

Small Company
Seeking FDA
Approval For
COVID-19 Test

By Jeff Garberson

LIVERMORE — A small Livermore company has developed a 15-minute test for COVID-19 infection that it believes is accurate and cheap enough to change the way the disease is diagnosed in schools, airports and other settings.

The company, Kaya17, has applied to the FDA for emergency use authorization. If it gets the authorization it is hoping for, perhaps in the next month or two, the company expects to be ready to manufacture and ship 30,000 to 50,000 testing kits within weeks, ramping up to several million kits a few months later.

Most components of the COVID-19 testing kit are fairly simple to make and will be easy to manufacture, according to company CEO Sulatha Dwarakanath.

Dwarakanath is an entrepreneur with a PhD in cancer biology from New York University who has managed efforts at several biotech companies to create improved tests for HIV, hepatitis, cervical, breast cancer and other diseases. She co-founded the company with Sri Satyanarayana, an engineer with a PhD from Columbia University, who is likewise an entrepreneur.

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Valley Schools
Consider Return
To Classrooms

By David Chircop

REGIONAL — Responding to the county’s reopening plan, school districts in the Tri-Valley are grappling with how and when to return students to the classroom.

In the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD), elementary schools expect to resume some in-person instruction for special education students the first week of November. The district has not provided a timeframe for when it aims to begin returning the rest of the elementary school students to a hybrid model.

Elementary students enrolled in Dublin public schools could return to the classroom by mid-January. Like Livermore, Dublin anticipates starting in-person instruction for small cohorts of some of the district’s neediest students this fall before the new year. On Oct. 16, The Pleasanton Unified School District voted 3-2 to reopen schools for TK-5 students on Jan. 4, after the winter vacation. The Independent reported on Pleasanton’s plans in last week’s edition. To read the full article, visit http://bit.ly/Indy_PUSDreopening.

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A vigil was held at Wayside Park for missing Pleasanton resident Sydney West, on Thursday, Oct. 22. During the vigil, volunteers passed out fliers, and the family gave an update on the continuing search for West. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

City Council Increases Down Payment
Assistance Program for Homeowners

By Heather Brewer

PLEASANTON — In its recent meeting on Oct. 20, the Pleasanton City Council unanimously approved modifications to the city’s Down Payment Assistance (DPA) Program, which has been helping first-time homebuyers obtain home ownership since 2003.

The program provides low- and deferred-interest mortgages that supplement bank financing to assist low- (80% area median income) and moderate-income (120% area median income) households in purchasing homes in Pleasanton. The

program is seen as an important addition to the city’s other main home ownership effort, which includes providing below market rate (BMR) homeownership units.

However, according to a report made to the council by Housing Manager Steve Hernandez, as the market housing prices in Pleasanton and the Bay Area continue to rise, the program has been rarely used in recent years. Only one DPA loan has been issued since 2015.

“(The) program currently provides up to \$20,000 in down payment assistance for low- and moderate-in-

come buyers ... in the form of a low-interest (3.5%) loan that is amortized over 20 years,” said Hernandez in the report. “However, with the high price points of the for-sale homes in Pleasanton — the median sale price for a single-family detached home in July 2020 is \$1.3 million, per Bay East Association of Realtors — prospective Pleasantonian first-time home buyers are not able to utilize the DPA Program.

“The maximum \$20,000 loan is insufficient to be used to contribute to the industry requirement of at

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Livermore Approves Downtown Development
Agreements, Vesting Tract Map, Local Projects

By Aly Brown

LIVERMORE — This week’s Livermore City Council meeting saw five public hearings gain unanimous support from the council.

During the five-hour Oct. 26 meeting, the council reviewed and approved staff recommendations regarding a vesting tentative tract map, development agreements, a commercial development named Greenville Plaza, and affordable housing.

Four-Story
Downtown Hotel

The hearing brought before the council the consideration of an amendment that would allow the downtown hotel to build four stories instead of three. The council unanimously approved the Planning Commission and staff’s recommendation to adopt the Aug. 25, 2020 addendum to the Downtown Specific Plan 2009 subsequent Environmental Impact Report (EIR), along with a resolu-

tion approving a Specific Plan Amendment to amend provisions of the Downtown Specific Plan.

Paul Spence, community development director said the hotel developer wants to move forward despite the impact COVID-19 has had on the hospitality industry.

“Any new development project is going to have to think about COVID,” he said.

Woerner chimed in to

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Board of Zoning Delays
Sunwalker Decisions
With a Continuance

By Aly Brown

REGIONAL — The East County Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA) this week agreed on a 60-day continuance of the smaller of two solar projects proposed for North Livermore.

At its Oct. 22 meeting, the BZA unanimously approved the pause before taking action on a conditional use permit or certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Sunwalker project — a 59-acre, 6 megawatt solar electric facility proposed for the intersection of North Livermore Avenue and May School Road in unincorporated Livermore. A Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for this project was circulated from March

6 through April 21 this year.

“I kind of want to get my hands around this a little bit,” BZA Chair Frank Imhof said after expressing the desire to review a solar site in person before making any decision. “And with that, we have some homework to do.”

Prior to the vote, the BZA listened to presentations from both Sunwalker applicant Kevin White and Steve Noack, principal with Placeworks, who presented the FEIR.

White stated that his team had listened to the community to establish two concerns and address them: well water depletion and aesthetics. He said Sunwalker will not use the existing well on-site for its

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County Pays Settlement to
Family of Christian Madrigal

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — Alameda County has agreed to pay \$5 million to the family of a 20-year-old Fremont man who killed himself in the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin after a sheriff’s lieutenant left him tethered to a jail door with a chain.

The settlement reached last week with Christian Madrigal’s mother, Gabriela Covarrubias, and stepfather, Jose Jaime, was among the largest sums paid out by the county in five years. His parents, however, do not believe justice was served and continue to demand criminal charges against the lieutenant and other deputies involved, said their

attorney, Adante Pointer.

“No amount of money can replace a parent’s heartache and pain for losing their son in such a senseless way,” Pointer said. “They called police for help with their son. Instead they killed Christian.

“Given the way the legal system is set up, the only shot they have at justice is if (Alameda County District Attorney) Nancy O’Malley does the right thing by charging the deputies who took part in this parade of horrors, which ultimately resulted in a kid being buried before his parents.”

Madrigal’s parents sued the county for excessive

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Pleasanton Murderer Admits
To Decades-old Homicide

By Larry Altman

PLEASANTON — Roughly 36 years after he brutally stabbed 14-year-old Tina Faelz behind Foothill High School in Pleasanton, the former classmate convicted of killing her has finally confessed.

Steven Carlson, 52, who was convicted of the April 5, 1984, slaying in 2014, but who declared his innocence, admitted in letters to the state parole board that he was guilty of the shocking crime.

Freelance journalist Josh Suchon, a former Oakland Tribune reporter who wrote the book, “Murder in Pleasanton: Tina Faelz and the Search for Justice,” obtained the letters and published them in an article last week in the San Francisco Chronicle.

“This letter of my deepest apologies is way overdue,” Carlson wrote in letters rife

with misspellings. “I was living in denial for many years; not being able to believe or take responsibility for brutally

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Shirley Orosco holds a portrait of her daughter, Tina Faelz, who was brutally murdered in Pleasanton in 1984. (File photo)

Voters to Select New Judge
For Alameda Superior Court

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — Tri-Valley voters will select a new judge for the Alameda County Superior Court on Nov. 3, choosing from two attorneys with extensive careers in private practice.

Mark Fickes, a civil rights attorney with the San Francisco-based firm, Cannata, O’Toole, Fickes, & Olson, squares off against Elena Condes, a criminal defense attorney based in Berkeley. The winner will replace Judge Carol Brosnahan, who has served more than 40 years

on the bench.

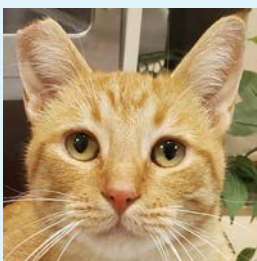
Brosnahan has endorsed Condes.

Although the position is nonpartisan, each candidate for Seat 2 on the court is supported by numerous Democratic organizations, clubs and labor organizations, according to information provided to the League of Women Voters of California. Fickes’ Tri-Valley endorsements include Sen. Steve Glazer; Pleasanton Unified School District trustees Jamie Yee, Mark Miller

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From left, Councilmember Bob Coomber, Vice Mayor Bob Woerner, Mayor John Marchand and Councilmember Bob Carling cut the ribbon for Stockmen’s Park in Livermore in a virtual broadcast on the city’s website, Friday, Oct. 23. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



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Seen on First Street in Livermore, the Trump Truck Rally II wound its way through the Tri-Valley on Saturday, Oct. 24, starting at Stoneridge Mall Pleasanton and traveling through Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore en route to Robertson Park. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Dublin Discusses Incentives for Economic Development Zone

By Ron McNicoll

The Dublin City Council recently learned more about how the city can assist development of an Economic Development Zone (EDZ) at Fallon East to boost plans for future tax revenue generation.

City Manager Linda Smith introduced the council to the Fallon East infrastructure concept on Sept. 15 and returned with more information at the Oct. 21 meeting. The report focused on various incentives the city could offer developers and businesses to locate at Fallon East.

On a case by case basis, the city can offer businesses and developers fee reductions on building permits and inspection fees for the kinds of businesses Dublin wants to attract. Among them are life-science research and development, green technology, automation and robotics, and tech

start-ups and incubators. Another incentive is a property tax sharing program, in which the annual property tax for construction of a new building in one of the desired industry sectors. Smith said usually there is a five- or 10-year limit on this incentive.

Constructing a green building that meets Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards could waive a percentage of development and entitlement fees. There are four categories of LEED buildings, so the discount could range from 40% to the top 100% waiver for a platinum building.

Vice Mayor Arun Goel said that water and utility fees are high, and Smith agreed.

"I'm not going to dispute the fact we have very high connection fees for water. I don't think we'll get Zone 7 to significantly lower

their impact fees, because that's how they paid for improvements they already installed," said Smith. "Dublin San Ramon Services District is paying for its recycled water facility and for the water they bring to Dublin (through wholesaler Zone 7), so we probably can't get them to lower their fees. Developers will have to use some of the options we will offer to displace the fees they pay on water."

Mayor David Haubert said he likes the idea of creating the EDZ. He suggested bringing in a broker, as the city did with its downtown development plan, and study other cities to develop a plan. He and the other councilmembers also want to the city's Economic Development Committee to review it.

One important data point was the council's curiosity about how many residential units might be built there.

The speed of residential development has been a hot topic in Dublin for years, and the first report gave only one figure — 393 — for how many residential units would be possible under the current zoning in the 291-acre neighborhood. Now, the number has changed to a range between 302 to 95 units, with some moderate-income and above-moderate-income in the mix on two of the property ownerships.

Haubert said the last time the council approved a development was two years ago, and Smith said that it will be at least six months before any new proposal comes forward.

The Fallon information was intended for discussion only, to give Smith an indicator of whether staff should go further into creating the infrastructure. Staff will do that, and return again with a further report.

Visit Tri-Valley Launches Reopening Campaign

With Alameda County continuing to loosen restrictions on businesses closed down because of the coronavirus pandemic, Visit Tri-Valley, the region's destination marketing organization, is launching a re-opening campaign to welcome visitors back to the area.

Alameda County announced last week that restaurants are now allowed to open for indoor dining for the first time in seven months, although they are still limited to 25% capacity, or no more than 100 diners. The county also relaxed restrictions on churches, movie theaters, indoor retail stores and malls.

Visit Tri-Valley said its "Let the Fun Begin" multimedia campaign is designed to boost an industry that depends on vacationing visitors to the area and brought in nearly \$80 million in tax revenues in 2019.

The gameboard-themed campaign features a sweepstakes that includes a two-night stay at the Aloft Dublin-Pleasanton Hotel and \$400 in gift cards for local restaurants, wineries, and breweries.

The campaign also stresses safety precautions that local businesses are taking.

"While our efforts are focused on helping the Tri-Valley's tourism industry

recover from the shelter-in-place order, we're mindful that our first order of business is making sure we step out of our isolation bubbles safely," said Visit Tri-Valley President Tracy Farhad.

To that end, Visit Tri-Valley arranged for all 40 of its member hotels to join the California Hotel & Lodging Association, which includes personal protective equipment for staff and guests. More than 80% of the represented hotel rooms have completed the state association's "Clean & Safe" certification program.

For more information on the "Let the Fun Begin" campaign, go to www.visit-trivalley.com.

Community TV to Explore Domestic Violence

Sabrina Farrell, assistant Alameda County district attorney and executive director of the Alameda County Family Justice Center, will discuss domestic violence on the next edition of "Justice for All."

"Justice for All," hosted by Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley, is produced by Tri-Valley Community Television and is broadcast on Comcast Channel 30 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, and can also be viewed at www.tv30.org. Check the website for times and dates.

Created in 2004, the Alameda County Family Justice Center in Oakland brings together more than 30 agencies and programs that provide services for individuals and families who have been the victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and exploitation, child abuse, elder and dependent adult abuse, and stalking. It also provides access to an additional offsite agencies and programs.

"Now a victim can go to one building, one place, and have all their needs addressed," O'Malley said. "It's been a very important component of what we do and how we were able to operate."

Born in Trinidad, Farrell came to the U.S. as a teenager with her West Indian parents. She attended high school in Oakland and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in ethnic studies with a minor in education from the University of California, Berkeley. She pursued her law degree while working as a teacher for the Oakland Unified School District. She graduated from the University of San Francisco School of Law in 2000, when she joined the Alameda County district attorney's office.

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"Build-Your-Own-Bouquet" Flower Truck Rolls Through Tri-Valley

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Tri Valley residents have a new option when looking for fresh flowers for their

home or office.

Poppy the Flower Truck sprouted into business in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and is flourishing

at pop-ups all over town.

"Poppy is a build-your-own-bouquet flower truck," explained owner Kristy Hootman. "Everything is

priced by the stem, so you can make whatever kind of bouquet you want, whether you want one kind of flower or you want to do a mixture, or even just a single flower."

Hootman purchased Poppy – a 1969 Volkswagen Transporter – on eBay. She had seen similar flower trucks emerging across the country and decided to jump feet-first into the growing trend.

"I always just thought the flower trucks were so cute, and I feel like Livermore needs one," Hootman said, noting she has lived in town seven years. "I think people like that there's something to do that's outside and safe."

Hootman parks Poppy at various spots around the Tri-Valley, most often at Story Coffee in Livermore and the San Ramon Farmers Market. She said she enjoys helping her customers flex their creative muscles by making a customized bouquet out of her seasonal selection.

