

LVJUSD Assistant Superintendent Biondi Has Died

By Larry Altman

A Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) assistant superintendent recently reported missing has been found dead in his sport utility vehicle at a Nevada lake, authorities said Thursday.

Michael Biondi, 52, was found about noon Wednesday parked on the beach at Walker Lake, a recreational area about 75 miles southeast of Reno, Mineral County Undersheriff Bill Ferguson stated.

Ferguson declined to comment on the manner of death or whether Biondi left a note.

"At this time, his death is not suspicious in nature, so until we get the autopsy back, we won't know the cause of death," Ferguson said. "We don't think there was any foul play."

The school district reported the San Ramon resident missing after he was last seen Sept. 21 in Livermore. The license plate number on his silver 2017 Honda CRV was tracked electronically on Highway 50 on the Nevada border in the Lake Tahoe area.

Biondi's sister posted (See BIONDI, page 13)

Who's Funding The Candidates' Campaigns?

With updated 460 forms submitted at the end of last month, voters can review campaign funds each candidate received since the beginning of the year.

SUPERVISORIAL

At the supervisorial level for Alameda County, Vinnie Bacon and David Haubert will vie for the District 1 seat. Below is an overview of their contributors, as listed by candidate in last-name alphabetical order.

Vinnie Bacon

As last reported Sept. 25, Bacon received a total of \$125,699.40 this year. That figure is made up of \$75,699.40 in monetary contributions and \$50,000 in loans received. His total reported expenditures were \$114,943.65.

On his list of just over (See FUNDING, page 10)

Dublin Seeing Climate Plan With Greener Transportation

By Ron McNicoll

Dublin has approved its Climate Action Plan (CAP) for 2030 and beyond to meet a 2020 deadline, as mandated by state law.

At its Sept. 15 meeting, the council unanimously authorized the report, which analyzed Dublin's contribution to the planet's greenhouse gases (GHG). The CAP took staff a year to research and involved collecting data measured by various Bay Area agencies, such as the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. Three members of the public spoke during the virtual meeting and urged the council to adopt the plan.

The 467-page document relies heavily on making local transportation greener in order to reduce GHG, the major cause of climate change.

(See CLIMATE, page 14)



Emerald High School students and staff break ground on a new construction project. The school is to be built on a 24-acre parcel north of Dublin Boulevard at its intersection with Grafton Street, making it the second public high school in the fast-growing school district. To read more, see page 2. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Head of Nuclear Defense Agency Visits Lawrence Livermore and Sandia Labs

By Jeff Garberson

In early 2018, the U.S. Senate confirmed Lisa Gordon-Hagerty as Administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration, or NNSA, putting her in charge of a \$16.5 billion agency that is responsible for the safety,

key roles in NNSA's national security work, Lawrence Livermore and Sandia National Laboratories.

While at the Laboratories, she participated in several symbolic events, including groundbreaking for a new Emergency Op-

view, she recalled joining the Laboratory in 1986 as a "newly minted health physicist" from the University of Michigan. She soon had responsibility for ensuring safe operations in facilities where radioactive materials were handled in large quan-

"We're trying to modernize our infrastructure, 30 percent of which ... was built during the Manhattan Project."

security and effectiveness of U.S. nuclear weapons.

Gordon-Hagerty became the first woman to fill the position, replacing an Air Force general who had held it the previous four years.

Last week, she visited two local facilities that play

erations Center at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL).

Her visit completed a circle of sorts, since her professional career began at LLNL.

Taking time out of the day's activities for an inter-

ties, including the Lab's plutonium building.

The nation was still conducting full scale nuclear tests and would continue to do so until 1992. That meant intense periods of activity as nuclear materials were

(See LABORATORIES, page 10)

In Pleasanton

City Council Forms Police Chief's Advisory Board

By Ruth Roberts

The Pleasanton City Council in a special meeting last week adopted updates to the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing and agreed to the implementation of the Police Chief's Advisory Board.

The special meeting was the fourth public session since summer when national policing policies came under scrutiny in the wake of the country's civil unrest.

But the 4-1 council vote was not without its own share of discord.

Councilmember Julie Testa voted against the motion, holding out for what she hoped would be a more stringent and detailed acceptance of the terms of the proposed advisory board. She wanted to make sure there were stronger safeguards in place with the oversight committee

due to three deaths at hands of police in four years. She also called for an Independent Police Auditor (IPA) to provide updates more than twice a year if deemed necessary.

Appointed by the city council, an IPA is an office separate from a police department. An IPA is authorized to take complaints concerning department employees from members of the public, provides another level of accountability to ensure complaints are fairly investigated and recommends modifications to the department's policy and procedures.

"We're addressing real issues that affect Pleasanton and having an oversight committee doesn't mean we shouldn't be diligent to make sure that another fatality doesn't happen," Testa

said. "Not only has there not been a complaint brought to the council in the last eight years, there has never been any police oversight on the part of the city council. In fact, on May 19 when I asked that there just be a discussion of tasers and body cams and a budget we were being asked to approve, Councilmember Pentin would not even agree to agendize the discussion. That he is now interested and supportive of these discussions is only because of social pressure and his campaign."

While Testa reiterated her support for the police department and the work it is doing, she clashed with Mayor Jerry Thorne over what she called access to citizen complaints and the ability to deal with them.

"Again, I have been asking (See POLICE, page 10)

Dublin Council Considers Hybrid Zoning for Fallon Road Project

By Ron McNicoll

The Dublin City Council may create hybrid zoning in order to build a new job generation area on Dublin Boulevard east of Fallon Road.

The 291-acre area could potentially produce 4,000 to 6,500 jobs, depending on the industries that attract developers' interests. Jobs mentioned at the council's Sept. 15 virtual meeting included medical technology, green technology and "office condos" — spaces for professionals to work remotely in an office setting without commuting. Such centers could draw employees to live in Dublin.

The employees' relatively high disposable income would help generate more business for the shops in Dublin, which would add to the city's sales tax revenue.

Vice Mayor Arun Goel raised the idea of job-commuting centers. He suggested the city hire a consultant to build the framework.

Mayor David Haubert said he agreed with the council consensus that tech jobs are desirable, noting such firms "always talk about moving jobs to where people live."

The mixed industrial commercial hybrid zoning would be a change from

(See ZONING, page 16)

Alameda Supervisor Candidates Urge a Moratorium on Solar

Chris O'Brien of Save North Livermore Valley announced this week that Fremont Councilmember Vinnie Bacon and Dublin Mayor David Haubert have agreed to the following statement:

"We call on Alameda County Board of Supervisors to place a moratorium on the review of new solar power plants on agricultural land until the county completes a comprehensive study and mapping project on the appropriate siting, scale and operation of solar power plants, if any, on agricultural land, and incorporates this work in a solar ordinance and General Plan Amendment. The East County Board of

Zoning Adjustments for Alameda County should likewise defer review of any individual proposed utility-scale solar facilities on agricultural land until the solar ordinance and General Plan Amendment are adopted."

O'Brien stated that the residents of North Livermore Valley deeply appreciate and thank Bacon and Mayor Haubert for listening to constituents' concerns.

"We are all committed to addressing climate change through the development of more solar power, but insist the County proceed in a thoughtful, environmentally sound manner," O'Brien continued.

(See MORATORIUM, page 10)

Glazer, Mobley Vie for 7th State Senate District Seat

By Larry Altman

The District 7 state senate race pits incumbent Democrat Steve Glazer, first elected five years ago, against a Republican newcomer, engineer Julie Mobley, who recently served on the Contra Costa County Grand Jury before entering politics.

Glazer, 63, who has held the seat since a special election in 2015 and was re-elected a year later, is looking for his second full term in the California legislature. He believes he has built a solid record that includes working to improve graduation rates in the California State University system, strengthening the state's assault weapons ban, and ending the sale of flavored vaping and tobacco products.

His role in authoring and passing Proposition 72 in 2018 provided property tax relief to homeowners who improved their residences with rainwater-catching systems that had increased their bills.

"I have been a champion for public education and a defender of our fragile environments, a strong advocate for local control and a protector of civil and human rights," Glazer said. "I believe ... my record of being a fiscally responsive representative is a strong one and one of consideration."

He added that every piece of legislation he has authored has had bipartisan support and was accomplished in partnership with Tri-Valley city leaders and

(See SENATE, page 14)

Plans Paused on Pleasanton's Historic 1870s Century House

Community Conversation Set for 2021 to Review Options

By Aly Brown

On the heels of a grassroots movement, the City of Pleasanton recently paused forward motion on finalizing the master plan for an historic property.

After receiving input from concerned residents, the city is now set to host a workshop for the council and the Parks and Recreation Commission in early 2021 to review the Century House Master Plan. City Manager Nelson Fialho noted the meeting will provide an update on the work completed to date on the historic house located off Santa

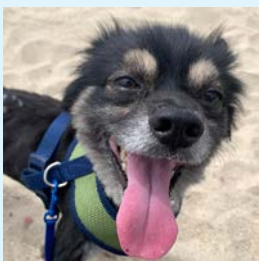
Rita Road. It will also offer the community a chance to provide further input as the council determines direction on how to proceed with the completion of the master planning process.

Those concerned with the plan initially took issue with the proposal to pave a portion of Bicentennial Park behind the house in order to create a parking lot for venue events. The plans also called for certain heritage trees to be removed. Resident Jean Hazell, who lives in the neighborhood and frequently takes her children

(See CENTURY, page 13)



A tiny tot picks out a pumpkin as Joan's Farm and Pumpkin Patch opens for the season. To find more photos, see page 3. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



Camper

PET OF THE WEEK

Camper is a senior dog with a bum ticker, but he is going to make the most of the time he has left! Camper is an active and enthusiastic guy who wants to share his happiness with a family. He does well with cats and dogs. He loves adventure and is ready to jump in the car whenever you are! While Valley Humane Society remains closed during shelter-in-place, we are coordinating adoptions by appointment with approved adopters. Contact info@valleyhumane.org for more information.

(Photo - Valley Humane Society / C. DeRosa)

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Quest Science Center Previews a Unique Digital Art Experience at Livermore ArtWalk

Quest Science Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to connecting everyone to the value of science, recently announced a preview of an interactive digital art experience entitled 'Sketches in Code: Randomness & Patterns in Science and Art,' during ArtWalk Livemore 2020, on Saturday, Oct. 10.

It is also currently on display at Daybreak Labs 1911 Second St., in Livermore, and will be on display at storefronts across the

Tri-Valley in the upcoming months.

Sketches in Code was developed in partnership with the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center and explores the math and science that lies behind everyday patterns in nature, art and technology. Using code to create art using mathematical formulas, organic artwork is created interactively and displayed on a monitor. The full interactive experience will premiere at the Bankhead Theater in

Livermore in early 2021 and will include special events and workshops.

“At Quest, our mission is to inspire everyday exploration and engagement with science and technology, and this project is one way we are doing that,” said Caleb Cheung, director of learning and innovation for Quest. “Sketches in Code appeals to people of all ages who are curious about how natural or genetic codes influence randomness and patterns all around us.”

Dublin Breaks Ground on Emerald High School

The Dublin Unified School District held groundbreaking ceremonies

this week for Emerald High School, scheduled to open in the fall of 2021.

Emerald High, to be built on a 24-acre parcel north of Dublin Boulevard at its intersection with Grafton Street, will be the second public high school in the fast-growing school district, along with Dublin High.

During the last 10 years, the district has experienced a 93% increase in student population.

Although Dublin High underwent an extensive renovation between 2008 and 2015, it is already 800 students past its optimum capacity of 2,500.

The new high school is expected to cost \$258 million, paid for through two bond measures approved by the community in the last four years.

