

Commission Considers New Sites for Development

By David Jen

PLEASANTON — The planning commission continued its site inventory selection process for the city's 2023-2031 Housing Element Update at a special meeting on Dec. 15.

The commission unanimously voted to recommend that the city council remove five parcels from the list of potential residential development sites in Pleasanton. The change, should the council accept the recommendation, will reduce the list to 24 sites that eventually move forward into environmental review and possibly augment the housing capacity. Despite the reduction, the update identified housing capacity beyond the state's requirements.

The selection process is part of Pleasanton's response to a California mandate — called the Hous-

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Funding for Ball Field Turf Wins Approval

By Tony Kukulich

LIVERMORE — Local athletes will enjoy brand new playing surfaces on two popular sports fields after the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARP) Board of Directors authorized the replacement of aging synthetic turf at Robertson Park.

At its Dec. 8 meeting, the board unanimously approved the expenditure of up to \$1.75 million dollars for the effort. Preliminary estimates that the district has received so far put the cost between \$1.3 million and \$1.5 million for the pair of multi-use sports fields.

As Fred Haldeman, LARP parks and facilities manager, noted in the staff report, the synthetic fields currently at Robertson Park were originally opened for use in October 2012.

"These fields have been a great boon to the athletes of Livermore for over nine years, but they are showing their age," he stated.

The report further noted that turf fibers have worn down by three-quarters of an inch. In April, both fields failed the GMAX test, which measures the ability

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Riley Raines gets a closer look at the Christmas decorations on display at Candy Cane Lane. The popular neighborhood display has been a Pleasanton staple for decades. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Cal Water Joins Local Agencies in Implementing Usage Restrictions

By Tony Kukulich

LIVERMORE — California Water Service (Cal Water) joined neighboring water agencies when it advanced to Stage 2 of its Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

The action, announced Dec. 14, officially imposes water restrictions on nearly 60,000 Livermore residents who are serviced by Cal Water.

In step with the city, Cal Water's Stage 2 restrictions limit outdoor watering to three days per week between 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. Addresses ending with an odd number

are allowed to water on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, while addresses ending with an even number or with no street number are limited to Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. No outdoor watering is permitted within 48 hours after measurable rainfall.

Additionally, leaks and other malfunctions in plumbing fixtures or irrigation systems must be repaired within five business days of Cal Water's issuance of a written notice. Vehicles may only be washed with a hose that has a shutoff nozzle or similar device. Water may not be used on driveways or

sidewalks, unless for health and safety purposes. Finally, restaurants may only serve water upon request, and hotels and motels must provide guests with the option of not having towels and linens laundered daily.

"We have been preparing for these increasingly serious drought conditions, and Stage 2 of our Water Shortage Contingency Plan helps us conserve while continuing to support our customers and provide quality, service and value to them," said John Freeman, Livermore district manager for Cal Water. "We

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Commission Delays Fallon East Rezone

By David Jen

DUBLIN — The planning commission recommended postponing an amendment to the Fallon East General Plan on Dec. 14 after hearing comments from a property owner, GH PacVest.

The amendment proposed to rezone a portion of Fallon East Economic Development Zone (EDZ) — located east of Fallon Road and north of I-580 — from general commercial to a hybrid general commercial-campus office zoning.

Amy Million, Dublin principal planner, said the amendment attempts to further attract development by adding land-use flexibility.

"This hybrid land-use designation allows for a wide variety of minimum impact, light-industrial uses as well as commercial uses, which are compatible with the overall character and economic health of the area," she said.

GH PacVest, the real estate development company that owns 72 of the 73 acres affected by the amendment — with the county owning the other acre — asked during the public comment period to delay the rezoning. Company representatives explained that life-science companies, such as the ones the city is hoping to attract, require buildings with more floor space than the amendment allowed.

Brian Jencek, GH PacVest Lead Planner, said that the proposed average intensity of use simply doesn't support today's — let alone tomorrow's — life science requirements. He asked the committee to pause the rezoning so that permissible uses could be evaluated together with the intensity of those uses. The measured consideration, he argued, would send a stronger signal to prospective life-science companies and improve the city's chances of attracting

these companies.

Established on May 18, 2021, the 291-acre EDZ is zoned industrial, general commercial, medium-density residential, and open space. It also includes a right-of-way for the future Dublin Boulevard Extension.

The EDZ aims to provide opportunities for life science, advanced manufacturing, clean and green technology, automation and robotics, research and development, and technology startups and incubators.

Commissioners, after hearing the comments, reasoned that there was no hurry with the change.

"It's really peculiar to find ourselves in this position tonight because we have a staff recommendation to proceed," Commissioner Janine Thalblum said. "And we have the majority of the owners (saying) relax, slow down; let's get together again."

On Congressional Maps

Tri-Valley Paired With Cities in San Joaquin County

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — The California Citizens Redistricting Commission (CCRC) released its final boundary maps this week, bringing some change for how Tri-Valley residents are represented in Congress and the state legislature for the next 10 years.

Following weeks of work, the CCRC's final maps released Monday put Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol in a new state Senate 5th District that separates them from Contra Costa County cities, including Danville and San Ramon. The move makes them the western-most cities in a district that runs east to include San Joaquin County municipalities, including Stockton, Tracy and Manteca. The district includes the Altamont Pass and Interstate 580 from Dublin to Tracy.

Currently represented by Democrat Sen. Steve Glazer, who lives in Orinda, Tri-Valley residents would find the name of Sen. Susan Talamantes Eggman on their ballots in the new district. Eggman, a Democrat who formerly served on the Stockton City Council, represents the Central Valley cities in the new district.

In Congress, Livermore, Pleasanton, Sunol and a portion of Dublin are placed in a new 14th District with Hayward and Fremont, but areas of Dublin east of Dougherty Road shift into a new 10th District with San Ramon, Danville, Walnut Creek and Concord. U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell, a Democrat who has represented those cities since 2012 likely would run for re-election in the 14th District.

Dublin neighborhoods moved to the 10th District.

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Economic Development Director Bids Farewell

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — For three years, Adam Van de Water worked on projects that aimed to improve the quality of life for Livermore residents. Now that he's moving on from the city's administration — or more correctly, back — to the much busier streets of San Francisco, he looks forward to seeing what his successors do.

Van de Water, who last week left his job as Livermore's director of innovation and economic development, leaves behind a body of work that includes a cultural arts vision that placed murals and sculptures throughout the city; a recently adopted Wine Heritage District that will work to grow Livermore's industry with tourist spots and tasting rooms; and programs that distributed millions of dollars to enable businesses to renovate and stay open during the pandemic shutdown.

"I feel like we did a good job of reaching out to the community, finding out what the community's interests were ... reflecting those in our strategic plan and developing scopes of work to deliver on that vision," Van de Water said. "We heard a lot of folks talk about the value of the arts and I think we were able

to fund a number of projects that are very visible and have been very well-received in the heart of downtown and the community."

Van de Water will return next month to downtown San Francisco, where he worked for 17 years before joining Livermore's administration



Adam Van De Water

in 2019. The Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) Board of Directors hired Van de Water away from Livermore to be its new executive director, tapping him to run its Salesforce Transit Center, a \$2.2 billion modern facility opened in 2018. The regional transportation center is a hub that connects several Bay Area transit systems — AC Transit, Greyhound, Muni, Golden Gate Transit, West-CAT Lynx, and Paratransit — to BART, Muni Metro and Sam Trans.

It doesn't, however, link to (See DIRECTOR, page 7)



Members of the Pleasanton and Dublin councils recently joined forces to prepare a meal for Livermore's Goodness Village, a community for those facing homelessness. From left are Pleasanton Vice Mayor Julie Testa, Dublin Councilmember Sherry Hu, Dublin Councilmember Shawn Kumagai, Goodness Village Executive Director Kim Curtis, Dublin Councilmember Michael McCarriston, Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez, Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown and Pleasanton Councilmember Kathy Narum. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Student Carries on Fundraising Tradition

By Dawnmarie Fehr

DUBLIN — This Christmas, a Dublin High School senior continues a family tradition of helping young victims of abuse.

Caitlyn Loo serves as the president of Plushies Aimed to Comfort Hearts (PATCH) — a club her older sister, Allison Loo, began in 2016 to collect and donate stuffed animals to children who have been abused. The group gathers most of its donations during its annual holiday stuffed animal drive, going on now. The effort collects new or gently used toys, which are then donated to the Child Abuse Listening Interviewing and Coordination (CALICO) Center, a Bay Area organization

that aims to provide justice and healing for abused children. The inspiration to start PATCH stemmed from personal experiences.

"As a young victim herself, (Allison) was given a teal plush bunny by a local abuse agency," Caitlyn said. "This simple act of kindness inspired her to pay it forward by collecting stuffed animals for victims and raising awareness about child abuse. My sister's resilience, transforming her pain into an empowering cause, has fueled my desire to advocate for victims of abuse and continue the mission of PATCH."

Caitlyn noted that the teal bunny still sits in her sister's room, serving as a reminder that a simple toy can bring comfort to a hurt-

ing child.

In total, Caitlyn estimated that PATCH has collected and donated 5,000 animals to various Bay Area organizations, with most going to CALICO Center in San Leandro. During its first four years, Caitlyn said 400 to 500 animals were collected each year, but 2020 brought in record numbers, despite the challenges of the pandemic. "With child abuse tripling during COVID, PATCH's mission was more important than ever," said Caitlyn. "I created Target and Amazon registries and collected over 2,200 stuffed animals, four times the normal volume. The club board also contacted numerous local businesses

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PET OF THE WEEK



TATIANA

Let's talk about Tatiana! This 3.5-year-old feline is take-charge about twirling around your legs for your touch. Her temperament tolerates stimulation, and her treasured toy is a feather wand. She likes to spend time on her tower, trusting that tantalizing birds will appear. Learn more about Tatiana and other cats and dogs at valleyhumane.org. Email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption application process. (Photo - Valley Humane Society)

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Dublin High School Student Creates, Sells Soap to Raise Funds for Animals

By Dawnmarie Fehr

While most of the Tri-Valley hunkered down in their homes last March, Sia Desale founded Olivesoap, a nonprofit organization designed to help animals in need during the pandemic.

What originally began as a way to replace her weekly pre-COVID-19 animal shelter visits has grown into a thriving business. The 16-year-old Dublin High School junior uses proceeds from the sale of her organic soaps to help support local animal shelters.

“Visiting animal shelters to help pets has been the weekly highlight of many people’s lives for years, but COVID-19 eliminated that experience,” Sia said.

Sia was first inspired to help local animals after a visit to her grandparents’ home in India, where she saw countless stray animals. While there, she set up shelters, put out food and bathed many of the homeless animals. When she returned, Sia began looking for ways to help animals in the Tri-Valley.

“I started volunteering, and it just went from there,” she said. “I’ve been visiting at the East Bay SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) since 2018, when I was in eighth grade.”

Sia’s soapmaking was a natural extension of her long-time interest in skin care and the creation of ecofriendly, natural products. The name refers to the soap’s primary ingredient, olive oil; the olive branch is a symbol of peace and prosperity.

As her success grew, Sia brought on other chapter presidents to manage the making and selling of soap in their areas. She contacted a friend in Houston who began donating her proceeds to the Houston Humane Society. She also brought on Pragati Mettu, a sophomore at Dougherty High School in San Ramon, to help with the business.

“As a chapter president, I sell soap and donate the profits to local shelters,” Pragati said. “I think that people should know about the organic nature of our

products. We don’t use harmful ingredients such as parabens. Rather, we create our soaps using olive oil, coconut oil, shea butter, cocoa butter, essential oils and natural colorant to make soap, and using a cold process method on the soap.”

Each bar of Olivesoap is cured for four to six weeks, then wrapped in sustainable packaging. Sia said her soaps do not contain harmful substances like palm oil or parabens, and there is absolutely no animal testing involved.

Through her network, Sia has sold more than 330 bars of soap and raised more than \$1,500 in donations. Her goal is to build stronger communities and end cruelty and neglect by continuing to donate proceeds to support to animal protection organizations like the East Bay SPCA and the Houston Humane Society. Her donations help care for animals through food and supply purchases, and fundraising events. She hopes to continue to grow Olivesoap and expand her influence.

In 2020, Sia won \$5,500

in the Greater Good Charities: Girls’ Voices for Change Competition. Through this grant, she purchased more

than 28,000 meals for the animals at the East Bay SPCA, which recognized Sia’s effort to raise awareness about

animal cruelty and nominated her for the 2020 Dublin Young Citizen Award.

Allison Lindquist, president and CEO of East Bay SPCA, said Sia’s contributions continue to help needy cats and dogs in the local community with personal attention, shelter, medical care and behavioral training they need to thrive and find new homes.

“I am especially grateful for (Sia’s) thoughtful generosity during these unprecedented times, as individuals, families and businesses contend with the profound challenges created by the current COVID-19 global pandemic and shelter-in-place health and safety guidelines,” Lindquist said. “(Sia’s) support at this critical time is both needed and appreciated like never before.”

For more information on Olivesoap, or to donate, email siadesale@gmail.com or visit www.olivesoap.org.



