

## Funds Raised for Family of Woman Killed by Boyfriend

By Larry Altman

Friends of a 51-year-old mother slain Sept. 6 in her home in an unincorporated area near Livermore are collecting donations to help her two grown daughters raise her young son and “make sure he lives the best life possible.”

The boy’s mother, Kellie J. Henry, was allegedly killed by her boyfriend, 38-year-old Gregory Jonathan Stephens, who was arrested after he called family members and admitted that he had shot her during an argument, sheriff’s deputies stated.

According to a court document, he later confessed to police.

The couple’s son was staying with a friend at the time, a family friend said.

Prosecutors charged Stephens Sept. 9 with murder with the use of a gun. He made his first court appearance that afternoon and was held without bail at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin. Stephens was scheduled to return to court Sept. 23 to enter a plea to begin the proceedings against him, court records showed.

Deputies responded to Henry’s rural ranch house in the 9200 block of Tesla Road about 2:20 p.m. Stephens’ family members contacted the Sheriff’s Department to report what he had told them, and that he was suicidal, Alameda County sheriff’s Lt. Ray Kelly said in a department release.

The deputies spotted Henry lying inside the front door with a gunshot wound when they arrived. Stephens, believed to still be armed and with access to other guns in the house, was moving in and out of the residence, deputies said.

Sheriff’s Office crisis negotiators, as well as special weapons team members, responded. In addition, drones, robots and police dogs were brought to the scene, deputies said.

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## Dublin Approves More Funding for Microloan Program

By Ron McNicoll

The Dublin City Council unanimously approved a staff recommendation to put additional funding into the city’s business microloan program.

During its Sept. 1 meeting, the council determined \$811,000 — Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds from the federal government — will go into the community with a focus on helping with loans for individuals economically impacted by the pandemic and creating more microloans for small businesses. The city’s Small Business Emergency Microloan Program offers zero-interest, unsecured, short-term loans to assist with things such as rent and payroll.

Dublin will designate \$450,000 of its allotment from CARES Act for the microloans. Another \$150,000 will go to a program to help residents pay their rent in the short term. Councilmember Shawn Kumagai, however, expressed concern about creating consumer debt in the long term, since the funds will eventually

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Las Positas student Alejandra Quezada-Sermenio sings the national anthem with American Legion Riders “Thunderous Tens” as part of a virtual 9/11 observance. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

## In Pleasanton

### Nursing Home Addresses COVID-19 Outbreak

By Ruth Roberts

Four more residents at the Pleasanton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center have died from COVID-19

residents pass away with a COVID-19 diagnosis. Pleasanton Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation has been diligent in following state and federal guidance in

but one of the employees has recovered and returned to work under the California disease control guidelines. Currently, seven residents who have recently

*“We are saddened to confirm we have had 12 residents pass away with a COVID-19 diagnosis.”*

related issues, bringing the death toll since the late-August outbreak to 12.

“Our world is facing an extraordinary health care crisis; COVID-19 continues to spread throughout our communities,” said Steve Black, the center’s spokesperson, who provided the updated numbers to The Independent this week. “We are saddened to confirm we have had 12

responding to COVID-19.”

The COVID-19 cases began surfacing in late August at the skilled nursing and rehab facility operated by Generations Healthcare on Neal Street near downtown Pleasanton. Since then, the state has confirmed 49 residents and 35 of the 260 employees at the 139-bed facility have tested positive for the virus.

According to Black, all

tested positive for the virus remain under watch in the facility’s COVID-19 unit.

“Pleasanton continues to work with infectious disease physicians and experts who are intimately involved in providing continuous guidance and training on the management and care of infected residents and staff,” said Black. “We have established clear lines

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## Opening Plans for Livermore's Stockmen's Park Underway

### Leaders Open to Looking at Other Win-Win Options for Affordable Housing, Downtown Park

While smoky conditions have delayed the ribbon cutting for the long-awaited Stockmen’s Park, city officials indicate plans for a virtual celebration are still progressing.

The project is known for providing both affordable housing and a downtown park for the community at a time when neither were moving forward.

Vice Mayor Bob Woerner — credited with pulling together the deal that created the park — recalled that in 1962, the Livermore Stockmen’s Rodeo Association gave 33 acres of the original rodeo grounds to the city to be used exclusively for civic purposes,

with housing excluded.

“A portion was to be reserved for a park to be built by the city to honor the contributions to our heritage by the stockmen and the veterans of Livermore, Pleasanton and Murray Township,” Woerner said. “Fast forwarding to 2017, Laning Thompson of Interfaith Housing approached me to help her get permission to develop a vacant part of the Civic Center site on Pacific Ave for affordable senior housing, which, as it turned out, was the site for the agreed upon park.”

He noted the idea for creating a larger downtown park arose in a July 2017 meeting, arranged by

Laning Thompson of Interfaith Housing at Woerner’s request. Representatives from the city, the Livermore Stockmen’s Rodeo Association and Interfaith Housing worked toward a solution.

“In the course of the discussion, rancher Don Staysa mentioned that perhaps a different site could be designated for the promised park,” Woerner continued. “It was then that I suggested considering the new park being planned for the downtown.”

What came out of the meeting became a deal that Woerner called a “win-win” for the community.

“The stockmen and

(See PARK, page 7)

## Tri-Valley Mayors' Summit Offers Look at Successes, Future Goals

By Aly Brown

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce recently hosted the Tri-Valley Mayors’ Summit.

The mayors of Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin joined a regional panel and took turns providing an update to the community in a virtual setting aired on YouTube. District 16 Assemblymember Catharine Baker moderated the event, made possible by the collaboration of local chambers of commerce and each city.

First, the panelists each touched base on their city’s response to COVID-19. Pleasanton Vice Mayor Kathy Narum, standing in for Mayor Jerry Thorne,

kicked off the discussion. She noted her city closed Main Street on the weekends to bolster local businesses in the downtown region.

“Because of this, our businesses there have been thriving, which is great,” Narum said of the movement to allow for dining and retail to expand outdoors during the shelter-in-place.

On economic development, she pointed out that the Johnson Drive project, which saw unanimous approval of the updated documents central to rezoning the project site, would allow Costco to open in Pleasanton. She touched on the new robotics system that’s used for sanita-

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## In Livermore

### Homeless Encampment Population Shrinks: Other Concerns Linger

By David Chircop

The City of Livermore resumed cleanups of the creek homeless encampment last week, after a pause in early March as attention was diverted to the city’s COVID-19 response.

The number of people recently observed living in the Arroyo Las Positas Creek area south of I-580 shrank

significantly over the last year, but recent reports from nearby residents of frequent out-of-control fires, drug use and bullying remain.

There were reports by Livermore Police homeless liaisons of recently released pretrial inmates from Santa Rita Jail moving to the creek area, possibly changing the dynamics of the encamp-

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Last week’s headline — “Subcommittee Approves Draft Policy: Alameda County to Advance Solar Projects” — should have read: “County Subcommittee Recommends Board Advance Solar Policy Study for Future Projects: Subcommittee Recommends Board Move Forward with Current Solar Developments.”

## Baptism by Fire for New Alameda County Fire Chief

By Tony Kukulich

It would be difficult to imagine a more challenging first day of work than the one faced by Fire Chief William McDonald, the new head of the Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD).

McDonald, who succeeded recently retired Fire Chief David Rocha, was scheduled to take command of the department Aug. 17, the day after lightning storms sparked hundreds of fires across the state. One of those fires, the SCU Lightning

Complex, started burning in Alameda County and four other nearby counties. It prompted evacuation orders and warnings as it grew to the third largest wildfire in California history at nearly 400,000 acres.

“It was very busy and very stressful,” McDonald said. “But it was a pretty amazing time to see the response of Alameda County firefighters, as well as our partners in mutual aid and other fire departments throughout the county —

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## Former Sheriff's Lieutenant Admits A Mistake Led to Inmate's Suicide

By Larry Altman

The former Alameda County sheriff’s lieutenant who used chains to tether a 20-year-old Fremont man to a cell door in the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin admitted during an investigation that he made an “epic mistake” that resulted in the man’s suicide. A department report concluded the lieutenant was negligent in his duties.

Lt. Craig Cedergren told an investigator that after finding Christian Eduardo Madrigal unresponsive with a chain wrapped around his neck, he realized he had made a serious error tying Madrigal to the door. The prisoner was “clearly panicked and overwhelmed with the whole situation,” the internal affairs investigation said.

Madrigal died five days later in a hospital. The coroner’s office determined he died from the cessation of blood flow to his brain because of hanging, and ruled the death a suicide.

“I asked Lt. Cedergren if, in hindsight, he believed

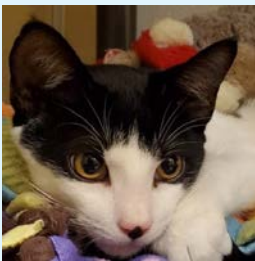
it would have been a better option to have used the restraint chair versus tethering Mr. Madrigal to the door with ankle restraint. He told me, ‘It would have been a better option to do something different, which might have included the restraint chair. Could have been simple — as you said, open the door and make him lay on the floor,’” Alameda Sheriff Sgt. Mark Pickett wrote in his June 30, 2019 report.

The statements and Pickett’s conclusion that Cedergren was negligent in his duties that day and failed to turn on his body camera were contained in a 117-page comprehensive report involving interviews with Cedergren, five deputies, two sergeants, another lieutenant and two captains involved in the case. The document’s contents were first reported Sept. 7 by KTVU, which obtained the report through a Public Records Act request and posted the findings on the station’s

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Families were thrilled the Niles Canyon Railway reopened last weekend. Trains ran between Sunol and Niles on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12 and 13. Officials reported tickets sold out for both days. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



Chris Chmura

## PET OF THE WEEK

Chris Chmura is a cuddly tuxedo kitten who is always ready for a belly rub. Chris was found with a severe injury to his back leg, which required amputation. Now Chris is happy and comfortable as a three-legged cat. While Valley Humane Society remains closed during shelter-in-place, it is coordinating adoptions by appointment with approved adopters. If you are interested in adopting Chris Chmura, email info@valleyhumane.org. (Photo - Valley Humane Society / V. Reyes)

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# Las Positas Hires Gary Reznick as New Women’s Volleyball Head Coach

By Matt Schwab

New Las Positas College women’s volleyball head coach Gary Reznick is excited about the team’s promise and wants to help open doors at all levels for young prospects.

A former setter at Division I Cal State Northridge, Reznick was hired in the spring to replace former Las Positas head coach Tracee



Gary Reznick

Byrd, after serving as her assistant for two years to roll out the Hawks’ program. He can see nothing but green lights ahead.

“It’s really exciting to see how the program has improved year over year,” Reznick said. “I would say that this team heading into this spring season is by far the best team that Las Positas has had.”

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the college volleyball season, normally held in the fall, was pushed back to February as part of a state contingency plan.

About eight years ago Reznick felt “a calling” to return to coaching and teaching, so he started the East Bay Volleyball Academy, which he reported continues to grow.

“I really want to help these kids make playing at the next level a reality,” he said of his philosophy.

Reznick seems well-placed at Las Positas with

his high-level background and ability to connect with and develop players. The Hawks always look to draw talent from the powerful East Bay Athletic League.

“We have a really strong volleyball culture in the Tri-Valley area,” he said. “It’s been a passion of mine over the past several years to get a volleyball program started at Las Positas because of that. With the formation of the program two years ago, it finally put Las Positas College on the map within the volleyball community.

Las Positas athletic director James Giacomazzi was wowed by Reznick’s resume and his giving nature. When the college hosted the state basketball tournament in the 2016-17 season, Reznick was quick to volunteer at a time when East Bay Volleyball Academy was an outside renter on campus.

“He’s a team player. He never brings any problems to me; he just brings solu-

tions,” Giacomazzi said of Reznick. “I like that and appreciate that about him.”

As a top player, Reznick helped Cal State Northridge finish second in the 1993 NCAA Men’s Volleyball tournament, when they fell to UCLA in the final. He also played with the USA National Team in the U.S. Olympic Festival in the summer of 1993.

“I had such a great experience playing through college, I know what it did for me as far as forming my work ethic and my character and competitiveness,” he recalled.

His current Hawks squad boasts a strong nucleus, including returners Rachel Dayton, a setter, out of Amador Valley and Kimball high schools; Jordynn Zemlock, a middle blocker, out of Mountain House; Krystal Tempra, a libero, from Lathrop; and Rachel Rockwell, a middle, out of Granada. Key freshmen newcomers

are Amador Valley products Sophia Moore and Phoebe Monette. Madison Weiland of Castro Valley High returns to the program from La Verne University in SoCal.

Reznick said several of his club players have moved on to college play, and he looks to continue the upward trend at Las Positas.

“That is the ultimate goal for our players, is to move on,” he said. “Now, whether they go play Division I or II or III or NAIA or community college, it really doesn’t matter. It just gives them the opportunity to continue to play and create the discipline they can use to go on later in life.”

# Photographer Captures, Supports Natural Beauty

By Dawnmarie Fehr

A local photographer is utilizing his art as a means of giving back to mother nature – the subject of his photographs.

Kristofer Zieb, a 29-year-old engineer at Lawrence Livermore National Labs, said photography is his passion. The past six months of enforced solitude have given him ample opportunity to spend more time doing what he loves. As his collection of landscape and nature photography grew, he was inspired to share his work with others. In the spring, he began selling prints for personal purchase

“This is relatively new for me, but during quarantine, it really took off,” Zieb said. “There’s nothing to do but be outside and isolated, and it was during this time of being on my own that the idea of giving back to the subjects I’m taking pictures of kind of clicked for me.”

Depending on the subject, Zieb began donating 50% of the revenue from the sale of his pictures to themed conservation funds, with a total of \$700 donated. Initially, his donations went to groups like the American Bird Conservancy and the Ocean Conservancy. Since

wildfires have made such an impact on the state this fall, especially state parks, he temporarily directed all donations to the California State Parks Foundation (CSPF) to help victims of California wildfires.

“This passion for landscape and nature photography grew for me in California, and that’s where the California State Parks Foundation came out of,” he said. “Currently, during wildfire relief, I’m donating all of the proceeds there because they started a wildfire relief fund.”

The CSPF is an independent, member-supported nonprofit that created a diverse network of champions for state parks. Holly Martinez, CSPF public relations officer, stated that the wildfire relief fund began when the fires in Big Basin and other locations continued to burn through protected state land.

“Our wildfire relief fund is working to immediately address the needs of those impacted by the fires in state parks,” Martinez said. “We are initially giving 100% of the funds that we raise out to those state parks to help employees who have been displaced, to help replace equipment and tools

and things they have lost in the fire. We will continue to help them rebuild and get back to work.”

Once initial needs are met, remaining funds will be used to establish long-term climate resiliency grants to help the parks prevent and prepare for the effects of climate change.

Zieb said the remaining half of his profits supports the hobby, covering the cost of tools and maintaining his website. His goal is to make the photography a self-sustaining donation machine, costing him only his time.

Zieb grew up in Oregon, in a family that spent time outdoors. He remembers his mother always had a camera handy and taught him to appreciate photography as a child. Once in high school, Zieb took a photography class that changed the way he took pictures.

“I started to appreciate the aesthetics, and what actually makes a good photo and not just I want to capture this moment,” he said. “We learned all about composition, lighting, different techniques, post processing, and it just opened my eyes to a whole new world . . . it became, ‘how do you set a stage,

how do you get lighting just right, what does color actually mean?’ There was just so much to it.”

Throughout college and into adulthood, Zieb continued learning, traveling and honing his skills. He has lived in New York, New Mexico and California. He said the unique landscapes of each of his homes have taught him something new about nature and how to capture it on film. But his favorite spot is right in Livermore.

