

Views From
Freeway
Revisited
Livermore Panel
Revisited 20-year
City General Plan

By David Jen

LIVERMORE — The city’s General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) recommended at its meeting last Wednesday that the city update its scenic corridor policy to create more viewpoints from within the city as part of its updated general plan. The GPAC’s feedback will be provided to the planning commission and city council.

Dating from 1976, the city’s corridor policy limits building heights close to I-580 to preserve views of the surrounding hills from the freeway.

But GPAC members at their Aug. 14 meeting questioned the benefit of such a backdrop, and reasoned that

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Tri-Valley
Sees Growth
For Sutter
Livermore, Pleasanton
Among New Sites

By Dawnmarie Fehr

REGIONAL — Sutter Health is increasing its footprint in the Tri-Valley with the opening of new offices in Livermore and Pleasanton.

“We are excited to grow our existing presence in the Tri-Valley area to create even more health care access in the community,” said Kevin Cook, president of Sutter Health’s Greater Silicon Valley area. “Expanding our reach in this area is part of our commitment to significantly grow our care system to address the health care needs patients face across Silicon Valley.”

In both cities, Sutter Health will move into existing buildings, opening offices after renovations have been completed. In Livermore, work has begun on 11,000 square feet of leased space on Southfront Road. Opening sometime next summer, the space will include a care center with 16 exam rooms, with staff

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Pleasanton's 54th Soccer Parade brought out the Pleasanton RAGE Girls Soccer Club and Ballistic United Soccer Club to march through downtown. The first Pleasanton Youth Soccer Parade took place in 1969. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Climate Plan Boosted By Fed Grant
Solar Electric Vehicle Chargers Installed at Livermore Library

By Ruth Roberts

LIVERMORE — Representatives from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will co-host an event with the City of Livermore on Aug. 30 to mark the city’s installation of two solar electric vehicle chargers at the Civic Center Library. The chargers were paid for in part through a DOE rebate program. Livermore was

the first city in the nation to receive the grant.

The DOE paid \$144,230 of the \$174,060.50 total cost of the project.

“The city applied for a rebate voucher from the U.S. Department of Energy’s Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program to cover a large portion of the project costs, and the event will celebrate that milestone,” said Tricia

Pontau, sustainability program manager for the City of Livermore. “August is also DOE’s ‘Resilience Month,’ and their team will highlight EECBG program investments that promote community resilience.”

The chargers were delivered and installed last spring and will be used to charge the city’s fleet vehicles. They also operate independently from the grid and use batteries that

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Candidates, Measures Finalized for
November General Election Ballot
Tri-Valley City Council, School Board Seats Among Races

By Independent Staff

REGIONAL — Aug. 9 was the filing deadline for the November general election ballot. In addition to the races for President, the ballot for Tri-Valley voters will contain a host of local races and issues.

All registered voters in Alameda County will be sent a vote-by-mail ballot on October 7. Here’s a rundown of what will show up on the ballot.

(Asterisks indicate an incumbent candidate)

U.S. Senate

Steve Garvey (Republican Party), Adam B. Schiff (Democratic Party)

U.S. Congress

10th District (includes parts of Dublin with Con-

tra Costa County): Mark DeSaulnier* (Democratic Party), Katherine Piccinini (Republican Party)

14th District: Vin Krutiventi (Republican Party), Eric Swalwell* (Democratic Party)

California State Senate

5th District: Jerry McNerney (Democratic Party), Jim Shoemaker (Republican Party)

California State Assembly

16th District: Rebecca Bauer-Kahan* (Democratic Party), Joseph A. Rubay (Republican Party)

20th District: Liz Ortega* (Democratic Party), San-geetha Shanhogue (Republican Party)

24th District: Bob Brunt- ton (Republican Party), Alex Lee* (Democratic Party)

California State Ballot Measures

Proposition 2: Authorizes Bonds for Public School and Community College Facilities. Legislative Statute.

Proposition 3: Constitutional Right to Marriage. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.

Proposition 4: Authorizes Bonds for Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, and Protecting Communities and Natural Lands from Climate Risks. Legislative Statute.

Proposition 5: Allows Local Bonds for Affordable Housing and Public Infrastructure with 55% Voter Approval. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.

Proposition 6: Eliminates Constitutional Provision Allowing Involuntary Servitude for Incarcerated

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Livermore Park
Board Possibly
Missing \$200M
Board Directors Ask LAFCO To Explain

By Ruth Roberts

LIVERMORE — The board of directors of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) believes an inter-agency tax-sharing agreement has not provided the district with the money it is owed.

Specifically, over the last 30-plus years of the agreement, LARPD Director Phillip Pierpont thinks that it should have received \$200 million more than it did because of decisions made by the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Alameda County. That money may have instead gone to the East Bay Regional Park District.

Under the tax-sharing

agreement, usage fees, property taxes and a special local tax are collected by the county and distributed to area agencies such as LARPD. LAFCO, an advisory board, makes boundary and jurisdictional decisions which determine, in the case of parks, which parcels are considered within the sphere of influence (or SOI) of which district. That affects how funding is allocated.

The dispute came to light in LARPD’s Aug. 13 meeting, where directors expressed frustration over LAFCO’s seeming refusal to include and address their concerns in a draft report.

LAFCO representatives

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Students, officials and Dublin Historical Society members bury a time capsule on the grounds of the new Emerald High School. (See story on page 3) (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)

Bay Area Housing Finance Authority
Housing Board Pulls \$20
Billion Bond From Ballot

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — Faced with polls that showed a \$20 billion regional bond measure to build affordable housing having little chance of voter approval, the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) on Wednesday reluctantly pulled the measure from the November ballot.

The unanimous action followed repeated polls since last year that found Regional Measure 4 — the Bay Area Afford-

ability Plan — could muster no higher than 55% favorability, far lower than the two-thirds vote necessary to pass.

Voters in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma and San Francisco counties would have found the measure on their Nov. 5 ballot.

BAHFA commissioners said they were hoping the housing measure’s success would be assisted by Proposition 5, a statewide constitutional amendment

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Livermore Valley Opera founder Raquel Holt heads to the stage during intermission at this summer’s final Opera in the Vineyard performance. Holt was surprised with an honorary plaque for her 31 years of devoted service chairing the nonprofit opera company’s annual fundraising event. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Raquel Holt
LVO Founder Honored, Looks Back
On Opera Company's Success

By Christina Cavallaro

LIVERMORE — Last Sunday, opera lovers sat clustered together at large round tables beneath the trees at Garré Vineyard to enjoy the last Opera in the Vineyard (OIV) performance of the summer season. The event is not only one of Livermore’s most popular outdoor summertime displays of arts and culture, but serves as one of Livermore Valley Opera’s (LVO) most important fundraising events.

The woman at the helm of

OIV for the past 31 years as chair, LVO Founder Raquel Holt, was honored at intermission this year with a special surprise plaque by LVO Board President, Keith Sawyer, for her unwavering service.

The Livermore Valley Opera company will open its 33rd season in September with “Daughter of the Regiment,” a classic comedic opera written by Gaetano Donizetti, at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

The Independent had a chance to sit down with Holt before she received the award.

Holt reflected on the origin story of the Livermore Valley Opera.

“There were five of us who really enjoyed singing, but none of us had any experience in running an opera company,” Holt said. “But we were just enthusiastic and determined. And we were also convinced that the community was going to support an opera company.”

And it has. LVO incorporated in 1992 and is still going strong and “has never been in the red,” Holt added. In fact, staying in the black is no small feat; running an

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PETS OF THE WEEK



COSMO AND WANDA

Cosmo and Wanda are ready to make all your wishes come true! This bonded pair shares the same big golden eyes and silky striped coat. Much like the cartoon characters they’re named after, Cosmo will keep you entertained with his energetic personality, while Wanda balances him out, offering mellow snuggles. If you’re ready to learn more about this pair of perfect playmates, visit valleyhumane.org or email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption application process. (Photos courtesy of Valley Humane)

Pleasanton Schools Begin Hunt for New Superintendent

By Ruth Roberts

The Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) board of trustees is enlisting the help of the community in choosing the district's new superintendent.

Former Superintendent David Haglund stepped down earlier this year, citing a desire to spend more time with family. Retired Menlo Park Superintendent Maurice Ghysels is serving as interim superintendent.

The board is soliciting feedback from the community and staff via a series

of town hall forums and a community survey.

The campaign is set to begin the week of Aug. 26. The survey and list of meeting dates will be posted on the district's website at www.pleasantonusd.net. The survey will also be available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Hindi and Korean. The community forums are tentatively scheduled for the weeks of Sept. 6 and 13.

"As an initial step in the process to hire the next superintendent of the PUSD, the board of trustees seeks to engage the district's ed-

ucational partners (i.e. staff, families and community members) in a listening cam-



Jonathan Fey

paign to identify the desired professional and personal characteristics for the next superintendent," PUSD Board President Mary Jo Carreon wrote in an emailed statement to district families.

The board has hired consulting firm Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates (HYA) to conduct the survey. HYA will present the results of the survey and public forums at the PUSD regular board meeting on Oct. 10.

Haglund is the fourth school superintendent to leave Tri-Valley school districts this year. Sunol Glen Super-

intendent/Principal Molly Barnes, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Superintendent Chris Van Schaack and San Ramon Valley Unified School District's John Malloy have all retired from their respective districts.

Amador High School Principal Taking Leave of Absence

Just two weeks into the new school year, Amador Valley High School Principal Jonathan Fey has taken a leave of absence. The terms of Fey's leave and its duration have not been disclosed.

According to staff, for-

mer Amador High Principal John Whitney, who retired in 2013, will be assisting the administrative team as will another former Amador principal Joshua Butterfield.

"We want our community to know that Amador's students, staff and community are in good hands with the Amador administrative team, along with additional support provided by district leadership and retired PUSD high school administrators," wrote PUSD Interim Superintendent Maurice Ghysels in a statement to the school community.

The Independent Hires Veteran Journalist as Interim Managing Editor

By Independent Staff

David Jen, managing editor of The Independent, stepped aside on Aug. 15 for personal reasons that have come up recently. Veteran journalist Chris Winters has been hired as the interim managing editor, effective immediately.

Winters has worked as a journalist for more than 25 years, including 10 years in editorial leadership roles. He started as a freelance writer for an English-lan-

guage weekly in Budapest, Hungary, in the 1990s, with later stints as a daily newspaper reporter and magazine editor, primarily in Washington state. Most recently, he worked as a senior editor for YES! Magazine, a non-profit quarterly publication and online news source for solutions journalism.

Jen explained that because of his situation he was no longer able to devote the time required to be managing editor. "The Independent's team is mul-

tifaceted and talented. They have been a pleasure to work with, and Chris now brings a wealth of professional experiences to the paper. I'm excited to follow the results of their continued work in local journalism."

Jen expects to keep writing for The Independent on a freelance basis, as time allows.

Publisher Joan Seppala expressed her deep appreciation for the leadership Jen has brought to The Independent. She explained,

"David's open, supportive manner has enabled reporters to expand their areas of interest. He encouraged them to pursue important stories that attracted them, in addition to providing coverage of their regular beats. Also, he has helped a number of the newer reporters grow their journalism skills."

"I have particularly appreciated the strong, in-depth, investigative stories that he has written for The Independent, and am very

pleased that he expects to be able to keep on doing so," Seppala said.

Turning to Winters, Seppala stated, "We're fortunate to have found an editor as experienced and talented as Chris, and with such a warm, outgoing personality. His values related to community concerns reinforce those that The Independent has held for over 60 years."

"What's more, Chris dove into local issues immediately, and gained a rapid understanding of them. Our

coverage of the themes that Tri-Valley residents care about will only increase."

Winters noted, "I'm excited to help The Independent, and I'm already impressed by what the paper has accomplished."

He will continue to work remotely from his home in the Seattle area, where he lives with his wife and cat. He hopes to visit the Tri-Valley in the near future.

Winters can be reached at chris@independentnews.com.



Two local Uyghur dance performers display their traditional dress. (Photo courtesy of Museum on Main)

Pleasanton Museum on Main To Celebrate Uyghur Culture

The Museum on Main in Pleasanton will host a free family day celebrating Uyghur culture on Saturday, Sept. 7.

Uyghurs are an ethnic group of about 11 million living primarily in the Tarim Basin of northwest China. There are about 9,000 Uyghurs in the United States, according to the Census Bureau, including a community in Pleasanton. Members of the local Uyghur community will share information on their traditional culture at the library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., including language, music, art, dance, and fashion.

"We feel very fortunate to be a part of a diverse

community here in Pleasanton and each year we try to highlight that diversity with our Celebrate Community partnerships and programs," said Rachel Brickell, the museum's director of education. "We are honored to be spotlighting the local Uyghur community."

The day will also include hands-on activities, including making traditional skullcaps known as doppas, practicing calligraphy, and learning how to cross stitch. There will also be Uyghur games and hair braiding.