Sia Desale founded Olivesoap, a nonprofit organization designed to help animals in need during the pandemic. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

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Pleasanton Police Department Welcomes Three New Officers



From left, Rebecca Rodriguez, Scott Faure and Matt Castillo are sworn in as new officers of the Pleasanton Police Department by Chief David Swing. (Photo courtesy of Teri Yan)

The Pleasanton Police Department has hired three new officers.

Before joining Pleasanton, Rebecca Rodriguez was a community service specialist with the Livermore Police Department. A Pleasanton native and graduate of Foothill High School, Rodriguez has a bachelor’s degree in history from California State University, Chico.

Scott Faure previously served as a police officer in Ceres, California. He has a bachelor’s degree in plant science from California State University, Fresno.

Matt Castillo previously worked for the police departments in Menlo Park and Martinez, California. He has a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Califor-

nia State University, East Bay.

“These officers embody our vision of excellence,” said Police Chief David Swing. “Their diverse experience will be of tremendous value to our community.”

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Former Dublin Mayor Elected President Of Chabot-Las Positas College Board

Former Dublin mayor Tim Sbranti has been elected president of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees.

Sbranti has served on the board since 2019. He represents Trustee Area 5, which includes Pleasanton, Dublin, and Sunol.

An East Bay native, Sbranti served nearly 11 years on the Dublin City Council, including six years as mayor.

He is currently athletic

director at Dublin High School, president of the Dublin Historical Society, and serves as director of strategic initiatives for the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group.

Sbranti is also a sports broadcaster for Tri-Valley Community Television (TV30), and is on the boards of three other nonprofit organizations: Three Valleys Community Foundation, City Serve of the Tri-Valley, and SupplyBank.org.



Tim Sbranti



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Pleasanton Honors Economic Drivers for 2021

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and the City of Pleasanton have joined in recognizing three local businesses as economic drivers for 2021: Engimata, a biotech company involved in the production of vaccines; Iris Vision Global, which is developing wearable devices for the visually impaired; and Paxon Energy & Infrastructure, a planning, training and support services company for the oil, gas and utility industries.

“Pleasanton’s 2021 economic drivers represent a diverse range of leading innovative industries and professionals that have made a successful home in Pleasanton,” said Mayor Karla Brown. “These industries are the heartbeat of our city’s vibrant economy, and through jobs, revenues, and community contributions add significantly to making Pleasanton a highly sought-after place to live, work and raise a family.”

The chamber has posted a video highlighting the companies on its YouTube channel at <https://tinyurl.com/yd6533ta>.

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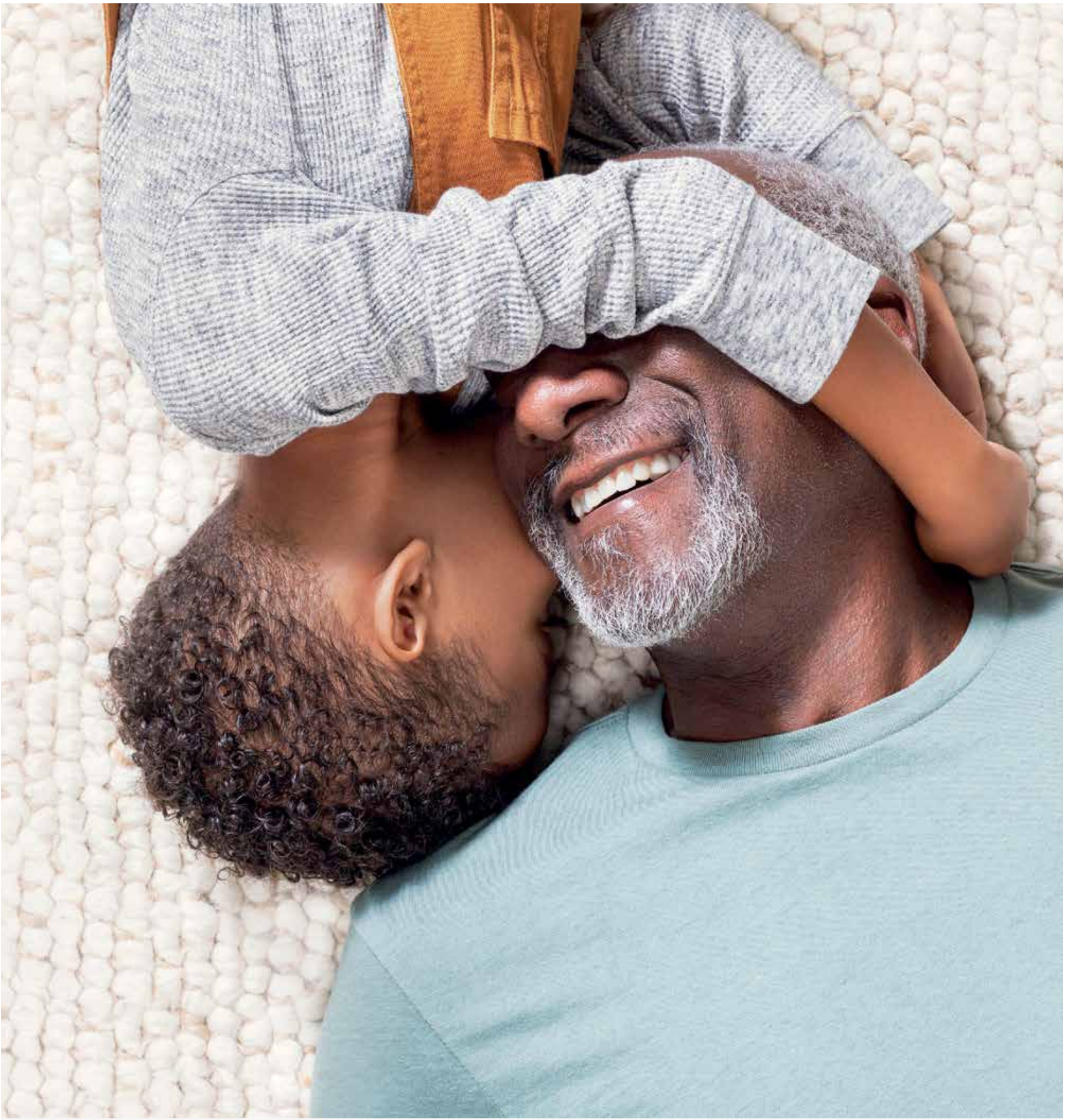
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EDITORIAL There is Much to be Grateful for This Season

After a modified Christmas season in 2020, with COVID in full bloom and families isolated from the traditional celebrations, this year's return of simple pleasures of lighted displays, downtown parades and a cautious return to gatherings have been well-merited and well-deserved.

However, it is still not the holidays of old. In 2021, we all sometimes bemoaned a world of vaccination cards, face masks, snarled supply chains and now, the new omicron variant. We gather with family and friends, but tepidly — afraid to raise a glass too high or too cheerfully lest the pandemic hear us and become reinvigorated in its path.

As we look around the Tri-Valley this sea-

son, we see myriad volunteers and nonprofit organizations reaching out to ensure those truly in need receive the gifts of a warm meal and an open heart. Local food banks have seen an increase in need this season and generous donors have stepped up. The fear of the pandemic and the limitations it has imposed on all of us has also given us an opportunity — the opportunity to be grateful, to do more with less and perhaps see that the holidays are more than Black Friday and trips to the mall.

So as we prepare to ring in Christmas, we are very aware that the spirit of the holidays will be punctuated with long lines, Zoom calls, booster shots and changing COVID

mandates. We will count our blessings and think of those less fortunate who have been impacted by the events of the past few years in a variety of physical, financial and emotional ways.

But what will — or at least should — remain is the true spirit of the season, complete with a sprinkling of generosity, kindness and abiding gratefulness. In that, the Tri-Valley shines, and for that, we can all count our blessings.

Season's greetings from The Independent. Thank you to our faithful readers and advertisers for supporting the work we do in our efforts to serve the community. And here's to an even brighter and stronger new year.

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The Gravy Train of Greed

Dawn Plants, Dublin

Just a few months ago, Dublin residents were being steamrolled over the former "At Dublin" project's latest new "reconfiguration" that consultants (who don't live in Dublin) came up with, going from 211 to your choice of 350 or 850 housing units?

The following month, TruMark Homes is now shoving another 573 homes down our throats. Residents watch the clueless Planning Commission (yet again) shove these insane projects through the pipeline, while the City Council praises each other yet again, as they approve more of these grandiose plans?

We have a 2022 Election coming...time to vote out the arrogant and self-indulgent ones who think only of their "political future" and don't care about the people who elected them. It's all a Greed Grab, and it needs to stop. This is your chance to vote out the opportunists that keep pushing more housing, when our schools and streets are so crowded, it is a disgrace. It never hurts to email them and tell them you plan to vote them out! How many chances do they

get to destroy Dublin?

As the hills turn green again from the recent rain, remember why you loved Dublin. It wasn't because it had so many Boxes with Windows. Not everyone can live here, it is already overcrowded and filled with crime and traffic. As our stores close down, where will all these people shop?

The "Pausing the Growth" rhetoric keeps the myth rolling. The GREED trickles down into every spot of land left around here. How did 7-8 story buildings become feasible? City Staff enjoys high salaries and huge pensions (they contribute so little to), that will be funded by you, the taxpayer. They retire into the SunSet after the damage is done.

Vote the GREED out of Dublin, before we have nothing left to love. The schools and infrastructure upgrades needed will be more weight on the back of the taxpayer. Vote them out and make it STOP. Whoever has the bigger signs doesn't mean they are better for Dublin, they just have more money for bigger signs.

To quote a wise friend of mine ... "The Gravy Train just keeps rolling. But who feeds the horses and picks up all the muck? That would be you, the taxpayer."

We Do Not Want to Become Dublin East

Owen Brovont, Livermore

According to the December 16 edition of the Independent, in the article, "Possible Urban Growth Boundary Change Considered," it was suggested that the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) raise "the issue of possibly moving the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) further out to allow for future development." As a reminder, the UGB was an initiative demanded by city residents — it passed handily.

The GPAC is being managed by a "principal" of the "Place Works" consultant firm hired by the city. This was the same company that conducted the "out-reach" meetings a couple of years ago when we were trying to determine the best use of the Lucky store site in mid-town — that decision is still a bone of contention between the residents and the City Council — and it was a bone of contention practically from the beginning! The report published by the City Council was felt to be somewhat deceitful because the recommendations reported by the council were inconsistent with the data generated by the out-reach process!

This new committee suggested that maybe it should reconsider the location of the Urban Growth Boundaries in anticipation of city growth in the next 25 years. While the article did not list the names of all the committee members, it did mention Thomas Matt Graves, a "project developer" for Eden Housing — does conflict of interest come to mind? One would think that the location of Livermore's Urban Boundaries are appropriately the concern of only Livermore residents, not construction project managers whose modus operandi is to manage building projects — the bigger, the better! Is it really appropriate to have a building project manager sitting on a committee that will influence the direction of a city's growth, especially if he works for the company whose current project in Livermore is being contested by the residents?

Not surprisingly, ex-mayor Marchand is also a member of GPAC. It was then mayor Marchand who questionably shepherded the mid-town housing project that has been rejected by many Livermore citizens as inappropriately and undesirably sited. Many of those citizens have voiced recommendations that the existing members of the city council be replaced before they irretrievably damage the city's character further, as it has with the unfinished Legacy monstrosity! We do not want to encourage urban sprawl which brings increased traffic and will put further pressure on our limited water resources — we do not want to become Dublin East.

Needs of Community Should Come First

Kyoko Takayama, Livermore

Last Tuesday, I attended the Livermore School Board meeting to thank (the trustees) for their work on keeping schools open and kids safe under the COVID-19 pandemic. I was shocked to hear a lady urging the board to join a handful of school districts and to reject the California vaccine mandate for students. I have no idea where the school districts she cited are, but my guess is that they are in counties where vaccine rates are low. Do I want our school district to follow them? Absolutely not. In Livermore, 79% of total population has gotten at least one shot.

I understand that parents want to have a say in their children's health care. While the risk for children is relatively low, statistics do not matter for those who lost their children. As child COVID-19 cases rise, the numbers will increase. We do not want our children to become a statistic, do we? Children might not get seriously ill but can spread the virus around. Over 80% of people who died of COVID-19 after the vaccination were 65 years and older. We do not want them to kill their grandparents, do we?

Delta variants showed us that the virus finds those

less protected including children not yet eligible for vaccination and the elderly. Reducing their risk requires us to be mindful. Get vaccinated or tested often to protect them against the new variant Omicron, which could be more infectious than the Delta even though we know the vaccination is not as effective as we hoped. To add extra protection, I do not mind wearing a mask when I am in crowds.

With all the treatments and vaccines being developed, I am hopeful that one day we will be able to treat COVID-19 like the flu, still dangerous but not as destructive. Until then, we can surely help and protect each other. We can prioritize the needs of our community before personal rights. Yes, we can.

All I Want for Christmas

Nancy Mulligan, Livermore

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is to see the beautiful Christmas tree in the center of downtown Livermore (for now a tree of lights) and a promise that we will continue this wonderful tradition for years to come, without the threat of seeing four-story apartment buildings that will distract from the historic beauty and character of downtown Livermore.

The citizens of Livermore want what we already have, and have had for over a century, a small-town downtown, uncluttered and spacious, alluring and appealing to residents, visitors and wine country tourists. Don't spoil the hometown feel and character of one of the last western rustic towns in the Bay Area. I hope I get my wish this Christmas. Just a reminder — I was pretty good this year.