The first phase of the construction, to open next year, will accommodate 1,300 students.

When construction is complete with phase two, Emerald High will also have a capacity of 2,500 students.

Dublin Mayor David Haubert, interim DUSD superintendent Daniel Moira, members of the district board of trustees, and several students attended the groundbreaking on Wednesday, Sept. 30.



In keeping with the Dublin spirit, a bagpiper helps celebrate the groundbreaking for Emerald High School. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



From left, Mike Piscotty, founder of ALS CURE Project; Dona Crawford, Livermore Lab Foundation (LLF) board chair; and Sally Allen, LLF executive director, display a large donation underneath former Amador Valley High School baseball player Stephen Piscotty's retired jersey. (Photo courtesy of Susan Houghton)

Nonprofit Delivers Funds to Lab Foundation

The Livermore Lab Foundation (LLF) recently received \$300,000 from the ALS CURE Project, a non-profit organization founded by Mike Piscotty and his family.

The new funds will support physics-based modeling at Lawrence Livermore National Lab designed to identify the causal factors and biomarkers of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), a progressive neurodegenerative disease.

Piscotty, an LLNL employee, lost his wife Gretchen to ALS in 2018. He and his sons, Stephen, Nick and Austin created the ALS CURE Project in her honor. The partnership between ALS CURE Project,

LLNL and the Livermore Lab Foundation will bring world-class data analytics to this research initiative. There are currently no

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“Best of the Bankhead” Virtual Benefit For LVPAC to Feature Audience Favorites

On Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020, the “Best of the Bankhead,” a virtual benefit for Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, will celebrate the arts and acknowledge all the live entertainment missed as a result of the pandemic.

The event will be hosted by LVPAC Executive Director Chris Carter and emceed by Freddy Silveria, who will appear live from the Bankhead stage. The “Best of the Bankhead” will feature cameo video performances by some of the most popular artists who have appeared at the Bankhead since it opened in 2007. Tickets for the event include dinner and wine delivered to attendees’ homes prior to the event.

Audience favorites at the “Best of the Bankhead” will include comedian Paula Poundstone, ukulele master Jake Shimabukuro, and smooth jazz legend Keiko Matsui. All three have appeared at the Bankhead more than four times each, consistently filling the house, and all three are currently booked for live performances at the Bankhead in 2021. A concert date for Jake Shimabukuro has been scheduled for March, his sixth visit since appearing in the Bankhead’s inaugural season shortly after he became one of the first YouTube artists to go viral.

The Choir of Man, a rollicking pub show that sold out the theater twice in less than a year, will make a video appearance from London, and other surprise guests will perform as well. Due to the closure of the

Bankhead and Bothwell for COVID-19 safety, “Best of the Bankhead” will be Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center’s only major fundraising event in 2020. The annual Brilliance at the Bankhead gala, typically held in September, has been postponed to 2021.

“While we continue to offer virtual performances such as Vineyard Vibes and online art classes, our ability to deliver on our mission to serve the community through the arts has been severely restricted, far beyond anything we could have imagined,” said Executive Director Chris Carter. “We took quick action to preserve our financial situation, but in order to come back strong when we’re able to open again, we must continue to rely on the support of the community. We are so grateful to everyone, from major “Best of the Bankhead” sponsors such as Fremont Bank, to individual donors who have sent us whatever they could. We are focused on how we can help restore the arts in downtown Livermore as soon as it is safely possible.”

During the evening there will be a raffle for two special items - a sparkling Circle of Diamonds pendant donated by Lance Cavalieri Jewelers valued at just over \$5,000, and a pair of tickets to the upcoming 2021 Brilliance at the Bankhead Gala starring Vanessa Williams. The “Best of the Bankhead” event will also highlight other initiatives of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center,

including a new exhibit in the Bankhead Gallery. The “Best of the Bothwell,” a showcase of works by local artists who create or teach at the Bothwell, opens in time for limited-access viewing during ArtWalk on Saturday, Oct. 10.

Full price tickets for “Best of the Bankhead” are just \$150 per person and include a catered dinner and wine that can be delivered to each attendee’s home prior to the event. Those who prefer to pick up their meal at the Bankhead instead can take a tour of the “Best of the Bothwell” art exhibit when they do so. Suggested minimum donation in support of the Arts is \$25 for “Pay What You Want” tickets, which include show access only. Raffle tickets, which are only available in advance through the Box Office, are priced at \$20 each or 10 tickets for \$150.

Lead event sponsors for “Best of the Bankhead” include Fremont Bank, the Priem Family Foundation, Jean King, and Lynn and Joan Seppala. Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center is also generously supported by event partners Advance Creative, Beets Hospitality Group and Wente Vineyards. All proceeds will support the extensive performing and visual arts activities, as well as educational outreach, offered at the Bankhead Theater and Bothwell Arts Center by Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, a 501(c)3 independent non-profit arts organization.



A local squash aficionado cruises the gourds at Joan's Farm and Pumpkin Patch, located in Livermore on Mines Road. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Bay Area Health Officers Issue Guidance on Celebrating Halloween, Dia de los Muertos

As we near the month of October, when many families participate in fall gatherings and activities, Bay Area Health Officers have created guidelines for how to safely celebrate holidays such as Halloween and Dia de los Muertos.

Because typical Halloween activities such as trick-or-treating create a high risk for contracting COVID-19, officials are recommending ‘focusing on decorations, limiting activities to the people you live with and virtual costume parties or contests.’

The statement reminds Alameda County residents that local and state health officer orders are still in

effect, which deem gatherings, events or parties with non-household members off-limits unless they are conducted in compliance with local and state health orders. Residents are also

reminded to gather only with people in their social bubble (a stable group of not more than 12 people).

For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3ix006K>.

Culinary Angels to Host Online Celebrity Cookoff

The nonprofit Culinary Angels, which provides nutrient-rich meals for cancer patients in the Tri-Valley area using locally grown organic produce, will host a virtual celebrity cookoff and fundraising raffle on Saturday, Oct. 24.

“Now You’re Cooking” will feature four local chefs creating meals using the same produce and pantry ingredients that Culinary Angels uses. Those lined up for the virtual cookoff include Claudia Castillo Holley from Culinary Angels, Michaela Ketchum from Pennyweight Craft Brewing in Livermore, Mona Sethi from Pans on Fire in Pleasanton, and Francis X. Hogan from Sabio on Main in Pleasanton.

Ticketholders for the Zoom-based cookoff will be able to watch each of the chefs working from their own commercial kitchens.

The meals will then be delivered to three home-based judges, including Sam Kraft, manager of First Street Wine, Sblend SBlendorio, an attorney with Hoge-Fenton, and nutritionist April Vaughn Shabazz. The judges will “gather” in their own “Zoom room” to pick a winner.

Ticketholders will also be able to vote for their favorite, with the winning dish featured on the Culinary Angels menu and website.

The cookoff will run from 6:30 – 8 p.m. and include some live and some pre-recorded segments. It will be emceed by KKIQ radio personality Mel McKay.

“This fun foodie event will introduce participants

to a variety of chef styles and recipes that represent their respective culinary stamp,” says Culinary Angels Executive Director Lisa McNaney. “It will also give viewers a glimpse into the mission of Culinary Angels and the relationship between food and health.”

Individual tickets to view the cookoff, which also include one vote for best meal and one raffle ticket, are \$30. Date Night tickets, which include two votes and two

raffle tickets, are \$50, while Social Bubble tickets for up to 12 people (six votes and six raffle ticket) are \$300.

Additional raffle tickets are available for \$20 per ticket or \$100 for seven tickets, although winners must be present on the Zoom call to win.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.culinaryangels.org.

Raffle items include themed baskets for gourmet and cooking, wine and dine,

and a Culinary Angels pantry basket. There will also be a live online auction.

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EDITORIAL

Kiick for Livermore City Council

The Independent endorses Brittnei Kiick for the Livermore City Council’s District 3 seat. Kiick’s stance on creating equity within the community and cultivating a stronger sense of inclusion are in line with our newspaper’s values. Her involvement in the city showcases her ability to tackle an issue head-on, while initiating community-led conversation. Kiick’s work with the Homeless Subcommittee, along with her call to conversation and action around policing, would be welcomed additions to the city council.

We appreciate her stance on providing af-

fordable housing. We also support her view on protecting the urban growth boundary, while working to address the housing crisis. In order to offer more homes and create more affordability in the Bay Area, options within the city limits must be created. We believe that she will serve her constituents well with an open-minded approach on where to create them.

Her opponent, Pete Patterson, offered a number of good perspectives. He opposes the utility scale solar project that, if pushed through, could have a significant negative impact on the agriculture and wildlife in that

region. He showed a passion for Livermore’s heritage and preserving its historic elements while heading into the future. And he promotes slow and sustainable growth.

However, we see Kiick backing her views with action in the community. She wrote the STAGES pledge to ensure safety business practices during the pandemic. She worked as a liaison between officers and youth involved in protest marches. She even worked with local churches on projects like the Safe Parking Lot and Goodness Village. We believe she is the right choice to bring more equity and inclusion to Livermore.

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Jerry Pentin - A Leader for Our Future

Sharrell Michelotti, Pleasanton

Experience and proven leadership are key to Pleasanton’s future, and that is why I am supporting Jerry Pentin for mayor.

Councilmember Jerry Pentin brings a history of sound decisions as a city council member for the past eight years and previously with his tenure on the parks and recreation and planning commissions.

His experience and wealth of knowledge as a council member is unequaled. His analysis is sharp, and he is decisive. As your mayor, he will use that history to ensure that future decisions made will benefit the City of Pleasanton and you, as residents.

As a city council member and prior, Jerry Pentin has helped create the Pleasanton we know and enjoy - a city with a beautiful downtown, abundant parks and trails, a strong economic base; a great place to raise a family! As your mayor, he will continue to be that strong leader who is accessible to you, his constituents, and who will deliver on priorities that strengthen and improve our quality of life.

Please join me in voting for Jerry Pentin for mayor on Nov. 3.

Woerner Has Experience

Trish Munro, Livermore

That Livermore needs Bob Woerner’s experience at this critical time is obvious - we face unprecedented challenges and need his leadership, but less obvious is why Bob is also the best choice for social justice, equity, and inclusion.

Though only a person who belongs to a group can claim that group identity, belonging isn’t sufficient. For example, Phyllis Schlafly was a woman who worked to defeat the Equal Rights Amendment. FDR, part of the East Coast wealthy elite, was famously branded a traitor to his class developing a social safety net. Their behavior and values, not their

identities, defined them. So too with Bob Woerner.

After George Floyd’s murder, Bob initiated Livermore’s Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee to address policing, equity, diversity, and inclusion. He believes that broad community engagement where all viewpoints are heard is the best way to address these serious issues. Listening without action isn’t enough, and Bob has the experience and commitment to implement these community-generated proposals.

What matters most isn’t identity, but the ability to listen, learn, and enable our community to find real solutions. It turns out that Bob Woerner is the best person to work toward ‘equity of opportunity and just treatment for all’ in Livermore.

A Good Combination

Linda Kelly, Pleasanton

A viable city council requires five qualified, willing, and able persons to oversee the myriad workings of our diverse community of more than 80,000 residents.

The four council members and the mayor must read and understand reams of paper and make critical decisions about the direction of our community.

Nov. 3 will see two new faces on the dais. Pleasanton has met and will continue to face challenges ranging from general plan revisions and affordable housing to helping our business and residential communities weather a global pandemic and tanked economy, and addressing questions of community police policies. Continuity must mesh with fresh ideas for solving those challenges and maintaining Pleasanton’s top-ten status as a place to live and educate our families, enjoy the varied social and arts experiences we all enjoy, and swell our chests ... just a bit ... with pride when telling new acquaintances we call Pleasanton our home.