"It's been super fun," Hootman said. "A lot of people are really shy when they come up, they want me to just make the bouquet for them. So I kind

of push them to tell me their favorites, and they get into it. And it's been fun watching people be creative, and I've learned you can't make an

ugly bouquet. It just brightens people's days, and I think we all need that right now. And who doesn't like fresh flowers

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Poppy the Flower Truck made a stop near Story Coffee in Livermore on Saturday, Oct. 24. Owner Kristy Hootman (left) and Ilyssa Shields prepare for a day of helping customers find the perfect arrangement. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Bauer-Kahan Wraps Up Legislative Year; Looks Forward to Next

By Dawnmarie Fehr

Democratic State Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan concluded the 2020 legislative year with a virtual town hall last week, where she updated her constituents on what took place in Sacramento this year.

Bauer-Kahan's office noted the event had over 300 RSVPs and was able to inform Tri-Valley residents about all the state was able to accomplish despite the unique challenges faced this year, including \$54 million in budget cuts.

"My colleagues and I had to make hard decisions, but ultimately, we were able to pass a balanced budget and legislation that represents our district's values and responds to the challenges Californians like you are facing," Bauer-Kahan said.

"We passed meaningful legislation to help small businesses, ensure funding for public schools, harden our defenses against wildfires, and advance social and racial justice."

Bauer-Kahan said she hosted the event because it was an opportunity to hear directly from the public about their concerns now and during the next legislative session. The last 20 minutes were devoted to questions posed by listeners, touching on various topics such as the environment, COVID-19 and hospital capacity, reopening schools, Valley Link Railway, wildfires and climate change, among others.

The assemblymember opened the town hall by briefly discussing some of accomplishments of this

season, including the preservation of Tesla Park, her work on gun violence prevention, her interest in children's physical and mental health, the streamlining of government resources, protections for consumers using online lending companies, funding for public schools to close the digital divide, and her commitment to holding PG&E accountable for their role in the state's wild fires.

Bauer-Kahan also said she worked on laws banning flavored tobacco and vaping products, eviction protections and driving down the cost of prescription drugs. She highlighted her voting record standing up for seniors and the environment.

She noted the final budget included funds from the state's Direct Coronavirus Aid and Economic Security

(CARES) Act, with some monies going to the cities of the Tri-Valley. Also of note in the Tri-Valley was the discussion surrounding AB 2752, which would have allowed wineries to expand their markets and attract new customers, had it passed.

"Currently, they can only have one off-site tasting room, and we want to give them more than that," Bauer-Kahan said. "We think it's a good part of our economy and a way to help local businesses."

Unfortunately, due to the limited legislative session, she said the bill was not given a fair chance. She is committed to introducing it again when the 2021 session begins in December.

AB 2752 was the result

(See BAUER-KAHAN, page 12)

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MAILBOX

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protection of your open space so they can build it out.

Vinnie Bacon for supervisor said no to that - Bacon is endorsed by Sierra Club and The Independent to protect your hills.

Where Has the Democrat Party Gone?

Doug Simpson, Livermore

We are watching the destruction of our country, in part, by the hands of left-wing, radical Antifa and BLM.

The MSM has been lying - reporting that the protest are 'mostly peaceful,' while I see with my own eyes the destruction, tearing and burning down of some cities and the murder of a Patriot Prayer member shot by a self-described "100% Antifa" activist. My heart cries for the innocent business owners who find their stores looted and burned to the ground for what? When I see our Governor Newson signing a bill (SB 145) that makes it OK for an adult to have sex with a child as long as they're over 14 years old and they consent is disgusting. Every Democrat voted aye and every Republican voted no. This bill protects sexual predators over protecting our children!

This is not the Democrat party that my mother was a part of, which is why there are so many reports of moderate Democrats declaring "I didn't leave the Democrat Party, the Democrat Party left me."

Some people are offended by President Trumps crass way of talking, but just by doing some research (not MSM) you will be amazed at how much he has done for this country so far. He had a perfectly good life before he was president, but he couldn't stand by and watch our country be destroyed any longer.

This is not a Democrat and Republican problem - it's a fight between good and evil. God bless America.

Woerner for Mayor

Aaron Taylor, Livermore

I support Bob Woerner for mayor. I like his vision to try to create a truly significant park downtown by moving the proposed apartments from the east side of L Street to the north side of Railroad Avenue.

The current development in process calls for apartments to be built on the east side of L Street, like the apartments which are currently being built

on the west side of L Street. These apartments will tend to hide the park from L Street and make it feel isolated and uninviting.

Moving these apartments to Railroad Avenue would create an attractive entrance for the public and a more open and inviting park.

Do Not Be Fooled by Anti-Bacon Mailers

Kunal Khaware, Dublin

Do not be fooled by the mailers attacking Vinnie Bacon. They are all the more reason to vote for him.

Negative mailers accuse Bacon of turning in (a few) late financial disclosure forms. He fills out the forms himself. It is a lot of work to itemize small amounts of money from hundreds of people.

Some of the anti-Bacon mailers come from an anonymous committee called "Preserving Agriculture in Alameda County", ID# 1390831, with a San Francisco phone number, 415-884-5500. Please call and ask what they know about agriculture in Livermore. This committee has not disclosed how much it spent on the mailers.

Not that Bacon's opponent David Haubert, needs help from anonymous committees. Haubert collected \$590,751 through the end of September. Only 26% of the money donated to Haubert's campaign was from people in Supervisor District 1. Another 27% was from people outside, and 46% was from companies and committees. Haubert's single biggest expense was \$151,856 to Axiom Strategies of Kansas City. Please call them at (816) 407-1222 and ask if they can even find Livermore on a map.

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Susan Hayes, Pleasanton

I am a 30-year resident of Pleasanton with over 25 years' experience in 18 Tri-Valley nonprofits.

Now in my eighth year as a Pleasanton Human Services Commissioner, I have seen firsthand how critical it is to have council members who understand the real human consequences of major decisions made at the council level. Fortunately, in Randy Brown, we have a candidate who brings a passion for just that: championing our residents.

In the decade since Randy moved to Pleasanton, he has focused on getting to know

the needs of the people who live and work here - including, perhaps most importantly, our most vulnerable populations.

Randy's experience with the healthcare, housing and welfare needs of seniors, children, the disabled and veterans - combined with his business expertise and thoughtful approach to decision making - will be crucial to our community's continuing viability as we navigate our COVID-altered world.

Please join me in voting for Randy Brown for city council.

Grateful for Leadership

Maxwell Norman, Pleasanton

While these past eight months of the pandemic have been incredibly difficult for all of us, I am grateful to have a leader who has fought successfully in Sacramento to keep our community healthy. Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan worked hard to obtain more Covid-19 test kits for our county, voted to approve a new law that brought \$1.1 billion to our cities and counties to respond to Covid-19, and has advised thousands of constituents about the changing face of the pandemic through countless informational Town Halls and interviews with health experts.

She worked to obtain more PPE for our community's essential workers, including hospital nurses and doctors, and has voted to support special funding for our struggling small businesses, ensuring that critical dollars needed to fight Covid-19 are brought from the capitol to our assembly district. This has been the challenge of a lifetime, but I am happy to cast my vote for someone who has risen admirably to that challenge.

Valerie Arkin for City Council

Marilyn Palowitch, Pleasanton

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(I rarely give one!)
Valerie Arkin!

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MAILBOX

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Affordable Housing Donald Smith, Livermore

One of the continuing issues facing our Livermore community remains affordable housing.

Even during the Covid-19 pandemic, the demand for affordable housing remains high. The pandemic and presidential election has consumed everyone's interest and energy. The election will soon be behind us.

Our community should examine the viability of relocating the affordable housing contemplated for the old Lucky's site between L and K streets to the north side of Railroad Avenue. There are many issues to be considered and discussed in the community and city hall.

Our elected officials should not overlook this opportunity to increase our supply of affordable housing and create a larger downtown park.

Getting the Job Done William Oliver, Dublin

At the end of the day, what matters in Sacramento is who can get the job done for our community by working effectively across both sides of the aisle.

Our community got very lucky. In Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan, we have an effective leader who has worked tirelessly with all her fellow state representatives, regardless of party, to pass new laws to protect our district. Just look at her record.

She has passed 15 pieces of legislation, every single one receiving bipartisan support, including bills to strengthen gun safety, improve access to health care, protect the environment and more. She was chosen in her very first term to serve as the Assembly's Assistant Speaker Pro Tem, a leadership position that recognizes her unique ability to bring the parties together to achieve important goals for the good of our entire community and our state.

In these tricky times, no woman is an island. A vote for Bauer-Kahan is a vote for bipartisan leadership. A vote for Bauer-Kahan is a vote for bi-partisanship.

Open Space Martha Peterson, Livermore

I wish to lend my support to more open space and an expanded park in our downtown.

This would be a wonderful improvement. With the additional housing being built on the Groth property, open and park space is needed even more now. I also support housing that is affordable, especially in these difficult times.

Park and housing can both be achieved by moving the housing to the north of Railroad Avenue. This would keep it in the downtown area close to transit.

Livermore is Good for Everyone But Republicans Dan Pierce, Livermore

"Livermore is a very welcoming city." I was born here and I should know.

Or better said, Livermore used to be a very welcoming city and still is, as long as you don't encourage people to vote Republican!

We put up a sign in our back yard to encourage people to love America and vote Republican and the City of Livermore comes knocking at our door threatening dire consequences if we don't take our sign down. "You have been warned ... Comply or face the consequences."

Funny how the liberals use to cry for tolerance and understanding, but when a citizen wants to express their 'unpopular opinion' on their own property, tolerance becomes intolerance and understanding becomes 'do it our way or you will pay!'

Here we are, two weeks before a national election, and city is full - full of campaign advertisements, the majority being on public property, and our sign on private property

which bares the American flag becomes the bane. Where is the democracy in that?

Years ago, campaign advertisements were not allowed on public property, but only on private property and with permission. Wow, how times have changed.

True our sign is larger than most, at 6x8 feet, but none the less, we have two weeks to go until a very important national election. Would it not be reasonable for the city to come and say, ok this sign is out of code, but you have two weeks to get it down or in three we'll be back with a fine?

That seems like that would be "tolerance" and "reasonable" walking hand in hand. But instead, we have "intolerance" in our face. Hmm, whenever I have seen governmental "intolerance" it is most often accompanied by "insecurity."

Maybe the Livermore City government is afraid of change?

Tired of Mud in Your Mailbox? Elizabeth Judge, Livermore

When a desperate candidate throws a lot of mud at his opponent, he cannot help but get a whole lot on himself.

The campaign for Alameda County Supervisor, District 1, has descended into a pathetic, mudslinging debacle. All the negative mailers and ads from David Haubert supporters are rebutted by the Bacon4Supervisor.com website. Just click on the bar that says, "Correct the Record." It explains it all.

Last week's Haubert mailer was the lowest ever. Because Bacon does not accept funds from PACs or developers, he did his own bookkeeping for his campaigns. Due to time constraints (he has a day job), he filed the complicated forms late and was fined for being late. That's all, just late, no "ethics violation."

Just how much more mud Haubert will throw before Nov. 3 is anybody's guess.

Many streets in Livermore have been stripped of Bacon for Supervisor signs. Even the large ones erected on pipes outside the city limits were cut from their supports. This is a bad reflection on the character of Livermore, or maybe the thieves came from Dublin, where Haubert is mayor, and supported by developers who would love to have the whole county look like his hometown. If candidate Haubert will stoop this low just to get elected, you cannot trust him to do what is best for you.

Vote for Vinnie Bacon for Alameda County Supervisor. You will not be disappointed.

\$..o.\$. Paul Stone, Dublin

If Propositions 24 and 25 pass on Nov. 3, the cost will be at least \$10 million annually for 24 and in the mid hundreds of millions annually (state and local) for 25 (CA Official Voter Information Guide).

At the same time, Prop 25 will make us less safe from

criminals. Prop 24 will create a new bureaucracy, and we need another bureaucracy like we need more political ads, right?

California is facing colossal, unfunded liabilities and other debts already. And unlike Washington D.C., California cannot print money (thank God!). Higher taxes, higher debt and, in the case of 25, increased crime, will be the result if these two props pass.

Please vote no on 24 and 25.

Woerner – The Experience to Get Things Done Lisa Tromovitch, Livermore

As we work together to create a more balanced and inclusive community life, we need experienced leadership.

We need leadership that is willing to represent, protect and nurture all our citizens. Bob Woerner has demonstrated his collaborative, facilitative style of leadership and repeatedly shared his knowledge and expertise on behalf of the City of Livermore. He has a proven record of success negotiating on behalf of our city, building relationships, fostering collaborative partnerships, and saving the citizens millions of dollars.

Bob is someone we can turn to in time of crisis. For many small organizations, the pandemic left us without a path forward. Bob championed using \$2 million to reimburse small local businesses for materials needed to cope with COVID-19.

Livermore is in good shape compared to other cities during this crisis, due to the sound management of our city staff, council and mayor. Bob Woerner is an important part of this great team.

I'm voting Vice-Mayor Bob Woerner for mayor. "The proof is in the pudding," as my mother says.

No doubt we have challenges now, and more ahead, but our ability to adapt and grow together as a city will be affected by the choices we make at the ballot box. I'm voting for someone with experience, someone whose work we have seen and benefited from over the past several years, Bob Woerner.

Bob isn't afraid to shake things up, propose new ways of doing things, and get things done!

Vote for Brown Olivia Melaugh, Pleasanton

I met Karla Brown several years ago during the contentious Pleasanton "No on K campaign."

I learned a lot about Pleasanton and my neighbors that autumn. I learned that they are passionate. I learned that they are dedicated. I learned that they love their city and their neighborhoods and communities.

I did not agree with the neighbors who supported the yes vote, but I did and still do respect their right to campaign for what they believed in. There were many moments during our campaigning when tempers

flared, and verbal and online exchanges became heated. It was then that the leadership of Pleasanton should have stepped in and facilitated a compromise; it was unnecessary for neighbors to go against one another.

I was disappointed with most Pleasanton leadership that day with the exception of Karla Brown, the only councilmember who maintained a calm, steady, measured presence and response. Karla was truly mayoral during that time. She was the only one willing to communicate with both sides and at no point did she lose her temper, speak ill of opponents or further stir up constituents.

Karla Brown is leadership. She is passionate and always intelligent with her thoughts, responses and position. When things get difficult, she does not shy away from conflict, but neither does she bully others.

Pleasanton needs a mayor who can guide future decisions with a firm, compassionate and unwavering hand like hers. It needs a mayor who sees beyond the needs of the moment, and plans for the needs of Pleasanton in the future.

For those who love this city, for those who have lived here one, five, 20, or more than 40 years, what do you want your city to become? Karla Brown has not been or will not be swayed by special interests. Unlike other Pleasanton mayoral candidates, she has refused to accept donations from builders who see Pleasanton as an endless money opportunity.

Pleasanton need not become another congested, bloated city with inadequate support services. It can support growth intelligently and responsibly and Karla Brown is the person who can take Pleasanton in that direction.

With experience and know-how, Karla will listen and embrace the needs and desires of what is good for Pleasanton now and in the future. Please vote Karla Brown for Pleasanton Mayor- fair, honest, strong and dedicated to the place we love to call home.