A Uyghur dance group will also perform on the library's front lawn at 603 Main St., accompanied by a dutar player.

Woman Hospitalized Following Early Morning Residential Fire

A Livermore woman was hospitalized for smoke inhalation last week following a fire at a single-story house in the 1000 block of Florence Road caused by smoking in bed, according to fire officials.

A man in the house at the time escaped without injury, but one of the woman's four dogs was killed.

Firefighters from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department crew responded to the fire about 1:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 15, and reported heavy smoke billowing from the front door when they arrived, according to Battalion Chief Daniel Moyles.

The woman managed to escape through the front door on her own, Moyles, but was taken to a local hospital. Moyles said the unidentified

woman told investigators she was smoking in bed and fell asleep.

"The safety message is that if you have to smoke before you sleep, make sure you do it before you crawl into bed," Moyles said.

Moyles said there was "extensive damage" inside the house, although the only evidence of a fire from the outside the next day was a boarded-up front entrance.

"It's a clean house from the front," Moyles said. "But there's extensive damage inside to the rear."

While currently unlivable, Moyles said the house could likely be saved.

"Re-support some of the structure members that got burned," he said. "Add some sheet rock. Paint. Six months from now it could be a brand-new-looking house."

3VCF to Administer County's \$3M Opioid Grant Program

Three Valleys Community Foundation (3VCF) has been named fiscal agent by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to administer \$3 million dollars in Opioid Settlement Innovative Mini-Grant Program funds, the Livermore-based nonprofit organization announced this week.

The grants, expected to be awarded to community organizations this winter, will vary in amount up to \$300,000.

The foundation said it would work with the county Behavioral Health Department, to direct funds to local

groups that offer opioid addiction treatment, overdose reversal, and prevention programs.

"Health disparities among Alameda County residents are multifaceted and complex," said foundation President Kelly Bowers. "Our commitment is to award grants that offer innovative, community-based solutions and high impact abatement activities that help guide harm reduction, treatment, and recovery options to ameliorate the opioid crisis."

The grants are part of a \$54 billion nationwide settlement agreed to in 2021 by the large-

est opioid manufacturers and distributors in the U.S., who had been sued by states across the country. Three major pharmacy chains and additional manufactures were added to the settlement in 2022.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, opioid-related deaths in the U.S. have risen tenfold since 1999, with more than 80,000 deaths in 2022.

"Our local communities are uniquely positioned to lead the county's efforts to end the opioid crisis," said Dr. George Ayala, deputy director of the county Public Health

Department. "They bear witness daily to the fallout and hold intimate knowledge of the most effective pathways to recovery and resilience."

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Customer service staff will also be available at the Livermore Transit Center,

2500 Railroad Ave., from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. for riders with questions about Wheels bus services, Clipper Card payments, Altamont Corridor Express ticketing, paratransit services, and trip planning assistance. Customer service is also available by calling 925-455-7500.

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EDITORIAL

Tri-Valley Can't Wait Anymore for a New Housing Bond

The Bay Area Housing Finance Authority pulled its \$20 billion bond issue from the November ballot last week. If the measure had been allowed to go to a vote and passed, Alameda County communities stood to receive \$2.8 billion to support new low income housing construction near transit, jobs and stores; converting vacant lots or blighted properties into housing; and providing first-time homebuyer assistance.

While the loss of that potential financing is significant, we hope it is temporary, because housing has become increasingly unaffordable throughout the region.

However, we are facing a crisis of homelessness right now, and waiting until the next election cycle to try and address it is woefully inadequate. The housing bond as it was written would have given cities some leeway in deciding where to spend their money, but it was primarily an affordable housing measure. Recipients could address homelessness directly or indirectly, but the exact mechanisms were left unstated.

The Tri-Valley needs to get cre-

ative and provide its own solutions to homelessness—sweeping encampments for TV cameras, as Gov. Gavin Newsom has done in Los Angeles, is not the answer.

Cities can and should ensure that new developments help finance housing solutions, not just affordable units for low-income residents, but also facilities and services specifically for homeless individuals.

Developers are already required to build a certain number of affordable units when planning market-rate housing. Cities should either require units to be set aside for homeless people, or they should earmark in-lieu fees specifically for homeless housing elsewhere.

However, housing—whether market-rate, low-income or for people experiencing homelessness—does not just spring up overnight. In the near term, cities need to designate specific locations for encampments, so that residents currently experiencing homelessness have a place to pitch a tent without worrying about security, sanitation, or being forced to move without notice.

That means encampments need

to be provided with basic services, especially security, water for drinking and cleaning, and a sewer connection. Social and mental health service providers should be given space to meet the residents on their own ground and help them transition out of homelessness.

And speaking of tents, our local governments have to find the money for those people who have nothing and have been sleeping outdoors. Purchasing quality camping tents is one option. Other options include building more semipermanent, prefabricated “tiny homes,” such as those at Goodness Village in Livermore, or making available small studio apartments — possibly by converting vacant office space.

We need to be more proactive, however. Cities have found that identifying people at risk of becoming homeless and addressing their needs first—whether related to job loss, addiction, health care or other needs—not only may prevent them from becoming unhoused but are is less expensive than trying to procure housing after the fact.

Over the long term, our crisis

response will need to evolve into prevention and maintenance, so that homelessness becomes less an urgent problem to solve and more of a potential problem to avoid.

Our local governments need to act because, simply, they are the entities that can find the money and send it where it needs to go. We have long offloaded services for the poorest among us to churches and the non-profit sector—providing charity for those most destitute — instead of establishing a social safety net that prevents them from becoming so in the first place.

Building new housing is a notoriously slow process in California, and our prices are the highest in the nation. The now-pulled housing bond estimated a \$700,000 price tag to build each residential unit, and it would have taken years to see those projects through to completion.

Our homeless residents don't have years. They need shelter now. If Bay Area communities aren't prepared to come together to solve this problem, we need to be ready and willing to go it alone here in the Tri-Valley.

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Gen Z: The Relentless Force for Global Justice
Mkuu Pauper, Pleasanton

In recent years, Gen Z has emerged as a formidable force against oppression, injustice, racism, corruption, discrimination, autocracy, and colonialism. This generation, often described as tech-savvy, well-coordinated, and globally connected, is taking a stand in ways that were previously unimaginable.

Across the United States, Gen Z has become a central player in movements against systemic racism, police brutality, and corruption. University campuses have become hotbeds of activism, particularly in response to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, where young people have organized encampments, protests, and educational events to raise awareness about what they see as genocide against Palestinians. These activists are not swayed by mainstream media narratives; instead, they turn to social media, sourcing information directly from the ground and connecting with like-minded individuals across the globe.

In Kenya, Gen Z is at the forefront of protests against government corruption and economic inequality. The youth-led demonstrations have drawn global attention, particularly as they demand accountability and transparency from their leaders.

Similarly, in Bangladesh, students have taken to the streets in massive numbers, ultimately leading to the toppling of the autocratic Sheikh Hasina regime. The sacrifices of these young people, many of whom lost their lives in the struggle, have inspired others around the world.

In Sri Lanka, Gen Z was instrumental in the

downfall of the corrupt Rajapaksa family regime. Through relentless protests and strategic use of social media, they managed to coordinate mass mobilizations that forced the ruling family out of power. The movement in Sri Lanka shares many similarities with those in Bangladesh, Kenya, and beyond—demonstrating the power of youth-led, grassroots movements in driving political change.

What sets Gen Z apart is their relentless nature. They are activists 24/7, protesting on the ground during the day and continuing the fight online at night. Unlike previous generations, they rely less on mainstream media and more on direct communication through social media platforms. This allows them to see the world through their own eyes, unfiltered by traditional news sources or political spin.

The rise of Gen Z activism gives hope for a future where justice, equality, and fairness prevail. This generation's unique combination of technological savvy, global coordination, and unwavering commitment to social change makes them a powerful force for good, not just in their own countries, but around the world.

Dublin Needs to Be Honest
David Rounds, Livermore

Dublin is at it again. Once again Dublin is misleading their citizens about a growth issue. This time the City wants to build large warehouse and distribution buildings on the 80 acres of the Crosby property that are closest to the freeway on land that is a buffer between Dublin and Livermore and that is currently protected open space. Their scheme is to put an initiative on the ballot this November to amend the citizens 2014 open space initiative asking not for a specific plan, but instead for the citizens to give the City the authority to develop outside of current city boundaries, including the Crosby property. They promise to only

develop the 80 acres closest to the freeway and to put in large industrial buildings, not houses. This last promise is another example of Dublin's being misleading...they are promising to not build housing, but they must know that housing cannot be built on this property anyway, because it is in the Livermore airport flyway.

A spokesperson has made statements that could be interpreted to mean that it is OK to vote yes on this initiative (even if they are concerned about what will happen with open space), because the voters would get another shot at this with a future vote for Dublin to annex the property. But this is not true. According to LAFCO rules, if the voters indicate in this initiative that they want Dublin to pursue development at some time in the future and if the landowner of the property wants to develop (which they do), then all Dublin must do if they win the initiative is to apply directly to LAF-CO to annex the property. No second vote of the citizens required.

Dublin says they need to build along the freeway to help pay for their part of the Dublin Blvd extension through the property. But this is misleading, too. The city is not going to get most of the funding from their own coffers. They will get funding from the same place that they will get funding for the Dublin Blvd extension just west of the Crosby property. They will go to the Federal government and the State, and to local agencies like the Alameda Transportation Commission. This extension of Dublin Blvd is a high priority regional transportation project; the money will be there.

Dublin needs to be honest with their citizens about their intentions.

Jeff Kaskey for District 3
Linda Milanese, Livermore

Jeff Kaskey has a list of commitments on his website (jeff4livermore.com). The one I'm most happy about says, "I particularly commit to being

your voice on City Council. Your concerns need to be heard and respected." As we walk and meet voters in District 3, I've seen him always interact in a respectful way, never arguing or belittling an opinion he doesn't agree with. He's been listening to the common concerns of District 3 as he knocks on doors and has been accumulating a list.

Jeff has a track record of experience in Livermore after living here for 40 years and being actively involved in Boards and City Commissions for 20+ years. His experience shows.

As Obama often said, "We can disagree without being disagreeable."

City Council should not be a place where council members indulge in personal criticism and vitriol against those who speak with opposing views. He will be our respectful voice and bring our sometimes divergent views to council with the assumption that each concerned citizen is hoping to make Livermore the best it can be.

Meeting with LLNL Gives Insight on Corral Fire
Dash Orel, Livermore

On June 1, the Corral Fire began to burn just south of Tracy, California. The size of the fire quickly grew to cover 14,168 acres and burned a portion of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) Site 300 High Explosives Testing Range.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation. Four days prior to the Corral Fire, a controlled burn took place in an attempt to control and negate potential fires. The controlled burn was incomplete, and so as a result, the Corral Fire was able to easily sweep around the patch of burned grass, and spread. Recently, local group Tri-Valley CAREs met with LLNL employees, who confirmed that the fire started well inside Site 300 territory, where it swept southeast, damaging a significant portion of cleanup facilities on the site.

Public media and news coverage had previously

stated that the damages from the Corral Fire consisted of one residence and two injured firefighters, but in reality it was significantly more. This includes:

10 pump-and-treat systems were damaged.

21 monitoring wells were put out of commission.

Several pipelines were damaged, one of which resulted in a 6,000 gal. contaminated leak, containing perchlorate and VOCs.

Accumulated damage resulted in several systems being temporarily shut down. Some were restarted on June 18, operating at 70%.

A vapor extraction system was significantly damaged.

Two unused, on-site buildings burned.

A sub-slab depressurization system was significantly damaged and needs to be replaced. A permanent, updated system is scheduled for some time this year.

These damages were not publicly reported, and were only uncovered during the meeting organized by Tri-Valley CAREs. This meeting strictly contained information regarding cleanup, and did not cover damages to programmatic activities on Site 300 High Explosives Testing Range. Site 300 is home to contaminants, such as depleted uranium and PCBs. Any fire, controlled or not, has the capacity to spread these dangerous compounds into the air, thus disturbing the surrounding environments.

Tri-Valley CAREs will formally request reports regarding the cause of the fire if not publicly available. They will continue to seek out information and post updates on their website: https://trivalley-cares.org/2024/update-on-the-corral-fire-at-livermore-labs-site-300.

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Dan Leary, Livermore

Steven and I have served together on the Livermore Planning Com-

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On August 1, 2024, the Livermore Lab Foundation hosted its Summer Social and Student Showcase, highlighting the work of its largest student fellowship cohort ever. Pictured here are 28 of the 34 LLF Fellows. Learn more about the Livermore Lab Foundation and its student programs at <https://livermorelabfoundation.org/stem/>. (Photo courtesy of Livermore Lab Foundation)

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mission for the past four years. During that time, I have observed Steven’s leadership in decision making, along with his clear vision for the future of Livermore. Steven is a proven and experienced City leader, who cares deeply about the concerns of each resident.