“I think my absolute favorite spot is Del Valle Regional Park,” he said. “Even prior to its closure, there’s that fork in the road where Mines breaks off and you can look down into the valley and I must have shot hundreds of photos at that location, day and night. I’ve done some astrophotography . . . that was the first time I’ve seen the milky way with my own eyes, and I’ve been enchanted with that area ever since.”

For more information or to purchase one of Zieb’s photographs, visit [www.jamesekkartphoto.com](http://www.jamesekkartphoto.com).

For more information on the California State Parks Foundation, call 415-262-4400 or visit [www.calparks.org](http://www.calparks.org).

# Ag Center Seeks Input from Livermore Grape Growers and Viticulturists for Wine Country Study

The University of California’s Agricultural Issues Center, in partnership with Livermore’s Tri-Valley Conservancy, is investigating current and future agricultural production in the Livermore Valley.

The study’s lead researcher, Dr. James Lapsley, is an economic historian who studies wine marketing and business. Lapsley has personal experience with wine production and sales, and from 1980 to 2002, he operated a 6,000-case winery

specializing in wine made from organically grown grapes.

Properties in the South Livermore Valley Area Plan include more than 50 wineries and nearly 4,000 acres of cultivated agriculture, such as wine grapes, olives, pistachios, and hops. Lapsley will be focusing on the profitability of grape growing and winemaking in the Livermore Valley and the implications of climate change on local agriculture.

The study will inform

policymakers and farmers on agricultural profitability in Livermore and will identify barriers to and opportunities for Livermore Valley agriculture. Leaders of the study will be contacting winery owners and grape growers and aims to include everyone.

If you own a winery or grow crops on your property and have not heard from Tri-Valley Conservancy, reach out to [lmecier@trivalleyconservancy.org](mailto:lmecier@trivalleyconservancy.org) for more information.

# Ved Wadmark Earns High Rank of Eagle Scout

Ved Wadmark, a 2020 graduate of Amador Valley High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 908 in Pleasanton, has earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Wadmark is the son of Per and Nidhi Wadmark. His father is an assistant scoutmaster for the troop, which is chartered by St. Clare’s Episcopal Church.

To earn Scouting’s high-

est rank, Scouts must demonstrate leadership, earn at least 21 merit badges, including citizenship, camping, communications, cooking and lifesaving or emergency preparedness, and demonstrate that they live by the principles of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.

They must also plan and carry out a service project benefiting a religious institution, school or community group. For his Eagle project, Wadmark built helmet racks for Pleasanton Little League Baseball at Ken Mercer Sports Park.

Only about 4% of Scouts earn the rank of Eagle.

In addition to Scouting, Wadmark was on his high school’s cross country and track and field teams, and a member of Amador Valley VEX Robotics, the Investment Club, and Engineering Club. He was also on the Del Prado swim team.

Wadmark is now attending Rose-Hulman Insti-

tute of Technology in Terre Haute, Indiana, where he plans to study mechanical engineering



Ved Wadmark

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Deacon Dave Rezendes stands in front of Casa del Pombo ("House of the Dove") during the 2019 celebration. (File photo)

Deacon Dave Cancels this Year’s Holiday Lights

By Ron McNicoll

After 38 years of sharing what grew to become one of the nation’s biggest neighborhood Christmas light displays with major holiday crowds, Deacon Dave Rezendes’ event will go dark this year, because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Rezendes, who celebrates his 38th year as a Roman Catholic deacon, is on the staff of St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church in Livermore. He called off the holiday light show due to concerns for the health of the dozens of volunteers who help him during the season. He reasoned that many of them are vulnerable senior citizens, and he does not want to put them in harm’s way. Rezendes toyed with the option of turning the lights

on and keeping the gates closed at his Casa del Pombo (or “House of the Dove”), so that people could still see the lights from outside of the property. But then he realized he didn’t want to draw a crowd either. The home won’t go completely dark, however. The large dove sign — a universal symbol of peace and the Catholic sign of the inspirational Holy Spirit — will remain illuminated. He said lighting the dove sign might even give solace to those who don’t get the word about the cancellation and show up at the Livermore property on Hillcrest Avenue. The land near his property was once home to a ranch owned by Rezendes’ parents. But they sold off some of it for housing and kept the remainder to raise animals. The agricultural con-

nection persists to this day. Fourth generation ranching families in Livermore think of Rezendes as the “ranchers’ deacon.” In the past, Rezendes made sure there were always certain colors on the trees. He learned from attendees that bright red was the favorite, followed by cobalt blue. Green is in third place. Multicolored mixes score well. People who have attended the display started their own custom — the “Proposal Bridge.” It began when a young man took Rezendes aside and asked him to delay the incoming line, so he would have the space to propose to his girlfriend. There have been 72 such proposals “officially” noted. One thing Rezendes said is certain: “The girlfriend is always surprised.”

Fitness Challenge to Raise Money for ValleyCare

Three high school students from San Ramon organized a virtual fitness challenge, “Stay Apart. Fit Together,” to raise money for Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare. Jyothikaa Raman, Meghana Nutthi, and Aparajitha Sai Jella are members of ValleyCare Charitable Foundation’s Young Philanthropists team. Their challenge is to virtually walk, run, cycle, hike, swim (or any other physical activity) from the Golden Gate Bridge to Yosemite National Park. Participants have 30 days from when they register to clock miles, while their friends and family members cheer them on by donating to the nonprofit community hospital. Registration is open through Sept. 15 at [www.justgiving.com/campaign/FitTogether](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/FitTogether).

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tion within the city. Reinvestment in the Stoneridge Mall has also taken place. It will involve tearing down the vacant Sears building and making way for a new movie theater, retail, restaurants and more. Livermore Mayor John Marchand reported property tax revenue continues to be on the rise and that his city’s sales tax reduction because of the pandemic was not as catastrophic as initially predicted. “We’re seeing a slow, but steady recovery for our retailers, especially since we’ve reopened our downtown First Street,” Marchand said. The Livermore retail outlets welcomed two new stores, Marchand reported. He noted residents can join a yoga class in front of the Bankhead Theater. The city is helping retailers create online shopping platforms and redesign their interiors for reopening. Wineries will soon reopen for outdoor wine tasting without the food. Dublin Mayor David

Haubert reported his city has been able to weather the financial crisis by covering the \$16 million in lost sales taxes with rainy-day funds. He said Dublin pressed ahead with capital expenditure projects, such as various parks, and the conversion of city hall into a cultural arts center. “We’re well reserved for the decline in sales tax,” Haubert said. “We’re continuing to build the projects that we have the reserves to build on the capital expenditure side, and we’re bringing new businesses into Dublin.” Haubert further added that people with disabilities were added to the Meals and Wheels rotation; painted utility boxes and painted chairs now bring a dash of color to town; and the economic development team created programs like Dublin Eats and Take Out Tuesday to support Dublin restaurants. The mayors then touched on accomplishments of which they were especially proud, along with projects they hoped to see completed

in the future. Narum said she believed Thorne would be most proud of installing the veterans’ memorial at Pioneer Cemetery and the widening of Highway 84, but noted he would have liked to cut the ribbon at Lions Wayside Park. “We’re really proud of our fiscal responsibility,” she said. “We’re proud of that forward thinking and doing it for the long-term versus spending the money for the short-term.” Haubert was happy to see the development of parks, the aquatic center and new schools, in addition to the rebuilding of outdated infrastructure and widened roads. He said he would like to see Valley Link continued, in addition to an improved Dublin Boulevard. Among several items, Marchand said he was proud to work with the national laboratories and see the fences around Stockmen’s Park finally come down. “That was a promise

City of Dublin to Celebrate Pride Week

Dublin Pride Week, the City of Dublin’s annual week-long series of events, which promotes volunteerism and environmental awareness, will be held virtually this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event will run for five weeks, from, Sept. 19, through, Oct. 24. Opportunities that enable residents to give back to the Dublin community include participation in the City of Dublin’s celebration of Coastal Cleanup Day - picking up litter during neighborhood walks throughout the month of September. Numerous virtual workshops hosted by the City of Dublin and partner organizations will also be provided, including: **Dublin Cleanup 2020 – Protect Our New American Backyard** Join the City of Dublin’s celebration of Coastal Cleanup Day by picking up litter as you go on your neighborhood walks. Wear gloves, carry a trash bag, and report your cleanup by recording data on the CleanSwell app. Visit [www.dublin.ca.gov/993/Coastal-Cleanup-2020](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/993/Coastal-Cleanup-2020) for details. **Virtual Bike Workshops** Increase your knowledge and comfort in biking for transportation or recreation. Visit [bikeeastbay.org/education](http://bikeeastbay.org/education) for a complete calendar of classes and registration information. **'Make Soup Not Waste' Workshop, Sept. 19, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Join Anne-Marie Bonneau, aka the Zero-Waste Chef, as we make soup together with what we find in our refrigerators. Learn additional strategies to prevent food waste in this interactive workshop. Register at [make-soup-not-waste.eventbrite.com](http://make-soup-not-waste.eventbrite.com). **Virtual Food Drive, Sept.19 to Oct. 26** Donate to one of four organizations helping feed Tri-Valley residents who face

food insecurity. Any amount helps! Visit [dublinprideweek.com](http://dublinprideweek.com) for a link to donate to Alameda County Food Bank, Children’s Emergency Food Bank, Open Heart Kitchen, and Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. **Bike to Wherever Day, Sept. 24** Bike to Work Day is back as Bike to Wherever Day! Pledge to ride and get your map of (contact-free) energizer stations for the big day; a digital goody bag; and self-guided rides to celebrate. For more information, visit [bikeeastbay.org/btwd](http://bikeeastbay.org/btwd) **Resilient Home** East Bay Community Energy (EBCE), has partnered with SunRun to provide pre-negotiated pricing for rooftop solar, with or without battery storage. Learn more at upcoming webinars on Sept. 24, from 6 to 7 p.m.; Sept. 29, from noon to 1 p.m.; or Sept. 30, from 6 to 7 p.m. **Bay Area SunShares** Bay Area SunShares, open to any Bay Area resident, offers rooftop solar and battery storage options with pre-negotiated pricing. Residents must sign up by Nov. 30 to receive apples-to-apples, no-cost bids from up to three vetted solar companies. Learn more at an upcoming webinar on Sept. 17, from 6 to 7 p.m.; Sept. 23, from 9 to 10 a.m.; Sept. 29, from noon to 1 p.m.; or Oct. 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. **National Drive Electric Week, Sept. 26 to Oct. 4** Discover the many benefits of electric cars and e-bikes. Learn about vehicle range, charging, rebates and

incentives, programs for income qualified drivers, and the upcoming Drive Clean Bay Area EV Preferred Pricing Campaign. To register, visit [drivecleaneastbayarea.org/ndew/](http://drivecleaneastbayarea.org/ndew/). **Healthy Soils Webinars, Sept. 26, 9 to 10:30 a.m.; Nov. 12, 6 to 8:00 p.m.** Join StopWaste for their Healthy Soils Series, which showcases some of the practices used by StopWaste’s local farm partners. **Nature in Our Own Backyard Photo Contest, Submissions due Oct. 26** Submit your creek, wildlife, and natural park photographs taken in Dublin between April 2019 and October 2020. Winners will receive a gift certificate from Mike’s Camera, recognition from the City, and a metal print of their photograph. Learn more about how to submit your photo entries at <https://bit.ly/3k6fkZs>. **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off and Compost Give-Away Day, Oct. 24** A detailed flyer describing this event will be mailed to all single-family residences. **E-Waste Recycling Drop-Off, Oct. 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Recycle your old and broken e-waste responsibly. For a complete list of accepted items, visit [recycle1234.com/certified-no-cost](http://recycle1234.com/certified-no-cost). For more information on any of the Dublin Pride events, visit [www.dublin-prideweek.com](http://www.dublin-prideweek.com) or contact Rebecca Parnes at [rebecca.parnes@dublin.ca.gov](mailto:rebecca.parnes@dublin.ca.gov).

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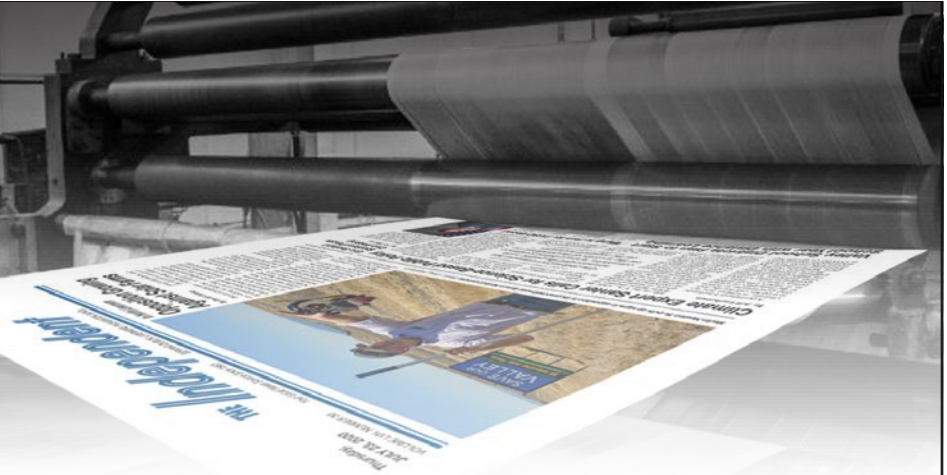
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The Planning Commission advises the City Council on the adoption and on-going review of the General Plan for the physical growth of the City. The Plan, in conjunction with the Development Code, guides the general location of future public facilities, private buildings and improvements.

The Commission has specific responsibilities in the administration of the Development Code, including decisions or recommendations on subdivision of land and other development projects. The Commission is also responsible for ensuring development projects meet the City’s Design Standards and Guidelines.

In addition, the Commission promotes public interest in planning and encourages citizen participation in the formulation of land use policies. The commissioners also acquaint the public with problems and solutions relating to the local physical environment. Preference is for applicants to have demonstrated ability in the area of design by virtue of avocation, vocation, talent, and interest in design, architecture, landscape architecture, or a related field.

Applicants are required to have attended at least one meeting of the Planning Commission prior to submitting an application. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays each month at 7:00 pm and are held virtually using Zoom. Additional recruitment information and agendas can be found using the following link: [www.cityoflivermore.net/PlanningCommission](http://www.cityoflivermore.net/PlanningCommission). The next Planning Commission meeting will be held Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

Applications are available at the City Clerk’s Office, 1052 S. Livermore Avenue, on-line at [www.cityoflivermore.net/AB](http://www.cityoflivermore.net/AB) or by emailing [cityclerk@cityoflivermore.net](mailto:cityclerk@cityoflivermore.net). Applicants must reside within the Livermore city limits.

*The recruitment period begins September 25, 2020 and applications are due to the City Clerk’s Office no later than Friday, October 23, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Postmarks are not accepted.*

*Selected applicants are scheduled to be interviewed by the City Council at a special meeting on November 16, 2020. Due to COVID-19, these interviews may be held virtually using Zoom. Interviews are held in the evening.*



# EDITORIAL

## A Day of Socially Distanced Unity

Our nation saw observed a Day of Remembrance last Friday, Sept. 11, the federally recognized national day of service, which was originally founded by nonprofit MyGoodDeed. MyGoodDeed's mission is to "turn a day of tragedy into a day of doing good." The website further writes, "We remember, honor and pay tribute to members of our 9/11 community — including friends and lost loved ones — by joining together in unity on this day."

