voters elect



Dean Wallace

councilmembers by district. District 1 encompasses the northwest area of the city.

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## David Furst Announces Candidacy for LARPD Board

LIVERMORE – Longtime Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) Board Member David Furst recently announced his run for reelection.

He has served the board



David Furst

for 16 years. During that time, he was the primary advocate on the Board for adding land to Sycamore Grove

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District 57 host team of the Little League Intermediate World Series at Max Baer Field in Livermore won the tournament championship on Sunday, Aug. 7. Danville Little League, representing District 57, won over the West Seoul Asia/Pacific division 5-2. Dario Boban led District 57 with three hits. Carter Tong and Preston Pera each had one RBI. Jacob Quinta recorded four quality at bats, the most of any team. District 57 also had an outstanding performance on defense. Quinta had eight strikeouts in 6.1 innings.

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## Tri-Valley COVID-19 Numbers Down Indoor Masking Still Recommended

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL – Alameda County officials last week encouraged residents to keep wearing masks indoors as the region continues to "experience high COVID-19 case rates as people increasingly resume pre-pandemic activities."

But, Dr. Jake Scott, a Stanford Health Care – Tri Valley infectious disease physician who was involved in treating hundreds of patients at the height of the pandemic in 2020, says it's time for some good news. The latest coronavirus variant is no longer landing Tri-Valley residents — es-

pecially those fully vaccinated — in his Pleasanton hospital.

"I don't have the sense that the public is aware of how much better things are," said Scott said. "I haven't seen a patient in the ICU on a ventilator because of COVID-19 in several months. Neither have my colleagues. It's not happening anymore."

Scott said people who feel comfortable in masks should continue to wear them, but there's no need for mask mandates. His opinion comes more than a month after Alameda County health authorities rescinded an order requiring people to

wear masks in most indoor public settings following a surge in Omicron variant cases from December through the spring. Even as they rescinded the mandate in late June, county and state officials continued to strongly recommend masking indoors.

Since then, COVID-19 rates in Alameda County remained low until a recent uptick in July as a new variant, BA.5, began infecting people. The numbers, according to charts on the county's website, however, aren't anywhere near the outbreak that occurred after

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## Amador High Welcomes New Principal

By Dawnmarie Fehr

PLEASANTON – Amador Valley High School (AVHS) has a new leader for the coming school year.

Jon Fey stepped into the role of principal this week and said he looks forward to getting his feet wet and continuing to build on the school's traditions. Fey replaces Josh Butterfield who is taking a new position as Pleasanton Unified School District's director of secondary education.

"I've come full circle to this place where I plan to finish my career," said Fey, who did some consulting work with the school in the late 1980s. "It feels like everything has led up to this point, to being able to lead this amazing school and I am just proud, honored, humbled..."

Fey, a longtime Pleasanton resident, said his 10-minute commute isn't the only thing he's excited about. His own children graduated from Amador Valley, and as an imbedded member of the community, he looks forward to becoming immersed in the culture at the school.

Before arriving at AVHS, Fey served as principal of Monte Gardens Elementary School in Concord. Prior to that, he held the position of vice principal at Northgate High School in Walnut Creek. He is known for establishing strong relationships with staff and families, as well as maintaining a student-centered mindset when making school decisions.

Prior to becoming an administrator, Fey worked for two decades as a high

school instrumental music teacher at schools throughout California. His favorite age to teach is high school, because he enjoys connecting with students during a



Jon Fey

critical time in their lives. "I don't feel like I would have survived high school had I not had that connection

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## State Releases Its Draft EIR for Delta Conveyance Project

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL – The state released the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) of a slimmed down, but still massive Delta Conveyance Project last week; a proposed infrastructure plan that would divert Sierra Nevada water from its natural flow toward the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary. Instead, it would be sent to Southern California for farmland and residential use.

The details of the plan, which state officials say is necessary to modernize infrastructure endangered by earthquakes and to adapt to climate change, were released in a 3,000-page draft environmental impact report (EIR) outlining methods to mitigate any negative effects on fish and farmland. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) plans to hold three public hearings online in Septem-

ber, with the public comment period open through the end of October.

"The draft EIR is daunting. There is a lot to wade through," said Zone 7 Water Agency Board Director Dennis Gambis. "I plan to also attend DWR meetings on the draft EIR."

Details of the latest project immediately received support and opposition.

Since its inception as a two-tunnel project under Gov. Jerry Brown's administration — replacing a 43-mile overland canal proposal rejected by voters in 1982 — the project has been controversial among conservationists, tribal leaders, fishermen, boaters, Delta business owners and others. Opponents say reductions in freshwater flow will increase salt along the San Joaquin and Sacramento rivers, posing danger to fish, vegetation, and soil. Oppo-

(See DELTA, page 7)

## Longtime Park Director Ayn Wieskamp Retiring

By Ruth Roberts

REGIONAL – After more than 20 years serving the Tri-Valley parks system, East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Director Ayn Wieskamp is set to retire at the end of the year.

"I am of an age; I've been at this for quite a while," said Wieskamp, 84. "It's time for someone else to have a turn."

With her retirement, Wieskamp leaves open her seat representing Ward 5, which includes Pleasanton, Livermore, Sunol and parts of Dublin.

For the Livermore resident and former city councilmember, the opportunity to serve the residents of the Tri-Valley has been an honorable one.

"Of my 23 years (with the park district) one of the things I am proudest of is that our staff worked so hard," said Wieskamp. "People still love the parks because our staff does too."

She credits her relationship with the City of Livermore and park district as a catalyst for incorporating such local events as the annual Fourth of July celebrations and Fitness Days,



Ayn Wieskamp

which she started along with a group of friends who enjoyed the outdoors, including former Mayor Dale Turner.

"I liked to walk, and they liked to run, so we combined the two into an event," laughed Wieskamp.

A fierce supporter of open space, Wieskamp is proud of the strides Livermore and the Tri-Valley have made over the years to protect the land.

"The district started back in the 1930s and because of that we have saved so much land," said Wieskamp. "We have a terrific fire and police department, and they have all put on a lot of mileage over the years."

She said she admires the resilience of residents who

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## Costco, Pleasanton Stick Together Through Inflation

By David Jen

PLEASANTON – The Johnson Drive Costco project will continue forward despite traffic mitigation costs coming in 56% over what the city previously agreed to.

While Pleasanton entered into a cost-sharing agreement with Costco in 2018 that estimated mitigation costs at \$21.5 million, project delays stemming from litigation, approval rescissions and court appeals have caused the project to span a period of historic price inflation, and actual construction bids from April came in at or above \$33.6 million.

Nationally, June infla-

tion numbers showed a 9.1% increase in all-item costs over the past 12 months, the highest jump since 1981, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics.

Still, the city council unanimously agreed at their July 19 meeting to continue forward with the project.

City engineer Steve Kirkpatrick explained, at council's questioning, that the project will, to some degree, lock in the prices when it accepts the bids.

"Some things (could be) a little different than expected when they put the plans together that could cause us to eat into (the) contingency," he said. "But,

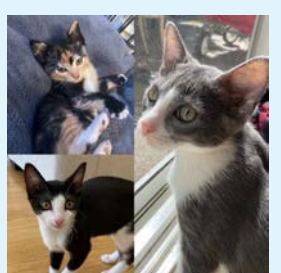
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Iron workers began construction on Dublin's Emerald High School gymnasium this week at 3700 Dublin Boulevard. Phase 1 is set to be completed by December 2023. The site is planned for 1,300 students by the end of Phase 1 and an additional 1,200 students at the end of Phase 2, which is expected to be completed in the spring of 2025.

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## Tuesday Tunes Wraps Up with Audio Illusion

For its final Tuesday Tunes concert this summer, The Livermore Cultural Arts Council (LCAC) is bringing back Audio Illusion. They will appear on the Shea Homes Stage in the Livermore Plaza adjacent to the Bankhead Theater, Aug. 16 at 6:45 pm.

Audio Illusion performed at Tuesday Tunes in 2015, 2018 and 2019. They are a high-energy Tri-Valley band specializing in classic rock, pop and blues 'illusion' songs from the 1950's onward.

Artist works include Albert King, Chuck Berry, the Beatles, Doobie Brothers, Rolling Stones, Jimmy Buffet, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Red Hot Chili Peppers and Foo Fighters, among others.

The band was formed over 20 years ago by guitarist Gary Shreve and bassist Rich Lagomarsino.

Livermore Cultural Arts Council's website is [www.LCAC.org](http://www.LCAC.org). LCAC thanks the enthusiastic audiences, for their support as LCAC resurrected Tuesday Tunes after a two-year COVID-19

hiatus. Stay tuned for announcements for the summer of 2023.

Shea Homes is the major sponsor of Tuesday Tunes. Additional funding comes from Fremont Bank, The Independent, Las Positas College Foundation, UNCLE Credit Union and Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard.

Audio Illusion's website is [www.audioillusionband.com](http://www.audioillusionband.com). They can be followed on Instagram @audioillusiontheband and Facebook @audioillusionband



Tuesday Tunes closes out the season with a performance from Audio Illusion on Aug. 16 on the Shea Homes Stage in Livermore.

## Livermore to Offer Recycled Water for Irrigation

Livermore will begin providing free, recycled water for residents to supplement their normal watering of trees and landscaping on Monday, Aug. 15.

Residents can get up to 300 gallons of water, per visit, at the city's Residential Recycled Water Fill Station at the Livermore Water Reclamation Plant, 101 W. Jack London Boulevard. There is no limit on visits, according to the city's website.

"Due to the drought, all

Livermore properties can only irrigate on assigned watering days based on their address number," said Public Works Director Scott Lanphier. "We are temporarily providing our residents with recycled water to supplement their allowed irrigation and keep landscaping alive during the hot summer months."

Recycled water is wastewater that has been filtered to remove solids and other impurities and treated with

a disinfectant. The water is not considered safe for drinking, and can only be used for hand watering trees, shrubs, and gardens on Livermore properties. The city last offered recycled water for irrigation at the fill station during the summers of 2015 and 2016.

To be eligible, Livermore residents must complete a permit form and attend a brief one-on-one training with city staff. For more information, visit [bit.ly/3d1qTCP](http://bit.ly/3d1qTCP).

## Livermore Valley Vintners Collective Release 2019: Merlot, Syrah Star

By Laura Ness

Back in 2017, a group of Livermore winemakers developed rules for a special blend allowing them to work together and create something unique.

It was not the first time such a group created a blend reflecting the unique properties of their winegrowing regions. In 2000, a handful of Mendocino vintners created a juried blend, called CORO, to showcase the abundance of old vine Zinfandel - a hallmark of the Redwood Valley area. CORO means 'singing with one voice' or 'chorus,' in Spanish.

The Livermore Valley Vintners Collective (LVVC) began with six founding members, 3 Steves, Fenestra, John Evan Cellars, Las Positas, Page Mill and Wood Family. The first vintage, 2017, was released in March 2020.

The ground rules are wines must be made from 100% Livermore Valley fruit; no more than 50% new oak; and no adjuncts permitted. This means barrels only, and no staves, teabags, or oak chips. The first blend specified 30 to 40% Merlot, 30 to 40% Syrah, less than 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, less than 25% Malbec, less than 25% Petite Sirah, less than 25% Zinfandel, and less than 5% winemaker's choice (of any varietal). The wines undergo a minimum of six months of bottle aging. They were sold as a set in a wooden case with six bottles, one per winery. Each winery could also sell their own bottles at their respective wineries.

The current release, 2019, which debuted in March, featured five wineries (the founding group, minus 3 Steves), still adhering to the same rules. At a special dinner at the Purple Orchid, with On The Vine Catering as part of Taste Our Terroir 2022, guests were treated to a special pairing

of these wines.

Jessica Carroll of John Evan Cellars declared it an amazing event, with perfect pairings. She especially liked the kale salad with hard sheep's cheese from Shooting Star Creamery with the John Evans Cellars blend, which contains 22% high acid, very sweet, red-fruited Malbec. The combo of salty and sweet worked wonders.

Things changed with the 2020 blend, as yields were severely impacted by smoke damage. They decided on 20% of five different varieties, leaving it winemaker's choice. The 2020s will be released next spring.

For 2021, the formula features Cabernet Sauvignon.

"The fun part of the project is that we are following a similar thread, and yet all the wines are quite diverse," Carroll said. "Most of us are sourcing from different vineyards, although a few of us get Merlot from Thatcher Bay."

Carroll is especially ex-

cited that Omega Road and Rosa Fierro Cellars joined the group for 2020.