Restore Social Harmony Maryann Brent, Livermore

I am pleased that our city council may pursue a solution recently proposed for the old Lucky site (now called the Catalyst Site).

The effort to move housing off the Catalyst Site to other parcels across Railroad Avenue - and greatly increase

their number - could collapse the fierce partisanship afflicting Livermore for the past two years. Restoring social harmony in Livermore is important.

While everyone recognizes the obvious and pressing need for affordable housing in Livermore and the preference for proximity to downtown, strong opposition to housing, specifically on the Catalyst Site, existed from the beginning of the planning process. As part of his vision for the future, Bob Woerner has voiced the possibility of eliminating the housing element on the site by moving it to locations still close to downtown and substituting a public park in its place.

Such a gracious patch of open space in the middle of Livermore will distinguish it from any town around.

Kristie Wang an Excellent Addition to LVJUSD School Board Helen Machuga, Livermore

I am a retired educator, a mother of two Granada High School Graduates and grandmother of two children.

I am enthusiastically endorsing Kristie Wang for Livermore School Board. I've known Kristie for several years and greatly admired her dedication to protecting our youth from vaping by co-founding Flavors Addict Kids-Livermore and tirelessly fighting for the cause.

She has also worked on community efforts of voter registration and getting a complete census count, including youth in both efforts.

Kristie brings her history as a young immigrant from Taiwan, her experiences as a domestic violence victim advocate in the valley, her academic degrees in both education policy and public policy, and her perspective of having two children go through the Livermore school system to high school to the important and demanding position on the Livermore School Board. I believe that Kristie will be an excellent addition to the school board during a period with many challenges.

Add her voice to the Livermore School Board of Trustees on Nov. 3! kristiewang-forschoolboard.com

Stacey Swanson a Must For LARPD Board Kellie Essary, Livermore

I have had the pleasure of getting to know Stacy Swanson in recent the months and have had long, substantive, conversations with her about the ways in which she is learning—at great depth—how best to serve our community as a director on the LARPD Board.

I will touch upon just a handful here.

Stacey has met the chal-

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MAILBOX

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lence of running by preparing herself well. She interviewed former and current members of the board about what the job entailed, what they thought was the most difficult part of the job, and what they most enjoyed about the job.

She attended city council meetings because “what happens in the city always affects the district.” Moreover, she interviewed both mayoral candidates about their perception of LARPD and their individual roles in the city. She also attended personnel, facilities, finance, and program subcommittee meetings to understand how they work together and what their current policies look like—especially during this time of COVID.

Also, of import is the way Stacey has reached out to community members, including youth, to discuss their experiences with the district and its facilities—to better understand how district can better meet their needs. And, of course, the role Stacey played in preserving the 85 acres of open space that was once the Springtown Golf Course speaks to her abilities as a thinker, collaborator, and doer.

Stacey believes that open space and recreation are essential to our well-being. I agree. Please join me in voting for her.

Smear Campaign
Patty Robbins, Livermore

Gee, Mr. Haubert, your expensive smear campaign against Vinnie Bacon seems to be growing, with dark mailings and smarmy letters.

Are you afraid citizens can’t make their decisions based on their usual voting research and readings? I was looking on our local community voting as a pleasant enough break from Washington ... guess not.

Kristie Wang is an
Excellent Candidate for
Livermore School Board
B.J. Reynolds-Koonce,
Livermore

I am a working mother with children in middle school and high school.

I had the pleasure of meeting Kristie through her work for Flavors Addict Kids. I was immediately impressed by her passion and knowledge about the youth vaping epidemic. Kristie has worked tirelessly to raise awareness of this issue, and she was part of a team that was successful in taking on Big Tobacco in Livermore. She is already helping to keep our kids safer.

Kristie’s experience and public policy qualifications are impeccable. She is a thoughtful and compassionate person who will fight for the needs of all students and teachers. I know that Kristie will have a positive impact on our schools.

Please join me in voting for Kristie Wang for LVJUSD School Board. kristiewang-forschoolboard.com/my-priorities/.

Shame on the Mayor
William Lipman, Pleasanton

Shame on you, mayor and city council, for putting politics before the health and safety of our community during this pandemic!

For months, there have been unmasked demonstrators crowding the crosswalk islands at the intersection of Hopyard and Valley every Tuesday and Thursday. Their coolers, water bottles, jackets, signs and boombox cover much of the island. These demonstrators are breaking multiple laws and putting the public health at risk during this catastrophic pandemic. I value our constitutional right to peaceably assemble, but it must be done safely and within the confines of the law.

These demonstrators are violating Municipal Code 11.58.030, which prohibits “lingering or loitering” on these handicapped accessible islands. “The only exceptions are for the following circumstances: (1) as may be necessary to cross a roadway; (2) as is necessary for emergencies; or (3) as is necessary for public works or maintenance.”

More importantly, they are gathering, without masks, and without regard to social distancing during this pandemic, which violates both city, state and county rules, and defies common sense.

Every pedestrian who crosses this intersection, in any direction, is forced to walk within inches of unmasked, shouting demonstrators, putting them risk for transmission of the coronavirus.

I’ve contacted PPD multiple times to express concern.

Today, they directly told me that there is nothing they can do, except politely ask demonstrators to put on a mask! Apparently, current Pleasanton law mandates masks and social distancing, but with no citations or repercussions for violating the law ... in other words ... the law is meaningless, and the demonstrators know it and are taking advantage of it.

Livermore, Dublin and other cities enforce the rule and issue citations, but cowardly pTown refuses to do so.

Shockingly, according to meeting minutes, the mayor and city council have repeatedly refused to give this topic any attention, voting to keep it off the agenda. Why? With the election near, they are all afraid of upsetting any supporters who are anti mask. Two sitting council members, Karla Brown and Jerry Pentin, are currently running for mayor

Shame on you, council members, for putting politics ahead of the health and safety of the people you were elected to serve. And shame on the PPD for failing to enforce the laws they were sworn to uphold.

New proposed city motto - Pleasanton: where masks are optional, and Covid is welcome!

Livermore Would
Appreciate a Larger
Downtown Park
Jan Brovont, Livermore

Many people have expressed a desire for a large park essentially extending Stockmen’s Park, on Railroad Avenue between Livermore Avenue and L Street.

I, too, hope city council will see the advantage for all city residents, especially with new residents in the housing in the former Groth Brothers property and new Eden Housing, which could be placed nearby across Railroad Avenue.

A large park will be a great opportunity for Livermore by moving the future housing to the north side of Railroad Avenue. We would have the space for a playground for children, some walking paths and seating for visiting and enjoying downtown, and events, hopefully under lots of shade trees.

LAVGC and Livermore's
Hansen Park
Thomas Jefferson, Livermore

A somewhat strange article appeared in the Oct. 22, 2020 issue of The Independent.

The article on page 10 focused on Livermore’s Hansen Park and its rose garden. Hansen Park is located where First Street meets Holmes Street and has hundreds of roses.

The article said, “Recently, members of the Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club (LAVGC) have stepped up to volunteer their expertise and energy in maintaining the park’s historic beauty ...” The article also mentions, “Lydia Roberts,



Signs placed by Tri-Valley for Black Lives at Livermorium Plaza were struck by vandals Thursday, Oct. 22, between the hours of 5:30 and 8 a.m. The signs, which were placed by the group as part of a sign garden event on Oct. 18, were found scattered on the ground and labeled with Trump 2020 stickers. Livermore residents Erika McKee (left) and Josie Miller (right) stepped up to fix the signs and remove the stickers. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

who is heading the effort.”

The reason the article is strange is that LAVGC (www.lavgc.org) started maintaining the roses at Hansen Park, not recently, as the article says, but in 2012. Lydia Roberts and Karen Jefferson led the effort from 2012 to 2016, and currently, Lois Barber and Dana Boyd are the leaders.

Usually an LAVGC group is at the park tending to the roses two days a month and over the years have logged many, many volunteer-hours.

If anyone has a clue why this seemingly strange article appeared in the Oct. 22, 2020, issue of The Independent, I’d certainly like to know.

Vote David Haubert for
Alameda County Supervisor
Dennis Gambs, Livermore

David has 18 years’ experience at the municipal and school district levels, serving the last eight years as mayor of Dublin.

He also currently serves on the Alameda County Transportation Commission, the Livermore-Amador Valley Transportation Authority, and the Alameda County Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCo).

David’s proven leadership and demonstrated ability to listen to the community in solving

problems make him eminently qualified to serve as our county supervisor. David would be the only supervisor from eastern Alameda County.

Stacey Swanson for
LARPD Board
Toni Sarica, Livermore

I encourage you to vote for Stacey Swanson for LARPD Board.

Stacey is bright, hardworking, and cares about the well being of our valley. Stacey is a longtime resident of Livermore and was instrumental in the creation of the open space in Springtown. She is an active member of the community, a graduate of the Keys to the City program, and an annual sponsor of the Annual Creek Clean Up. Over 10 years ago, Stacey established the Livermore Weekday Hiking Meet Up Group and leads hikes within our valley for all ages.

We need Stacey with all her energy, knowledge, and effective use of resources to guide our parks and programs into the future.

Nancy Allen for
Pleasanton City Council
Brandon Pace, Pleasanton

Nancy Allen is a collaborative and independent leader in a time of division.

The world seems more divided than ever and we need principled leaders who also know how to collaborate and compromise for the good of the city.

I have served with Nancy on the Pleasanton Planning Commission. This commission must weigh how to help our city change in a way that keeps the balance between the past and the future. Knocking down our historic downtown in the name of a few more square feet of shopping or some new condos is a poor trade, for example, and Nancy has been a strong voice for preserving our downtown while helping to make sure it stays vibrant and current.

The Planning Commission faces hard choices, just as the city council will, about issues that will impact our community. Nancy has proven experience to help navigate these issues. She has deep experience listening to the various viewpoints and considering how decisions will impact the individual and also the community. Nancy excels at taking time to learn, connecting with others to get the benefit of other cities’ experiences so that she can bring the best back to Pleasanton.

While Nancy has a clear point of view, she has demonstrated that she will carefully (See MAILBOX, page 9)

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AGREEMENTS

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note several design and financing factors remain to be seen but added the four stories of the hotel were preferred based on the views offered to clientele.

Downtown Development Agreements

The Development Agreement (DA) hearings brought before the council the recommendation to authorize the execution of the DAs with Red Bear Property Management Inc. to construct the Downtown Commercial Project; Shakespeare Associates, Inc. for the Downtown Black Box Theater Project; and Quest Science Center for the Downtown Livermore Science and Society Center Project. The Development Agreement with Eden Housing Inc. for the Downtown Workforce Housing project was removed from the agenda.

Woerner asked City Manager Marc Roberts a question regarding the Eden Housing item.

"Would it be possible by the end of the year to give us a memo on the schedule drivers for what we have to do next?" Woerner asked. "We have a certain amount of time that we have to build the housing in order to lock in the grants that have been given ... I'd like to know what are our schedule constraints with respect to the housing part of this, and I would also like to know what that implies with the decision with respect to the I Street garage and the L Street garage."

Roberts confirmed he could provide that informa-

tion in memo form by the end of the year. Marchand added that since there has been chatter about possibly moving the housing, an understanding of the timeline to build the housing would be helpful.

The council unanimously approved the development agreements.

Greenville Plaza

The council made unanimous approval of the Greenville Plaza, a commercial development that consists of a convenience store, drive-thru restaurant, a carwash, and a 12-stall gas station with canopy. The area abuts westbound Interstate 580, between Laughlin and North Greenville roads and, although outside the city limits, sits within the city's Urban Growth Boundary. It will be annexed to the city.

Applicant Ali Amidy said he bought the property almost 20 years ago and expressed gratitude toward the council for working with him on the project.

The council's vote approved an annexation and rezoning, zoning map amendment, general plan amendment, variance, conditional use permit and site plan design review.

Affordable Housing

The city council also approved adjustments on affordable housing. Following staff's recommendation, the city will establish new maximum income limits for incomes ranging from extremely low to moderate; establish maximum for-sale housing prices for the 2021 Affordable Housing Pro-

gram and update rent limits for city-restricted affordable units; and update the affordable housing in-lieu fee for residential development from \$28.52 to \$29.23 per square foot effective Jan. 1.

Fran Reisner, housing programs manager, explained that the city adopts new income limits for households participating in rental and homeownership programs annually. Councilmember Trish Munro pointed out that the council should also consider land trusts and other forms of funding to create more sustainable means for procuring affordable housing.

Vesting Tentative Tract Map

During the first hearing, the council approved a request for a Vesting Tentative Tract Map to subdivide three city-owned parcels within the Downtown Specific Plan Area, creating nine separate parcels in the northern portion of the block bound by Railroad Avenue, South Livermore Avenue, First Street and South L Street. The nine parcels include: future residential housing; the science center; Black Box Theater; Stockmen's Park; two parcels for future commercial use; the future L Street garage; a paved alley for emergency vehicles, public utility and public access; and Veterans Way.

Before the vote, Vice Mayor Bob Woerner said that many of the elements the council was reviewing are years away.

"There could be some change in thinking," Woerner said. "So, I just want



Hrihan Agarwal and Krish Shitole play on the public art sculpture, "Arachnicat" by Colin Selig, in Dublin's newly opened Clover Park in the Irongate neighborhood. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

to make sure that if there are slight adjustments that occur in the future, that we can easily accommodate that, even if it means adjusting some of the locations of some of these parcels a little bit."

Spence confirmed that the council would be able to shift property lines and parcels in the future.

An Update on the Bankhead

Executive Director Chris Carter offered a look at the Bankhead Theater's status during the pandemic. Since closing on March 13 and rescheduling events as far out as summer 2022, the nonprofit group has suffered a programming loss of about \$700,000. But thanks

to community fundraising and the Bankhead's first-ever estate gift — altogether pulling in nearly \$2 million — the theater is now posting an operating profit of over \$200,000.

"While we have been fortunate to get to this point, we are by no means out of the woods," Carter said after the meeting. "There is a great amount of uncertainty as to when venues can reopen at full capacity, and the longer we have to wait, the more difficult our position will be."

The group switched to online programs with Vineyard Vibes at Retzlaff Vineyards, showing artist performances for free to the community. Those viewing can make a choice to donate

to the organization and/or the individual artists.

Beginning next week, a portion of the theater — the art lobby — will open for the first time since March. Under the county's guidelines, the lobby is considered retail and permitted to open to the public.



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MADRIGAL

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force and wrongful death following their son's June 15, 2019, death, which occurred five days after he was found unresponsive in a jail cell, the chain wrapped around his neck. The coroner's office concluded Madrigal died from the cessation of blood flow to his brain because of hanging and ruled the death a suicide.

hanging from the chain. He lingered in the hospital for five days.

During questioning, Cedergren told the investigator that his decision to chain Madrigal to the door was an "epic mistake."