Despite events taking place online due to a global pandemic, the community in the Tri-Valley found ways to join together in socially distanced unity. The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department held a virtual flag raising ceremony, which began early Friday morning and was later posted to YouTube. In Pleasanton, Tom Barnett Drive received its annual influx of flags and memo-

rial tributes. Barnett was a passenger on United Airlines Flight 93, which was hijacked during the 9/11 attacks.

Las Positas College started off as a site for another digital commemorative ceremony, but it received a "thunderous" group of motorcycle guests. Following direction from an outdated 9/11 memo that had recently recirculated online, the American Legion Riders (aka "Thunderous Tens") arrived to pay their respects only to realize the event was intended to be virtual. But with singer Aoejandra Quezda Sermenon ready to sing the national anthem, the motorcycle riders stood to salute while standing apart, and the misunderstanding became a photo opportunity.

It is heartwarming to see our community find creative ways to honor those who died on Sept. 11.

## MAILBOX

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### Arkin Needed on City Council

**Susan Reid, Pleasanton**

Pleasanton is fortunate to have Valerie Arkin as a candidate for the City Council. Based on her many years on the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees, she will be a great council representative for Pleasanton residents. She has demonstrated a high degree of integrity, competence, and understanding of complex issues. I have known Valerie for many years and can attest to her fairness, kindness, and respect for different opinions.

She is not accepting any money from developers or other special interests. She will represent the residents on issues such as preservation of the historic downtown, avoiding extreme development that does not fit with the infrastructure (traffic, water supply, etc.), and maintaining the excellence of Pleasanton schools. We need Valerie Arkin on the city council.

### Proud to Support Bob Woerner

**Hayden Sidun, Livermore**

I am writing today in support of Bob Woerner for mayor of Livermore.

I am a student at Granada High School with an interest in politics, and in looking for something to do this summer, I contacted Bob Woerner's campaign to see if I could get involved. The entire team and Bob himself have all been very warm and welcoming, and the work that these fine people do on this campaign is nothing short of impeccable and outstanding.

In working on his campaign,

I have come to know Bob Woerner as both a person and as a candidate for Livermore's next mayor. He truly cares about our community and the people who call Livermore home. He is compassionate about the issues that people in this city face every day, and with eight years on the city council (the last few as vice mayor) under his belt, knows how to get things done to improve the lives of every Livermore resident. He is one with the community as well as a kind human being who lights up any room he enters, and he has proven time and time again that he has what it takes to effectively serve this city.

Although I am too young to vote, I am beyond proud to support Bob Woerner for mayor of Livermore, and I am ecstatic to get back to work for his campaign and help him win this election.

### Wang Belongs on Livermore School Board

**Mary Perner, Livermore**

I became acquainted with Kristie Wang during Spring 2019 as a member of a small group advocating for removal of flavored tobacco products and vaping devices from Livermore stores. Kristie and two other concerned moms in the group had been working tirelessly, first in Livermore, and later throughout the Tri-Valley, to protect kids from nicotine addiction associated with vaping. Over the course of last summer, I watched Kristie organize activities and rallies, speak at Livermore City Council meetings, staff tables at the Farmers Market and Back-to-School nights, and much, much more.

Kristie is one of the most dedicated, hardworking, responsive and responsible people I know. When the welfare of our kids is at stake, she never gives up. For these reasons, and for her ability to work collaboratively, I wholeheartedly endorse Kristie Wang's candidacy for Livermore Unified School District Board of Trustees.

### Vinnie Bacon for Supervisor

**Donna Cabanne, Livermore**

Hey Livermore voters, want to preserve open space? If yes, there is only one choice for Alameda County Supervisor District 1. Vote for Vinnie Bacon to protect open space. He is the only candidate endorsed by the Sierra Club. He is also the only clean money candidate. Vinnie takes no money from developers, corporations, lobbyists, or PACs.

Vinnie is fair, caring and compassionate, and most importantly, will listen to our concerns. The outcome of this local election is critical. Vote for Vinnie, a candidate of the people, for the people.

Vote early and vote for Vinnie Bacon for Alameda County Supervisor District 1.

### Mony Nop for Livermore Mayor

**Brian Toy, Livermore**

This November, Livermore will be choosing its next mayor. After hearing of candidate Mony Nop, I was pleasantly surprised by the unique background and experience that he offers. What stood out were two things:

First, I am impressed by the adversity that Mony faced in his childhood. His story is one of surviving the killing fields of the Khmer Rouge to become a police officer and later a successful businessman in Livermore. Such childhood adversity has a lasting impact, which I believe is evident in his years of service as a police officer with Livermore.

Mony has developed a love for this community. He has started two nonprofit organizations focused on helping develop our youth. His background as an officer will provide our council a balanced and compassionate voice in the midst of great changes in many police departments across the nation.

Second, I am surprised by Mony's ability to succeed in just about any circumstance. Mony is no stranger to a new job and he proved that after jumping into the difficult real estate business. To even attempt to jump from being a police officer to the real estate business, much less to do it successfully, shows how driven Mony is. This jump shows adaptability, humility to start from scratch and learn a new job, and the ability to work with others and create a successful team. All these qualities will do him and Livermore well as the next mayor.

In light of the hardships he has faced, and his successful record as a police officer and a businessman, I believe that Mony has shown the ability to succeed in whatever life throws at him. If there ever was a time when a political outsider would be better suited for the position of mayor, I believe it is this time and with this candidate, Mony Nop.

### Sierra Club's Odd Endorsement

**David Rounds, Livermore**

The Sierra Club of San Francisco Bay is once again out of step with the local Tri-Valley Chapter.

In a letter last month to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors the Sierra Club of San Francisco Bay "quasi" endorsed the Aramis Solar Project in rural Alameda County. I say "quasi" because this endorsement seems to be more a piece of politics than a recommendation of environmental stewardship. The Sierra Club, while endorsing the project, also acknowledges that it has concerns about the biological impact of the project, the Environmental Impact Report is not done, and that the best way to do solar power in rural Alameda County is for the county to develop an overarching solar policy.

This all sounds like reasons an environmental protection organization would not endorse, at least for now, a controversial solar project. So, why did it endorse the project?

The letter from the Sierra Club also says that the project would provide electricity to help meet demand for air-conditioning in the county and that construction would create local jobs as part of a COVID-19 program.

Why is the Sierra Club endorsing a solar project to create jobs? Of course, creating jobs is a good thing, but this endorsement is "off mission" for the Sierra Club of San Francisco Bay and a slap in the face to those who support the Sierra Club because of its environmental work.

### Nancy Allen for Pleasanton Council

**Shoshone Truro-Allee, Pleasanton**

This year is a critical time in Pleasanton to get informed and make your vote count. As global politics polarize, so do the politics in Pleasanton. If you want a fair, smart, approachable city council member to represent you, you must vote for Nancy Allen.

Nancy has worked tirelessly on committees and task forces to make Pleasanton a better place, like her involvement to support hiking and bike trails and Cubby's Dog Park. Her business background will help make this a more fiscally sound city. She supports our historic downtown. Her compassion and caring for residents and small businesses makes her a balanced candidate.

She has consistently been involved in the social dynamics to make this a community that works for all. She does not take contributions from developers and won't be pressured by them when the time comes to vote on projects. She is fair minded, can bring opposing sides together through accountability and cutting through rhetoric. Go to [www.nancyalen2020.com/](http://www.nancyalen2020.com/) and spend just three minutes looking at her Priorities and "Meet Nancy" tabs and tell me if you agree!

### Kiziloglu for Pleasanton City Council

**Becky Dennis, Pleasanton**

Having been involved in local politics for many years, I didn't think the recent virtual Pleasanton City Council candidate debate would hold any surprises for me. I know many of the candidates. I have recently, and they will tell you liberally, shared with them my concerns about the urgent need to focus on correcting Pleasanton's lack of affordable workforce housing before building in East Pleasanton, and for programs to mitigate the increasing greenhouse gas emissions resulting from current land use policies.

Imagine my surprise and delight to hear a candidate I didn't know, Zarina Kiziloglu, express a clear understanding of these important issues.

I called her up to find out more about her perspective and motivations for running for city council. She expressed her frustration, as a housing commissioner, over the council's failure to abolish Pleasanton's inadequate in-lieu and housing fees that have so effectively blocked the building of affordable workforce housing in Pleasanton. She correctly observed that the affordable housing bottleneck is at the council level. The council has less interest in providing the workforce housing we need for our businesses and essential employees, and more interest in how to stay out of trouble for failing to do so.

Pleasanton needs a dedicated workforce-housing advocate on the city council, the same way Pleasanton needed to elect open-space advocates to save the ridge lands and control growth back in the 1990s. Zarina Kiziloglu is well qualified, with her master's degree in public administration and policy analysis, and her experience on the Pleasanton Housing Commission.

Pleasanton has built showcase nonprofit housing for our seniors. We can create equally fine nonprofit workforce housing for the employees of our corporate and small businesses, hospitals, schools, and public-service providers. Let's focus on solving our current need for affordable housing before we create more need with million-dollar homes, retail and industrial uses in East Pleasanton.

If you agree, send Zarina Kiziloglu to the city council.

### A Vote for Karla Brown

**Michele Plunge, Pleasanton**

I will be voting for Karla Brown for mayor of Pleasanton. As a city council member, Karla has a history of preserving the heritage of Pleasanton and supporting development projects that benefit Pleasanton residents.

Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch is one of those projects. Sunflower Hill is 31-unit af-

fordable residential community for adults with developmental disabilities. It includes apartments and a community space for activities and programs for residents. There are only a handful of these "intentional communities" in the U.S. Often adults with disabilities must live with their parents because their income, employment, and housing opportunities are limited.

Karla was a steadfast supporter of this project from its inception. Since I have an adult sibling with a disability, Karla personally asked me why I felt this facility was valuable to the disabled population and their families. At city council meetings, she thoroughly reviewed the information and asked thoughtful questions about the project. She also attended numerous fundraisers for Sunflower Hill.

Sunflower Hill was completed successfully, and Karla attended the groundbreaking ceremony. She also asked for and received a personal tour of the facility so she could share her impressions with other Pleasanton residents.

Karla has a wealth of relevant experience. She has served as a community volunteer, served on many boards and committees (Livermore Amador Valley Transportation Authority, Alameda County Liaison Committee, Fair Liaison Committee, Livermore Liaison Committee, Waste & Recycling Committee, East Bay Regional Park District Liaison Committee, Zone 7 Water Liaison Committee, Waste and Recycling Committee, and Dublin San Ramon Services District Liaison Committee) and has been a city council member for eight years and vice mayor for two.

She has consistently supported slow and smart growth to maintain the family-oriented lifestyle that we enjoy in Pleasanton. I have no doubt that Karla is the best candidate for mayor of Pleasanton.

### Experience Matters, Pentin for Mayor

**Brad Hirst, Pleasanton**

Jerry Pentin has lived in Pleasanton for 30 years. In that time, he has served on 24 committees, task forces, and service organizations, plus two city commissions and the City Council for eight years. Experience matters!

All the candidates for mayor love Pleasanton. The difference is that Jerry Pentin has the most experience, qualifications, and capabilities of all the candidates. Jerry always does his homework, is fully prepared, and will have no learning curve for the responsibilities of mayor.

Yes, all the candidates love our wonderful community. The difference is that Jerry will be the best mayor. Please elect Jerry Pentin mayor of Pleasanton.

### Mony Nop for Mayor

**Kathleen Wilson, Livermore**

Our not so little town of Livermore is a great place to live for many reasons - its diversity, access to natural beauty and outdoor space, and laid-back and unpretentious attitude of locals.

I have been lucky to call Livermore my home for the last 26 years. I also recognize the need to address the challenges that come with any growing community. Upon meeting Mony Nop, I came away with the confidence that he possesses the compassion, vision and energy that Livermore needs moving forward.

Mony Nop served the city of Livermore as a police officer for 17 years and has built a successful real estate business here as well. Both roles have allowed him to engage with Livermore folks across the map and have given him a unique perspective of our town that few people have. His commitment

as a public servant has been and continues to be demonstrated in his leadership roles with non-profits; working with the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance, Mony Nop Turkey Drop, and Rising Young Leaders are just a few examples. Visit his website if you'd like to see more, the list is impressive. His experiences have shaped his commitment to serve others; he turns empathy for folks who have hit hard times into effective action.

Equally important is his willingness to listen to residents when considering solutions to the challenges that are unique to Livermore. There are many reasons why we love living here, but that doesn't mean we don't have problems like any other town or city across America. I believe Mony will listen to residents in deciding how Livermore will solve the issues that are specific to our town.

Strong community input has led to a thriving, family-friendly downtown and a colorful arts and cultural scene. This same input could continue to shape Livermore in such areas as innovative police training and reform, bringing in various industries leading to job creation, and a compassionate response to homelessness.

Check out Mony's website and see for yourself who he is and what he stands for. His energy and openness to new and creative ideas are just what our town needs now and moving forward. Mony's success in whatever he has taken on leads me to believe that he will do the same as mayor of Livermore.

### Karla Brown for Mayor

**Debbie Ayres, Pleasanton**

Pleasanton mayoral candidate Karla Brown is not afraid to stand up for what is right in the best interest of all residents.

1. Karla Brown is the only candidate who does not accept campaign donations from wealthy builders or developers in exchange for votes or favors.

2. Karla supports slow and smart growth with consideration of city infrastructure (water and sewage capacity), traffic congestion, and school overcrowding.

3. Karla has stood atop protecting Pleasanton ridgelines from development.

4. Karla Brown has voted for the preservation of Pleasanton's crown jewel, our historic downtown, which gives us our sense of community and small-town feel.

### Hewing for Livermore School Trustee

**Eric Wayne, Livermore**

My home has been Livermore for the last 26 years. My two oldest kids graduated from Livermore High School while my two youngest are currently enrolled here.

I see that the Livermore Education Association has endorsed two candidates for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees. My question is this: on what criteria are these endorsements based?

I support Kandiss Hewing. She is an energetic, organized, hard-working young woman deeply concerned about children's education. She is an alumna of Livermore schools and would like to see them continue on the same path that helped her so greatly. Besides this, her background is in education and she has kids in school here. My endorsement is for Kandiss Hewing based on these criteria.

### Voting In Person

**Horacio Cavaleiro, Dublin**

David Pastor (Mailbox, Sept. 10) may be correct that voting by mail can eventually lead to false results. I really

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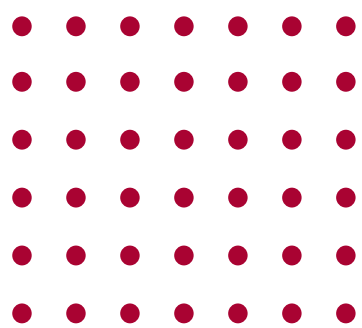
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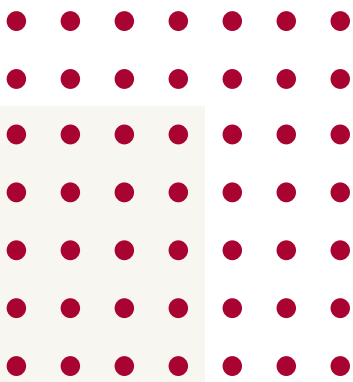
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believe that voting should only be permitted in person and by showing an ID card.

I came from another country where voting works that way, period. When I voted here the first time some 40 years ago, I immediately provided my ID at the polling place. Obviously, I was surprised being told that ID was not required! I always voted in person and I plan to do the same this year, unless I'm unable to be present due to illness.

Now, President Trump has said oftentimes that voting by mail, or absentee as he does and probably most politicians, is going to be the end of the world because fraudulent voting may cause him to lose. It seems like he's assuming that the only voters who will vote truthfully are Republicans and the other party's voters are scumbags!