"There will be seven of us, and I am really glad we have more female winemakers," she said.

Additionally, Page Mill Winery's assistant winemaker is now Lisa Lee, bring the number of women winemakers represented in the LVVC group to four.

"One of the things that Livermore has going on is a higher percentage of women winemakers overall," said Carroll. "(This is) another thing that sets us apart as a region."

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## Sadek to Lead CalAnimals

Melanie Sadek, executive director of the Valley Humane Society in Pleasanton, has been named president of the California Animal Welfare Association, also known as CalAnimals.

Sadek, who joined the Valley Humane Society in 2011, has served on the CalAnimals board of directors since 2016. She will serve as president of CalAnimals, a nonprofit statewide advocacy and lobbying organization for more than 230 animal-welfare and shelter operations, through July 2024.

Sadek also serves on the Sustainability Committee for Humane Animal Sup-

port Services, an organization created during the COVID-19 pandemic to help keep families and their pets together during times of need.



Melanie Sadek

## Work Begins on Library Roof

Work has begun to replace the Pleasanton Library's leaky roof.

The project, which is expected to last into late fall, was approved in June after the City Council was told the original roof on the 34-year-old building at 400 Old Bernal Ave. was leaking when it rained and was past its useful life.

The \$2.7 million project will include nearly 36,000 square feet of new concrete roof tiles and 2,000 square feet of membrane roofing to provide an extra layer of protection against water leaks. It will also include the installation of new energy-

efficient roofline windows, replacement of water-damaged wood sheathing, and the addition of new gutters and downspouts. Roof anchors and walkable tiles will be added to ensure safer and easier access for maintenance.

The library is expected to remain open during the initial phase of construction. However, it will be closed while the roofline windows are replaced. A city-owned vacant lot across from the library will serve as a staging area for construction equipment and materials to allow the library parking lot to remain open throughout the project.

## Author and Narrator Julia Whelan to Appear at Towne Center Books

Julia Whelan, an American actor and author who has narrated more than 500 audiobooks, will be at Towne Center Books in Pleasanton on Sunday, Aug. 14, to discuss her just-published novel, "Thank You for Listening."

The novel tells the story of a disillusioned actor who

agrees to narrate one last romance novel, leading her on a journey of love and acceptance.

Whelan, perhaps best known for her role as Grace Manning in the television drama "Once and Again" from 1999 to 2002, is also the author of "My Oxford Year," her debut novel pub-

lished in 2018. She has also won acclaim for her narration of numerous thriller and romance novels including "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn and "The Witness" by Nora Roberts.

"Coffee and Conversation with Julia Whelan" at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. will be moderated

by Allison Larkin, also an actor, author, and narrator. The program will begin at 2 p.m.

## Livermore's Encore Players To Present 'Jake's Women'

Encore Players, a Livermore community theater group, will present "Jake's Women," by Neil Simon, at the Bothwell Arts Center on Aug. 19, 20, and 21.

The play, rescheduled from February because of ongoing COVID-19 concerns, is about a writer who talks with women he knows, both in real life and in his imagination, as he struggles to save his marriage. The play was made into a movie starring Alan Alda in 1995.

The play will be presented in the East End Room of the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore, to allow for seating to be spread out. The cast and crew have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and will be wearing facemasks, except when on stage. The audience will also be asked

to wear masks. There will be an area available outdoors during intermission and for after-play wine, according to an Encore Players announcement.

Directed by Dionna Blevins, the play features Bob Cowgill in the role of Jake, Lesleyann Coker as his wife, Lea Blevins as his deceased wife, Martie Muldoon as Jake's sister, Marsha Howard as his therapist, Alexa Hart and Alexandria Lobao as his daughter at different ages, and Meredith Sarboraria as Jake's girlfriend.

"Jake's Women" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 19, and Saturday, Aug. 20, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 21. Tickets are \$20 each and are available online at livermorearts.org.

## COSTCO

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no, it's not going to go up because the cost of the bid environment is going up."

Costco also remains interested in the project.

"We are still here," said Costco Director of Real Estate Jennifer Murillo. "We are still very much in support of the project. We're very much excited to go forward."

The Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone (JDEDZ), which includes the upcoming Costco store and encourages investment in the approximately 40 acres on Johnson Drive near Stoneridge Drive and I-680, produced an environmental study that determined traffic mitigation measures — such as on-ramp widening, additional traffic signals and an additional Johnson Drive lane — to be necessary for development.

The city council certified the environmental findings in 2017 and entered into a cost allocation agreement with Costco in 2018 detail-

ing funding sources for the improvements.

"In short, Costco is to pay all costs to design and construct the traffic mitigation measures and the city is to pay all costs to acquire the needed right-of-way," stated the staff report.

With the updated bid costs, Costco will pay \$9.3 million, and Pleasanton will pay \$12.9 million, with the balance of the \$33.6 million costs covered by a loan that the city will repay using JDEDZ transportation fees from "non-Costco" properties and using 40% of the city sales tax revenue from the Costco store itself.

The 2018 agreement would have required Pleasanton to reimburse Costco \$1.6 million if the city terminated the agreement.

But with the city's support, explained Murillo, Costco will be able to move forward with the current construction bids. She could not yet provide any firm construction timeline.

## Passport Program Promotes Dublin Restaurants

Dublin is sponsoring an online campaign to encourage residents to patronize local restaurants, with an opportunity to receive a \$25 gift card. Nearly 40 restaurants are participating in the campaign, dubbed "Taste the World in Dublin," which will continue through Oct. 28. To download a free, mobile passport, visit bit.ly/3cW2ajw. Diners who check in at five or more participating establishments during the campaign will receive a \$25 gift card from the city, while supplies last. Participants may also redeem promotional offers at select businesses.

## CHICK-FIL-A

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of a new 2,781 square-foot drive-through restaurant in its place.

"This application has been submitted and is going through the planning process," said Jackman.

The project's preliminary utility plan showed 30 parking spaces and three drive-through lanes on the one-acre parcel.

Independently, another developer, Ryan Shea, submitted a pre-application in September 2021 to demolish the former McNamara's Steak and Chop House at 7400 San Ramon Road in Dublin and construct a 5,000 square-foot drive-through restaurant there.

This location, on about 1.5 acres, would operate two drive-through lanes and provide 32 parking spaces.

"A formal application has not yet been submitted" for the San Ramon Road project, said Jackman.

Should the projects complete development, Chick-fil-A would boast three locations within a 1.5-mile radius near the I-580-680 interchange, as Pleasanton already hosts a location on Johnson Drive.

Actual construction timelines will depend on how quickly the applicants respond to comments, said Jackman. The city could not provide any dates just yet. Both projects will require traffic studies.

4G recently explored another Chick-fil-A location in Castro Valley but met community opposition there related to fears of traffic congestion and concerns over Chick-fil-A's perceived anti-LGBTQ stance.

The Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council rejected that project's necessary land-use change in January 2021.

Chick-fil-A previously drew attention to new store openings with its First 100 program, which awarded a location's first 100 customers with a year's supply of Chick-fil-A. The company has since modified the contest and now celebrates openings by surprising 100 "community heroes" with the year-long prize, according to the company's website.

Chick-fil-A did not respond to a request for comment about either project.

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# EDITORIAL Delta Decision Needs More Alternatives and Time

Last week, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) released its 3,000-page draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) of the Delta Conveyance Project with an October deadline to comment.

That's roughly the equivalent of reading nine books on an incredibly complex topic days before Halloween. There isn't enough time. We need to consider the alternatives for statewide water storage before lightly skimming the material and charging forward with a possibly flawed decision.

"We are too close to a water crisis to allow all energies to be directed toward what will become a mostly dry, expensive, and frequently empty tunnel, financed by water ratepayers and California taxpayers," Barbara Barrigan-Parilla of Restore the Delta stated. "Would a myriad of localized water projects better prepare California's climate-changed water system?"

We agree. In tandem with the Delta Conveyance Project, we need to explore smaller water projects statewide.

The Delta Conveyance Project proposes to deliver

water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to Southern California. It has seen its share of refinements and controversies over the years, but there are many unknowns left hanging in the balance.

At present, the project comes with a hefty price tag in the neighborhood of \$16 billion. The costly plan has critics concerned that bypassing the Delta could worsen salinity, endanger an already fragile ecosystem and drive away tourists and residents with its years of construction and disruption.

Proponents of the project say it is essential to ensure the quality and quantity of water for generations of Californians and to shore up an aging infrastructure that could move and utilize water from storms to help manage droughts.

But voters have soundly rejected the plan since the 1980s and with seemingly good reason. So far, it appears that those most likely to benefit from the conveyance plan are Southern California residents, while those most impacted will be the farms and communities near the Delta and San Joaquin Valley

regions.

It's unlikely a clear winner will be found in this new draft EIR, and it's even more unlikely the general public will take the time, or even understand, what's in the 3,000-page behemoth. The review period should be extended.

Without such extension, our local elected officials and residents must work feverishly to review the EIR. Zone 7, which gets 70% of the Tri-valley's water from the Delta, has twice voted in support of the project and to date has spent just under \$7 million to have a seat at the table.

Now is the time for residents to talk to their representatives, attend the planned public hearings – Sept. 13, 22 and 28 – and find out what local officials are doing to study both the project and the alternatives.

Information on upcoming public hearings along with a copy of the draft EIR can be found at, [www.deltaconveyance.com](http://www.deltaconveyance.com). Comments can be submitted through Oct. 27 at [deltaconveyancecomments@water.ca.gov](mailto:deltaconveyancecomments@water.ca.gov).

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### Open Letter to Zone 7

Rich Buckley, Livermore

My friend is a preeminent mainstream plasma physicist. I love sharing insights on the subject of plasma energy with him. He always listens. This video <https://tinyurl.com/y5vr-j4tp> or <https://rumble.com/vIe0qxh-michael-jaco-with-penny-and-patty-greer-incredible-science-crop-circle-plas.html?mref=nvaav&mc=4r97o> explain how to energize seeds and plants to use their natural intelligence to increase crop yields and plant nutrition. Penny is the scientist in the video and Patty is the film maker.

Plant changes all natural: (Not GMO modified)

(1) Vines naturally become more tolerant to temperature ranges

(2) Vine root systems naturally become healthier with less water

(3) Leaves resist mold naturally

(4) Taste can be transmitted based on personal experience and preferences of the winemaker communicating with vines. What?!!!

(5) Vines can be asked to carry specific positive healing benefits to consumers by your winemaker.

Are you now getting the picture?

Zone 7 and Vintners have a lot of political clout. Food shortages are here. You may want to sponsor studies at UC Davis on positive uses of plasma energy on grape vines, wheat, corn, tomatoes, veggies, olive trees and nuts for natural biological enhancement

and development. Use your intuition. Get past fear. The science is real and has been suppressed.

### Eden Referendum

Bill Leach, Livermore

Allow the vote in November. A central open space is of long-term value to residents. The people should be granted their say.

### Eden Referendum

Tamara Reus, Livermore

I am one of the 78 people who submitted written statements to the Council in support of the Eden Housing referendum. The Unify Livermore Group chose to reignite the flames of the simmering controversy by raising this issue during the public forum portion of the council meeting as a non-agenized item that the Council could not act on. Upon learning of their intention, those supporting the referendum felt compelled to respond in the same way.

The current controversy is over the City Clerk's refusal to submit the referendum petition signatures to the Registrar of Voters for verification. The clerk had told the people who turned in the petitions that she intended to submit them. Subsequently, a technically worded letter went out under the clerk's name stating she would not move forward. Presumably, the City Attorney wrote it.

As a matter of law, the City Clerk has a non-discretionary legal obligation to submit the signatures for verification if the count, on its face, meets the threshold. 8000 signatures were turned in well above what is required. Upon confirming that number, the clerk should have sent them to the county for verification. The legal question only arises if the measure ultimately qualifies. The chosen tactic, with the tacit support of the council, has delayed action on the referendum so that the city can accomplish its plan to transfer ownership of the downtown site to Eden Housing before November's election. The goal is to prevent a future council from exploring another plan for affordable housing downtown.

The council has said they have no control over the city clerk because she is an independent election official. Seriously? She would have submitted the signatures if left to her own understanding of her duties. The "independent" authority was exercised by the city attorney who actually works for the council. The council has the ultimate authority over his actions. They could disavow the city attorney's opinion and

place the referendum on the November ballot or encourage the clerk to submit the signatures. Instead, they are hiding behind the fiction of independence because it furthers their agenda and are shifting the blame to a convenient "fall-guy". The current council is afraid of the people's preferences and is undercutting the referendum process any way they can. We need a council that respects the process as well as all of the people and not just those who agree with them.