Steven is extremely hard-working and intelligent, and he consistently shows up well-prepared for commission meetings. I can assure you that Steven will be a tireless problem solver on the City Council. Steven has in-depth knowledge of the key challenges facing our city: public safety, preservation of open space, providing safe recreation for residents of all ages, activating our downtown, implementing the City’s Climate Action Plan, supporting local businesses, effective management of our city infrastructure and assets, protecting Livermore’s historic buildings, and promoting vibrant commercial districts within our neighborhoods.

Most of all, Steven is a quality person who will represent Livermore with honesty, professionalism, and kindness. I encourage my neighbors and friends to vote for Steven Dunbar for City Council.

CA Recalls Are Awful
Alan Marling, Livermore

On your ballot you will find the option to recall Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price. I will vote no.

Why? DA Price won an injection to halt a Livermore company, Apollo E-cigs, from selling tobacco to kids. She secured a guilty plea of felony fraud from the former Fremont city manager Mark Danaj, returning \$300,000 to the city. And she worked with twenty-four other DA’s to win a \$1.5 million settlement from Tesla for improperly disposing of hazardous waste. In short, she’s doing a fine job.

A recall should be reserved for the exceptionally corrupt. Unfortunately, the tool has been commandeered to corrupt our democracy, wielded by the exceptionally rich. If a hand-picked candidate loses, rather than accepting the will of the people, the powerful and well-connected have developed a nasty habit of recalling.

For them, it’s a simple matter of paying signature harvesters to lie, lie, and lie until they have enough names to foist another recall onto the ballot. In the process, they waste citizens’ time and taxpayer dollars.

Not only will I vote no on this recall, I will be calling my state legislature to continue to urge them to reform our recall system to make it less exploitable.

Transparent
Candidates Needed
Julie Wild, Livermore

Many candidates running for public office

often have a sense of charisma, and lots of connections that make them seem appealing. But the bigger question should be: where do they stand on various issues and are they willing to be transparent and tell people where they stand?

This is one of the reasons I’m supporting Tom Soules for City Council in District 4. His candidate statement makes it clear that he values transparency and will represent the residents of Livermore with that intention.

As voters, we must ask and then, if needed, demand that they tell us where they stand on issues, so we know how our vote is actually going to impact Livermore in the future.

In Praise of Kristie Wang
Ann Brown, Livermore

I proudly join the chorus of voices singing the praises of Kristie Wang, district 4 candidate for Livermore City Council. When I met Kristie at a “Flavors Hook Kids” anti-vaping event, I recognized right away that she is a uniquely skilled and passionate advocate for all of our youth.

My admiration of her skills, integrity, and compassion have grown during her tenure on the LVJUSD School Board. Thanks to Kristie’s Instagram posts, I feel like I have attended many special moments at school events throughout the years. She truly shows up, (with a camera!) listening, caring, and honoring efforts. She takes the pulse of the school community and reflects back their pride and joy. These actions speak volumes to the students and staff.

Kristie goes beyond the glory moments to also dig into the nitty gritty of civic life. Navigating the challenges the school board has faced through Covid and other complex issues has been a great proving ground for the rigors of serving on the City Council. Kristie is a diligent researcher and networker, gathering information from a variety of sources before making decisions. She also empowers others, sending us the best information and resources on a topic, enabling and encouraging us to speak up and add our voices to the discussion and decision making.

I am excited by the qualities and skills that Kristie will bring to our City Council. Her thoughtful, collaborative approach will help guide our city on its path to become a future facing, resilient community where all can thrive.

The Authoritarian and
Disingenuous Harris
and Democratic Party
Greg Scott, Livermore

We need to do better than we are doing as human beings. We need to stop the genocide and ethnic cleansing in Gaza and

the West Bank. The only way to stop bloodthirsty, racist, apartheid Israel from doing that is for the United States to immediately stop shipping arms to Israel. Either we are for the immoral, unethical horror of genocide in Palestine or we stop sending armaments to Israel. It cannot be both ways.

President "Genocide Joe" Biden and Vice President Kamala "Queen Camilla" Harris are war criminals. They support sending armaments to Israel; thus, they support the genocide and ethnic cleansing, which most Americans want to stop. Billions of dollars are given to Israel so that they can purchase American manufactured arms and military technology, such as Lethal Autonomous Weapons (LAWs) technology. The billionaires of those armament and technology firms then use vast amounts of that money for political campaign contributions and lobbying. It is a corrupt loop which dominates American politics and facilitates Israel's goal of exterminating the Palestinians and continuance of stealing their land through occupation that is illegal by international law. These actions make the United States and Israel pariah nation-states in the eyes of the world - a world that is witnessing the atrocities of the most documented genocide in history through technologies like TikTok and TikTok Live.

American corporations are feeding the genocide through Microsoft, Amazon, Alphabet's Google, and others supplying cloud computing data to the generative artificial intelligence tracking and drone LAWs produced by the likes of billionaires Peter Thiel's and Alex Karp's Palantir Corporation and Palmer Luckey's Anduril Corporation. These technologies are also used in America's proxy war with Russia in Ukraine and inside Ukraine bordering Russia. Does America want war and genocide?

Peter Thiel and Palmer Luckey are big "Dangerous Demagogue" Donald Trump contributors and Alex Karp is a Democratic Party contributor. The majority of Democratic Party politicians are genocide supporters, and the Republican Party is in lockstep in their genocide support. Peter Thiel contributed at least \$10 million to J.D. Vance's Ohio senatorial campaign or we would have probably never heard of Vance.

Will the Democratic National Convention let Palestinian-American doctor who worked in Gaza speak! America must not choose war and genocide! The only anti-genocide, anti-war, pro-worker, pro-environment candidate is the Green Party's Dr. Jill Stein.

Jeff Kaskey Best by Far
Doug Mann, Livermore

I can’t outdo Mayor Brown’s exceptional endorsement of Jeff Kaskey for Livermore’s District 3, but there is much more to learn and appreciate about him.

First, he’s a business owner. For people like me who have had several businesses, any discussion about economic development and tax policies must include us. There’s nothing like the experience of needing to make payroll every month, satisfy customers, pay vendors, and keep a business thriving. This unique perspective gives us direct insight into the needs of job creators.

Livermore typically has plenty of scientists on Council (a good thing), but we should always have at least one member to represent the business community. He doubles as an environmental protection advocate as well, so that’s a two-for-one.

Second, Jeff has been involved in downtown planning for many years, with an intensity few can match. He was an instrumental organizer, going all the way back to opposing the old “Lennar plan” which would have been a disaster.

Like so many of us, he was disgusted by the way our “leaders” proceeded with their insincere workshops and feigned interest in our opinions, only to dismissively reject the most important aspects of what the residents wanted to achieve. We ended up with character crushing high rise buildings, with more on the way if we don’t do something about it. I am confident Jeff will do his best to wrap up the final plans in the downtown for the greatest benefit to the community.

Join me in voting Jeff Kaskey for Council!

Local Candidates for
Office Inspire Me
Patricia Munro, Livermore

Filing deadlines for local offices have passed. As the Democratic Convention in Chicago is underway — which, as I write this, is just beginning — and these local offices should not be forgotten. I serve on the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee and am AD16’s representative to the Executive Board.*

The ACDCC sends invitations to all registered Democrats who are running for local non-partisan offices — city councils, school boards, park districts, and more. The Executive Committee then does a rough screening so that the whole ACDCC can then vote to endorse or not. Nearly 100 people across Alameda County signed up for the screening interviews. Alameda County is a big place — from Albany in the northwest to southwest Fremont, and, of course, Livermore as the easternmost edge. The politics range from deep-blue to purple. The issues, too,

are different — the urban experience of Oakland is very different from that of Livermore.

The people who interviewed, too, varied: young and old, new to government or very experienced, and with different catalysts that caused them to seek local office.

But what is similar is the passion for public service that I saw in these interviews. There are always exceptions, of course, and like the proverbial car wreck on the freeway, they are easy to gawk at. But they are the exceptions.

Almost everyone who interviewed was enthusiastic about serving the people in their cities or districts. They sought office to fix problems or continue progress already underway. They want to improve schools, provide housing, increase space for people to play, ensure safe drinking water and more. Whatever their reasons for running, these candidates are inspiring.

Sure, national politics matters (this year more than ever). But do not forget the local races and these heroes setting up to serve the public locally.

*The ACDCC is the county’s Democratic voice. If voting is having a place at the electoral table, the ACDCC is the kitchen where the food gets prepared. Each state assembly district is assigned the proportional number of representatives. AD16 spans both Contra Costa and Alameda Counties and, in Alameda County, is assigned four representatives. I was chosen to be AD16’s representative on the Executive Board.

VandenHeuvel for
Livermore School Board
Andy Halvorsen, Livermore

As a parent of four current and former LVJUSD students, I am writing to express my support for Christiaan VandenHeuvel’s campaign for a position on the Livermore School Board.

I have known Christiaan over many years in many capacities: pastor, parent, and friend. I have found him to be caring, calm, logical, pragmatic, forward thinking, hardworking, and collaborative. His approach to decision-making is grounded in data. Perhaps most importantly, Christiaan always listens to learn.

Christiaan believes that all students have tremendous potential, and he genuinely cares about each student’s individual journey. As someone who I have shared my own trials with, he has always shown the ability the listen, and has a large network of people he draws on for guidance. He is also a strong advocate for programs and resources that will best support students with IEPs, having struggled with significant learning challenges himself.

It is of paramount importance to Christiaan to

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ensure that every student feels valued and supported academically, socially, and emotionally. In an era where educational discussions often become polarized, Christiaan’s ability to engage in good-faith conversations makes him a candidate who can bridge divides and bring focus to what truly matters: the success and well-being of every student.

Please join me in supporting Christiaan Vandeneuvel for the Livermore School Board.

Acts of Stolen Valor
James Haugen, Livermore

The highest act of valor is often defined by the ultimate sacrifice one makes for the safety of others. Throwing oneself on a hand grenade epitomizes this supreme bravery. As a former Marine Corps officer, I learned that a vast majority of individuals who made this sacrifice were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously. When a discussion of the medal takes place, this act of valor is the first to cross my mind.

Last week during an event, former President Trump recognized Mrs. Miriam Adelson, a billionaire and financial donor, on whom he bestowed the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2018. In his remarks, Trump mentioned that the Medal of Freedom is the highest medal awarded to a civilian and said it is the civilian equivalent to the Medal of Honor. In addition, he consciously and intentionally conflated the two by saying that the Medal of Freedom is “actually much better” than the Medal of Honor.

Through his own words, Trump elevated Adelson above every recipient of the Medal of Honor. In doing so, he has stolen the highest form of human valor embodied in every medal and handed it to a wealthy financial donor. During the Vietnam War, at least 53 U.S. military service members were awarded with the Medal of Honor for throwing themselves on hand grenades. With three simple words, Trump has committed at least 53 acts of stolen valor — and this doesn’t include the ultimate sacrifices made in the wars before and after Vietnam.

Trump’s running mate and Republican vice-president candidate, Sen. J.D. Vance of Ohio, has accused the Democrat vice-presidential candidate, Gov. Tim Walz of Minnesota, of stolen valor for a few of Walz’s statements and actions made during and after his 24-years of service with the Minnesota National Guard. When questioned about Trump’s remarks, Vance pointed out correctly that the two awards are different; unfortunately, Vance has dodged addressing the phrase “actually much better” and acquiesced to Trump with his own rationalization of two awards.

Vance served in the Marine Corps and rose to the rank of corporal. Although the Corps’ motto “Semper Fidelis” is mentioned by Vance while campaigning, its meaning of “always faithful” rings hollow in light of Trump’s elevation of Adelson above each Marine awarded the Medal of Honor. Worse yet, his acquiescence to Trump makes him equally complicit to the numerous acts of stolen valor.

The Dumbing Down of America

Daniella Karo, Pleasanton

2024, an election year for a new president!!

Old Joe, the standard bearer, has fallen from the tree with a thump! Somebody pushed him out, as a favor. Too old to remember the daily “soup de

jour”, his handlers were pushing on the unsuspecting! Joe was never the sharpest tool in the shed, though he pretended otherwise with an Irish grin and stories that never materialized! He, often, was on the wrong side of the issues at hand. Still, he made it to the presidency and yes, he flunked !

Enter Joe’s VP, Kamala Harris, she, the former paramour of the former powerful and much older democrat in California, Willy Brown, who helped launch her political career. As VP, she is an equal partner/architect to Joe’s agenda that allowed 10 million illegals into the country, even though she was in charge of overseeing the border’s security! When a journalist mentioned her absence from the border, she replied that she never went to Europe either! Go figure!