Love, Nancy

History — True Versus Misremembered

John Marchand, Livermore

Whether it is taking credit or blame for anything that has been accomplished, I have always willingly accepted them. However, at least be truthful when assigning either one. In Vic Avila's letter to the mailbox on December 16, he blames me for bringing four-story zoning and "urbanization" into the downtown in 2018. He complains about the 130-unit Eden project but ignores the 222-unit Legacy project across the street. The truth is that four-story zoning was adopted within the Downtown Specific Plan in 2004, before I was ever elected to the Council.

In 2004, I was a member of the General Plan Review committee. However, the City Council removed the Downtown Specific Plan from the General Plan in order to separately and exclusively consider the Downtown Plan. That Plan included four-story, and higher zoning and 4,500 housing units downtown. The 2006 Greenbelt Alliance Report Card for smart development awarded Livermore a score of 100% for its forward-thinking, in-

clusive plan with four-story mixed-use development.

That zoning change allowed for the building of the six-plus story Bankhead Theater, which Mr. Avila mentions. By today's interpretation, it would probably be considered a soaring, high-rise and many followers of the "Group of Many Names" (GOMN) would argue that such a massive building would "destroy our downtown's character." If it had gone to a vote, it probably wouldn't have passed. It certainly would never be built in today's political environment against "high-rises."

In 2016, then Councilman Woerner, now our Mayor, suggested a three-story height limit for the downtown. However, the followers of the Friends of Livermore and the leadership of the "GOMN" spoke in opposition of the height limit, overwhelming the public testimony and the height limit failed. Now those same people are back claiming that they want a height limit.

If you are going to quote history, please quote it correctly.

Newton's Third Law

Deborah McQueen, Livermore

New York City is the home of Billionaire's Row, comprised of luxurious residential skyscrapers owned by the world's wealthiest elites. Many were purchased through shell companies engaged in money laundering. It doesn't occur to regular folks that real estate provides an excellent opportunity for money laundering. They are too busy working to save a down payment for their first home and build their families to notice. The physicist Newton stated in his third law of motion that for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. With obscene wealth comes severe poverty manifested in homelessness and the need for housing. The Federal government maladroitly addresses these problems by lavishing developers with tax rebates and grants to build low-income and homeless apartments (rebranded as affordable housing). Developers enter the low-income housing business not out of virtue, but to make money. Eden Housing is one such example. Eden Housing, chosen by the City of Livermore to build a massive low-income and segregated apartment building on the downtown's last piece of open space, has made over \$150M in profit between 2016-2019. They brought in \$221M, and they spent \$68M. They paid the officers, directors, trustees and key employees in 2019 \$3.06M. All other employees' salaries and wages combined totaled \$4.6M. Consequently, 40% of all payrolls went to top management (17 people), including, their CEO Linda Mandolini's salary of \$415K (total compensation). The remaining 130 people received \$4.6M, an average of \$35,400, which is at or near the poverty line (depending on family

size). Most of Eden Housing's employees don't make enough money to live in the East Bay. Eden Housing profits off poverty to the tune of \$150M for over four years and claims assets of \$293M, while oppressing their own employees and keeping them in a state of poverty. Eden Housing could easily afford to pay their employees more money, but that doesn't fit their business model and would cut into lobbying fees. We must stop giving developers Federal tax credits and rebates to resell for profit and hide in shell companies. Instead, give homeowners tax credits and grants for Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) development and relieve the cost burden. ADU's cost \$365,000, which doesn't pencil out for most homeowners. Livermore should build integrated, low-density affordable and market rate neighborhoods, not high-density, segregated, low-income, stack-and-packs. The Council and mayor will create the opposite of Billionaire's Row in downtown Livermore.

Funding for Court Fine

Alan Marling, Livermore

You may have noticed the holiday ads from Save Livermore Downtown, asking for donations with festive messages such as "A Christmas Wish." These requests for charity take on a different character entirely when you realize they're for a \$500,000 court fine.

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch ruled in September the group must post a \$500,000 bond because their lawsuit against Eden Housing is in bad faith or merely "for the purpose of delaying or thwarting low-income housing." The litigation I had called spurious for months turned out to be in fact spurious. This early fine means the lawsuit is all but certain to fail, but if the litigation delays the affordable housing through 2022 then it will run the clock out on \$14.4 million in A1 funding. So, any contribution made to SLD, say, on Giving Tuesday will be used to pay that hefty fine, for the chance of denying Livermore even more in equity.

Finally, here's a holiday charity that would receive eager support from Ebenezer Scrooge. He would see no need for affordable housing, as long as we can keep the poor in "prisons" and "workhouses." In California, we do have a "surplus population" but also plenty of prisons, which double as workhouses thanks to the Thirteenth Amendment allowing forced labor as a punishment. Because of money bail and many other factors, the poor are most likely to end up in the prison-industrial complex. Ebenezer Scrooge would find the entire system very tidy.

Perhaps three Christmas spirits will visit those promoting this lawsuit, Joan Seppala and Jean King. Coincidentally, those two are board members of

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LLNL Establishes Incubator Program for Artificial Intelligence

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) has established an incubator program for developing large-scale scientific and commercial applications for artificial intelligence (AI).

LLNL said the AI Innovation Incubator, referred to as AI3, is designed to bring together artificial intelligence experts from industry and academia.

LLNL has already entered into memoranda of understanding with Google, IBM, and NVIDIA, a leader in designing graphics processing units (GPU), with plans for collaborative "hubs" to speed development of AI for ap-

plied science applications.

Several existing projects will also come under the AI3 umbrella, according to LLNL, including continued work with Hewlett Packard Enterprise and Advanced Micro Devices to demonstrate the power of AI and high-performance computing (HPC) on the El Capitan supercomputer, projected to be the world's most powerful supercomputer when it is fully deployed in 2023.

LLNL is hopeful that other companies and research universities join the collaborative effort to pursue advanced-materials design, 3D printing, predictive biology, energy

systems, "self-driving" lasers, and fusion-energy research.

"We want this incubator to be a place where industry, academia, and the Lab can come together, nurture ideas, grow projects, and develop a common vision," said Brian Spears, LLNL physicist and AI3 director.

"This is about bringing smart people with a diverse set of views together to work on meaningful problems in ways nobody else can," Spears said. "AI is such a quickly evolving field that having these hubs as a vehicle to quickly plant the most important, most exciting new ideas from outside the Lab to

inside — and vice versa — is vitally important."

LLNL said it expects projects developed through AI3 will include advanced AI and statistical tools to improve predictive models for scientific applications, apply molecular-design methods used in drug research to the development of new classes of materials, couple computational hardware with simulation to enable self-driving scientific facilities capable of making autonomous experimental decisions, and pursue advanced AI methods for building detailed computer models of 3D printing and advanced manufacturing processes.



Ann Lopez of the Livermore Lions Club hands Shepherd's Gate Development Officer Marcie Senter a donation check made out to Shepherd's Gate, a nonprofit organization that helps abused women and children. Seen from left are Lion Karen Cortez, Lopez, Senter and Lions Club President Ben Barrientos. The Livermore Lions Club is a service group that raises funds for projects in the community. The next Lions fundraiser is the annual crab feed, scheduled for Feb. 12, at the Bothwell Arts Center. For more information contact Barrientos at 805-405-8743. (Photo courtesy of Ann Lopez)

DEVELOPMENT

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ing Element or Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) — that requires local governments to update their general plans and zonings to allow for a certain number of housing units.

Pleasanton's existing zoning allows for 2,822 new housing units. However, RHNA requires the city to provide zoning that allows for 5,965 total units, which means the city has a deficit of 3,143 units. Following the five-site reduction, the list of potential housing sites now provides the city with a possible 8,787 housing units locations. Inclusion in the Housing Element Update, however, will not guarantee construction, as it describes housing site capacity only.

The commission removed the Pimlico Area (North Side), Mission Plaza, Valley Plaza, St. Augustine, and Steelwave from its recommended list, resulting in a total reduc-

tion of 1,667 potential housing units. Reasons for removal included lack of owner interest and a desire to balance the new capacity around the city.

"We're under the threat of taking money away from our police officers and our teachers," Commissioner Matthew Gaidos said. "That's where the money's going to leak out of the community, if we don't change the zoning enough to allow (for) what the state says we have to increase our population by."

Commissioner Brandon Pace, acknowledging public concerns over the added density, tried to explain the process as an exercise in balance.

"The mandate to come up with several thousand units is going to have an impact on this community somehow," he said. "We're either going to be putting density into existing neighborhoods and disrupting traffic flows and everything else, or we're going to put

it some place where there isn't anything existing right now, because we're trying to preserve certain neighborhoods, mitigate traffic patterns, etc. So, it feels like a bad choice all the way around."

The site selection aimed to finalize which sites will be included in the environmental impact report (EIR) planned for January or February of next year.

However, Vice Chair Nancy Allen said, "Just because your property's on the EIR list, does not mean there's any kind of right to build it. And we would expect, most likely, that we would reduce further projects after the EIR."

She also said she wanted to pare down the list as much as possible now to avoid overloading the EIR.

"I worry about loading this EIR up too much because we may end up having so much information (that) we don't really get the most relevant information we need for

those things that are most important," she said.

The commission and staff weighed whether to build along the city's periphery, where infrastructure is lacking, or to build near pre-existing housing, where density impacts would be felt the most. They also considered the effects on small businesses and city character, and how to leverage the economies of scale of larger housing developments.

The commission plans to hold at least two public meetings in the spring to seek input on the environmental review findings, and also to discuss policy issues, such as the inclusionary zoning ordinance, the in-lieu fee, and workforce housing.

According to its Housing Element timeline, the commission will then release a draft Housing Element in June 2022 and present a final Housing Element for adoption at the end of 2022.

MAILBOX

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Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC). This is the group that puts on shows at the Bankhead. A shame this year they didn't perform The Christmas Carol.

Land Games

Jim Hutchins, Livermore

In the last three months, Livermore's City Council has held three closed-door meetings with Presidio Company LLC, the firm slated to construct the downtown boutique hotel. According to their published agendas, the Council is negotiating with Presidio for the city to give them a loan so Presidio can purchase the lot on Railroad Avenue where Valley Pool Company was, and turn it into a valet parking lot for the hotel. There are other ways to provide parking for the hotel than turning a premium land parcel into a parking lot. They could instead convert the proposed L Street Garage to robotics, thereby increasing the number of spaces, and utilize spaces for the hotel parking. They are already planning on using spaces in the garage to accommodate Eden Housing parking. So, it appears the city's motive is to block a parcel on the north side of Railroad Avenue from possible use in relocating the Eden Housing project.

Similarly, three months ago, in September 2021, Alan Burnham, who has written letters to the editor supporting the currently proposed Eden Housing plan, registered a new corporation, Amaeab LLC. Then, in October, he used it to purchase another of the lots north of Railroad Avenue (where Sudy Dog is). The timing of these events is revealing.

Citizens have been voicing their concerns and objections to the decision to turn the last remaining open space in the heart of the downtown into a large housing project instead of an inviting park, but the Council has been ignoring their constituents. They appear to be taking steps to impede relocation by having people buy up the needed parcels. When running for mayor, Woerner

promised to look at relocating the housing, but after he won the election, he ignored this promise. Now, they are not just turning a deaf ear to the people, but based on the facts, appear to be actively working behind the scenes to create obstacles to the alternatives. There is still a path forward for the people to get the park they were promised, but the Council either needs to start listening when their constituents speak, or we need to vote in a new Council.

We elect our officials to work for the people, not to plot against them.

A Miraculous SARS-CoV-2 Discovery

Greg Scott, Livermore

With the global stage presenting a surge of Delta and Omicron strain infections, researchers at Texas A&M University and Hokkaido University in Japan have recently published, in a peer-reviewed science journal, a miraculous discovery about a method of how SARS-CoV-2 (SARS2) evades the immune system of a host cell. This new understanding provides non-vaccine pharmaceutical opportunities for multiple drug targets, which would severely diminish or even vanquish the SARS2 pandemic.

SARS2 produces a non-structural protein from a gene called ORF6 - short for Open Reading Frame 6 - on its single-strand RNA (Ribo Nucleic Acid) genome. A gene is a sequence of nucleotides, which make up code for the amino acid 'building blocks' of a protein. The ORF6 protein impedes the expression of genes of the Major Histocompatibility Complex (MHC) in the host cell DNA (Deoxy ribo Nucleic Acid) genome. What this accomplishes is that the host cell loses its ability to signal the immune system that the host cell is infected with SARS2. If these host cell gene suppressions were absent, then killer "T" cells of the immune system would be alerted to destroy the host cell and its viral contents.

This research is complicated. I do not even read a

name for the phenomenon. I will call it the "SARS2 STAT1-IFR1-NLRC5 Axis," for STAT1, IFR1 and NLRC5 are the names of the host cell genes of the MHC, which are suppressed. If not tricked by the SARS2 ORF6 protein, these genes would produce MHC Class 1 molecules, located on the outer membrane of the cell, which use signaling to monitor and communicate the host cell status. MHC Class 1 is the most recent evolutionary MHC class. For simplicity, I am going to call this phenomenon the "SARS2 ORF6 Charade."