"I asked Lt. Cedergren if, in hindsight, he believed it would have been a better option to have used the restraint chair versus teth-

"was not an issue, when in fact, he did tie some other detainees in Santa Rita Jail to a door, naked, for having an extra item of bedding linen in their cell."

Pointer said Cedergren was not disciplined but was admonished not to do that again. In addition, the report said, Cedergren's fellow deputies questioned whether it was appropriate

no amount of money that can dull their heartache and pain."

During questioning, Cedergren told the investigator that his decision to chain Madrigal to the door was an 'epic mistake.'

Madrigal's parents called Fremont police for help on June 10, 2019, when he behaved erratically at home. It was the third time that week that Madrigal encountered law enforcement.

On June 6, officers shot him with a taser when he tried to bypass security at San Jose International Airport and fought with police. Madrigal was placed in a hospital for psychiatric observation and released two days later. On June 9, Jaime called Fremont police because Madrigal was aggressive and screaming. Madrigal told police he had ingested "mushrooms" and used marijuana.

The next day, when officers arrested him for being under the influence of a controlled substance, Madrigal became combative and was transferred in a spit mask and restraints from Fremont to the Santa Rita Jail.

According to an internal affairs investigation, two deputies suggested securing Madrigal in a 'restraint chair,' but their lieutenant, Craig Cedergren, overruled them and had Madrigal placed in ankle restraints and handcuffs. A chain was tethered to the cell door.

The next day, Madrigal was found unresponsive,

ering Mr. Madrigal to the door with ankle restraints and 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.

Cedergren retired soon after but was not prosecuted. The Alameda County District Attorney's Office declined to file criminal charges against him or any of the other deputies involved, saying, "Criminal negligence involves more than ordinary careless, inattention or mistake in judgment."

Pointer called Cedergren's admission insincere. "I do not believe he chained Christian to the door by mistake," Pointer said. "Instead, it was a conscious decision, which he elected to undertake knowing he was not supposed to do it."

Cedergren, Pointer said, then lied to his fellow deputies and investigators when he said the tactic was something he had done previously. According to Pointer, Cedergren said that chaining Madrigal to the door

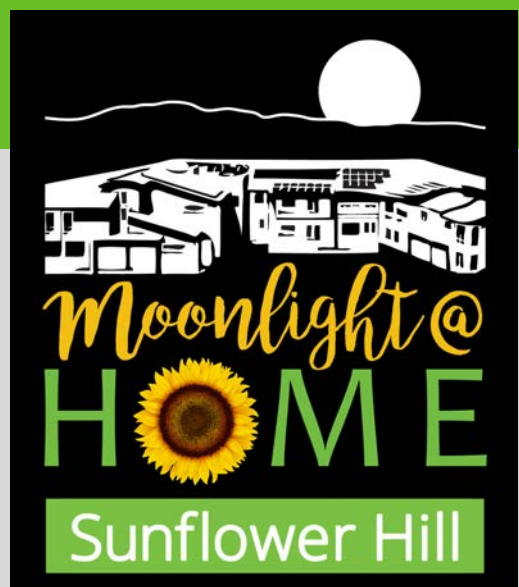
to chain Madrigal to the door.

"Even after (Cedergren) tied Christian to the door, he then failed to keep an adequate watch over him. Once again, a conscious decision," Pointer said. "So, the whole idea of this being a mistake rather than a series of volitional acts is belied by the evidence."

Madrigal's parents, Pointer said, want O'Malley to hold Cedergren accountable "for treating their son less than a dog, for ignoring Christian's pleas for help and for ultimately violating his oath and duty to protect and preserve life, not degrade and take it."

"The parents feel horrible," Pointer said. "Every day, they live with the idea that they called the police looking for help, but instead, they unknowingly placed their son in greater danger. Every day, they mourn the loss of their oldest son, Christian. There's

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MAILBOX

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consider all sides of a decision. This is desperately needed now for the greater good of our community. Nancy's professional experience in addition to her experience in serving our city makes her particularly adept at helping our city find the right balance with changes it will face in the coming years.

Nancy knows how to help all of Pleasanton.

This endorsement is my own, not that of the Pleasanton Planning Commission.

A Win/Win Proposition for The City of Livermore Vivian Guzman, Livermore

I was so glad to hear that Mayor Elect, Bob Woerner, if elected, is supportive of moving the planned housing off the center of town, so that there would be more room for the proposed park area and the people's housing would be moved across the street away from the park, which would also enable the housing to have more room as well!

This seems like a win/win for the whole City of Livermore to enjoy more space for the park and also for the people needing housing!

I hope that this works out to be true! How great that would be!

I Support Jack Balch And Randy Brown for Pleasanton City Council Vicki LaBarge, Pleasanton

Jack spent 11 years serving our community on the Planning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Jack collaborates with residents. I have experienced this when Lund Ranch II was being discussed with the Planning Commission. Jack listened to understand the issues. Not everyone on the planning commission did this, particularly his opponent for city council.

Randy has a solid understanding of what our city needs, and he has served as a board member and chair of the Chamber of Commerce. This experience, and being a small business owner, gives him an excellent perspective on what our community needs for residents and businesses.

Jack and Randy are focused on the needs of Pleasanton which are having strong schools; keeping Pleasanton fiscally strong; ensuring the safety of our community; creating a vibrant and attractive place to live and work; and smart planning for state mandated growth.

If Donald Gets Re-elected... Ramona Krausnick, Dublin

If Donald gets re-elected it's finally good bye democracy, hello full-fledged dictatorship in all of its ugly forms.

Good bye Affordable Health Care, hello to no coverage for millions who need it and will die without it. Good bye civil and human rights, hello bigotry and racism in all its forms. Good bye immigrant rights, hello banning immigrants. Good bye following science, hello disorder, disorganization, ignorance, and pandemic that's out of control. Good bye sanity, hello insanity, and the list goes on and on.

Why would anyone in his or her right mind want four more years of the nightmare we've had for the past four years? Wake up and smell the White House!

Vote Trump out and vote Joe Biden in!

A Vote for Woerner is a Vote for Livermore Mayor John Marchand, Livermore

I've been asked by many people why I'm supporting Bob Woerner for mayor.

The answer is that Bob has the proven leadership experience required to guide Livermore forward during these difficult times. Bob has served on the planning commission, the council and as vice mayor. He represents the city on many other regional boards, including ValleyLink and the LAVTA Board (Wheels Bus), which was just recognized as the top transit agency in America. Bob initiated the Small Business Grants Program to help during the COVID-19 crisis and he created Livermore's Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee.

His experience has provided him with the necessary skills to deal with the complexities of meeting the needs of the community, maintaining the city's commitment to public safety and ensuring that Livermore remains financially sound.

Bob has always worked for equitable solutions to situations presented to the city. His vision and leadership brought together the many stakeholders to get Stockman's Park built in our downtown, fulfilling a promise made 58 years ago.

Leading by example, Bob is personally supporting Livermore businesses by using their services for his campaign literature, signs and outreach efforts.

Livermore has been recognized as one of the ten best cities in which to live on the

west coast. The city is in the top 15% safest cities in California. In the citizen survey released in 2019, 93% of residents agreed that Livermore is great place to live and raise a family.

Bob Woerner has the experience and understanding necessary to continue to keep Livermore on that path. Join me in voting for Bob Woerner for mayor.

Where's the Story? Phillip La Scola, Livermore

It's been more than a week since the NY Post reported on the contents of the laptop that was not picked up from a repair shop and which contained emails detailing financial activity by Hunter Biden and the Biden family.

However, none of this has been reported in the main stream media. The claim is that none of what is on the laptop can be corroborated. However, that was not an issue when the main stream media and others wrote for months about the Russians helping Trump win the 2016 election. None of that was ever corroborated, ask Robert Mueller.

I thought the job of reporters and journalists was to investigate and determine the validity of the content of controversial issues. But this story gets no mention.

I would like to direct readers to a column written by Bernard Goldberg, a former CBS broadcaster, titled "Journalism Has Become a Threat to Democracy." Mr. Goldberg, does not like Trump and might even be called a "never Trumper."

His column sheds some real insight into the state of journalism in America.

He states, "It's true, the president lies a lot. And journalists have an obligation to point out his lies."

He goes on to quote the NY Times, saying, "'Lies, an editorial in the NY Times said, threaten the foundations of American democracy.' That is also true. But so does partisan journalism."

Make no mistake, if these emails were about Donald Trump and his son, the newspapers would have the news of it smeared all over the front page in big black headlines and anchors on nightly newscasts would have it as their lead story every night.

Some legislators have commented on what the deliberate omission of this news might mean for the media in the future.

It's been said the decision not to print or not to broadcast this story about Biden could be interpreted as an "in-kind donation to the Democrat Party." There might even be some loss of publishing rights or fines. It would be well deserved.

Stacey Swanson for LARPD Board Les Gill, Livermore

I encourage you to vote for Stacey Swanson for LARPD Board.

She was the leader of the Springtown community group that successfully advocated for the abandoned golf course to be converted to open space for residents. She has a tremendous knowledge of the East Bay parks and the environmental developments and issues that could impact our lives. She is thoughtful, collaborative and action-oriented.

You will not have seen many "Stacey Swanson for LARPD" signs around Livermore. She knew that yard signs are not recyclable and chose not to use them in her campaign. The few you may have seen are repurposed signs, donated to her by a council member from a prior campaign. This thoughtful pragmatism is what we will see from Stacey if we elect her to LARPD Board.

Kristie Wang Advocates For Healthy Youth Choices Karen Halfon, Livermore

I am a parent of two LVJUSD students and a youth health advocate.

I am pleased to recommend Kristie Wang for LVJUSD School Board.

Kristie has been an advocate for healthy youth choices in our community. Her ability to mobilize community stakeholders is to be applauded. Kristie's dedication and hard work will promote a healthy and positive environment on the LVJUSD School Board.

Support Kristie Wang for the School Board.

Wang Has the Experience to Lead LVJUSD School Board Katie Marcel, Livermore

I am a Livermore resident of 18 years and mother of two LVJUSD students (9th and 3rd grade), and I wholeheartedly endorse Kristie Wang for Livermore School Board.

As the world adjusts to this monumental shift and our kids are living a reality we hadn't ever imagined - it is crucial that we bring educated, experienced, creative and diverse voices into positions of leadership. I am endorsing Kristie because she

is currently an LVJUSD parent, she has over 30 years of experience as a policy student and advocate, and she successfully organized a campaign against Big Tobacco in Livermore.

BIPOC voices are under-represented in our community. In order for LVJUSD decisions to benefit all students, we must have diverse leadership. Finally, I am personally advocating for more women at the table. All tables.

Add her voice to the LVJUSD School Board on Nov. 3!

Bacon is the Best Donna Cabanne, Livermore

Do you want a supervisor who listens, is hard-working and committed to protecting open space?

Then Vinnie Bacon is your candidate.

His opponent, Dave Haubert, mayor of Dublin, is proud of his leadership that has promoted a faster growth rate than most cities in the state except for a few in L.A. Why? Follow the money.

Some of the anti-Bacon mailers come from an anonymous committee called "Preserving Agriculture in Alameda County" ID#1390831, with a San Francisco phone number, 415-884-5500. Please call and ask what they know about agriculture in Livermore. This committee has not disclosed how much it spent on mailers.

Haubert collected \$590,791 through the end of September. 27% was from people who do not live in our district. 46% was from companies and committees. Haubert's biggest expense was \$151,856 to Axion Strategies of Kansas City. Please call them at 816-407-1222 and ask if they can find Livermore on a map.

Don't want outsiders to determine our future? Don't want a supervisor beholden to outsiders and home builders seeking the maximum profit?

Then vote for Vinnie Bacon, who is decent, honest, and committed to protecting open space and Measure D. Vinnie has the experience, education and a proven track record for working with diverse groups. Vinnie Bacon is the best candidate and the only true environmentalist.

Bacon is simply the best. Vote early. Vote Green. Vote for Vinnie Bacon for Alameda County Supervisor District One. Let's build a better future together. Vote Vinnie Bacon.

Imagine All The People Deborah McQueen, Livermore

The downtown plan is once again under review, and we are pleased that the development agreement with Eden Housing is not up for Council approval at this time. This could make possible a win/win proposal waiting in the wings.

The new proposed plan considers moving the planned affordable housing buildings from the land between L Street and a K Street extension, and Railroad Avenue and Veterans Way, to the north side of Railroad Avenue. The upside of this adjustment allows for a more generously sized public park downtown. Additional benefits include the possibility of building nearly double the amount of affordable housing (potentially 300 units) in the new proposed location, thereby serving a broader need for affordable housing in Livermore.

Public parks provide valuable open space where people can gather, socialize and share the common experiences of life. Livermore citizens should be overjoyed to have the opportunity to curate a downtown public park graciously scaled to meet the needs of an expanding township. A continuous park from Livermore Avenue to L Street would be an attraction and could conceivably be an economic engine for downtown businesses.

Livermore has been beautifully crafted for cultural and community activities, thanks to the vision and untiring determination of Joan Seppala in cooperation with city governance. These accomplishments should be protected and preserved for everyone's use in Livermore.

Pressing ahead and building a 130-unit, three- to four-story building of affordable housing across the street from the incoming four-story building of 222 housing units on First and L Streets would create a concrete corridor and the feeling of heavy urbanization. Not only would it destroy the beauty and character of the downtown that has been so thoughtfully planned, but it would also create additional traffic congestion on First and L.



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Vice Mayor Woerner appears willing to listen as concerned citizens continue to re-evaluate the new opportunities at hand. Impending challenges will require focused and wise leadership from those involved. Livermore's next mayor will be indispensable to the potential success or failure of Livermore's final decision regarding the downtown project.

Swanson for LARPD Board Jacob Anderson, Livermore

Stacey Swanson is hands down the best candidate for LARPD board.

Stacey is a rare type of candidate - one that not only is the best qualified, but also works extremely hard to run a campaign void of the trappings of politics.

Many people know Stacey is running as an advocate for open space. However, few know that she has real experience of actually saving open space. When the Springtown golf course closed, Stacey not only advocated for it to remain open space, but she was the driving force behind guaranteeing it be preserved open space with a citywide initiative to preserve it as such.

Now, as she runs for LARPD board, she is running a campaign that can only be described as exemplary. She has stopped the wastefulness that is campaign signs by repurposing old signs (graciously donated by Councilmember Bob Coomber), into campaign signs for herself.

Not only that, she is completely avoiding the rat race of campaign financing. When people have asked to donate to her campaign, she declines, but then asks them to donate to the LARPD Foundation (a great organization that helps support recreation opportunities for underserved communities here in Livermore).

Stacey has already done much for our community, and I believe that she can do even more as a member of the LARPD board.

Trump Truck Rally Dwight LeVan, Livermore

Did you see it? Over 1,000 Americans voicing and displaying their support for Donald J. Trump 600 to 800 vehicles. 1,200 people came out Saturday to voice their support.

