



The night sky above the Alameda County Fairgrounds glows during the annual July 4 Fireworks Spectacular. The event remains a signature highlight of the fair's Independence Day celebrations. (Photo courtesy of the Alameda Country Fair)

## Tri-Valley Mourns Death of Six-Term County Supervisor Scott Haggerty

Late Political Stalwart Leaves Behind 24-Year Legacy of Regional Leadership

By Christina Cavallaro

TRI-VALLEY — Scott Haggerty, a dedicated and steadfast East Bay politician who represented the Tri-Valley and District 1 for six terms, has died.

Surrounded by loved ones over the Independence Day weekend, he passed away in his retirement state of Tennessee at 68.

For more than two decades, Haggerty served on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. On the cusp of his retirement, he reflected on his tenure in a 2020 letter to the editor of The Independent:

“Working together, we have accomplished so much. We preserved open space, protected Alameda County’s agriculture industry, improved transportation infrastructure, and

cared for our most vulnerable residents through food banks, social services and emergency medical services.”

Haggerty, who grew up in Fremont, later became a longtime resident of Livermore and was first elected to represent District 1 on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors in 1996.

In a statement issued on July 6 by board President David Haubert, District 1, wrote, “We are deeply saddened by the passing of former Supervisor Haggerty. His longstanding commitment to our community touched many lives, and we extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, community and former colleagues as they grieve this loss.”

Haggerty, who received a lung transplant earlier this year, had been hospitalized at Vanderbilt University

Medical Center in Tennessee, where he died, according to his family, at 1:30 p.m. local time on Sunday, July 5.

His areas of influence spanned far beyond traditional county lines, cementing a decades-long footprint in regional transit planning, energy, environmental preservation and localized community care.

Supervisor Nate Miley, District 4, served alongside Haggerty for decades. He said, “I witnessed firsthand Supervisor Haggerty’s unwavering commitment to improving transportation, strengthening our communities, and advocating for the residents he represented.

“His leadership helped shape countless transportation projects and regional initiatives that will benefit

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## The Fusion Startup Inertia to Unveil New Livermore Facility

Company Races to Build a Commercial Power Plant

By David Jen

LIVERMORE — Fusion startup Inertia Enterprises Inc. will hold a ribbon cutting July 10 to publicly share its new Livermore location.

Last November, the startup leased a 48,000-square-foot building at 7800 Las Positas Road in northeast Livermore, near where Greenville Road meets Interstate 580. The building previously hosted warehouse and office space for Southwire Company LLC, manufacturer of electrical products, according to past Yellow Pages listings.

Mike Dunne, co-founder, chief

technology officer and senior vice president of fusion power at Inertia, said the building offered one of the few locations with enough electrical power for development of Inertia’s laser systems.

The company is working to harness the power of nuclear fusion to generate commercial electricity. If successful, such an achievement would produce nearly unlimited, carbon-free power without long-lived radioactive waste.

Since November, Inertia has been working rapidly to transform

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Former Alameda County District 1 Supervisor Scott Haggerty, seen here during his tenure on the board, passed away on Sunday, July 5, at the age of 68 following health complications. Haggerty served the Tri-Valley and East Bay communities for over two decades before retiring in 2021. (Photo courtesy of Noah Berger)

## Pickleball Kingdom Set To Open an Eight-Court Indoor Club in Livermore

By Sanestina Hunter

LIVERMORE — Pickleball Kingdom is bringing its first location to the Tri-Valley, converting the former JOANN Fabrics store in Livermore into an eight-court indoor pickleball facility. The demand for the rapidly growing sport continues to expand across the region.

The Arizona-based franchise plans to open the facility at 4650 Arroyo Vista, near First Street, where JOANN Fabrics operated before closing in 2023.

“Our momentum across California has been building fast, and communities like Livermore are exactly where we want to keep building,” Ace Rodrigues, founder and CEO of Pickleball Kingdom, said in a statement. “Building on our success across the state, we’re ready to bring the Kingdom experience to even more players,

even faster, and the East Bay is a fantastic next step.”

In addition to the eight indoor courts, the club will feature digital scoreboards, lockers, courtside seating, lounge areas and a retail shop.

With a focus on bringing players together, Pickleball Kingdom in Livermore also will offer professional coaching and clinics, youth development programs, competitive leagues and tournaments, as well as space for community and corporate events.

The company has not announced an official opening date, but expects the club to open later this year or in early 2027.

The Livermore Planning Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit on June 16, authorizing the indoor recreation facility with an ancillary

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## Dublin Approves EV Infrastructure Plan To Broaden its Public Charging Network

The New Roadmap Expands Future Vision to Achieve 2045 Net-Zero Target

By Sanestina Hunter

DUBLIN — The Dublin City Council approved the Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Plan on Tuesday, June 16, in support of the city’s Climate Action Plan 2030 and Beyond (CAP 2030).

The EV plan fulfills CAP 2030 Sustainable Mobility and Land Use Measure 2: Develop an EV Infrastructure Plan. It provides a comprehensive strategy for expanding publicly accessible EV charging hubs to promote EV adoption and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Transportation accounts for 63% of Dublin’s greenhouse gas emissions, making it the city’s

largest source of emissions. In September 2020, the City Council adopted CAP 2030 to establish a framework for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and achieving carbon neutrality by 2045.

“Dublin has one of the highest EV adoption rates in California, with more than 9,200 registered EVs and plug-in hybrids as of the end of 2024,” Shannan Young, the city’s environmental and sustainability manager, told The Independent. “Dublin’s all-electric (battery EV) rate is 19%, and the total zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) rate is 27.7%, including plug-in hybrid and fuel cell vehicles.”

According to the California Energy Commission (CEC), Dublin’s

total ZEV adoption rate of 27.7% is higher than those of neighboring Pleasanton’s 18.7% and Livermore’s 9.6%.

During Tuesday’s presentation, Young said community outreach and technical analysis conducted during development of the EV plan identified limited charging infrastructure and range anxiety as key barriers to continued EV adoption.

A key recommendation was expanding Direct Current Fast Chargers (DCFCs), which recharge vehicles much faster than Level 2 chargers.

According to Young, energy commission estimates cited in the

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The Livermore totem pole, designed by sculptor Adam Nordwall in 1969 became a piece of local legend after a dispute over its installation famously led Nordwall to place a sewer curse on the city—as detailed in the 2003 documentary “Livermore” (originally launched on PBS on Nov. 25, 2003). It which was presented by the Livermore Heritage Guild and screened last Tuesday, June 30, at the Vine Cinema. (Photo courtesy of the Livermore Heritage Guild)

## Historic Film ‘Livermore’ Reveals Quirky Lore

Heritage Guild Revisits Local Legends and Lost Time Capsule in 2003 Documentary

By Christina Cavallaro

LIVERMORE — The Vine Cinema was packed last Tuesday, June 30, as the Livermore Heritage Guild hosted a retrospective screening of the 2003 PBS “Independent Lens” documentary, “Livermore.” The film’s showing marked the conclusion of a month-long series of events commemorating the 150th anniversary of the City of Livermore.

Before the film began, a slideshow of archival images flashed on the screen as patrons filed into the theater. One quoted statement from

Karl Arroy, age 13, in June 1999 as he was helping open the Centennial Time Capsule read: “Nothing ever happens in Livermore, and this is like the first really exciting thing.” Audible agreement could be heard from the handful of kids among the adults in the audience.

Livermore Historian and the evening’s moderator, Jeff Kaskey, set the stage with comments people had about the movie at the time of its initial release on Nov. 25, 2003.

“SF Gate said the movie was part Mayberry, part Twin Peaks with a dash of Chernobyl,” Kaskey

said. It turns out that quote actually came from one of the filmmakers after they met the people of Livermore, and SF Gate simply quoted it.

Those filmmakers were Rachel Rainey and David Murray, who had just finished making a documentary on the toll takers of San Francisco.

“Their initial goal here was pretty straightforward,” Kaskey said. They had seen this story about the suburbs and growth, and that was what they had come

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# Seasonal Water Tastes Different, but Zone 7 Says It’s Proof of their Rigorous Monitoring

By David Jen

TRI-VALLEY — Zone 7 Water Agency told residents that their drinking water remains safe despite a recent “earthy scent.” “Zone 7 Water Agency wants to reassure Tri-Valley residents that this seasonal aesthetic change poses absolutely no health risk, and the water remains entirely safe to drink and use,” the agency said in a June 30 statement. The odor arises from algae that bloom in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta during warm weather. The

blooms produce a particularly strong-smelling organic compound called geosmin that humans can detect at very small concentrations — as low as 15 parts per trillion. Geosmin is also responsible for the smell of beet peels and bottom-feeding fish, such as tilapia and catfish. The City of Pleasanton, a Zone 7 retailer, also pointed to planned maintenance in the State Water Project as a contributing factor to the changed taste and odor. The massive state project — which

includes 36 reservoirs and 700 miles of aqueducts supplying 27 million Californians and 750,000 acres of farmland with water — underwent maintenance that was completed on July 2. The work called for six days of water conservation in the Tri-Valley as state water supplies temporarily diminished, possibly increasing geosmin concentrations. Zone 7 wholesales drinking water to Tri-Valley retailers. It also manages the area’s flood control and groundwater. While the area enjoys local

groundwater sources, it still relies on surface water pumped from the delta for up to 90% of its water supply. Dublin San Ramon Services District and Livermore Municipal Water also rely on Zone 7 for their water, while Cal Water Livermore uses a combination of local groundwater and Zone 7 supplies. The agency uses ozonation at both its Del Valle and Patterson Pass water treatment plants to remove tastes and odors from its water. “Our lab team is running tests and gathering data around the clock to track these seasonal shifts,” said Angela O’Brien, Zone 7 water quality manager. “While geosmin creates a highly noticeable scent, it is strictly an aesthetic issue. We are continually adjusting our state-of-the-art treatment processes, including our ozone systems, to neutralize the odor and ensure every drop delivered meets our stringent quality and safety standards.” Residents can also chill their water or add citrus to help hide the taste. A water quality report released last month showed that Zone 7 water met or exceeded state and federal drinking water standards in 2025. Zone 7 staff tested for 173 dif-

ferent contaminants in 2,488 water samples taken during the 2024-2025 fiscal year. “Our highest priority is protecting public health and delivering safe, reliable water to the communities we serve,” said Zone 7 General Manager Valerie Pryor following the report’s release. “This year’s Consumer Confidence Report reflects the investments we have made in monitoring, testing, treatment, and infrastructure to ensure our water continues to meet or exceed state and federal drinking water standards. Through our PFAS Clean initiative and other proactive water quality programs, we are continuing to address emerging challenges while maintaining the high-quality drinking

water our customers expect.” PFAS, which stands for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, a group of several thousand synthetic chemicals that have been used widely in consumer and industrial applications. Researchers have linked the chemicals to various health problems, such as cancer, liver damage and immune issues.