No doubt millions upon millions of dollars, thousands of hours of laborato-

ry personnel and extensive laboratory resources are being marshaled to identify the likely drug targets of this process and to innovate and clinically trial drug possibilities based on those targets. This is a completely different process than vaccines, which predominately buildup antibodies to attack the SARS2 structural spike protein that attaches to the host cell.

It could take up to two years to release a viable drug based on the SARS2 ORF6 Charade. Until that time, individuals should get vaccinated and get a vaccine booster. With SARS2 ORF6 Charade knowledge the pandemic will end!

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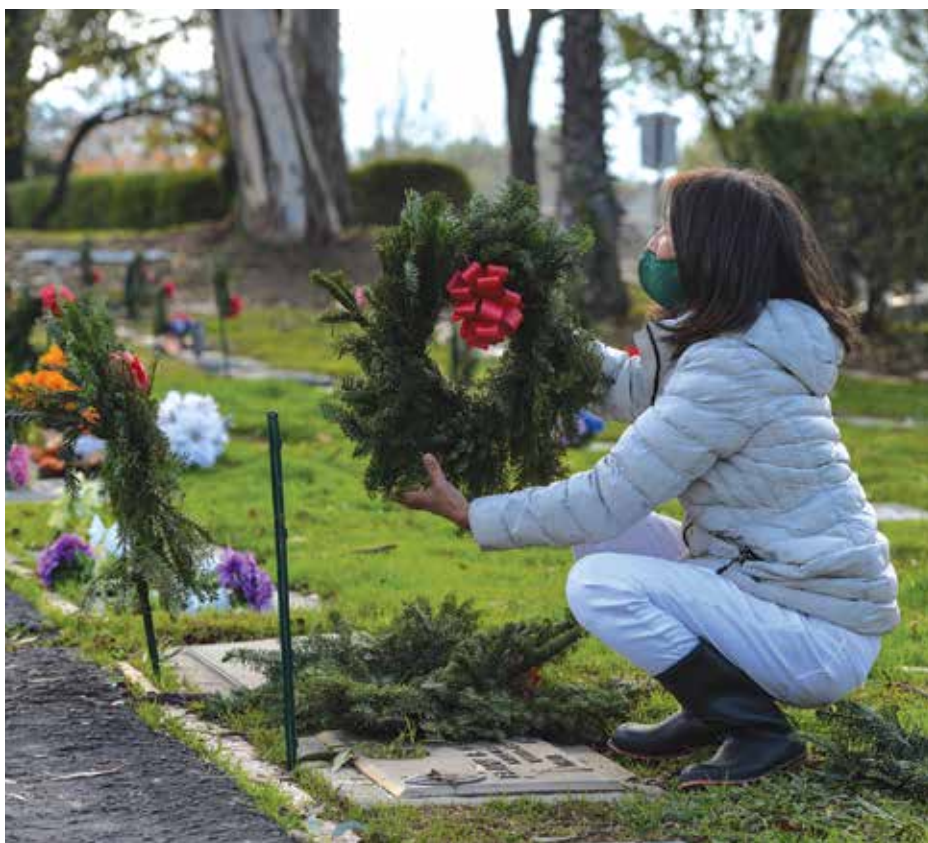
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Jennifer Situ places a wreath on a veteran's grave at Pleasanton's Pioneer Cemetery as part of the national Wreaths Across America event on Saturday, Dec. 18. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

MAPS

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would be represented by Democrat Mark DeSaulnier, who has represented the Contra Costa County cities since 2015.

In the State Assembly, Livermore and Pleasanton remain in the 16th District with San Ramon and Walnut Creek, but portions of Dublin and Pleasanton west of Dougherty Road were shifted into the 20th District with Hayward, Union City, San Leandro and Castro Valley, among others. Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan would continue to represent the 16th District. Democrat Bill Quirk, who represents the 20th District, recently announced his retirement. Two Democrats pulled papers to run for the seat, including Jennifer Esteen — a nurse and community activist who lives with her wife and children in Ashland. The other candidate, Fremont City Councilmember Teresa Keng, no longer lives in the redrawn district.

Throughout the weeks of redistricting, some Tri-Valley politicians had urged the CCRC members to keep Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin together as “communities of interest” in both the federal and state legislatures. According to the final maps, that only happened in the state Senate seat, which divorced them from familiar cities like San Ramon and attached them to Stockton.

Livermore Mayor Bob Woerner wrote a letter Dec. 14 to the commission, trying to get the panel to keep Livermore and its neighbors with East Bay cities.

“Livermore has consistently and continuously advocated for keeping the Tri-Valley together as a Community of Interest and keeping the Tri-Valley with other similar East Bay cities and not dissimilar communities, such as the Central Valley,” Woerner told The Independent in an email.

After earlier drafts of maps were released during the process that showed boundaries splitting off parts of Dublin, Woerner urged its members to try to keep the cities together.

Woerner stated that residents identify the Tri-Valley as including Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton, San Ramon and Danville, in addition to surrounding open space and semi-rural areas. Residents in the cities, he wrote, use the same transportation networks, have similar demographics and employment sources; their children play in the same sports leagues and businesses have formed partnerships.

“The Tri-Valley has flourished over the years due to our tremendous cooperation, and our region is poised for even greater excellence moving forward,” Woerner wrote. “However, to continue to thrive and achieve our mutual goals, we must be able to work together in close collaboration with legislators dedicated to the needs of the Tri-Valley.”

The biggest concern, the mayor said, was splitting the area into two U.S.

Congressional districts.

“If the Tri-Valley must be split, we strongly urge you to not split any Tri-Valley city in half, as the current Assembly and Congress maps do,” Woerner added. “Keep cities whole and combine us with the communities with shared interests we have identified.”

Cities, School Districts Set to Begin Redistricting

Meanwhile, the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, along with the Dublin Unified School District and Pleasanton Unified School District, have scheduled several public hearings during the first months of 2022 that will lead to the creation of new geographic district boundaries that will be utilized for the November general election.

PLEASANTON

For Pleasanton City Council and Pleasanton schools, this is the first-time ballots will be divided into districts with councilmembers and trustees elected geographically. The city and school board will each create separate district boundaries.

Pleasanton City Attorney Daniel Sodergren said the council plans four public meetings for the community to provide input on creating district maps to elect four councilmembers. Voters citywide will continue to elect the mayor.

The meetings are tentatively set for Jan. 4, Jan. 18, Feb. 3 and Feb. 24. The first two hearings will allow the public to provide comments on proposed districts. Following the Jan. 4 hearing, residents will be able to go to the city's website to submit their own suggested maps.

“It will be a chance for the public to offer input on what they feel is important,” Sodergren said. On its website, the city said residents should consider “communities of interest,” areas with shared concerns and characteristics, including school attendance; natural dividing lines including roads, hills or highways, areas around parks and landmarks; common issues and neighborhood activities; and demographics, including income and education levels; languages spoken; and single or multiple-family housing.

Using input from those meetings, information supplied online and from the submitted maps, a demographer hired by the city will begin drawing maps. The public can take part in the second two meetings.

“I'm hoping there will be a lot of public participation,” Sodergren said. “I think that will be a good thing.” Besides district maps, the city council will also choose two of the created districts for the 2022 ballot. The other districts would come two years later.

Pleasanton City Council voted in September to shift from at-large voting — where all residents vote for all city council members — following the

threat of a lawsuit from attorney Kevin Shenkman. Shenkman alleged the at-large electoral system violated the California Voting Rights Act of 2001. Instead of fighting and potentially losing, the city chose to transition to the new system.

The Pleasanton Unified School District has already held three online meetings to discuss drawing boundaries. A community workshop will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 11 at Fairlands Elementary School and on Zoom.

Public hearings with mapping will begin Jan. 27, Feb. 15 and Feb. 24, with another public workshop March 8. The final mapping will be completed on March 24.

Residents can also provide input through the district's website.

DUBLIN

The Dublin Unified School District (DUSD), which already elects its trustees by district, will soon announce its public redistricting meetings to prepare new maps.

DUSD Assistant Superintendent Chris Hobbs said a meeting schedule has not been finalized.

“We expect to have two community meetings — one in early January and one in late January (or) early February,” Hobbs said. “In addition, there will be presentations and opportunities for public comment at the Board of Trustees' meetings in January and February, beginning with the meeting on Jan. 11.”

Once it is determined, the meeting schedule will be posted on the district's website.

Since the Dublin City Council is elected at large, it does not go through the redistricting process.

LIVERMORE

In the City of Livermore, which established districts in 2018, the city council held two discussions during meetings in October and has scheduled its first public hearing for Jan. 24.

Livermore Mayor Bob Woerner said the 2020 census data did not indicate a change is needed, but “people's perceptions may have changed.”

“We will find out by going through the required process,” Woerner said.

Current district maps are available at drawlivermore.org. Woerner encouraged residents to submit comments and create their own suggested redistricting maps on the site.

“Comments are more easily understood with an accompanying picture/drawing,” Woerner said. “Additionally, it is valuable for those taking part in the process to see the visual representation of what is being requested.”

Maps should be submitted by Jan. 31. They will be available for public hearings on Feb. 14 and March 14.

Livermore's school district is also not subject to redistricting, as the trustees are elected at-large.

Patelco Provides Support to Culinary Angels

Culinary Angels recently received a \$5,000 year-end donation from Patelco Credit Union. The funds enabled the nonprofit to provide meals for all its recipients in one delivery.

Culinary Angels has prepared and delivered more than 8,000 nutritious meals to local East Bay patients since its inception in 2016. Approximately 95% of the organization's recipients are undergoing treatment for cancer, and the program is open to those facing other medical challenges as well.

“This incredible gift meant that all of our recipients enjoyed an elevated holiday meal that featured turkey roulade, celebration quinoa, caramelized Brussel sprouts, cauliflower mashed potatoes, and



Members of the Culinary Angels team prepare a holiday meal for recipients undergoing cancer treatments. (Photo courtesy of Joanne Hall)

healthy gingerbread muffins,” said Culinary Angels Founder and Executive Director Lisa McNaney. “We consider ourselves so

fortunate to have regional corporate support from Patelco, whose vision includes supporting the community that it serves.”

TURF

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of the playing surface to absorb kinetic energy, such as from a player falling to the surface. A high GMAX score means that the player absorbs more impact, increasing chances of injury. In response, the district performed maintenance on the fields, and both fields passed subsequent tests. However, that solution is only temporary, because the fields have already exceeded their expected eight-year useful life.

“(The fields) currently meet the standard because we did the maintenance work,” LARPD General Manager Mathew Fuzie said. “We anticipate that it won't be long before the maintenance work won't keep it at the standard. That's why we want to do the fields now.”

Work is expected to take four to six weeks to complete. A firm date to start the project has not yet been determined. The district expects it will commence in July or August as field use is low during that time of the year, though Haldeman noted it could be sooner.

There are three components to the playing surface: the turf, a pad and underfill. The current fields do not have a pad and the inclusion in the update is expected to improve the GMAX scores for the fields. The underfill is a mixture of shredded rubber from automobile tires called

crumb rubber and sand. Crumb rubber accounts for about 70% of the underfill, and the sand makes up the remaining 30%.

The use of synthetic turf is not without its critics, a point Director David Furst made.

“There's been a lot of concern in the community, specifically the girls' soccer community, about cancer-causing agents in the turf,” he said. “Are we specifically using products that are going to keep our athletes safe?”

Haldeman said that concern hadn't been part of the project's consideration up to that point, but he committed to researching the issue. In a follow-up interview with The Independent this week, Haldeman said the studies he'd found showed that there's no direct correlation between any health concerns and the crumb rubber infill or the monofilament fibers.

“We've had a lot of success with the sand and

rubber infill. We've not received any complaints or concerns from the user groups,” he continued. “That would be my primary motivator. If our user groups were claiming that they really felt they were unsafe or that they didn't want to be on this product, that would weigh on my decision more. Right now, I'm going with the evidence supported within the industry that says there's no problem with it. We still haven't made up our mind yet.”

He added that there are organic infill options like cork, walnut shells and coconut coir, though some of these require ongoing maintenance, in addition to adding about \$200,000 to

the cost of the construction. During the meeting, Director Jan Palajack inquired about the source of the funding for the project.

“We're feeling comfortable, Director Palajack, that from a cash perspective, we can move forward and not endanger ourselves in any fashion,” said Jeffrey Schneider, LARPD administrative services manager. “We're not feeling that we need to look to the vendors, perhaps to finance, nor go to the banks to obtain a loan to finance this effort ... We're feeling comfortable that the way we're managing our business and our cash balances as we speak today that we can fund these projects out of our cash balance.”

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Patti Cole, Pauly Krauter and Sue Griffin enjoy a bird's eye view during the Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count event on Dec. 17. The Eastern Alameda County count took place around the wetlands of Springtown. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

TRADITION

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and community members and received an outpouring of positive support.”

Caitlyn began her involvement in PATCH as a freshman, serving as the club's treasurer. Last year, she took over as president from her sister, who graduated from Dublin High and now attends college in San Francisco. Though

she is less involved in the daily operations of the club, Caitlyn said her sister still helped with PATCH's annual stuffed animal drive.

Erin Harper, executive director of CALICO Center, said PATCH's support has been invaluable, allowing her organization to continue its mission to reduce trauma in children.