If this model is defective, fix it. Otherwise it is equal opportunity voting, in my opinion.

## Stacey Swanson for LARPD Board

**Steve Goodman, Livermore**

I first met Stacey Swanson when I was on the board of directors for the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District during discussions about the Springtown Golf Course. She was concerned about the future of the area given the closure of the golf course and other related challenges. While she was passionate about the issue, I found her to be courteous and willing to listen in addition to sharing her thoughts.

She continued to be a positive activist for the area and was always professional, level-headed and willing to hear the opinions of others. She was able to look at fact-based information and not simply protest if decisions were not in her favor.

Stacey is passionate about the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, its programs and facilities and its mission of enhancing the quality of life for the residents of the District. She is a good listener, displays sound judgement, and is willing to work hard to get things done.

As a former LARPD board member for 12 years, I have a good understanding of what qualities a good board member should possess. Stacey is a person of integrity, which is one of the most important traits needed in elected officials. She will make an excellent member of the LARPD Board. I encourage you to join me in voting for Stacey Swanson.

## Biden, Harris Care for Us

**Ann Britton, Livermore**

"This is deadly stuff. It goes through air." That's what President Trump said about COVID-19 in February to author Bob Woodward. He didn't tell us that! He held rallies with his followers crowding together without masks and Herman Cain died after attending one of those rallies. Now almost 200,000 Americans have died.

Trump called our soldiers who have died in battle "suckers" and "losers." If he doesn't care about his followers or fallen soldiers, how much do you think he cares about you?

What concerns me even more is the blatant attempt to undermine the integrity of our election, the bedrock of our very democracy. He promotes lies coming from Russian President Putin about mail-in voting, and then tells people to break the law and vote twice. He says he will not believe the election results if he loses, but he'll believe them if he wins. So, fraud if he doesn't win, no fraud if he does. Huh?

It's come to the point where you either believe in the law, the Constitution and our democracy, or you believe in Trump!

The health of the economy is tied to our control of the virus. According to The Washington Post, the top 10% of U.S. households own 87% of the equities and mutual fund shares in the stock market. The stock market, which looks okay, reflects the financial health of the wealthy, not the health of our economy. Our economy is not working for most people.

Vote as if your life depends on it! Vote for Biden/Harris. They care about us, they care about our democracy, they care about an economy that works for all of us.

## Urban Life is Not for Me

**Janis Mulhall, Pleasanton**

Urban life is not for me! I moved from the urban East Bay to Pleasanton after witnessing a knife fight in Alhambra, where one of the men attempted to get into my car with me and my child. There was another incident where a bunch of juveniles pounced upon my car on Shattuck Avenue, while my child and I sat helplessly until another vehicle came to our rescue. The clincher was when my husband and I were on 6th and Cedar in Berkeley and someone shot out our car window, causing a shower of

glass to cascade all over me.

I wanted to live in a town where I would feel safe, where schools were not overcrowded, where traffic was not a nightmare, where police departments were fully funded, and crime was low, so we moved to Pleasanton.

I want to protect our town from the developers who could ruin everything. This election will determine if developers will own our town or if the citizens will. I am supporting Karla Brown for mayor, and Nancy Allen and Valerie Arkin for city council, because I know they want the same things I do.

I hope you will join me in keeping Pleasanton the kind of city where our families thrive.

## Guzman for Livermore School Trustee

**Michelle Boss, Livermore**

In the upcoming election, there are two openings on the Livermore Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees. There are five candidates running.

I strongly encourage your consideration of Yanira Guzman, a Livermore resident for 14 years who has a 13-year-old and an 8-year-old attending Junction Avenue K-8 School.

A member of the Hispanic community, Yanira has the qualifications and determination to be a voice for many families in our school community. Being bilingual, she can also be the voice for the Hispanic community that has historically been underrepresented on the school board.

I've gotten to know Yanira and her family over the past few years as a parent at Junction Avenue. They have become friends. Yanira's heart is in the right place. Having both a background as a teacher and in industry, I believe that given the opportunity to serve on the board, she will use her integrity, experience, and passion to bring about real improvement in communication, inclusion and access to resources.

## Steve Maher is Special-Needs Advocate

**Charles Abney, Pleasanton**

Thirty-one years ago, when my daughter entered kindergarten, she required special-education resources to remain inclusive and mainstream in the Pleasanton Unified School District. At the time, I did not understand special education and the Individualized Education Program process. It was Steve Maher who encouraged me to learn the IEP process and education laws.

During my daughter's elementary school years, Maher taught me how to be an effective IEP team member, advocate for my daughter, and to establish SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, results-oriented and time-bound) goals. He was present during many IEP planning sessions, encouraging me to find solutions and overcome challenges. He participated in many complex middle school IEP sessions. Steve was present for my daughter's transition to high school and throughout several high school IEPs.

When my daughter graduated from high school, Steve participated in the transition IEP from high school to college. My daughter graduated with an associate degree in Early Childhood Education, obtained a California teacher permit, and has been working with special-needs children since 2003.

Steve's commitment to education in Pleasanton spans 40 years. The 2019-2020 school year provided services for 15,000 students. Pleasanton is facing significant California and Alameda County budget shortfalls due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Leadership will require both intelligent ways to generate new revenue while reducing waste and non-value-added activities.

Steve has the knowledge and insight to open our schools safely. He also understands the tremendous impact COVID-19 is having on our special-needs' children and teachers. Each special-needs student learns differently and will need creative solutions to provide the resources to continue learning.

Steve is a hands-on steward of our children and a champion of education solutions for today's complex problems. Please join me in re-electing Steve Maher to the Pleasanton schools Board of Trustees.

## For Steve Maher, Students Come First

**Emmeline Chen, Pleasanton**

I wholeheartedly support Steve Maher's re-election to the Pleasanton Unified Schools Board of Trustees.

I met "Mr. Maher" when he was interim principal for two of my children's schools. At both schools, Steve brought stability, wisdom, and clear-eyed focus stemming from his experience as a Pleasanton principal and

teacher.

Steve won my trust then, and I continue to trust him to always have the interests of students at heart. His constant refrain is "Students come first." When asked about school issues, Steve usually starts with, "Well, first I would consider what's best for kids?"

A collaborative bridge-builder, Steve treats everyone with respect. He is a person of integrity with the courage to make unpopular decisions if they lead to the best outcome for students.

Steve was a beloved school principal with an extremely successful career in Pleasanton. He could have easily rested on his laurels, having the Hart Middle School gym named after him, the many awards, etc. Instead, Steve ran for the board of trustees four years ago because he cares for our community. He considers his trustee position to be both a privilege and a public service and has donated his stipend each month. Cumulatively, he has given almost \$20,000 to programs supporting foster/kinship students, special-needs students, social-emotional learning, and student activities.

I urge everyone to put students first and re-elect Steve Maher to the Pleasanton School Board.

## Ilavarasan for Progressive Pleasanton

**Renée Miller, Pleasanton**

I am voting for Monith Ilavarasan for mayor of Pleasanton. It's refreshing to see a younger, more diverse Pleasanton native who is passionate about progressive ideas.

With Monith as our mayor, Pleasanton can be a leader in providing accessible housing for essential workers such as teachers, grocery store employees, nurses, etc. He is also a vocal advocate for pairing mental health services with police. Monith is the only candidate who strongly advocates for these issues.

It is crucial that we move to make Pleasanton's representatives more reflective of the community. Support for these issues is a top priority during these difficult times. Vote for Monith Ilavarasan.

## Brown and Special Interest Money

**Linda Kelly, Pleasanton**

Do the people who wrote letters supporting Karla Brown really believe everything she says? Letters in the Sept. 4 issue contained similar phrases:

"She is the only candidate who vows not to take special interest money from developers/builders;" "promise not to take money from developers;" "has pledged not to take donations from developers;" "is not cozy with special interests;" "the only mayoral candidate that pledges to reject all campaign donations from builders or developers;" "the only candidate who does not accept campaign donations from wealthy builders or developers."

Were these themed letters merely coincidence or an issue that candidate Brown needs help with? The fact is Councilmember Brown has taken money from special interests, voted in support of them, and in one case, denied receiving the donation.

At the Feb. 18 Pleasanton City Council meeting, Don Kahler, representing Pleasanton Gravel Company and the Jameison Company, spoke against an agenda item regarding possible commercial development in the East Side Plan. In the March 3 meeting on the same topic, Brown voted against the measure. A fellow council member asked about a large donation she had received from that individual. Brown denied receiving the donation. Her vote and denial are on the video of that meeting. The donation is a matter of public record, as is her vote.

One of those six letters quoted above also claims her action "demonstrates integrity." Maybe the next batch of supporting letters will address integrity.

## Pleasanton Needs Mayor Pentin

**Bill Spain, Pleasanton**

Jerry Pentin has my vote for Pleasanton's next mayor. As a councilman, Jerry has been a strong advocate for our city and has the essential experience to lead our community with strength, passion, fairness and truth. Rare is the politician who says what he means and does what he says. Jerry is that guy. His ability to collaborate with members of our community with differing views and opinions has been something I have witnessed firsthand and admire. He will keep Pleasanton a safe, welcoming community that cares. Please join me in voting for Jerry Pentin.

## Pentin for Pleasanton Mayor

**Paul Eden, Pleasanton**

I first met Jerry Pentin when our Junipero Street neighbors enjoyed National Night Out. Jerry entered and won our First Annual Chili Cook Off. (I must say he does make some fine chili!) I like that he shows integrity and gives straight answers when questioned about issues that matter to us, like the calming measures for Junipero Street. He supported our neighborhood through that process and was a strong advocate for getting the measures approved by the whole council.

I like that he served our country as a Marine and is supportive of the city's men and women in the military.

I like that he is against defunding the Police Department and instead supports improving policies and working with the police to make them even better than they already are.

He has worked his way up through the ranks, including Parks and Recreation Commission and Planning Commission appointments. We need his experience and integrity to lead our city and its economic recovery from COVID-19 issues.

My vote for mayor goes to Jerry Pentin. I hope yours will, too.

## Analyzing Our Candidates

**John Lawrence, Livermore**

If choosing elected officials were easy, more people would vote, and the results would be awesome. Unfortunately, way too many people find it difficult or just inconvenient to participate. But, remember, we all have to live with the results!

If you do consider candidates' qualifications, it's helpful to examine three important qualities. Character is the obvious starting point. Add to that their experience (direct and indirect) and what and with whom they associate and it's easier to figure out who deserves your support.

Election time is upon us again. Yard signs are springing up like weeds and mailboxes are overflowing with campaign literature. These tools give voters a quick but admittedly biased snapshot of a candidate's character, experience and associations. If you don't personally know the candidates, more information is available from newspapers, web sites, radio interviews and very effectively by talking to others.

As a former local government employee, I had the privilege of working with a number of the candidates now competing for elected positions in Livermore. I strongly urge you to consider supporting three individuals. These three are not only well qualified, but are the type of collaborative, thoughtful and considerate people that we need in government. Please vote for Bob Woerner for mayor and for Jan Palajac and Stacey Swanson for seats on the Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District board of directors. Whatever your choices, please check out the candidates and get your ballot in. Remember, if you don't vote, then you have no right to complain.

## Karla Brown for Mayor

**Trudi Hartley, Pleasanton**

I highly recommend Karla Brown for mayor of Pleasanton. She has years of experience in community work as a volunteer and on boards and committees, including the city council and vice mayor. I like that she has pledged not to take donations from developers. She cares about the wishes of the residents and maintaining the character of our town. She is very approachable; you can take your concerns to her and she will listen. I would love to see her as our mayor.

## Pleasanton Election

**Trifecta**

**Kay Ayala, Pleasanton**

Nancy Allen has the experience we need with three open seats on the Pleasanton City Council due to term limits. We need Nancy's strong business and finance background to guide us through our economic challenges. She carefully considers all aspects of the issues, makes objective decisions, and collaborates with others to achieve goals. Nancy is a proven leader and a good fit for our community. Since Nancy is not accepting donations from developers, you can trust that she has no conflict of interest. That is important in this council race.

We also need a new voice on the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees and Chong Wang is my choice. He believes in high quality educational and extracurricular programs for all students in a healthy and safe learning environment.

And for a sure bet, re-elect Steve Maher to school board.

## Pentin Will Deliver

**For Pleasanton**

**Vicki LaBarge, Pleasanton**

Here is why I am voting for Jerry Pentin for mayor of Pleasanton:

He is honest and will tell you the truth, whether it is what you want to hear it or not, unlike his opponent who will say things you want to hear but are impossible to follow through on.

His experience on various committees and commissions in this city gives him the most well-rounded experience for being mayor.

He is a strong leader who will stand up for Pleasanton when being faced with housing and other mandates from Sacramento. He knows how to work and negotiate with state lawmakers.

His position on our schools and how the city can help the school district. I heard his plan firsthand at a neighborhood meeting. If you can attend one and learn about Jerry and his vision for our city, it is well worth your time.

His track record! This is the most important reason. Seriously, check out his opponent's voting track record and then make your decision.

During these challenging times with so many unknowns, I personally want our city to be led by an experienced leader who will deliver planned progress for our future. This is what Jerry will deliver.

## Nancy Allen for Pleasanton City Council

**Robert Gonella, Pleasanton**

I support Nancy Allen for the Pleasanton City Council. I am a longtime neighbor and have come to know Nancy both professionally (by working with her on a nonprofit board) and personally. I have also had occasion to view her at work at Pleasanton Planning Commission meetings.

I have found Nancy to be a creative problem-solver. She studies issues carefully and comes prepared. More importantly, she always focuses on what is in the best interest of Pleasanton as a community.

I am impressed that she has pledged not to take any developer donations for her campaign. One important issue that I am sure Nancy will come through on is the thoughtful development of East Pleasanton. I am sure she will make the best decision on the development, in the best interest of all neighborhoods in Pleasanton.

Please vote for Nancy Allen for Pleasanton City Council.

## Guzman for Livermore School Board

**Jennifer Boicic, Livermore**

I met Yanira Guzman through a Latinas of the Bay Area meet-up group that she co-leads and organizes for professional, like-minded women. We instantly connected given our similar backgrounds, being the first in our families to attend university and working in the technology industry. As our friendship has grown, she never ceases to impress me with her ambitious goals, both personally and professionally. She dreams big and always accomplishes what she puts her mind to.

I admire Yanira for balancing being a single mother and running her own business, while also giving back to the community, using her passion, experience and skills to drive change. By teaching job readiness skills, she has helped so many students and professionals advance in their careers. Yanira's positivity, collaborative approach, ability to listen and follow-through have made her a successful career coach and business-owner.

Her background in technology and connections to Silicon Valley will also be an asset for the Livermore Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees. Imagine the partnerships that she can help facilitate between Livermore and tech companies to enhance programs for our youth, further preparing them for careers in the industry.

This is why I absolutely support Yanira's candidacy. She brings representation, experience, skills and passion that is needed now more than ever.

## Homeless Games - Part XL - Playing On

**Greg Scott, Livermore**

The Homeless Games continue, mostly the inefficiency and lack of results from the "homeless industrial complex."

From the article headlined "New Hotel Shields Vulnerable Homeless from Coronavirus," in The Independent of Sept. 3: "The Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved spending up to \$5 million to lease the hotel on a month-to-month basis through the end of the year at a daily rate of \$200 for occupied rooms and \$120 for vacant ones. The agreement also includes three meals per day for

an additional \$40 per person.

"This does not include an additional \$1 million in expenses anticipated for wrap-around services, including security, property management and transportation. Under a separate contract, Fremont-based nonprofit Abode Services will provide those services."