Randy Brown brings a to our community an innovative, forward-thinking optimism coupled with a willingness to work hard at ensuring all those things we love about this place are preserved. Jack Balch is a life-long area resident of our town, having served on the planning and other commissions, giving him the self-assurance and expertise to continue moving our community in fiscally sound policies to further enhance our stature as one of the greatest places to live.

Fresh ideas and experienced approaches make these two a winning pair to serve us as our councilmembers come November.

Save Downtown

Thomas Soules, Livermore

Downtown has certainly changed lately with restaurants serving only outdoors.

However, the biggest change one notices immediately on driving into downtown from the west along

Main Street are the four-story housing buildings under construction on the site where the Groth Brother’s dealership used to be. Frankly, they are ugly.

I am sure as the construction is completed, they will improve. However, the overall structure greatly saddens me. It is big, dominating the area and the skyline, and having no setback from the sidewalk. It is not at all in keeping with the ambiance or character of small-town Livermore.

Some of us have argued for the past year that the city property across the street from the Groth Brothers and behind the small shops on Main Street should be converted completely to a park, with perhaps some parking, rather than the city plan, including four-story housing, a four-story parking garage, another playhouse, a museum or even a hotel on this site.

These proposed buildings would be crammed into this space and would loom over the small shops on Main Street. It is now easy to visualize these buildings.

Drive past and look at the buildings on the Groth Brother’s property and then head down Veteran’s Way. Picture four residential buildings similar in size to one on the Groth Brother’s property in your mind to your left, a huge parking garage to your right and a couple of buildings of undetermined size for another playhouse and a museum a little further down the street to your left.

Forget the pretty artist renditions you saw. This isn’t pretty. It is a small area with big buildings.

In my opinion, large buildings for housing, parking garages, museums or whatever in this area would finish it - totally destroying the character, the quaintness and charm of small downtown Livermore and much of the desirableness of casually strolling, window shopping and entertaining around downtown.

Support for Valerie Arkin

Christine Bourg, Pleasanton

Valerie served our city as a committed member of the Library Commission for eight years and as an active, dedicated school board member for 12 years.

Her knowledge and experience with our schools will make her a valuable asset to the council.

Valerie is clearly ready for this job. She will be in a unique position to provide a different viewpoint to the council. The school board and the council are each facing the challenges of dealing with Covid 19. Valerie will be an important link to help each body share information and make the best decisions moving forward.

There are currently several ways the city and the school district share buildings, parks, and sports fields. Valerie has many other ideas about how both entities can save money by working together.

Valerie’s interest in our city goes far beyond her commitment to our library and schools. She listens to the community and knows that residents love eating and shopping in our historic downtown, but don’t want housing placed there. She knows we want safe, clean drinking water, safe streets and parks. She believes that responsible growth that pays for itself is the way to go.

Valerie is concerned about the amount of traffic we already have.

I trust Valerie to safeguard our quality of life.

New Solutions

Carol Krakowsky, Livermore

Finally, thinking outside the box ... that is the block bordered by First Street, South L, Railroad Avenue, and South Livermore Avenue ... could produce a win-win solution in the development of Livermore’s highly contested city center.

Bob Woerner, candidate for mayor, is open to the relocation of Eden Housing to a suitable site nearby, instead of building it within that block. Given the resolution of various business and contractual concerns, as well as the input and collaboration of the community, Bob Woerner believes the resulting action would succeed in providing both the much-needed centralized housing while allowing an expanded open area.

As an added bonus, Livermore could once again be a unified community.

Karla Brown for Mayor

Donald Kahler, Pleasanton

The Pleasanton Gravel Company has been in operation in the unincorporated area of Alameda County, east of the Pleasanton City limits since the 1920s, and we have a permit with the county to mine gravel in the area for at least another 20 more years.

I first got to know Karla Brown as a member of the East Pleasanton Task Force in 2012 and later as an elected member of the city council. Brown was the only council member who took our company’s concerns seriously when addressing the safety issues of building a large residential development on the Pleasanton’s East Side near our operating quarry. There have been deaths due to drowning and several rescues of children who got through the security measures and fell into the quarry lakes that are a part of our mining process.

Our company does not have a financial relationship with the City of Pleasanton. We gave money to Karla Brown’s campaign in 2016

without expectation of zoning changes to benefit our bottom line nor to enhance our future business arrangement with the City of Pleasanton. We agreed with Karla Brown’s concerns for the well being and safety of the community and its children and her commitment to supporting businesses that have the right to operate in the region.

Karla Brown has not voted on any action that would increase our company’s profit, because we are not in the jurisdiction of the City of Pleasanton. I support Karla Brown for the next mayor of Pleasanton.

Nop for Mayor

Brian Nakashima, Livermore

I first met Mony Nop 20 years ago when I coached his son in basketball, and during that time, I’ve seen him in many roles.

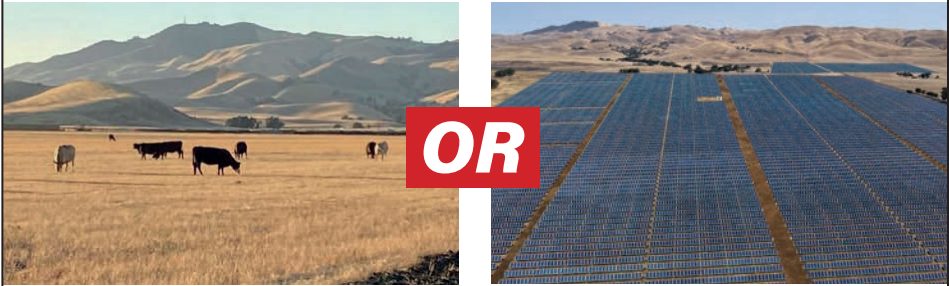
As a single father, he was a dedicated family man who prioritized his kids first. He was a dedicated police officer who loved his adopted

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YOUR ACTION IS NEEDED NOW

Officials Soon to Decide If North Livermore Valley Will Remain Open Space & Agricultural Land

For decades, Livermore residents have fought to preserve the open space, agricultural land, wildlife habitats, and scenic beauty of our valley. Now corporations want to **convert North Livermore Valley into an industrial zone** by constructing utility-scale solar power plants to sell electricity to the grid.



If approved, over 325,000 solar arrays will cover the valley. Plans include mounted electrical transmission lines, some 10 stories tall, and scores of trailer-truck size lithium-ion battery stations, creating **new wildfire danger** for Livermore residents.

These Projects Are Not On Our Ballots. But We Can Save Our Valley If We Act Now.

Later this month, the three appointed members of the East County Board of Zoning Adjustments (ECBZA) are expected to review the first of these projects. Any decision by the ECBZA may be appealed to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

We need to make our voices heard. Please email us at info@savenorthlivermorevalley.com to be notified of the ECBZA meeting date/time. We will send you contact information for the ECBZA Board members, and keep your email address private.

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Save North Livermore Valley is a grassroots group committed to preserving our valley for future generations.

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our school board during this challenging time.

On Nov. 3, I'll be casting my vote for Kristie Wang, LVJUSD Trustee.

Submit Your Letters Raiza Marciscano-Bettis, Livermore

I would like to let the community of Livermore know the importance of submitting a letter to the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) to outline important issues, questions and topics that must address in the upcoming Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) for the continued operation of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (Livermore Lab) Main Site in Livermore and Site 300 high explosives testing range near Tracy.

More than 2,000 current and former Livermore Lab employees have applied through the Labor Department for compensation for serious illnesses, including cancer, believed to have been caused by on-the-job exposures to radioactive and toxic materials. The SWEIS must analyze worker exposures and consider worker health and safety.

NNSA noted in particular that the SWEIS would seek to raise the emission limit for tritium, which is radioactive hydrogen. There shouldn't be any justification for the increase of any radioactive emissions. If anything, it should be reduced.

The SWEIS should analyze an alternative future for Livermore Lab; one in which the lab does more unclassified, civilian science work and less work on developing new and modified nuclear bomb designs. Furthermore, the decision makers and the public should have these facts in hand when making decisions in regards nuclear weapons.

The Livermore Lab Main Site was placed on the Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund list of most contaminates sites in the nation in 1987. The Site 300 high explosives testing range near Tracy was placed on the EPA Superfund list in 1990. It will take 60 to 80 years, if not more, for the cleanup of radioactive toxins.

As a resident of the Central Valley, I am particularly concerned about Livermore Lab's plan to increase the size and weight of open-air bomb blasts at Site 300 by as much as 10 fold per each blast and more than seven fold annually.

Please, it is important to write your letter and send it by email to LLNLS-WEIS@nnsa.doe.gov.

For more information on this issue, you can visit www.trivalleycares.org or email Marylia@earthlink.net. If you are a Spanish speaker, you can email raiza@trivalleycares.org. I will gladly help to translate your letter and send it.

NNSA will hold a second virtual public meeting on Monday, Oct. 5, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Pacific Time. Deadline for public comment is Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020. For the NNSA NEPA reading room, visit energy.gov/nnsa/nnsa-nepa-reading-room.

Nop Must Explain Anthony Pangelinan, Livermore

Mr. Nop must explain his lack of support for local businesses by his campaign.

For someone who claims to support local businesses and bring new ideas to the table, his campaign has not spent much, if any, of their funds locally. Taking a quick look at his financial reports, his website was designed by someone in San Jose, his yard signs were printed in San Leandro, and he has yet to claim the cost for the mailer sent to every Livermore household a few weeks ago.

No charge for printing or postage (usually around \$10,000 to \$15,000 from looking at Measure P statements) show up in his required FPCC filings. That's probably a violation! The printer's stamp on the mailer, Allied Printing 138, is a shop out of San Jose. I am sure local Livermore businesses who are struggling to cope with the COVID pandemic would have appreciated his business.

Nop's spending, combined with a large portion of his campaign money coming from people who are either in the real estate business or are out of the area, makes you

wonder what his priorities truly are. They don't appear to be focused on Livermore.

Nop For Mayor Jay Davis, Livermore

I am pleased to write to support my good friend Mony Nop in his campaign for mayor of Livermore.

Sadly, I cannot vote for Mony, but I surely can cheer for him from the sidelines. I first met Mony 15 years ago, when I joined the Rotary Club of Livermore. Mony was an active duty officer in the Livermore Police Department at the time and was clearly a figure to deal with, a person with great enthusiasm for the community and the ability and drive to contribute to it.

As my offices were in the same building downtown where he later built his real estate practice, I could see not only Mony's skill in leading a growing business, but the reactions of the people who worked for him. They found him charming, always positive, and supportive. Mony is a leader who helps each to achieve his or her best.

Mony's vision and energy in creating the Tri-Valley NonProfit Alliance have made a wholly different and important contribution to the health of our community and those around us. Mony both inspires and accomplishes.

The past year has seen Livermore solve a decade-long argument over the shape and direction of its growing and exciting downtown. Taking the current vision to completion needs a leader who can think anew, build new bridges within the Livermore Community and help it shift to the interesting new dynamic of a city council whose members will represent districts, a long-needed step towards more equitable representation of the opinions and needs of its citizens.

I strongly encourage you to vote for Mony to lead the effort to achieve that future. I will be loudly cheering from the sidelines.

Solution Gets Support Susan Mayall, Livermore

I strongly support the 'win-win' solution arrived upon by Bob Woerner and others on the Equity and Inclusion Sub-Committee.

Moving the 130-unit Eden Housing Project across railroad Avenue to the north would not only provide more much needed units, it could also provide us with enough space for a real park, to be enjoyed by all Livermore citizens.

Elect Pentin As Mayor Ken McDonald, Pleasanton

I have lived in Pleasanton for the past 42 years and have watched this city grow into a major business center, while still maintaining the look and feel of a small suburban commumurnrity that prominently features its historical roots and an incredible network of neighborhood parks.