Kamala is equally responsible for the failure of Bidenomics, with no fracking allowed, inflation and crime galore, defunding of police, rescuing those responsible for burning cities from jails, pushing ideology like DEI vs meritocracy, in sum a progressive, socialist agenda that pushed millions of families unable to buy food or own a home! In vetting her future VP, Mike Walz, she missed that he misrepresented himself in his military career and duties. He also allowed the city of Minneapolis businesses to be burned down by mobs without interfering, and encouraged people to spy on others and report them during the Covid lockdown. Oh, sounds just like a socialist agenda!

Kamala tried to run for the 2020 presidency but never got any traction and dropped out. Joe Biden selected Kamala as the perfect DEI candidate for the job of VP. A woman and black, yet no mentionable accomplishments.

Kamala today is being advanced as a new fresh face, capable as the commanding chief promising a new beginning and reversal of the old order. She is not new, and no longer a fresh face. The old cackling is still there to buy time when she gets caught unprepared for an answer. She has no credibility and nothing in her current and prior history of mediocre achievements convinces me that she is qualified for the job of president!

No Incumbents Have Applied

Eloise Hamann, Dublin

I had to read this sentence from Dublin Patch twice:

We are extending the deadline for applying for Mayor because no incumbents have applied.

Huh? Incumbents would be the most informed about the deadlines. Is

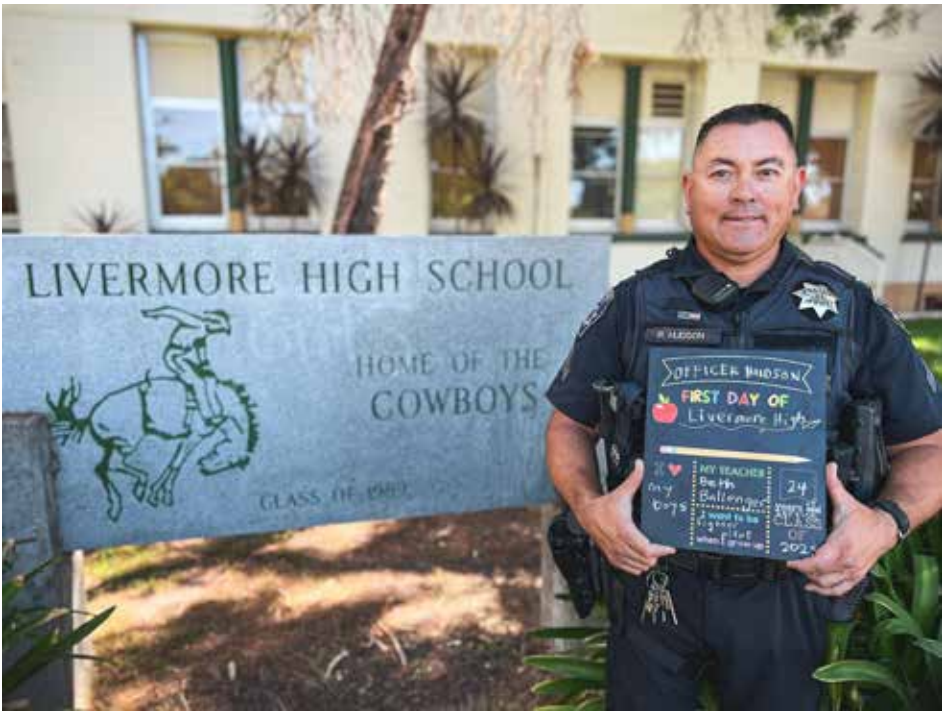
the council determined to have an incumbent? I understand why someone might vote for someone familiar with Dublin’s history and goals, but this is over the top.

Accusation Rather than Opinion

Richard Hofer, Livermore

It was stated previously in the editorial letters in regard to Jan. 6 "Trump believes the 2020 election was stolen..." and "he is entitled to his opinion even if it's wrong." To say something was stolen from you is actually an accusation rather than an opinion. Stealing is illegal, and if you are to accuse anyone of stealing, it requires evidence to support it. All of the litigation regarding the accusations was dismissed due to lack of any evidence. The attorneys representing Trump admitted they had none, only theories. They turned the electoral offices upside down in Arizona and elsewhere, stating they would have the required evidence, but produced none. So "even if ‘his opinion’ is wrong";

means it only amounts to a false statement (a lie). By perpetuating this lie, Trump has divided our country and instilled political violence. Jan. 6 was not just a protest, but an insurrection as part of a concerted effort to overturn the election. Mike Pence did his duty to uphold the Constitution, only to be threatened with his life. Same with Nancy Pelosi's husband, nearly killed by a man who admitted he was driven by his belief of Trump's "opinion". While Trump mocked with laughter about it, they were all taken aback and denouncing violence when a young man (a registered Republican) tried to shoot him. Trump is not for the best interest of the United States. When both parties came to agreement on legislation to address borders and immigration, he used his influence to kill it because "it will make Biden look good". He insults those who have honorably served and given their lives in the military. Instead of welcoming home imprisoned citizens from Russia, he congratulated Putin for his dealing. Biden is not incompetent and was not "forced out". He is just getting older and physically slower like any man in his 80s or more. He willingly passed his candidacy to his Vice President whom he trusts and endorses to carry on the office of Presidency. Everyone in his party immediately showed their support of his decision. In regard to competency, "who in their right mind..." after listening to Trump ramble on about sharks or electrocution and Hannibal Lector actually think he should be in charge of our country.



Livermore Police Officer, Rick Hudson, has been selected as a School Resource Officer (SRO). Officer Hudson is a true Livermore local, born and raised in the community. With 24 years of service at the Livermore Police Department and a background in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve since 1998, he brings a wealth of experience and dedication to this role. Throughout his career at LPD, he’s served in various key positions, including Field Training Officer, East County Tactical Team member, Force Options Unit for Reality-Based Training and Range, and Officer in Charge of the Honor Guard. Inspired by his father, a retired Livermore Police officer, Officer Hudson understands the importance of connecting with and mentoring young people. He’s excited to take on the role of SRO, aiming to be a positive influence and a guiding mentor to the students at Livermore High School. As a father of three boys — two in high school and one in college — Officer Hudson is eager to meet the students and staff and serve as a supportive resource for everyone at the school. (Photo courtesy of LPD)

Author to Discuss Book on Pain Management

Bonnie Lester will discuss her recently published book on chronic pain management, “Unwinding Pain: Affordable and Accessible Ways to Feel Better Now,” at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, from 2 p.m. to

5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7. Lester, whose website, bonnielester.com, describes her as a “pain coach,” will focus on the health benefits of an animal-human bond. Proceeds from book sales during the library’s meet-the-

author event will go to support the Feral Cat Foundation, a non-profit animal welfare organization serving Alameda and Contra Costa counties. This is a free drop-in event and registration is not required.

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Livermore Library to Celebrate, Honor Hispanic Heritage Month

The Livermore Public Library will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month from Sunday, Sept. 15, through Tuesday, Oct. 15, with arts and crafts activities, music and dance, poetry readings, storytelling, and a workshop to learn how to make horchata, a traditional Mexican drink made from rice and cinnamon.

All the library’s events are free and open to the public.

While supplies last, all Livermore branch libraries will offer craft kits that patrons can take home to make Ojo de Dios, or “God’s eye,” designs out of yarn and a wooden cross.

At 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12, there will be a meet-and-greet at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., with Latina winemaker Rosa Fierro, from the Rosa Fierro Cellars winery in Livermore.

The Rincon branch library, 725 Rincon Ave., will host a horchata-making workshop at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 20. To register for the workshop,

call 925-373-5505.

The following day, Saturday, Sept. 20, La Raiz Magazine will host a poetry and art festival at the Civic Center Library, beginning at 1 p.m. La Raiz is a literary journal, available online, that features visual art and multilingual poetry by members of the greater San Francisco community.

At 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27, the Rincon Library will offer a crafts program for those 4 and older to learn about llamas. Now raised primarily for their wool, llamas were a traditional South American pack animal that was also a source of food, hides, and tallow for making candle.

The Civic Center Library will host a STEM Career Day with the Amigos Unidos Hispanic Employee Resource Group from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, including a hands-on science activity, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28.

Moving into October, the Rincon Library will host a Bomba y Plena workshop for children and

teenagers at 6 p.m., on Monday, Oct. 7. Bomba and plena are Puerto Rican musical traditions featuring rhythmic drumming, singing, and dancing.

At 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 8, the Springtown Branch Library, 998 Bluebell Dr., will offer a craft-based activity to learn about quetzals, a brightly colored Central American bird that was important in Mayan and Aztec cultures.

The Civic Center Library will host Herencia Guantanamera, a Berkeley group formed to keep alive the traditional music, dance, food, and cultural history of eastern Cuba, at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12.

Closing out the month-long celebration, at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 14, the Rincon Branch Library will offer visitors of all ages an opportunity to play Loteria, a traditional Mexican board game similar to bingo, with a chance to win books as prizes.

For more information about any of the programs, call 925-373-5505 or go to library.livermoreca.gov.



The Pleasanton-based Ballet Roots Dance Company will present its “Season 4” performance at the Livermore High School theater on Saturday, Aug. 24. Performances are scheduled for 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. General admission tickets for the one-hour shows are \$20 and are available at balletroots.org. (File photo—Doug Jorgensen)

VIEWS

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a view of the city’s wine country would better attract freeway travelers.

“When you’re on the highway, you should see the wine country,” said Committee Member Timothy D. Kingsbury. “You should not see the hills. The far, distant hills aren’t important; it’s the wine country. When you’re in the city, when you’re out in the wine country, seeing the hillside, seeing the valley (becomes important).”

Formed in 2021, the intent of the 13-member, city-council-appointed GPAC was for it to serve as a liaison to the broader community, working to provide feedback to the city on how best to update Livermore’s general plan, the overarching long-term document that guides city decisions in areas such as housing, transportation and jobs.

The committee’s work is expected to inform the city’s next general plan, which would guide city planning and design over the coming 20 years, until 2045.

The GPAC’s corridor-policy discussion occurred in the context of possibly updating the general plan’s Community Identity Element.

According to city staff, the element “attempts to capture and respond to what makes Livermore, Livermore. It will provide policy direction for both natural and human-made features of the local environment, as well as broader aspects that contribute to how the city is perceived as a unique place.”

The corridor policy has arisen in previous GPAC discussions of how to devel-

op the Midtown neighborhood. The city is planning a transit-oriented community in Midtown of up to 10,000 new homes around the upcoming Southfront Road Valley Link train station. A desire to locate the densest housing along the freeway stands at odds with the policy’s building-height limitations, said the committee. Current height limits are lower close to the freeway to not block the view of the hills beyond.

While the city council has in the past approved exemptions to the policy, such as for projects within the Isabel neighborhood, the committee considered policy changes that would eliminate the need for specific carve-outs.

“I-580 back (when the policy was established) was different,” said Committee Member Alan Burnham. “You almost didn’t have to look to be able to safely merge on the freeway. Now, you’re lucky to merge — period. . . . If you’re not paying attention to where you’re driving on the freeway, and you’re off there looking at the hills, chances are you’re going to have an accident.”

GPAC recommended easing the corridor policy’s building-height restrictions in exchange for higher architectural standards along the freeway and a shift to providing more hillside views for those within the city. The potential locations of those hillside views for Livermore residents were not discussed at this meeting.

Public Spaces

In addition to discussing the importance of scenic vistas, GPAC also advised

the city on healthy communities, social resilience, gateways, land use and neighborhood transitions, science and innovation, and agriculture and tourism.

Attention to the design of public spaces, as a celebration of the city’s art, science and history, arose as a common theme in showcasing the city’s identity. Building off Livermorium Plaza, designed around the city’s namesake periodic-table element, the committee envisioned playgrounds, public art and landscaping that evoked Livermore’s ranching history and scientific leadership.

Resident Alan Marling suggested that the area’s railroad history also be displayed.

“The train is an important part of Livermore’s historical identity,” said Marling. “We’re part of the original line, which connected Sacramento to San Francisco. I feel it’s important we honor our past as well as our future by making sure our identity (around) trains is maintained and strengthened.”

Resident Jean King agreed, adding that open space within and around the city also serves an important role in the city’s identity.

“I think the urban growth boundary is very important to keep the open space, to keep the ranches (and) to keep the vineyards out there.”

City staff will compile GPAC’s comments for consideration by the planning commission and city council. The city is expected to adopt the updated general plan at the end of 2025.

The next GPAC meeting will be held on Sept. 11.

PARKS

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were not at the meeting, and did not respond to calls from The Independent seeking comment.

LAFCO produces such a report, called a municipal service review (MSR), every five years to understand the availability and performance of governmental services in their jurisdictions.

The LARPD board believes that over the past 30 or more years, the timeframe in which LAFCO first created a property tax-sharing agreement between the two agencies, the LARPD has potentially lost as much as \$200 million in revenue that has instead gone to the East Bay Parks and Recreation District for properties that are arguably within LARPD’s jurisdiction.