Pictured here is the advanced ozonation infrastructure at the Livermore Patterson Pass Water Treatment Plant. This system is actively used to target and remove seasonal taste and odor compounds from our surface water supply. (Photo courtesy of Zone 7 Water)

## A Tri-Valley Dance Instructor Authors New Research Study on Mood Levels

LIVERMORE — A research study by Tiffany Henderson, owner of Tiffany’s Dance Academy in Livermore, examining mood levels in dance students, has been published in the journal Frontiers in Psychology. The peer-reviewed research, part of a master’s degree program in psychology at the University of Pennsylvania, found that 86% of children and adolescents said their moods either improved or stayed the same. During recreational dance classes, comparable to other established programs for youths, including physical education and other structured programs designed to develop emotional intelli-

gence, self-management and interpersonal skills. “What I find incredible is not just that the kids felt better after class [but] how consistent it was,” Henderson said. “It didn’t matter what style they danced, how advanced they were, or who was teaching; it showed up for the whole class.” Henderson, who has a bachelor’s degree in fine arts from the University of Arizona, was the lead author on the research study, along with University of Pennsylvania faculty members Claire Robertson-Kraft and Judith Saltzberg, and her husband, Paul Henderson, who serves as vice president of Tiffany’s Dance Academy.

The Hendersons also own and operate several other dance-related ventures, including the online Twinkle Star Dance Program, Dance the Dream Performance Experiences, which organizes non-competitive performances for youths at Disneyland, and Raising the Barre, a nonprofit organization with 25 chapters in 13 states that helps develop leadership skills and provides college scholarships to for young dancers. Raising the Barre also partners with the University of Pennsylvania to study the effects of dance on adolescent mood and well-being. Monica Ellwood-Lowe, director of the Minds, Expe-

riences, and Language Lab at the Stanford University, is now leading research that builds on the University of Pennsylvania study. “We have the incredible opportunity to delve deeper into these initial findings, to watch in real time as children learn and perfect new dance skills,” said Ellwood-Lowe. “In close collaboration with Tiffany’s Dance Academy and the Twinkle Star Dance curriculum, we will investigate children’s moment-to-moment learning dynamics, how those dynamics interact with the broader classroom environment, and how all of this shapes children’s development over time.”

## The Lab Foundation Brings Interns to LLNL

LIVERMORE — The Livermore Lab Foundation is supporting 23 student internships at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) this summer, while an additional 13 college students will receive cash stipends for research projects at LLNL. The foundation is a nonprofit organization that sup-

ports science and research at LLNL. The 36 students will spend the summer working alongside laboratory scientists and mentors. The foundation noted that 11 of this year’s interns attend community colleges, including Arya Ferozy, a junior in physics at Las Positas

College in Livermore. The interns will also be invited to attend the foundation’s 10th anniversary dinner at Garre Vineyards in Livermore on Wednesday, Aug. 5. The “Decade of Impact Celebration” dinner, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., is open to the public and will include a

presentation that showcases the students’ research. For more information, go to [livermorelabfoundation.org](http://livermorelabfoundation.org).



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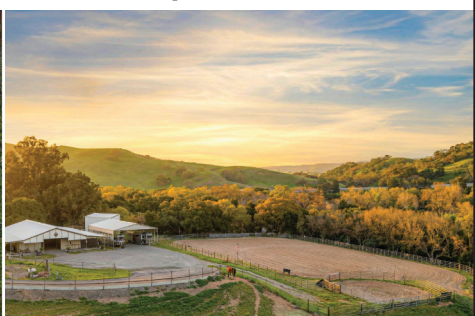
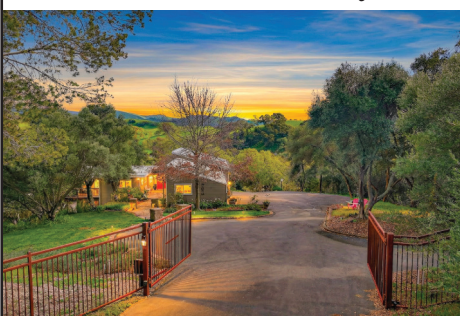


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# Dublin Greenlights \$200,000 Public Art Investment for New Library and Civic Center Outdoor Murals Project

By Sanestina Hunter

DUBLIN — Dublin’s Outdoor Murals Project will debut with a permanent mural celebrating the city’s diversity on a utility en-

coming space that reflects who we are as a city,” Shaun Chilkotowsky, Dublin parks and community services manager, told The Independent. “It is intended to create a vibrant, family-friendly

ern California. As the first installation, the team’s mural, “Of Stories Told,” will cover approximately 950 square feet across all four sides of the generator enclosure adja-

the shared experiences that bring our community together,” Chilkotowsky said. Once completed, the mural will become part of the city’s permanent public art collection and will be maintained by the city.

To select the mural artist, the city issued a Request for Qualifications in February 2025 and received 31 artist submissions by the March deadline. On June 18, 2025, a nine-member ad hoc selection committee reviewed the portfolios and selected five artists to develop site-specific proposals before narrowing the field to three finalists.

More than 700 community members participated in a public survey on the three finalist proposals in September 2025. On Nov.

13, 2025, the Heritage and Cultural Arts Commission recommended Rough Edge Collective’s proposal in a 4-2 vote before forwarding it to the City Council.

Based on community feedback and direction from the Heritage and Cultural Arts Commission and City Council, the artists revised details of the figures to better reflect Dublin’s diverse cultures and demographics, while also adding native finches to create movement throughout the piece and incorporating a red ribbon that symbolically connects the figures across the mural.

“The city has a long-standing commitment to public art because it strengthens community identity, celebrates our history, culture and diversity,

and enhances the character of our public spaces,” Chilkotowsky said.

“The Outdoor Murals Project is an investment in placemaking that will create more vibrant gathering spaces, support local artists, encourage people to explore Dublin, and contribute to a stronger sense of community,” he added.



An artist rendering, “Of Stories Told,” is the proposed mural for the generator enclosure adjacent to the Dublin Library. The design features four figures connected through storytelling and celebrates the community’s shared experiences and diversity. The approximately 950-square-foot mural will be the first installation in Dublin’s Outdoor Murals Project and is designed to celebrate storytelling, community and cultural diversity. (Artist rendering courtesy of Rough Edge Collective)

sure adjacent to the Dublin Library, with painting expected to begin by August.

The mural will reflect the theme, “Our Story Begins with Imagination,” celebrating the people, cultures and ideas that have shaped the community while recognizing that today’s imagination will help define tomorrow’s Dublin.

The Outdoor Murals Project has a \$200,000 budget financed through the city’s Public Art Fund. Of that amount, \$40,000 will fund the Dublin Library mural, leaving \$160,000 for future mural projects at other city facilities.

“As the first mural in Dublin’s Outdoor Murals Project, we hope this artwork becomes a source of community pride and a wel-

place that inspires curiosity, learning and connection while encouraging people to spend time in our public spaces.”

The theme was developed collaboratively by city staff, library staff, the Artwork Selection Committee and the Heritage and Cultural Arts Commission, Chilkotowsky said.

On June 16, the Dublin City Council approved a Public Art Agreement with Rough Edge Collective for the first installation in the city’s Outdoor Murals Project.

Rough Edge Collective, led by husband-and-wife duo Joshua Lawyer and MJ Lindo-Lawyer, is a North Bay mural team whose work can be found throughout the greater Bay Area and North-

cent to the Dublin Library parking lot.

The mural centers on four figures, each representing a different world yet connected through storytelling.

The design begins with a child immersed in a book, followed by three figures that transition around the utility enclosure. According to the staff report, the artwork is intended to celebrate both the shared experiences that unite the community and the unique qualities that make its residents diverse.

“Rather than prescribing a specific design, the project guidelines encourage artists to interpret the theme in their own way, drawing inspiration from Dublin’s history, natural environment, cultural diversity and



On Thursday, June 18, 2026, Synergy HomeCare of Livermore celebrated its Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, Mayor John Marchand, local business leaders, friends, family, and community members. The event was a tremendous success and marked the beginning of our commitment to providing compassionate, non-medical in-home care for children, adults, seniors, and individuals recovering from illness or surgery throughout the Tri-Valley area.

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EDITORIAL

The Tri-Valley Knows What’s Important: Open Space

The newly released results of a poll conducted last March by the Tri-Valley Conservancy confirms what those of us who live here have long known: the open space surrounding our communities is our greatest asset. When it comes to land use planning, 80% of residents surveyed said open space was extremely or very important.

The survey reached 700 registered voters in the Tri-Valley and was conducted in both English and Spanish. Respondents in equal proportions felt open space, public safety, and a sense of community were what made living in the region special.

Residents rated other aspects highly, too. Housing costs, wildlife protection, and access to public trails in nature were all rated as important by more than 70% of residents.

When the most important priorities for local land use include not just preserving open space, but also protecting wildlife and habitat, creating conservation easements, and fighting climate change by reducing urban sprawl — all activities

that are reliant on having preserved open space in the first place — that should give those among us pushing for more development some pause.