“PATCH is one of CALICO's strongest supporters,” Harper said. “They are a wonderful example of young people supporting other young people who have experienced trauma. They are compassionate and dedicated, and we all think the world of them.”

With so many animals to donate last year, CALICO

WATER

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offer Livermore customers a variety of conservation programs and encourage them to take advantage of these resources to help save water every day.”

Cal Water's move follows similar actions taken earlier this fall by the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, the Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) and the Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7).

Unlike other area water retailers, Cal Water is governed by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Cal Water submitted a request to the CPUC to move to Stage 2 of its Water Shortage Contingency Plan in October and specified Dec. 14 as the effective date of the requested move. In between, the agency held a public meeting in November with its customers to advise

them of the planned move and the changes it would bring.

Effective with the declaration, water-use limitations for Cal Water customers are formally aligned with restrictions previously implemented by the City of Livermore, which declared a water emergency on Oct. 1.

“The City of Livermore has the ability to activate citywide mandatory water-use restrictions that apply to all Livermore properties, regardless of who their water service provider is,” explained Natalie Croak, City of Livermore communications representative. “Cal Water can activate even more restrictive rules for their customers, but they still have to follow any City of Livermore restrictions.”

The Cal Water declara-

tion also carries an increase in fines for violations. A first time violation will still result in a warning, but second and third violations will result in \$50 and \$100 fines respectively. A fourth violation or an egregious violation can result in the installation of a device that restricts water flows on the violator's water-service line. Despite the increased fines, Yvonne Kingman, Cal Water's director of corporate communications, said that fines are rarely necessary after a first violation.

“We're about education,” Freeman added. “We want to educate our customers. If we do see something, first we're going to send them a notice. That should handle most of the concerns or any calls we may get.”



Dublin High's Caitlyn Loo and Justin Tan of Plushies Aimed to Comfort Hearts hold armfuls of plush toys for distribution to children in need. Stuffed animal donations were gathered at Dublin High's library. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

did not have enough room to store them all, leading Caitlyn and her fellow club members to connect with other child advocacy organizations in the Bay Area. PATCH now works with five California groups and has added two new chapters this year, one of them in Pennsylvania. Caitlyn said donations are still being accepted for this year's drive and looks forward to another record-breaking year.

“It's heartwarming to see the impact of PATCH growing, because you can only imagine how many hurting kids there are around the world,” she said. “To know that we can have even a slight impact on the lives of children across the nation is something to really take to heart.”

PATCH is still accepting donations of stuffed animals. To view online registries, visit linktr.ee/dhspatch. Donation boxes are located on the Dublin High School campus. To arrange a porch drop-off or get more information, email dhspatchclub@gmail.com or message the group through their Instagram page at @dhspatch. For more information on CALICO Center, or to donate, visit www.calicocenter.org.

DIRECTOR

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CalTrain, which ends about 1.3 miles away near the San Francisco Giants ballpark. Van de Water will be tasked to deliver the \$4.5 billion Downtown Extension Project (DTX) by 2028, linking the train line to the Salesforce building, making it easier for commuters to get around and, ultimately, connecting San Francisco to the California High Speed Rail project. By 2033, it is expected a high-speed train trip from San Francisco to Los Angeles will take only three hours.

“There is no better time to deliver the DTX as we leverage historic federal infrastructure investment on the promise of this decades-long Bay Area vision,” said Van de Water, who plans to ride a bus to work from his home in Oakland.

Besides the transit projects, Van de Water will be in charge of running a massive building with 100,000-square-feet of retail space, a nearly 5 1/2 -acre park on the roof, and a public art program.

“One of my old colleagues said, ‘You would be perfect for this,’” Van de Water said. “My expertise is in large-scale capital delivery.”

During his previous nearly two decades in San Francisco, Van de Water worked on huge projects, including the city and county's Rail Alignment and Benefits Study to develop the city's Railyard Plan. He led the entitlement processes to expand the \$500 million Moscone Convention Center; relocate the Golden State Warriors from Oakland to the \$1 billion Chase Center in Mission Bay; and complete the 27-acre Mission Rock project with the San Francisco Giants and the Port of San Francisco. He also helped create San Francisco's first 10-year capital plan that resulted in more than \$3 billion in general-obligation bonds to make improvements to San Francisco General

Hospital and the city's open space and emergency service network.

Van de Water said it is satisfying to see the impact his work had stimulating retail, providing jobs and housing.

“You also see the physical construction itself,” he said. “You spend years working on the design and how people will get in and out safely from the building and how they experience it. And then after years of planning, it goes under construction and opens, and you see that reality and can visualize finally what the renderings were in real life.”

When all of that work was completed in San Francisco three years ago, Van de Water saw Livermore's opening for director of innovation and industrial development as an “interesting opportunity” to work in a smaller town with ties to two national laboratories, a classic Main Street, the largest outlet mall on the west coast and wine, a major agricultural wine industry.

“It's a really interesting

mix of economies in a professional and stable run city,” Van de Water said.

Livermore Mayor Bob Woerner credited Van de Water and his staff for directing policy for the city's Commission for the Arts. They created an update to the city's 13-year-old Cultural Arts Vision and a shift toward public art that better supports economic development, including the 2020 and 2021 Mural Festivals, Woerner said.

“During the COVID-19 pandemic, Adam worked with downtown merchants, Livermore Downtown Inc, the Chamber of Commerce and other partners to redesign public outdoor space and create and distribute \$2 million allocated by the City Council for COVID-19-related small business recovery grants, unlocking \$3.6 million in direct economic impact,” Woerner said.

Brandon Cardwell, a senior management analyst who worked for Van de Water

and has stepped into his role as interim director, wrote on social media that “good bosses are hard to come by.”

“Managers who invest in their people even when it means handing off the fun, high-profile projects are even more rare,” Cardwell said on LinkedIn. “I wish you luck on your new adventure, and I'm happy for all the people who will have the privilege of working alongside you. We will miss you around here.”

Van de Water said going back to work in San Francisco from Livermore is a “big change.”

“Livermore is a fantastic place to be and a place to work,” he said. “I will miss it ... I think it's got a lot going for it.”

Van de Water added that he will remain invested in Livermore's future, watching his former colleagues complete the initiatives they started together.

“I look forward to coming back and seeing the progress,” he said.

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The City Historian's role is to increase public awareness of the history of the city and community of Livermore. The person appointed to this volunteer position will serve a two-year term. Qualified applicants will have experience presenting local historical information to community groups, teaching courses in local and regional history to students at a school or community classes, or be affiliated with an organization associated with the advancement of the history of Livermore.

SAVE THE DATE! Interviews will be tentatively held the evening of February 3, 2022. For more information or to apply, please visit www.cityoflivermore.net/AB, call the City Clerk's office at (925) 960-4200, or email: cityclerk@cityoflivermore.net.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LIVERMORE RESIDENTS: Share your talents with the community by volunteering on one of the City of Livermore's advisory bodies. We are accepting applications now through January 28, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

Beautification Committee (1 Vacancy)
Join us in working to preserve the natural beauty and habitat of Livermore.
Unexpired term ending 6/1/2023
Meets 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM
Next Meeting: January 5th

Historic Preservation Commission (1 Vacancy)
Join us in identifying, protecting, and preserving Livermore's historic resources. The Commission's successes are visible in the beauty of Livermore's historic structures and landmarks.
Unexpired term ending 5/1/2025
Meets 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM.
Next Meeting: January 6th

Human Services Commission (2 Vacancies)
Join us in discussing community social needs, assisting local agencies in procuring grant funds, and more.
(1) Unexpired term ending 11/1/2022 and a possible regular term ending 11/1/2026, subject to City Council approval.
(2) Unexpired term ending 11/1/2023.
Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM
Next Meeting: January 11th

Livermore Area Youth Advisory Commission (1 Adult Vacancy)
Join the Commission in bringing together young people and adults, and private and public sectors of the community, to address responsibility for the care, health, safety, welfare, and education of Livermore's young people.
Unexpired term ending 9/1/2023.
Meets 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 PM
Next Meeting: January 3rd

SAVE THE DATE! Interviews will be tentatively held the week of January 31, 2022. For more information or to apply, please visit www.cityoflivermore.net/AB, call the City Clerk's office at (925) 960-4200, or email: cityclerk@cityoflivermore.net. Must attend at least one meeting of the applicable advisory body before applying.

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Seen here in previous years, racers take off during the Livermore-Granada Boosters' annual "Race to the Flagpole" event. This coming year, the race will take place on Jan. 29, starting at Independence Park in Livermore and winding through Sycamore Grove Park. Funds from the race support school scholarship programs. For more information, call Mike Nagel at 925-667-6535. (Photo courtesy of Mike Nagel)

Firehouse Arts Set to Pay Homage to Elvis

The Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton will celebrate the enduring musical legacy of Elvis Presley with a matinee performance, "Happy Birthday, Elvis," by Jim Anderson & the Rebels on Sunday, Jan. 9. Presley, who died in 1977, was born Jan. 8, 1935. Anderson and his band have performed Elvis Presley

tributes at venues throughout California and the Northwest, focusing on the Rock and Roll icon's early work, including such classic hits as "Heartbreak Hotel," "Hound Dog," "Don't Be Cruel," and "Jailhouse Rock." The performances have been described by critics as a "hip swiveling, body gyrating, and leg wiggling show"

that takes the audience "back to a time when Elvis was considered too dangerous for television." Tickets for the 2 p.m. performance are \$17 to \$27, and are available at www.firehousearts.org. The Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., is owned and operated by the city of Pleasanton.

Encore Players to Present 'Jake's Women'

Encore Players, an amateur community theater group, will present "Jake's Women," by award-winning playwright Neil Simon, at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore, the weekend of Jan. 14 to 16. Livermore's Bob Cowgill will play "Jake," a writer whose marriage to his wife, Maggie, is in trouble. Unfortunately, Jake can't stop thinking about the other women in his life and invents conversations with them, including his deceased wife, Julie; his daughter, Molly; his sister, Karen; and his psychiatrist, Edith.

With more than 600 lines as "Jake," Cowgill never leaves the stage. "This is the most challenging role in my career," Cowgill acknowledged. "It's also one of the most fun roles. I feel like Jake and I are the same, as I have conversations in my head all the time." The women who enter

and leave Jake's consciousness are played by Lesleyann Coker as Maggie, Lea Blevins as Julie, Martie Muldoon as Karen, Marsha Howard as his psychologist, Alexa Hart and Melissa McCloud as Molly at different ages, and Meredith Sarboraria as Jake's girlfriend, Sheila. Donna Blevins makes her directorial debut with Encore Players.

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 14, and Saturday, Jan. 15; and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 16. Tickets are \$20 at bit.ly/32cAHOA. Members of the audience will be required to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination and must wear facemasks inside the theater. For more information, visit encoreplayers.net.



Bob Cowgill will play "Jake" in the upcoming production of "Jake's Women" opening on Jan. 14. (Photo courtesy of Encore)

Senior Center to Close for Holidays

The Dublin Senior Center will be closed for the holidays from Friday, Dec. 24, through Monday, Jan. 3. The Senior Lunch Program will also be on hold during this period.

Joan Osborne Joins The Weepies at Bankhead Theater

Singer-songwriter Joan Osborne will join The Weepies, an indie rock group, for a performance at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore at 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 20. Their joint appearance comes almost two years after a scheduled March 2020 performance was cancelled because of the COVID-19

pandemic. Osborne, known for her blues-based rock sound, first attracted notice in the early 1990s. She released her debut album, "Relish," with the chart-topping single "One of Us," in 1995. Steve Tannen and Deb Talan, performers who became mutual fans in the early

2000s, formed The Weepies and released their first album, "Happiness," in 2003. They were married in 2007, but recently announced the upcoming tour would be the group's last, following a divorce in 2020. For more information or tickets, visit livermorearts.org.

Tri-Valley Seniors to Receive Holiday Gifts

More than a hundred older residents of the Tri-Valley area will be receiving Christmas gifts this year from the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, a nonprofit organization that operates out of the Pleasanton Senior Center. Volunteers with the Senior Support Program called 115 seniors to ask what they would like for Christmas. Several other groups then joined in to purchase gifts, including Boys Team Charity of Danville; Global Leadership Initiatives for Youth; the Human Rights Club and Me to We Club, both from Granada High School; and members of

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Other groups, including Pleasanton Community of Character, Boys Team Charity, BRET Realty, Hively, and volunteers with the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore helped prepare gift bags with toiletries and other necessities, along with a candy cane and some Ghirardelli chocolate squares. Hana Baker, a fifth grader at Vintage Hills Elementary in Pleasanton, made Christmas cards for each gift bag as school project. The gift bags and other presents will be hand delivered to the seniors between now and Christmas.