The past eight to 10 years have shown how well Pleasanton's growth can be managed. As examples, in that time, a new Costco has been approved, Workday has completed a major employment facility next door to BART, and Ponderosa Homes has completed a superb example of a mixed housing development that includes large and small homes, condos, low income housing, and an over-55 community for our seniors.

Jerry Pentin has been the most significant voice in this planning effort and deserves to be elected as the next mayor of Pleasanton.

Solar NIMBYism Alan Burnham, Livermore

While I understand the single-minded view that nothing should be built in North Livermore to preserve it as open space, recent letters sound more like excuses than reasons, "I support renewable energy, but..."

We have three energy choices - cut our consumption tenfold, continue filling the atmosphere with CO2, or switch to low-CO2 energy sources. The question posed in my letter was essentially whether converting 10 percent of the North Livermore valley into a solar farm is a sacrifice we are collectively willing to make to do our part. It seems that the most vocal voices are not.

Greg Scott promotes that space as valuable for agriculture. He is usually full of facts. How many

people can 400 acres of that non-irrigated land feed? 10,000 households? Maybe we should convert irrigated farmland in the central valley to solar farms instead. Then, we could have both more water and solar energy for ourselves.

Mr. Scott provides details about the challenges of depending on intermittent renewable energy. For more information, look up the duck curve on the internet. That is why energy storage is needed. He is right that demand peaks in early evening, but winter peaks per Cal ISO are only about 30 GW, while summer peaks are about 45 GW- when solar is best. Do we want natural gas turbines to make up the difference indefinitely? What about nuclear?

Mr. Scott brings up EROI, which I understand. Solar systems take energy to build, just like everything. That is why they are best phased in over time as fossil fuel plants reach their service life. The same is true of electric cars and heat pumps. It does not make sense to make this conversion in a panic.

My point remains, how do we plan to become carbon neutral in a few decades as per California law? Just saying no is not good enough.

Merlin Newton claims that solar farms are a danger to nitrate contaminated ground water. Really? Does he know that the primary source of nitrate pollution in groundwater is agriculture, followed by septic tanks? The dirt that gets washed off solar panels is just that - dirt that would have landed on the ground if not for the solar panels. Obviously, any battery storage system would have to be designed to prohibit groundwater contamination, but that is also true for battery systems in urban areas.

Mony for Mayor Mary Anne Rozsa, Livermore

I have known Mony since he served as a dedicated police officer in Livermore.

Mony is a caring, compassionate advocate for unity in our community. He is a problem solver and seeks opinions of others to fully comprehend the issues facing our citizens.

Mony has a fresh perspective on how the city needs to change and evolve to meet the needs of all its' citizens and will work tirelessly to solve whatever challenges the city faces in the future.

I trust his leadership qualities, his respect for others, and the integrity that he will bring to the office of mayor. I urge you to vote Mony Nop for mayor.

Central Park Plan Minus Housing Dennis Mulligan, Livermore

Mayoral candidate Bob Woerner has stated, "I believe it is still possible in principle to relocate the housing element, assuming that any contractual, financial and quality concerns that may arise are satisfactorily resolved as judged by the key stakeholders."

I fully agree with this. First, approximately 215 apartments are going into the lot across L Street from the Central Park at the moment, bringing many new residents downtown to walk to restaurants and businesses downtown, substantially adding to the economic vitality of the area. Secondly, if the planned Eden Housing element was to go forward, a four-story canyon would be created by the four-story complexes on opposite sides of L Street, forming a downtown canyon atmosphere, not of human scale and absolutely not creating an airy, welcoming, walkable downtown experience.

Thirdly, the Eden Housing can be located across Railroad Avenue, with some adjustments, and the size of the development does not have to be increased. And lastly, we have enough infill, buildings, concrete and asphalt downtown. Let's see some grass, trees, open space, and the sky to enjoy. Get 'er done, Bob Woerner!

Vinnie for Alameda County Supervisor Maryann Brent, Livermore

On Sunday, Sept. 13, I tuned in to the Alameda County Zoom political forum.

From that forum, I learned that I agree with county supervisor candidate, Vinnie Bacon, who solidly opposes the mega solar projects in

north Livermore and supports maintaining natural environments and open space. Vinnie has gained policy experience as a member of the Fremont City Council, is a proponent of acutely needed affordable housing in our area, and is Cal-educated in transportation engineering and city planning.

I encourage you to look at his website, bacon4supervisor.com. Vinnie Bacon has my vote for Alameda County Supervisor.

Randy Brown for City Council Bill Evans, Pleasanton

I am writing in support of Randy Brown for city council.

I have known Randy for six years. He is an exceptionally caring and giving person. He is charitable with is time and can be found volunteering at many events where people are there to serve others in need. Randy is a great listener and a thoughtful decision maker, and he has the ethical backbone to do what is right, even when nobody is looking.

One of the many reasons I support Randy is because the State of California requires Pleasanton to zone for more high-density housing. He wants to do it smart, so that it gives Pleasanton more control and fewer legal battles.

As a 25-year Pleasanton resident, I ask you to join me in voting for Randy Brown for city council.

Arun Goel for Mayor Kunal Khaware , Dublin

My name is Kunal Khaware, and I am a junior at Quarry Lane in the City of Dublin.

Throughout these past couple months, I have been campaigning for Arun Goel, who is running for mayor in Dublin. By giving the youth a platform to voice their ideas, it is clear to me that he is the best candidate for the job. Arun is a clean money, 'people-centric' candidate who will strive to create unity and allow for robust discussion. Seeing him in action, I can personally attest to his values of trust, transparency, and truth that I can constantly rely on.

When I first approached Arun, I wanted to discuss potential community solutions to mitigate Covid-19 impacts on small businesses, health codes, and public safety. As a young bystander within my community, I had always been interested in civic engagement but was simply a spectator. Arun gave me a platform to advocate for these issues and now I help lead the youth team on his campaign.

His humility and ability to teach and guide youth is the greatest community service he can offer. I wholeheartedly support Arun Goel for mayor, and you should too!

Utsumi the Leader We Need James Morehead, Dublin

I'm writing in support of Michael Utsumi for Dublin Unified School District Trustee Area 4.

I've known and worked with Michael for over a decade in support of Dublin public schools. He joined me as features editor of onedublin.org for several years (a volunteer-run website focused on education issues) and has been a tireless volunteer in support of Dublin schools.

Michael brings a compassionate, thoughtful and inclusive approach to getting things done, skills we

soresly need right now as evidenced by the divisive, at times chaotic, and ego-driven behavior of the current Board of Trustees that directly led to the unplanned resignation and departure of Superintendent Dave Marken earlier this summer.

In the years ahead, with a deepening recession, a pandemic that is likely to continue for a year or more, and critical school infrastructure projects underway, Dublin needs a leader like Michael Utsumi.

Editing an Overreach Hayden Sidun, Livermore

I would first like to express my disdain for The Independent.

The Independent is a newspaper that I have respected for a long time. Despite this, in a previous letter to the editor that I wrote to them, which I ran twice through Grammarly and endorsed Bob Woerner for mayor of Livermore, they edited out critical parts of my letter that I put specifically to further express my support of Bob Woerner. Although their website says that The Independent may edit your letters for clarity, I am disgusted by this breach of journalistic integrity.

The edits made by the editor in my previous letter were not to clarify my points, but rather to lessen the expression of support I originally intended for the letter to give. I emailed the editor about this on Sept. 22 and never received a response. I strongly suspect bias against Bob Woerner within this newspaper, but I digress.

I would again like to express my strong support of Bob Woerner for mayor of Livermore and thank The Independent for their endorsement of Bob Woerner. I firmly believe that he is far more prepared for the office than Mony Nop is. During a time when we are facing a global pandemic, an economic recession, and social unrest due to systemic racism, we need a leader who we can trust and who has taken action on issues such as these.

Bob has decades of experience managing whole divisions of companies, such as Oracle and PG&E, and working to make Livermore a great city as a city councilman of nine years, three of which he has spent as our vice mayor. He has taken the initiative to solve our problems, from initiating the Homelessness Subcommittee and the Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee to championing projects such as the downtown plan, Valley Link, and Vineyard 2.0. Compare that to Mony Nop, who spent 17 years as a police officer and the past few years as a realtor and who presents plans for our city that Bob Woerner has already accomplished or is actively taking care of.

Thus, considering the unique and unforeseen circumstances our city is facing, there is not a single person I trust more than Bob Woerner to serve as Livermore's mayor for the next two (and maybe more) years.

Keeping America Great Rebecca Ferris, Livermore

Secured \$250 billion in new trade and investment deals in China and \$12 billion in Vietnam.

Okayed up to \$12 billion in aid for farmers effected by unfair trade retaliation.

Has had over a dozen US hostages freed, including

those Obama could not get freed.

Trump signed the Music Modernization Act, the biggest change to copyright law in decades.

Trump secured billions that will fund the building of a wall at our southern border.

The Trump Administration is promoting second chance hiring to give former inmates the opportunity to live crime-free lives and find meaningful employment.

Trump's DOJ and the Board of Prisons launched a new Ready to Work Initiative to help connect employers directly with former prisoners.

President Trump's historic tax cut legislation included new Opportunity Zone Incentives to promote investment in low-income communities across the country.

8,764 communities across the country have been designated as Opportunity Zones.

Opportunity Zones are expected to spur \$100 billion in long-term private capital investment in economically distressed communities across the country.

Trump directed the Education Secretary to end Common Core.

Trump signed the 9/11 Victims Compensation Fund into law.

Trump signed measure funding prevention programs for Veteran suicide.

Companies have brought back over a TRILLION dollars from overseas because of the TCJA bill that Trump signed.

Prior to the coronavirus pandemic, manufacturing jobs were growing at the fastest rate in more than 30 years.

Prior to the coronavirus pandemic, the stock market reached record highs.

Prior to the coronavirus pandemic, median household income hit highest level ever recorded.

Prior to the coronavirus pandemic, African American unemployment was at an all-time low.

Prior to the coronavirus pandemic, Hispanic-American, unemployment was at an all-time low.

Prior to the coronavirus pandemic, Asian-American unemployment was at an all-time low.

Prior to the coronavirus pandemic, women's unemployment rate was at a 65-year low.

Prior to the coronavirus pandemic, youth unemployment was at a 50-year low.

Prior to the coronavirus pandemic, we had the lowest unemployment rate ever recorded.

Signs Are Being Stolen Brian Wilson, Livermore

My father served in the South Pacific in world war two. One of his civic principles was "I may disagree with your position, but I'll defend to the death your right to express it". To whoever stole my 'Biden 2020' sign from my front lawn I ask: My father was an American patriot - what are you?

Vote for Bob Woerner For Mayor

Bruce Gach, M.D., Livermore

When choosing a doctor, the best choice is determining who has the most experience in the specific problems needing to be addressed, and the same principle applies to electing leaders in city councils.

Bob Woerner has always done his homework when he decides how he votes on issues that impact all the

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citizens of Livermore and the stability of the city as a whole.

There is definitely a learning curve which can only be achieved by serving on the council first as a member before even considering running for mayor. Woerner has nine years of experience on Livermore's city council. This has allowed him the ability to make current decisions based on knowledge of past council evaluations and will serve Livermore well in his decisions in the position of mayor.

Woerner is well respected by community leaders, businesses and citizens, as indicated by his many endorsements. Those endorsements are earned and reflect his skills at evaluating the many aspects of situations affecting Livermore and its residents.

A vote for Bob Woerner for mayor is a vote for an effective leader who truly cares about Livermore and all of its citizens.