That’s the reason why voters approved Measure D in 2000, creating the growth boundaries around the cities of eastern Alameda County. Employment and housing are important, of course, and residents also value building more housing and providing more jobs. This can be achieved; there’s more than enough space inside the growth boundaries to build more housing or job-creating businesses. Once open space is paved over, whether for more housing, industrial development, or new high-tech data centers, it’s gone.

The top reasons people gave the Tri-Valley Conservancy for their support for open space was specifically to prevent overdevelopment and preserve the region’s rural character, maintaining their local quality of life and well-being, and protecting wildlife habitat. It’s not to build an economic boomtown — that’s not why people choose to live here.

There’s space inside the growth boundaries for future development. Yet two weeks ago, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors awarded a no-bid contract to a consulting firm with an eye toward putting a measure on the general election ballot that would remove the voters’ power to approve land use decisions outside the boundaries. The reason given to the public was to support the region’s struggling wineries. However, if that’s the case, a more limited measure specifically aimed at loosening restrictions on what wineries can do on their own land would be enough. Taking away the public’s power to maintain our region’s character is overreach.

We’ve seen these dynamics play out before in the area. Santa Clara County’s population has effectively doubled since the 1970s, when the computer industry was just beginning to gain traction. For decades, Cupertino’s economy was more reliant on plums, apricots and cherries than it was on Apples.

There are still plenty of nice things about living in Santa Clara

County, as there are in other well-developed areas. But those are not the amenities people in the Tri-Valley treasure most; rather, our open space remains the single most popular amenity of living in the Tri-Valley.

Requiring land use decisions outside of those boundaries to be put to a public vote is the primary reason why the Tri-Valley is still a hidden gem: a region of fields and vineyards, valleys and vistas close to one of the largest metropolitan areas in the United States. Efforts to weaken Measure D, for commercial or industrial development or even to build yet more suburban tract housing, must be pushed back against if we want to maintain the uniqueness of our communities here. There are far too many examples of what happens when we don’t take steps to preserve our rural character.

The people of the Tri-Valley spoke loud and clear in 2000 when they adopted Measure D. They’re speaking loud and clear again in 2026. Our leaders should be listening.

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Opposing ICE in Pleasanton  
Johnny Roland, Pleasanton

I have been a Pleasanton resident since 2000. I am happy and proud to be living in this community. And I love our diversity, although to be honest, the high income needed to live here screens out a lot of people. I have been a volunteer assisting low-income and seniors for many years, and this is how I try to “pay forward” all the gifts that I sometimes take for granted.

Because of the dangerous political situation in our country, I have chosen to become more politically active. I cannot plead ignorance or cling to blind faith in believing that all our elected officials are trustworthy and can be relied on to look out for our interests.

I watched a video recording of the recent June 16 Pleasanton City Council meeting where Pleasanton citizens pleaded with the Council to pass a resolution similar to what Dublin and Alameda County have done opposing ICE taking over the abandoned FCI Dublin facility. What I sensed

from the mayor and council members who either opposed or stayed silent was fear. Fear of rocking the boat; of inciting Trump’s wrath; of getting a reputation for being in the opposition to the Trump administration.

The thought of ICE even coming into our peaceful community is terrifying! But to have a detention center with all the documented abuses and mistreatment that we have all read about is even worse. The Tri-Valley would become a hell-hole for all of us.

See you at the next City Council meeting!

Polls  
Brian Sanborn, Pleasanton

So my Supervisor (District 4) wants to spend a wad of my tax money on a poll to see if I want to give up my right to vote on developing open space land. In whose world is that an effective use of tax money? If that gets funded, I hope the Supes who vote for it kiss their hopes for higher office goodbye. We are watching.

Remembering Scott Haggerty  
Patricia Munro, Livermore

I met then-Supervisor Scott Haggerty in early 2019, shortly after being elected to Livermore City Council. It didn’t take him long to put me to work in places that would help him fight for the Tri-Valley and for the vulnerable in the Tri-Valley.

He appointed me to a special MTC-ABAG committee to provide a Tri-Valley voice on a regional plan for balancing housing, jobs, and transportation. (Not entirely successful, sadly.)

The Tri-Valley had the opportunity to get a state grant to fund a program monitoring and mitigating air quality issues. The program had to be community-grown; Scott tasked me to get a committee together. That happened, the money happened, and the committee has become the Tri-Valley Air Quality Climate Alliance (TVAQCA), an important advocacy group in our community (https://tvaqca.org/).

Most importantly from my standpoint, it was Scott’s push for a tiny home village that was the most moving. He wanted a tiny homes village in Livermore before he retired at the end of 2020. It was a heavy lift: Scott could use his discretionary funding, but needed a location. The Crosswinds Church offered their excess land for a village—check that box. And the City of Livermore did the heavy lifting to ensure that permits, infrastructure, and more happened.

COVID delayed Goodness Village’s opening, but when it did open, Scott was there, helping to cut the ribbon. It remains a place of hope for the future in the Tri-Valley (gvlivermore.org).

Scott pushed me to do more and learn more than I would have done otherwise. Over his years in office, he learned and grew into a strong advocate for his district and his community. And the good he did lives on. May his memory be a blessing and an inspiration.

On Creating Greater U.S. Job Opportunities - I  
Greg Scott, Livermore

This letter is in response to Robin Berighthereill’s “Are We Leaving Our Children Behind?”, (Mailbox, 6/25/2026).

What recent college and university graduates need are pots of gold. How are they to earn these pots of gold?

While we can blame the H-1B visa programs for the current lack of hiring, and I would agree corporations are misusing H-1B visas, the more prominent reason for recent graduates not getting employment in their fields is generative artificial intelligence (GenAI). For the last year measured, hiring of 22 to 25-year-olds for entry level and junior positions affected by GenAI is down 4%. (Source: Stanford University, Canary Labs.) Also to blame is remote work, for it is inefficient to train entry level and junior hires remotely. (Source: Article, The Wall Street Journal.)

We should be concentrating more on how recent U.S. graduates can be more competitive and obtain good jobs in their fields rather than scapegoating H-1B visa holders. Currently, the best opportunities for computer science and computer engineers are in GenAI and semiconductors, given the capital expenditures of corporations and startups. I realize that GenAI may crash the global economy. (Source: Recent Bank of International Settlements report.) Creative and adept recent computer science and computer engineering graduates are in a strong position to deal with the economic fate of GenAI - be it boon, bane, or bubble.

In my opinion, the three tenets to getting a good job in one’s field, by priority, are: human-to-human social networking, market understanding, and technical prowess.

San Francisco is ground zero for GenAI. Get there and learn the whos. Read the Financial Times, The Wall Street Journal, and The New York Times for market understanding. Keep technical skills sharp and improving, (e.g., Anthropic’s 92%-accurate

Claude Code, Python, “R”, Julia, linear algebra, statistics, calculus.)

Good News: Lebanon-Israeli Agreement  
Kenneth Henneman, Pleasanton

Mistrust, animosity, even hatred at times, between Middle East countries, and even they with other world countries, have been and are, you could say, unhelpful with establishing a world of worldwide peace and mutual ‘live & let live’, as hoped for after World War II ended.

Certainly Lebanon and Israel didn’t live peacefully, or let each other do so. A bad situation. They decided to change that, and did by agreement.

The good news is that the June 26th Lebanon-Israeli Trilateral Framework Agreement provides a good, helpful, example for all Middle Eastern, and other, countries to follow. Seeing a bad situation successfully resolved via agreement and a “can do” attitude, Middle Eastern countries may, may I dare say, fight politically with words; to reach agreements so they can all live in peace with live and let live attitude.

The American Semiquincentennial: A Paradox of Promise and Power  
Yarima Taka, Pleasanton

On July 4, 2026, the United States turned 250—a milestone demanding celebration of its achievements and honest reckoning with its failures. Since its founding, America has been defined by paradox: sublime ideals pursued alongside devastating human costs.

A Legacy of Triumph and Tragedy:

America’s rise to global preeminence rests on generations of labor and ambition. Our Founding Fathers built a framework on the rule of law, envisioning justice regardless of social standing. Over two and a half centuries, that framework enabled extraordinary innovation and influence.

But this prosperity was never separate from the nation’s deepest wounds. American wealth grew inextricably from chattel slavery and the violent displacement of Native peo-

ples. The American story isn’t a straight line of progress—it’s a persistent tension between stated ideals and brutal realities.

The Two-Tiered Reality: The country reached unprecedented dominance after World War II, but the last fifty years have seen its social contract quietly fracture. For most citizens, daily life means paycheck-to-paycheck precarity—student debt, housing costs, record credit card balances. Meanwhile, the wealthiest and the political class often seem to operate under different rules.

The Crisis of Accountability:

America loves to claim the moral high ground abroad. That claim collapses the moment you look at who actually holds power at home. When people of immense influence can be compromised—blackmailed, entangled with figures like Jeffrey Epstein, complicit in the abuse of children—and still face no real consequences, it reveals a system with no functioning moral floor. Their standard isn’t justice or accountability. It’s the Epstein standard: how much can you get away with, and who’s powerful enough to look away.

As America enters its next century, its true measure won’t be GDP; it will be whether it can finally dismantle this two-tiered standard.

Betrayal of the Public’s Trust  
Hayden Sidun, Livermore

Last week, my mom received an email from Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert, sent in his official capacity as a county supervisor. In the email, Haubert strongly criticized SB1193, a bill introduced by State Sen. Aisha Wahab to require Alameda County supervisors to approve discretionary spending by a majority vote of the full board. Wahab argues this bill would increase public transparency.

Haubert has the right to say whatever he wants about a bill that affects his official powers. But his public opposition to it was less shocking than his

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A longstanding tennis group met at the Robert Livermore Community Center on Friday, July 3, to celebrate a true legend, Livermore resident Erika Iqbal, on her 90th birthday. What started 20 years ago with founding members Pensri Walsh and Noi Piercefield has grown into a beloved community that meets three times a week—shifting in size over the years, but only growing in heart. (Photo courtesy of the Livermore MWF Tennis Club)

MAILBOX

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Welcome to Trump World: The Communists Are Coming

Rosario Milelli, Pleasanton

At Mount Rushmore in South Dakota, Donald Trump looked out at America in 2026 and somehow saw 1954. He started talking about communism as a mortal threat to America’s identity and liberty, comparable to events on 9/11.