The dispute over overlapping jurisdictions, also referred to as the districts’ respective spheres of influence, form the basis of the complaint, with the draft report noting that the issue could lead to less

public accountability and efficiency.

“There may need to be a new tax agreement that will better serve them or order a detachment to get rid of overlapping boundaries,” the report states.

But that doesn’t satisfy what the Livermore parks board sees as a significant shortfall.

“I read these documents multiple times and I find this unacceptable,” said Pierpont. “We are losing money every year when we could be in a better position to serve our SOI area.”

Attorney Gary Bell, who was hired as a special consultant by the LARPD, said during the meeting that the board’s best course of action is to have Livermore board members attend the scheduled Sept. 12 LAFCO meeting, where a final version of the report will be released.

“We have revised and revised the MSR in anticipation of next month’s LAFCO meeting,” said Bell. “The last time we

spoke with LAFCO they said they were going through a second round of revisions and were intending to include the changes we suggested or commit to a special report . . . those things did not make it into the draft, but they said they will include these provisions before Sept. 12.”

According to Bell, those changes included information on the amount of money coming from taxes to Livermore, which could confuse those who read the report because it makes it look as though more money is coming into the LARPD than actually is.

David Furst, LARPD chair, said in an interview with The Independent that he was optimistic the LAFCO board would agree to the study.

“We’re hoping that LAFCO commissioners will tell their staff to do the special study soon and not in two or three years,” said Furst. “I am hopeful they see the importance of it all.”

CLIMATE

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can back up power during emergencies.

The event will be held from 3-5 p.m., at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. The event is free and open to the public.

The installation of the chargers was just part of the city’s ongoing efforts to meet its Climate Action Plan (CAP) goals and objectives in compliance with its 2022 mandates.

A CAP is a roadmap for a city, designed to protect public health and the environment, foster a green economy and improve the quality of life for residents. While CAPs are not mandatory, California has required that greenhouse gas emissions be reduced statewide from 1990 levels by 40% before 2030, and 80% before 2050.

Last year, the city consulted with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory to create a list of deep-rooted, low-water plants, such as less-invasive clumping bamboo species, like chusquea, fargesia and dendrocalamus. The bamboo is intended to be planted at various locations around the city to sequester atmospheric carbon and help meet the city’s emission reduction and water usage goals.

Based on its work with the lab, the city created a demonstration project at City Hall, where approximately 3,400 square feet of former turf landscaping was converted into a garden designed to capture carbon from the air. All the plants are low-water users and 90% are native species. This project was completed last May.

Parks and green spaces in general are considered important climate mitigation tools. Parks and other green areas are natural sinks, absorbing carbon dioxide. Greenery also helps fight the urban heat island effect, in which a concentration of hard surfaces increases the overall temperature. The National Recreation and Park Association has recommended that cities create more parks and green spaces as part of their climate planning efforts.

Livermore’s 2022 CAP calls for expanding these parks and green spaces to cool neighborhoods. More greenery could also help manage stormwater and the risk of flooding. Livermore is expected to plant 1,000 new trees by 2030 and update its development standards to include shade trees, according to the plan.

Other projects in line with the plan include the L Street Garage and its adjacent surface parking, currently under construction downtown, which will feature a combined 50 public electric vehicle chargers, said Pontau. Thirty-two of the chargers will be Level 3 stations, the fastest non-proprietary chargers, and the remaining 18 will be Level 2 chargers. The project is part of a partnership with Ava Community Energy to install public fast-charging hubs on city-owned property. The garage is expected to be completed in Spring 2025.

The city has also replaced several gas-powered leaf blowers used by city employees and plans to replace all of them with electric blowers by year’s end. Without emissions control systems, leaf blowers can release as much pollution in one hour as driving a car more than

1,000 miles does, according to the California Air Resources Board.

Additional CAP projects on board for Livermore include the upcoming planting of the City’s Moon Tree. Given by NASA to Livermore’s Quest Science Center, the tree was grown from a seed that traveled around the moon on the Orion spacecraft in 2022. The tree will be planted next to the Civic Center Library in October and a naming contest will be held over the next few weeks with a community vote in mid-September.

“The city will plant the moon tree where it can both thrive and provide opportunities to tell stories about the importance of science and environmental stewardship,” Pontau said.

She added that students in the Quest program will be studying urban heat in Livermore. Students will learn how heat and humidity impact local urban conditions. They will see how cooling strategies, such as planting trees and creating shade structures, can make a difference in a city’s long-term CAP goals.

The project uses stationary and mobile temperature and humidity sensors combined with other datasets to assist students in learning how local urban conditions, including the effects of urban heat islands, impact temperature changes and to understand how cooling strategies, such as tree planting, shade structures, building retrofits and cool pavements, can make a difference in the city’s long term CAP goals.

For more information on the Climate Action Plan, visit bit.ly/4cXoELu.

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OPERA

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opera company is an expensive undertaking and companies across the country have buckled and folded under the pressures.

Holt points to Livermore Valley’s success due to the spirit of altruism here in the region. “There has been a lot of kindness and giving. And other opera companies have been very impressed at the number of volunteers we have, which is unusual.”

It is this sense of community to which Holt credits much of the opera’s success, combined with a set of factors uniquely specific to our region, especially the two national laboratories. “These scientists, they are not just into science; they are also into art,” Holt said.

Add to that the wineries, agriculture and Las Positas College, and you “just have that combination that works together,” she said. In the early days, scientists, engineers and technicians volunteered their time to build sets when budgets were slim. “And when you have volunteers, you save money.”

Holt touched on one of the most distinctive turning points that she believes to be

one of the greatest contributors to the enduring success of LVO. “Everything was centered in San Francisco Opera, and understandably so. A milestone that has contributed to the success, not only of Livermore Valley Opera but of other companies, was the Bankhead Theater.” Before that, LVO’s home had been Livermore High School, where they performed their first show in 1993.

In 2007, they became the first resident company at the Bankhead and produced a sold-out production of “La Bohème.” “So, we were very excited,” Holt remembers.

Holt’s own origin story began as a little girl in the Philippines, where she grew up in a family who loved to sing. She was always intrigued by opera and saw her first one, “Carmen,” translated into Filipino. Originally written in French, “Carmen” is rarely translated, she explained. “If I had heard ‘Carmen’ in French, it would not have meant a lot to me because I don’t speak French,” she said. “So, looking back now, it’s dawning on me that it was actually paving a road for me to be on this kind of adventure.”

Last October in particular, LO stretched outside of its comfort zone with a slightly controversial choice of production, “Of Mice and Men.”

“We were worried because, you know, it’s not like a Puccini, or ‘Carmen’ or ‘La Bohème.’ That was an adventure for LVO. And I’m glad that many people who came to see it really applauded the effort that we made. There was this excitement... something thrilling and different, and very American.”

The sense of adventure and newness could be felt in the performance program at Sunday’s Opera in the Vineyard, too. The players went for something a little different. “I’ve always included show tunes, but this time it was decided that we’d have an equal number of show tunes and opera because we want (to attract) those people who are new,” Holt said.

Another fun inclusion to the day was the “Arias and Show Tunes À La Carte,” wherein a donation buys an exclusive tableside performance of a song from a menu of options. The surprise of the day was a rendition of “We are the Champions” by Queen

as sung by tenor Chester Pidduck.

Before the honorary plaque was presented, Holt addressed the audience with humor recalling the early days. “The five of us (founders) dug deep into our pockets and discovered we needed to do some fundraising,” Holt said with

a laugh. And Opera in the Vineyard was born.”

“Livermore is known for its vineyards and winemaking, so it was natural that we have the event in the vineyards,” she added “Again, we are so fortunate that we are in Livermore, because others who are having their summer

fundraisers are usually in a public park.”

Holt has publicly passed the torch to other board members to chair the future OIV vineyard events under her guidance and tutelage, though she will continue to serve as a key LVO board member.



Opera singer Liesl McPherrin is captured mid-song at LVO’s annual summertime fundraiser, “Opera in the Vineyard,” held this past Sunday at Garré Vineyard. (Photo by Doug Jorgensen)

SUTTER

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providers specializing in family and internal medicine, pediatrics, lab and imaging services.

The Sacramento-based Sutter recently signed a lease on two buildings in Pleasanton totaling 87,000 square feet of space. The first building, with 64,000 square feet, is on Willow Road, while the second, with 23,000 square feet, is just half a mile away on Hopyard Road. Sutter will offer a range of services in these buildings, including provider offices and an ambulatory care center for outpatient procedures. Renovation work is scheduled to begin next year, with an opening date sometime in 2026.

Both the new offices add to the diversity of local health care options. They already included Stanford Healthcare Tri-Valley in Livermore and Pleasanton, which include emergency departments, and Kaiser Permanente, which has multiple locations in the area.

Dr. Soham Jhaveri, Sutter’s associate medical director of business, said the new locations will give Tri-Valley residents access to the high-quality outpatient medical care Sutter Health is known for, while providing local jobs.

“The Tri-Valley area is booming and growing, and there will be lots of demand for primary care access,” Jhaveri said. “We are hoping to provide more healthcare access and there will be job creation for physicians, nursing staff, imaging specialists, and all health professionals.”

Jhaveri’s role is to help plan and create program-

ming for each office, by directing the kinds of services provided to the community. He said the site in Livermore will house eight to 10 physicians, while the Pleasanton site will support up to 25, alongside the outpatient center. Jhaveri said he and his colleagues think patients will appreciate the convenience of having doctor offices near a surgery center, which eases planning and decreases wait times.

Both locations will grow Sutter Health’s presence along the I-580 corridor in the East Bay. Sutter already has offices in Danville, Fremont and Dublin, but the two new offices will reduce the travel times for health care for many Tri-Valley residents.

“We are growing not just specialty care, but primary care, so patients can get better access to doctors in their area,” Jhaveri said. “The additional services we are planning will help improve the ability of the current and future populations to get healthcare in a timely and efficient manner.”

In addition to the two new facilities in Livermore and Pleasanton, Sutter Health also plans to add an infusion center to its existing Dublin location to provide chemotherapy services to cancer patients.

These new facilities are part of Sutter’s broader plan to add more than 25 new ambulatory care centers across its system in the next few years. Company officials cited the company’s longstanding commitment to providing accessible, high-quality healthcare services across the region as the impetus for these increases.

TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, Aug. 22
PIZZA, PASTA, AND TRIVIA NIGHT

Amador Valley Lions Club is hosting its 2nd annual Pizza, Pasta, and Trivia fundraising event on Aug. 22 at 6 p.m. at Dante Robere Winery in Livermore. Come alone or gather your friends and adult family members for a team of no more than six adults. Enjoy a delicious buffet, compete in a couple rounds of trivia, bid on items in a silent auction, and participate in a heads/tails raffle. Lots of fun and lots of prizes. The cost for this event is \$150 per couple which includes the pizza and pasta buffet plus one bottle of wine. Profits from this event will benefit local nonprofit charities. Tickets may be purchased by calling 925-968-4801. For information on Amador Valley Lions Club please visit e-clubhouse.org/sites/amadorvalley/.

Thursday, Aug. 22
GRIEF MEETING IN PLEASANTON

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

Saturday, Aug. 24
MAMMA MIA! MOVIE SING-ALONG

Come to the Vine Cinema & Alehouse on Saturday morning, Aug. 24, and sing your heart out while enjoying the ever-popular romantic comedy packed with Abba songs. Valley Concert Chorale, the Tri-Valley’s premier chorus for over 60 years, is partnering with Vine Cinema & Alehouse for this fun summertime event. At Vine Cinema & Alehouse, 1722 First St, Livermore. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. / movie starts at 10 a.m. General admission is \$15, seniors \$10 and students (K-12) \$5. Tickets can be purchased at www.valleyconcertchorale.org. More information about the Valley Concert Chorale is available at www.valleyconcertchorale.org or by calling 925-866-4003.

Saturday, Aug. 24
BINGO/LIGHT LUNCH FUNDRAISER

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

Saturday, Aug. 24
BALLET ROOTS DANCE COMPANY

Ballet Roots Dance Company, Pleasanton’s first and only professional ballet company, will present “Season 4” on Aug. 24, at the Livermore High School Theater. Showtimes at 3 and 6 p.m. Tickets are available at <https://www.balletroots.org/events.html>.

Sunday, Aug.25
HAGEMANN RANCH SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR

Visit Livermore’s national historic site at your own pace. The self-guided walking tour will take place on Aug. 25 from 1 to 5 p.m. Visit the animals and gardens and take a tour with experienced docents. Located at 455 Olivina Ave., Livermore.

Wednesday, Aug. 28
COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

The Dublin Library is hosting a free Community Resource Fair, open to everyone. Learn about many local resources for health care, housing aid, language learning, education, and more. This is a free event, and no registration is necessary. Over 20 community groups and non-profit organizations will be presenting information about resources available in Alameda County and the Tri-Valley. On Aug. 28 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Center Plaza, 925-803-7252.