Only \$6 million? Way to go taxpayers!

Presumably the homeless candidates are to be tested for COVID-19 before their stay at the hotel. Are homeless guests to be tested frequently? Will all those who test positive be shipped off to Oakland?

Up to \$6 million, and when that's gone, what? No "commons" or place for the homeless to be. No plan for economic inclusion or social protection. Back to the streets, or encampments, or wherever without proper sanitation and social distancing. Great plan! Where do we think COVID-19 is going? On holiday?

According to the article, "The first residents started moving in Aug. 24. By the end of the week, nearly 30 rooms were occupied."

So, by the end of the week nearly \$6,000 was being shelled out daily, without meals, and nearly \$7,200 daily if everyone received meals. How many readers would like to be netting \$240 a day or \$30 an hour in this economy? Presumably, the county was also spending nearly \$10,000 a day for the 82 vacant rooms. "Homeless ghosts" can stay in the vacant rooms. That is way cool!

"In the meantime, [Kerry Abbott, Alameda County Director of Homeless Care and Coordination] said the county government, cities and nonprofits that work with the homeless will coordinate efforts to try to locate permanent housing for as many residents of the temporary shelter program as possible."

How many homeless have been placed, for how much money, in the last three years?

Great deal for the hotel. Thank you, taxpayers. However, we are being suckers!

## Kristie Wang for Livermore School Board

**Cheryl Cook-Kallio, Pleasanton**

I enthusiastically endorse Kristie Wang because she is a tireless advocate for children; the best kind of advocate because she walks the walk.

She has done amazing work encouraging young people to exercise their voice in this participatory democracy. In seeking a seat on the Livermore Joint Unified Schools Board of Trustees, she is committed to doing the hard work to make sure students are served and teachers are supported in a very difficult time. She knows what it is like to navigate this with her own children in school thus understanding the concerns of parents too.

I have taught for over 40 years and I have served as a city council member. I know an excellent public servant when I see one. Kristie Wang is doing this for all the right reasons. On Nov. 3, vote for Kristie Wang for Livermore School Board.

## Do Your Research on Candidates

**Judy Fenton, Pleasanton**

While I applaud this year's robust and diverse slate of candidates, Pleasanton voters deserve to be fully informed. Missing from city council candidate Jack Balch's ballot statement is his affiliation with Balch Enterprises, Inc., his family-owned place of employment. On its website the company identifies itself as "one of the largest developers in the Bay Area." In his ballot statement, Balch lists himself as a chief financial officer. True. He is CFO of Balch Enterprises.

Perhaps that is not something he would want to promote to a voting populace known for supporting measured growth.

City council candidate and local businessman Randy Brown has also omitted critical information from his ballot statement by failing to mention that he is currently chairman of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce. Its roster includes several giants in the residential construction industry and a well-funded political action committee that consistently backs pro-growth candidates.

My votes will go to candidates who are not related to builders and developers, refuse to take donations from them, and have consistently voted on behalf of the residents who live in Pleasanton: Karla Brown for mayor of Pleasanton and Valerie Arkin and Nancy Allen for City Council.

## Vote for Bob Woerner

**Doug Horner, Livermore**

Livermore's budget will present a significant challenge for the next several years. Revenues are way down and critical



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veterans got a prime location for honoring their contributions to our heritage; the location swap made new land available for 140 units of affordable housing for seniors and veterans; and the city was able to finally fulfill

able to unite behind a common goal. I imagine there will need to be plenty of opportunity for public input and reasoned discussion of the potential benefits. Hopefully, the best course of action will become ap-

Yunker has followed the downtown plans over the years and worked with individuals on both sides of the issue. Last week, while driving down L Street between First Street and Railroad Avenue, he reported

caught my attention.”

Yunker said that, while he strongly supports efforts to provide housing close to transit and within the downtown, he also supports exploring viable locations for the 130-unit Eden Housing project, such as moving the housing across Railroad Avenue to the north. He noted that relocation could preserve the special open character of the Downtown Center by expanding the park space adjacent to Stockmen’s Park.

“I understand that more than double the number of units could be placed there, all within a half mile of transit and easy walking distance of the downtown,” he said.

“Perhaps, even more importantly, it could provide a spark to unite elements within the community to put aside previous differences, and work to develop and support plans to aggressively address the low-income housing needs across the city.”

its obligation made 58 years ago to build the park,” he said. “As an added bonus, the deal is projected to help offset nearly \$10 million of the approximately \$14.5 million obligation to the city’s Affordable Housing Fund incurred as a result of the purchase of the entire Downtown Catalyst Site.”

In January 2018, the city unanimously voted to approve the complex deal Woerner brokered with numerous disparate stakeholders.

The culmination of planning resulted in a project that included a downtown park along with retail, cultural uses and the Eden housing development, set to include 130 affordable units – all bound by L Street, Railroad Avenue and Livermore Avenue.

Plans for the project, however, saw division within the community, as residents prioritized different goals for this downtown site. Some wanted affordable housing and others a large, public park with amenities for all age groups.

For Woerner, who recently formed the Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee in the wake of George Floyd’s death, the need for affordable housing remained dominant within the city.

“We need to make sure that all the diverse members of our community can afford to live and work here in order to be actually welcoming to all,” he said. “I expect that the Equity and Inclusion Working Group will play a role in helping the community come together to arrive at the best overall solution to meet the housing needs for our diverse community.”

“There are several areas in Livermore that could be considered with affordable housing in the mix. The city’s approval of the Downtown Plan designates the northwest part of the downtown development site for 130 units of workforce housing. In the downtown area, the commercial sites east of P Street and north of Railroad are currently zoned to also include housing. As the sites between 2nd and 3rd Streets get redeveloped, retail on the first floors with residential above could also make sense. Sites in the Isabel Specific Plan also come to mind.”

When asked if moving 130 Eden Housing units off the downtown site – and increasing the unit count – to free up space for the park would unify those at odds over the plans, Woerner had a couple of points to share.

“First, I believe it is still possible in principle to relocate the housing element, assuming that any contractual, financial and quality concerns that may arise are satisfactorily resolved as judged by the key stakeholders,” he said. “The quantity of housing may not be the only consideration. The objective is to figure out the best feasible location by carefully evaluating all the factors.

“Second, how the decision is made will also be a critical factor that impacts how well the community is

parent as members of the community collaborate.

“Once we are clear on the best plan for the Eden Housing project, I will go for it, and look for the opportunity to make it happen. I am sure there is a way to help the community come together.”

Woerner further said he believed that working on the housing and open space would create another win-win for everyone.

Community Insight on Bridging the Divide

According to Evan Branning, Unify Livermore CFO, affordable housing is a major issue in Livermore and the region.

“I want what is best for our community, and I will continue to keep an open mind on the pros and cons of any project,” he stated. “With respect to the downtown site, it has long been envisioned for affordable housing. The land was purchased with affordable housing funds with an accompanying obligation to build housing on the site. Building the proposed workforce housing on that site fulfills that obligation and is the right thing to do.”

He pointed out that the housing downtown will allow local teachers and first responders a location with “amenities worthy of the sacrifices they make for our collective good.”

“If we try to move the housing,” he said, “it is my opinion that it could be met with legal challenges that could increase costs and delay progress. In addition, it is not certain that the \$14 million that the county has granted Eden Housing recently will necessarily be given to them if the project were moved across the street. I am looking forward to participating in any discussions on this project as we move forward.”

Mark Palajac, Chair of the Livermore Housing Authority, pointed out the need to get the downtown plan right.

“I voted for the City Plan in the March 3 election, primarily because I wanted to avoid further delays in implementation,” Palajac said. “I do prefer as much open green space as possible, and we only get one chance to do this downtown. There are obvious conflicts between open space and housing. I do think in this case there are good alternatives for locating the housing at nearby sites, including across the street on Railroad Avenue and on Chestnut.”

Palajac stated that he also believes that the city needs to locate affordable housing throughout Livermore, not just in concentrated areas. He noted “there are so many flavors of low-cost housing” to pursue.

“My wife, Jan, and I are both proponents of preserving open spaces as much as possible,” Palajac explained. “She is the board chair of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, so she gets to promote that on a routine basis. We’d both prefer the downtown park area to be as large as possible.”

Livermore resident Lee

his surprise – four-story buildings going up on the west side.

“For the first time, I realized that if the Eden Housing project were to go forward with its four-story residential units directly across the street on the east side, it would create a ‘canyon’ on L Street,” he said. “It would change the fundamental character of downtown Livermore. Citizens have gotten used to the light, sunshine and openness of our city’s center. That potential change

Livermore Storm Damage Closes Sections of Trail

Sections of the Arroyo Mocho Trail will be closed this month as contractors work to stabilize the banks of the arroyo and restore parts of the hiking and biking trail through Livermore that were damaged by severe winter storms in 2017.

Detour signs will be posted for trail users, according to the city.

The work, expected to be completed by Sept. 25, will also remove sediment built up beneath the Homes Street bridge.

Mask Up for Livermore this Week

The City of Livermore, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, and the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District are encouraging residents to “Mask Up for Livermore” to slow the spread of COVID-19.

During the “Mask Up for Livermore” campaign this week, the three agencies will be using social media to urge that residents wear protective face coverings in public settings, along with physical distancing and regular hand washing hands.

Community members are also being asked to post photos of themselves wearing masks on social media with the hashtag, #MaskUpForLivermore.

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# HOMELESS

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ment.

“We’ve been focused, rightly so, on homeless, but I don’t want us to lose sight of the people who live near the homeless, and how they’re feeling – not only about their own health, but their safety in proximity to the folks who are living in the creek area,” said Livermore City Councilman Robert Carling, chair of the council’s subcommittee on homelessness.

Since June 1, Carling said there have been about two dozen brush fires reported along the creek. Walking the area prior to the most recent cleanup, Carling reported he saw needles everywhere, presenting a health hazard.

He also saw signs of intimidation among creek residents, including an instance where someone took a woman’s stuffed animals and lynched them in a tree, apparently to warn the woman that she was not welcome there, he said.

Carling suggested looking for ways to discourage people from camping along the creek, especially along a residential stretch of Paseo Laguna Seco, where residents have said they are afraid to even walk along the winding pedestrian path along the creek because of illicit activities. He asked if the city might consider increasing cleanups or having police patrol the area for illegal campfires.

City Councilwoman Trish Munro, who also serves on the Homelessness Subcommittee, said ultimately, she does not want anybody living by the creek, but instead would like to see people in housing, because it is better for them, and also because the creek is a water

source that needs protecting. But she grappled with the city’s limited options.

Many of the issues at the encampment stem from mental health and substance abuse problems, which the city government is not equipped to handle. Before the pandemic, police could temporarily arrest people suspected of illegal drug activity. Police Capt. Matt Sarsfield reported the accused are frequently cited and released with a bus ticket, often returning the same day.

“We don’t have a lot of

had dropped to about 25, Sarsfield said. Of those, several agreed to relocate to a new Livermore hotel that began opening rooms last month to older and medically at-risk homeless people to provide temporary shelter during the pandemic.

The entire 112-room Residence Inn by Marriott near the San Francisco Premium Outlets was leased by Alameda County last month as part of a statewide push to secure 15,000 hotel rooms and trailers to provide temporary shelter for homeless people during the pandemic.

*For the first time since the start of summer, Livermore’s rate of COVID-19 spread is on the decline.*

options for consequences, to use the word I used with my children,” Munro said. “Which makes it more difficult to establish healthier living conditions, so I just want us to keep that in mind, because it makes what we’re trying to do much more challenging.”

Livermore’s homeless liaison officers led a number of creek cleanups last year, starting in March 2019. At the time, 20 tons of trash were removed, and between 55 to 60 unsheltered people were counted living in the Arroyo Los Positas Creek area, said Police Capt. Matt Sarsfield.

During last week’s cleanup, concentrating on the creek between Portola Avenue and Las Colinas Road, about 8 tons of trash were removed, along with two 40-yard dumpsters filled with debris. The number of people living in that area

Paul Spence, Livermore’s community development director, said 34 families, which includes 46 people in all, now occupy rooms; another 28 people identified for the program are waiting to move in pending medical verification. The program also provides meals, laundry service, case management and medical coordination. Abode Services, the nonprofit property manager for the hotel under a contract with the county, also works to find permanent housing for some of the residents, Spence said.

**Livermore, County CO-VID-19 Infection Rate Still High, But Improving**

For the first time since the start of summer, Livermore’s rate of COVID-19 spread is on the decline.

Livermore’s case rate continues to be higher than its Tri-Valley neighbors, but slightly below the county-

wide average of 7.8 new cases per 100,000 residents.

“Good news is that, in Livermore, our rate of new cases has dropped from about 10 new cases a day in the July/early August timeframes to now between four and five new cases a day in the last few weeks,” Livermore City Manager Marc Roberts told the city council at its Sept. 14 meeting.

The new testing data from the Alameda County Public Health Department mirrors a recent drop in the countywide transmission rate according to estimates using the Local Epidemic Modeling for Management and Action predictive model that accesses hospital data.

As of Sept. 5, the predicted median infection rate in Alameda County stands at .69, down from .90 last week, and a peak in June of 1.24, Roberts reported. An infection rate of one means that every person with COVID-19 transmits the virus to one other person.

Under the state’s new Blueprint for a Safer Economy, which consolidated and unified California’s approach to reopening, each county falls into one of four colored tiers: purple, red, orange or yellow. Alameda County remains in the purple tier, which is the most restrictive due to the prevalence of COVID-19 and the extent of community spread.

The county can move into the red tier if for three weeks the daily case rate drops to fewer than 7 per 100,000 population and the test positivity rate remains below 8%. Currently, the countywide testing positivity rate is 5%. People between 18 and 50 continue to have the highest rates of

infection. Latinos in the county continue to be particularly hard hit with an infection rate of more than double the county average.

**Small Businesses Can Still Apply for Pandemic Grants Up to \$20,000**

Since the Livermore City Council approved allocating up to \$2 million to provide small business relief grants of up to \$20,000 per business two weeks ago, the city processed 67 applications and more than \$850,000 in requested reimbursements.

The program offers matching grants for capital expenses needed to remain competitive during the pandemic. About half of the expenses were ineligible for reimbursement because they were operating expenses, such as payroll, rent and utilities, which are outside the bounds of the program that only covers capital expenses, Roberts said.

To qualify, an applicant must be a licensed and insured Livermore business with at least two employees and with gross annual receipts of \$10 million or less. Expenses covered include measures taken to protect employees and customers, and compliance with state and county public health orders. The first \$155,000 in qualifying expenses are expected to be dispersed to businesses as soon as this week.

**Livermore Equity and Inclusion Panel Expands**

The city council’s anti-racism initiative is increasing the number of seats at the table.

Spurred by the deaths of Breonna Taylor, George Floyd and others and the Black Lives Matters movement, in June the coun-

cil formed the Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee, appointing Vice Mayor Bob Woerner and Munro as co-chairs.

The purpose of the panel was to develop and implement a framework for community outreach and engagement to conduct a public review of the Livermore Police Department’s use of force policies and practices for incidences of structural discrimination and implicit bias. The subcommittee was also tasked with looking at issues of equity and inclusion across the community, with a broad range of subject areas, such as, human services and housing.

After a round of meetings earlier this summer, Woerner and Munro brought an initial framework, which the council approved, calling for a working group of up to 18 members.

An outpouring of interest from the public since then resulted in 48 applicants for 18 positions and prompted the subcommittee members to revise their thinking about making it a smaller panel.

“We didn’t want to start with excluding people,” Woerner said.

The city council agreed and voted to accept all 48 applicants, which is expected to change over time through attrition and the addition of new members.