It's Monday morning, and the pride still abounds. Let us see if the Independent removes their biased coverage of Republicans and Trump and highlight a peaceful protest of support for America's President. I wonder.

A few weeks ago, the Independent showcased its bias when an article appeared showcasing Swallowell and (his) opposition, Alison Hayden. The article highlighted his rise to power by going back to 2012 and didn't mention anything about how he wasted taxpayer money in a sham impeachment. How he said he had evidence and had none and never mentioned to the reader. It's about the party first before Americans.

The paper never said how he was the first to be rejected by Democrats as he ran for his failed presidential nomination. Over 80% of the article was Swallowell, and what was said about Hayden was on gun control. Swallowell wasn't worthy of a presidential nomination, and he's not worthy now.

Vote to replace Swallowell. Vote for Alison Hayden.

The overwhelming response to the Tri Valley Trump Truck Rally was supportive in nature. Lots of thumbs up and horn blaring in support. A caravan that takes between two to three hours to pass through downtown Livermore is certainly newsworthy. My guess is the Independent doesn't mention it. If I am wrong, there is still hope for the media in this country. If it's not covered, shame on the media.

The Rally for Trump was a success, and the next four years when he's reelected will be equally successful.

Vote for Trump. MAGA 2020.

The Two Major Party Presidential Candidate Monsters Greg Scott, Livermore

"Only the mob and the elite can be attracted by the momentum of totalitarianism itself. The masses have to be won by propaganda." (Hannah Arendt).

Quadrennially, we chant the hackneyed, "The lesser of two evils."

Dehumanizing it would be to call the dehumanizing presidential candidates President Trump and Joseph Biden "evil."

though the two men by policy have killed and injured many Americans.

President Trump has so mismanaged the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic that now over 225,000 Americans are dead from COVID-19. Either he did not read his presidential daily briefings in early January, or he did not understand them, or he did not care.

On Jan. 22, 2020, President Trump said, "It's one person coming in from China, and we have it under control."

In hindsight, I suppose we should have been taking our hydroxychloroquine with shots of bleach back then. We have had the 'misrepresentation' of the convalescent plasma results by the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration Dr. Stephen Hahn. That is no less than malpractice. It is a loss of the public trust. Presidential personal and political considerations apparently outweigh the wellbeing of the American people.

Joseph Biden has a horrific record.

He supported the North American Free Trade Agreement that resulted in the loss of over 650,000 American manufacturing jobs. How many families were destroyed by this? How many died because of this?

A couple of years later, Senator Biden drafted the U.S. Senate version of The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act which provided \$9.7 billion for prisons and 100,000 new police officers. How many hundreds of thousands of African-Americans and others of color went to prison under this bill?

The United States now has over 2.3 million incarcerated, and 94% of those never had a jury trial. Joseph Biden stated at a high-end fundraiser that upon his election, "nothing would fundamentally change."

Fundamentally, everything has changed, and neither presidential candidate offers policies that would adequately address these changes. We are distracted, in a time of looming war with the People's Republic of China, by two corrupt candidates and their corrupt political parties. We need to be seeking to build sensible third parties, with decent third-party candidates.

"America, where are you now Don't you care about your sons and daughters Don't you know we need you now We can't fight alone against the monster" ("Monster", Stephenwolf).

Swallowell - A Vote for Results or Rhetoric? Tom Murphy, Pleasanton

Eric Swallowell has been a U.S. Congressman since 2013 and is on the ballot as a candidate for re-election again this year.

As you consider casting your valuable vote for any candidate for Congress, you should give careful consideration to whether the incumbent candidate has earned your vote with actual results vs. rhetoric during their term(s) in office.

It appears to me that Representative Swallowell has been very successful as a photo opportunist, having been willing to grant numerous interviews and getting his picture in many publications. However, Representative Swallowell, like any other person representing you, should be evaluated for their leadership and ability to introduce and work toward legislation that benefits the majority of their constituents from both political parties in the district they represent.

Eric Swallowell has just recently claimed that he intends to be bipartisan. However, he has done nothing to demonstrate an effort to be in fact bipartisan. Based on the results of his tenure, he has demonstrated that being bipartisan is just a theory or idea vs. a practice.

Whether it be Representative Swallowell or any other incumbent from either party, they must find a way to practice bipartisanship in order to truly represent all of their constituents and stop the divide that has stifled the needs of the people. The people we elect to represent us should be evaluated the same as anyone in the private sector on job performance.

In his eight years in Congress, Eric Swallowell has only introduced two bills that he has led toward law. In 2014, he introduced HR3771 Philippines Charitable Giving Assistance Act, which allowed for a tax deduction for cash contributions made to victims of a typhoon, and HR1671, which designated the name of the U.S. Post Office in Dublin, California, to be named the James "Jim" Kohen Post Office.

You have to ask yourself, in the eight years he has served, what did Representative Swallowell do to lead his fellow Congressmembers toward bipartisan results in infrastructure improvement, immigration reform, safer cities and states, homeless solutions, national debt reduction, Covid-19 relief, medical insurance premium and deductible reductions, lower drug costs, lower taxes, job creation and so many other critical initiatives.

If you realize this did not happen, please don't just vote yes for an incumbent because you have seen their name so often. Vote for someone else.

Money Nop for Mayor Taylor Parker, Livermore

I first met Mony three years ago when he offered to be a lead sponsor for a school initiative of mine.

As a teacher in one of Livermore's lowest income schools, I have relied on outside support to help bring equity to my school and classroom. Mony's commitment to help bring a STEM/STEAM Lab to my school gave me the confidence and financial means to get the project started, funded, and opened to all students at my school.

Since meeting, we have become friends. In our friendship, I have heard and seen his passion for helping people from every walk of life in our community and beyond. He brings people together, puts a plan into motion, and gets the job done. Mony is my choice for mayor because of his strong work ethic, exceptional moral character, and desire to make Livermore the absolute best it can be.

Join me in voting for Mayor Mony Nop.

Vinnie Bacon for Supervisor Michael Fredrich, Livermore

You may have read the article in the Oct. 24 East Bay Times on big money in the District 1 county supervisor race.

The article reports that David Haubert has received \$570,000 in campaign contributions, and he is "... heavily supported by major developers, contractors, landlords, property managers and real estate agents, as well as oil industry sources ...". That almost \$600K was reported on his Sept. 19 finance report. Who knows what it is now?

In contrast, Vinnie Bacon does not accept money from developers or political action committees.

Haubert says he 'can't be bought,' and that he supports affordable housing. Yet Dublin, which he leads as mayor, has permitted only about 6% of the affordable housing goal the Association of Bay Area Governments has set for it. At the same time, market rate housing has flourished in Dublin. So, maybe Haubert can be bought?

Actually, it's hard to know what Haubert stands for, or what he would do as supervisor. His campaign seems to be mostly a series of highly negative ads full of distorted claims about his opponent. One of Haubert's mailers portrays him as being supported by Gavin Newsom and Joe Biden. Really? Joe Biden supports Haubert?

It's just another distortion to cover up that he has been a longtime Republican. In these times, that might not work for him, so now he's switched to an Independent trying to cover it up.

Vinnie Bacon is an honest man that will work for you, not big developers. He has strong credentials as an environmentalist who will work to save agriculture and open space in eastern Alameda county.

I urge you to vote for Vinnie Bacon for District 1 County Supervisor.



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(sic) murdering you on that day of April 5, 1984. I want you and your family to know you did absolutely (sic) nothing to deserve what I did to you. That’s what makes this murder so callous and horrific.”

Drew Faelz, Tina’s brother who was 8 years old when she was found stabbed 44 times, was not quick to accept the apology.

“It’s just confirmation of what we knew,” Drew told The Independent. “I don’t think he has any remorse whatsoever. I think he is just trying to get out of prison early.”

Tina’s frightening death stunned the Tri-Valley region, an area not known for homicides, let alone such a savage crime involving a teenage victim.

Her mutilated body was discovered in a ditch along Interstate 680, her schoolbooks scattered beside her body, The Independent reported in 2014. Her purse, which would prove later to be significant in identifying her killer, was tossed into shrubbery behind her.

Carlson, who was in Tina’s freshman class, became a suspect in 1986, when police questioned him after hearing rumors he had confessed. Carlson, known as “Creepy Carlson” at the time, lived across the street from where Tina’s body was found.

At the time, Carlson admitted to detectives that he had told friends he killed Tina, but said he was joking. Detectives had no case against him.

The killing went unsolved for more than two decades despite repeated efforts from Pleasanton detectives to solve it. DNA technology finally led detectives back to Carlson more than 25 years later.

In 2008, Detective Dana Stout sent Tina’s bloodstained purse that was found in the bushes to an FBI lab. Tests identified one blood stain as Tina’s. The other three belonged to Carlson, who in 2011 was in jail on an unrelated case.

In 2014, jurors convicted Carlson of first-degree murder. A judge sentenced him to 26 years to life in prison.

SCHOOLS

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Neither Livermore nor Dublin have set a board meeting date for votes on their reopening plans, which require additional work and planning in order to meet all of the requirements of state and local health authorities. Regardless, all three districts will retain the option for families to keep children at home to learn remotely. Similarly, some staff with health concerns will choose not to return to in-person learning.

“Our first priority is to bring our students back, and that’s what we want,” Daniel Moirao, Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) interim superintendent, said at the district’s Oct. 13 school board meeting. “At the same time, we want everybody to be safe and healthy.”

In a letter sent home to families later that week, Moirao provided what he described as an optimistic goal for reopening in mid-July.

Reopening could not come sooner for some parents who spoke at the LVUSD school board meeting last week. Other parents not in attendance cautioned in written comments to the trustees against rushing to reopen too quickly.

“I think the map from where we were to where we want to go is convoluted at best,” said Chris Van Schaack, LVUSD deputy superintendent. “We know that there’s going to be changes in direction along the way, and we want to be prepared for those. We know where we want to go; again it’s to get 100% of our students back. But, we also know that the journey will not be a straight line.”

When schools start to reopen, they will do so with social-distancing modifications in place and will have to include in their reopening plans health metrics on case numbers and rate of spread that would trigger a return to distance learning. Schools could also be forced to close again if county infection

Carlson appealed, and in 2017, California’s First District Court of Appeal reduced the conviction to second-degree murder — saying it was not premeditated — and the sentence was reduced to 16 years to life.

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation records show Carlson is serving his sentence at the state prison in Tehachapi. He was scheduled for his first parole hearing, but officials noted on Oct. 7 that he was unsuitable. He becomes eligible for another hearing in 2023.

It’s unclear whether his confession would help him ever see freedom again. Even if the parole board grants him parole in 2023, California’s governor — who would be Gavin Newsom in a second term — could veto the decision.

In handwritten letters, the Chronicle reported, Carlson said he was whipped as a child, wet his bed into adolescence, used drugs at 13 and felt a “sick arousal” with pornography.

Carlson, the newspaper said, wrote that his parents were on vacation that day. He threw a party for friends, but they broke into his father’s liquor cabinet and played with his mother’s underwear. Intoxicated, he went back to school, where a varsity football player tossed him into a dumpster, locked it and turned it on its side. A teacher freed him. Students laughed at him. He went home drunk.

Full of rage at how his classmates treated him — and knowing he would get whipped when his parents came home and discovered the party mess in the house — Carlson looked out the window and saw someone coming along the path.

“Everything happen(ed) so fast,” Carlson wrote. “I remember going to kitchen and grabed (sic) a butcher knife. I walked across the street into the field at the ‘gully’ that’s where at the time was Tina Faelz.”

Carlson wrote that he didn’t remember the stabbing motions, but recalled standing over her bloody body, holding a bloody knife.”

rates climb. With the approach of the flu season and holiday travel ahead, districts are taking a deliberately measured approach to reopening.

While the LVJUSD completes its reopening plan, it will continue to make needed improvements to distance learning, Van Schaack said. To date, the district has received more than \$8.4 million in grant funding to help with distance learning and to prepare for students to come back in person.

At its recent meeting, some Livermore parents questioned why the district lacks a more concrete reopening plan, as it has had since March to consider logistics for inevitable reopening. Van Schaack said the questions were fair, but noted the county has changed the rules for engaging students more than a dozen times since classrooms were shuttered, and each time a new set of regulations was announced, the schools had to adjust their plans accordingly.

Nobella Baba, the mother of two students who attend Rancho Las Positas Elementary School in Livermore, said the staff have “done a phenomenal job at doing the best with what they’re given.” However, she added that other parents are frustrated the district was not prepared to reopen when the county granted permission to consider bringing elementary school students back.

“The emails we are receiving that provide us no real information; the emails that have been coming since spring that give no actual timelines, no schedules, nothing new for us to see the light at the end of this really dark tunnel,” Baba said. “It feels like there’s no end in sight, while all these private schools, charter schools ... are going back safely, and their students are happy to be amongst their peers and their teachers.”

Baba’s third-grade daughter Sophia also ad-

In 2011, when Pleasanton police arrested him for the murder after he was released from the Santa Rita Jail on an unrelated drug charge, Carlson told the San Jose Mercury News he was innocent.

“I may be a dirtbag,” Carlson told the paper at the time. “But I didn’t hurt nobody.”

Now, he wrote, he wanted to provide “insight to the brutal murder of Tina Faelz.” In his letter, he apologized for the fear he created in Pleasanton and for the pain he caused Tina’s family. Tina’s mother, Shirley Orosco, died Feb. 13, 2014, of a heart attack, the day Carlson’s trial was set to begin.

“This was all so overwhelming for Tina’s loving mother to go through,” Carlson wrote. “This murder went unsolved for almost 3 decades. All the false leads false suspects that lead to no arrest. The tiresome long hours that the detectives worked. I left a nice community of Pleasanton in fear that a vicious murderer was out roaming around for years.”

Drew said his mother had called him to say, “They got him,” when police arrested Carlson in 2011. He also blamed Carlson for his mother’s death.

Over the years, before police arrested Carlson, Drew said he would search the internet, checking on names that would come up as suspects. Every April 5, he thinks about that awful day. He said he can see when people recognize his name, but are hesitant to ask if he was related.

Faelz remembers the sister who helped to raise him after his parents separated a few years before her death.

“My mom was trying to get accustomed to being a single parent,” he said. “My sister stepped up as a big sister and in a mom role. She would care for me quite a bit ... my sister was always there.”

Drew plans on going to the parole hearing in 2023.

“He’s had a lot of crime since. He’s on Megan’s Law now,” Drew said. “Hopefully, all that comes into play when parole is considered. I just don’t want him getting out.”

dressed the board, saying she missed her friends and teacher, and that she would like to return to school.

Earlier this month, county health officials announced elementary schools that completed a COVID-19 health and safety reopening plan would be permitted to reopen as soon as Oct. 13. At press time, no public schools had submitted reopening plans to the Alameda County Office of Education. The county has not yet given permission to consider reopening classes to middle and high school students or provided a timeline for when that might happen.