Thursday, Aug. 29
WINE COUNTRY LUNCHEON WITH CONGRESSMAN ERIC SWALWELL
Enjoy an evening in the vineyard with Congressman Eric Swalwell who will be giving an update on the federal issues that affect us locally. This is an outdoor event. Seating is limited. Reservation is required. Aug. 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. At Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd. in Livermore. Cost is \$85 / members \$75. Register and pay at www.livermorechamber.org.

Sept. 1 through Sept. 30
SIP WITH US LIVERMORE
Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert, Livermore Downtown Inc., and the Livermore Valley Wine Community are thrilled to launch a pilot program “Sip with Us Livermore” in celebration of September’s California Wine Month. During September, patrons are encouraged to bring in a bottle of their favorite Livermore-produced wine to enjoy at participating downtown Livermore eateries, to support local dining establishments and

Livermore wineries. “Sip With Us Livermore” runs from Sept. 1 through 30. The first corkage fee will be waived; limit one fee waived per party.

Saturday, Sept. 7
DRESS A GIRL AROUND THE WORLD

Make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Meetings are once a month. The next SewFest is Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho St., in Livermore. Bring your sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, or just your helping hands. You can come for as long as you want — an hour or all day! (Please bring a bag lunch if you plan to stay all day.) Cheerful cotton fabric donations are always accepted. If you can’t make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, there are kits with which you can sew from home. Contact Suzanne Beck at 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com.

Thursday, Sept. 12
LIVERMORE VALLEY AMADOR GARDEN CLUB MEETING

‘The Art and Economics of Urban Flower Farming’ will be presented by guest speaker Elizabeth Fields, Five Fields Flower Farm, who will share insights on cultivating beautiful blooms. Discover the unique challenges and rewards of growing flowers as a business, including choosing the right varieties, as well as marketing and selling floral creations. Crosswinds Church, 1660 Freisman Rd., Livermore at the red Farm Theater Building. From 6 to 8 p.m.

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
TOPSCIENCE

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

ONGOING EVENTS
FARMERS MARKETS

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

Sunday Livermore Downtown Farmers Market

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

Thursday Night Livermore Farmers Market

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

Thursday Evening Dublin Farmer's Market

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

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (DAR) CHAPTER MEETING

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

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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on the November ballot that, if passed, would lower the threshold from two-thirds to 55%, but that initiative is facing challenges in court.

“This is not being taken lightly, how disappointing this is,” BAHFA Vice Chair Nick Josefowitz said of a 12-year effort to put the measure before voters. “I think we are all enthusiastic about not saying goodbye, but ‘see you later.’ This is a problem that we are all profoundly committed to fixing and profoundly inspired by the vision that the coalition had a regional housing bond that could deliver the resources to the scale that was so needed.”

The \$20 billion general obligation bond issue would have resulted in increased property taxes for businesses and homes, of about \$19 per \$100,000 of assessed value. The owner of a home assessed at \$600,000, approximately the median valuation in Alameda County, would pay an additional \$114 a year.

In its initial proposal, BAHFA said the bond measure would generate \$670 million annually to build 70,000 affordable homes near transit, jobs and stores, to turn vacant lots and blighted properties into housing, and establish assistance for first-time homebuyers. But following a threatening letter from opponents last week that found the actual cost to be \$911 million, BAHFA admitted to making a mathematical error and corrected the amount.

Last week, 13 Bay Area residents filed suit in Santa Clara County Superior Court to question the wording of the ballot measure, which they deemed slanted and would prejudice voters toward approving it.

“BAHFA knew that RM4 would fail after judicial revision, even if voters statewide passed Proposition 5,” said Jason Bezis, an attorney for opponents of the measure. “My clients have now shifted their energy to defeat Proposition 5.”

Under the \$20 billion plan, counties and large cities would have shared the funds. Alameda County would have received \$2.8 billion.

On Tuesday, just four days after the suit was filed, BAHFA called for a Wednesday special meeting with a strong indication the commission planned to pull it.

Nearly all of the 32 residents who addressed the panel before the vote Wednesday, either in person or through Zoom, expressed disappointment about what was about to occur.

Affordable housing advocate Heather Hood of Enterprise Community Partners choked back tears as she told the panel she supported pulling the measure and trying again in the future.

“We have all worked so hard to get here to do something truly transformational together,” Hood said. “This is a really difficult day for the campaign. We’ve had to think about the long run and even longer run in order to preserve our

collective ability to really fight and win.”

Laura Foote of Up for Growth said her organization had been prepared to mobilize like never before to get the bond passed.

“We need to take a moment and recognize that this is going to be a real tragedy for everybody, including our local economy,” Foote said. “This is a real loss for all, and we should recommit ourselves to the project of affordable housing in the Bay Area. Our cities are going to need to do more in order to deal with this tragedy, and we’re going to need to do a lot more in the short term, not just the long term, in order to make up for this loss.”

Opponents, however, were opposed to asking residents to pay more in property taxes, and encouraged the panel to pull the measure.

“I think the cost of living in our area has continued to soar, and I don’t think that the voters are ready to pass another very large tax measure that’s going to make it very hard to keep their homes,” said former San Jose City Councilmember Johnny Khamis. “I think this board ignores the fact that our people are struggling. Increasing the taxes on their property will actually get passed down to them, whether they’re renters or owners. And we have enough people living on the street now, and I don’t think a very large new tax is going to help.”

During discussion before the vote, Oakland Mayor Sheng

Thao, who serves on the BAHFA panel, called the decision to pull the measure disappointing, but planned to vote yes.

“I would call for and ask that we all take that energy of disappointment to ensure that Prop 5 passes, to ensure that that very first step takes place, so that we can move forward with this when it comes through again,” Thao said. “It is very emotional because it means that many families will not actually get the housing that they still deserve.”

Santa Rosa City Councilmember Victoria Fleming said her vote in June to place the measure on the ballot was “the best vote I’ve taken in my six years in elective office.” She called her vote Wednesday to remove it, her “saddest.”

“It’s most sad for the people who are living in overcrowded conditions that are impacting their health, and for all the children who don’t get to grow up with access to all the amenities that they so deserve,” Fleming said.

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, who serves on the panel and attended the meeting, did not comment during the discussion.

In Santa Clara County Superior Court Wednesday following the vote, Judge Eric Geflon asked BAHFA’s attorney to file a notice of the BAHFA decision to enable him to dismiss two lawsuits related to the measure. That dismissal would come on Sept. 5.

Fiesta Organizers Report Huge Salud y Sol Success

More than a thousand people attended the second annual Salud y Sol End-of-Summer Health Fiesta hosted by the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance (TVNPA) at May Nissen Park in Livermore earlier this month, according to event organizers.

“We are thrilled by the turnout and the positive impact this event has had on our community,” said Kathy Young, TVNPA chief executive officer Kathy Young. “The Salud y Sol End-of-Summer Health Fiesta exemplifies the power of collaboration and the importance of coming together to support our neighbors.”

Funded by a grant from Alameda County, the event was designed to acquaint area residents with nonprofit healthcare and support-services providers.

During the festival, Tri-Valley Haven, which provides support for victims of sexual and domestic abuse, passed out 405 backpacks filled with school supplies and 99 gift cards to local families, helping ensure students were prepared for the new school year.

Axis Community Health distributed 500 dental kits,

while the Outreach Program of America provided 17 families with cell phones and Holy Cross Lutheran Church gave away 600 children’s books.

Kids Bike Lane repaired 24 bikes, gave away eight new bikes, and passed out more than 30 helmets, according to event organizers, while La Familia handed out 500 coloring sets.

Open Heart Kitchen provided 300 free meals and Auntie Viv’s gave away about 375 servings of shaved ice.

The Department of Agriculture’s Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) also gave away 40 toddler backpacks.

City Serve of Tri-Valley, which helps coordinate efforts among churches and other faith-based organizations, non-profits, schools, businesses, and government agencies, provided information on housing and senior care.

Other participating organizations included Tri-Valley Air Quality and Quest Science Center, which entertained the crowd with rocket launches.

BALLOT

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Persons. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.

Proposition 32: Raises Minimum Wage. Initiative Statute.

Proposition 33: Expands Local Governments’ Authority to Enact Rent Control on Residential Property. Initiative Statute.

Proposition 34: Restricts Spending of Prescription Drug Revenues by Certain Health Care Providers. Initiative Statute.

Proposition 35: Provides Permanent Funding for Medi-Cal Health Care Services. Initiative Statute.

Proposition 36: Allows Felony Charges and Increas-

es Sentences for Certain Drug and Theft Crimes. Initiative Statute.

City of Dublin

Mayor: Shawn Costello, Tom Evans, Sherry Hu, Jean Josey

City Councilmember, District 1: Michael McCorrison

City Councilmember, District 3: Razi Hasni, John Morada

Measure 01: Traffic Relief, Clean Air/Open Space Preservation Measure

Measure 02: Offices and Government Accountability Act Measure

City of Livermore

Mayor: John Marchand* City Councilmember, District 3: Steve Dunbar, David Farley, Jeff Kaskey City Councilmember, District 4: Thomas Soules, Kristie Wang

City of Pleasanton

Mayor: Jack Balch, Karla Brown*

City Councilmember, District 2: Valerie Arkin*, Craig Eicher

City Councilmember, District 4: Matthew B. Gaidos, Vivek Mohan

Measure: Pleasanton Essential Services Protection Measure

Services districts

BART Director

District 5: Joseph Grcar, Melissa Hernandez*

Dublin San Ramon Services District

Area 3: Rich Halket*, Javier Lopez Rivero Area 5: Arun Goel*

Livermore Area Recreation & Park District

Two at-large Director seats: Matt Bogdanowicz, James Boswell*, Jan Palajac*, Jacob Vital

Chabot-Las Positas

Community College District

Trustee, Area 4: Joseph Grcar, Maria L. Heredia*

Trustee, Area 5: Catheryn Grier

Trustee, Area 7: Stephen (Steve) Lanza*

School District Governing Boards

Dublin Unified School District

Area 1: Kristian Reyes, Ramnath “Ram” Shanbhogue Area 3: Jeff Clark Area 4: Gabi Blackman*

Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District

Two at-large seats: Tara Boyce, Deena Kaplanis, Jean Paulsen, Amanda

Pepper, Maggie Tufts, Christiaan VandenHeuvel

Pleasanton Unified School District

Area 1: Mary Jo Carreon Area 3: Donalyn Harris, Kelly Mokashi*

Area 4: Jen Flynn, Charlie Jones

Sunol Glen Unified School District

One at-large seat: Erin Choin, Ryan Jergensen

The full ballot is viewable online on the Alameda County website: https://www.acgov.org/rov_app/candidatelist?election-id=252

OBITUARIES

Lois A. Button
Sept. 15, 1932 – Aug. 13, 2024



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Lois Button, age 91, on August 13, 2024, who was a wonderful and dedicated mother, a kind and compassionate sister, a loyal friend and longtime resident of Livermore.

Lois grew up in San Leandro, California, and learned to play violin and piano. She was a Girl Scout who loved camping, swimming, singing and the outdoors. Lois graduated from San Leandro High School, class of 1950. She was in the chorus of her favorite musical “Brigadoon”. She played Tympani drums in the orchestra and was the accompanist for the Boys Glee Club and the chorus. Music filled her life with joy.

Lois won the Bank of America Award for English that gave her a full scholarship to Ohio University. She became a certified radiology tech and loved that position. While working and raising her three girls, Lois attended night school and received her master’s in counseling in 1980. She became a guidance

counselor and taught women’s studies at Chabot College for multiple years, a goal she was extremely proud of accomplishing.

She married her high school sweetheart, Jack Button, in 1951. They moved to Livermore in 1956. Lois was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church (FPCL) since 1957. She taught Sunday School, loved singing in the church choir, attended Bible Study and was a Stephen’s Minister; she was always willing to help others.

In her retirement, Lois traveled with Jack in their

RV for over 15 years. Once Jack passed, Lois travelled internationally with her three daughters, her sister, and her friends. Lois also enjoyed playing the game of bridge.

Lois is predeceased by her husband of 56 years, Jack Button (2007). She is survived by her three daughters, Adelle and Paul Bell, Marlyn Peacock, Michele (Shelley) and Kevin Decoteau; her sister Naida Connery; six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

The Celebration of Life service is on Saturday, Aug. 24, 11a.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, with a light lunch to follow. For those who are unable to attend, live-streaming is available on fpcl.online.church. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the FPCL Deacon Fund/Music Department.