### Ben Barrientos for City Council

Ann Lopez, Livermore

Ben Barrientos, who is a candidate for city council in Livermore, is the "man-in-demand." By that, I mean people are always asking him for his help. He has a reputation for being dependable, hard-working, and totally committed to getting the job done. He's also very pleasant, patient, and amiable. Ben listens to the requests and concerns of others and works out a plan to help.

For instance, when the Heritage Guild needed the barn on the historic Hagemann Ranch painted, they called Ben. He organized a group of volunteers from the Livermore Lions Club (He's the president.) and other Lions Clubs in the Tri-Valley to help. Together, they painted the barn last year, and then, upon request, they painted the paddock fence this year. When East Avenue Middle School and Granada High School needed help with their graduation breakfasts, they called Ben. He and his fellow Lions ended up cooking around 1,500 pancakes, along with sausages, for all the graduates.

I believe Ben is ready and willing to help the residents in Livermore in the best ways possible. Ben Barrientos will be an invaluable member of Livermore City Council.

### The Shadow Knows

Ramona Krausnick, Dublin

Whenever I read the words or about ideas spoken by Trump, DeSantis, Cruz, Abbott, McConnell, Graham, the NRA, their supporters, etc. (the list goes on ad nauseam) and whenever I see the malevolent actions of Trump's BFF Putin and other dictators whom Trump likes, I remember an old radio program I heard growing up. The crime stopper in the program said: "Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men? The Shadow knows!" This was accompanied by an ominous laugh.

In all the years that I have been on this planet, I have NEVER seen such evil, mean-spirited actions, nor heard such evil, mean-spirited rhetoric from so many who want to hold on to power or who have a yellow streak for a spine or who are spitefully against everything good the Democrats are trying to do for all Americans.

When will it all end? I guess only Almighty God and The Shadow know.

### "Treason Against Reason" Revisited

Richard K. Ernst, Livermore

Responding to the August 4 letter entitled "Treason Against Reason," I would like to make the following observations.

First, though I am not a scientist, I do know that the vast majority of scientists worldwide affirm that human beings have a role to play in our changing climate.

Second, it defies reason to contend that those who are concerned about climate change are creating a new "terror weapon" to justify "intrusions and departures" from freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution. On the contrary, most people I know who are concerned about climate change, whether educators, scientists or just citizens, are folks who genuinely care about the quality of life on our planet and the future we are leaving generations to come. It is unfortunate to suggest that educators who speak about climate change in the classroom are "assisting in terrorizing students..." and "spreading dark shadows of fear and doubt." Nothing could be further from the truth.

Third, while it is true that educators do not have the right to impose their personal values on students, they do have the right and obligation to represent in the classroom values that are the common inheritance of all Americans: namely, equality, justice, respect for the worth and dignity of every person, without regard to race, religion, economic status, gender, gender identity or sexual orientation.

Fourth, I agree that students are in school "to obtain basic tools to assist them to become productive members of society." The writer rightly includes in his list of important subjects: social studies, literature, American and world history, and civics. However, the writer undermines his perspective by speaking critically of "social awareness" and "woke" ideas. All education is based on celebrating new "awareness's" and being "awakened" by new ideas.

Fifth, with regard to teaching historical subjects, it is vitally important to be honest and truthful in exploring both the successes and failures in our nation's attempt to live up to the promises of its founders. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men (persons) are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness..."

The author asks, "Why are we going backwards?"

Thanks to our gifted and dedicated teachers and educators, we are not in danger of moving backward! We are a forward-looking people!

### Accept the Move Eden Housing Referendum Petition

Michael Fredrich, Livermore

Regarding the rejection of the Move Eden Housing referendum petition, it

seems that the Livermore City Council has descended to a new low. The city clerk does not have the power to reject the referendum petition submitted by Move Eden Housing. Election Code Section 9210(b) requires that the city clerk accept the petition for filing if it meets certain requirements, which it has. But this council has again shown a willingness to ignore the wishes of the people of Livermore and now to break the law. The city council should be ashamed of themselves. There are a substantial percentage of Livermore voters who feel the Eden Housing project should be moved from the proposed site. Voters should have the chance to make that decision.

### Mony Nop for Mayor

Sonia Cole, Livermore

It is with great pleasure and honor that I throw my full political support behind Mony Nop, mayoral candidate.

Mr. Nop has had extensive involvement in the Livermore community for many years, first as a police officer for 17 years, and then as a realtor for the past 15 years. His approachable and inclusive style encourages diverse viewpoints, and his voice will only enrich the city council with new ideas that are grounded in the long-standing principles that I personally value, such as education, thriving businesses, and smart planning to preserve the beauty and charm of Livermore.

We have two candidates for mayor this year, John Marchand and Mony Nop. In an ordinary year, we assess candidates and may be influenced by their past track record, or by friends, family or neighbors. However, this is not an ordinary year, as the mayor elected in this upcoming election will make decisions that will permanently and irreversibly impact Livermore's downtown.

Under the current leadership, there is a large apartment building under construction at L Street between First and Railroad, and additional plans to develop 130 units of affordable housing on the corner of L Street and Railroad, a project known as Eden Housing. Affordable housing is certainly needed in every city, but it doesn't need to be downtown where these large construction projects will negatively alter the skyline, remove open spaces, and increase traffic and crowding of our downtown. Mr. Nop has the vision, drive, and innovation to move Eden Housing, while preserving our open space downtown. I support Mr. Nop, as he is committed to making Livermore a place for all residents to enjoy for generations to come.

Mr. Nop has also made it clear that his governing philosophy will be guided by openness, honesty, transparency and communication. He is a doer and knows how to move organizations and projects forward. There are many challenges facing our town, and I feel strongly that Mr. Nop will be the outstanding leader we need.

Mony for Mayor!

### Bring Back Livermore 1980

Peter MacDonald, Pleasanton

Wow. It looks like the Livermore Populists are really on a roll.

What need is there for carbon free energy in California when Arizona and North Dakota are more ideal locations for solar and wind power?

What need is there for housing for people who make less than \$100,000 per year when Tracy is right over the Altamont?

What need is there for a successful wine industry when Napa Valley is less than a hundred miles away?

Make Livermore Great Again. Bring back Livermore 1980!

Or not?

### Let the Residents Speak

Yolanda Meider, Livermore

Lawsuit filed - City will be forced to spend taxpayers' dollars to try to deny the will of the people. Let the residents of Livermore vote. Eight thousand plus residents signed the referendum. We are urging the city to process the petition submitted. What is interesting is the Move Eden Housing Group strongly agrees with affordable housing in Livermore, but the city council refuses not to work with the Livermore residents. We need a new mayor, NOT JOHN MARCHAND again, because we will get the same disregard for the Livermore residents. New council members will help also. I'm so glad that so many Livermore residents are speaking out for the will of the people and taking such interest in a Livermore we will all be proud of.

### Pleasanton Residents Deserve Transparency

Anne Fox, Pleasanton

In the Tri-Valley, why do Dublin and Livermore have functioning, online public records repositories, but in Pleasanton, it is an entirely different story?

In August 2022, the last posted Pleasanton City Council minutes are from over six months ago — from the first week in February. What seems to be the problem with the City Council in Pleasanton seemingly being unable to approve and publish minutes of their own meetings on its Laserfiche public records website? Six months seems quite a long time to not be able to publish simple meeting minutes from government meetings.

Similarly, has the Planning Commission enacted any resolutions this entire year? Or, if indeed they have actually voted on resolutions this calendar year in 2022, why are none of these posted on the city's website?

In Pleasanton, unfortunately, even the search page at <http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/manager/search.aspx> with a link in the middle of the page for minutes, agenda reports, ordinances and resolutions that opens Laserfiche doesn't seem to work, generating a "This Site Can't Be Reached" error.

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Pleasanton residents deserve transparency and access to public records from their local government, just like the residents of Dublin and Livermore. Sadly, perhaps transparency and public access to government records are no longer priorities for Pleasanton's elected officials. elected officials.

#### Endorsement for Carol Wahrer

Jon Hart, Livermore

I endorse Carol Wahrer for city council. I've known Carol for years and I know her very well. She's honest, hardworking, intelligent, compassionate, and cares a great deal about Livermore. Most importantly, she genuinely cares about people -- all people. While I may not always agree with her positions, I do always trust her sincerity, diligence, and heart. Carol would be a breath of fresh air in the current atmosphere of Livermore's city government.

#### Downtown Priorities

AE Marling, Livermore

Last Saturday night on my way to the new Livermorium Plaza, I passed Lizzie Fountain Park and Stockmen's Park. If I wished to, I could've walked two blocks to Carnegie Park. We have plenty of parks downtown. Anyone who says we should prioritize more is lying to you or let-them-eat-cake levels of oblivious.

I love Livermorium Plaza, in part because it honors scientific achievement. That said, the most common

thing I hear about it are complaints of its expense. If the city built another park, I'm sure it would also be criticized, with the subtlety being it's not the infrastructure we so desperately need.

California is in a housing crisis. This is obvious to everyone, even most people privileged enough to own a town house. Not only will Eden Housing add necessary infrastructure, the affordable apartments will improve downtown. What it needs more than parks are happy workers. It's harder for waiters and cashiers to serve if they are tired and frustrated by a long commute, or their having to live out of cars. Some people act like Eden Housing would blight downtown into a wasteland, but I don't even think the planned buildings would be noticeable from most of Main Street.

What would be an eyesore is an ashen sky from worsening wildfire seasons. Poisonous smoke will keep people from enjoying downtown. We are in a climate crisis, and the infrastructure we need includes solar farms. Unfortunately, the deceptively named "Friends of Livermore" and "Move Eden Housing" are blocking solar farms and affordable housing respectively. These special-interest groups are funded and organized in large part by Joan Seppala and Jean King; these plutocrats think they know better than you and are trying to buy out City Council with their hand-picked candidates.

#### The Economic Darwinism of The Eden Housing Project

Greg Scott, Livermore

"For those horrified by the 'Canyon' effect of the new downtown, avoid the area, take a drive in the country or visit a real park." (Daryl Carlson, "Milk Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore", The Independent, 8/4). This is the vision of "an exceedingly well-run city with excellent planning and financial skills"? (Mary and Jay Davis, "The Right Referendum!", The Independent, 7/28).

Isn't the idea for this central Livermore area to be a regional draw? Staring at a 130-unit "affordable housing" complex is going to strike that chord? How dare anyone oppose the downtown Eden Housing Project? "You got mud on your face, big disgrace / Somebody better put you back into your place, do it!" ("We Will Rock You", song by Queen).

"The owner of the paper [The Independent] and her rich cohorts are trying to convince you that the most important thing in the world is to have a large open park in the center of the city." (Rion Causey, "No More Elections", The Independent, 8/4). I don't know Mr. Causey, therefore a brief introduction: I have been homeless around Livermore for over 6 1/2 years and have only been recently housed. I will match wits with anyone who thinks they know the desperation of homelessness and the housing crisis.

I was acquainted with six homeless who died during the pandemic in Livermore and there were at least four others whom I did not know. I wrote in this paper about Carl Feighner, who had worked here at Sandia National Laboratories for over a decade and a half and then was homeless in his pickup truck for 10 years. Carl died from this lifestyle. Not being one of the "rich cohorts," I can tell you all this: The downtown Eden Housing Project is in the wrong place, and it doesn't solve the socioeconomic injustice of the housing crisis with an executive director that makes \$415,000 per year and the 17 top-salaried

consuming 40% of the payroll. How does the bottom Eden Housing salaried echelon afford housing? These inequities only accentuate the problem.

"Tell me, what is it you plan to do / with your one wild and precious life?" (Mary Oliver, "The Summer Day"). For posterity, it remains to be seen what you do with the heart of your city, Livermore.

#### Frequent PG&E Power Outages

Eve Sprunt, Dublin

Dear Livermore Independent,

I have lived in the Dublin Ranch subdivision for over 22 years. In the last two

months, we have had four extended power outages, because something contacted the powerlines. The Dublin Ranch subdivision has always had underground powerlines, so we are suffering, because the city of Dublin never made PG&E install switches to isolate the areas with underground powerlines from those with overhead power.