Robbie Krietz, president of the Dublin Teachers Association, said the union has worked tirelessly to ensure Dublin students continue to progress in their education since the March closures, and that it has taken a cooperative and proactive approach toward school reopenings.

“Contrary to what is being implied on social media ... long before the county movement on reopening, we had started looking at all options for what happens after distance learning (is no longer required) in collaboration with district leadership,” Krietz said.

Aimee Thompson, president of the Livermore Education Association, stated that county and state public health officials have provided insufficient guidance on reopening.

“They have pushed the responsibility for the safety of students and staff onto the individual school districts during a pandemic,” she said. “The pandemic is a health crisis; we need clear firm guidance from the health department. What we have gotten instead are recommendations that are not specific or required.”

For more information on the LVJUSD, visit <https://www.livermoreschools.org>. For more information on the DUSD, visit <https://www.dublin.k12.ca.us>.

SUNWALKER

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landscaping or solar cleaning needs; the project will incorporate landscaping to reduce the view of the panels.

The board then listened to public comment both in favor and against the project. During the meeting that saw over 500 participants, the community — ranging from advocacy groups and individual residents to unions and environmentalists — spoke out both in favor of and in opposition to these controversial projects.

Speakers expressed concerns over the heat emanating from the solar panels, sheep depositing more parasites into the soil compared to that from cows, bird mortality, Measure D violations, loss of open space, negative environmental impacts, groundwater contamination, among others. Those in favor of the projects pointed out the renewable energy the panels would create, along with jobs.

Resident Van Reiny stressed the need for renewable energy in support, while Chris O’Brien, a resident and founder of Save North Livermore Valley, noted the project was in violation of Measure D — passed by voters in 2000 to protect rural land from urban sprawl.

“You’re talking about a sea of glass, and the only reason it’s not called a ‘structure’ is because (it doesn’t have) walls,” O’Brien said.

The Friends of Livermore (FOL) representative, Dick Schneider, shared that the FOL engaged a consultant to identify sites for solar energy facilities.

“The consultants looked mainly for solar potential, that is, topography and proximity to grid connections. In only a week, that firm came up with seven possible sites for SEFs in Alameda County,” Schneider said. “Because a number of locations could exist for large-scale solar energy facilities and because the county will initiate a least-conflict study this fall, Friends of Livermore urges the BZA to pause consideration of the two projects in the pipeline until the county least-conflict study is done. In this way, it may be possible to avoid the intense controversy we see now over the North Livermore Valley.”

Jason Lindsay, business agent for Iron Workers Local 378, spoke in favor of the solar construction. He noted that the jobs would be living wage with benefit packages and pointed out the project could help marginalized and underserved communities by providing this employment.

“This project is in our jurisdiction; a project of this size could employ 50 or more of our members,” said Lindsay.

Tamara Reus, President of

FLOWER

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in the house they’re sitting in all day?”

Courtney Franco is one of Hootman’s best friends and best customers. Franco likes to pick up flowers when Poppy is parked outside of Story Coffee, so she can get her morning caffeine fix and stock up on fresh blooms.

“I love it. I think it was the perfect thing in 2020 to have something that was fun and new and exciting, and who doesn’t love flowers?” Franco said. “It’s just a really creative activity. Kristy has a great selection of flowers ... they are different and seasonal from local farmers.”

Hootman partners with Dutch Roots farm in Ripon and the San Francisco Flower Market to keep her selection bright and unique. She makes an effort to offer more than the floral departments at the grocery stores, so her customers come away with something special.

“During the summer, I had a lot of dahlias and ranuncu-

lus, I had peonies for a few weeks people were really into, but it’s all seasonal,” she said. “I get a few dry things now that the season is ending, and I also try to get some crazier, rare things from the San Francisco Flower market.”

This business venture took Hootman outside her comfort zone in terms of work experience, but she was looking for something that would allow her to still spend time at home with her young daughter. She said she has always enjoyed creative endeavors like photography and floral arrangements, so this felt like a good fit. Her husband, Peter, works in marketing, and she has pulled on his expertise to help Poppy get growing.

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the Friends of Open Space and Vineyards, raised her concerns over the impacts to the environment and what she deemed a lack of information.

“What we’re dealing with here is a project that is really industrial in nature and will fundamentally change the land use in the area — it’s not like a wind turbine,” Reus said, noting turbines involve minimal disruption of the land. “We are going to have a project that doesn’t realistically permit agriculture underneath ... the EIR is not ready and it’s very limited, partly due to the fact that there is no solar policy. In fact, the county has already admitted there are other inquiries already being made on the basis of the two applications.”

Derek Eddy, BZA board member, expressed an appreciation for the community’s feedback.

“But what would it take timewise to put together a plan? What kind of time frame?” he asked, referring to the development of a solar policy.

Sonia Urzua, senior planner, responded to say the Alameda County Board of Supervisors had recently directed staff to continue working on a solar policy. She referred to the Board of Supervisors’ Planning and Transportation Commission Oct. 19 meeting, during which time, the supervisors did not solidify a specific timeline but noted the policy could take a number of months.

“We want to make sure we don’t over-promise,” Urzua explained regarding how long the policy will take.

Steve Beyer, the third BZA board member, touched on mitigation measures pertaining to native species, such as the tiger salamander and the red-legged frog.

“If the (resource) agencies determine there is a loss of habitat as a part of the overall survey and reporting work that is done prior to and during construction, they’re going to require (reporting the habitats) as part of the project,” Beyer said. “The project itself includes very detailed mitigation measures if (the species) are found on-site. In talking to the biologist, they have not seen the closest identification of the tiger salamander ... but they’re confident in looking at the mitigation measure that they would address (if the species are found) and all of this has to be reported to the resource agencies.”

During the same meeting, which spanned nearly four hours, the BZA also took comments only on the DEIR for the Aramis Solar Energy Generation and Storage Project — another proposed North Livermore project across from the Sunwalker development.

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It would cover a mostly contiguous 533-acre site located at Manning Road and North Livermore Avenue. The utility-scale project would generate up to 100 megawatts. A notice of availability of the DEIR was circulated to local, state and federal agencies and interested parties on Sept. 18. Comments will be received through Nov. 2.

Public speaker Jean King spoke to ask for an extension of the review time for the DEIR, which she pointed out is a 500-page document.

“Solar is good if there is storage, which this has, but I think we need more information on the 5 acres of batteries,” King said. “Questions about the batteries, how they are produced, their safety and the environmental impacts of these batteries are of great concern to me.”

O’Brien spoke again regarding Aramis, criticizing the DEIR for concluding the environmental impacts would be “not significant.” O’Brien’s property joins the region proposed for Aramis; he stated nothing in the plan shows a buffer between his property and the Aramis development.

The concerns of those speaking during the Sunwalker public hearing were again echoed during the Aramis portion. Chuck McCallum, resident since 1994, said this project is a great opportunity for renewable energy.

“This area has been sitting here for a very long time,” he said. “And this opportunity to actually build something that can give four-hour storage and help our environment is key for the future.”

More labor union representatives spoke in regard to the importance of jobs, including Joe Cruz with Laborers Local.

“We wanted to express our strong support of the Aramis DEIR in support of the green energy and the jobs it would create,” said Cruz.

Marissa Mitchell of Intersect Power, the Aramis project applicant, also weighed in.

“We carefully selected this site because it has severely impaired soils and lack of habitat for protected species,” she said. “Moreover, the EIR shows that the project will not be visible with the installation of extensive landscaping to screen the facility from public view. CEQA is the toughest environmental standard in the country, and the project is fully compatible with the county’s General Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and Measure D, which is a voter initiative approved in 2000 ... Measure D was intended to protect community open space like parklands, not to force private property into serving as community open space.”

— where her bouquets serve as a fun favor — she said she appreciates the community’s support of her small business. Her customers have enjoyed creating unique floral arrangements for themselves, and she hopes to be available even more in the future.

“I think it’s been really fun to see a business start during very tumultuous times when most business are questioning if they should still be open,” Franco said. “They’ve also done things in partnership with other small local businesses that have recently opened and had to be a very flexible about things and it’s been fun to see how the community supports each other. You get to enjoy the flowers and have a good feeling and like what you’re supporting.”

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which spews out results two minutes later. Since the test starts with a saliva sample, it promises to be more acceptable and less intrusive for patients than are uncomfortable nasal probes.

With organized workflow protocols, the company estimates that a single reader could test 20 people per hour. A cluster of five readers might test 100 in an hour, perhaps at an airport where passengers are screened for a flight or at a school where students are tested before class.

OBITUARIES

Melody Rae Dijos Aug. 13, 1956 – Oct. 19, 2020



Livermore resident Melody Rae Dijos passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully, on Oct. 19, 2020. She touched many lives with her generous heart and her unconditional love. Her tireless love and

commitment to her friends and family knew no bounds, and will never be forgotten.

Melody was born in Pleasanton and graduated from Amador Valley High School in 1974. She went on to marry her high school sweetheart, Robert “Bobby” Holmes, with whom she had two children. She worked for United Security for a short time, following which she then devoted her time and self entirely to care for her family.

After caring and raising her own children, she took on the proud role as Mima, cherishing her time to be with her grandchildren. Her grandchildren were a large part of her life and purpose. Melody enjoyed her family time and loved dancing and singing while listening to her Oldies. She loved to cook and, boy, was she good at it. Melody’s favorite pastime was to play Bingo and to go to the casinos, and she went every chance she could!

Melody is survived by the love of her life of 39 years, Antonio “Tony” Gallardo; devoted children, Veronica (Andrew) Munro of Livermore, and Troy Holmes of San Andreas; and her beautiful grandchildren, Zoe and Duncan Munro of Livermore, Nathan Cooper of Powell, Wyoming, and Austin Moore of Livermore. She is also survived by her father, Raymond “Sonny” Dijos, Jr., and step-mom, Darlene Lara of Livermore; step-mom, LaVerne Yanez of Pleasanton; sisters, Rae Diaz of Livermore, Rhonda (Jack)

Dorman of Roseville, Ronna Kossman of Livermore; Brothers, Rocky Kossman of Modesto and Robbie Dijos of Chico; sisters-in-law, Eleanor Lani (Tom) Meyer, Tina (Sam) Webster, Eva (Mark) Kraft, Jeannette Gallardo, and brother-in-law Anastacio (Brenda) Gallardo, all of Livermore. She is also survived by her aunt and godmother, Oralia “Willie” Eskew of Livermore, and aunts Bette “Bootie” Balcita of Livermore and Tanya “Tanny” Dijos of Stevinson. Melody leaves behind many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and cousins that she adored. She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Mary Dijos and Raymond Dijos Sr., whom she also called Mom and Dad; brother, Robin Dijos; and Sister, Mary “Picalo” Gonzales.

Friends and family are invited to a viewing at Callaghan Mortuary on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020, from 5 to 7 p.m., with a Rosary following at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at St. Michael’s Church on Friday, Nov. 6, 2020, with Mass beginning at 11 a.m., and burial to follow at St. Michael’s Cemetery, Livermore.

Kathleen Ann Kirby passed away Oct. 3, 2020.

She was born April 13, 1931, in Loma, Colorado, to Marie Lind and Kurt Lind. Kathleen was raised in Twig, Minnesota, but relocated to San Leandro, California, where she attended San Leandro High School and later graduated from Armstrong College. She worked in the family hardware and appliance business. She also worked as a John Powers fashion model. She later met and married John T. Kirby Sr.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her parents, Marie (Mayne) Lind and Kurt Lind, as well as her

Kathleen Ann Kirby April 13, 1931 – Oct. 3, 2020



oldest son, Stephen L. Kirby. She is survived by her youngest son, John Jr., and his spouse, Anthony Toia, as well as her daughter-in-law, Jackie Kirby. Kathleen has a sister, Patricia Ling Kyle, and her husband David Kyle.

As per her wishes, cremation has been completed. She and her husband will be interred at Holy Cross Cemetery in San Diego. A memorial service will be planned at a later date. Family requests that donations to be made to the Animal Samaritans, in Thousand Palms, California.

Thomas John Sheridan Oct. 25, 1941 – Oct. 12, 2020



Thomas John Sheridan passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Sunday, Oct. 12, 2020, at the age of 78.

Tom was the first of seven children born to Thomas and Phyllis Sheridan, on Oct. 25, 1941, in Oakland, California. He attended St. Elizabeth Elementary and High School, where he read every book in the library and became passionate about basketball.

Tom spent his childhood summers at the family lodge in the Lakes Basin Area of Northern California. He learned the value of hard work - making beds, doing dishes, cooking, repairing pipes and entertaining guests - and developed a life-long love of the mountains, returning there throughout his life.

Tom earned a four-year basketball scholarship to St. Mary’s College in Moraga, where he earned a baccalaureate degree in economics and established friendships that lasted a lifetime. Upon graduating, he worked for Del Monte Foods and as a real estate agent in Arizona. He then found his calling as an educator and spent 30 years as a teacher, coach, athletic director and administrator in San Lorenzo and

Pleasanton, California. He was a committed teacher inside and outside of the classroom, encouraging students and inspiring a desire to learn in those closest to him.

Tom was an exceptional high school and college basketball official. He spent a number of years traveling the west coast officiating hundreds of games, his young children watching for the nod he would give them on TV. His other hobbies included friendly poker and dice games, reading, walking and listening to a variety of musical genres. He was also known to pick a horse or two for the Kentucky Derby. He loved a good barbeque, working in his garden, playing basketball with his friends, son, grandson and brothers, and spending time with

his family.

Tom made many friends throughout his life and was known for his quick wit and sense of humor. He was an avid explorer, whose curiosity about the world took him on many long drives across the United States. He stopped in little ‘hole-in-the-wall’ bars or cafes in hopes of hearing local music or to chat with new people. He always returned with a story. He settled in Portola in his later years, found great joy in observing life as it happened outside his window, and loved to watch his grandsons learn, play and grow.

Tom is preceded in death by his brother, Robert; and his parents, Thomas and Phyllis.

He will be greatly missed by his three children, Kelly, Tom (Sen), and Megan (Ricardo); his grandchildren, Javier, Noah and Samuel; his siblings, Kathleen, Dan, Bill, Ann and Phyllis; numerous nieces and nephews, and all those he met along the path of his life’s adventure.

There will be a private family celebration of life. Please make any donations, in lieu of flowers, to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (www.cff.org) or the Nature Conservancy (www.nature.org).

Eulailah Zinke

*Watching from Heaven’s window,
Leaning from Heaven’s gate.*



Eulailah Zinke passed unexpectedly from natural causes on Sunday, Aug. 16, having lived a complete and blessed life.

She was the foundation of a large extended family and was valued as a true friend by many. Laila was preceded in death by her husband, William “Bill/Billy” Zinke. She was the cherished mother of three daughters Mary, Laurie and Beth; with six grandchildren, Noël, Erin, Brett, Brandon, Jon and Tony; and nine great-grandchildren, Natalie, Kate, Ethan, Isabella, Peter, Brandon Jr., Jaxon, Jazmin and Brayden. Eulailah and Bill were foster parents to her cousin Shelia, who went on to foster many children of her own. Eulailah was also an adored “exchange” mother (mor) to Hanne and bonus grandmother (mormor) to Frederikke.