Livermore Mosaic Lodge #218, a fraternity of Freemasons, recently donated \$1,000 to the Tri-Valley Haven. Tri-Valley Haven offers hope and assistance to residents of the Tri-Valley, including shelter, food, advocacy and counseling to those in need. In 2022, Mosaic Lodge #218 will also be giving out \$1,000 scholarships to seniors of Livermore and Granada High schools to help them on their way to college. To learn more about Freemasonry, visit Freemason.org. To learn more about your local Masonic Lodge, visit lodge218.freemason.org. (Photo courtesy of Art Machaevich)



The Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley will send gifts to seniors in the community this season. (Photo courtesy of Senior Support Program)

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Comics Workshop Coming to Library

The Livermore Public Library will host a virtual How to Draw Comics Workshop on Saturday, Jan. 22 at 11 a.m., via Zoom. Artist Oliver Chin will teach students in grades 1-6 how to create their own comic book. Chin will also cover some of the history of manga and anime. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link. The public may register by calling 925-373-5505 starting Dec. 27. Free supply kits are available for pickup at any Livermore Public Library branch. For further information, visit the Library's website www.livermorelibrary.net.



Hotels Urged to Continue Joint Marketing

Visit Tri-Valley (VTV), a nonprofit destination marketing organization, is urging hotels in the area to petition their local communities to continue supporting the program. The program is funded by an assessment on hotel

occupancy with support from Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, and Danville. The organization's current agreement with the cities expires in June 2022. For more information, visit visittrivalley.com.



Axis Community Health's Director of Clinic Services Iris Martinez created a wreath decorated with empty COVID-19 vaccine vials to encourage families to get vaccines and booster shots for the holidays. Vaccines are available at Axis for ages 5 and up, and boosters are available to those who are eligible. For more information, visit www.axishealth.org.

Dress a Girl Sew-Fest Set for January

A local group making dresses for girls in third-world countries will hold its next monthly sew-fest from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, Jan. 22, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho St., in Livermore. The sew-fest is open to anyone interested in helping cut fabric, sew, or iron finished dresses for all or part of the day. Cotton fabric

donations are also needed. The Dress A Girl Around the World campaign is sponsored by Hope for Women International. According to the organization's website, the goal of the campaign is to ensure that "every girl has at least one new dress." For more information, contact Suzanne Beck at 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com.

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Online Jobs Board Supports Local Startups

Startup Tri-Valley (STV) has launched an online jobs board to help small, science-based businesses publicize their openings.

"Our goal is to help local talent find local startups and vice versa," said Brandon Cardwell, STV executive director.

STV is sponsored by Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, Danville and I-GATE Innovation Hub partners

Sandia National Laboratories and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

The goal of the initiative is to connect entrepreneurs with the resources needed to support science-based startups, which STV said face unique hiring problems because of their small size, limited exposure, and a need for specific skill sets.

The initiative is also running paid social media

campaigns targeting high-potential job candidates. The online jobs board can be viewed at jobs.startuptrivalley.org.

As of last week, posted jobs included technician, engineering, and marketing positions, as well as internships, with Amber Solutions, Monarch Tractor, Movano, S2 Genomics, and Vector Atomic.

TV30 to Broadcast Local Holiday Parades

Tri-Valley Community Television (TV30) will broadcast the 2021 holiday parades and tree lightings in Dublin, Livermore, and Pleasanton through the end of the year.

The programs can be seen on Comcast TV Channel 30, AT&T U-verse Channel 99, and the TV30 website. Visit tri-valleytv.org for air times.

"TV30 is pleased to once again share the spirit of the

Tri-Valley by providing this programming," said Melissa Tench-Stevens, TV30 executive director.

Broadcasts will include Dublin's 38th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting from Dec. 2, with the Dublin Unified School District's Children's Choir and other local school music ensembles; the annual Downtown Livermore Holiday Sights & Sounds Parade and tree lighting

from Dec. 4; and the Pleasanton Hometown Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting, also from Dec. 4.

Starting at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve and continuing through the night, TV30 will broadcast "Sleepy Dog at the Fire with Sounds of the Holiday," followed by a Christmas Day marathon of parades, tree lightings, and a seasonal performance by the Canta Bella Choir.

OBITUARIES

Lope (Lou) Aguirre Arante Sept. 25, 1940 – Dec. 9, 2021



Lope (Lou) Aguirre Arante, 81, beloved husband and father, went home to be with the Lord on Dec. 9, 2021.

Lou was born on Sept. 25, 1940 to Lamberto Magboo Arante and Maria Aguirre in Batangas, Philippines. Lou came alone to the United States to San Francisco, California, at the young age of 12, while his father served in the United States Merchant Marines. While his father was away at sea, Lou lived in a dorm and attended St. Mary's run by the Christian Brothers. Two years later, his mother, Maria, and younger sister, Ana, joined Lou in San Francisco. Lou attended Sacred Heart High School, and later San Francisco City College, where he met his sweetheart, Norma. Lou and Norma married on July 15, 1962. Lou and Norma expanded their family from two to three with the birth of Joe on Feb. 14, 1964. Ten years later their family again expanded from three to four with the birth of Richard in October 1973. Lou instilled the importance of family values, hard work ethics and the love of sports in his sons. Through his career, Lou was

employed as a store manager of retail stores such as Walgreens, JC Paper, Russell's, Gemco, and Value Giant just to name a few. True to form, Lou worked hard to build his stores to be the best they could be. Lou had an unshakable commitment, integrity, and determination in everything he did.

Lou retired from working in 2000. Lou's favorite hobby was to work with his hands, spending his retirement building projects around his home. His greatest joys were his family whom he loved spending time with, going to Disneyland and Disney World, going to the casino, and was an avid fan of the San Francisco 49ers, San Francisco Giants and the

Golden State Warriors.

Lou passed away holding the hands of his wife, Norma and son, Richard. Lou is survived by his devoted wife of 59 years, Norma; sons Joseph and Richard Arante; daughters-in-law Diane and Denise; and grandchildren Emily, Laura (and husband Jamil Kassam,) AJ, Andrew and Nicholas; sister Ana; nephew Paul Dimapasoc and wife Sylvia; and their children Hanna, Devin, Bella and Noah; niece Jennifer and husband John Chapman; and nephew Ryan Gagnon.

Lou has touched the lives of countless individuals. He will be loved, missed and will always and forever live in our hearts. Visitation will be held on Dec. 27, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Chapel of the Chimes, 32992 Mission Blvd, Union City, California. Vigil will be held on Dec. 28 from 4 to 7 p.m., also at Chapel of the Chimes. The funeral service will be held on Dec. 29 at 10 a.m., at St. Anne's Catholic Church, 32223 Cabello St. Union City, California. Interment will follow at Chapel of the Chimes.

Diana Lynn (Rapoza) Rhodes Dec. 2, 1949 – Dec. 4, 2021

A celebration of life will be held on Dec. 29, in memory of Diana Lynn Rhodes who passed away peacefully at home on the morning of Dec. 4, 2021 after a long battle with end stage renal disease and other ailments.

Born Diana de la Nux on Dec. 2, 1949 in Alameda, California to Francis Joseph and Natalie Elizabeth Silva. Raised in San Leandro where she met David Rapoza and in 1972, they were married. Together they had a son Matthew Rapoza and in 1976 they moved to a little house in Livermore, California. The couple divorced in the early 1990's and Diana would re-

main in Livermore until her passing.

She was an outstanding vocalist and self-taught guitar player even playing in a band in her teen years. She could often be heard singing while running errands and playing guitar at family gatherings. Diana was an avid animal lover. In addition to rescuing several stray dogs over the years would also put out food for the neighborhood cats.

She was preceded in death by her twin brother Craig who passed at a young age, her mother Natalie E Siva of Livermore; her father Francis Joseph de la Nux of Arizona; and

aunts Dorothy E. Silva, Hazel Rhodes, Evelina Dianda and an uncle Les Silva. She is survived by her son and caregiver Matthew Rapoza of Livermore; her sister Randa Burrows; her niece Jennifer Burrows; and nephew Rick Burrows; as well as cousins Ron Lawrence and Christine Milton and their families.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to your local animal shelter or local Humane Society.

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

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Bruce Walter Shore Feb. 27, 1935 – Jan. 9, 2021

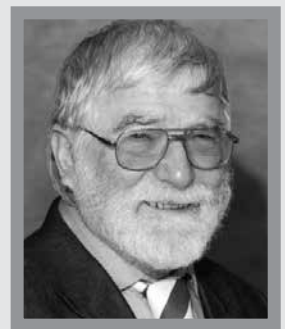
Dr. Bruce Walter Shore passed away in his sleep on Jan. 9, at Kaiser Hospital in Walnut Creek, surrounded by family.

Bruce was born Feb. 27, 1935 in Visalia, and graduated from East Bakersfield High School in 1952. He graduated from the College of the Pacific in 1956 and earned a Ph.D. from M.I.T. in 1960 in nuclear chemistry.

Dr. Shore worked at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory from 1971 until his official retirement in 2001. Before and during this period he also served on the faculty of Harvard College Observatory, Kansas State University and Imperial College in London. In 1997 he was awarded an Alexander von Humboldt prize and worked for a year at Technical University of Kaiserslautern in Germany. He returned there or to Technical University of Darmstadt annually through 2019 to present papers and participate in seminars in quantum optics. He was a Fellow of the American Physical Society and the Optical Society of America. He authored numerous scientific papers and six books in his field, the most recent of which, "Our Changing Views on Photons," was published in 2020.

Bruce founded the M.I.T. water polo team and was a nationally ranked swimmer in his age group in his 40s. He was a gifted draftsman and cartoonist, self-penned a Christmas card in 1956 which would become a tradition lasting the next 64 years. He was a passionate banjo player throughout his life. Locally he was active in Livermore Rotary. Most of all Bruce treasured visiting with friends and family, particularly at the family cabin over plates of spaghetti and glasses of fine ale. He was an avid traveler and storyteller with an insatiable curiosity. He will be missed very much by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife Randi, children Tim, Hilary, Hans, Leif and Derek, brother Dick and sister Betty, and 10 grandchildren. A celebration of Bruce's life will be held on Friday, Jan. 7, 2022, 3 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, Livermore. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: University of the Pacific Attn: Advancement Services 3601 Pacific Avenue Stockton, California, 95211.



Patricia Jean Hait Dyer Nov. 9, 1928 – Oct. 2, 2021



Patricia Jean Hait was born in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Nov. 9, 1928 to parents Harry Hait and Bessie Lee Price. Upon her parents' divorce in 1938 when she was 9 years old, her mother, Bessie, bought a house near Oklahoma University (OU) in Norman and, with Patty's grandmother Price, opened a boarding house for young women attending the university.

Patty met her future husband, Kirk Dyer, when he quietly helped her pass a biology dissection lab. Kirk, four years her senior, had just returned from WWII where he had served on the aircraft escort vessel, the USS Copahoe. Patty graduated OU with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal sociology. She worked a few years as a secretary for the FBI.

She and Kirk married Sept. 16, 1950, in Norman, Oklahoma, and moved to Denver, Colorado where Kirk worked as a landman for Shell Oil Company. With three kids, a move to Casper, Wyoming, and eventually a move to Sierra Madre, California, Patty returned to school and earned her California teaching credential. Her career began at Baldwin Stocker Elementary School in Arcadia, California. The family moved to Solana Beach, California, where Patty spent the remainder of her 15-year career teaching at Del Mar Heights Elementary School.



She landed in Livermore, California, two years after Kirk's death in 1989. They had been married 38 years. Living in Livermore for the next 23 years, she enjoyed lots of time with family and friends. Patty volunteered in her daughter's elementary classroom, joined a walking group, shared book and political discussions and organized a Bible study group that met for several years. She spent the last year-and-a-half of her life living in Renton, Washington.

She passed on Oct. 2, 2021, of natural causes after witnessing the very difficult year of mandated state lockdowns due to the COVID-19 virus in 2020. She said the enforced isolation was an awful way to live but, making the most of the situation, she enjoyed lunches with family: she on her front porch, the family in the car and conversing via cell phones. There was laughter and enjoying family memories, doing what we could to make the best of a tough situation. Even with the isolation the year of quarantine forced upon the world, Patty remained steadfast in her trust in the Lord. For her entire adult life, she was a prayer warrior for family and friends, as well as people unknown to her, personally.

After a graveside service, Patty was buried next to Kirk. They are buried in Hillcrest Memorial Park in Ardmore, Oklahoma, where Kirk grew up. She was six weeks shy of her 93rd birthday. She is survived by daughter, Stacy Dyer Krimetz (Livermore, California,) daughter, Lisbeth Dyer Anderson (Tulsa, Oklahoma) and son, David Dyer (Renton, Washington,) their spouses, eight grandchildren she was very close to and 10 great-grandchildren, with the 11th due in April 2022. Patty often said that she had lived a wonderful life. She was a great wife, mom, and grandmother and will be missed.

Vera Emma Jensen Reinstein March 2, 1920 – Nov. 27, 2021



Vera Emma Jensen Reinstein passed away at home in the early morning hours of Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021 at the age of 101 years and nine months. Although Vera was born at Providence Hospital in Oakland, California on March 2, 1920, she lived her entire life in a 6-mile area in the Livermore Valley. She grew up on the Jensen Ranch on Beck Road—now North Livermore Avenue. She spent the rest of her years at her ranch in the Highland area in Contra Costa County.

Vera graduated from Livermore High School in 1937. After graduation, she worked for a few years for KD Chevrolet in Livermore. From there, she went to work for American Trust Company (now Wells Fargo Bank), which was located near the flag pole on Main Street and Livermore Avenue. She worked for Wells Fargo Bank at Second and K Streets in Livermore for 35 years as a real estate loan officer and customer service representative until she finally retired at the age of 70 in 1990.