When I emailed the Mayor of Dublin, Melissa Hernandez <Melissa.Hernandez@dublin.ca.gov> and the City Manager, Linda Smith <linda.smith@dublin.ca.gov>, I received the following explanation of the problem with the cheery

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Proposed Eden Housing, along the block on Railroad Avenue from L Street to the extension of K Street. Source: City of Livermore Planning Document.

## Lawsuit Filed To Protect Livermore's Downtown

The Move Eden Housing lawsuit is our last chance to stop the City Council from allowing a project that would degrade Livermore's downtown for generations. Here's what it asks the court to do:

# 1

#### Compel the Livermore City Clerk to process the referendum petition

This is required to verify if there are enough valid signatures to qualify the referendum for a future city ballot. We are confident there are.

# 2

#### Put on hold the City Council's attempt to immediately sell the property to Eden Housing

If the property is sold, it would effectively prohibit any future City Council from relocating the affordable housing to another nearby location.

# 3

#### Let Livermore vote on the referendum

If signatures are verified, force the city to give Livermore voters the opportunity to have their voices heard through a referendum election.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped and the thousands of Livermore voters who signed the petition!

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prediction that the problem would soon be resolved:

The cause of the recent outages in Dublin were due to Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings (EPSS). We are working with the distribution engineering team to design a job to install line recloser switches to better sectionalize the circuit. These switches will separate the overhead portion of the circuit from the underground portion. Although this won't mitigate all future outages, it will better insulate the area served by the underground portion of the circuit from the portion that's impacted by EPSS settings. This is in queue to be estimated in September/October and will most likely be constructed 1st quarter of 2023.

EPSS can help stop wildfires before they start by automatically turning off power if an object, like a tree branch, strikes a powerline.

This enhanced safety technology is a proven wildfire prevention tool. Last year, we saw an 80% reduction in CPUC-reportable ignitions on EPSS-enabled lines in High Fire-Threat Districts. This is compared to the prior three-year average, as of December 31, 2021.

When I read the paragraphs above, I see "weasel words." It is "in the queue to be estimated" and "most likely be constructed." If you, like me, are fed up with the power outages, please email Mayor Hernandez and City Manager Smith and let them know that you consider reliable electric power to be a top priority, and their ability to quickly solve the problem will be a major factor in who you vote for when the mayor and members of the city council are up for election. We need our city officials to put the pressure on PG&E to fix the problem ASAP.

**American Insanity**  
Patrick Weidhaas, Dublin

Every week, I discover letters in this paper that paint the Democrats like Newsom, Swalwell, Pelosi and Biden as America's enemies. Their policies are attacked as being "progressive," "socialist," and "Marxist." By being opposed to "law and order," Democrats are destroying the formerly wholesome fabric of America.

Strange! To me "progressive" sounds like a good thing — going with the times, not being stuck in the past, addressing current social problems.

What about "socialist" and "Marxist?" I have learned one thing; as soon as an administration enacts policies that help the middle class (like universal health care, lowering prescription drug prices), those policies will be attacked as "socialist" and "Marxist." Strangely, those who apply these labels see nothing "socialist" when laws are enacted to lower their taxes.

As far as Democrats destroying the wholesome fabric of America, let's take a look at the wholesome

fabric of the Republican America of the past, say, six years. We had a President who made no bones about the fact that he loved white supremacists, neo-Nazis and other racist groups. His biggest crime: he toppled one bedrock of our formerly cherished democracy — American's faith in fair elections. Trump did not like fair elections; he tried to convince the voters of "Trump's law of elections:"

If I (Trump) win, the election was fair.

If I (Trump) lose, it was rigged.

When he lost, he masterminded a coup ("law and order"?). Let's hope "law and order" will eventually catch up with him!

Republicans love to waive big American flags, talk about freedom, patriotism and, always, "law and order" as if they are their sole guardians. Their actions tell a different story: refusal to address gun violence (law and order?), denial of women rights they had for 50 years (freedom?), banning books in schools at an unprecedented rate (freedom?), giving a fascist dictator like Victor Orban, Prime Minister of Hungary, a standing ovation (patriotism?).

Cheering men like Orban, siding with Putin, supporting a man who tried to ignore and undo our votes, yet hating Newsom, Swalwell, Pelosi, Biden. This is American insanity!

**Inflation Reduction Bill is a Lie**

David Ott, Pleasanton

Over this past weekend, the Democrat-controlled Senate approved another huge lie for the American people with the incorrectly named Inflation Reduction Act. This bill, as the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) pointed out, will actually add to inflation. It will increase taxes on citizens and businesses (which will be passed on to consumers), double the size of the IRS and levy more expensive regulations on the oil and natural gas sector. It allows the government to spend more money that it doesn't have on programs that we don't need and adds regulations that cripple businesses. The additional taxes and regulations will force businesses to lay off workers. Economics 101 will tell you the only way to combat inflation is for the government to reduce spending money they do not have and reduce taxes. The inflation reduction bill is a lie.

**Doing the Right Thing**

James Caselli, Livermore

Seriously? Directing the city clerk to refuse processing a referendum and then hiding behind the clerk to avoid facing concerned citizens? Regardless of frustrating legal semantics defining administrative vs. legislative, there is a much more basic tenant at play here. That tenant is doing what's right. Ignoring concerned citizens is not right. What manner of city council

would do this? And why?

I have previously stated that waiting a short time to allow a vote is the right thing to do. The response was that we had already voted. That may be true, but new events have come to light. People now have an idea of what the city council's proposed plan would look like, based on current construction. Plus, the fact that plans approved by the city council have changed sufficiently since the last vote and warrant a second opportunity to determine our future. It's not hard. It's simple. A few short months for a vote, while not prematurely committing our funds, will decide the issue fairly. And finally.

**Foiled Again**

Nancy Mulligan, Livermore

Again, the City Council has shown its disdain for the citizens of Livermore. More than 8,000 citizens signed the document for a referendum, but the City has cleverly found a way to refuse to honor it. This underlines the necessity of electing a new Mayor and new Council members who WILL listen to the citizens. Mony Nop is an excellent candidate for Mayor who will do his best to reform the City Council. In District 1, we need to elect Carol Wahrer and in District 2 Ben Barrientos. With these 3, Mony, Carol and Ben, we will have some advocates for things our citizens have been requesting. They need our support, so consider donating as much as you can to their campaigns. You can get signs for your yard supporting these candidates and you can volunteer to help in many ways. Livermore needs these candidates NOW, before our city loses its charm and becomes unrecognizable as the city we love. NOW is the time to step up and make your voices heard.

**Progress is Built on Strong Foundations**

Trish Munro, Livermore

This past week, I had the privilege of presenting Livermore's work on Equity and Inclusion at the American Sociological Association's annual conference. Preparing the presentation was a chance to reflect on the work of the E&I subcommittee, the relationship among city staff, elected officials, and community, and what enables good work to happen.

The E&I working group—comprised of people who live or work in Livermore—tackled four areas: Culture, Policing, Youth Engagement, and Housing, Jobs and Transportation. The city council approved a work plan of ten projects in five areas. You can read the longer story here: [www.LivermoreCA.gov/Equity\\_and\\_Inclusion](http://www.LivermoreCA.gov/Equity_and_Inclusion). I want to highlight the Policing Subcommittee's work and recommendations. There were four results. First, the Livermore Police Department and the subcommittee worked together to clarify the police manual's use of force

policies and language. That took hard work and much dialog, but LPD already had a strong culture of serving the community, collaboration, and accountability. That foundation and the willingness of all parties to listen meant that the task was accomplished quickly. Second, LPD called in a third-party expert to analyze Livermore's stop data. You can look at that report here: [www.LivermoreCA.gov/LpdTransparency](http://www.LivermoreCA.gov/LpdTransparency). Third, with input from the subcommittee, LPD pursued a partnership model with mental health providers to ensure those in crisis get appropriate help immediately. The pilot program is now in place and will, assuming all goes well, continue to grow.

Finally, Chief Young gathered two advisory bodies. Shortly after his appointment as Chief, he convened a faith-based group of religious leaders as advisors and a means for building a network of communication with Livermore residents. Then, as the E&I subcommittee and working group ended, members of the policing subgroup transitioned to a Chief's Advisory group, which meets monthly. Together, these groups enable LPD to continue to build a strong relationship with the community. As Chief Young says, "The police department strives to be the most professional police agency and now we have more resources and ability to reach out to the community. We are not done, but we are making progress."

City work tends to be invisible, noticed only when things go wrong. It was a great privilege to reflect on that work and make it visible.

**Needed: A New Direction in Dublin**

S. Miller, Dublin

Like many other Dublin residents, I would like to see fresh, ethical leadership (elected officials AND management) in our town. We need people who care as much or more about our existing residents as they do about bringing in new business and revenues. Far too often in the city's brief history, city and agency management, with the assent of our elected officials, have caused substantial harm to upstanding residents, neighborhoods and the community as a whole through misguided actions or neglect. COVID exacerbated already existing divisions and problems. If we do not have officials with the competence and courage to change course when necessary and address real issues, our city will suffer.

I hope that additional,

experienced Dublin change agents with the commitment and time to devote to elective office will come forward and file. The deadline is Friday. If you are eligible and would like to run for Dublin city council or mayor, call our city clerk. Are you interested and involved in water issues? As of this writing, there is no challenger to the incumbent Dublin San Ramon Services District director in Area 4.

**One for the Mony**

David Yaffe, Livermore

In the election several years ago, I wondered who this Mony Nop guy was. My kids knew and liked him, as he had been a Livermore policeman doing outreach in the public schools before he built his own business. I was busy and maybe a little bit lazy and didn't look into him much further. Here he comes again and this time I decided to find out more. I've had several conversations with Mony in the last couple of months, mostly driven by my unhappiness with the direction the present Livermore Mayor and City Council have taken: their arrogance, lack of accountability to the citizens and their intention to split us apart to achieve their agenda.

The first thing I realized in my conversations is how dynamic Mony is. As mayor, he has a plan for City direction and improvement and the ability to clearly inform you of the details and goals. His background is one of poverty and hardship, but victimhood is not part of his makeup. From the Killing Fields of Cambodia to the streets of Stockton, Mony's intellect, positive attitude and teamwork have seen him overcome obstacles many of us can't even imagine.

Most impressive is his sense of inclusiveness in finding pathways and answers. He truly doesn't care what your politics are, welcomes people of all identities and will be a leader we can be proud of. If you're still unsure, I'd say give him a call and have a conversation, (925) 575-1602 (Sorry I didn't ask you about this first, Mony!). Mony Nop for Mayor 2022 is the breath of fresh air we need to revive a split city.

**Voters Should Vote on Referendum**


Rob Blum, Livermore

The City Clerk (Weber) did not do her job and process the qualified submitted signatures for the referendum. The City Council is a disgrace for the City of Livermore; they ignore what the citizens want. The City Council should not allow the City Clerk to ignore her responsibility to process the valid signatures on the referendum. The City Clerk and the City Council are required by law to process the signatures.

The City Council again will not do the right thing and listen to the citizens of Livermore. All City Council members need to be voted out. The Downtown needs to be saved. I am glad for the latest lawsuit to Move Eden Housing and let Livermore vote on the referendum.

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## DELTA

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nents contend it could lead to harmful algae blooms, increase the flow of pesticides and natural occurring selenium from agricultural areas through the San Joaquin River, and stir up methylmercury in sediment, all of which can harm fish.

The DWR, however, said last week the project is necessary to provide clean, reliable water for future generations. The agency contends that, had the project been in operation during large storms that hit Northern California in October and December, it could have captured and moved about 236,000 acre-feet of water, enough for about 2.5 million people for a year. In addition, officials say, the project would help California manage severe drought, like the one the state is currently experiencing.

"Two out of three Californians rely on the State Water Project for all or part of their water supply," DWR Director Karla Nemeth said in a statement. "Modernizing this infrastructure is essential to adapting to a future that includes more frequent extremes of drought and flood, and greater water instability."

Zone 7's Water Agency Board of Directors, who receive About 70% of the Tri-Valley's water supply from the Delta, have twice voted to fund the district's 2.2% share of the \$349 million for planning costs of the \$16 billion project. But whether the seven member board of directors plans to continue its involvement in the project in the years to come will remain an issue. So far, the board has spent just under \$7 million, funds allocated so that Zone 7 can have a say in the project as it proceeds.

About half of the project will be funded by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD).

In the works for decades, the Delta Conveyance Project is proposed to manage, store and more efficiently use water from the Sierra Nevada snowpack, the DWR said.