Eulailah was born and raised in Marshall County, Minnesota, on a Red River Valley farm in the small town of Oslo, sixty miles south of the Canadian border. Her parents, Carl Hoff and Myrtle Engstrom Hoff were also Minnesota natives. Eulailah was the oldest of five Engstrom-Hoff children.

In 1949, Eulailah earned her nursing degree from Grand Forks Deaconess Hospital in North Dakota while Bill earned his degree in engineering from UND. Laila and Billy married in 1950 at a military chapel in Fort Lewis, Washington, prior to Billy serving in the Korean War. Upon his return, Laila and Billy lived in North Dakota, Washington State and New Mexico, where Billy began his career with Sandia National Laboratories and was transferred to Livermore in the late 1950s.

When asked why they decided to settle in Pleasanton, she said, “It was probably because of Hap’s”. While staying in Livermore on a pre-move visit, they asked for a good place to eat, they loved Hap’s and they loved Pleasanton. 50 years later when her grandson was working there, he treated her to a special 80th birthday dinner, where she got the VIP treatment.

Upon settling in Pleasanton, Bill earned his master’s degree in engineering from UC Davis while working at Sandia, and Eulailah worked as a nurse for more than 40

years, most of that time serving at Valley Memorial Livermore’s maternity ward. She stayed connected to her nursing student peers and co-workers through calls and get-togethers when possible.

Bill and Eulailah were founding members of the Resurrection Lutheran Church in Dublin. They were both very active in the church and enjoyed many life-long friendships with fellow members.

After losing Billy at an early age, Laila persevered through her grief and lived life to the fullest. She joined a “Women over 50 who travel” group, continued to be very involved at church and crafting groups (Goose Class), and hosted a foreign exchange student from Denmark in 1984, who has been part of the family ever since. In her late 50s, she became the guardian of and raised two young grandsons as her own into her 80’s. Her devotion to family was always truly remarkable.

Another endearing quality was the frequent recounting of life stories with incredible detail. Subjects ranged from her youth on the farm,

visits and family reunions with her many Engstrom and Hoff relatives (as well as Billy’s), raising her own family, annual trips to Minnesota via planes, trains and an Astro van, and pretty much every adventure she experienced over more than 90 years. Her ability to knit you into her life through a thoughtful story, inevitably with many of her adorable giggles, was a loving way she connected with everyone.

Eulailah enjoyed hosting family and friends anytime, but especially for holiday meals, birthdays, craft nights, bunco, Goose Class and everything in between. She simply loved people and would always warmly welcome friends and strangers who quickly became new friends, while being especially happy during visits with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Finding new recipes in the paper, a magazine and on the internet or trying “new” ones from the Church Cookbook was one of her many pastimes. She especially enjoyed making desserts, as she always needed a little something sweet after dinner. Crafting and sewing were some of her many interests, and Laila devoted countless hours throughout the year creating festive holiday items for loved ones. She was up for adventures that came her way, big or small, with a smile and joyful attitude.

Eulailah lived every day of her more than 91 years to the fullest until her last day with us. She was fiercely independent and notoriously stubborn, still driving and maintaining the home she loved that was the family hub and gathering place for more than 50 years.

Laila will join her beloved Billy in Pleasanton’s Pioneer Cemetery on Nov. 14, 2020, which would have been their 70th wedding anniversary. Her precious and remarkable life will be joyously celebrated when conditions allow for an appropriate gathering of family and friends.

Eulailah’s family looks forward to a time when all of her friends will be able to join them in a remembrance at the family home in Pleasanton. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Eulailah’s name to Children’s Hospital Oakland.

Arthur Jack Cooley 1938 – 2020



Arthur “Jack” Cooley passed away at 82 years of age in Pleasanton, California, on Oct. 2, 2020.

Jack was born in Hillsboro, Oregon in 1938 to Willis and Ray Hundley. He had five siblings, Loretta Duncan, Mike Cooley, Don Hundley, Steve Hundley and Gary Hundley. Jack was raised by his paternal grandmother and attended Benson Polytechnic High School in Portland, Oregon.

He joined the Air Force and proudly served his country while stationed in Illinois, Japan and South Dakota. During his service, he learned aircraft mechanics. In 1960, Jack married the love of his life, Alexandra (Alex) Mendes, in Portland, Oregon. They started their family and civilian life, with Jack first working at Boeing in Washington state. Jack began a 31-year career with United Airlines in South San

Francisco as an aircraft mechanic. Jack was proud of his three children Lisa, Mark and Laura, and his six grandchildren, Christopher, Kevin, Jill, Katie, Alycia and Michael.

Jack enjoyed gardening, playing cards and helping their local church Saint Timothy’s Friday night bingo

Mary Gunn July 12, 1935 – Oct. 5, 2020



Mary Virgilia Gunn, a native Californian and longtime resident of Livermore, passed away peacefully on Oct. 5, at the age of 85.

Mary was born in San Francisco, California, and lived in Sebastopol until her early teens, when the family moved to Oakland. She was an honor student and yell leader at Oakland High School, where she graduated in 1953. Mary was a member of the A Capella Choir, and received “Friendly” and “Class Spirit” nods from her fellow classmates. She was welcomed to the school’s exclusive “Acorn Council” for her outstanding activity record.

Mary was a member of the Foothill Baptist Church and met her future husband, Ron, at a Bay Area Christian youth event. They married on June 1, 1956.

By 1962, their family of six was settled in Livermore, where Ron worked as an engineer at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). During this time, Mary raised her children and was active in the Marilyn Avenue School PTA. She also served as a Girl Scout troop leader and spent many weekends hiking and camping at Sycamore Grove Park.

In the late ‘60s, Mary continued her love of singing by joining the Livermore Barbaree Chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc. The award-winning chorus shared the American folk art of singing four-part harmony, barbershop style. Mary served as publicity chairman and assistant director and was named 1972 Sweet Adeline of the Year by her fellow Barbarees.

In 1973, Mary was hired as a telephone operator at LLNL. Her bubbly personality caught the attention of several key players who

offered guidance and mentorship. Eventually, she landed her dream job as senior technical coordinator for Laser Facilities. She repaid this kindness by mentoring others who followed in her footsteps. Upon retirement from LLNL, Mary and Ron traveled extensively with American Stage Tours. Alaska, Hawaii, Catalina Island, and Yosemite National Park were among their favorite destinations. Mary holds the record for the tour company’s longest-riding passenger.

An active supporter of the community, Mary was a longtime member of the Livermore-Pleasanton Elks (Lodge #2117). She was skilled at bowling and served as league secretary at Granada Bowl, assisting her husband, who developed one of the first computer scoring programs. Mary and Ron amassed an impressive collection of bowling trophies and made lifelong friends.

Mary enjoyed sports, and was an avid fan of the Bay Area teams (A’s, Giants, 49ers, and Raiders). She particularly loved NASCAR, and spent many weekends camping with her family at Sears Point Raceway in the southern Sonoma Mountains, creating lasting memories for her

grandchildren.

A friend introduced Mary to the Red Hat Society, and she soon became Queen of a local chapter, the Razzberry Rubies. She enjoyed meeting friends for lunch in the Tri-Valley area and devoted an entire bedroom to her large collection of red and purple wardrobe items, including sequined scarves and flamboyant, feathered hats.

Mary leaves behind two sisters, Rev. Pat King and Eleanor Davis; her children, Kim Giancaterino (Warren), Karen Gunn, Kelly Gunn, and Kevin Gunn; eight grandchildren, LaDawnna, Lorian, Rhiannon, Robert, Jodi, Joseph, Kevin, and Ari; seven great-grandchildren; and many extended family members and friends. She was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, Ronald Gunn; beloved parents, Edward and Virgilia (Basset) King; brother, Edward King; grandson, Robert Gunn; and great-grandsons, Antony Burdick and David Gilbert.

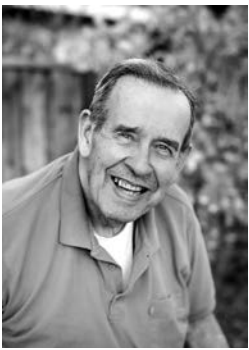
Family would like to acknowledge the delicate care and counsel received from Hope Hospice (Veronica, Fria, Diane, Sarah), and Mary’s compassionate caregiver team (Emily, Amy, Janet, Donny).

We feel truly blessed to have had this loving presence in our lives. “Mimi” will be forever missed.

In accordance with Mary’s wishes, the family will not hold a service at this time. Those who wish to remember her may contribute to their favorite charity, or Hope Hospice at 6377 Clark Avenue, Suite 100, Dublin, CA, 94568.

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

Lawrence “Larry” Sampson Aug. 11, 1938 – Oct. 4, 2020



Larry Sampson, a 50-year resident of Livermore, passed away quietly in his sleep on Oct. 4, 2020.

Larry was born in Yankton, South Dakota, on Aug. 11, 1938, to James K. Sampson and Gladys (Brugot) Sampson. His elementary and middle school years were divided between Yankton and Mission Hill, South Dakota, and Sioux City, Iowa. He attended Yankton High School (class of ‘56), where he was active in school events and sports, playing football, basketball, track, and baseball.

His popularity led to him being elected homecoming king. During “Student Government Days” in high school, he was selected as the student city engineer, which afforded him the opportunity to shadow the Yankton City engineer for a day. He developed a relationship with city staff, which led to him being hired by the City of Yankton after graduation to work as a draftsman and for the city survey crew.

This was the start of a surveying career that he enjoyed and excelled at for the rest of his life. During these early years, he also served in the Army Reserve and was a volunteer fireman.

Larry married Mary Haffner of Yankton in 1958. They had five children, Catherine, Mark, James, David, and Matthew. After a short stay in the Los Angeles area, Larry and his family moved to Livermore in 1963, and he went to work for Mason and Associates, an engineering, architecture and land surveying firm that later became Associated Professions, Inc. (API). Larry obtained his

survey license in 1975 and would go on to become a junior partner in API, and then principle owner.

Larry retired in 2003, then went to work on a part-time basis as the City of Livermore surveyor and plan checker up until six months before his passing. His vast and highly respected knowledge of survey practices, state law, and the history of Livermore land development quickly became an indispensable

asset for the city. His 50-year survey career in Livermore leaves a long-lasting legacy on the city, for which he had a personal hand in development and construction.

His favorite hobby was fishing with family, first with his boys, and then with his grandchildren. He was happy to see his love of fishing passed down to his family.

He and Mary were quite active in St. Michael’s Church. While Mary played the organ, Larry sang in the choir and ushered for many years. Larry was a man of honesty, integrity, charity, and above all, humor. Known for his warm smile and charming disposition, he was loved by all who knew him.

His goal was to inject humor into any conversation, and he lived by a simple motto that hung on his wall which stated, “Humor is like a rubber knife; it makes a point without drawing blood.”

Larry is preceded in death by his wife, Mary; daughter, Catherine; and son, James. He is survived by his sister, Janet (Taylor); his sons, Mark, David, and Matthew; his six grandchildren, Lauren, Robby, Jessica, Avery, Cole, and James; and two great-grandchildren, Logan and Aubrey.

A funeral mass and interment will be private, but a celebration of his life is being planned for next year. The family requests that memorial donations be directed to a favorite charity. For complete obituary, condolences and information on a future celebration of life, visit www.inmemori.com/lsampson-u43yy/tab-infos.

Adele Anne (Paaso) Edwards Jan. 25, 1932 – Oct. 25, 2020



Livermore resident Adele was born on Jan. 25, 1932, in Winton, Minnesota, to Eino and Mary (Franti) Paaso.

Her family, including her younger sister, Laura, moved to Seattle, Washington, when Adele was 11. She met Art Edwards at a “mixer” dance, while both were attending the University of Washington in Seattle. Adele graduated with a BA degree in art from the University of Washington in Seattle in 1953, and married Art on Dec. 26, 1953.

Adele and Art lived in several locations in California while Art served three years in the Navy, including San Diego, where their first child, David, was born. They moved to Champaign, Illinois, in 1957, for Art to attend graduate school, and had their second child, Lisa. Art got a job at Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, in Livermore, in November 1960, and their next two children, Lori and Karen, were born in Livermore.

Adele was known by many as “The World’s Best Mom” and “The World’s Sweetest Woman.” Adele was a full-time mother for many years, as well as fitting in many hobbies and volunteer activities, including being the treasurer for the local chapter of AAUW, playing

bridge, sewing, teaching Sunday school at the Presbyterian Church, volunteering in her children’s classrooms, chauffeuring field trips, being a member of the PTA, quilting, cooking, babysitting, doing art projects, hosting neighborhood Christmas luncheons with her good friend LaMyrl for over 40 years, and hosting many family get-togethers with extended family.

When her children got older, she worked at Livermore High School part-time as a para-professional, then worked full-time at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as a forms analyst for seven years. Adele supported her children in every way and was an excellent role model. She encouraged Art’s hobby

of birdwatching, and often accompanied him. Adele remained friends with almost everyone she ever met and was known for remembering birthdays and sending reminders. She loved to travel and went to Finland, England, Greece, Canada, and Alaska, and on many trips back to Minnesota and Seattle.

Her favorite times were getting together with family and friends. She loved seeing her sister, Laura, and nephew, Eric; remained best friends with her four children; and dearly loved her four grandchildren, Rachel, Kessler, Sierra and Kylie.

After Art passed away in 2012, she slowly developed Alzheimer’s disease. Despite losing her short-term memory, Adele always retained her long-term memories, remembered every family member and friend, kept her cheerful, sweet disposition, and sense of humor.

Adele is survived by her sister, Laura Brown; nephew, Eric Brown; her children, David and Susan Edwards; Lisa and Bart Clowdus, Lori and Dave Morris, and Karen and Gary Ramirez; and grandchildren, Rachel Edwards, Sierra Rhodes and Kessler and Kylie Ramirez. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Alzheimer’s Foundation of America.

JUDGE

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and Valerie Arkin; Dublin City Councilmember Shawn Kumagai; and Dublin Vice Mayor Arun Goel.

Condes' endorsements include U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell; state Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan; Livermore Mayor John Marchand; Livermore City Councilmember Trish Munro; Tim Sbranti, a Chabot-Las Positas Community College District trustee.

Dublin Mayor David Haurbert is listed as endorsing both candidates. Each candidate boasts a lengthy list of endorsements from judges and fellow attorneys. Both attorneys will bring diversity to the court.

Condes said she is the first Latinx to run for judge in Alameda County. On her website, she calls herself a self-made attorney who worked my way through university and law school after I was outed as a lesbian.

"A second-generation Latina of Mexican descent, I have made Alameda County my home in part because of its diverse and vibrant community, which I have been honored to represent over my many years of practice," she wrote.