Seriously? Communists? Only an old, forgetful man stuck in yesterday’s headlines thinks “communism” is still the magic scare word. This is not strength. It is Joe McCarthy with a red hat and a teleprompter. McCarthy, like Trump, are both symbols of extremism and irrationality.

Most Americans are not worried about communists hiding behind the cereal aisle. They are worried about grocery prices, insurance bills, rent, gas prices, interest rates, and whether their children will ever afford a home. They are worried about chaos abroad and at home.

And maybe that is exactly the point.

Trump does not want to talk about inflation. He does not want to talk about his Iran war screw-up. He does not want to explain why everything he touches seems to become a crisis, a gift, or a blame game.

So he reaches into the old fear drawer and pulls out “communists.”

That is Trump World. When the facts are bad, change the subject. When policy fails, invent an enemy. When accountability gets close, wave the flag, point at Democrats, and yell something from the Cold War.

The Soviet Union collapsed more than 30 years

ago. But Trump’s political imagination apparently never got the memo.

Maybe the real threat is not communism. Maybe it is a president who remembers the Cold War better than he remembers the damage he caused last week.

Happy 250th! Kyoko Takayama, Livermore

Happy 250th of No Kings! I have never thought about what independence meant when the Republic was formed. As someone foreign born, the Declaration of Independence was all about “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” However, if you read on, it was about denying injustice of British Crown and its ruling. It concludes that “for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.” “People” at that time didn’t include slaves, natives or even women, but it was, had been, and still is a great experiment. With great sacrifices and struggles, more people have been added to the definition of “the people”. Even though some might have lost this pledge to each other, it is a pledge worth fighting for; we chose to have No Kings in 1776, and still do today. Let us renew our pledge to each other and struggle together to keep this experiment going. Happy 250th Independence Day, America!

Remarkable!

Frank Cannella, Livermore

Recently our president released a mandatory financial disclosure statement pertaining to personal financial transactions made on his behalf by his two eldest sons. The report was over 900 pages and included hundreds of millions of dollars in crypto, bitcoin and meme coin profits, thousands of stock transactions (many of which were in companies which had significant government business), millions of additional dollars in the sale of bibles, watches, cell phones and gold-plated sneakers.

Our president, that bastion of integrity, said smoothly with a straight face there was no conflict of interest in any of these transactions since he had “no knowledge” of the reasoning behind them. That sounds logical, doesn’t it?

I don’t believe there was any mention of political donations made to secure a presidential pardon, since those moneys went into Republican coffers not directly controlled by the entities managing his “personal” assets.

If you combined the financial gains of the last six presidents, some of whom were wealthy to begin with, their total gains would be dwarfed by Trumps’ single year report. Kind of makes you think, doesn’t it?

I don’t believe the 400-million-dollar aircraft Trump accepted from Qatar was included in the report, nor the additional hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars which went into its presidential upgrades. Don’t forget that plane will be donated to the Trump library when he leaves office. No conflict of interest there either, right?

No Government Handouts for Criminals Ronald Minnich, Livermore

The mob, of immigrant stock, came armed and ready to kill. Many of them were rapists, child molesters, and drug dealers. They attacked the police protecting the building; some police were permanently disabled or later died from their injuries.

The mob had prepared, and used their training to break into doors and windows. Once in, they destroyed property, smearing feces on the walls; stole anything they could; and threatened to kill anyone they found sheltering inside.

The mob was egged on by the politician who had lost the election.

Was this some banana

republic, with a Mussolini-like figure trying to stay in office by force? Yes, it was. It was the United States on January 6, 2021.

The President, once back in power, pardoned the mob. All of them, no matter what they had done, walked free. Not surprisingly, many are back behind bars, and one was killed resisting arrest just a few days after being pardoned.

Now Trump proposes to give each one of the mob a reward of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

We can stop pretending that Trump cares about law and order. He is fine with criminals, as long as they are on his side. Since coming to power, he has pardoned all kinds of criminals, including a drug dealer who moved 400 tons of cocaine into the U.S. over an 18-year period.

You should call your Representative and Senators and let them know, in no uncertain terms, that the U.S. government should not be in the business of rewarding criminals who tried to destroy our democracy.

Our Votes Count

Richard Hofer, Livermore

Trump continues to push the lie that our elections are rigged. All of the investigations have produced no evidence of this. All of the lawsuits have been dismissed for that reason. Our elections are safe and secure. California is the most populated state in the country. This alone takes longer to tabulate the outcome. Also contributing is what makes our elections safe and secure. Each ballot is verified for accuracy and certified from a registered voter. Trump uses propaganda to raise doubt about any election where the Republicans lose. The

losing candidates are using this strategy to contest outcomes without any evidence to back it up. They are also placing election deniers in positions to not certify results, along with the redistricting across the states to ensure a majority vote for their party. The Save Act is an attempt to restrict our voting rights. There is no evidence of non-citizens voting in our elections. The cause for concern with the upcoming midterm elections is if any candidate other than Republican is elected, they will contest results without evidence to delay the results and subsequent appointments of winning candidates, or if in a position to, refuse to certify the results. In 2020 Mike Pence did his constitutional duty to certify the election. Trump by law cannot run for President again; but who’s to say if a Republican candidate loses that Vance will do the same. Republican candidate for Governor Steve Hilton is a Trump loyalist who refuses to acknowledge that Trump lost in 2020. If he loses, will most likely use the same strategy to contest the results. California has many issues that need to be resolved, but the last thing we need is another Fox News personality as Governor loyal only to Trump implementing the MAGA agenda.



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INERTIA

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the old warehouse into a manufacturing facility capable of building breakthrough fusion power systems.

“The pace of delivery here has been amazing; this is like Christmas everyday,” Dunne said, referring to the new, state-of-the-art equipment they’ve been ordering and receiving.

With just five employees onsite at the beginning of the year, about 50 full-time employees plus 15 interns had settled into their new office by the time The Independent toured the facility this week. Another 50 or so people work at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), fully funded by Inertia, as part of a partnership between Inertia and the lab.

Equipment for fuel-capsule production has already begun operations, while clean rooms for diode testing, fuel assembly and fuel-target tracking are expected to be completed in the next few weeks. Dunne anticipates the company’s headcount to increase from 50 full-time employees to 80, plus interns,

by the end of the summer.

Inertia hopes to capitalize on fusion technology proven at LLNL’s National Ignition Facility (NIF), the only facility in the world to have achieved a feat known in the industry as net-target gain, where a fusion reaction pro-



Inertia Chief Technology Officer Mike Dunne holds a model of a fuel canister. The actual component will house a carbon sphere containing a deuterium-tritium mix to fuel fusion reactions. (Photo — David Jen)

duces more energy than that delivered to the target.

Similar to NIF, Inertia’s system is designed with the intention of firing a barrage of lasers at a small fuel canister such that the momentum — or inertia — of the imploding fuel triggers nuclear fusion. But to operate as a power

plant, Inertia’s system will need to fire more lasers more rapidly and more efficiently than NIF. The heat released from the reaction will be used to drive a steam generator that produces electricity.

As for cost, the actual amount will depend on how

has billed Inertia as one of the few fusion startups able to circumvent a physics-proving phase, as it builds off science already demonstrated at NIF.

“We’re unique to have this fortunate situation where the physics has been proven,” Dunne said. “We know how smooth and round and whatever the target needs to be. We’re just going to have to make it many, many times.”

He also attributed the company’s recent speed to this business model of scaling up established physics.

“We know what we’re aiming for,” he said. “We know what works because of this particular approach.”

Instead of working in the very precise world of physics exploration, Inertia has been able to bring in people from the mass-manufacturing and the software industries who carry a sense of urgency that balances out the groundwork laid by the company’s physicists.

Unwilling to wait for their new target-tracking lab, for example, Inertia engineers have made progress tracking foam darts, the same ones

in the popular Nerf line of toys. The speed and rate of fire of the toys come close to the fuel-injection system of Inertia’s fusion reactor.

Cooperation from the City of Livermore has also helped the facility get off the ground. Timely permits and a general understanding from city officials of what the nascent fusion-power industry entails have cleared a path for Inertia to keep rolling.

And the company’s new neighborhood suits the startup well. Precision manufacturing companies surround the new facility, and Inertia has already struck business partnerships, ordering high-purity vacuum systems for example, from neighbors within walking distance.

Over the next 18 months, the company will work to streamline its fuel-production line, begin construction of what they believe will be the world’s most powerful laser

system, and begin designs for its pilot power plant.

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to Livermore to document. “Then they got some information about a problem with a time capsule and they said, ‘Oh yeah, that’s where we want to go.’” So what began as a study of suburban sprawl evolved into a quirky, comedic mystery that celebrates Livermore’s

premier nuclear research laboratories completely lose track of a simple vessel?

Spoiler alert: It was buried beneath the controversial 18-foot-tall redwood totem pole carved by Adam Nordvall also known as Adam Fortunate Eagle, which famously held a sewer curse

six terms as the city’s mayor from 1989 to 2001 and was present during a lively Q&A after the film.

Among her many mayoral duties at the time, she was focused on efforts to establish a relationship with Livermore’s Russian sister city, Snezhinsk. “So I was studying Russian when all of this stuff was going on with the time capsule and I got a million calls from the press all over the country,” Brown said. She recalled attending a journalism class at Cal Berkeley, her alma mater. “Dan Rather was there and from across the room he yelled, ‘Aren’t you the mayor of that city that can’t find their time capsule?’”

Also making cameo appearances in the movie are Livermore’s famous Centennial Light Bulb and the giant rodeo cowboy.