Munro said the large number of members will be manageable, because the larger group will break into separate groups to address different areas of interest. She noted the members will help to spread information and “bring people together in different ways.”

# FUNDS

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Crisis negotiators reached Stephens on the phone. After several conversations during the next few hours, Stephens agreed to surrender about 5:15 p.m.

Stephens walked out with his hands up and was taken into custody. Henry was pronounced dead at the scene. A Sheriff’s Office probable cause report — a document written by detectives to justify his arrest — said Henry was shot numerous times.

“The firearm believed to have been used during the commission of the crime was located during search of the residence,” the report stated. “(Stephens) provided an admonished statement to detectives in which he confessed to the murder.”

Deputies reported that no

one else was in the house.

A neighbor, who asked to remain anonymous, said she watched the commotion. Although she did not know Stephens, she noted that she saw him about a year earlier, behaving erratically, angrily walking in and out of traffic with his shirt off. She reported that when her dogs barked at him, he leaned over the fence and said, “I’m gonna kill your dogs.”

Henry’s death stunned her friends, many of whom wrote comments on social media in tribute.

“Kelly was really loved,” Noriene Lumpe Butterfield said in an interview. “She’s got this adorable son that she lived for ... and her daughters and her granddaughter. She had a wonderful relationship with her

ex-husband. That’s how she was — she was just a ray of sunshine. I don’t know anybody that ever said one bad thing about her.”

Butterfield previously worked with Henry at a construction firm, where Henry dispatched trucks and crews to worksites.

Earlier, on the morning she died, Henry sent a text message to Butterfield to wish her a happy birthday. The message said, “Good morning. Happy birthday, beautiful lady. Have a fabulous day.” It closed with X’s for kisses and a heart emoji.

Butterfield stated she could not believe that just hours later, her friend would be gone.

“If I had known there was anything going on and there was an issue, I would have

called her back,” Butterfield said. “In retrospect, I wish I had. There was nothing that would have thrown red flags up for me.”

In announcing her mother’s death on Facebook, Marissa Krummen called Henry “beautiful and loving.”

“Please be patient, kind and respectful while my family processes this tragedy we are living through,” she wrote.

Alyse Gaudenzi, who is in a relationship with Henry’s former husband, commented on her Facebook page that Henry accepted her into the family “with an effortless grace.”

“Kellie’s kindness was infectious,” Gaudenzi wrote. “She went out of her way to make sure I felt like I was welcomed, and

it meant more to me than anyone could know. It was who she was; it was obvious she cared about people. Kellie had a way of just making you happy and a personality you were drawn to.”

Gaudenzi encouraged friends to donate to a fund established to aid her son. The site — <https://gf.me/uyxf776> — had raised over \$36,000 through Sept. 11.

Friend and fundraiser Heather Kelley explained on the site that Henry’s adult daughters had taken over their mother’s job raising their little brother.

“Please send this family

all the love and prayers,” Kelley wrote. “Kellie was the sunshine on a cloudy day and will be missed so much.”

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# INMATE

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website.

KTVU previously reported that Cedergren retired last year, four days before he was to be fired. The Alameda County District Attorney’s Office declined to file criminal charges against Cedergren or any other deputies, saying “criminal negligence involves more than ordinary careless, inattention or mistake in judgment.”

The investigation stemmed an incident on June 10, 2019, when Fremont police officers were called to Madrigal’s home. According to the District Attorney’s Office report, Madrigal’s family members had surrounded him while he behaved erratically. He admitted to using hallucinogenic drugs. The encounter was the third for law enforcement with Madrigal that week. On June 6, 2019, Madrigal tried to bypass security at San Jose International Airport and was shot with a Taser when he fought with police. He was placed in a hospital for psychiatric observation and released two days later.

On June 9, 2019, Madrigal’s stepfather called Fremont police to the house when Madrigal became aggressive and was screaming and throwing things at family members. Madrigal told officers he had used marijuana and ingested “mushrooms,” or psilocybin, which causes hallucinations.

Police officers did not arrest or detain him.

During the last encounter, police arrested him on suspicion of being under the influence of a controlled substance. He was taken to the Fremont jail, but became combative with officers and was transferred in restraints and a “spit mask” to the Santa Rita Jail.

At the Santa Rita jail, two deputies suggested securing Madrigal to a “restraint chair,” where he would have been strapped down. But Cedergren overruled them and had him placed in ankle restraints and handcuffs. A chain was tethered to the cell door. Later that day, Madrigal was found hanging from the chain around his neck.

During the investigation, several of the deputies with more experience working in the jail than Cedergren — who had arrived in his position just a few weeks earlier — said they believed his unfamiliarity with the

restraining chair resulted in his decision not to take his subordinates’ advice to utilize it.

“Deputy (Chris) Comfort elaborated on this point. He explained that because Lieutenant Cedergren was acting as if he was the ‘tip of the spear,’ he was not going to bring in a device he did not know how to operate while he was in charge,” Pickett wrote.

Another deputy said she had never tethered an inmate to the door, or seen a fellow officer do it. Deputy Tiffany Ross told the investigator she was surprised that Cedergren arrived on the scene and went “hands on” with the deputies. She said he did not take the time he needed to understand what they were doing, the report said.

“I asked Deputy Ross if she remembered anyone being upset and/or making comments about why the restraint chair was not

utilized,” Pickett wrote. “Deputy Ross told me ‘yes,’ saying she remembered everyone was pretty upset about it. Deputy Ross also confirmed Sgt. Johnnie Graham was baffled and appeared to have been confused as to why Lt. Cedergren had not approved the use of the restraint chair.”

None of the deputies, however, tried to change Cedergren’s decision, the report said.

Madrigal’s family has filed a wrongful death suit against the Sheriff’s Office.

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## MAILBOX

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decisions will need to be made. In a city our size, it is difficult to cut expenses quickly without massive downsizing and lay-offs that could decimate city services for years. This November is no time for someone who has never held elected office to attempt to learn the job of mayor.

Bob Woerner has reviewed, challenged, and influenced city budgets, both large and small, for many years. He has the experience and thoughtful insight to ensure that Livermore's greatly reduced budget will still reflect our community priorities. Join me and vote Bob Woerner for mayor.

### Woerner Endorsed by Tri-Valley Leaders

Lori Souza, Livermore

Vice Mayor Bob Woerner recently received the endorsements of several Tri-Valley area elected leaders in his bid to become the mayor of Livermore, including U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell and state Sen. Steve Glazer. He has also been endorsed by former Dublin mayor Tim Sbranti, who is running unopposed for a seat on the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees. [Sbranti was appointed to the college board of trustees in 2019 to fill out the term of retiring trustee Carlo Vecchiarelli.]

These local leaders recognize Woerner's support for Livermore on a regional level. Early on, Woerner's mayoral campaign was also endorsed by outgoing Mayor Marchand and every current City Council member.

In his endorsement, Swalwell said "Vice Mayor Woerner has proven to be compassionate

and collaborative in tackling regional, Tri-Valley, and Livermore issues. His dedicated leadership and track record of accomplishments makes him uniquely qualified to be the next mayor of Livermore."

Glazier said Woerner "has been a thoughtful and collaborative city leader and will be an outstanding Livermore Mayor. I strongly support his election."

Sbranti stated, "In my work for the Tri-Valley I have seen Vice Mayor Woerner's innovative problem solving on challenging regional issues. From his work on the fiscal health of the city to revitalizing the downtown, Woerner's leadership has positioned Livermore well to survive the pandemic and thrive in the future."

### Guzman for Livermore School Board

Angelina Hernandez, Livermore

I met Yanira Guzmán three years ago at a Latinistas Bay Area event that I hosted. Founded in 2016, Latinistas Bay Area is a professional Latina women's group. Upon meeting Yanira, she and I immediately hit it off. I quickly saw her leadership and authentic self, so much so that I asked that she co-lead the group with me. We have grown the group to over 400 women, with a core Livermore presence, and offered multiple professional and personal development workshops.

Yanira is an educator. She willingly listens to others, freely shares her knowledge with the women in the group and has helped many. For instance, she's advised women on how to advocate for themselves and their children whether in the workplace, schooling, or health

agencies. In addition, she is great at networking, even during shelter-in-place. During this time, she's built partnerships with educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, and industry leaders.

I see her ability to develop strategic partnerships as an asset to the larger Livermore community. She believes "through unity there is strength," and this is what I want for Livermore schools and the larger community. Vote for Yanira for Livermore Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees.

### Keeping Livermore Peaceful

Jan Brovont, Livermore

We need to make sure this city council and future city councils understand we do not want our Livermore Police Department defunded in any way.

We want to keep Livermore peaceful. Many want Livermore to be a destination location. I doubt that will happen if our police department is defunded or cut. Who would want to come here and be afraid to stand in front of the Bankhead Theater at night, or drive through wine country if Livermore has a skeletal police department? Just because rioters aren't here now doesn't mean we couldn't have a problem in the future. I doubt many new officers would want to join the Livermore police department at that point.

The fewer police officers we have the more endangered all of us are. And if they are defunded, we won't have new officers applying for positions. Then what?

Livermore residents, get out of your comfort zone and find

out what is happening in other cities. We could be next.

### Vote for Jack Balch in November

Justin Brown, Pleasanton

Given these unprecedented times, we need city leaders who are mindful, fiscally responsible, and serve with an open mind and a desire to do their utmost for all residents. City government impacts our day-to-day lives more than any other level of government.

I've had the privilege to serve alongside Jack Balch on the Pleasanton Planning Commission for the past few years. In my opinion, his financial expertise as a certified public accountant, combined with 11 years of commission experience, would be valuable assets as a councilman.

If you are seeking someone who can help our city recover economically, act and vote with integrity, and keep your best interests at the heart, then you should join me in voting for Jack Balch for Pleasanton City Council this November.

### Nancy Allen a Proven Leader

Laurene Green, Member Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors

The challenges of our time require leaders that have the skills and character to meet those challenges. We are fortunate to have amongst us such leaders, and one of them is Nancy Allen. Post-COVID-19, we will be going through a rough economic patch as we recover. Nancy has the financial, business, and local-government experience and acumen to help steer the right course. She

knows how to balance resources, build towards tomorrow, and help Pleasanton continue to be the "City of Planned Progress."

Nancy works well with people, while fighting for our interests. She has fought to preserve the jewel of our city, our downtown, and fought in Sacramento to preserve our local control.

One of her most important characteristics is her independence. Unlike other candidates for City Council, she has no personal interests in developments and will not take money from developers/builders.

Nancy is a proven, skilled leader with the interest of residents as her guide, and the track record to prove it. I've seen her in action and was delighted to hear she was considering running for the council. She is one of the most thoughtful, efficient, and hard-working individuals I've ever met. This is why as a Pleasanton resident I am happy to endorse Nancy Allen for the Pleasanton City Council, the right person for these times.

### Kristie Wang for Livermore School Board

Barbara Kornblum, Livermore

Let's elect Kristie Wang to the Livermore Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees.

Kristie is highly qualified to start the job on day one. Her master's degree in public policy trained her to think strategically and negotiate to solve problems for the public good.

Kristie demonstrated leadership in Livermore during the last two years by working to combat the youth vaping epidemic with local policy. She replicated this effort throughout

the Bay Area and a new state law ending the sale of flavored tobacco products was signed last month.

For nearly a decade, Kristie has served our community as a Tri-Valley Haven volunteer. Before that she worked in national policy organizations to protect the health, education, and well-being of all children and families.

Kristie also knows our Livermore schools firsthand as the mother of two students and frequent volunteer for classroom service. Join me in voting for a proven and knowledgeable leader by electing Kristie Wang to the Livermore School Board.

### Monith Ilavarasan for Mayor

LuAnne Miller, Pleasanton

I will be voting for Monith Ilavarasan for mayor of Pleasanton and encourage others to do the same. His platform is aligned with democratic ideals and my priorities for our community.

I am a "most of my life" Pleasanton resident. My husband and I moved here 31 years ago in our search for a nice home. It turned out to be the best decision of our lives in so many ways. This was fertile ground to raise our three children with excellent schools, great sports programs, and a wonderful community.

One of my biggest disappointments is that our children, college graduates with wonderful careers, cannot afford to buy a home here. I'm voting for Monith so my children can have the same opportunities that I was afforded.

## OBITUARIES

### Karl G. Jellinghausen

Sept. 3, 1928 – Sept. 6, 2020



Livermore resident Karl G. Jellinghausen - beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, teacher, and friend - passed away at home, with family by his side, on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020.

Karl was born in El Paso, Texas, to Joseph F. and Annie Mariah (Jacobson) Jellinghausen. He grew up in Duncan, Arizona. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He received his M. Ed from Arizona State College at Flagstaff in 1957, and then began his long teaching career.

Karl moved to Livermore in 1958 to teach at Livermore High. When Granada High School opened in 1963, he was one of the original teachers, and he taught there until his retirement in 1991. Through

the years, he taught woodshop, photography, drafting, electronics, and driver's training. After retiring, he opened Mr. J's Driving School and taught another 15 years. It was rare for Mr. J to go anywhere in town without running into one of his former students.

Karl was a faithful member

of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Over the years, he served as counselor in the Bishopric, Bishop, High Counselor, teacher, and temple worker in the Oakland Temple. He truly loved the Lord and was an amazing example of service.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Joseph, Edna, and John; and daughter Kari. He is survived by wife, Lorene (Brown) Jellinghausen; daughters, Peggy Jellinghausen, Lori (Jay) Cummings, Staci (Daron) Johnson; 14 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and sister Maurine.

A memorial service will be broadcast via Zoom on Sunday, Sept. 20, at 4 p.m. Pacific Time. Log-on early to view a slide show of Karl's life. The direct link is <https://bit.ly/3kjbb4k>.

### Carol Arlene Peterson Ainsworth

Jan. 9, 1932 – Sept. 4, 2020



Carol Ainsworth passed away peacefully at home, on Sept. 4, surrounded by her family; she was 88 years old. She was a resident of Livermore for 62 years.

Carol was born in Oakland, California, daughter of John and Gladys Peterson. She graduated from Fremont High School and went on to attend U.C. Berkeley, receiving a degree in general curriculum and a teaching credential in 1954. A proud Bear, Carol was a member of Utrique and the College Women's Club.

Carol married her best friend and love of her life, Donald Ainsworth, on June 19, 1955. They were childhood friends and fell in love while attending U.C. Berkeley. Carol and Don moved to Los Angeles, where Don attended dental school and Carol secured her first teaching position. They then spent two years in Yuma, Arizona (Air Force), where Carol gave birth to her first baby, Kenneth in 1957.

In 1958, they moved to Livermore, where Don opened his dental practice, Carol gave birth to Sharon in 1959 and Catherine in 1961. As a mother, Carol gave her children the confidence and strength to make their way in the world. She participated in her children's activities and encouraged interest in learning. She was a great listener and gave good advice. She was always welcoming to friends and a lot of fun.

Children were a lifetime passion of Carol's, from

raising her own three children to teaching at Mary's Nursery School, Livermore School District GATE Program, and Livermore Parks and Recreation Department's after-school program (ESS). Carol had a gift in making children feel special and important. Later on in life, she played a key role in helping raise her two grandchildren, Michael and Amy. Our mother's love knew no bounds.

Carol thoroughly enjoyed the outdoors and shared that with her family - camping and water ski trips to Lake Shasta ("Our Camp"), Lopez Island,

the high Sierras, Mattole River (Steelhead), boating adventures to Vancouver Island, Lake Powel and Lake Mead, creating special memories for the whole family.

Carol was an avid tennis player at Castlewood Country Club (Morning Glories) and formed lasting friendships.