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

Leni Jane Seymon
July 26, 1954 - Aug. 6, 2024



her childhood dream job... teaching. Leni loved her math teaching profession and worked endlessly to create the most positive, rigorous, supportive environment for her students at Pleasanton Middle School. Over the 19 years of teaching, students always came back to thank her for the tremendous math experience they had, and to share their success stories. She was a master at remembering every single student’s name. Throughout these years, she maintained her engineering skills by working with her

close friend with Int-Elect Engineering and managed the family real estate business (Eirwin F. Selby Inc.). Needless to say, she enjoyed working!

When not working, Leni’s passion was cuisine... whether creating exotic meals at home, exploring cooking shows on TV, or traveling to wine and dining destinations, she loved experimenting with food and drink. Her fame was lemon drop cocktails and her colleagues savored her baked goodies on collaboration days. Generosity was in her soul.

Leni handled her year-long battle with esophageal cancer with amazing strength and calmness. She died peacefully at home with her sister and niece by her side.

She is survived by Gail Myers (sister), David Seymon (brother, and wife MaryJo), Gwen Anaya (niece, husband Jason, children Cruz and Ruby), Conrad Myers (nephew, wife Katelyn, children Grayson and Harper), George Myers (nephew and wife Julie, children Ivy, Austin, and Olivia).

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Shirley Jean Wyckoff
Aug. 21, 1937 - July 24, 2024

Former Livermore resident Shirley Wyckoff, age 86 and 11 months, passed away in Omaha Nebraska on July 24, 2024.

Shirley, known as “maca” to her family, was born Aug. 21, 1937, to Raymond William Keough and Selma McKenzie Warmington in Hayward, California. She married Jerry Allen Wyckoff in December of 1953, and together they raised four children in the

Bay Area. Shirley is survived by her four children, seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren: Jerry Allen Jr. (Nanette) (Christopher, Danielle, Joshua) (Skylar), Robert James (Patricia) (Corrina, Christina) (Riley, Ryder, Reese, Harlow, and Maci) Janine Michelle Langley (Richard), and Jeffery Wayne (Jennifer), (Chanelle and Clinton) (Bianca, Brian, Jameson, Hendrik). She is

also survived by brothers Jerry and William (Jan) and predeceased by brother Robert and sister Leah.

Shirley worked in customer service and at Intel after raising her family. She loved to crochet, knit, sew, walk her dog Bella, and go to the casinos. She was an avid collector of roosters and penguins. In retirement, she took up painting and other crafts at Arbor Vista where she was an active

member of the community. She looked forward to outings with family to shop and was always excited to eat out at a restaurant with her family. Shirley was a happy and proud mother to all her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She was kind to everyone, easy going, and enjoyed life to the fullest. Her favorite place and dream vacation was always Hawaii; she

was able to visit the islands with her daughter a few years ago and had an amazing time.

A celebration of life will be held at Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. Livermore, California, on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 12 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. A light lunch will be provided. Please join the family in honoring her love of Hawaii by coming in bright colors or tropical attire.

New Coach Brings Wealth of Hoops Experience to LPC

By Phil Jensen

New Las Positas College women's basketball head coach Tracey Walker was a multiskilled player during her career as a high school, college and professional athlete. She wants to bring that same attention to detail to this season's Hawks team. "My coaching philosophy generally is that we are as strong as our weakest link," said Walker, who was an assistant last season for Las Positas. She wants the team to concentrate this season on being fundamentally

sound and maintaining their joy and motivation. Walker's playing experience is extensive. In high school at Valley Christian-San Jose, she led the Central Coast Section in scoring and assists her senior year with 25 points and six assists per game in the 2003-04 season, in addition to 10 rebounds and five steals per game. After an outstanding four-year high school career, the point guard then played four years at Santa Clara University, where she was the team's Most Improved Player as

a freshman and its Most Outstanding Defensive Player as a sophomore. Walker had 1,000 career points for Santa Clara, then played professionally in Iceland one season before becoming an air traffic controller in the Navy from 2011-2020. Her offensive game was fast-paced, and that is also part of her coaching philosophy. "I want to score points in transition," Walker said. Defensively, she likes her players to put a lot of pressure on the opposing offense. "We make sure you feel our presence," Walker said.

"We're scrappy, getting all the loose balls. "I've always been that scrappy player. That has helped me develop an eye about how to play defense, how to anticipate passes." Growing up, Walker was influenced by players such as WNBA stars Cynthia Cooper, Ticha Penicheiro, Dawn Staley and Jennifer Azzi. She cited "their hard work, their tenacity, their toughness, their grace, the sportsmanship, and their love for basketball. A major coaching influence for Walker is Michelle Bento-Jackson,

her former coach at Santa Clara who is now at Cal Poly Humboldt. "A lot of her philosophy has stuck with me and I talk to her to this day," Walker said. Prior to her position as an assistant at Las Positas, Walker coached at Prolific Hoops in Mountain House, a year-round youth basketball academy. She has a bachelor's degree in sociology from Santa Clara and is currently pursuing a master's degree in counseling and guidance at San Jose State. Walker could have

a rebuilding job ahead of her at Las Positas. This year, the Hawks are returning none of their starters from last season's team, which finished 6-19 overall and 2-8 in Coast Conference-North play under former coach Caleb Theodore, who moved to Sacramento City College. "My hopes for the team this season is that we work hard, compete and have fun," said Walker in a text to The Independent. "I think this year is going to be a foundational one and I'm really excited to coach this group of women!"

Mountain Lion Spotted Near Pleasanton, Caught On Infrared Camera

By David Scholz

Despite a local resident's surprise encounter with a mountain lion mother and her kittens, officials note such sightings are rarer than one may think. The runner encountered a mountain lion with three kittens in Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park, west of the city, on Aug. 13, according to the East Bay Regional Parks District. A different mountain lion, also with three kittens, was spotted last year near Five Canyons Park in Castro Valley. Krysten Kellum, an information officer with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, said an increase in wildlife sightings can be attributed to more people with technology. Residents increasingly have installed security cameras placed outside of their homes, for example.

"Mountain lion sightings are rare. They do not like to be seen by humans," Kellum said. The East Bay area, surrounded by open space, is the natural habitat of mountain lions and other wildlife. "Housing developments continue to push further into open spaces that serve as wildlife habitat," Kellum said. In response, this species, like others, have in turn learned to adapt to the world that has grown up around them. "Wildlife has learned that where there are humans there will be sources of food. Those food sources could be pet food left outside or even small domestic pets or livestock left outside at night; another source could be lush gardens that attract deer (mountain lions' favorite food)," she said. People are more likely to spot wildlife between

dusk and dawn when the animals are more active. But hikers and others venturing outdoors should stay alert even in daytime. If a mountain lion is encountered, do not run — stay calm. Do not turn your back on the animal, and never approach them. Instead, face the animal, make sure it has an escape route, make loud noises and try to look bigger. If with small children, put them on your shoulders. Dave Mason, spokesperson with the East Bay Regional Parks District added, "Do not run as it is their normal instinct to "chase." He echoed Kellum's thoughts about the rarity of sighting a family unit of three young mountain lions with their mother. "Coyotes, bobcats, deer, elk, wild pigs, and mountain lions are occasionally spotted in East Bay Regional Parks," he said. "As always, visitors

should be aware of their surroundings and avoid

wearing headphones. Also, consider enjoying

parklands with a friend for added safety."



In a recent sighting at East Bay Regional Parks District's (EBRPD) Pleasanton Ridge, a mountain lion family consisting of a mother and her three kittens was observed by camera trap. This marks the second confirmed appearance of a mountain lion family in the area. Last year, a different mother mountain lion with three cubs was seen near EBRPD's Five Canyons Park, showcasing a trend of successful breeding in the this region. (Photo courtesy of Alameda County Resource Conservation District)



Participants at last year's Tri-Valley Haven Pace for Peace crossing the finish line. (Photo courtesy of Tri-Valley Haven)

Annual Pace for Peace Set for Oct. 5

Tri-Valley Haven, a Livermore-based nonprofit, will sponsor its 27th annual Pace for Peace fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 5. Proceeds from the 5k/10k walk and run will support programs for child and adult survivors of sexual and domestic abuse, including emergency housing, counseling, and legal services.

The run/walk will start and finish at the nonprofit's community building, 3663 Pacific Ave. The 10K will get underway at 8 a.m., with participants in the 5K starting a few minutes later, according to the event schedule. Strollers and dogs are welcome. All participants will be timed and both the 10K and

5K are expected to end by 9:30 a.m., followed by an awards ceremony. The cost is \$45 for adults for either the 5K or 10K timed runs, plus a \$4.45 registration fee, and \$35 for youths 18 and under, plus a \$3.85 registration fee. To register, or for sponsorship information, go to trivalleyhaven.org.

Realtors Foundation Awards \$15k In Scholarships to College Students

The Bay East Association of Realtors Foundation recently awarded \$15,000 in scholarships to 10 college students from Alameda and Contra Costa counties for the new school year. Scholarships were awarded to Colene Agbo, Jordan Sheehan, and Euleena Trinh, who will be attending the University of California, Los Angeles; Alexa Piscil and Hillary Khuu, University of California, Berkeley; Gabrielle Carpio, University of California, Santa Cruz; Asia Manuels,

University of California, Irvine; Laura Khuu, University of California, Davis; Anja Weiss, Chapman University; and Sariah Johnson, Howard University. The foundation was established in 1978 to provide financial support for education and charitable needs in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Since launching the scholarship program in 2015, it has awarded \$215,000 in scholarships and grants to more than 110 students pursuing higher education.

"Every year we are amazed at the level of candidates that apply for the Bay East Foundation Scholarship," said Curtis Fleming, foundation president. "This year was no different and we see it as a privilege to help the future leaders in our society with their educational dreams." The Bay East Association of Realtor is a trade association for the more than 6,000 residential and commercial real estate agents in the San Francisco Bay Area.

SBC Expands Dublin Blood-Donation Hours

Stanford Blood Center (SBC) has expanded the hours of operation for its newest blood-donation center, which opened at the Fallon Gateway Shopping Center in Dublin last fall. The center, 2820 Dublin Boulevard, is now open from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

"With the expansion of our Dublin center's hours, we are excited to welcome more donors from the Tri-Valley region," says SBC Chief Executive Officer Harpreet Sandhu. "Our community blood center is dedicated to making the donation process as convenient and accessible as possible to ensure that life-saving blood is readily available for local patients." To encourage donations,

SBC is offering two tickets to a San Francisco Giants baseball game and a Giants-Stanford Blood Center T-shirt to anyone who gives blood on a Saturday in August. In addition, those who donate blood at the Dublin center on a Tuesday will receive a \$20 e-gift card. For more information or to schedule a blood donation, go to stanfordblood-center.org



The 54th Pleasanton Soccer Parade brought kids' teams in colorful costumes through downtown on Aug. 17. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)

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The following person(s) doing business as: Clarity Journals, 3295 Bridle Drive, Hayward, CA 94541 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Alexis Green, 3295 Bridle Drive, Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/23/24. Signature of Registrant/s/: Alexis Green, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 22, 2024. Expires July 21, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6060. Published August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607528

The following person(s) doing business as: C&C Davis Consulting, 898 42nd Street, Oakland, CA 94608 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Penelope Davis, 898 42nd Street, Oakland, CA 94608. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/1/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Penelope Davis, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 27, 2024. Expires July 26, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6061. Published August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607798

The following person(s) doing business as: Russell City Distillery, 22549 Foothill Blvd, Hayward, CA 94541 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Russell City Distillery, Inc., 5929 Highwood Rd., Castro Valley, CA 94552. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 12/22/2014. Signature of Registrant/s/: Geoff Harnes, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 9, 2024. Expires July 8, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6064. Published August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR

CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 24CV074016

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner:

Paris Kimani Morrison
4362 Panorama Drive
Dublin, CA 94568
925-226-6937

pariskimani2@gmail.com

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Names:

Paris Kimani Morrison
Cara Daunice Morrison

Proposed Name:

Paris Kimani Neal
Cara Amani Kimani

THE COURT ORDERS

that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: 11/22/2024

Time: 9:30 AM

Dept: 1B

The address of the court is:

**Alameda County
Administration Building
1225 Fallon Street
Oakland, CA 94612**

A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation printed in this county: The Independent Newspaper 2250 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550
Dated: 4/8/2024 /s/: Thomas Nixon, Judge of the Superior Court.
The Independent, Legal No. 6065. Published August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 608296

The following person(s) doing business as: Sunol Aggregates, 11555 Dublin Blvd, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): De Silva Gates Construction LLC, 11555 Dublin Blvd, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/29/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Christpher Hallum, VicePresident/CO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 29, 2024. Expires July 28, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6066. Published August 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 608280

The following person(s) doing business as: This Little Life, 5436 Ruth Ave, Oakland, CA 94601 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): This Little Life LLC, 5436 Ruth Ave, Oakland, CA 94601. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Kim To, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 29, 2024. Expires July 28, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6067. Published August 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 608212