"We brought world-class engineering and design creativity to the effort," said Graham Bradner, the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority ex-

ecutive director, in a statement. "We sought input from the community to understand local effects and focused on ways to avoid or minimize issues related to noise, traffic, power, aesthetics, boating and waterways, land disturbance and the overall project footprint."

The EIR includes details of several Delta conveyance plans, including the Bethany Reservoir Alternative. This plan would build two intake facilities in the north Sacramento River Delta to channel 6,000 cubic feet of water per second to a single below-ground 45-mile tunnel along the east side of the Delta for its eventual ride through the California Aqueduct. A cubic foot is about 7.5 gallons.

The new plan would convey less water than Gov. Jerry Brown's administration's proposed two tunnels in 2017. Each 35 mile tunnel would have gone through the center of the Delta with a capacity of 9,000 cubic feet per second.

Wade Crowfoot, California's Natural Resources Secretary, said in a Tweet that the conveyance upgrade "is a step toward a climate secure future."

"There's always been lots of opinions on how to move water through the Bay Delta," Crowfoot said. "Doing nothing is the worst option."

The Southern California Water Coalition, which supports the project, also tweeted that the project was necessary.

"Here's how we see it: Current system has negative impacts, but 27 million people depend on it for water. Redesign and refined plan is the best, most feasible option. We support #deltaconveyance."

Sierra Club California said the tunnel project will significantly harm the biodiversity of the Bay-Delta region, causing mass destruction for Delta communities and ecosystems during construction and operation.

"Sierra Club California strongly believes this flawed project is incredibly wasteful," Brandon Dawson, Sierra Club California director, said in a statement. "Climate change continues to impact the state's hydrology, and there is no certainty as to the amount of water that will

be available for the project when it's completed."

Restore the Delta's executive director Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla called the plan "so massive, it will be delivered to us on thumb-drive."

"A full review of this mountain of paper is simply not possible for Delta communities, environmental justice groups, or Northern California tribes in just 90 days," Barrigan-Parrilla said in a statement.

Delta communities, she said, had raised concerns about water quality, salinity intrusion, pollution mitigation, and significant air pollution impacts resulting from construction and operation of the project.

"DWR needs to speak frankly about the sacrifices expected of the people of the Delta for this project to advance," Barrigan-Parrilla said. "As the state has only recently begun to hold workshops on salinity intrusion into the Delta, which is also part of climate change planning, there is no framework for what a just transition for the Delta would entail."

She further called for an evaluation of alternatives.

"Would a myriad of localized water projects better prepare California's climate-changed water system?" Barrigan-Parrilla asked. "To decide that, we need an emergency, comprehensive statewide plan for dealing with aridification – the long-term change to our climate we are all witnessing. Second, the state must complete and implement both phases of the Bay-Delta Plan so we have baseline numbers about what is required to keep largest estuary on the West Coast alive. Last, there must be a Marshall Plan – including financing – to build out the myriad of localized water projects to protect and increase water supplies throughout the state."

Adel Hagekhalil, MWD general manager, said the agency is working to shift Southern California's reliance on Northern California water with local supplies and greater conservation, but climate change is threatening every water source across the West.

Over the years, many Northern California groups and individuals have criticized the state's southern

half for simultaneously demanding water from the north while not doing its part to conserve. However, recent reports have shown water usage reductions in Southern California. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) announced Monday that customers reduced water use in July by 11%, following a 9% reduction in June, the lowest use for any June on record. The LADWP has a team on patrol looking for violators and answering complaints. Newsom has also called on Southern Californians to reduce 20 to 30% of their normal water use. In addition, the MWD has been working to provide Colorado River water to some communities, and other water providers have switched to groundwater supplies.

"We have a responsibility to adapt to this change by capturing and storing excess water to protect our communities and the environment and to provide the ability to beneficially use that stored water when conditions are dry," Hagekhalil said in a statement.

He added that the proposed Delta Conveyance Project would "provide benefits for our entire state by addressing the water reliability issues in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta as part of a holistic response to climate change and seismic risks."

Gloria Gray, chairwoman of the MWD's board, said the agency would "connect" with tribes, environmental groups, and business and labor organizations to address water supply challenges.

"It will require all of us working together to not only modernize the conveyance of supplies from Northern California, but also develop more local supplies, storage and conservation to ensure we are successful in preparing for future droughts and climate change," Gray said.

The report is available for review at [anceproject.com along with fact sheets describing the project and advising how to read the lengthy document. The public can comment through Oct. 27 at \[deltaconveyancecomments@water.ca.gov\]\(mailto:deltaconveyancecomments@water.ca.gov\) or through other means announced on the website. Three public hearings will be held virtually on Sept. 13, 22 and 28.](http://www.deltaconvey-</a></p>
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## WALLACE

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The new District 3 seat, representing the southwest area of the city is also up for election this year.

Born in Dublin, Ireland, Wallace immigrated to the U.S. with his parents as a child and became an American citizen in 2011. He has lived in the Tri-Valley area for 22 years and graduated from Stanford University in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in political science.

"Public service and responsive government is my life's great passion, and I'm incredibly excited about this opportunity to serve the people of Pleasanton,"

Wallace said in his announcement. "I'm running to bring a forward-looking perspective to the city council. As someone who graduated from high school in the Tri-Valley, then returned after college to live close to family, I have experienced firsthand the challenges facing our young families and young professionals. That informs my deeply held belief that our community values must include supporting our high school graduates of tomorrow, by envisioning a future where they can continue to thrive right here in Pleasanton."

Wallace has already received the endorsement of Rep. Eric Swalwell (D), whose East Bay congressional district includes Pleasanton.

"When I first ran for Congress, Dean was one of the first people I hired to help run my campaign," Swalwell noted. "He was with me when it was just the two of us and a few volunteers knocking on doors to talk to voters. I know Dean's ready to roll up his sleeves and work hard on behalf of the residents of Pleasanton, because I've already seen him do it."

## FURST

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and initiating the creation of various trails, such as the Harrier, Cattail Pond and Valley View Loop Trails in Sycamore Grove. In a press release submitted to The Independent, Furst noted that he also helped shepherd the LARPD through economic downturns and a pandemic, in addition to helping to hire two General Managers and a grant writer.

Born in San Francisco and raised in Palo Alto, he received his PhD in Sport Psychology from Penn State University. Furst taught sport psychology, sport sociology, running, swimming and fitness at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale before moving to San Jose State University (SJSU). At SJSU, he taught sport psychology, psychology of coaching and stress management, among other courses.

He also has experience helping coach an elite swim team and university level women's and men's track and cross country.

A former national level distance runner, Furst and his wife moved to Livermore in 1994. Before being elected to the LARPD Board, he served on the City of Livermore's ad hoc Bikeways and Trails Committee, the Growth Review Committee, the Beautification Committee and the Library Board of Trustees. Furst was also appointed by Supervisor Scott Haggerty to Alameda County's Park, Recreation and Historical Commission and the Public Health Advisory Committee.

While a Board member, he was elected to the statewide California Association of Recreation and Park

Districts. Furst currently serves as a director of the Friends of Open Space and Vineyards (FOV) and is the Sierra Club representative to the Altamont Landfill Open Space Committee.

His focus as an LARPD Board member is on recreation and fitness, while encouraging staff to continue to increase inclusion and equity. Furst is working on the creation of new trails, such as the soon to be opened Patterson Ranch Trail, in coordination with Zone 7. As Chair of the Facilities Committee, he is working to increase recreational opportunities in north Livermore, upgrade the LARPD parks, and get more trail connectors completed to increase recreational opportunities for the diverse Livermore area equestrians, bikers and walkers.



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## Girls' Volleyball Gearing Up for Season

By Nathan Canilao

Last year's girls' volleyball season was filled with ups and downs, upsets, blowouts and everything in between. This year's crop of Tri-Valley high school volleyball teams should be no different.

Amador Valley lost key seniors to graduation but will be back with a fresh crop of young talent to lead the team this season. Katie O'Sullivan was a versatile player on the floor last year and is coming back for her junior season. Madison May was a big part of the Dons rotation last year and is coming back for her senior season.

Foothill was one of the more dominant teams last season. They were upset in the second round of the NCS playoffs but will still be competitive this year under Head Coach Dusty Collins.

Sophomore standouts Paige Bennett and Katie Solonga will return for the Falcons. They will be key in continuing Foothill's success next season.

Dublin High School was a quiet surprise last season. After upsetting Foothill in the NCS tournament, the Gaels put together a nice run to lead them to playoff success.

Head Coach Mike Bongay led the young Gaels



Tri-Valley high schools including rivals Foothill and Dublin high, seen above, are gearing up for another competitive year of girls' volleyball. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

to multiple key wins last season and will be vital to this year's success.

Granada also enjoyed being the underdog team last season. They upset east bay powerhouse Bishop O'Dowd in the first round of the NCS playoffs and will bring back key pieces to the team such as setter Samantha Callahan and Head Coach Rich Cortez.

Livermore did not have the best record, but will bring back some of their young players. Riley Butikofer will lead this year's team. She was an All-League selection last year and will look to improve on her success from last year.

Granada will host the first home game in the Tri-Valley on Sept. 13 when they face Monte Vista High School.

## Boys' Water Polo Looking Toward Another Competitive Year in the Pool

By Nathan Canilao

Last year's boys' water polo season was as competitive as it could get. From Foothill's close win over rival Amador Valley to the exciting young players of Livermore and Granada, the season was one of the more memorable in recent years.

This year should be no different.

Amador Valley has been a powerhouse in the pool as both boys and girls water polo have been successes throughout the years. They advanced to the second round of the playoffs before falling to eventual NCS runner up Acalanes High School.

The Dons will be returning defender Noah Cole and attacker Evan Grell. Under

coach Matt Croghan, the Dons should be in a position to repeat their success last year.

Foothill graduated many key players from last season, but they will be in the hunt to finish atop the EBAL-Valley conference. Led by former Las Positas water polo standout and current Head Coach Alex Lazzereschi, the Falcons will look to be competitive once again.

Granada and Livermore will also have an opportunity to win games this season. Granada stayed competitive in some of their games last season despite their 1-12 record.

Livermore will bring back sophomore Aiden Chirca and junior Vincent Vandersall to the roster. Both were very versatile and will look to lead the Cowboys to more wins this season.

Granada will kick off the water polo season in the Tri-Valley as they will head to American High School on Sept. 6.



This year's match up of boys' high school water polo teams, seen here with players from Livermore and Dublin high schools, promise to be another competitive season in the pool. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

## Girls' Soccer Team Bonds at Yosemite

Several members of West Coast Soccer, which offers recreational and competitive soccer programs in Livermore and Tracy, recently

for the group's West Coast U16 Girls Academy team making the league play-offs at the SoCal Sports Complex in Oceanside this

foundation, mentally and physically, to build from, plus a unique connection with each other and nature."

The girls hiked the Misty Trail to the top of Vernal Falls at Yosemite before testing the icy water of the Emerald Pool. Staying at Pine Mountain Lake in Groveland, the girls also enjoyed kayaking, paddle board races, swimming.

"The trip to Yosemite was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, from bunking with my teammates to the sensational scenery of the hike and feeling closer to nature," said Adriana Paneda, a team captain and incoming junior at Livermore High School.



Members of the girls' West Coast Soccer team enjoyed a recent pre-season team-building weekend in Yosemite National Park. (Photo courtesy of Troy Dayak)

spent a weekend at Yosemite National Park for life lessons, team bonding, and fitness, according to coach and program founder Troy Dayak.

year and preparation for the season ahead.

"We have an outstanding group of young athletes that are learning life skills and developing together," Dayak said. "This is such a solid

## Pleasanton Falcon Runner Finishes Third At Nationals

Victoria (Tori) Daniel, with the Falcon Track Club (FTC) in Pleasanton, was the regional champion and captured third place nationally last month, with a time of 5:56:51 in the girls' 8-and-under 1500-meter run at the National Junior Olympics Track and Field Championship in Sacramento.

Other top finishes for FTC included Ranveer Rajoura, regional champion in the boys' 15-16 400-meter run, and Aleksander Schade, who was the boys' 15-16 regional champion in both

the 200-meter and 400-meter events.

FTC, formed in 2016, was represented by 21 members who qualified for the national championships.

"It was incredible to have so many of our FTC athletes competing on a national stage, and I'm immensely proud of all of them," said head coach Jorge Quero.

More than 2,000 youths from across the country participated in the championship events, sponsored by the U.S. Track and Field Association.