Aerial photographer Dick Jones, who appeared in the film, was present for the post-film discussion. He recalled being asked back in the day what he thought about the 100-year-old light bulb. “I didn’t know what the hell they were talking about, I hadn’t heard about it,” he said. But he got roped into helping the city build a website for it.

“People started going to it,” Jones said. “Pretty soon in two weeks we crashed the website with 75,000 visitors from all over the world.”

Kaskey helped answer a question about the backsto-

ry of the giant Livermore cowboy that has been repurposed for the rodeo. It was originally an advertising prop for a muffler shop.

From the cast of characters past and present, the stories shared in the film and in the panel discussion afterwards, the Livermore Heritage Guild’s presentation proved to be less about a lost time capsule and everything about celebrating the charm of a city that endures --- Livermore’s diverse community where scientists and ranchers coexist, maintaining its tight-knit, small-town feel even as it grows.

Brown said in closing, “I loved being the mayor of this city. I love the people. I love our town.”



Livermore’s famous giant cowboy makes a cameo appearance in the 2003 PBS documentary “Livermore.” As revealed during last Tuesday’s Heritage Guild Q&A at the Vine Cinema, the massive local landmark was originally built as a commercial advertising prop for a muffler shop before becoming a symbol of the town’s rodeo heritage. (Photo courtesy of the Livermore Heritage Guild)

eccentricity, penchant for historical preservation and protection of small-town identity in the face of rapid modernization.

What ensues is the humorous search for a misplaced 1969 centennial time capsule and the answer to the question that piqued the interest of media across the nation: How does a city housing one of the nation’s

over the city and sat directly above the lost time capsule, it was later discovered.

As the city was busy trying to find the missing time capsule for all the world to see while engaged in an awkward totem pole tug-of-war with a local tribal leader, there was still official business to get done, said former Livermore Mayor Cathie Brown, who served

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# Student-Led Tutoring Nonprofit Launches Optimized Digital Portal

By Vivien Wenneker

TRI-VALLEY — Edutine, a free online tutoring nonprofit, is celebrating a new milestone with the launch of a digital portal. The nonprofit is also now officially accepting summer applications for students looking to get ahead or brush up on their learning before the start of the school year.

The new Edutine portal is a centralized platform designed to enhance user experience and serves as a one-stop hub for tutoring applications, volunteer management, chapter resources, announcements, training materials and organizational operations.

“Our goal is to make educational support more accessible and efficient,” said Aarushi Gupta, co-founder of Edutine. “By simplifying processes such as tutor applications, volunteer tracking and chapter man-

agement, we can focus more of our time and energy on helping students succeed.”

Together with her sister, Parul, Aarushi co-founded the student-led nonprofit in April 2020 during the COVID-19 lockdown. At the time, Parul, recognized that many of her classmates and younger students were struggling to adjust to remote learning. Subsequently, she came up with the idea of creating an online learning platform where local high-school volunteers could give lessons to younger students.

Six years later, Edutine has grown beyond the Tri-Valley, with chapters springing up not only in other states like Texas and New York, but also internationally with branches in over six countries, according to Edutine’s website.

“As Edutine grew across multiple chapters and hundreds of volunteers internationally, we realized that we



A local student logs into Edutine’s newly launched online portal. The Tri-Valley-based nonprofit is accepting summer applications for students looking to brush up on their learning before the upcoming school year. (Photo courtesy of Edutine)

## HAGGERTY

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generations to come. Scott’s legacy is one of service, vision, and steadfast dedication to the public good.”

Among his long list of achievements was his personal dedication in the creation of Goodness Village, using discretionary funds and securing excess land from Crosswinds Church to provide a village of tiny homes for the vulnerable. He was instrumental in securing state grant funding that birthed the community-grown Tri-Valley Air Quality Climate Alliance.

He was also a great supporter of Livermore wine country and its surrounding open spaces. In a 2020 interview with The Independent David Kent, then chairman of the Tri-Valley Conservancy said, “No one has worked harder or shown more commitment to the Livermore Valley Wine Country than Supervisor Haggerty. He is a visionary on how vineyards can be both economic drivers of our agricultural industry and natural greenbelts protecting urban growth boundaries.”

Haggerty’s legacy will also include his contribution to the arts as a key founder of the Bankhead Theater. He

secured the funding to make it a reality in the very early days. It became one of his proudest achievements.

When the county approved a massive landfill in the Altamont, Haggerty fought to shield the city from its impact by negotiating a landmark community impact fee. He then creatively channeled those settlement funds into community projects, one which was a donation of \$23 million dollars to the budding Bankhead Theater.

In a 2021 interview with The Independent Haggerty said of his contributions to the art center:

“I certainly didn’t do this alone. If you’re going to have a political legacy, the fact that you worked with the city and helped build a performing arts center that satisfies the inner being of half a million people ... it makes me feel good. I’ll take this as a legacy.”

The Board of Supervisors will pause to honor his memory at its next meeting on July 14, and flags at all county buildings will be lowered at half-staff.

Funeral services are pending in both Tennessee and California, according to the Haggerty family.

# Reader Snapshots

## Share Your Best Shot

We are looking for local photos to feature in The Independent’s new Reader Snapshots section. Whether it’s a beautiful moment, a slice of Tri-Valley life or something that made you smile, we want to see it. Email your image, full name, city of residence and a brief caption to [editor@independentnews.com](mailto:editor@independentnews.com) for a chance to be featured in an upcoming issue.



A golden dandelion lights up a Livermore backyard on a warm summer day. (Photo courtesy of Bel C. Palmer)

needed a centralized system to keep everything organized,” Aarushi explained. “Previously, information was spread across different sheets and docs, which could be difficult for students, tutors and officers to navigate. The portal brings everything together in one place and creates a stronger experience for our entire community.”

Aarushi added that launching the portal marks a significant milestone for the organization, providing the foundation for future growth and innovation. As more enhancements and upgrades are introduced over time alongside the portal’s existing features, it will only become a more valuable

resource for students and volunteers around the world.

Additionally, the development process involved close collaboration between the organization’s leadership, tutors and the students it serves, with constant feedback loops and iterative testing to ensure a smooth user experience.

Although the portal is still in the early stages of development, the results and efficiency it has demonstrated have been extremely promising, making it easier for users to stay organized and access the tools they need more quickly.

“As an officer for almost a year, I’ve seen how the new Edutine portal has made our work more effi-

cient and organized,” said Avigna Gowdru, Edutine’s vice president of marketing. “The portal allows us to access information faster, manage tasks more smoothly and better support both tutors and students.”

“It has become a valuable tool in our daily operations, helping us provide better service while saving time on executive work. Innovations like these continue to strengthen Edutine, support its growth and create a greater positive impact on the community.”

Over the past six years, Edutine has worked to improve the academic success of its students, with 95% reporting improved understanding and performance,

according to the organization’s website. Many of these students have also gone on to top universities, internships and leadership programs.

Currently, the organization offers over 30 subjects ranging from Algebra to AP Sciences. With a personalized, one-on-one tutoring approach, sessions are designed to break down subjects and skills into clear, focused lessons that make learning manageable and effective.

For those interested in applying for summer tutoring, volunteering as a tutor or simply curious about Edutine’s programs and study resources, more information is available at [edutine.com](http://edutine.com).

# TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2-26

## SPARC PRESENTS HAMLET AT DARCI KENT VINEYARDS

Experience Shakespeare’s Hamlet beneath the stars at Darcie Kent Vineyards in Livermore. As part of SPARC’s 20th Anniversary season, this outdoor production brings one of the greatest plays in the English language to life in a spectacular wine country setting. Guests are encouraged to arrive early, bring a picnic, and enjoy local wine before the performance. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. At Darcie Kent Vineyards, 7000 Tesla Road, Livermore. See [www.sparctheater.org/hamlet](http://www.sparctheater.org/hamlet) for tickets and information.

Saturday, July 11

## QUEST SPARKS! TREDMILL TINKERING

Join Quest Science Center for SPARKS!, a free monthly family science activity held on the second Saturday of each month. This month, design, build, and test your own wheeled creations as you explore motion, balance, friction, and engineering through hands-on experimentation. Appropriate for ages 5 and up. Drop in any time for this event. On July 11 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Stockmen’s Park, downtown Livermore. Learn more at [quest-science.org](http://quest-science.org).

Saturday, July 18

## LIVERMORE LIONS CLUB SUMMER FESTIVAL

Livermore Lions and Calafia Kitchen are holding a summer festival at the Vasco Plaza on N. Vasco on July 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dozens of vendors and face painting will be on hand. District 2 City Councilman Ben Barrientos will be there to answer questions and show off the new Springtown Community Park.

Saturday, July 19

## ARTISTS SWAP MEET

On July 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Livermore Art Association is holding an artist’s swap meet at Carnegie Park in Livermore. Refresh your studio and discover new creative treasures! Join LAA’s Artist Swap Meet to buy, sell, trade, or give away gently used art supplies, studies, and older artwork. A fun, casual way to connect with fellow artists and give unused materials a new life. Free to participate; registration required. See [livermoreartassociation.org](http://livermoreartassociation.org) for more information.

Saturdays, July 25 and August 29

## ART TALKS AT CHOCOLATE FISH

Livermore Art Association will be hosting Art Talks at Chocolate Fish Coffee Roast-

ers in Livermore from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Join fellow artists for a fun and casual creative meetup! Share your artwork, exchange ideas, discover new materials, and connect with others who love making art, whether you’re a beginner or a seasoned artist. See [livermoreartassociation.org](http://livermoreartassociation.org) for more information.

Saturday, August 1

## FREE DAY OF OUTREACH

Families are invited to a free day of fun, food & community! Enjoy backpack and school supply giveaways, fresh haircuts and braiding, a delicious BBQ lunch, kids’ activities, raffles, resource tables, and more! On Aug. 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at The Well Community Outreach Center, 2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore. For more information, call 925-479-1414.