She is survived by her son, Ken Ainsworth (Karolyn); daughters, Sharon Vroni and Catherine Ainsworth (Jim); and five grandchildren, Michael, Amy, Emily, David and Christopher; brother-in-law, Ken Weissenborn; and several nieces. She was predeceased by her husband, Donald Ainsworth; parents, Gladys and John Peterson; beloved sisters, Jean Brooks and Charlotte Weissenborn; and nephew, John Brooks.

Family would like to express thanks for the loving care from Hope Hospice (Kim, Rofina, Fria), and to caregiver, Kiwi (From the Heart). Our hearts forever appreciate the care, words, hugs, and smiles.

We feel truly blessed to have had this wonderful lady in our lives. She will be forever missed.

*"The woods are lovely, dark and deep*

*But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep  
And miles to go before I sleep"*

-Robert Frost

Memorial contributions can be made to Hope Hospice or the American Cancer Society. Due to COVID-19, a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

### Derek Anthony Ott

April 28, 1976 – Sept. 4, 2020



Moore, Ohlone baseball coach and athletic director, and Derek credited Coach Moore with his pitching success.

He was a self-taught expert angler, and Shadow Cliffs Lake in Pleasanton was a second home to him. He loved to fish for catfish, bass and trout and would usually catch the biggest fish each time we went fishing with his family and friends.

In high school, he mastered the art of creating clay pottery. He threw countless pounds of clay on the potter wheel and created many unique and creative pieces. He continued his love of pottery into his initial college years.

Derek was a U.S. Navy veteran, spending time on the USS Thomas Gates as an operational specialist stationed at Virginia Beach, Virginia. He was proud of the time that he served his country and continued to love the United States of America for the rest of his life.

He enjoyed a wide range of music - rock, blues, soul, reggae, classical and Christian, and Elvis Presley and Frank Sinatra were two of his favorite singers.

Derek was baptized at the Portland Foursquare Christian Church on Easter Sunday 2015. His acceptance of Jesus Christ provided him a solid foundation that led him to share Bible verses with his family and friends.

Derek decided to go back to college later in his life to achieve a goal that he had set years before. It was a difficult transition for him at first, but a challenge that he met head on. During his time at PSU, he became a dedicated student and his writing skills improved dramatically. He loved to write poetry, short stories and essays. The PSU professors, counselors, administrative office and his personal physician, Dr. Frank, were very helpful to Derek in his pursuit of his college degree. Derek was appreciative of the support he received, and he was proud to be a PSU Viking.

He loved to cook and enjoyed cooking for others. He loved to share his dishes with his friends and neighbors. He had a big heart and was always

willng to help anyone in need, especially during his years in Portland.

Derek received his diploma from Portland State University on Thursday, Sept. 3, in a special ceremony in his hospital room. "Pomp and Circumstance" was hummed, and his father, mother, Nurse Sophia and Chaplain Todd participated in the ceremony. Tears of joy filled the room, and Derek knew that he left this earth as a college graduate - an amazing accomplishment! Derek was promoted to heaven the next morning, Friday, Sept. 4, 2020.

He is survived by his loving father, David Ott and wife Laura Melchionne of Pleasanton; devoted mother, Carol Haines Olson and husband Arne Olson of Pleasanton; sister, Monica Meidberg of Pleasanton; brothers, Jordan Ott and Joshua Ott of Pleasanton; nieces, Caroline Meidberg and Lucy Meidberg of Pleasanton; Uncle John M. Ott and Aunt Barbie Ott of Boise, Idaho; Aunt Sue Solis Haines of Pleasanton; Aunt Patti Keeling-Haines of Nipomo, California; as well as the countless cousins in California, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and across the USA. Derek loved his family. He is preceded by his grandparents, John G. Ott and Dorothy Ott of San Lorenzo, California; grandparents, Kenneth E. Haines and Lorraine Haines of San Lorenzo, California; Aunt Christine Ott of Hayward, California; and Uncle Kenneth M. Haines of Half Moon Bay, California.

Derek is with the Lord now. He has no more sorrow and no more pain, and he has a healthy mind, body and spirit. Rest in peace to our dear and loving Derek.

A celebration of life will be held later this year. If you feel so inclined, the family would be honored to have donations sent to City Team Portland at [www.cityteam.org/portland](http://www.cityteam.org/portland) or by contacting Dave Sundman, director, at 503-231-9334, or to Tuahly Healthcare Foundation at [tuahlyfoundation.org](http://tuahlyfoundation.org) or by calling 503-681-1170.

### Richard "Dick" Arnold Danielson

Resident of Livermore



Richard "Dick" Arnold Danielson, a 40-year Livermore resident, died peacefully at home on Sept. 3.

Dick was born in Grand Forks, North Dakota, in 1942. He grew up in Minnesota on a farm with brother David and sister Mary. He walked to a one-room school, Timberline 93, for first through eighth grade. He graduated high school from the Northwest School of Agriculture, a boarding school where students lived and studied for six months of the year, so they could be home to help during farming months. There, Dick made many lifelong friends. After graduating high school, he moved to Seattle, where he worked at Boeing and ultimately graduated from the University of Washington with a business degree.

While in Seattle, he met and married Cindy, his wife of 54 years. With the Vietnam War in full swing, he enlisted in the Navy. After basic training at Officer Candidate School in Rhode Island, he became an

officer, then went on to Supply Corps School in Athens, Georgia, where he learned the ropes of the business end of the Navy for the Supply Corps. He served for 20 years in the Navy, earning his master's degree at George Washington University.

Dick was a member of the Tri-Valley Mac User Club, SIRS and the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. He was an avid computer user and early adopter of Apple's Macintosh. He loved his MacGregor sailboat, rigging and re-rigging it on an annual basis, and always working on making improve-

ments for faster, more efficient sailing. Dick loved taking his family and friends on harrowing sails in the San Francisco Bay and on calmer trips to the San Juan Islands and the San Diego area.

Dick was proud of being 100 percent Norwegian, loving Ole and Lena jokes. He loved being around people, valuing old friends and his extended family numbering 160 cousins at one time. He loved to tell stories and hear stories.

Dick was predeceased by his parents, Alfred and Esther, and his brother and sister. He is survived by his wife; sons, Chris and Steve; daughter-in-law, Tara; and granddaughter, Luvy.

Due to COVID-19 and state and county guidelines, the family will not have a service at this time. Those who wish to remember Dick may contribute to their favorite charity in his name.



## FIRE CHIEF

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just an amazing response, from our Cal Fire partners as well.”

While McDonald’s first day of work was officially Aug. 17, he and his staff got to work early on the morning of Sunday, Aug. 16 as the first reports of fire in the county started to accumulate. At that point, McDonald had already started meeting with members of the department, so he had begun to develop an understanding of their experience and capabilities.

Despite the challenges, the incident gave him the opportunity to see the great depth of knowledge of his team. In addition, it gave him a first-hand look at the needs and threats of residents of the county.

“We are lucky to have Chief McDonald serve as our new Alameda County Fire Chief,” Alameda County District 1 Supervisor Scott Haggerty said. “Although we will certainly miss Chief Rocha, our new chief has the experience, professional decorum and leadership skills to continue to advance our department forward in what will be some very difficult fiscal times. Chief McDonald took no time getting acclimated to the county department, as on his first day as the county fire chief he was welcomed with numerous fires that started over that weekend due to the uncommon lightning strikes that occurred in our county. If that is a true reflection of his ability to step in, lead and get things done in a time of such great adversity, then our fire department will be in great hands under his administration.”

A California native, McDonald grew up in Fresno and attended California State University, Fresno. He joined the Fresno Fire Department

in 1978 and rose through the ranks there, reaching deputy chief before taking on the role of fire chief in Foster City in 1993. Most recently McDonald served as the chief of Las Vegas Fire and Rescue.

“There’s an attraction to being able to live and work in Alameda County,” McDonald explained. “When the opportunity to come and be a part of the organization became available, it was something I was very excited about and wanted to be a part of.”

ACFD provides contract fire and rescue services to several cities. McDonald said that solidifying those relationships and finalizing outstanding contracts will be a primary focus of his administration. Other priorities include ensuring the ACFD provides leadership in prehospital-care service and developing ACFD’s regional influence and leadership.

Considering his recent experience with the SCU Lightning Complex, McDonald believes there are lessons to be learned.

“I expect that we will see more of those in the future,” he said. “I think we need continued vegetation management and preventative actions to be able to address those. The number of resources that we had to address the threats of this fire was very limited. (We need) to understand how, in future events, we’re going to address what additional resources will be necessary; how we can share those resources throughout the state and throughout the region; and how we develop additional resources.”

With family and friends close by, McDonald and his wife are happy to be back in the Bay Area.

“It’s just wonderful to be here,” he said.

## HOME

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of communication to all levels of staff, physicians, hospital staff, the county health department and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).”

According to officials, Pleasanton is still restricting visitation to the center, except for special circumstances and in accordance with CDPH guidelines. Black added that the Pleasanton nursing community continues to facilitate and support communication between residents and their families through a variety of avenues including FaceTime visits. Until further notice, the rehabilitation side of the facility is closed to outpatient visits.

“Nothing is more important than the safety and care

of every person to which we are entrusted, and of our valued and committed staff who are working tirelessly despite daunting circumstances,” wrote Generations Healthcare CEO Thomas Olds, Jr. in a recent statement. “We are constantly assessing every aspect of this serious and ever-changing pandemic to ensure that we respond in a prompt, professional and compassionate manner, which has always been the Generations Healthcare way.”

At press time, the ACPHD reported a total of 986 skilled nursing cases and 128 resident deaths due to the pandemic – accounting for over 40% of the county’s COVID-19 deaths.

## MICROLOAN

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need to be repaid.

An allocation of microloans earlier this year included many restaurants, but relatively few personal services and retailers. In this next round, councilmembers said they want to see more personal services made whole.

Mayor David Haubert stated that, more than anything, restaurant owners simply want the opportunity to work. He pointed out that, with colder weather coming, if restaurant owners plan to offer outdoor dining, they will face the added expense of installing proper tenting. Even getting to that stage will require Alameda County to meet

health department yardsticks for eligibility, said City Manager Linda Smith.

Other money from the CARES Act includes \$25,000 to help cover a local match for a FEMA grant for costs of the Stanford Health Care - ValleyCare test site; and \$157,400 for paying staff to monitor parks for the presence of mask scofflaws, to clean sanitizing facilities and other related concerns.

Another \$11,000 will be allocated to staff time for such things as Meals on Wheels and Senior Center lunches.

The remaining funds will go toward health order compliance.

# TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Thursday, Sept. 17 Constitution Signing Commemoration

The Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will participate in the nationwide commemoration of the 233rd anniversary of the signing of the constitution. This will coincide with the bell ringing in Philadelphia, where the Constitution was written and first read to the public, on Sept. 17, 1787. Due to Covid restrictions, a small group of the chapter will be meeting at a private location. They invite the public to join them - wherever they may be - to ring their own bell in celebration at 1 p.m.

### Thursday, Sept. 17 – Thursday, Nov. 5: How to be Independently Employed: Local Focus

Let Las Positas Community College help you turn working as a driver, shopper or tutor or teaching your hobby or skills into a business. With this course, you can learn the precise steps you’ll need to launch a business. Staff will cover establishing and recording a business name, creating a system to track income and expenses, and discuss soft skills to attract and keep customers. You can also get tips for technology tools you can use to operate and promote your business. The course has hands-on activities and live interactive instructor sessions. It is locally focused for this area, but what you learn can be applied wherever you live and work. The class fee is \$49. For more information or to register, visit [www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed).

### Friday, Sept. 18 – Saturday, Sept. 19: Yard Hop Fabric Sale Extravaganza

The Amador Valley Quilters are hosting a Yard Hop Fabric Sale Extravaganza from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Addresses for the hop are 5609 San Jose Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566; 6051 Big Bend Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588; 5465 Blackbird Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588; and 19910 Forest Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94546. Visit all four homes to enter a special drawing for great prizes. The event is open to the public and credit cards will be accepted. Featured will be fabric, sewing notions, patterns, panels, kits, knitting yarn and tools. Face coverings are required, and hand sanitizer will be available. Social distancing will also be practiced.

### Friday, Sept. 18 to Sunday, Sept. 20: Shakespeare in the Vineyard

Darcie Kent Vineyards is fundraising with their exclusive Shakespeare in the Vineyard wine, featuring original wine label artwork by Darcie Kent. They will be featuring live wine tastings, exclusively for Livermore Shakespeare Festival patrons each day from noon to 4 p.m. Reservations must be made, as this is a limited, socially distanced event. Tasting will be approximately 60 minutes in length. Tasting tables can seat up to six participants in a group. All sales of Shakespeare in the Vineyard wine will benefit the Livermore Shakespeare Festival. Wine is available for curbside pick-up or with free shipping if purchasing three bottles or more. For more information, visit [darciekentvineyards.com](http://darciekentvineyards.com).

### Saturday, Sept. 19 to Saturday, Oct. 24

#### Dublin Pride Activities

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Dublin Pride Week activities were cancelled in April. The City of Dublin has planned a month-long series of Dublin Pride activities to take place Sept 19 through Oct. 24. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/2RrwWCH>.

### Saturday, Sept. 19 Writers: Learn How to Impress the Gatekeepers

Author Rachael Herron will teach writers how to get the attention their creations merit in a half-day virtual workshop on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 2 p.m. Herron will present “Get the Attention You Deserve: Queries, Synopses, and Blurbs,” as part of the Tri-Valley Writers’ September meeting. The talk is hosted by the Tri-Valley Branch of the California Writers Club (CWC) and is open to all who reserve a place and pay the workshop fee by Sept. 17. To reserve, email [president@trivalleywriters.org](mailto:president@trivalleywriters.org) and pay at [www.trivalleywriters.org](http://www.trivalleywriters.org) with the PayPal button beneath the meeting description. Cost is \$10 for CWC members; \$12 for nonmembers; and \$5 for students ages 14 to 22 with school identification.

### Saturday, Sept. 19 Secular Rosh Hashanah

Members of the Tri-Valley Cultural Jews are inviting the public to join them virtually for a secular,

humanistic Rosh Hashanah observance, on Sept. 19, from 4 to 5 p.m., as they start our fall holiday season. Tashlich will be included in the observance as the ritual of shedding the misdeeds of the last year. Children are welcome, though it will not be child centered. If you would like to make a challah to eat during the observance, make it sweet for the new year by adding a quarter cup of melted butter, two tablespoons of sugar and about a cup of raisins during kneading. Members are welcome to attend free of charge. Non-adult members are asked to contribute a donation of \$10, if you are able. This year after operating costs are covered, the organization will send to donations to the First Nations Development Institute to help with Coronavirus relief. Other opportunities during the observance for all to donate will also be available. For more information or the Zoom link, email [culturaljews@gmail.com](mailto:culturaljews@gmail.com).

### Saturday, Sept. 19; Sunday, Sept. 20: Niles Canyon Railway Reopening

Niles Canyon Railway announces their reopening runs in September. They will be featuring weekend train rides and twilight and daytime excursions, on Sept. 19 and 20. Tickets are only available online at [www.ncry.org](http://www.ncry.org).

### Tuesday, Sept. 22 Candidates’ Forum

The Livermore Chamber of Commerce is hosting an online candidates’ forum from 6 to 8 p.m. Candidates for mayor are Morny No and Bob Woerner, and city council candidates are Bob Carling (incumbent), Brittni Kiick and Peter Patterson. To register, visit [livermorechamber.org](http://livermorechamber.org).