She married Warren Reinstein on April 2, 1944. They had four children: Judy, Marsha, Butch (Lloyd) and Janice that were all raised on the family ranch north of Livermore amongst a large family of grandparents, great-grandparents, great-aunts and great-uncles, aunts, uncles and cousins.

She and Warren loved to dance and could be found on most Saturday nights dancing at Dania Hall, the Veteran's Hall in Livermore, and in Knightsen, Oakland and

She traveled a great deal after retirement including the United States, Europe, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Alaska, the Panama Canal and to her father's birthplace in Denmark.

Vera was predeceased by her husband of 35 years, Warren, in 1979; her parents Julius & Mary Jensen; her siblings Albin Jensen, Amy Orloff and Elsa Hansen. She is survived by her children, Judy (Gary) Davis of Sun City, Arizona; Marsha Cole of San Leandro; Butch (Lloyd) (Karen) Reinstein of Cumming, Georgia; and Janice (Ed) Bradley of Sun City, Arizona. She had 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and another great-grandson on the way in 2022. He is also survived by her sister-in-law, Viola Jensen of Livermore, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. A 100th birthday celebration was held in her honor on March 1, 2020 just a few days ahead of the COVID-19 shutdown. It was attended by 75 friends, neighbors and relatives who helped her celebrate her milestone birthday. No services will be held.

If you wish, donations can be made in her memory to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 2426 Stockton Blvd. Sacramento, California, 95817; to Vitas Healthcare Hospice, 670 North McCarthy Blvd. Milpitas, California, 95035, or to a charity of your choice.

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

Paul Carlos deLanda Sept. 9, 1936 – Dec. 8, 2021



Paul deLanda, of Patterson, California, was a loving partner, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, friend and mentor. He passed away Dec. 8, 2021 after a short but brave battle with cancer, leaving all who knew him with many wonderful memories. He was 85 years old.

Paul was born to Vicente and Herlinda deLanda in Zacatecas, Mexico on Sept. 22, 1936. He spent his youth in Planada, California. After graduating from LeGrand High School, he attended Modesto Junior College and graduated from Fresno State, earning a bachelor's degree in romance languages and a teaching credential. He began his teaching career in Fresno, California. He then spent 28 years teaching in Livermore, California, at both Livermore and Granada

High schools. He considered these years to be the best of his professional career.

After retirement, he embarked on a successful second career as a real estate agent. Paul had many hobbies. He travelled the world extensively. France was his favorite destination. He also coached baseball and basketball. He coached his sons in youth baseball and CYO

basketball. One of his favorite memories was coaching an eighth-grade boys' team to a CYO basketball championship.

Paul is survived by his children, Paul, Michael (Bertha), Debbie (Tyrone), and Philip (Darlene); grandchildren Sabrina (Matt), Tyrone, Sarah, Christina, Rachel, Amy, Paul and Philip; and one great-granddaughter Zoe. He is also survived by his brothers Eliseo (Karen) and Vincent; and his sisters, Socorro (Dominic), Elisa and Gudelina (Tom). Paul is survived by his loving partner, Mercedes, who cared for him in life and in sickness. He is survived by many nieces and nephews. A funeral Mass is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Dec. 27, 2021 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore, California.

Satchell Scores 31 and Leads Hawks to Win

By Nathan Canilao

Las Positas Hawks' forward Dathan Satchell scored 31 points to lead the Hawks over the College of Marin

Mariners 98-78. The Hawks move to 12-1 and have not lost a game since their season opener on Nov. 4.

The Hawks started off slowly. They got good looks

at the basket but were not able to finish. The Hawks called a timeout with 16:48 left in the half to regroup.

After the timeout, Satchell checked into the game as he came off the bench for the matchup. He made his first five 3-pointers and forced the Mariners to play a box-in-one defense to locate where he was at all times.

Despite Satchell's big run, the Hawks couldn't stop the Mariners from the outside. The Mariners hit three 3-pointers at the end of the first half and went into the halftime break up 45-40.

Satchell continued his hot shooting going into the second half by starting off hitting his first three shots. The Hawks were able to regain control of the game with Satchell's hot shooting. They extended their lead 11 and didn't look back.

With just over three minutes left in the game, the Hawks went up by 20 with a dunk by freshman Evan Johnson. The Hawks would go on to close out the game and take home the win.

The story of the night was Satchell's season high 31 points, which was a key to the Hawks' victory. Satchell was sidelined for a month before the season started and has had to get adjusted to playing regular minutes.

"We had to bring him back slowly, but he seems to be clicking back on all cylinders," said Hawks Head Coach James Giacomazzi.

Though Satchell has been playing some of the best basketball for the Hawks, Giacomazzi has reiterated that Satchell will have to earn his starting spot by becoming a better defender and getting into better shape. Giacomazzi believes that he is inching closer to reaching those goals.

Throughout the preseason, Giacomazzi has looked to play just about everyone who suits up and this game was no different. All 13 players dressed out and played in some capacity. The Hawks' bench outscored their starters 54-44.

The Hawks have extended their winning streak to 12 but still have work going into conference play.

"We need to be more consistent in the interior," said Giacomazzi. "That comes with film study, and it comes with reps, but we still have to continue to teach, and they still have to continue to learn."

The Hawks will finish their preseason with a home game against College of the Redwoods on Dec. 30. Their first official league game will be Jan. 5 in Fremont against Ohlone College.



The Hawks' Jordahn Johnson (No. 32) wins the opening tip-off against Marin's No. 2, setting the stage for a 98-78 victory. (Photo - Nathan Canilao)

Aquacowboy Swimmers Set Three Personal Bests

Three swimmers with the Livermore Aquacowboys set personal bests at the Winter Junior National Championships West, held earlier this month in Austin, Texas.

Abigail Herscu finished 17th in the women's 100-yard breaststroke, with a personal-best time of 1:01.97 in the finals. She also placed 15th in the women's 200-yard breaststroke with a finals time of 2:15.1.

Jack Hendrick finished

15th in the men's 1650-yard freestyle, with a finals time of 15:32.49, and finished 20th in the men's 500-yard freestyle, with a finals time of 4:26.90. Both times were personal bests.

Jacques Grove placed 17th in the men's 200-yard butterfly, with a personal-best time of 1:48.18 in the finals.

The Livermore Aquacowboys finished 34th overall based on the performances of its three swimmers.



The Livermore Aquacowboys' Jack Hendrick, Jacques Grove and Abigail Herscu recently beat their personal records for various swim styles. (Photo courtesy of Aquacowboys)

Dublin Wins 15th Annual Don Nelson Classic

By Nathan Canilao

The Dublin Gaels' boys' basketball team defeated the Elk Grove Herd 66-42 at home to win the Don Nelson Classic championship

on Dec. 18. Freshman Jalen Stokes and juniors Courtney Anderson Jr. and Donovan Cooks were named all-tournament first team with Anderson Jr. receiving

MVP.

The Gaels dominated the game from the jump. Cooks hit his first three 3-point shots and gave the Gaels an 11-point lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Herd were unable to replicate the success that got them to the championship game. The Gaels' defense forced them to shoot perimeter jumpers, which was not their strength. The Gaels went into the halftime break with a 37-18 lead.

It was more of the same for the Gaels in the second half. Anderson Jr. scored 10 points in the third quarter alone and pushed the Gael lead to 30 heading into the fourth quarter.

Both teams emptied their benches in the fourth quarter as a Gael win was inevitable. All players who suited up for the Gaels ended up playing in some capacity.

The Gaels hung their hats on the defensive end of the ball. They held the Herd to just 42 points when they have been averaging 62.7 on the season.

"We spent a lot of time on preparation," said Gaels

Head Coach Tom Costello. "They did a really good job of applying the game plan."

Anderson Jr. turned out another tremendous game for the Gaels. He scored 27 points while hitting seven 3-pointers.

Cooks finished with 24 points, 15 of which came from behind the arc. Stokes added 8 points.

Though the Gaels pick up a key win, Costello believes there is still work to do.

"I think there are streaks within the game where we don't necessarily have the best ball movement," said Costello. "I think that's the area where we still need to get better."

The Gaels improve to 5-3 on the season and notch a tournament championship for their resume. The next big test for the Gaels will be the Damien Classic tournament in La Verne, California, where they will play some of the best high schools in the Los Angeles area. Their first game of the tournament will be on Dec. 27 against perennial powerhouse Heritage Christian High School.



Gael Carmelo Clarke-Tarver (24) plays perimeter defense on Elk Grove's No. 20. Dublin High School dominated the court, winning with 24 points over the Herd. (Photo - Nathan Canilao)

Granada High School Alum Drafted by the Oakland A's

By Nathan Canilao

The Oakland A's drafted former Granada alum Vince Fernandez in the MLB Rule 5 draft. Fernandez has a career .861 OPS with 74 home runs in five minor league seasons as an outfielder.

Fernandez was an East Bay Athletic League All-Team selection and is a 2016 graduate of UC Riverside.

Fernandez was drafted in the 10th round of the 2016 MLB draft by the Colorado Rockies and played under the Rockies' affiliates for four seasons.

For the 2021 season, he played for the San Francisco Giants affiliate the Richmond Flying Squirrels,

where he batted .229 with 14 home runs.

Fernandez will look to get called up to the big leagues, and he may get a shot as the A's are currently rebuilding.

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Foothill Falls to Concord Minutemen in Close-Call Game

By Nathan Canilao

The Foothill Falcons boys' basketball team lost its home non-conference matchup to the Concord Minutemen by a score of 63-60. The Falcons drop to 4-4 and suffer their third straight loss.

The Falcons got off to a hot start. They hit four 3-pointers in the first quarter and were holding their own on the defensive end. They ended the first quarter with

a 7-point lead.

The Minutemen began to wake up in the second quarter. They started off the quarter going on a 6-0 run, hitting back-to-back 3-pointers.

The Falcons hit a bit of a shooting slump and only put up 12 points in the second quarter. The Minutemen put up 23 points in the second quarter to go up 36-32 going into the halftime break.

The Falcons' shooting struggles continued into

the third quarter, but their defense allowed them to stay in the game. They held a 2-point lead heading into the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter was back and forth. Each team traded buckets and neither could regain the momentum.

The Minutemen finally started to get it going with 5:00 minutes left as they went on a 9-2 run. From then on, the Minutemen slowly took control of the game. They hit their open

3-pointers and did not miss free throws. They eventually closed out the game by hitting free throws late to secure the win.

Foothill sophomore Sidhartha Swarup led all scorers with 19 points. Foothill guard A.J. Manickam scored 11 points and guard Damascus Shields had 18 points.

Foothill drops to 4-4 on the season. The Falcons will have a key tournament matchup against San Lorenzo High on Dec. 28.



Foothill's Ava Ricker works the ball around Dublin's Alana Albarran during the Dec. 16 match at Dublin High School. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

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Dublin Police Services Set to Increase Patrols for Suspected DUI Drivers During the Holidays

Dublin Police Services recently held a DUI and driver's license checkpoint at an undisclosed location within the City of Dublin.

Police will also have increased officers on patrol throughout the season, specifically looking for drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs. DUI patrols will be driving throughout the City of Dublin from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m.

DUI checkpoints and patrols are done in locations associated with a history of DUI-related collisions and arrests. During the checkpoint, officers will be looking for

signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment, with officers also checking drivers for proper licensing.

In 2018, 1,069 people were killed on California roads in crashes involving drivers who had a blood alcohol content over the legal limit (.08 or above). Thus far in 2021, Dublin Police Services has investigated 22 DUI-related crashes, resulting in one fatality and several people injured.

Dublin Police Services reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol consumption. Prescription or over-the-counter medications, which provide an "operating heavy machinery"

warning on the label, can also cause drivers to become impaired. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

If you plan on drinking or are taking medications that can affect your ability to drive, please take these precautions to avoid a DUI:

Always use a designated sober driver – a friend who is not drinking; a ride-share company; a cab; or public transportation – to get home.

Walking while impaired is also dangerous. Have someone who is sober walk you home or stay with you until a sober driver

is available to pick you up.

Hosting a party? Offer non-alcoholic drinks. Monitor who is drinking and how they are getting home.