**Karla Brown for Mayor
Michael and Darlene Miller,
Pleasanton**

We strongly support Karla Brown for Mayor of Pleasanton.

She has proven time and time again, over many years of service, to be a champion for the people who live in Pleasanton. She does not accept money from developers, and she will fight to maintain quality of life in our beautiful little town.

We encourage you to support her as well. She is a tireless worker for the people who live here, and she will stand up for you just as she has done for us.

**'Vote for Bob Woerner
Mary Claudino, Livermore**

I'm a Livermore resident, teacher and parent.

Three years ago, I had the opportunity to travel to Japan with Bob Woerner and his wife, Nova Starling, as part of the Livermore-Yotsukaido sister city program. Bob was representing the city as part of a delegation that included 20 Livermore students and 20 adults. During this trip, I saw what a thoughtful and intelligent person he is, and how strongly committed he is to ensuring Livermore continues to be a wonderful place to live and raise children.

I was proud to see how well he represented our city during this trip and how much he truly enjoyed interacting with the students and adults from both cities.

The results of Bob's time as a councilmember can be seen throughout the city, and with his experience and leadership skills he will be a terrific mayor. During our trip, I saw another side of Bob, which makes me even more certain that he is the right choice. Please join me in voting for Bob Woerner.

**Voting for Nancy Allen
Heidi Massie, Pleasanton**

Nancy Allen is my choice for Pleasanton City Councilmember and here's why.

In 2006, Nancy and I met at a city planning commission meeting, both expressing concerns over the proposed second Home Depot at Stanley and Bernal intersection and the increased traffic and safety issues it would cause in surrounding Valley and Santa Rita neighborhoods.

Within days of that meeting, we and a handful of other neighbors formed the grass-roots group stoppleas-antongridlock.com to halt the development. Nancy was the brains of the team, and I led the public relations and media campaign. Nancy spent many hours after work each day reading city staff reports, traffic studies, and environmental impact reports, identifying the hard data that helped support our claims and eventually demonstrated to the city council that the Home Depot project was not in best interest of the east side of Pleasanton.

That effort was the beginning of Nancy's many years of civic service for the city - seven years as a Pleasanton Planning Commission, served on the Economic Vitality Committee, the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Committee, and multiple city task force groups. I witnessed first-hand her thorough and thoughtful approach to making decisions affecting our city and neighborhoods that I know she as continued to do during her many years as planning commissioner.

I am certain she is the most qualified candidate and

the right choice for the city council.

**Randy Brown
For City Council
Nancy Pennell, Pleasanton**

I am a 33-year resident of Pleasanton and have known Randy Brown for nine years, serving on the Rotary Board with him for much of that time.

His effective leadership, honesty, fairness, and enthusiasm for rolling up his sleeves to get things done are qualities we need in community leaders. That's why I'm voting for Randy for city council.

His vast experience in our community has given him keen insight into critical issues we face and what it takes to solve them. His understanding of the complexities of affordable housing projects will benefit our workforce, veterans and the disabled. As a strong advocate for public safety, he will strive to maintain and improve our high-quality agencies without needless experimenting that wastes time and money.

During this time of uncertainty and hardship, Randy understands what our community needs and how to fill those needs. For Pleasanton to remain the vibrant, prosperous city we love, please join me in voting for Randy Brown.

**Vinnie Bacon for
County Supervisor
Johnna Thompson, Livermore**

I'm voting for Vinnie Bacon for Alameda County Supervisor on Nov. 3.

In its endorsement of Vinnie before the March primary election, the East Bay Times said, "During his two terms on the Fremont City Council, Bacon has proved himself to be an independent thinker ... A software developer with master's degrees in transportation engineering and city planning, Bacon has been outspoken and spot on about the need to rethink regional planning for the Bay Area. Rather than spend billions on new roads and transit systems to get workers to the Silicon Valley, the region should first incentivize businesses to locate near areas with adequate housing."

Vinnie strongly supports renewable energy, but, like me, he opposes the industrial-scale solar projects that have been proposed to be built on agricultural land in north Livermore. These projects threaten Measure D, passed by Alameda County voters in 2000 to protect agricultural land. Vinnie believes we need renewable energy and open space.

Vinnie does not accept money from corporations, lobbyists, or developers. This means that he is independent of undue influence from deep-pocketed corporate or developer campaign contributors. He will represent us with vision and integrity.

Please join me in voting for Vinnie Bacon for Alameda County Supervisor.

**Did Somebody Say Bacon?
Victor Avila, Livermore**

The first political flyer to come from the Haubert campaign said only one thing - Vinnie Bacon advocated closing fire stations.

During the financial crisis of a few years ago, all fire jurisdictions had to close fire stations. That was what responsible local officials had to do to balance their budgets, while still maintaining public safety. So, thanks for the complement Haubert, yes, Vinnie Bacon is a responsible local official.

Haubert represents what Dublin is, and Livermore and most cities are not - mile after mile of residential development with no architectural appeal or thought. Some of the developments look like the stock room of a Kinney shoe store, shoe boxes atop one another. Livermore is a great place to live because of its heritage - ranching, farming, vineyards, and open space.

There's no place in Livermore for what Dublin's build-up represents. Vote Bacon.

**Maher for School Board
Anne and Mel Everton,
Pleasanton**

Reelect Steve Maher to the Pleasanton USD School Board!

With his diverse background as educator, administrator, advocate, and trustee, we know he is highly qualified to continue on the board. We saw this firsthand when

he was Principal Maher for our three children at Alisal Elementary School, through my teaching days at Thomas Hart Middle School where Steve served as its first principal for 10 years, and in his past four years on the board.

Steve knows our students, knows our teachers, knows our families, and knows our neighborhoods. Without a doubt, his integrity and leadership will continue to serve our schools well.

Cast your vote for Steve Maher for Pleasanton USD School Board!

**Officials Need to
Do Their Jobs
Bruce Daggy, Pleasanton**

As a relative newcomer to California, I find what appears in ballot propositions here often utterly bizarre.

A good case in point, in this election and the previous one, are propositions regulating kidney dialysis clinics. Who finds that to be a decision that should be made by the average voter?

Representative democracy isn't working all that well, due to dark money, Citizens United, gerrymandering, voter suppression, news media now considered entertainment without a public duty to provide unbiased and accurate information, social media, and foreign interference — to name a few problems — but the answer isn't to turn complex technical issues over to the voters, many of whom will take little or no time to understand the question. We elected a legislature and a governor, and they hire experts, and collectively, this group is supposed to act in our best interests.

So, when I see a proposal to set new regulations for dialysis clinics, I don't consider the merits of the proposal. It's an automatic no, because it's a question directed to the wrong audience. If changes are indeed needed for regulation of dialysis clinics, then the women and men in the legislature should put their grownup pants on and do their jobs.

If the measure is just special interests attempting to circumvent the legislative process, a no vote will discourage that abuse of the system.

**Wang for School Board
Kellie Essary, Livermore**

Kristie Wang will bring strong leadership to the Livermore School Board.

I am a retired educator and community organizer. I had the pleasure of meeting Kristie after she presented her thinking about Flavors Addict Kids-Livermore at a Livermore Indivisible meeting. I was struck by her breadth of knowledge on the subject, her eloquence of speech, and her compassion for children.

I knew that I wanted to get to know her better. And I have - through our mutual work for Census 2020. Her extensive background in public policy and close-up work with children recommend her well for a seat on Livermore's school board. I have seen firsthand how hard she works, and she has my full support.

You will want to get to know Kristie too.

**President Trump Helped
Schools and More
Jan Brovont, Livermore**

President Trump has called on Congress to pass school choice legislation so that no child is trapped in a failing school because of his or her zip code.

The president signed funding legislation in September 2018 that increased funding for school choice by \$42 million.

The tax cuts signed into law by President Trump promote school choice by allowing families to use 529 college savings plans for elementary and secondary education.

Under his leadership, ISIS has lost most of their territory and been largely dismantled.

ISIS leader Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi was killed.

Signed the first Perkins CTE reauthorization since 2006, authorizing more than \$1 billion for states each year to fund vocational and career education programs.

Executive order expanding apprenticeship opportunities for students and workers.

Trump issued an executive order prohibiting the U.S. government from discriminating against Christians or punishing expres-

sions of faith.

Signed an executive order that allows the government to withhold college campuses deemed to be anti-Semitic and who fail to combat anti-Semitism.

President Trump ordered a halt to U.S. tax money going to international organizations that fund or perform abortions.

Trump imposed sanctions on the socialists in Venezuela who have killed their citizens

Finalized new-trade agreement with South Korea.

Made a deal with the European Union to increase U.S. energy exports to Europe.

Withdrew the U.S. from the job killing TPP deal.

**Support Efforts to Give
Residents Space Downtown
Veronica Stewart Long,
Livermore**

I am very pleased to hear that attempts are being made to save the concept of a large public space/park in the downtown development project.

This innovative thinking will result in our town having something unique and distinctive, which will be accessible to all of us. As our town experiences the growing pains associated with an influx of newcomers, international stores, restaurants, hotel chains, foreign owned businesses, and a growing number of tourists, it is important to involve and invest in the residents.

I went to the downtown community workshops to help develop the plan, and the one overwhelming thing I heard from people is that they wanted green space, a park, to not rush headlong into the generic dense development seen in so many communities around us. Not surprisingly, the current plan with four apartment buildings, three to four stories high, have not seen much support.

I understand there is a possibility to move the apartment buildings to another lot - I urge everyone to support this, and I applaud the city personnel and others who are involved in exploring options to do what is best for this project and the future of Livermore.

**No Comparison
Phyllis Couper, Pleasanton**

A recent letter to the editor compared President Trump to Hitler.

No comparison. Regarding direct communication to the public, Hitler was preaching destroy everyone in Germany except the Aryan race. That was his goal and he used military power to bully, imprison, and kill anyone who got in his way.

President Trump uses

his direct communication to inform the American people of keeping his promises, like pre-Covid-19 bringing the unemployment rate to its lowest in 50 years; like providing disclosure of health care costs by providers; like boosting the income 4.5 percent for lowest paid Americans; like all-time record sales during the 2019 holidays; like lowering the poverty rate to a 17-year low of 11.8 percent with poverty rates for African-Americans and Hispanic-Americans reaching their lowest poverty rates since the U.S. began collecting such data; just to name a few of President Trump's many accomplishments.

And before the Covid-19 was unleashed on the world, America was experiencing unheard of uptrends on all levels. Hitler dreamed of and schemed for a preeminent, pure Aryan race. President Trump is not dreaming or scheming. He is working every day to improve the lives of all Americans in all areas, while putting up with baseless, vindictive attacks from the deep state and the press.

Why would anyone vote for Biden when he would completely shut down the nation, raise taxes on corporations who already pay the highest taxes in the nation, and taxes which would trickle down to the price tag of goods Americans purchase? Why would anyone vote for Biden when he refuses to disclose the contents of his 110-page manifesto that he plans to unleash on America? Will he only reveal it if elected, like the Obama Care act had to be passed to find out what was in it?

America has laws and rules which the citizens are expected to follow, shouldn't the same also apply to those trying to enter our country illegally? President Trump does not embrace mass detention or deportation. He is expected to follow our laws that pertain to those who break our immigration laws. No comparison to Hitler.

Most other countries have strict, in-depth guidelines

and application rules to apply for legal entry. The deep state is blaming President Trump for the economy drop which was caused by Covid-19. This virus came from China, not the White House, and certainly not because of President Trump's policies.

**Tri-Valley Vote for David
Haubert for Alameda County
Supervisors District 1
Mike Grant, Dublin**

Please look at David's record while being Dublin's Mayor.