Fickes, who previously worked as a defense attorney and prosecutor, is also gay

and actively involved in his synagogue and LGBT causes. He wrote on his website he would become the second openly gay man on the court.

"I was taught to work hard, take nothing for granted, and stand up for those who have no voice, even if their causes were unpopular," Fickes wrote on his website. "My view of justice is also informed by my experience as a gay man. When our twins were born with the help of a surrogate mother, there was no legal way for my partner and I to both adopt the same child. Years later, our children are teenagers attending public high school in Oakland. We are both their legal fathers, and our marriage is recognized throughout the United States."

Asked on the nonpartisan League of Women Voters website' Voters Edge, which offers a comparison of the candidates, Condes listed her top priorities as increasing access to the justice system; expanding and supporting alternatives to incarceration, such as diversion programs for nonviolent offenders; and mentoring young people to increase diversity in the legal field.

"I began my law practice based on the principles that every person deserves respect and justice, and it is those

principles, combined with a passion for fairness and equality, that will guide me as an Alameda County Superior Judge," Condes wrote on her campaign website.

Fickes listed his priorities as lowering financial barriers that limit low to middle-income people from access to the justice system; looking at the probate courts and conservatorships of elderly people and people with special needs; and working to expand drug and mental health courts.

"I want to serve as a judge in order to be a force for positive change by entering into each interaction with an open mind and with the single purpose of adjudicating cases in a fair, expeditious, and even-handed manner," he wrote on his campaign website.

Fickes earned his law degree at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law in 1995. Condes earned hers at Golden Gate University School of Law in 1992.

Both are members of the Alameda County Bar Association, which does not offer recommendations.

For more information, visit http://bit.ly/Indy_JudgeCandidates.

BAUER-KAHAN

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of a partnership between Bauer-Kahan, Sen. Steve Glazer, D-Orinda, and the Wine Institute, a public advocacy group made up of more than 1,000 California wineries. Chris Chandler, executive director of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, said the fight is not over.

"Wine Institute will work with Bauer-Kahan to reintroduce this bill next year," Chandler said. "Worth noting . . . identical legislation passed the Senate unanimously in both 2018 and 19, and also cleared policy committees in both houses unanimously. In 2020, this bill was victim to the legislature reducing the scope of their session due to the COVID-19 crisis."

Supporters of the bill say the expansion to two tasting rooms would be especially beneficial for smaller wineries, whose income often depends solely on tasting rooms where they can engage with customers.

During the town hall, Bauer-Kahan spent sev-

eral minutes discussing the district's response to COVID-19 and noted she was incredibly proud of the community's efforts to come together during the pandemic.

"I think this is top of mind of all of us because it has changed the way we live," she said. "As a mom of three kids, it has changed the way they go to school and the way they live ... We have stepped up, we have socially distanced, we have worn our masks, and our numbers reflect that ... this enables us to reopen our economy."

She urged residents to stay vigilant and keep working to slow the spread. She also discussed testing, adding more tests inform data. She said the state has helped, budgeting \$1.1 billion to expand hospital capacity, fund public health system responses, acquire health equipment, offer aid to vulnerable seniors and disinfect schools. Finally, Bauer-Kahan noted the state is now entering tiers allowing schools to reopen,

and this was a positive step forward.

For those who were unable to participate in the live town hall, there is a program on the District 16 website called "There ought to be a law." Through this, residents can fill out a form proposing new legislation for the upcoming year. Bauer-Kahan urged listeners to contact her office with their issues, adding if they were not the right people to help, they would find the right people. The assemblymember's team can help with unemployment insurance, DMV issues, franchise tax board issues and more.

The virtual town hall took place online on Oct. 21. Recordings are available on Bauer-Kahan's website and her Facebook page. For more information, call 925-328-1515, visit her website at <https://a16.asmdc.org/> or her Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/RBKcalifornia>.

For more information on AB 2752, visit http://bit.ly/Indy_AB2752.

ASSISTANCE

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least 20% down payment, which would be more than \$260,000 for a single-family detached home in Pleasanton. Even condominium or townhome units that have lower price points — \$755,000 median sale price in July 2020 - would still require more than a \$151,000 down payment to purchase one of these units."

Due to the rise in home prices in the area and the subsequent lack of loans being issued, city staff have discussed ways to make the DPA Program more attractive to first-time homebuyers with the Housing Commission. According to the report, these potential modified program policies were primarily borrowed from the Alameda County Down Payment Assistance Program (AC Boost), which is funded with the voter-approved Measure A1 Affordable Housing Bond. Measure A1, a \$580-million general obligation bond for affordable housing, was approved by more than 73% of Alameda County voters in November 2016.

The upcoming changes to the program include increasing the maximum loan amount from \$20,000 to \$100,000; restructuring the DPA loan to a deferred payment loan; and adopting a shared appreciation loan.

"There are specific benefits for the DPA loan terms to mirror how the AC Boost loan is structured," according to the report. "Having the same loan structures would avoid confusion among potential borrowers and could simplify the home buying process for these borrowers. Hello Housing has already secured 42 AC Boost participating lenders ... all of which have been willing to originate a first mortgage for AC Boost applicants or are actively lending to AC Boost loan borrowers. With the same documents and matching terms as AC Boost, these lenders are anticipated to approve Pleasanton's DPA

loan as a \$100,000 DPA loan with 20-year, 3.5% interest rate loan terms that requires monthly payments that would generate \$28,245 in interest payments (and approximately \$1,360 in earnings on those payments for a total return of \$129,605) for the city after 10 years."

Before the vote, council members asked questions and voiced their support for the changes to the program. In going forward, the council determined that though the program currently shows only three loans available for 2021, an increase in its popularity could bring a request for more funding to the council in the future. Vice Mayor Kathy Narum made the motion to approve the changes.

"I think this is a great program — it's one more way to get housing for people," she said. "At \$100,000 it seems ... somewhat economical compared to what it costs to subsidize a below-market unit in an apartment complex, which is easily double or triple that. I would hope that if there is a groundswell of interest, we could at least have a conversation about allocating more than the \$300,000 midterm to this program."

Councilmember Jerry Pentin seconded the motion.

"I think this expansion, additional money ... and having this layered with AC Boost and then the shared interest loan, really will give some first-time homebuyers a chance at buying a home in Pleasanton," he said. "I agree with Vice Mayor Narum that the opportunity to take a look at this and maybe fund even more if we find that we have more applicants ... after the first go around."

With final comments and support from Mayor Jerry Thorne, the council approved the motion unanimously with a roll-call vote.

To watch the meeting, visit <https://bit.ly/31E6xqD>. To read the full report, visit <https://bit.ly/3joex5i>.

TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Now to Wednesday, Nov. 11 Walk 2.2 for Vets

For 22 days, from Oct. 21 through Nov. 11, 2020, the Veterans First Program and Pleasanton Military Families will host a virtual 2.2 for 22 Walk for Vets to raise awareness that 22 veterans commit suicide daily. Organizers want to challenge participants with walking, running, hiking, or cycling 2.2 miles for 22 days, or to complete a daily challenge for 22 days. Funds will help bring mental health professionals to Las Positas College to stop suicide among veterans and promote mental health support services for student veterans and will also support pack out events for Pleasanton Military Families. Cost is \$22. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3iCmxAf>.

Now to Wednesday, Nov. 18 Food Business Entrepreneurial Training Academy Series

Are you thinking of launching a food product or opening a restaurant or cafe? If so, you can learn the critical aspects of how to start and succeed in the specialty food business. The Alameda County Small Business Development Center (SBD) is offering a free, 10-part series on food business entrepreneurship for participants interested to launch and grow food businesses in Alameda County. In this series, you will learn the basics to start and grow your own food business, cookbook, catering and so much more. This series will help turn your ideas into a reality. Participants who attend eight of the 10 sessions will earn a certificate of completion. Attendees must register for each session individually. Classes will be held online on Mondays and Wednesdays, Oct. 19 to Nov. 18. A personalized Zoom link will be sent to registrants only.

Friday, Oct. 30 Reopening Personal Care Businesses

The Alameda County Small Business Development Center (ACSBDC) is hosting a free webinar about how personal care businesses can safely and confidently re-open, from 3 to 5 p.m. Topics of discussion during this ACSBDC hosted event will include a collection of best practices from colleagues and professional organizations in the industry. You will hear recommendations and practical guidance from state and local agencies for how to safely reopen and welcome your clients back. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/2Tp7FDY>. Registrants will receive a Zoom link prior to the event.

Saturday, Oct. 31 Hocus Pocus Drive-In Movie

Join the City of Dublin at a Drive-in Movie Night featuring the Halloween favorite, "Hocus Pocus." The event will take place in the parking lot at Dublin Iceland (7212 San Ramon Road). The movie is expected to begin around 6:30 p.m., and the parking lot will open at 5 p.m. Guests are encouraged to wear a costume and decorate their vehicles. Prizes will be awarded to the ghouls and goblins with the most-spirited vehicles. The cost to participate is \$30 per car for residents or \$36 per car for non-residents. Space is limited to 40

cars. Registration is now open at www.dublinrecguide.com. Search, 'movie' in the search bar. The City of Dublin will follow all guidelines set forth by the Alameda County Public Health Department. Visit dublin.ca.gov/1327/Picnic-Flix to view all rules and regulations.

Thursday, Nov 5 Mass of Remembrance

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton will celebrate a Mass of Remembrance at 7 p.m. The Mass is a special liturgy to celebrate the lives of loved ones' who have gone to live in the light of the Lord. Attendees will be able to view this celebration at catholicsofpleasanton.org, YouTube or Facebook. On the website, visitors will find the worship aid and the readings. For more information, call 925-699-0199.

Thursday, Nov. 12 Focusing On Nature

The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will host a Zoom meeting featuring Kate Frey, noted for designing gardens focusing on nature at 7 p.m. Club members, as well as interested members of the public, are welcome to attend. The short business meeting will be followed by Kate's presentation on "Community Focused Garden Design." Her inspirational slide show will include many examples of the principles and practices of creating a sustainable garden, places of delight for humans and wildlife. She specializes in the design of sustainable organic habitat gardens that reflect the soils, climate conditions and biodiversity of their locations while providing abundant, year-round habitat for pollinators.

Thursday, Nov. 12 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.

Friday, Dec. 4 Community Blood Drive

The City of Dublin is supporting the American Red Cross at a Community Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Dublin Senior Center (7600 Amador Valley Blvd.) The Red Cross is currently testing successful blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies. Test results will be available within seven to 10 days on the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. While the Red Cross is testing for COVID-19 antibodies, it is not testing donors to diagnose illness. Those who feel unwell for any reason should postpone their donation. To make a reservation, visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code, DublinCommunity, or call 1-800-733-2767. While reservations are encouraged to donate, drop-ins are welcome. The

Red Cross has enhanced its sanitization process, and follows social distancing rules. The staff and volunteers sanitize in between every donor. Donors must have their temperature checked upon entry, and everyone must be wearing a mask. Any guests of donors (e.g., spouses, children) who are not donating, are not allowed in the room. Donors may streamline their donation experience by visiting www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass on the day of the blood drive to complete pre-donation reading and health history questions.

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 2 to 3:30 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.

Friday, Dec. 11 Virtual Hanukkah Celebration

Join the Tri-Valley Cultural Jews for a Virtual Hanukkah Celebration that includes a secular humanistic menorah lighting and naming ceremony. Bring your menorah and candles. Organizers will also play dreidel virtually. A \$10 donation is suggested for non-member adults. For the registration link, contact Jamie at culturaljews@gmail.com. For more information, visit trivalleyculturaljews.org.

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.

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-Foot-Apart-Productions or 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

Register for Virtual and Outdoor Activities

Do you want to learn a new skill, dabble in a new art form, get into shape, or finally take up that new hobby you've pushed back for so long? The Pleasanton Library and Recreation Department is now offering a wide variety of virtual and outdoor in-person courses this fall. Registration is open for everything from coding, web design and engineering courses to art, public speaking, and outdoor group exercise. There are even courses on LEGO and Minecraft. Sign up now at <https://bit.ly/33BNAOU>.

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.

LARPD Now on YouTube

Livermore Area Recreation & Park District is featuring videos for all ages with virtual activities, including Basketball Academy, Mystery Craft Making Activities and many more to come. Visit www.larpd.org to subscribe and receive notifications as new videos are available.

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.

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.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 572930

The following person(s) doing business as: Glam Lux Lab, 152 Sonia Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ansherina Mae Y. Legaspi, 152 Sonia Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Ansherina Mae Y. Legaspi, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 11, 2020. Expires September 11, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4778. Published October 8, 15, 22, 29, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 572962

The following person(s) doing business as: ReinsNroses Tail Bags, 3018 Badger Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kamdyn Maher, Owner, 3018 Badger Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 04/01/2020. Signature of Registrant/s: Kamdyn Maher, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 15, 2020. Expires September 15, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4779. Published October 8, 15, 22, 29, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 573137

The following person(s) doing business as: Select Construction, 7024 Newport CT, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Larry Leonard, 7024 Newport CT, 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: 09/01/2020. Signature of Registrant/s: Larry Leonard, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 18, 2020. Expires September 18, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4780. Published October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 2020.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. HG 20075236

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF
ALAMEDA

TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS:
Petitioner:
Ryan Todd Burton

777 Katrina St
Livermore, CA 94550
(925) 699-0108,
filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name:
Ryan Todd Burton
Proposed Name:
Ryan Catastrophically Ossum
THE COURT ORDERS
that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 11/13/20
Time: 11:00 AM
Dept: 17
The address of the court is: Alameda County Administration Building 1221 Oak Street
Oakland, CA 94612
A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation printed in this county: The Independent Newspaper
2250 First Street,
Livermore, CA 94550
Dated: September 16, 2020
/s/ Judge Desautels,
The Independent Legal No. 4781 Published October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 573696

The following person(s) doing business as: Mi Reina Co., 1263 Lakehurst Road, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Leslie Amairani Carabajal Ramos, 1263 Lakehurst Road, Livermore, CA 94551. 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: Leslie Amairani Carabajal Ramos, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 12, 2020. Expires October 12, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4783. Published October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2020.

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FILE NO. 573564

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 573733

The following person(s) doing business as: Color Creations Body Shop, 727 Industrial Pkwy West, Unit S, Hayward, CA 94544, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Rene Garcia Ortiz, 329 Laurel Ave, Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Andres Gonzalez Garcia, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 13, 2020. Expires October 13, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4784. Published October 29, November 5, 12, 19, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 573738

The following person(s) doing business as: Gem's Mobile Notary, 1392 Fairbrook CT, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Gemma Houser, 1392 Fairbrook CT, Livermore, CA 94551. 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: Gemma Houser, by the Individual. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 13, 2020. Expires October 13, 2025. The Independent, Legal

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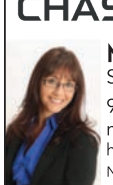
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