If you suspect that a driver is impaired, please call 9-1-1. A DUI charge is not cheap. Drivers charged with DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license and possible jail time.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 21CV002990

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner:
Sau Yin Lee
2803 Southwind Ln.
Dublin, CA 94568
Telephone: 925-819-0787
E-Mail: jsxlee@yahoo.com

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name:
Sau Yin Lee
Proposed Name:
Jason Sau-Yin Lee

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 1/28/2022
Time: 11:00 AM
Dept: 17

The address of the court is: **Alameda County Administration Building 1221 Oak Street Oakland, CA 94612**

A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation printed in this county: The Independent Newspaper 2250 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550

Dated: November 23, 2021 /s/ Judge Tara M. Desautels. The Independent, Legal No. 5039. Published December 2, 9, 16, 23, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 584457

The following person(s) doing business as: A Z Associates, 1725 Shattuck Ave, Suite 400, Berkeley, CA 94709, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Stanley and Vivian Zaks 2001 Revocable Trust, 460 Linda Vista Ave, Pasadena, CA 91105; Walter Zaks 2001 Revocable Trust, 901 Bolton Circle, Benicia, CA 94510; Esther and Joe Adler 2001 Revocable Trust, 616 Parkside Court, Kensington, CA 94708. 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: 12/1/1984. Signature of Registrant(s): Stanley Zaks, Managing Partner for AZ associates. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 18, 2021. Expires October 17, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5040. Published December 2, 9, 16, 23, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 584490

The following person(s) doing business as: Sparkle, 155 4th Street, Apt# 476, Oakland, CA 94607 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tracy Mattox, 4728 Saginaw Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 11/22/2021. Signature of Registrant(s): Tracy Mattox, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 22, 2021. Expires November 21, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5041. Published December 2, 9, 16, 23, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 584595

The following person(s) doing business as: Toffeellicious, 2157 Fourth St. Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Cheryl Bishop, 292 Jeannie Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the

fictitious business name(s) listed above: 10/27/2021. Signature of Registrant(s): Cheryl Bishop, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 30, 2021. Expires November 29, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5042. Published December 9, 16, 23, 30, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 584584

The following person(s) doing business as: Claire Fabre Photography, 3821 Stanford Way, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Claire Elizabeth Fabre, 555 Maine Ave, # 2204, Long Beach, CA 90802. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/28/2021. Signature of Registrant(s): Claire Fabre, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 29, 2021. Expires November 28, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5043. Published December 9, 16, 23, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 584739

The following person(s) doing business as: H Art Studio, 3867 Appian Street, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Youngsin Han, 3867 Appian Street, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant(s): Youngsin Han, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 2, 2021. Expires December 1, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5046. Published December 16, 23, 30, 2021 & January 6, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 584568

The following person(s) doing business as: Epistemology, 2363 Amantea Way, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bonky Emporium LLC, 2363 Amantea Way, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant(s): Eric Lai, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 29, 2021. Expires November 28, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5047. Published December 16, 23, 30, 2021 & January 6, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 584868

The following person(s) doing business as: Circles Pottery, 638 Via Acalanes, San Lorenzo, CA 94580, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jordan Reynolds, 638 Via Acalanes, 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: 3/15/2021. Signature of Registrant(s): Jordan Reynolds, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 8, 2021. Expires December 7, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5049. Published December 16, 23, 30, 2021 & January 6, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 584876

The following person(s) doing business as: Digital Walk-throughs, 4960 Rhonda Lane, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Clint Cuellar, 4960 Rhonda Lane, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2/20/07. Signature of Registrant(s): Rich Reynolds, V.P. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 13, 2021. Expires December 12, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5054. Published December 23, 30, 2021 & January 6, 13, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 585006

The following person(s) doing business as: Royal Restrooms of California, Inc., 5552 La Ribera ST. Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Royal Restrooms of California, Inc., 5552 La Ribera ST. Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2/20/07. Signature of Registrant(s): Trevor C. Williams, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 13, 2021. Expires December 12, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5053. Published December 23, 30, 2021 & January 6, 13, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 584972

The following person(s) doing business as: Williams Landscape Designs, 495 Abbie Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Trevor C. Williams, 945 Abbie Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant(s): Trevor C. Williams, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 13, 2021. Expires December 12, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5055. Published December 23, 30, 2021 & January 6, 13, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 584982

The following person(s) doing business as: Red Carpet Trailers, 1452 N. Vasco Rd, # 350, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Red Carpet Trailers, 1487 Sauvignon CT, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/20/14. Signature of Registrant(s): Rich Reynolds, V.P. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 13, 2021. Expires December 12, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5055. Published December 23, 30, 2021 & January 6, 13, 2022.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Red Carpet Trailers, 1487 Sauvignon CT, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the

limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 11/22/2021. Signature of Registrant(s): Tashina Johnson, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 28, 2021. Expires November 28, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5045. Published December 16, 23, 30, 2021 & January 6, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 584962

The following person(s) doing business as: Affirm Your Birth, 6219 Gibson Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Julianna Winer, 6219 Gibson Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant(s): Julianna Winer, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 8, 2021. Expires December 7, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5051. Published December 16, 23, 30, 2021 & January 6, 2022.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Affirm Your Birth, 6219 Gibson Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Julianna Winer, 6219 Gibson Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant(s): Julianna Winer, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 8, 2021. Expires December 7, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5051. Published December 16, 23, 30, 2021 & January 6, 2022.

Legal Notice

AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to install new wireless telecommunications antennas on an existing power stanchion located at Ames Street (approximately 275 feet south of the intersection with Martingale Lane), Livermore, Alameda County, CA. The new facility will consist of the collocation of antennas at centerline heights of 126 feet and 55.5 feet on the 130-foot stanchion, extended from an existing overall height of 117 feet. Support equipment will be installed at-grade. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 6121010351 - KR EBI Consulting 6876 Susquehanna Trail South, York, PA 17403 or via telephone at (413) 281-4650. The Independent, Legal No. 5052. Published December 23, 2021.

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FILE NO. 585007

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. E Tribe Mobile 2. E Tribe Mobile, 1487 Sauvignon CT, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Royal Restrooms of California, Inc., 5552 La Ribera ST. Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant(s): Rich Reynolds, V.P. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 13, 2021. Expires December 12, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5054. Published December 23, 30, 2021 & January 6, 13, 2022.

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FILE NO. 584985

The following person(s) doing business as: Livemore Live Scan, 4047 First St, Suite 208, Livermore, CA 9455, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): ReadyMade Services LLC, 4047 First St, Suite 208, Livermore, CA 9455. 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: 2007. Signature of Registrant(s): Dan McDowell, V.P. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 13, 2021. Expires December 12, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 5058. Published December 23, 30, 2021 & January 6, 13, 2022.

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The Dublin 4-H Club collected nearly 70 coats for the Tri-Valley Rotary's annual "One Warm Coat" campaign for needy children this holiday season. Shown from left with bags of donated coats are 4-H members Namitha Badami and Sanjana Badami, and Bonnie Schmidt with the Tri-Valley Rotary. (Photo courtesy of Sanjana Badami)

Air Quality District Adopts Rule Changes

Overburdened communities' have been added to the list of areas to receive greater scrutiny from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District when it considers projects that could affect air pollution.

The rules adopted by the board this month define an overburdened community as an "area located within a census tract identified by the California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool ... as having an overall CalEnviroScreen score at or above the 70th percentile, or within 1,000 feet of any such census tract."

The rule changes are a step toward healing inequities faced by overburdened communities by tightening controls on industry, ac-

ording to Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the air district. "New data is allowing us to pinpoint the Bay Area communities most impacted by toxic air contaminants and implement changes that can result in real health improvements for these residents," he said.

The district has regulatory authority over stationary sources of air pollution, such as factories, chemical plants, and gasoline stations, in nine Bay Area counties, including Alameda.

The amended rules set more stringent cancer risk limits, update health-risk guidelines for gasoline stations, and require enhanced public notification for affected projects in overburdened communities.

Library to Offer Mandarin-English Storytime

The Livermore Public Library will host a free online Mandarin-English bilingual storytime on Wednesday, Jan. 26.

The 4 p.m. Zoom-based event will celebrate the Lunar New Year and offer listeners an opportunity to learn about Chinese culture and key words in Mandarin, the most common language in China. The program will be presented by Polydott, a Chinese-English educational media platform.

Registration is required to receive the Zoom link. To register, call 925-373-5505 beginning Jan. 3.

A recording of the program, sponsored by Friends of the Livermore Public Library, will also be available on the library's YouTube channel.

Local Groups Receive Funds from Livermore Labs Manager

Lawrence Livermore National Security (LLNS), which manages the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, has awarded \$200,000 to more than two dozen organizations through its 2021 Community Gift Program.

Many of the recipients serve children in the Tri-Valley area as well as Contra Costa, San Francisco and San Joaquin counties, with a focus on literacy, science, technol-

ogy, engineering, math education and cultural arts. Other recipients focus their efforts on children, families, senior citizens and individuals in need of assistance.

Receiving contributions were Alameda County Community Food Bank, Altamont Elementary School, Bay Area Rescue Mission, Berkeley Public School Funds, California High School, Children Rising, Christensen Middle

School, Curious Five, Discovery Bay Odyssey of the Mind, Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area, Girl Scouts of Northern California and Girls Inc. of Alameda County.

Other recipients included Heather Farm Garden Center, Jefferson High School, John C. Kimball High School, Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Livermore High School (2), Marylin Avenue School, Piedmont

Makers, Monte Vista High School, Shepherd's Gate, Sunflower Hill, Wayfinder Family Services, West Contra Costa Public Education Fund and Young Audiences of Northern California.

Each of the Community Gifts averaged about \$7,000. LLNS is a partnership of the University of California, Bechtel, BWX Technologies, AECOM, and the Battelle Memorial Institute.

Livermore Jazz Society to Offer House Performances

The newly formed Livermore Jazz Society is set to launch its first season of house performances early next year at the home of founder Tom Reynolds.

Reynolds, who retired last year from Sandia National Laboratories, has a bachelor's degree in music from the University of California, Berkeley and played trumpet and piano professionally in the 1970s and 1980s.

Last spring, Reynolds and his wife, Barbara, purchased a 1970s-era home in Livermore and repurposed a raised dining room as a

stage, completed with a restored 1927 Steinway grand piano.

The adjacent living room will double as a "listening room" during the performances, with two ceiling-mounted cameras for livestreaming.

Early performances include jazz guitarist Mimi Fox on Jan. 9, followed by Tom Rose and "Almost Acoustic Blues" on Jan. 23, the California Jazz Conservatory on Feb. 6, and Matt Finders and Friends on Feb. 20. All performances are set to run from 2 to 4 p.m.

Reynolds, who serves

as president of the nonprofit, will perform twice, on March 6 with his five-person group, The Tom Reynolds Conspiracy, and again on April 13 with The Tom Reynolds Trio.

Finders, a former former Tonight Show trombonist and director of the Mendenhall and East Avenue Middle School jazz programs in Livermore, also serves on the board of directors for the Livermore Jazz Society, which was incorporated in June, along with two members of the Las Positas College Music Department, Dan Marshak,

director of composition, jazz combos, music theory, and piano studies, and Cindy Browne Rosefield, director of instrumental studies.

For a list of scheduled performances and to request seating, go to www.livermorejazzsociety.org.

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School Officials Tour YouthBuild Facilities

School officials and community partners recently toured the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's new YouthBuild facilities, including a construction classroom and computer lab, with the inaugural class set to begin early next year.

The six-month YouthBuild program will combine coursework for youths 16 to 24 to complete high school or earn a General Education Diploma (GED) with a pre-apprenticeship construction certification program that includes hands-on work on

low-income housing.

Those enrolled in the second-chance program, funded by a \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education, will also receive a monthly stipend for regular attendance and participation.

"YouthBuild is a unique collaboration between our district, local partners, and the federal government that creates an amazing opportunity to combine education and job training," said program director Steven Martin. "This program al-

lows our participants access to career pathways that they wouldn't have without their diploma."

The grant is expected to cover about 75% of the costs for the program over the next three years. The school district and about two dozen community partners will cover the rest.

The district said there are still openings in the inaugural class. For more information, contact Martin at 925-290-9927 or go to www.livermoreschools.org/YouthBuild.

How do you envision the future of Livermore's cultural arts?

Pin your ideas on our map!

Community members who live, work, play, and visit the city are invited to help build the Livermore Cultural Arts Vision, a strategic cultural arts plan for the coming decade.

Deadline to participate: 1/31/22

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Livermore Library to Trace History of Duarte Garage

The Livermore Public Library will explore "The Past and Present of the Duarte Highway Garage" during an online Then & Now: Livermore Stories local history presentation at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26.

Will Bolton, president of the Livermore Heritage Guild and curator of the Duarte Garage and Lincoln Highway Museum, will trace the development of the

garage from its construction in 1915 through its later renovation and preservation as a museum.

Livermore acquired the property through eminent domain in the 1970s and planned to demolish the garage and a cottage for a city park. However, the Heritage Guild convinced the city not to demolish the buildings and signed an agreement in 1976 to restore and operate

the garage as a museum and the cottage as a caretaker's residence.

The remaining property became Portola Park at the intersection of N. Livermore Avenue and Portola Avenue.

The Zoom-based presentation is free, and registration is not required. To access the presentation, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83156153282>.

Credit Union Adds Two Vice Presidents

Shepherd's Gate, a nonprofit program for homeless women and children, received the "ultimate gift" for 2021 from the Pleasanton Chapter of the Young Men's Service League (YMSL).

Created in 2010 by the national YMSL organization, the Ultimate Gift Program encourages local chapters to adopt a project "that has the potential to make a transformational difference in their community."

In November, members of the Pleasanton YMSL, including more than 150 mothers and their high school-aged sons, contributed nearly 500 volunteer-hours to renovate the three-acre campus for a homeless shelter operated by Shepherd's Gate in Livermore,

including painting the gate, staining the fence, mulching and restoring a vegetable garden.

"We are filled with gratitude and appreciation for this amazing blessing," said Jill Gandara, Shepherd's Gate facility and partnership manager. "The kindness, hard work and generosity from the YMSL can be felt every time our women and children walk through our Livermore campus. Every area touched in this beautification project reflects [their] compassion and heart to serve our community."

Mother and son members of the nonprofit YMSL volunteer to serve their local communities during their son's four years of high school.

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