He has guided Dublin for years and done a very good job. Now, if you listen to the watchdog from Dublin "Kerrie Chobot of Dublin," a Fremont school teacher and her Facebook group the Dublin Unites, you would think the world has come to an end. All Kerrie has done is cause this city to divide each other by spreading nothing but lies about Dave.

Dave has spent years showing the citizens of Dublin the sky is not falling like chicken little "Kerrie" tells all of the Dublin citizens.

Now who does Kerrie support? Vinnie Bacon, a guy who can't even file his paperwork on time with the FPPC. He says he does not take money from special interest groups, but only his family. I ask this very simple question - do you think that special interest money can't make it into his family members' hands?

We would not know this, because Vinnie can't file his paperwork showing funds on time with the state.

Tri-Valley Vinnie was fined nine times for ETHIC violations. Yes, nine times! Vinnie holds the record for the most ethic violations per the state FPPC.

**Swanson for LARP
Beth Wilson, Livermore**

Stacey Swanson is the outstanding candidate for LARP.

Here's why - she's knowledgeable and experienced. She is passionate about the

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*The City of Livermore invites applications for appointment to the
Planning Commission*

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

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

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

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

Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 1052 S. Livermore Avenue, on-line at www.cityoflivermore.net/AB or by emailing cityclerk@cityoflivermore.net. Applicants must reside within the Livermore city limits.

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

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

MAILBOX

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environment and open space, and she's a proven leader who is excited about all the different aspects of the Park District.

Stacey founded the North Livermore Open Space Alliance, keeping the old Springtown golf course from development. She founded or is active in other outdoor activities, such as a walking group, and has helped build trails. She believes outdoor spaces are essential to our wellbeing, whether we're hiking, swimming, birding, playing or just hanging out with family or friends.

Stacey has been participating in our LARPD board meetings and committee meetings in order to familiarize herself with the workings of the district, especially during these difficult times. She graduated from Livermore's "Keys to the City" program in 2019. She has also visited many of LARPD's facilities to get acquainted with our programs and opportunities.

When I decided to retire from the board, I asked Stacey to run for my seat. She has proved to be passionate, excited, willing to learn and positive. I'm voting for Stacey Swanson and I hope you do, too.

Re-Elect Rogge for Livermore School Board Michelle Hill, Livermore

Let's re-elect Chuck Rogge for the Livermore School Board!

Chuck is a lifelong Livermore resident and attended multiple LVJUSD schools. He is "Dad" to a Livermore High Class of 2020 graduate and a track and field coach at LHS for the past 15 years.

As a school board incumbent, Chuck has an excellent understanding of our schools and community needs, and the requisite comprehension of how to make necessary changes happen within the public education setting. Additionally, he brings extensive experience from both the corporate world and emergency disaster preparedness environments to the LVJUSD role. The combination of all these critical skills, knowledge and abilities makes Chuck Rogge a necessity to have on our LVJUSD School Board.

You only have two LVJUSD candidate votes available on your ballot. Please join me in selecting Chuck Rogge as one of your votes! Our schools and community need him!

Kristie Wang Advocates For Students Connor Lam, Pleasanton

I am a student at Harvest Park Middle School in Pleasanton.

I first met Ms. Kristie Wang at the Pleasanton City Council planning committee meeting last year, and we continued to work together until the Pleasanton ordinances passed last Aug. 18. That was over one year in the making!

Ms. Wang values the health and welfare of the youth in Livermore and beyond. She gave me the time and attention when I was new in advocating for anti-vaping initiatives. If she gets elected as school board member, she will share her time with you. The students will have a seat at the decision-making table.

I may not be allowed to vote yet, but I encourage the youth to support candidates who value the welfare of the students - like Ms. Kristie Wang. Simple things like helping advertise her campaign materials in your lawn or sharing in social media make a huge difference. Ms. Kristie Wang is approachable, committed and can make things happen.

Please join me in endorsing Ms. Kristie Wang for LVJUSD Board.

We Don't Get A Vote Faye Younker, Livermore

We've fought for such a long time to preserve the beautiful agricultural and scenic lands of North Livermore.

Now their fate rests in the hands of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors who have clearly stated their intent to cover our cherished open space with the ugliness of industrial-scale solar plants. We, the citizens of Livermore, will not get to vote on this issue. All will be lost unless we elect a supervisor who has promised to protect this land.

On Nov. 3, vote Vinnie Bacon for Alameda County Supervisor.

Vote Early, Vote Green, Vote For True Environmentalists Donna Cabanne, Livermore

Open space in Alameda County is at risk - vote for candidates committed to preserving it.

The Sierra Club enthusiastically endorses:

Vinnie Bacon for Alameda County Board of Supervisors

Arun Goel for Mayor, City of Dublin

Dawn Platts for Dublin City Council

Karla Brown for Mayor, City of Pleasanton

Nancy Allen for Pleasanton City Council

Valerie Arkin for Pleasanton City Council

Vote early and vote for the real environmentalists, for our families and for a better future.

Relocation Possible William Zagotta, Livermore

There is chatter in town that the city council might consider enlarging the Central Park in the Downtown Plan by moving the 130 units of affordable housing off the more than eight acres and, perhaps, move the units onto the north side of Railroad Avenue.

At the same time, an increase in the number of affordable units might be possible.

(1) Adding more affordable units is good. (2) I believe that Railroad Avenue could use some redevelopment. (3) Moving the housing would make space to increase the size of the Central Park. (4) The very immense buildings on the Groth property, coupled with the four affordable housing buildings (bellied up against the Central Park), do seem to me to be incompatible with the Central Park and the character of Livermore's downtown. No problem with Groth, but when it comes to four-story buildings on the east and west sides of L Street, enough is enough.

I support the idea of seeking to move the planned affordable housing off of the more than eight acres and moving them to the north side of Railroad Avenue. Bob Woerner has said, "It is possible in principle to relocate the 130 units ..." but it's complicated.

League of Women Voters Barbara Hempill, Pleasanton

The League of Women Voters of California has taken the following positions on the state propositions that will be on the ballot in November

Support Propositions 15, 16, 17, 18, and 25. The League is opposed to Propositions 19, 20, and 24. The League is neutral on Propositions 14, 21 and 23; and the League has no position on Proposition 22.

For specifics and more information, visit lwvc.org/vote/elections/ballot-recommendations.

MaryJo Carreon is the Best Choice for PUSD board Janet Sears, Pleasanton

Please vote for the candidate with the most current PUSD classroom experience!

MaryJo has firsthand knowledge of what the current distance learning experience is like for our students and teachers. After 33 years in the classroom (winning several teaching awards during that time), she retired just this summer, then within a month, was running for school board and participating in the school reopening task force

This shows how dedicated she is to our students and community. MaryJo has frequently shared her desire for open communication with the community, outlining plans for public input and committee representation on important issues. She's the only candidate I know with a dedicated phone line for your questions (925-750-8225).

MaryJo Carreon will work hard to make PUSD the best it can be for students, parents, and educators.

Support Towne Center Books Lu See Kwik, Livermore

We have done a great job supporting our local businesses!

Please consider stopping by Towne Center Books in downtown Livermore next to Cream ice-cream shop, which just re-opened last Saturday, Oct. 3. It took 14 years to have a local independent bookstore open its doors in Livermore. Let's demonstrate how important

books and literature are to our community.

They are open Monday to Wednesday, from noon to 4 p.m., and Thursday to Saturday, from noon to 8 p.m. You are also able to order online for free delivery to your door. I'm always impressed with their selections and the in-store and drop-off service is amazing.

Thank you for shopping local!

Monith Has People's Best Interest at Heart Julia Smith, Pleasanton

I'm a student at Amador Valley High School, and I advocate for Monith for mayor, because he has the people of Pleasanton's best interest at heart.

I have seen numerous business close down, not just due to the pandemic, but also because of rising rent prices. People in our communities are forced out of their jobs and homes because of high commercial rent and greedy developers.

Monith sees these struggles and plans on dedicating his time and efforts into making sure that citizens will no longer be damaged by these institutions. However, it's not only the business managers that he supports - his benevolence for our community extends to everyone, more specifically, the students and teachers.

In Pleasanton, we are lucky enough to have great, award winning schools and teachers, thanks to our city's endorsement. Schools, education, teachers and learning environments are what make our community so prosperous and strong. Monith understands the importance of these institutions and will make sure our schools are better funded, more focused and supported, and that teachers are paid more.

In addition to all of this, Monith hears citizens' voices. There have been multiple different viewpoints on how to address recent police issues. Monith listened to the people, and while he plans on supporting the PPD, he also plans on partnering them with social workers. This way, everyone's voice is heard by aiding the police and making sure there are necessary additions that will make our community stronger.

Kristie Wang for School Board William Dunlop, Livermore

I met Kristie through her husband, who worked in the same division at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory that I was in.

He told me that his wife Kristie had volunteered in their children's classrooms for several years. She had a background in education policy and would like to get involved with our schools at the district level.

I was school board president at the time, so I suggested she get on the Citizens' Oversight Committee for our school bond measures to gain some experience with the budget, and I introduced her to Kelly Bowers, who had recently been promoted to superintendent of the Livermore Schools. Kristie has now been involved with our schools for more than 13 years.

Kristie is committed to enhancing the education programs in our schools and helping to ensure that our students get an outstanding education. Currently, she has tackled some difficult issues, such as keeping our students away from vaping, or perhaps better stated, keeping vaping away from our students.

She would be a great addition to our school board, as she has been working with the current school board on a number of issues. Her activities have also involved working with our neighboring school districts.

This cooperation with our neighboring districts is an important activity of our school board that Kristie is already familiar with. I recommend that you take the time to read Kristie's resume outlining the work that she has done with our schools.

She will be an outstanding representative on our school board. I am going to vote for Kristie.

Michael Utsumi for Dublin School Board Cristina Bennett, Dublin

I endorse Michael Utsumi for Dublin School Board - I can't imagine a more perfect

candidate.

I met Michael over a decade ago, when we both sat on Frederiksen Elementary School's School Site Council. Michael has been volunteering for more than 15 years helping students, teachers and any school that needed help in the school district.

Michael has earned many awards over his years of service, including DUSD's Outstanding Volunteer Recognition in 2009, as well as the very well-deserved recipient of the Superintendents Award in 2017.

Michael is passionate about the academic success of all students and I believe will make the perfect candidate and serving member of the Dublin School Board.

Why Clean Money Matters Eloise Hamann, DUBLIN

When candidates for office take big donations from corporations, unions, or PACs, they would be ungrateful if they did not allow access to their donors.

Access means a good sit-down to present their ideas in the best possible light. A candidate may think they are immune to the size of donations in terms of decision-making, but no one is immune to persuasion from friends.

A large war chest allows candidates to purchase expensive mailers to influence votes, including attack ads against opponents. That's exactly what happened to Vinnie Bacon, the candidate the Independent and East Bay Times endorsed for the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

A flier with a headshot of Vinnie Bacon, absent his usual smile, labels Bacon as "too risky." It includes his 10-year-old statement about ways for local governments to survive during the current hard economic times. The flier is intended to suggest that candidate Bacon would put Alameda residents at risk of harm from fires.

I have studied Vinnie Bacon's record, and nothing could be further from the truth. There is more risk to our way of life by the election of his opponent who accepts donations from developers.

To paraphrase former Senator Bill Bradley, "Money in politics is like ants in the kitchen. If you block one entry, they'll find another way to get in." It is tough to limit the influence of money through legislation. It's a problem that this country continues to wrestle with. The only real solution is to elect clean money candidates.

It's part of the reason I'm voting for Vinnie Bacon.

Karla Brown for Mayor Laurene Green, Pleasanton

As a resident, I enthusiastically endorse Karla Brown for mayor.