Tori Daniel, far right, won the bronze medal placing third in the 1500 meter event at the recent Falcon Track Club event in Pleasanton. More than 2,000 youths participated in the meet, sponsored by the U.S. Track and Field Association. (Photo courtesy of Ally Smith)

## Runners Win Big at Junior Olympic Championships

By Nathan Canilao

It's not often that a local track and field team gets one of their runners to compete in the National Junior Olympic Championships let alone win an event. The Cal Grizzlies running team out of Pleasanton was able to have two of their runners' medal in multiple events.

On July 31, 12-year-old runners Ava Padilla and Charlene Evangelista medaled in the girls 3000 meter run with Padilla taking first place with a time of 10:25.28 and Evangelista taking second with a time of 10:25.79.

"What one word can we use to best describe Ava and Charlene's performance? Stunning? Shocking? Unbelievable? Amazing? Mind-boggling? Astonishing? How about MIRACULOUS," said Grizzlies Head Coach Mike Exton in an email to parents after the event.

Both girls had a historic weekend. Padilla also took first place in the girls 1500-meter run with a time of 4:48.52.

Exton is most proud of the girls' ability to be coachable and to have a good work ethic. He said their ability to stay consistent was the key to their success

in winning their events.

"They stayed the course, and they stayed consistent in practice. We have two practices a week and they always show up," said Exton.

Both girls will look to build on their success in the coming months as they will continue to run for the Grizzlies.



Ava Padilla, left, and Charlene Evangelista, far right with Coach Mike Exton, recently medaled in the National Junior Olympic Championships. The girls are members of the Pleasanton-based Cal Grizzlies team. (Photo courtesy of Mike Exton)

# TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Now to Wednesday, Aug. 17 LIVERMORE SCAVENGER HUNT

Play the Livermore Scavenger Hunt from June 1 to Aug. 17 for a chance to win prizes. No registration is required to participate in this free event. Participants may print a Livermore Scavenger Hunt form at home or pick up the form at any Livermore Public Library branch. Completed Livermore Scavenger Hunt forms must be submitted by 9 p.m., on Wednesday, Aug. 17. The 10 winners will be randomly selected from among the correct entries in a drawing held during the week of Aug. 22.

### Friday, Aug. 12 THE WAVE SPECIAL EVENT

KTVU's "Mornings on 2" news team will be filming a Dublin edition of "Zip Trips" at The Wave. The city will offer free admission if participants arrive by 8:30 a.m. The waterpark will be open until noon that day. Ticket sales will begin at 8 a.m. For those who are not in line by 8:30 a.m., participants may enjoy The Wave at half-price. The half-price admission will be good between 8:30 and 10 a.m. Doors will close at 10 a.m., and all visitors must exit the park at noon. For more information, visit thedublinwave.com or call 925-574-4800.

### Saturday, Aug. 13 SOLO ART EXHIBIT BY CHARLOTTE SEVERIN

The public is invited to an opening art reception featuring "California Scenes, A Solo Exhibition of Watercolors by Charlotte Severin," on Aug. 13, from 1 to 3 p.m., at The Firehouse Art Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., in Pleasanton. The center will be open from Aug. 10 to Sept. 24, Wednesday to Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and when shows are produced in the theater. Severin has been teaching and demonstrating watercolor artistry for the City Of Pleasanton at The Senior Center and The Firehouse Art Center for 27 years.

### Sunday, Aug. 14 ART IN THE PARK

The Livermore Art Association and Gallery will be celebrating Art In The Park, along with artists from around the Bay Area. This event will be held in the Carnegie Park surrounding the LAA Gallery, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Artists will be displaying and selling their art and sharing their creativity. There will be painters, ceramicists, glass workers, and jewelry artists. Art In The Park is a resurrection of the Sunday Afternoon in the Park event began by the Livermore Art Association more than 25 years ago, remembering the painting of the Park on the Island of La Grande Jatte by renowned French artist Georges Seurat.

### Sunday, Aug. 14 CONGREGATION BETH EMEK OPEN HOUSE

Congregation Beth Emek invites the community to drop by their Open House to learn about worship opportunities, the community, and educational programs for all ages. Meet Rabbi Larry Milder, Education Director Judith Radousky, and Preschool

Director Kathi Estill. Take a tour of the building and visit our sanctuary and classrooms. Light refreshments will be served. Congregation Beth Emek is an inclusive Reform synagogue with an open and participatory atmosphere. We welcome all people on their Jewish journey. For more information, email membership@bethemek.org.

### Tuesday, Aug. 16 ED KINNEY SPEAKER SERIES: AN AFTERNOON WITH SAM BELLAMY

Pirate Captain Samuel Bellamy—known as either "Black Sam" or "Robin Hood of the Seas"—fought for equality, liberty, and the Jacobite Revolution to restore Catholic Stuarts to the throne of Britain and Ireland. From his quarters on his ship The Whydah, Bellamy will share his philosophies, quest for vengeance, and his belief that every man, no matter how lowly born, can become a Prince of the World! Chautauqua Scholar Joey Madia will portray the famed captain. For more information, visit bit.ly/3p0Fm4D, email education@museumonmain.org, or call 925-462-2766.

### Tuesday, Aug. 16 TUESDAY TUNES

Audio Illusion performs at Tuesday Tunes, from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m., playing classic rock and R&B music. The event is free and family-friendly, and takes place at the Bankhead Theater Plaza, located at 2400 First St., in Livermore. For more information, visit lcac.org.

### Sunday, Aug. 21 LAMPLIGHTERS MUSIC THEATRE PRESENTS "IOLANTHE"

Lamplighters is overjoyed to open the company's 70th anniversary season with chorus, leads and orchestra in "Iolanthe," or "The Peer and the Peri." Performances will take place at 2 and 7 p.m., at the Bankhead Theatre, 2400 First St., in Livermore. Tickets are \$31 to \$78. For more information, call 925-373-6800 or 415-227-4797, visit livermorearts.org or lamplighters.org/iolanthe, or email info@lamplighters.org.

### Friday, Sept. 16 and Saturday, Sept. 17 GRANADA HIGH REUNION

The Granada High Class of '72 will be celebrating their 50th reunion at the Callippe Preserve in Pleasanton, and at May Nissen Park. In celebration of the graduation theme, Come Together, the invitation is extended to staff members, alumni of other GHS classes, and Livermore High Class of '72. Information and registration can be found at ghs72reunion.com. For more information, email ghs7250th@gmail.com or call Steve Goodman at 925-323-5712.

### ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS PLEASANTON FARMERS MARKET

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## OBITUARIES

### Sally Rowland Gildea Feb. 26, 1934 — May 16, 2022

Sally Rowland Gildea was born Feb. 26, 1934, in Berkeley, California to Hermon and Helen Rowland. She passed peacefully at the age of 88 on May 16, 2022.

Sally grew up in Berkeley and graduated from the University of California Berkeley in 1955. She married Patrick Donald Gildea and moved to Livermore in 1956, where she raised four children.

During her life in Livermore, she worked for the Livermore School District and, for several years, owned a temporary employment agency in Livermore. She had many friends and enjoyed activities with them, such as lunching and various book clubs. She was an avid collector of Pickard china and was involved in the Pickard Collectors Club



and attended the conferences with her niece, Mary Kelly-Birch. She loved following the Royal Family and watching British television shows. She also loved to watch Jeopardy, and she

more often than not knew the answers, as her sharp mind never failed her.

She had recently moved to Rocklin, California to be near her children.

She was preceded in death by her parents Hermon and Helen Rowland; her brother James Rowland; her sister Helen Rowland Kelly; a daughter Mary Patricia Gildea; and a great grandson Caleb Gildea.

She is survived by her daughter Anne (Mike) Gadd; son Rick (Karen) Gildea; son David Gildea; daughter Claire (Dave) DeWitt; grandchildren Matthew (Brooke) Gildea, Chelsea Gildea, Scott Gildea, Lauren Gildea, Emily Gadd and Brian Gadd; and great-granddaughter Camille Gildea.

### Beatrice Huberta MacCreary Armstrong Oct. 3, 1934 — June 30, 2022

Bea was born in Portland, Oregon to Hugh and Arlene MacCreary. In 1952, she graduated from Washington High School and in 1956 from Lewis and Clark College with a BS in chemistry. She married Charles (Chuck) Armstrong in 1958, and they had three children. Chuck was a civilian employee for the Navy and, so, was transferred a few times. They moved from Ridgecrest, California to King George County, Virginia and finally landed in Dublin in 1968.

Bea worked at LLNL in the analytical chemistry department in the field of emission spectroscopy for 18 years. She quilted many quilts, crocheted many afghans and made and collected many, many miniatures. She was a member of the Peacemakers Needle Arts and N.A.M.E (National Association of Miniature



Enthusiasts). Bea was a devout science fiction fan. She especially loved all things Star Trek. In fact, she was a Trekkie before it was cool. She attended many sci-fi conventions and really enjoyed hearing and meeting the various Star Trek actors. Bea traveled with her family to numerous places in the western United States in a Pace Arrow motor

home. One of her favorite places was Death Valley National Park, where she went on her honeymoon. She also really enjoyed her trips to Scotland, England and Germany. Though Bea never met an animal she didn't love, she had a special place in her heart for Scotty dogs. She will always be remembered for her kindness, generosity and good humor. Bea is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her son, Robert; and her brother Hugh. Those she left behind include her son Chip; daughter Denise; son-in-law Donald; and granddaughters Grace and Gillian.

A service will be held at Grace United Method Church in San Ramon on Aug. 13 at 1 p.m. Donations may be sent to any animal charity or the Mono Lake Committee. Tell 'em Bea sent you.

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

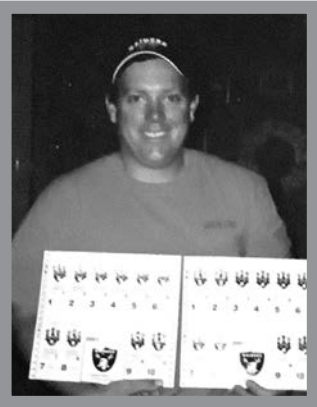
### William (Bill) Marcipan

Born in Livermore on Sept. 3, 1969, at Livermore Valley Care Hospital, Bill grew up participating in local sports such as soccer and Little League Baseball. He excelled at backpacking during Sierra Summer Camp during high school years. In the summer, he proudly wore his Oakland A's hat, which his favorite pitcher Dave Stewart autographed for him. A member of the Raider Nation, he and his friend Tom cooked up gourmet dishes to share with friends at tailgate parties before games at the Coliseum.

He spent 23 years as a member of the United Brothers of Carpenters & Joiners of America. He worked for the local union constructing commercial buildings in the Northern California counties. He took all the advanced level classes in safety and training and was a certified rigger and signaler. He also held a California General Contractors License. He is survived by his parents: Robert and Mary June Marcipan;

cousins, Christina Clayton of Othello, Washington and Sara Marcipan, Jillian Marcipan and Asia Marcipan of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held at Graham-Hitch Mortuary on Aug. 18, 2022, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association, the Diabetes Association or Bill's favorite Tri-Valley charity, St. Vincent de Paul.



### Jane Edith Callabresi Jan. 3, 1941 — Aug. 2, 2022

Jane Edith McCaslin Callabresi, age 81, passed away on Aug. 2, 2022, in Livermore, California, her home for the last 53 years. Jane was born in Stockton, Kansas and met the love of her life, Melvin, at Kansas State University. They married in 1964 and moved to Livermore in 1969. While raising two children, she started her own tax consulting and accounting business and operated it for 35 years. She was active in the community for decades in school, sports and philanthropic organizations. Jane was a long-time member and officer of the Livermore chapter of PEO and was an enthusiastic member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Tri-Delta sorority.

Jane is preceded in death by her parents, Wayne and Mabel McCaslin; and sister, Linda McCaslin Thomas. Survivors include her hus-



band of 57 years Melvin LeRoy Callabresi; daughter Debra Lyn Callabresi of Shadow Hills, California; son Douglas Wayne Callabresi of Great Falls, Virginia; five grandchildren, Lydia Callabresi, Nathaniel Callabresi, Kelsey Moren Callabresi, Anthony Callabresi and Nicholas Callabresi; and one sister Mary-

Ann McCaslin DeRosear of Centennial, Colorado.

She was loving, giving, caring and had an amazing sense of humor. Jane lived life to the fullest and continually expressed her undeniable enthusiasm and joyful surprise from new experiences. Her greatest pleasures in life were visits with family and extensive travels with her husband and friends.