The following person(s) doing business as: Otter Construction, 1228 Quarry Lane, suite C, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Manito Construction, Inc., 1228 Quarry Lane, Suite C, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced

to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Victorora Morris, Vice President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 25, 2024. Expires July 24, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6068. Published August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 608027

The following person(s) doing business as: 3D Remodeling Inc., Lindgergh Ave, Suite D, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): James Alexander, PO Box 2812, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/1/1984. Signature of Registrant/s/: James Alexander, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 17, 2024. Expires July 16, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6069. Published August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607862

The following person(s) doing business as: SKNWITHKAIT, 4685 Canary Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kaitlyn White, 4685 Canary Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/16/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Kaitlyn White, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 11, 2024. Expires July 10, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6070. Published August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 608341

The following person(s) doing business as: Eduardo Lin, MD & Associates, 6155 Stoneridge Dr., STE 101, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Eduardo Lin, 6155 Stoneridge Dr., STE 101, Pleasanton, CA 94588; Minh Dang, 6155 Stoneridge Dr., STE 101, Pleasanton, CA 94588; Oasis Pain and Wellness Center, Inc., 6155 Stoneridge Dr., Ste 101, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/10/2024. Signature of Registrant/s/: Eduardo Lin, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 31, 2024. Expires July 30, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6071. Published August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607852

The following person(s) doing business as: Baba Landscaping, 6700 Goodfellow Ave, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): 5 Smar Movers, Inc., 6700 Goodfellow Ave, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 12/6/2022. Signature of Registrant/s/: Sanjeev Dhewan, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 10, 2024. Expires July 9, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6072. Published August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607834

The following person(s) doing business as: GJ Plumbing, 996 Via Honda, San Lorenzo, CA 94580 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Gilmer Rojas, 996 Via Honda San Lorenzo, CA 94580. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Gilmer Rojas, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 10, 2024. Expires July 9, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6073. Published August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 607834

The following person(s) doing business as: GJ Plumbing, 996 Via Honda, San Lorenzo, CA 94580 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Gilmer Rojas, 996 Via Honda San Lorenzo, CA 94580. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Gilmer Rojas, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 10, 2024. Expires July 9, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6073. Published August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 608404

The following person(s) doing business as: JALC Enterprises, 3670 Whitworth Drive, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): JALC Enterprises, LLC, 3670 Whitworth Dr., Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/23/2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jeffery Hall, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 2, 2024. Expires August 1, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6074. Published August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 608134

The following person(s) doing business as: Seoul Gom Tang II, 3801 Telegraph Ave, Oakland, CA 94609 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): KWM Investment Inc., 3801 Telegraph Ave, Oakland, CA 94609. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 0/0/2004. Signature of Registrant/s/: Won Young Kim, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 22, 2024. Expires July 21, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6075. Published August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 608238

The following person(s) doing business as: Original Insta Lube, 15526 Hesperian Blvd, San Lorenzo, CA 94580 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): ECO Lube Center, 15526 Hesperian Blvd, San Lorenzo, CA 94580. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/1/2016. Signature of Registrant/s/: Quang Phan, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 26, 2024. Expires July 25, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6076. Published August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 607597

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Amausuan Uji Matcha; 2. LAC Coffee, 39658 Cedar Blvd, Newark, CA 94560 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): CaffeineH0 LLC, 2050 Lewelling Blvd, San Leandro, CA 94579. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Quoc Nguyen, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 1, 2024. Expires June 30, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6077. Published August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 608090

The following person(s) doing business as: Behtesda Home, 22427 Montgomery St., Hayward, CA 94541 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Christian Retirement Center of Northern California, 22427 Montgomery St., Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/24/1971. Signature of Registrant/s/: Robin Harvey, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 19, 2024. Expires July 18, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6078. Published August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2024.

Statement of
ABANDONMENT OF USE OF
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
ORIGINAL FILE NO. 590828

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s). Original Inst Lube, 15526 Hesperian Blvd, San Lorenzo, CA 94580. Registered by the following owner(s): Huong Truong, 251 Perkins ST., Oakland, CA 94610. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 07/29/2022 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by an Individual. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Huong Truong. Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 26, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 6079. Published August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2024.

SUMMONS (CITATION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER (Número del Caso): 24CV070947

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): PENNYWEIGHT CRAFT BREWING LLC; CHRISTOPHER GUY aka CHRIS GUY; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): PAWNEE LEASING CORPORATION

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la

información a continuación. Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es):
**Superior Court of California,
County of Alameda 1221 Oak Street
Hayward, California 94544**
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):
**FERNIS, ADAMS & ASSOCIATES
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DATE (Fecha): 04/11/2024
Chad Finke, Executive Officer / Clerk of the Court
Clerk (Secretario),
D. Franklin
Deputy, (Adjunto)**
The Independent, Legal No. 6081. Published August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 608274

The following person(s) doing business as: Runestone Ranch, 19066 Mines Rd, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Runestone Ranch, 19066 Mines Rd, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed

above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jonalyn Porter, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 29, 2024. Expires July 28, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6082. Published August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 608435

The following person(s) doing business as: Electrical & Electronic Services LLC, 3987 First Street, Suite E, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Electrical & electronic Services LLC, 3987 First Street, Suite E, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Samuel Shyam, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 6, 2024. Expires August 5, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6083. Published August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 608580

The following person(s) doing business as: Evergreen Cemetery, 6450 Camden St., Oakland, CA 94605 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Evergreen Ministries, 200 Rollingwood Dr., Vallejo, CA 94591. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: October 2023. Signature of Registrant/s/: Manuel Mendoza, Accountant. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 13, 2024. Expires August 12, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6084. Published August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 608598

The following person(s) doing business as: 18 The Label, 1037 Germano Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Prabhot Randhawa, 1037 Germano Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Prabhot Randhawa, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 14, 2024. Expires August 13, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6085. Published August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 608681

The following person(s) doing business as: AthleticPro LLC, 188 Bluebell Drive, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): AthleticPro LLC, 188 Bluebell Drive, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Prabhot Randhawa, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 16, 2024. Expires August 15, 2029. The Independent, Legal No. 6086. Published August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2024.

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Ousted School Board President Running Again In Sunol Glen

By Ruth Roberts

Ousted Sunol Glen Unified School District (SGUSD) Board President Ryan Jergensen is throwing his hat back into the ring, looking to regain a seat this November on the three-member board he was recalled from last month. He is running against substitute teacher and vocal recall proponent Erin Choin for the seat formerly held by recalled Trustee Linda Hurley. Jergensen and Hurley were elected in 2020 and 2022, respectively, but later recalled in a special election in July this year over their votes to prohibit the flying of the LGBTQ+ flag on school campuses. The Alameda County Board of Education replaced Jergensen and Hurley temporarily with two of their own board members, President Cheryl

Cook-Kallio and Trustee Aisha Knowles. In its first meeting on July 24, Sunol Glen's interim board voted to repeal the flag ban and replaced it with a resolution allowing only the U.S. and state flags to fly on the school's flagpole. Other banners, including the Pride flag, may be placed elsewhere on campus, along fences or in other locations in the district. While the flag issue was a key factor in the recall effort, supporters also cited poor governance, such as Jergensen being reappointed as board president instead of rotating out of the position as had been customary, and not allowing community members to speak during public comment periods at school board meetings. These issues also contributed to a no-confidence vote by SGUSD union members and were instru-

mental in creating a divisive and contentious rift in the small community of fewer than 1,000 residents. Jergensen said in an email to The Independent,



Ryan Jergensen

that despite his tumultuous time on the board and the subsequent recall, he believes he still has the support of many Sunolians. "Yes, there was quite a bit of drama ... but I am here to represent a large

segment of the Sunol population," he said. "The recall campaign and election was fairly even in the votes and results. Because I am on the ballot again, people have the opportunity to learn the truth about me. They have the opportunity to get to know me and have a discussion with me personally in our small community." But Ted Romo, who did not face recall and is now president of the board, said in an email to The Independent that he wondered how Jergensen's bid would be received given the volatile nature of the recall. "While I am speaking in my personal capacity and not on behalf of the Sunol Glen USD, its board of trustees or its employees, I would not be surprised if voters, having just voted to recall and remove Ryan from the board of trustees, found it a bit off-putting that

he immediately put himself back in front of them in an effort to get himself on the board of trustees," Romo wrote. "I would think that voters may reasonably conclude that his efforts are tinned, and his actions simply seek to defy the desires and will of the voters that he no longer serves on the board of trustees. Certainly, for someone who asserts he has heard the community's concerns, which culminated in his public removal from elected office, he doesn't seem to have listened to them. His candidacy brings back divisiveness when the public was expecting now to be free of it and able to move on from the chaos that his prior tenure brought to Sunol, its school and its school board." Jergensen added that he believes there is still room for him to make an impact in the school community, despite his past differences

with the board. "I think proper civil discourse is always difficult," he said. "Difficulty is not a reason to shy away from the good work of trying to help everyone to be heard and welcome in our community. Diversity of opinion and views is important to bring to the table, and it is important not to tell those who have opposing views to either be quiet, go away, nor exclude them from a seat at the table. I would not have any problem serving on a board with those of differing views. I never tried to recall Mr. Romo, nor did I attack him or his views, as was the tactic unfortunately used toward me." Cook-Kallio will serve until the Nov. 5 general election, when Hurley's term would have expired. The winner of the November race will be sworn in on Dec. 10.

Kaplanis Announces Bid for Livermore School Board

Deena Kaplanis, a chiropractor and owner of Kaplanis Chiropractic in Livermore, has entered the race for a seat on the Livermore Valley Joint United School District (LVJUSD) Board of Education. Two seats on the board are up for election in November. In addition to being a business owner and doctor

of chiropractic, Kaplanis's campaign said she is the parent of school-age children and an active PTA board member. She has also participated in the school district's Parent Club Information Council meetings. Kaplanis's priorities as a school board member, according to her campaign,

would include ensuring school safety by allocating the funds necessary for measures like power locks and cameras at all school campuses. She is also concerned about low reading and math test scores and ways to improve academic success to match neighboring school districts and iden-

tifying and implementing ways to improve student mental health, including the introduction of meditation and wellness courses. Finally, according to the campaign, Kaplanis would like to see the school district bring back more courses and pathways for students who have the aptitude to be successful in

the trades. Kaplanis, who received her Doctor of Chiropractic degree from the Southern California University of Health Sciences, was also a candidate for the LVJUSD board in 2022, finishing fourth in a nine-person race for three open seats.

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Sandia Physicist Campaigns for Livermore Council

David Farley, a physicist with Sandia National Laboratories, has entered the race for the District 3 seat on the Livermore City Council. District 3 represents the southeastern area of Livermore. The seat is currently held by Brittini Kiick, whose term expires this year. Farley, who has lived in Livermore since 2010, worked at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for three years, before joining Sandia in 2014. He is also a former Navy pilot. He has a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engi-

neering from California Polytechnic State University



David Farley Announces Campaign for District 3 Seat. (Photo courtesy of David Farley)

and a doctorate in engineering physics from the University of California, San Diego. His work has included research in clean energy, artificial intelligence and machine learning, and quantum technologies. Farley is also managing partner of Quantal Technologies, a Livermore-based company that identifies market opportunities for emerging technologies, according to his LinkedIn profile. He is on the Airport Commission for the Livermore Municipal Airport. In his campaign an-

nouncement, Farley said his priorities on the council would be to promote clean energy projects throughout the city, help grow small businesses, promote smart housing development within the Urban Growth Boundary, maintain public safety, and ensure fiscal prudence. For more information, go to DavidFarley4Livermore.com.

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Haubert-Supported Promo Waves Corkage Fee for Livermore Restaurants

Several Livermore restaurants will waive the usual "corkage fee" during September for diners who bring their own bottles of wine, part of a Celebrate California Wine Month promotion sponsored by Livermore Downtown and the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. Restaurants typically charge customers a "corkage fee" for bringing their own bottles of wine. During the promotion, participating restaurants will waive their fees for the first bottle of wine from a Livermore Valley winery. Ruby Lopez-Villarreal, executive director of Liver-

more Downtown, called the "Sip with Us Livermore" promotion a "great opportunity to cross market and promote our downtown businesses and our Livermore wine partners." "By collaborating our marketing efforts, we can encourage and incentivize Bay Area residents to shop Livermore local wines and dine with Livermore local restaurants to a much larger audience, making a bigger positive economic impact," Lopez-Villarreal added. The promotion is also being supported by Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert, whose district encompasses down-

town Livermore and the Livermore Valley Wine Region. "I am pleased to connect these two economic drivers of our region and elevate collaboration between them through a partnership with Livermore Downtown Inc. and the Livermore Valley Wine Community and their leaders and boards of directors," Haubert said. For a list of the participating restaurants, go to livermoredowntown.com. During September, wineries around the state will be offering various tours, tastings, festivals, and farm-to-harvest dinners in celebration of California Wine Month.

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