I have worked with Karla Brown on several environmental issues as a recent member and chair of Pleasanton's E&E Committee. I am particularly impressed with her early work on water quality, as she has been addressing PFAS for a while now and has honored the voters' 2000 decision to say no to potable reuse.

She addresses these and many other issues with interest, support, and engagement. Karla is not a rubber-stamp administrator. She will direct staff and lead what I expect to be a very capable city council as they plan for our future and tackle financial and public-health challenges. Karla is an excellent listener; she learns about issues at a deeper level than most; and she seeks updates as issues evolve. She finds ways to address the challenge and support those who are working on solutions. Karla has worked to balance zoning for residential and business (especially small businesses) needs, and to protect our precious downtown and Ridge-land.

She won't let us become a completely unaffordable "Manhattanized" bedroom community for other cities, which ultimately increases costs for Pleasanton and reduces our business revenue. She wants shorter commutes and less car traffic and pollution, and she will help our growth properly match our resources. Karla's experience, knowledge, work ethic, and moral compass are what we need to meet the challenges of today and plan for tomorrow

I ask you to vote for her

as I will.

The Atomic Symbol, Grapes, And a Bucking Horse Jim Schmidt, Livermore

It is uncanny how some of Bob Woerner's accomplishments reflect the city seal.

Woerner's years as a physicist at the Livermore Lab gives him deep appreciation and valuable insight to this very important aspect of Livermore. The grapes on the seal could represent Bob and the city's strong successful efforts to keep the large operation at Concannon working with Alameda County, to bring sewer services badly needed by our many fine wineries.

Perhaps most significantly, Woerner was the key driver behind a land swap that created the downtown Stockman's Park. By creating a park honoring WWI veterans, the Stockmen's Association allowed the legally-required, low-cost housing to be moved from downtown to the Stockman-controlled land on Pacific Avenue. This land swap broke the (years-long) log jam on starting construction downtown, and motivated voters to approve the downtown plan by a two-to-one margin last March. Stockman's Park, delayed by the pandemic, will open soon.

The accomplishments above were certainly not Bob's alone - he works effectively with leaders in Livermore and throughout Alameda County, and he works well with all citizens. I have seen his strong support for the many cultural arts and science groups in Livermore. I urge the reader to go to Woerner4Mayor.com and view his very extensive list of endorsements. Key endorsements are Mayor Marchand, and all of the City Council, Alameda County Commissioner Scott Haggerty, and all of Livermore's representatives and senators of California and National government.

Bob's extensive scope of expertise is a great asset for Livermore. In his eight years in elected Livermore service, Bob has served on an impressive number of boards, commissions, and committees throughout Alameda County and beyond. Livermore is lucky to have a public servant of his experience and accomplishment offer to continue to serve Livermore.

In closing, I believe the East Bay Times says it best, "Hand down, Woerner for Livermore mayor."

Pray for the Speedy Recovery of President Trump Greg Scott, Livermore

No matter what your politics, thoughts or feelings about President Trump, we need for him to have a speedy recovery.

If the thinking was our nation was in bad shape previously, it certainly is not better with a physically sick and incapacitated president. It could be a "the-dog-ate-my-homework" - or at least President Trump's last debate preparations - strategic and tactical political ploy, though I doubt it. The situation is the result of delusional ignorance, perhaps stemming from the Sept. 26 White House Rose Garden presentation, without masks and adequate social dis-

tancing, of Supreme Court nominee Judge Barrett, who herself has been infected with SARS-CoV-2 before, but does not test positive now.

The president has PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) tested positive with SARS-CoV-2 and has symptoms of COVID-19, the disease from SARS-CoV-2. One can be infected with SARS-CoV-2 and not have the disease COVID-19. One cannot have COVID-19 without being infected with SARS-CoV-2.

An analogy would be HIV, the human immunodeficiency virus, and AIDS, the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, which is the late-stage symptoms of the HIV infection. One can be infected with HIV and not have AIDS. One cannot have AIDS without being infected with HIV. HIV is a retrovirus, not a coronavirus, like SARS-CoV-2.

SARS-CoV-2 is a coronavirus of lineage B in the genus betacoronavirus. It is one of seven coronaviruses that can infect humans, of which four cause 30 percent of common colds. The "memory T" cells of the human adaptive immune system have a relatively short existence to coronaviruses, with one research study having noted a half-life of 73 days.

SARS-CoV-2 enters the body primarily through the nasal passage via respiratory droplets or aerosols. Respiratory droplets drop to the ground and/or surfaces by gravity. Viruses that are on surfaces are called fomites. Getting infected by SARS-CoV-2 from surfaces is highly unlikely, because of the low virus viability, longevity and viral load (population) of fomites, though I do not want to discourage the 'hygiene theater' of the pandemic.

Aerosols float in the air for a considerable time because of their small size, and thus carry very little viral load, which they can make up for in particle numbers.

Please be smart about this and wear a mask as much as you can, maintain social distancing, and wash your hands well and frequently. Please pray for the speedy recovery of our president!

Support Bacon for Supervisor Michael Fredrich, Livermore

The choice of Supervisor for Alameda County District 1, the district including Livermore, is clear - it is Vinnie Bacon.

Bacon has a long history of not taking corporate and other special interest money. In contrast, his opponent David Haubert is backed by a plethora of big money development interests. That kind of backing requires payback. You can see the result in the uncontrolled development of Dublin while Haubert was mayor. We need somebody as supervisor who is free from the type of conflicts big money contributions cause and is able to act in the best interest of the general public. That person is Bacon.

Haubert had supported exceptions to Measure D, but when that position became politically unfavorable, reversed it. Large utility companies are now attempting to do an end-run around Measure D and cover North Livermore with industrial scale solar plants.

In a recent interview, Hau-

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Bacon and Haubert are competing in the Nov. 3 election to represent the residents of District 1 on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. District 1 includes North Livermore Valley; the cities of Livermore, Dublin and Fremont; and other unincorporated areas surrounding Livermore and Dublin.

Despite starting policy work in 2011, Alameda County still lacks a comprehensive plan for how to expand renewable energy in rural areas. In September 2020, Supervisor Scott Haggerty, whose term as Supervisor for District 1 ends in December, directed staff to restart the process of drafting a county solar policy. Haggerty also directed staff not to apply the policy to two industrial solar power plants that have been proposed for agricultural land in the North Livermore Valley.

“Supervisor Haggerty is advocating for, in effect, a ‘carve out’ of the North Livermore Valley from any future county solar policy,”

stated O’Brien. “This defies common sense. The first location in rural Alameda County for new utility-scale solar power plants should not be the location that poses the greatest conflict with agriculture, natural habitat, open space and visual and scenic resources.”

North Livermore Valley was preserved as an agricultural community with stunning views of pasturelands, rolling hills and distant mountains. Since the 1950s, the North Livermore Valley has been zoned for agricultural and rural residential uses. For nearly the same period, Alameda County has recognized North Livermore Avenue in its General Plan as a scenic corridor and sought to preserve the area’s outstanding scenic quality. In 2000, Alameda County voters approved Measure D, which established an urban growth boundary to prevent sprawl from encroaching on the rural areas of east Alameda County, including North Livermore Valley.

“Countless persons and

organizations spanning decades have fought to preserve the agricultural land, open space, watershed and wildlife habitats, and scenic beauty of North Livermore Valley. Their work and inspiring success is now at risk from two proposed industrial solar power plants,” wrote the Friends of Livermore, Save North Livermore, and Friends of Open Space & Vineyards in a press release. “The plants would dramatically and permanently alter a massive section of North Livermore Valley from open ranch and farmland into an industrial use — the commercial generation of electricity for sale to California’s energy grid. The alteration would gravely undermine Measure D.”

Intersect Power is the applicant of the Aramis Renewable Energy Project, the larger of the two projects (410 acres) proposed for unincorporated North Livermore. Marissa Mitchell, Intersect Power principle who specializes in the permitting and envi-

ronmental policy matters, said Intersect “takes great care to site solar projects where their local benefits will be greatest and their local impacts fewest.”

Aramis is a shining example of smart-from-the-start solar development. After nearly three years of environmental studies and reviews, the county’s comprehensive Environmental Impact Report for the Aramis project provides a wealth of both site-specific and landscape-level data and analysis to serve decision-makers and the public so they can make their independent judgments about whether the project is well-sited, well-designed, and appropriately mitigated,” Mitchell said. “Aramis is sited on land that has impaired soils; has no viable water source for crop production; is adjacent to an existing substation; and is devoid of critical habitat. We are ready to continue moving forward through the county’s existing process, which includes the numerous prior precedents

of finding that solar is compatible with agricultural land, and not put on the breaks for a solar policy that would duplicate the work already done for this project. We have designed Aramis to enhance wildlife habitat, promote continued agriculture, and provide abundant landscaping for a visually appealing aesthetic.

“Furthermore, drafting a solar policy would achieve some, but not all, of the environmental review obligations of any individual solar project proposal. For a solar policy, the County would prepare an Initial Study or an Environmental Impact Report to evaluate the opportunities and impacts of siting large-scale solar facilities throughout the County; however, the information will be coarse in scale and will not be sufficient to inform the public and decision-makers about any particular site.”

The three advocacy groups in opposition to the projects proposed for the scenic corridor expressed

further concern.

“If approved, the two projects would create the precedent that solar power plants qualify as appropriate use of agricultural land in all Alameda County,” continued the press release. “Over the next 10 to 15 years, the scarce remaining agricultural land in Alameda County could be lost forever.”

The county transportation and planning committee on Sept. 8 decided to move forward with a countywide solar policy but declined to pause the North Livermore solar projects under consideration through a temporary moratorium pending completion of the policy.

Calls made Tuesday afternoon to Supervisors Scott Haggerty and Nate Miley, the two members of the committee, were not returned at press time. The committee is expected to hold a meeting to discuss the proposed solar policy again later this month.

LABORATORIES

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prepared for tests and debris samples were returned to the Laboratory for study.

Gordon-Hagerty remembers her admiration for “the great technician workforce.” It taught her essential operations, like the complex “bag-in, bag-out” procedures, by which radioactive materials and high efficiency filters are moved safely into and out of sealed containers called glove boxes.

If she were going to be responsible for verifying the safety of operations, she reasoned, she had better learn how the technicians did their jobs.

She left Livermore in 1989, climbing rapidly in a career that always retained a connection with the world of nuclear energy or nuclear weapons.

She gained political experience through two years of staff work for the House Energy and Commerce Committee, whose legislative oversight responsibilities include the U.S. Department of Energy and its national laboratories.

She then moved to the U.S. Department of Energy,

where she headed its Office of Emergency Response before leaving in 1998 to lead the National Security Council’s anti-terrorism office.

After time in private industry, including the nuclear fuel enrichment business, she spent several years consulting on national security issues before being nominated to head NNSA in late 2017 and confirmed in early 2018.

A year ago, she was one of five senior officials considered by Donald Trump to replace John Bolton as National Security Advisor. That job went to Robert O’Brien, and Gordon-Hagerty remained at NNSA.

Aging facilities

In last week’s interview, Gordon-Hagerty expressed serious concern about the age of NNSA facilities, many of which date from World War II.

“We’re trying to modernize our infrastructure, 30 percent of which ... was built during the Manhattan Project,” she said. The Manhattan Project was the secret World War II program to develop a nuclear weapon.

As one example, she noted that workers at the Y12 plant in Tennessee use a facility originally built in 1943 to process uranium for the nuclear weapons program and for naval reactors.

Such antiquated facilities are expensive and inefficient to operate at today’s standards of safety, environmental protection and reliability, but NNSA must do so because of a past lack of support for modernization, she said.

Today, she thinks the situation is improving, as NNSA has put forth a “strategic road map” that she feels can meet current and future needs, provided it gets enough support from Congress.