Jane was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and eventually succumbed to the disease after an extended period of time. She will be missed every day by friends, family and the community. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to Hope Hospice or the Alzheimer's research charity of your choice. The family will hold a private ceremony. Messages for the family can be left at <https://obituaries.neptune-society.com/obituaries>.

### Ed Severs

Sept. 13, 1947 — Jan. 24, 2022



On January 24, 2022, the world lost a wonderful man to sudden heart failure at the age of 74.

Ed was a strong, loving, gracious, humble, funny and smart son, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle. He was also the best boss and mentor a student or employee could ask for.

Ed was born and lived his early life in Manitoba, Canada. He loved being in nature, whatever the season. He was athletic and a born leader, a natural as the captain of his school's hockey team.

His mum, stepdad and sister immigrated to the US when he was a teen first to New York, then on to the Sunnyvale area. He was extremely proud to become a US citizen in 1967. During his high school years, Ed became a talented boxer, winning every Golden Gloves match that he fought in. He put his boxing skills to good use by protecting classmates that were being bullied at school; long before it was the 'in' thing to do. Ed excelled at track and field as well, coming in third in California as a high jumper during his high school years.

Ed lived by the Golden Rule. He was smart, but not boastful. Smart enough to be invited to Mensa, humble enough to decline. Ed started his college career at De Anza College. He married his college sweetheart, Janice (nee Reichert) just before being deployed to Vietnam as a 101st Airborne Ranger (Army). Ed could have easily returned to Canada to avoid the draft, but he loved this country and chose to put his life on the line. In Vietnam, Ed attained the rank of Sergeant in short order due to his intelligence and leadership style.

When Ed returned, he and Janice started their family — three beautiful girls: Kimberly (Ritchie), Jennifer and Kelly. Ed resumed his career in IT at Aeronutronic Ford then moved on to positions of increasing responsibility at several other companies in the Silicon Valley. While working long hours, he continued his college career for 11 years earning an AA in computer science, a BA in economics, an MBA and California Teaching Credentials in business management and computer science. While he valued formal education, he often would say that he would hire someone with a good attitude and a willingness to work hard without a degree over someone that thought a degree was their ticket to a position.

Ed was a sought-after speaker at IT and business industry conferences. As president and CEO, he rescued several companies from the dust bin. He taught Cobol programming in college when Silicon Valley was in its infancy. Ed loved teaching and mentoring whether in a formal setting, at work or giving his daughters career and life advice. Ed was the sort of boss that was beloved by his employees. He would not ask anyone to do something that he wouldn't do himself. He was the first to take a cut in salary when times were tough before laying off staff or reducing benefits. He rose to president and CEO at his last two companies, still employed until his passing.

Many employees say he was by far their favorite manager — ever.

In 1989 Ed married a second time to the love of his life, Anne (nee Essaff). They married at Ravenswood Historic Site, though they lived in Pleasanton at the time. Ironically Ed and Anne moved to their current home in Livermore a few months after they wed. Ravenswood was on their running and walking routes. Ed called it "Our Mecca." On daily walks he and Anne would stop at the park to listen for bird calls and share fond memories.



Ed was movie star handsome and quite the romantic. He spent time finding the perfect cards for each occasion. During the pandemic, when he couldn't shop in stores, he made his own cards for Anne. He valued the wonderful marriage they had built and made many notes about the things that made their relationship work so well. He honestly hoped that others would find the type of love that they had.

Over the years, Ed enjoyed running, walking, hiking, camping, cross-country skiing, snorkeling, house boating and going to movies with Anne. The Big Island of Hawaii, Bear Valley, the Redwoods, house boating on Lake Shasta and Disneyland were some of their favorite destinations. House boating with the entire family and a special family trip to Disneyland in 2017 were a couple of his fondest memories.

Ed had recently taken on the project of going through family photos. He reveled in the wonderful memories of his family over the years. The pool parties, holidays, vacations, day trips to the local sites, etc. His plan was to make albums for Kim, Jenn and Kelly and one for Anne and himself.

With Ed others always came first. He had no interest in buying things for himself. He was very happy driving an older car and wearing a Timex watch. Hawaiian shirts and shorts were his favorite attire outside of the office. In the past several years he added T-shirts and hats that honored his 101st Airborne service. His style was low key, but classy — he was a man of 'understated elegance.'

Ed loved getting together with the kids, grandkids and great-grandson. He was a great host, always wanting to have on hand what the family enjoyed eating and drinking, never allowing the ice bucket to run dry.

He started a tradition many years ago of buying flowers and candy for our moms (now deceased), his daughters and his wife for our January/February birthday celebrations. He and Anne also started the Christmas tradition of silly, and sometimes useful, stocking stuffers for the three daughters. Each daughter would get a unique Christmas wrap. The items were wrapped with as much tape and as little skill as possible. On Christmas Eve, the family gathered in the living room and the grandkids would go through the stuffer bags, their moms by their side, being careful to unwrap each similarly shaped and sized item at the same time. The grandkids became very skilled at guessing what each item was before the unveiling. We are grateful that we were able to share this tradition one more time this past Christmas.

He was renowned in our family as the best bingo caller. We would be on the edge of our seats waiting to hear what witty quip would come along with the letter and number being called. The girls would bring great bingo prizes for the winners to select from. Ed had a wonderful sense of humor and didn't take things too seriously. He faced many health challenges his last several years but maintained a great attitude and sense of humor through it all. He would keep the healthcare staff entertained with his wit and they were amazed by his strength and good nature through his journey. One of his favorite sayings was a tag line of comedian, Carlos Mencia: "If you aren't laughing, you aren't living." This quote is included on the bench installed at Ravenswood Park in Ed's memory.

Ed was predeceased by his mum Connie, his stepdad Eric, his mother-in-law Una and father-in-law Steve. He is survived by his dear sister Linda; his previous wife Janice; adored daughters Kim Ritchie (Scott), Jenn and Kelly; his cherished wife, Anne; his treasured grandkids: Marcus (Ariana), Tyler, Sydney, Kailey, Gabriella, Ben and Hayden; and great-grandson Isaiah and great-granddaughter Kimora. His nephews Chad (Joli Rogers) and Renn, and niece Crystal (Tyson). His brothers-in-law: Pete (fiancé Ann), Jim and Bob; sister-in-law Annie, nephews Greg (Samantha), Rich (Monica), Matt, and Logan; niece Lindsey. He was also beloved and will be missed by Anne's many cousins and other relatives.

If you are looking for a way to honor Ed's memory, please consider: 1. Registering as an organ donor with the DMV and in your Advance Healthcare Directive. 2. Thanking a veteran for their service, especially those from the Vietnam era. 3. Donating blood. 4. Providing support to an animal rescue group. Favorites are the Valley Humane Society and Best Friends.

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### Carol D. Gaskins Nov. 29, 1938 — July 31, 2022



she majored in commercial art, advertising and illustration.

She met Bob, her husband of 60 years, while attending the Art Center. He was an industrial design major.

As her family got older, Carol worked for the Valley Times Newspaper in Pleasanton in the graphic design department for eight years. Upon leaving, she joined three art groups, where she jumped into watercolor paintings, winning numerous awards over the years.

Carol and Bob have lived in and enjoyed Pleasanton for over 50 years.

Their daughter, Tracy, and her husband Russ and their two daughters, their families and three great-



grandchildren now live in Texas. Their son, Troy lives close by in Tracy, California.

Per Carol's request, there will be no services.

## OBITUARIES

**Jean Marie Ryan**  
Oct. 16, 1930 — Aug. 4, 2022



Jean Marie Ryan, née Nugent passed away, surrounded by love, at home on Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022. Jean was born in Norwood, Massachusetts. She resided through the early years in Bloomfield, New Jersey and Beaver Creek, Ohio and more recently in Folsom and Grass Valley.

She graduated from Bridgewater State College ('52) with a teaching credential in elementary education. She found love and married her husband Bob Ryan - they went on to have five beautiful children and over 65 years of marriage. In 1970 she moved to Livermore, California where she resided with her family for 46 wonderful years.

She may be remembered as a long-time member and lay presider at St. Charles Borromeo Livermore with Bob. She was a generous volunteer - counseling couples in Marriage and Engaged Encounter events. On the weekends you could find her square dancing at Eagle Squares, tanning at Sunset Cabana Club, or enjoying a musical at Woodminster. For many years you may have spotted Jean by her license plate, an homage to her Massachusetts brogue - GNISCAH. Jean and Bob's Verona Avenue home hosted countless pinochle games, backyard pool parties, Christmas prime rib dinners, birthdays and holi-

days. As her children went on to have children of their own, she spent time balancing the duties of Grandma (AKA Buddies) and Mom with ease.

Retirement brought new hobbies and familiar friends: knitting group, bible study, wine tasting and 4 p.m. Manhattans with Bob. She was an intrastate snowbird, spending February each year in Palm Desert to keep following the California sunshine.

All of Jean's happiest times were when she was surrounded by family. This became particularly true after losing Bob in 2021.

She is survived by her three daughters and sons-in-law Kathy and Scott Sorensen, Teri and John Voorhes, Judi and Erik Crawford and Tony Varesio. She will join her eldest son Kev-

in Ryan and her beloved daughter Maureen (Mo) Varesio, having lost both to cancer too soon. Through her children she leaves behind many grandchildren: John Sorensen, Chris Sorensen, Ryan Sorensen, Kelsey Snow née Sorensen, Justin Williams, Kendall Varesio, Caleb Crawford, Robert Voorhes, Max Voorhes and Jon-Robert Crawford. Her grandchildren went on to add additional great-grandchildren to round out the roster: Sierra and Donald Sorensen, Kip and Rhett Sorensen, Georgia and Soren Snow, Hampton, Maureen (Mo) and Delilah Mackey and Miles and Skylar Fish. She will be missed by brothers David Nugent and Honorary Judge Thomas Nugent of San Diego, their beautiful families, and countless East Coast relatives. A private gathering with family will honor her memory at a future date. Donations may be directed to AbilityPath (where her grandson, Robert Voorhes attended)

<https://give.gatepath.org/give/287181/#!/donation/checkout> in his name or mail check to AbilityPath 350 Twin Dolphin Drive Suite 123 Redwood City, California, 94065.

You may also donate blood as throughout illnesses her family and Jean benefitted from transfusions and the medical community.

**Marilyn Molina Hancock**  
Oct. 19, 1948 — July 9, 2022

Marilyn was born and raised in Livermore. She graduated from Granda High School. She retired from Heinz 57 factory in Tracy, California. She is survived by her loving husband of 25 years Bob; her daughters Tracy Bush and Sherene Goulart; her sister Sandi Martin; brother Ron Molina; two stepchildren; 10 grandchildren and two grandkids. Marilyn's service was at Park View Chapel in Manteca.

**Helen Yawornisky**

Wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother. Helen married her husband of 46 years, Alex, in New Jersey on Nov. 15, 1958, moving seven months later to Livermore, California. She was an Accounting Clerk at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, retiring in 1990 from the Accounts Payable Division. Helen devoted over 40 years to volunteering with Little League Baseball.

Helen is survived by her sons, Richard (Kathy) and

George (Vicki); nephew Gordon Milden; granddaughters Megan Yawornisky and Heather Edwards; grandsons Zachary Yawornisky and Andrew Yawornisky; and great-grandchildren Penelope, Piper, Paige, Primrose, Persephone, Pax, Priam, Brantley, Karsyn and Ryder.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Yawornisky family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at [www.callaghanmortuary.com](http://www.callaghanmortuary.com).



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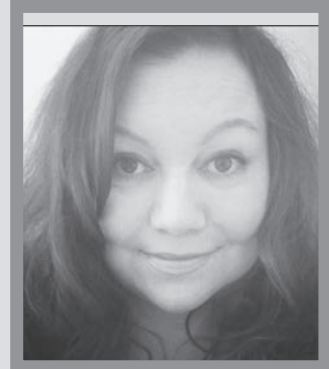
**Lisa Nicole Gordon Herendeen**  
March 20, 1970 — May 26, 2022

Our wonderful, beautiful daughter Lisa passed away suddenly and totally unexpectedly on May 26 after a brief illness.

Lisa was born and raised in Livermore, California and attended school at Smith, Mendenhall and Granada High School. She received a bachelor's degree in business management and worked as a senior underwriter in the insurance industry. Lisa was a bright and shining star in our lives and deeply loved by all who knew her. She was devoted to family and friends, and we are deeply grieving her loss. Lisa lived life to the fullest. She enjoyed traveling, especially cruising. Her favorite vacation spots were Paris and Hawaii. She loved animals, especially cats, and was an avid fan of the San Francisco Giants.