Saturday, August 1

## DRESS A GIRL AROUND THE WORLD

Make simple dresses for girls in Third World countries! The next monthly Sew-Fest is on Aug. 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Bring your sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, along with your helping hands. Come for an hour or all day! (Please bring a bag lunch if you plan to stay all day.) Cheerful cotton fabric donations are always welcome. Contact Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447, or [suzbeck@yahoo.com](mailto:suzbeck@yahoo.com) for questions or kits that you can sew from home.

Saturday, August 1

## THE CASH BOX KINGS TO PERFORM LIVE IN LIVERMORE

The award-winning blues band The Cash Box Kings will perform live at the Almost Famous Wine Company in Livermore at 2271 S. Vasco Rd., on Aug. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Ticket price: \$33.85-\$49.87. The group, co-led by Chicago blues vocalist and songwriter Oscar “Mr. 43rd Street” Wilson, and harmonica giant, songwriter, and singer Joe Nosek, plays masterfully raw, unvarnished, old-school ensemble blues. More info at [www.almostfamous.wine](http://www.almostfamous.wine).

Thursday, August 27

## AMADOR VALLEY LIONS CLUB’S TRIVIA EVENT

The Amador Valley Lions Club is hosting a fundraising trivia event from 6-9 p.m. at the Dante Robere Winery in Livermore. Teams will comprise of no more than six

adults. The event will feature a buffet, trivia contest, silent auction, and raffle. The cost is \$150 per couple (\$75 per single) which includes a buffet dinner from Melo’s Pizza and one bottle of Dante Robere Wine per couple (two glasses of wine for singles). Proceeds will benefit local non-profit charities serving the Tri-Valley area. For reservations and information, call 925-968-4800.

## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

### FOOD RELIEF SERVICES

Local residents can access vital food-assistance services to help meet basic needs. Food relief services can be found at:

- Children’s Emergency Food Bank; 7421 Amarillo Rd., Dublin; appointments M-F, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 925-828-5363;
- St. Raymond Catholic Church, 11555 Shannon Ave., Dublin; third Sat. of the month, 8 to 11 a.m.;
- Open Heart Kitchen; M-F, 1 to 5 p.m.; 450 N. Livermore Ave., Livermore;
- Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry, 150 N. “L” Street, Livermore; 925-449-1664 – M-Th, 1 to 5 p.m.; Fri/Sat 12 to 4 p.m.;
- Alameda County Community Food Bank; 510-635-3663; M-F, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## ONGOING EVENTS

### UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

On the third Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. there will be a free class for those who would like to educate themselves about the world’s fastest growing religion, Islam, and the followers of this faith, Muslims. Offered at Islamic Center of Livermore.

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

In AA, we don’t tell anyone to do anything. We talk about our own drinking, the trouble we got into, and how we stopped. To find a local meeting in person or online, visit [valleysevicecenteraa.org](http://valleysevicecenteraa.org) or call the 24-hour hotline at 925-829-0666.

### SATURDAY PLEASANTON FARMERS MARKET

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

### SUNDAY LIVERMORE DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

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

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# Senior Care Franchise to Mark One Year of Service

DUBLIN – Seniors Helping Seniors Tri-Valley will mark its first anniversary with a ceremony hosted by the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, 6300 Village Parkway, at noon on Wednesday, July 29.

“We’re celebrating more than a milestone,” said co-owner Jeffrey Ma-

capinlac. “We’re celebrating meaningful conversations, connections and a growing community that believes seniors deserve to age with dignity, respect and genuine compassion.”

The in-home care provider, owned by Macapinlac and Deanna Thach, is part of the Pennsylvania-based

Seniors Helping Seniors network.

The local franchise, which serves Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore and Fremont, provides nonmedical services for seniors, including companionship, transportation, personal care, meal preparation, light housekeeping, respite care

and assistance with daily living activities.

The franchise recruits active seniors to care for their less-active peers whenever possible, which Thach said helps create authentic friendships while providing families with trusted support.

“It’s been a touching past

year to meet older individuals and their families,” Thach said. “They open up about their daily struggles and concerns, then invite us to figure out ways to make life a little easier, safer and more joyful. Equally moving has been getting to work with such dedicated caregivers and companions.”

Members of the public are invited to the anniversary celebration to meet the franchise leadership team and learn about the program. Refreshments will be served.

To learn more visit [locations.seniorshelpingseniors.com/ca/pleasanton/care-services-250.html](https://locations.seniorshelpingseniors.com/ca/pleasanton/care-services-250.html)

## Library to Host Online Author Talks in July

LIVERMORE – The Livermore Public Library’s online series of talks with noted authors will continue in July with Karin Slaughter, Katherine Rundell and Reyna Grande.

Slaughter, the author of more than 25 crime novels, including “Pretty Girls,” “The Good Daughter” and “Pieces of Her,” will discuss “Small Town and Big Secrets” at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14.

Her novel, “Pieces of Her” was adapted for an original series on Netflix and “Will Trent,” based on Slaughter’s series of crime novels featuring the Georgia Bureau of Investigation agent is now in

its fourth season on ABC.

At 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 16, Mexican author Reyna Grande will give a talk titled “Migrant Heart: The Hidden Cost of the American Dream and Healing Through Storytelling.”

Grande is the author of “The Distance Between Us,” a memoir detailing her life before and after immigrating to the U.S.

Born in 1975, Grande was only 2 when her father left the family in Mexico and entered the U.S. illegally, followed not long after by her mother, leaving Grande with her paternal grandmother. Her father returned for Grande and her siblings when she was 9.

In 1990, Grande and her family received green cards, allowing them to live and work in the U.S., as part of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, which granted amnesty to approximately 3 million undocumented immigrants.

Grande’s first novel, “Across a Hundred Miles,” published in 2007, also drew on her experiences growing up in Mexico and as an undocumented immigrant in the U.S. The novel won an American Book Award in 2007.

A sequel to her earlier memoir, “A Dream Called Home,” was published in 2018.

Rundell, author of the

award-winning children’s book “Impossible Creatures, will give a talk on “Dragons, Castles and an Irresistible Princess Bent on Revenge” at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 30.

“Impossible Creatures,” a fantasy novel about two Scottish boys who set out to save a magical land known as the Archipelago from destruction, was named Waterstone’s Book of the Year in 2023.

The British-born Rundell, who grew up in Zimbabwe, is also the author of “Rooftopper,” “The Explorer” and “the Good Thieves.”

The online talks are free, but registration is required. To register, go to [libraryc.org/livermoreca](https://libraryc.org/livermoreca).

## The California Fire Foundation Urges Preparedness Now

TRI-VALLEY – The California Fire Foundation (CFF) is urging California residents to protect their homes, families and communities by preparing early for possible wildfires this summer.

The Sacramento-based nonprofit said last week that rising temperatures, dry vegetation and shrinking moisture levels are already increasing wildfire danger across much of the state and what was once considered a seasonal threat has now become a year-round reality for many California communities.

With a warmer than average spring and below normal snowpack in the key areas of the Sierra Nevada range, CFF said the state is “likely heading into a season where resources may be stretched thin and rapid initial attack will be critical. For the public, it is a reminder that wildfire preparedness cannot wait until smoke is already in the air.”

CFF recommends that residents make the first five feet around their homes, known as Zone 0, as fire-resistant as possible. That means keeping the area free of anything flammable, including mulch, firewood, wooden furniture and fences that connect directly to

the home.

Other recommendations include replacing mulch with gravel, pavers or concrete; regularly removing dead weeds, grass and debris and checking roofs and gutters; keeping tree branches trimmed back at least 10 feet from chimneys and stovepipes; replacing combustible fencing with fire-resistant materials; and moving boats, RVs, and vehicles away from structures during high fire danger periods.

CFF said it is equally important to have a plan in case it’s necessary to evacuate the area.

Fires can move faster than expected, and conditions can change within minutes, the CFF said, and too often residents wait too long to leave because they are unsure where to go or believe the fire will not reach them.

CFF said every household should have a five-minute evacuation plan, including a go-bag.

That plan should address the needs of pets and pet supplies, important documents, medications and medical supplies, emergency contacts and meeting places, and multiple evacuation routes.

For more information about wildfire preparedness, go to [cafirefoundation.org](https://cafirefoundation.org).

## Local Library Welcomes a Smithsonian Curator for Talk on Julia Child’s Kitchen

LIVERMORE – The Livermore Public Library has three online author talks lined up for August, starting with Smithsonian curator Paula Johnson discussing “The Legacy of Julia Child’s Kitchen” at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 4.

Johnson is project director and co-curator of the exhibition, “Food: Transforming the American Table,” at the National Museum of American History and the author of “Julia Child’s Kitchen: The Design, Tools, Stories, and Legacy of an Iconic Space.”

Her research for the Smithsonian Institution, which operates the National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C., revolves around the history of food and drink in the United States, with a focus on material culture, technol-

ogy and innovation in the 20th and 21st centuries, the tensions between the global food system and regional food production and distribution, and food traditions in diverse communities.

Child was an American chef who was trained in France and best known for her long-running public television series “The French Chef,” which premiered in 1963.

Also on the schedule is young adult author Greg Neri, who will discuss “My Bicentennial Summer: A True-Life Adventure Across America” at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 20, and British writer Lucy Foley, who will give a presentation titled “High Altitudes and High Stakes: A Miss Marple Mystery” at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27.

Neri is a California na-

tive who writes under the penname G. Neri.

His award-winning books include “Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty,” “Ghetto Cowboy,” which was made into the Netflix movie, “Concrete Cowboy,” and the novella, “Chess Rumble,” about a bullied 11-year-old inner city boy who learns to control his emotions by playing chess.

His latest book, published earlier this year, is “My Bicentennial Summer: True Adventures from the Most Epic Family Road Trip of All Time,” about his family’s real-life journey from California to Washington, D.C., to see the country in 1976.

Foley is known for her historical fiction and mysteries, including the New York Times’ best sellers

“The Guest List” and “The Paris Apartment.”

Last year, HarperCollins announced that Foley had been asked to write the first Miss Marple murder mystery since the late Agatha Christie’s last novel, “Sleeping Murder,” was published posthumously in 1976.