### Wednesday, Sept. 23 Tri-Valley Citizens’ Climate Education Monthly Meeting

Join other who are curious and concerned about the impact of the climate crisis on the Tri-Valley region and beyond. During the meeting, organizers will share information on local issues, candidates, and effective actions you can take. All are welcome to the monthly meeting on Zoom, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at <https://bit.ly/3IPnDi>.

### Thursday, Sept. 24 “Take Control of Your Diabetes” with Hope Hospice

Without care, your diabetes can lead to serious health problems such as kidney failure, nerve damage, heart disease, high blood pressure, and other diseases. If you have been diagnosed with diabetes, there are steps you can take to manage the condition and keep your glucose levels under control. Hope Hospice will discuss these issues via Zoom, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. To register, visit [hopehospice.com/townhall](http://hopehospice.com/townhall).

### Sunday, Sept. 27 Tri-Valley Cultural Jews Virtual Yom Kippur / Kol Nidre

Join in from 6 to 7 p.m. for the virtual secular observance, which will have readings in English and include music. The organization will be collecting donations for the Jewish Federation Wildfire Emergency Fund as their social action component. For more information or to request the Zoom link, email [culturaljews@gmail.com](mailto:culturaljews@gmail.com). A \$10 donation is suggested for non-member adults, if possible.

### Tuesday, Sept. 29 En-ROADS Climate Solutions Simulation Workshop

En-ROADS is a freely-available online climate change policy simulation model that provides policymakers, educators, businesses, the media, and the public with the ability to explore dynamics in energy supply, land-use, transportation, carbon removal, and more. From 9 to 10:30 a.m., unearth unique insights on how these driving forces – and the policies which dictate their behavior – affect a variety of climate change impacts, from global temperature change to sea level rise. With groups or individually, En-ROADS can be used to test what climate interventions are needed to effectively mitigate climate change. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/2Z6ScIs>.

### Friday, Oct. 2, Saturday, Oct. 3: Alameda County Fairgrounds Safety-First Drive-Ins

Vital Events is bringing new drive-in shows to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in October. Book your parking space for a live concert or comedy show today! On Oct. 2, enjoy a concert featuring Sublime with Rome. For tickets, visit <https://bit.ly/2F4reEh>. On Oct. 3, prepare for laughs with Iliza Shlesinger’s Comedy Tailgate Tour. For tickets, visit <https://bit.ly/2GB7dVU>.

### Saturday, Oct. 3 Senior Info Fair

The annual Dublin Senior Info Fair will be a drive-thru event this year, due to the coronavirus pandemic. Seniors and family members are encouraged to drive up to the Dublin Senior Center from 10 a.m. to noon to pick up a swag bag filled with information about local senior services and resources.

### Thursday, Oct. 8: “Nutrition 101” with Hope Hospice

People generally understand that to be healthy, you must eat nutritionally. It is important to study the impact that nutrition has on our body. Hope Hospice will make a presentation to raise your awareness about important nutrition elements, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. To register, visit [hopehospice.com/townhall](http://hopehospice.com/townhall).

### Saturday, Oct. 10, Saturday, Oct. 17: Homebuyer Series

This free, two-part Homebuyer Series satisfies HUD’s first-time homebuyer education requirements for federal, state, and local housing assistance programs. Please note, we will not sell or give your email address to any organization without your explicit permission. For more information or to register, visit [www.echofair-housing.org](http://www.echofair-housing.org) or call 925-583-5992.

### Wednesday, Oct. 14 Microsoft Excel Basics

Join Las Positas Community College from 7 to 8 p.m. in a basic class for people who have little or no experience using Microsoft Excel. Learn the difference between a worksheet and a workbook; how to navigate the worksheet, select cells, enter text and values, write formulas, and format a worksheet. The course is \$39. For more information or to register, visit [www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed).

### Wednesday, Oct. 14 “An Introduction to Hospice and Answers to Common Questions”

Hope Hospice presents a webinar, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., to educate you about how hospice care works - what services it provides, how the costs of care are handled, what types of medical professionals are involved in the care team, which choices you have, and many other common questions Hope staff gets from client families. To register, visit [hopehospice.com/townhall](http://hopehospice.com/townhall).

### Wednesday, Oct. 21 “Dementia GEM States” with Hope Hospice

From 10 to 11:30 a.m., Hope Hospice presents a webinar about the GEMS® cognitive model, which uses a metaphor of precious stones to categorize challenges a person living with dementia may face from day to day. The focus is then placed on modifying environments, interactions, and expectations to create positive engagement between the patient and care partners. To register, visit [hopehospice.com/townhall](http://hopehospice.com/townhall).

### Monday, Oct. 26 Chamber Golf Tournament

The Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce is hosting a golf tournament at The Course at Wente Vineyards. Designed by golfing great Greg Norman, the Wente 18-hole championship course is a picturesque 7,181-yard par-72. The event is \$200 per person, with sponsorship opportunities available. The tournament will follow all Covid-19 public health guidelines. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/2EtLjTW>.

### Wednesday, Oct. 28 Microsoft Excel Tune-Up

Join Las Positas Community College from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for tips and tricks for all levels of Excel users, with possible time for help and support for individual projects. Come with questions and problems to resolve. The presentation will be on connecting multiple worksheets and managing lists of data. The course is \$39. For more information or to register, visit [www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed).

### Thursday, Oct. 29 “Eating for Wellness” with Hope Hospice

The secret to lifelong wellness is to form a healthy daily eating pattern and exercise plan, not a regimented routine. From 10 to 11:30 a.m., Hope Hospice will host a presentation to provide an explanation of key nutrients and tips on making smart food choices. To register, visit [hopehospice.com/townhall](http://hopehospice.com/townhall).

### Thursday, Nov. 12; Monday, Dec. 7: Coping with Loss During the Holiday Season

For people who have experienced the death of a loved one, the winter holiday season can be painful, especially for those navigating the first year of loss. Hope Hospice has annually offered a special Handling the Holidays workshop to teach healthy coping strategies to help the bereaved during this difficult time. With physical distancing still essential in our region, Hope will present the workshop virtually this year through Zoom, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. As always, the program is offered to the local public at no cost. Space is limited, so call 925-829-8770 as soon as possible to secure a spot.

## ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

### Dublin Farmers Market Open for the Season

Open Thursdays, from 4 to 8 p.m., at Emerald Glen Community Park, 4201 Central Parkway.

### Livermore Downtown Farmers Market Open for the Season

Open Sundays, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Carnegie Town Square. Open Thursdays, from 4 to 8 p.m., at Carnegie Town Square (South K Street between Third and Fourth St.) 2155 Third St.

### Pleasanton Farmers Market Open for the Season

Open Saturdays, from 10 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.

### Livermore Valley Opera airs Friday Episodes

If you need a dose of opera while on lock-down, check out LV Opera on YouTube. There are new releases every Friday at 7 p.m. To subscribe, visit [www.livermorevalleyopera.com](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com).

### Six Feet Apart Productions Shares Art From a Distance

Sunday Night Stories is an online show with people sharing true stories, poetry, comedy, music and more, featuring an eclectic mix of entertainment to feel connected in times of social distancing and self-isolation, live every week, on Sundays, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit [facebook.com/pg/Six-Feet-Apart-Productions](http://facebook.com/pg/Six-Feet-Apart-Productions) or [eventbrite.com/e/sunday-night-stories](http://eventbrite.com/e/sunday-night-stories).

### Stress Relief Recovery International

A confidential, peer-led, self-help group for stress relief will take place Sundays, at 2 p.m., via conference call. Get guidance on practicing a method developed 80 years ago by psychiatrist Abraham A. Low to replace the ‘defeatist babble of the brain, with secure thinking to help cope with the stressful events in our everyday lives. Call 925-515-604-9094, ID 192451547 #.

## VIRTUAL ONLINE EVENTS -AVAILABLE ANYTIME

### EBRPD Brings “Parks to People”

East Bay Regional Park District is committed to the idea of lifelong learning and helping people make their own discoveries about local parks. The resources they have compiled are designed to be used at home, in a classroom or part of any online learning. For more information, visit [www.ebparks.org/activities/digital\\_learning/default.htm](http://www.ebparks.org/activities/digital_learning/default.htm).

### Livermore Shakespeare Festival Launches Video Series

Explore Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” Video Series for second to fourth grade, courtesy of Livermore Shakespeare Festival. New lessons are added weekly. For more information or to view, visit [livermoreshakes.org/educates](http://livermoreshakes.org/educates).

### Music Together Tri-Valley Supports Early Childhood Development

This international, award-winning, early-childhood music program supports parents with songs and musical activities to enjoy with their children through play-based learning curriculum, designed to help everyone learn to sing in tune and keep a beat. For more information, visit [www.musictogether.com](http://www.musictogether.com).

### Pacific Chamber Orchestra Offers Musical Podcast

During this time of challenge, PCO continues to bring everyone beautiful music made insightful. Conductor Lawrence Kohl is pleased to announce the launch of a series of podcasts of musician interviews and conversations about the music. Subscribe to listen at [www.pacificchamber-orchestra.org](http://www.pacificchamber-orchestra.org).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. 571788

The following person(s) doing business as: The Sugar Shop  
Livermore, 242 Elvira St.  
Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jessica Averill, 242 Elvira St, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: June 15, 2020. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jessica Averill, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 3, 2020. Expires August 3, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4752. Published August 20, 27, September 3, 17, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. 571701

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Ameribiz Company, 2. AmeriAsia Economic and Cultural Development Group, 24837 Joe Mary CT, Hayward, CA 94541, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jie Yu, 24837 Joe Mary CT, 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: N.A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jie Yu, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 29, 2020. Expires July 29 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4758. Published August, 27, September 3, 10, 17, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. 572377

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. M.C. Anderson Design, 243 Murdell Lane, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Matthew C. Anderson and Susan C. Anderson, 243 Murdell Lane, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: July 31, 2020. Signature of Registrant/s/: Matthew C. Anderson, Co-Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 17, 2020. Expires August 17 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4759. Published August, 27, September 3, 10, 17, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. 572222

The following person(s) doing business as: BB Mobile Trailer Repair, 1118 Catalina Dr. #66, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Brian Broxterman, 1118 Catalina Dr. #66, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s)

listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Brian Broxterman, Sole-proprietor/Individual. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 13, 2020. Expires August 13, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4762. Published September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. 572264

The following person(s) doing business as: Freedom Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine, 4343 Fitzwilliam St, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nicole D'Acquisto, 14343 Fitzwilliam St, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: July 30, 2020. Signature of Registrant/s/: Nicole D'Acquisto, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 13, 2020. Expires August 13, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4763. Published September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. 572088

The following person(s) doing business as: Pure Organics, 2631 Wakefield Ave, Apt B Oakland, CA 94606, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Charly A. Douglas, 2631 Wakefield Ave, Apt B Oakland, CA 94606. 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: June 19, 2020. Signature of Registrant/s/: Charly A. Douglas, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 10, 2020. Expires August 10, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4764. Published September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020.

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Tom Burnett Drive was decorated last week in honor of the man who was chief operating officer of Pleasanton's Thoratec Corporation. Burnett was a passenger on United Airlines Flight 93, which was hijacked as part of the 9/11 attacks. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

## 'Paint Pleasanton 2020' Accepting Entries

The Pleasanton Art League (PAL) is inviting all members (and participants) to submit their art, including photography, depicting 'the Pleasanton area.'

This art can be recent or historical art you have created in the past or shown in previous shows. This is a great opportunity for plein air painters. Paint on the streets of Pleasanton during the week of Sept. 21 to 27 and submit but note that previous works are also acceptable.

The event is open to all artists. The digital Paint

Pleasanton entry from form is available on pal-art.com. Artists are limited to three entries per person, and source materials and lay-outs must be wholly original. There are no entry fees, but artists are responsible for sales. Submissions will be accepted from Sept. 21 to 5 p.m. on Sept. 27.

To submit, upload a digital jpeg not to exceed 300dpi or 1200 pixels on the longest side, with the image only, no mat or frame, from entry form. Send with your name and website if you have one; title, including your

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For more information, contact Lorraine Wells at 925-833-1049.



Pleasanton residents show their thanks to firefighters leaving the Cal Fire base camp located at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

## Tri-Valley Haven's Virtual Pace for Peace

Whether you walk or run, be sure to join Tri-Valley Haven's Virtual Pace for Peace, from Oct. 17 to 31.

You can create your own course or use that provided by Haven. They welcome serious runners, novice runners, walkers, and families. Participant medals and age group awards will be given, so join in and experience the fun and connect online. All proceeds will help local survivors of domestic violence served by Tri-Valley Haven.

To register, visit [www.trivalleyhaven.org](http://www.trivalleyhaven.org). For more information, contact Christine at [christine@trivalleyhaven.org](mailto:christine@trivalleyhaven.org) or 925-667-2707. Proxy pledge donations or sponsorships may be sent to Tri-Valley Haven - Pace, 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore, CA, 94550.

Together we can build a world without violence, one community at a time.

## Pirates of Emerson Haunted Park to Offer Drive-Thru Attraction at Alameda Fairgrounds

If you are ready to get spooked this coming October, the Pirates of Emerson Haunted Theme Park is bringing screams and scares as a drive through attraction for 2020.

This year will mark the 29th year of the Pirates of Emerson being Northern California's Premier Haunted Attraction.

Guests will be able to get spooked starting Oct. 2 until Nov. 1, Thursdays through Sundays. No pedestrians will be able to walk through or bike through the attraction. For the first time ever, it will be specially designed to spook guests right in their car. Anyone who has experienced Pirates of Emerson in person knows it is not for the faint of heart. Even though this year is a drive-through experience, it may not be suited for a

young or impressionable audience.

Pirates of Emerson has partnered with several non-profit organizations in the area, such as the Northern California Special Olympics, Tri-City Volunteers, Fremont Police D.A.R.E. program, Boy Scouts of America, Ohlone College Foundation and many more. They are dedicated to serving the community as much as they are to scaring the community.

"The Alameda County Fairgrounds is excited to be able to partner with Pirates of Emerson this year with the changes that have been made to get communities together safely," said Angel Moore, vice president of business development for the Alameda County Fairgrounds. We are looking forward to the fun and

the scares that Pirates of Emerson has in store."

Vehicle-based gatherings have allowed the fairgrounds to reinvent and revolutionize drive-ins and vehicle-based shows. Allowing guests to safely gather from the comfort of their vehicles to enjoy movies, concerts, live stage shows and more. With 267 acres, the Alameda County Fairgrounds can safely create the perfect way to host a variety of physically distanced and car-based gatherings. The right combination of technology and staffing offers promoters a safe alternative to connect with the community.

For additional details regarding the Pirates of Emerson drive-through attraction, visit [www.pirate-sofemerson.com](http://www.pirate-sofemerson.com) or [info@piratesofemerson.com](mailto:info@piratesofemerson.com).

## Pleasanton Bus Stops to See Major Facelift

Bus stops along Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority's Rapid Route 10R in Pleasanton will receive a facelift in the coming months with the installation of new passenger shelters and other amenities.

The \$1.6 million project will focus on improving transit facilities along the Santa Rita, West Las Positas, and Owens Boulevard corridors in Pleasanton. In addition to new shelters, approximately 20 stops on the route will be getting enhanced lighting, real-time signs, benches, trash cans, and bicycle racks.

LAVTA said the new shelters will improve the passenger experience for the Rapid bus service now operating along the corridor between downtown Pleasanton and the Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station. The design will also be complementary to the look of the shelters in the Hacienda Business Park.

Primary funding for the project, expected to be completed by the end of the year, came from the Alameda County Transportation Commission, which awarded LAVTA a grant of \$1.4 million in Measure B funds. LAVTA also received \$212,000 in local Transportation Development Funds.

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