Lisa is survived by her husband Mark; her son Scott; her sister Kelly (Chris) Clark; her parents Dave and Denise Gordon; her Aunt Fran Davis; her Uncle Jim Gordon; nephews Cameron and Brandon Clark; her sister-in-law Nancy Herendeen; niece Charlotte and nephew Tyler Herendeen; numerous cousins; and her cats Rocky and Cheddar.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents Ted and Lenore Robinson and Les and Mary Gordon; and her Uncle Bruce Gordon. Lisa was a beautiful presence in all of our lives, and her memory will live on in our hearts always and forever.



**Mary Murtagh Fitts**  
May 12, 1925 — July 3, 2022

Mary Kathryn Murtagh Fitts (nee Houlihan) passed away peacefully at the age of 97 on July 3 in Livermore, California. Mary was born in Pasadena, California, the only child of John and Florence Houlihan. She loved attending Flintridge Sacred Heart High School in La Canada where she finally had "lots of sisters" and then UCLA for a year. Deciding on a nursing career, Mary moved to San Francisco to attend St. Mary's School of Nursing. It was while nursing Phyllis (her future sister-in-law there having her first child), that Phyllis played match maker and introduced Mary to her brother-in-law Henry (Hank) Murtagh, who was just back from serving in WWII. They liked to joke (without details) that they met in the maternity ward—which was true. Married in 1948, they were together a few months shy of 50 years till Hank's death in 1997. They raised three children in Daly City and enjoyed camping and trips to Disneyland.

Dancing, traveling, and spending time with their four granddaughters were favorite pastimes in their retirement. Several years



Mary lived at Heritage Estates independent living in Livermore. She was an avid reader and loved to attend lectures, do line-dancing, exercise classes, card games and bingo. She was a whiz at Jeopardy, a show she thoroughly enjoyed. Mary helped several of her blind/near-blind friends at Heritage (ordering books on tape and getting large print books at the library for them).

Mary is survived by daughter Marianne (Dwight) Lang; son Timothy (Maggie) Murtagh; granddaughters Amanda, Erin, Mackenzie and Madison; as well as great-grandsons Tanner and Caleb. She was preceded in death by her husband Hank Murtagh; second husband Ray Fitts; and son Michael Murtagh.

Mary was a kind, gentle soul who will be greatly missed. Mary's life will be celebrated with a mass at St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Avenue, Livermore on Thursday Aug. 18 at 11a.m. Committal services will be the following day at Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma, California. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to a charity of your choice.

following Hank's death, Mary married long-time family friend and widower Ray Fitts. Their union was a short but sweet: three years of fun, companionship and travel.

Mary was a loving, devoted, caring and generous wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend. Her life was a dedication to serving others—nursing, raising a disabled son and volunteering at Holy Angels school. She was involved, positive and encouraging to her family and friends. Mary was a devout Catholic of great faith. For most of the past 16 years,

## COVID

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Christmas.

Stanford's Tri-Valley hospital is not packed with patients as it was early in the pandemic, Scott said. Scott, who teaches at the Stanford University School of Medicine, said the current variant has been found to stay in patients' upper respiratory tracts, and does not settle in the lower parts of their lungs as COVID-19 originally did. Vaccinations also have proved successful.

"It was hard to believe how effective they were," Scott said. "I saw it with my own eyes."

Describing December 2020 as one of the hardest months of his life, Scott said he worked long hours and watched "so many" of his patients die. Like many medical centers, the Tri-Valley hospital's intensive care units and rooms were clogged with patients, many on machines for months.

"I mean, terrible respiratory failure where their lungs were just utterly destroyed, requiring maximum life support and needing to be intubated right away," the doctor said. "COVID-19 was just so awful and so lethal."

Nursing home patients, who were among the first to become victims, also were first to be vaccinated in January 2021. Scott said that by February, the number of nursing home residents admitted to the hospital dropped to a handful and then, to none.

"That's still the case," Scott said. "I cannot emphasize what a dramatic difference the vaccines made."

Scott said patients still comment about getting COVID-19 despite being vaccinated. The vaccination does not prevent the infection;

however, it works with the body to prevent severe illness.

"When people hear about mild or severe, I think there's a lot of confusion," Scott said. "People will say, 'Well, I got COVID after having gotten three doses of the vaccine. I felt sick. I wouldn't call that mild. I had high fevers, and it took me two weeks to recover.' But the big question is, 'Did you end up in the hospital because of your COVID-19?' And the answer is always 'no.'"

"Even if you're old, frail, immunocompromised, COVID-19 is not landing people in the hospital," Scott continued. "That's because we've gotten stronger in terms of our immune responses individually and as a community. We have better treatments available, and the virus has fundamentally changed."

Scott added that even unvaccinated people have likely been infected and developed some immunity. The illness, he said, may be one that is always with us, perhaps requiring vaccinations as they get for the common flu.

Scott said it's time to no longer be afraid. Accused of fear mongering at the beginning, when he was concerned people were not taking COVID-19 seriously enough, Scott is now concerned that many people are taking it too seriously.

But Alameda County Health Officer, Dr. Nicholas Moss said in a statement to The Independent that residents should remain cautious in getting back to normal activities. He indicated hospitalizations were up in the county.

"While case rates are

on the decline, progress is slow and hospitalizations are at their peak for this latest wave," said Moss. "Residents should continue to exercise caution and wear a high-quality, well-fitting mask in indoor public settings to prevent airborne infection and protect those around them."

Moss said older adults and those with underlying medical conditions remain at greatest risk, "but even mild COVID-19 infections are disrupting the lives of many residents and workers here."

"We expect to see the impacts of COVID-19 for the foreseeable future," Moss continued. He added that staying up to date on vaccinations provides the best protection, and those who are vaccinated might be less likely to experience "Long COVID."

Moss continued to encourage people who test positive or experience COVID-19 symptoms to stay home and wear a mask to avoid infecting vulnerable family and community members.

The mostly positive news on COVID-19 comes as another virus, Monkeypox, spreads and gains media attention. On Thursday, Aug. 4, President Joe Biden, accused by critics of not acting swiftly enough, declared Monkeypox a public health emergency in a move intended to quicken vaccine distribution and increase testing. California Gov. Gavin Newsom did the same for the state and some cities, including San Francisco, when he issued a local public emergency on July 28.

Through July 20, 35 cases of Monkeypox were

reported in Alameda County, not including those in Berkeley. Many cases across the nation are appearing in the LGBTQ community among men who engage in sex with other men.

Scott said Monkeypox is different from COVID-19, which was a respiratory virus. Monkeypox, which causes painful lesions, is spread through close contact.

Alameda County, he said, is prioritizing vaccinations for people who have had close contact with someone in a suspected case, has HIV, and is sexually active with male partners.

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## WIESKAMP

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have continued to enjoy the parks during the pandemic's "very frustrating couple of years." She's pleased that the EBRPD remained open and available to the public during that time.

"That's a good thing that came out of this," said Wieskamp. "We had so many people come out and use the parks that never had before."

And while she admits the job hasn't

always been an easy one, Wieskamp believes the park system remains an important component of the Tri-Valley.

"There are always issues, (such as) people who won't recycle despite the containers we make available ... dog droppings everywhere and letting dogs run where it is not appropriate and then run into trouble, but most people are excellent users of parks, and I am just so

proud to be a part of a system that works so well," she said.

As for what retirement will bring, Wieskamp is unclear. But one thing she does know is that she will remain engaged in the community on one or more levels.

"I'm not sure what retirement will look like," she said. "But I will get involved in something, probably lower key than what I'm doing now, but we'll see."

## PRINCIPAL

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to the school," Fey said.

He said his passion was pushing kids to prepare for college.

"That's what kept me working at the high school level," he continued.

Fey intends to learn the ropes at Amador,

while helping to plan the school's centennial celebration next year. He also plans to move forward with equity work and managing construction of future projects on campus.

"There are some things we need, and our board just approved moving forward with

asking for a bond measure," he said. "I know there will be a lot of work ahead, pulling together and working with the community because there are a lot of construction needs on our campus to make it the best and safest experience for our students ... I am excited."

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The following person(s) doing business as: Bestchoice Enterprise, 26603 Gading Road, Apt. 114, Hayward, CA 94544, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bestchoice Enterprise, 26603 Gading Road, Apt. 114, Hayward, CA 94544. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/17/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Pamela N. Okwodu-Enabunlele, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 13, 2022. Expires July 12, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5222. Published July 28, August 4, 11, 18, 2022.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590496

The following person(s) doing business as: Palm Desert Estate Solutions, 6206 Harmon Ave., Oakland, CA 94621, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Marc Ampil, 6206 Harmon Ave., Oakland, CA 94621. 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/: Marc Ampil, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 18, 2022. Expires July 17, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5223. Published July 28, August 4, 11, 18, 2022.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590481

The following person(s) doing business as: A Joyful Noise Learning Center, 26555 Gading Road, Hayward, CA 94544, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Community Church of Hayward, 26555 Gading Road, Hayward, CA 94544. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2/10/2004. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mario A. Lopez, Treasurer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 18, 2022. Expires July 17, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5224. Published July 28, August 4, 11, 18, 2022.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 59173

The following person(s) doing business as: Sunrise of Pleasanton, 5700 Pleasanton Hill Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sunrise Senior Living Management, Inc., 7902 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA 22102. A Virginia Corporation. 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: 5/9/2017. Signature of Registrant/s/: Edward Frantz, Vice President &

Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 5, 2022. Expires July 4, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5225. Published July 28, August 4, 11, 18, 2022.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590432

The following person(s) doing business as: Jcreation Fitness, 3831 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, CA 94619, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jcreation Fitness, 1118 Bullfinch Dr., Patterson, CA 95363. 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/: Jorge Canales, Owner/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 15, 2022. Expires July 14, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5227. Published August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 589935

The following person(s) doing business as: Wingen Bakery, 50-52 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Waylynn Wingen LLC, 2324 5th St., 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: 7/10/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Bryan Wingen, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 22, 2022. Expires July 21, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5228. Published August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590706

The following person(s) doing business as: AV Transportation, 415 Smalley Ave., Hayward, CA 94541, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): AV Concrete Cutting Inc., 415 Smalley Ave., Hayward, CA 94541. 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: 7/25/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Alexander Valencia, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 26, 2022. Expires July 25, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5229. Published August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590715

The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Dental Center, 2840 Las Positas Road, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): H. Modi Dental Corporation, 2699 Torrey Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Hetal

Modi, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 26, 2022. Expires July 25, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5230. Published August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590564

The following person(s) doing business as: 1) Immigration Psych Eval Directory, 2) Network of Immigration Evaluation Clinicians, 2421 Fourth Street, Berkeley, CA 94710, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ellen Vargas, 6020 Bernhard Avenue, Richmond, CA 94805. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/1/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ellen Vargas, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 21, 2022. Expires July 20, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5231. Published August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590564

The following person(s) doing business as: Brother & Sister Partnership, 4049 1st St., Suite 123, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Reinvent LLC, 3437 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566; Feltsberg LLC, 895 Mitton Rd., Burlingame, CA 94010. 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: 2008. Signature of Registrant/s/: Natasha Archuleta, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 22, 2022. Expires July 21, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5232. Published August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590853

The following person(s) doing business as: Fattorini-Ocampo Therapeutic Services, 17201 Crier Lane, San Lorenzo, CA 94580, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Giovanna Fattorini-Ocampo, 17201 Crier Lane, San Lorenzo, CA 94580. 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/: Giovanna Fattorini-Ocampo, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 1, 2022. Expires July 31, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5233. Published August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 2022.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590859

The following person(s) doing business as: ARCO Am Pm Mini Mart, 7249 Village Parkway, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Amir Inc., 331 Mackintosh Terrace,

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: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mohammed Karim Sayani, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 1, 2022. Expires July 31, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5234. Published August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 2022.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590643

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Sahara Market 2. Darband Mediterranean restaurant, 6783 Dublin Blvd., Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mahmoud Abarghoie, 6783 Dublin Blvd., 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: 7/2/22. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mahmoud Abarghoie, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 24, 2027. Expires July 23, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5235. Published August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 2022.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 590948

The following person(s) doing business as: Wingen Bakery, 50-52 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Waylynn Wingen, LLC 2324 5th St., 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: 8/4/22.

Signature of Registrant/s/: Bryan Wingen, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 4, 2022. Expires August 3, 2027. The Independent, Legal No. 5236. Published August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 2022.

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