“Murder at the Alpine Hotel” will be published in September.

The library’s virtual author talks are free and include an opportunity for viewers to ask questions.

Registration is required. To register, or for more information, go to [libraryc.org/livermoreca](https://libraryc.org/livermoreca).

## Brighten SEO Firm Recognizes A Pleasanton Business Owner

PLEASANTON – Andrew Shotland, who started Local SEO Guide in 2006, has been named one of the most influential people in Search Engine Optimization (SEO) in the U.S. by Brighton SEO, a British firm that hosts SEO marketing conferences.

The Pleasanton resident and business owner was named to Brighton SEO’s

list of 100 Most Influential People in SEO in the USA, which recognizes individuals making contributions to the SEO industry through their work, ideas, research, speaking, writing, tool-building and community involvement.

SEO is a digital marketing strategy designed to make websites more “discoverable” through search

engines by optimizing content, structure and technical elements.

Over the past 20 years, the internet-based Local SEO Guide has grown from a solo operation focused on SEO for local businesses and markets to a team of more than 20 SEO consultants.

Brighton SEO will host BrightonSEO San Diego in September.

## OBITUARIES

**Belle Henriques**  
Sept. 1, 1925 — June 26, 2026

Belle (Medeiros) Henriques was born in Turlock and married Joseph Henriques of Livermore in May, 1946. Belle had two sons, Michael and Timothy, both born and raised in Livermore. Belle was a mother, homemaker, and wife while

her children were young. Later she worked in retail for many years at the Livermore Rexall drugstore. She and Joe traveled the world and locally with the Knights of Columbus. Belle lived her last three years in Reno, Nevada. She is survived

by her sons, four grandchildren: Anthony, Natalie, Dominic and Adam, and two great grandchildren: Julian and Penelope. Belle will be buried with Joseph and Mary Henriques, her sister-in-law at Saint Michael Cemetery in Livermore.

### CELEBRATION OF LIFE

**Vera Lee Hill**  
Nov. 3, 1936 — June 24, 2026

Vera Lee Hill, 89, passed away peacefully on June 24, 2026, in Kuna, Idaho; held in the hearts and prayers of the family she cherished so deeply.

Born on Nov. 3, 1936, in Hayden, Arizona, Vera was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and faithful servant whose greatest joy was caring for others. Whether creating a home halfway around the world, preparing meals for families in need, stitching quilts for loved ones, or cheering from the sidelines at her children’s activities, Vera lived a life marked by generosity, unwavering faith, and unconditional love.

Vera married the love of her life, Ray Dean Hill, and together they shared 67 wonderful years of marriage while raising their three children, Alan, Glen, and Laura. Ray’s 35-year career with Chicago Bridge and Iron Company took the family around the world, including Hong Kong, Singapore, and Australia. No matter where they lived, Vera had a remarkable gift for making every place feel like home.

A talented quilter and longtime member of the Amador Valley Quilters



Guild, Vera created more than 200 quilts during her lifetime. Every child, grandchild, and great-grandchild received one of her handmade quilts, each lovingly crafted to celebrate life’s special moments.

A faithful member of Cedar Grove Community Church, Vera didn’t just profess her faith—she lived it every day. She quietly served by making quilts for missionaries, sewing items for the church’s annual boutique, preparing meals for families in need, and helping wherever she was needed. She enjoyed golf, tennis, bowling, and one of her greatest blessings was the many lifelong friendships she treasured.

Vera was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Ray Dean Hill; her beloved son, James Glen Hill; and her sisters, Margaret

“Peggy” Murray and Edwyna Rhodes.

She is survived by her son, Alan (Christine) Hill; her daughter-in-law, Nicola Hill; her daughter, Laura (Rob) Hanscom; her brother-in-law, Charles Rhodes; her grandchildren, Jennifer (Sam), Jeremy, Danielle (Jake), Jason, Jamie (Ralph), Tyler (Jaimie), Jessica (Jose), and Nathan; her great-grandchildren, Trenton, Taryn, Logan, Teagan, Kennedy and Harlowe; and many beloved nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

(NOTE: The time was incorrect in last week’s printed obituary. The correct time is 11:00 a.m.) A Celebration of Vera’s Life will be held on Friday, July 10, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore, California, followed by a reception at Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Avenue, Livermore. Family and friends are warmly invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages those who wish to honor Vera’s memory to perform an act of kindness for someone they love—or simply wrap a loved one in a quilt and think of her.

### EV

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plan show one DCFC can support 42 EVs, compared with six EVs for one Level 2 charger, allowing fewer chargers to serve the same number of drivers. He added that DCFCs also provide more equitable access by allowing drivers without access to charging at home to recharge their vehicles more quickly.

The plan also evaluated city-owned parking lots and developed concept plans for each site. If all proposed chargers were installed at city-owned sites, the report estimates an additional 150 Level 2 chargers and 36 DCFCs could be added at an estimated cost of about \$21.4 million.

To help offset construction costs, the plan recommends pursuing grant funding and third-party partnerships, including a potential partnership with Ava Community Energy.

It also evaluates several ownership models—including host-owned, ven-

dor-owned, hybrid host/vendor-owned and charging-as-a-service—to guide future deployment.

Young said grant funding and third-party partnerships would accelerate installation of EV infrastructure while minimizing impacts on the city’s General Fund. He added that relying solely on user fees to recover construction costs could make charging rates less competitive, making outside funding and alternative ownership models a more practical approach.

The proposal drew some opposition during public comment. Resident Mike Grant urged the council to postpone approval of the plan and conduct additional research.

He argued that EV infrastructure should be handled by vehicle manufacturers rather than the city.

“Dublin needs to stay out of this. It’s not the right thing to do with this city,” Grant said.

Vice Mayor Jean Josey raised questions about enforcement, asking how the city would address drivers who left vehicles at EV charging stations after they had finished charging.

Staff explained pricing structures could include idle fees after a vehicle is fully charged to encourage turnover and discourage drivers from leaving vehicles plugged in for extended periods, noting many charging stations are operated by third-party vendors that can implement their own pricing policies.

Next steps include evaluating the city’s ownership role for charging stations, expanding charging infrastructure at high-priority municipal sites, exploring the feasibility of a curbside charging pilot—likely in downtown Dublin—and preparing concept plans to improve the city’s competitiveness for future grant funding, Young said.







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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 623385

The following person(s) doing business as: Modrn Glow Medical Clinic, 1949 Mars Rd, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Modrn Glow Medical Clinic, PC, 1949 Mars Rd, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 4/21/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ashley Silva, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 15, 2026. Expires May 14, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6893. Published June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 623800

The following person(s) doing business as: European Wax Center, 3359 Lakeshore Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ballast WaxCA 5, LLC, 1050 Glenbrook Way, Suite 480 414, Hendersonville, TN 37075. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 5/29/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Heather Graham, COO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 3, 2026. Expires June 2, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6894. Published June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 623801

The following person(s) doing business as: European Wax Center, 5820 College Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ballast Wax CA 6, LLC, 1050 Glenbrook Way, Suite 480 414, Hendersonville, TN 37075. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 5/29/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Heather Graham, COO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 3, 2026. Expires June 2, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6895. Published June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 623682

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Wow Signal; 2. Wow Signal Recordings; 3. Wow Singles, 5741 Vicente ST, Apt B, Oakland, CA 94609 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Brendan Glasson, 5741 Vicente ST, Apt B, Oakland, CA 94609. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Brendan Glasson, Sole Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 29, 2026. Expires May 28, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6896. Published June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 623886

The following person(s) doing business as: Deepthi VR Collections & Arts, 5555 Dublin Blvd, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Deepthi Venkata Ravikanth, 5555 Dublin Blvd, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 3/1/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Deepthi Venkata Ravikanth, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 5, 2026. Expires June 4, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6897. Published June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 623860

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Pragmatic Sky; 2. Pig Pile Games; 3. Pig Pile, 46 Crane Court, Alameda, CA 94502 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Benjamin Schnur, Alameda, CA 94502. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Benjamin Schnur, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 5, 2026. Expires June 4, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6898. Published June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 623547

The following person(s) doing business as: All Hands Home Health, 6269 Southfront Rd, Suite B, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Careplus Home Health Care Services, Inc., 6269 Southfront Rd, Suite B, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mohammad Abdul Majid Siddiqui, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 22, 2026. Expires May 21, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6899. Published June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 2026.

## STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 616589

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Laundry Buddies, 38918 Spicebush PL, Newark, CA 94560. Registered by the following owner(s): SoftRinse Group LLC, 38918 Spicebush PL, Newark, CA 94560. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 8/4/2025 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Deric Walintukan, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 6/10/2026. The Independent, Legal No. 6900. Published June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 623992

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Hearts & Tails by Celestial; 2. Rustic Sun Gardens, 6271 Market Avenue, Newark, CA 94560 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bhadouria Enterprises, LLC, 6271 Market Avenue, Newark, CA 94560. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 4/3/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Celestial M. Bhadouria, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 10, 2026. Expires June 9, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6901. Published June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624115

The following person(s) doing business as: Sarah Vanier Consulting, 2948 Chateau Way, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sarah Vanier, 2948 Chateau Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 1/1/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Sarah Vanier, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 16, 2026. Expires June 15, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6902. Published June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 623789

The following person(s) doing business as: Pacific Precision Surveying, 2265 San Jose Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Craig Arthur Roberts, 2265 San Jose Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Craig Arthur Roberts, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 3, 2026. Expires June 2, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6903. Published June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624116

The following person(s) doing business as: Amos Productions, 5715 Southfront RD, C1, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Amos Pro Events, LLC, 5715 Southfront RD C1, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 8/20/1997. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jody Amos, Owner/Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 16, 2026. Expires June 15, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6904. Published June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624117

The following person(s) doing business as: Altamont Limos, 5715 Southfront RD, C1, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Amos Pro Enterprises, LLC, 5715 Southfront RD C1, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Benjamin Schnur, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 5, 2026. Expires June 4, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6899. Published June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 2026.

business name listed above on 01/2017. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jody Amos, Owner/Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 16, 2026. Expires June 15, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6905. Published June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624109

The following person(s) doing business as: Karina Padilla's Beauty Studio, 4326 Las Positas Rd, Ste 121, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Karina Cruz Padilla, 4326 Las Positas Rd, Ste, 121, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Karina Cruz Padilla, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 16, 2026. Expires June 15, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6906. Published June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624113

The following person(s) doing business as: Blue Oak Portable Restrooms, 25509 Industrial Blvd, Hayward, CA 94545 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): ABS Sanitation Services LLC, 1401 21st ST #16278, Sacramento, CA 95811. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Alexander Belykh, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 16, 2026. Expires June 15, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6907. Published June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 623410

The following person(s) doing business as: Comezze, 3600 Laguna Ave, Oakland, CA 94602 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Erfan Azadehnia, 3600 Laguna Ave, Oakland, CA 94602. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 1/1/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Erfan Azadehnia, Founder/Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 15, 2026. Expires May 14, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6908. Published June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 623390

The following person(s) doing business as: KimberlyEspeland.com, 3573 Ballantyne Dr, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Shariyn Dreyfus, 3573 Ballantyne Dr, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Shariyn Dreyfus, Sole Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 15, 2026. Expires May 14, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6909. Published June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 623274

The following person(s) doing business as: Tulip Land, 2362 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94704 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Adrian Reyes, 488 Berland Way, Chula Vista, CA 91910; Alia Kircher, 488 Berland Way, Chula Vista, CA 91910. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Adrian Reyes, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 13, 2026. Expires May 12, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6910. Published June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 623884

The following person(s) doing business as: HLH Property Management, 1321 Russell Way, Hayward, CA 94541 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hunter Company, Inc., 32408 Central Ave, Union City, CA

er(s): Xinyang Zhou, 181 E Tasman Dr, Suite 20 PMB# 108, San Jose, CA 95134. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 6/4/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Xinyang Zhou, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 5, 2026. Expires June 4, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6911. Published June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 2026.

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Independent Watchdog Committee reviews Alameda County Transportation Commission 2000 Measure B expenditures and 2014 Measure BB expenditures and performance measures. The IWC invites the public to comment on its **Draft 24th Annual Report** to the Public at a public hearing on **Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.** Check the Alameda CTC website using the link listed below for the location of the public hearing. The draft report is available on the Alameda CTC website at <https://www.alamedactc.org/news-publications/annual-reports>. For more information, please call 510.208.7400.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 623912

The following person(s) doing business as: Rejuva Day Spa, 4508 Las Positas Road, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Oasis Wellness International LLC, 4508 Las Positas Road, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 4/16/26. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ping Liu, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 8, 2026. Expires June 7, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6912. Published July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624190

The following person(s) doing business as: Bella Nall, 41468 Malcolmson ST, Fremont, CA 94538 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Yaxi Chen, 41468 Malcolmson ST, Fremont, CA 94538. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 6/20/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Yaxi Chen, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 22, 2026. Expires June 21, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6913. Published July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624177

The following person(s) doing business as: Synthesis Medicine, 154 Santa Clara Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Heather Vaughan, 822 57th St, Oakland, CA 94608. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 6/5/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Heather Vaughan, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 22, 2026. Expires June 21, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6914. Published July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624191

The following person(s) doing business as: Giddy - Upcycle, 3384 Marina Ave, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Leah Beniston, 3384 Marina Ave, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Leah Beniston, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 22, 2026. Expires June 21, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6915. Published July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624055

The following person(s) doing business as: Popular Playthings, 32408 Central Ave, Union City, CA 94587 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hunter Company, Inc., 32408 Central Ave, Union City, CA

94587. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 2015. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jason Cheung, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 15, 2026. Expires June 14, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6916. Published July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624033

The following person(s) doing business as: Norotoco, 5717 Brisa ST, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Roto Rooter Services Co, 255 E 5th ST, STE 2500, Cincinnati, OH 45202. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 9/16/19. Signature of Registrant/s/: Steven Ratterman, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 12, 2026. Expires June 11, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6917. Published July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624164

The following person(s) doing business as: The Greenrun Investment Group, 32520 Polaski Drive #105, Hayward, CA 94544 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): The Greenrun Invest Group, P.O. BOX 1802, Union City, CA 94587. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 6/8/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Gerald Long, Single Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 18, 2026. Expires June 17, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6918. Published July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 623653

The following person(s) doing business as: Dumont Creamery & Cafe Livermore, 2375 Railroad Ave, Suite 101, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Presence Cafe LLC, 2700 Ellis Town DR, Tracy CA 95377. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ajay Vattipally, Member Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 28, 2026. Expires May 27, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6919. Published July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624187

The following person(s) doing business as: R & R Flooring, 1951 88th Ave, Oakland, CA 94621 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Brian Rogel, 1951 88th Ave, Oakland, CA 94621. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 6/22/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Brian Rogel, Owner.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 22, 2026. Expires June 21, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6920. Published July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 623966

The following person(s) doing business as: Accentera, 7475 Burnham Way, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hanawa Garden, LLC, 7475 Burnham Way, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Kristine Oo, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 9, 2026. Expires June 8, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6921. Published July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026.

## STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 608808

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Accentera Decor, 7475 Burnham Way, Dublin, CA 94568. Registered by the following owner(s): Kristine Oo, 4104 Dublin Blvd, Ste F-103, Dublin, CA 94568. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 8/21/2024 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by an Individual. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Kristine Oo, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 6/9/2026. The Independent, Legal No. 6922. Published July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624194

The following person(s) doing business as: Akha Roots, 5501 Claremont Ave, Apt C, Oakland, CA 94618 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nicha Goldman, 5501 Claremont Ave, Apt C, Oakland, CA 94618. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 6/22/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Nicha Goldman, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 22, 2026. Expires June 21, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6923. Published July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 623851

The following person(s) doing business as: Arete Arts Group LLC, 11921 W Vornac Road, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Arete Arts Group LLC, 11921 W Vornac Road, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 6/4/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Timothy R. Salaver, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 5, 2026. Expires June 4, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6924. Published July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624347

The following person(s) doing business as: Clarity Wellness, 473 Oriole Avenue, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Susan Green, 473 Oriole Avenue, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 2/5/2015. Signature of Registrant/s/: Susan Green, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 29, 2026. Expires June 28, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6925. Published July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624370

The following person(s) doing business as: Hacienda Lavandula, 4570 Mines Road, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Micaela Garofalo, 4570 Mines Road, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Micaela Garofalo, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 29, 2026. Expires June 28, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6926. Published July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624442

The following person(s) doing business as: Two Palms Hand Car Wash, 2645 Old Fris ST, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): JF Livermore Car Wash Inc., 4361 Technology DR, Unit H, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 6/30/2026. Signature of Registrant/s/: Harjinder Singh, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 1, 2026. Expires June 30, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6927. Published July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 624388

The following person(s) doing business as: Compuchild, 3736 Fallon Road, Suite 125, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nextgen Learning, LLC, 4061 E Castro Valley Blvd, Suite 465, Castro Valley, CA 94552. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Samareen Rafai, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 29, 2026. Expires June 28, 2031. The Independent, Legal No. 6928. Published July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026.

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# Student-Founded Coding School Continues Its Education Mission

By David Jen

DUBLIN — A coding school led by Emerald High School students entered its second summer this year, providing technology education to K-12 students in the Tri-Valley.

Founded by Emerald High seniors Vaidehi Akbari, Sanjana Gowda and Shely Jain, the Silicon Valley Scholars (SVS) organization aims to make coding

tors who had recently gone through the same learning process themselves.”

SVS has taught more than 80 students as of the end of the recent school year.

This summer, SVS offers two free bootcamps, one on the programming language Python and another on web development, that run through the end of July. The group also offers a “passion project” bootcamp that works with students

can be,” Gowda said. “We also received tremendous support from our computer science teacher, Mr. Miguel Baez, for SVS.”

In addition to their bootcamps, SVS has offered tutoring, hosted an event at the Cottonwood Creek K-8 school, presented at Fallon Middle School and helped foster digital literacy at the Dublin Senior Center.

The students’ efforts do more than just contribute to the community; they may also help reinforce their own understanding each time they teach. Studies have shown that peer teaching, or student-led teaching, improves the learning outcomes of those doing the teaching.

When a student explains a topic to another student, the task elicits more effort than simply reading or explaining that topic to oneself, according to a study published in 2024 on brain activity during peer teaching. The extra effort results in a greater ability to recall and apply that information.

According to another 2009 study, student learning benefits even if the students teach a virtual character on a computer.

In the coming school year, SVS hopes to grow its tutoring program by matching more students with peer tutors. The founders also plan to host more events to drive technology interest with hands-on activities.



Emerald High School students, from left, Shely Jain, Vaidehi Akbari and Sanjana Gowda, discuss their Silicon Valley Scholars organization, which provides free coding education to K-12 students.(Photo courtesy of SVS)

fun and accessible to everyone.

“After participating in computer science classes, hackathons and STEM programs throughout high school, we realized that many younger students, especially girls, do not have opportunities to explore technology early on,” Gowda said. “We wanted to create a welcoming environment where students could learn coding from men-

to create a project of their choosing for \$170. About 35 new students have enrolled in the summer bootcamps.

The founding students credited Emerald High’s computer science pathway as a major inspiration for their venture.

“Our experiences in classes, hackathons and organizations such as Girls Who Code showed us how impactful mentorship and early exposure to STEM

## Birder to Share Panama Adventure

LIVERMORE – Dave Yeamans, a lifelong outdoorsman and birder, will give an Armchair Travelers presentation on the rainforest trails, rivers and remarkable birdlife of eastern Panama at 1:30 p.m.

on Thursday, July 9, at the Civic Center Library.

The Livermore retiree recently completed a 10-day exploration with the Canopy Camp, an ecotourism outfitter and lodge in Panama’s Darien Province.

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