At Y12, for example, NNSA is building a \$6.5 billion facility scheduled to replace the antiquated World War II uranium plant in 2025.

Moving to another strategic material, plutonium, she said NNSA expects to be able to manufacture at least 80 “pits” per year by 2030.

Pits are the plutonium cores of nuclear weapons.

The U.S. gave up its ability to make them almost 30 years ago when it shuttered the Rocky Flats Plant in Colorado for environmental reasons.

The U.S. needs to restore manufacturing capability “if we want our nuclear deterrent to remain second to none,” she said.

Speaking of relations with Russia and China, Gordon-Hagerty called those countries “near-peer adversaries.”

For example, she said, “We know that China is looking to double their stockpile (of nuclear weapons).”

By contrast, she said, the U.S. is “the only nuclear weapons state that is neither designing nor fielding new nuclear weapons.”

Instead, she said, the U.S. is carrying out programs to extend the longevity of nuclear weapons originally designed to last 20 years so that they will be safe and reliable “out to 70 years and beyond.”

Every U.S. nuclear weapon has aged well past its design lifetime. The newest

went into service in 1991.

Non-nuclear components

NNSA contends that its “life extension” efforts are not generating new nuclear weapons because their nuclear components and military purpose remain the same while aging. Non-nuclear components, like electronics and high explosives, may be updated to improve safety, security and other essential features.

Gordon-Hagerty said the NNSA laboratories and plants are carrying out four major nuclear weapon modernization programs today, with a fifth possible. This is an exceptionally heavy workload that can only be accomplished through “the scientific prowess here at Livermore and Los Alamos, Sandia and throughout our entire complex.”

Asked about the future of LLNL’s National Ignition Facility, the world’s largest laser system, she wrote in an email following her visit that NIF is “the best place to study the technical challenges and opportunities to ultimately achieve ignition” in fusion fuel, whether that

goal is reached or not.

Ignition occurs when fusion reactions in a laser target become self-sustaining with a very large energy output. When NIF was dedicated in 2009, researchers hoped to demonstrate ignition within a few years.

Most were careful not to promise success, but the failure to achieve that goal was an embarrassment all the same. It left the Laboratory open to charges of over-promising and under-delivering.

Nevertheless, NIF has been a vital research tool for the nuclear weapons program.

“NIF’s role in the broader weapons program has expanded well beyond expectations over the past decade,” Gordon-Hagerty wrote.

“In parallel to advancing ignition science, the NIF enables the study of material properties, radiation flow, thermonuclear burn, and weapon outputs and effects, thus providing crucial experimental data for the long-term safety, security, and effectiveness of the nuclear stockpile.”

FUNDING

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100 contributors since Jan. 1, Bacon received donations ranging in small-dollar amounts of \$12 to \$10,500 from individuals only.

David Haubert

Haubert’s most recent 460 form was updated Sept. 29, showing campaign contributions to total \$430,673.99. He has received no loans. His total expenditures were \$362,300.45.

Since Jan. 1, just over 150 contributions came in for Haubert. Those who contributed were individuals, along with companies and unions, including:

Associated Builders and Contractors Northern California (\$10,000); Ponderosa Homes LLC (\$2,500); Friends of Catherine Baker State Assembly (\$1,000); California Apartment Association (\$5,000); Thom Gamble Consult-

ing Services (\$100); Nella Terra Cellars, Inc. (\$1,000); California Real Estate PAC (\$25,000); International Association of Firefighters, Local 55 PAC (\$10,000); Mag Trucking (\$1,000); All City Trucking (\$500); Build Jobs PAC (\$5,000); Champion Recovery Services (\$1,000); RPM Holdings LP (\$2,500); The Quarry Lane School, Inc. (\$2,000); Village Parkway LLC (\$250); Cemex Inc. (\$5,000); H & N Enterprises (\$6,000); Mangiata LLC (\$1,000); Construction & General Laborers Local Union (\$10,000); Mission Valley Rock Co. (\$1,000); Rafanelli & Naha Mgt. Corp (\$3,000); Third Reef Consulting (\$2,500); Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Local 1974 (\$500); Beete Hospitality Group (\$250); Laborers Pacific Southwest Regional Organization Coalition PAC (\$10,000); Wente Land

& Cattle Co. (\$3,750); Ponderosa Homes II, Inc. (\$2,500); Vantec (\$1,000); Signature Homes Inc. (\$2,000); Dutra Enterprises Inc. (\$1,000); Greenville Road Land Co. (\$1,500); Glazer for Senate 2020 (\$2,000); Sheriff Gregory Ahern (\$2,500); Topcon Positioning Systems, Inc. (\$5,000); Bay Media Star Inc. (\$1,000); Berkeley International Education Resources LLC (\$1,000); Elliston Winery Wine Sales LLC (\$2,500); Global Tel Link Corp (\$1,000); Laborers Local 185 PAC (\$1,000); Nate Miley for Supervisor (\$350); Shin Innovatives LLC (\$250); Wellpath (\$1,500); Palomares Cattle Co. Inc. (\$500); Westover Winery Inc. (\$250).

DUBLIN MAYORAL

Arun Goel

Goel has received a total of \$22,926.94 in campaign contributions. A loan re-

ceived for \$2,777.47 and \$20,149.47 in donations make up the balance. He has spent \$14,481.55.

Contributors include nearly 60 individual donors.

Melissa Hernandez

In total, Hernandez has received \$22,340, with \$1,000 coming from a loan. Her expenditures total \$10,606.75.

She has received contributions from nearly 100 individuals.

LIVERMORE MAYORAL

Mony Nop

Nop’s campaign has received a total of \$35,600.96, with \$33,277.96 coming from contributors and \$2,323 donated in non-monetary form. His expenditures total \$22,076.21. 65

He had over 100 contributors, and most of them were individuals. He received \$500 from El Charro Mexican Food and Cantina;

Madal Bal North American Inc. gave \$150; and Lif-tians, Inc. donated \$500.

Bob Woerner

Woerner has pulled a total of \$42,976.17 with zero in loans. He has spent \$21,728.89.

In addition to individuals, he’s received contributions from the following: Wente Land and Cattle Company (\$500); Greenville Road Land Company LLC (\$1,000); Ponderosa Homes II Inc. (\$1,000); Demitri’s Taverna BBC (\$1,000); Republican Urban Properties LLC (\$2,500); Shea Homes and Affiliated Entities (\$1,000); Grade-tech Inc. (\$9,900); Glazer for Senate (\$500); Smart Local 104 (\$2,000); and UA Local 342 (\$1,000).

PLEASANTON MAYORAL

Karla Brown

With \$3,581.34 in nonmonetary donations

and \$23,417.88 in monetary contributions, Brown has received a total of \$26,999.22. Her expenditures total \$17,812.17. More than 100 individuals make up her contributors.

Monith Ilavarasan

Ilavarasan’s campaign has generated \$1,930, including a loan for \$800. He has spent \$905.81. He has received contributions from individuals along with Bay East Brokers Inc. for \$100.

Jerry Pentin

Pentin has pulled in \$38,287.78 for his campaign, including \$1,000 in nonmonetary contributions. He has spent \$22,141.31.

He has predominantly received contributions from individuals, along with Kathy Narum for Mayor 2020 (\$4,266.13) and Glazer for Senate 2020 (\$500).

To view complete forms, visit acvote.org (candidates > campaign finance).

POLICE

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for citizen complaints,” Testa said. “And mayor, when I asked you, I said I was frustrated because we were supposed to be the oversight (committee) and that we hadn’t received a report or anything. And mayor, you said to me there hasn’t been a citizen complaint; and I asked you if you really believed that, and you said, ‘Yes.’”

Thorne stated that he was unaware of the conversation to which Testa referred.

Although Councilmem-

ber Karla Brown voted for the motion, she also expressed her frustration with the oversight process.

“I do support the police chief and having a citizen advisory committee, but I think that most residents that I have talked to are surprised that in eight years, I have never had any kind of oversight projects ever come to this council,” Brown said. “What’s missing is that we haven’t, and we need to implement one. And I believe we need to implement

a policy. I just want to make sure (the) motion involves having a more involved city council. If we are going to be held accountable to the police department, then we actually need to be the oversight for that.”

Councilmember Jerry Pentin pointed out that part of the approved recommendation will provide community policing updates to the city council twice a year.

“And the city council has the opportunity to increase (the frequency of updates)

if they feel they are necessary,” Pentin said. “And we have had updates. There are annual reports, and we had our former chief bring it to our council, so it’s really not true that we haven’t been updated in the past eight years. We have certainly been updated.”

The motion eventually passed with the understanding that the oversight committee will report to council twice yearly or more, as needed.

“The roles (of the com-

mittee) will have to be defined in a setting like this at some point in the future, up to and including what kind of reports are permitted to be given under state law,” said City Manager Nelson Fiahlo following the vote.

In December 2014, President Obama established a task force with the goal of identifying best practices and recommendations for police departments on how policing practices can promote effective crime reduction, while building public trust. In May

2015, the task force released its findings in the final report of The President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

The task force’s report produced recommendations and action items that are organized around six main topic areas or pillars: Building Trust and Legitimacy, Policy and Oversight, Technology and Social Media, Community Policing and Crime Reduction, Training and Education, and Officer Wellness and Safety.

Alameda County Meets New Equity Metric, Phases in Some Indoor Activities

On Sept. 30, the state announced its COVID-19 health equity metric, which requires counties like ours to ensure that the testing positivity rates in their most disadvantaged neighborhoods, defined as the lowest quartile of the U.S. Census Healthy Places Index for California (HPI), are within the same range as the county's overall test positivity rate.

This new metric is in addition to the overall testing positivity rate and case rate requirements within the state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy and will go into effect on Oct. 6. This means that to progress to the next tier, orange, Alameda County must have an adjusted daily case rate between 1 to 3.9 per 100,000, an overall positivity rate

between 2 and 4.9 percent, and our lowest quartile HPI census tracts' testing positivity must be equal to or less than 5.2 percent. The health equity metric will not be used to move counties to a more restrictive tier.

COVID-19 has highlighted long-standing systemic inequities and their impact on the overall health and life expectancy. County officials share the state's commitment to reducing disparities, and have focused on health equity from the outset of our response. That is why Alameda County has already acted to better serve Latinx, Black and African American and Pacific Islander communities, who are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. This includes services like culturally and linguistically

competent case investigation and contact tracing, resources and housing options to support residents so they can safely isolate, and increasing access to testing in communities that are seeing high testing positivity and case rates.

Through the Health Care Services Agency alone, the county is slated to spend more than \$52 million on community-based response efforts, with a focus on zip codes with the highest COVID-19 rates. Based on the data made available by the state, the county is already seeing the results of those actions, and Alameda County is currently meeting the health equity metric - its lowest HPI quartile has a testing positivity rate of 3.8 percent and the overall positivity rate is 2.3 per-

cent. The adjusted daily case rate is 4.1 per 100,000.

Officials know the work is only beginning. By partnering with local organizations in communities that have been hit hardest, they can improve health education and increase access to critical resources to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and close the health equity gaps that preexisted this deadly virus. This is the only way to ensure Alameda County can open safely for everyone and why everyone must continue to take measured steps to opening.

On Sept. 22, Alameda County moved into the red tier of the state's color-coded four-tier Blueprint for a Safer Economy. Local health officers may proceed more cautiously than the state allows, and Alameda County public health officials have used this time to carefully consider the risks associated with activities that may be permitted to open or expand under the red tier.

As COVID-19 still poses substantial risk to Alameda County residents and workers, the following updates to the health officer orders represent a phased approach to opening to avoid dramatic increases in disease transmission and re-closures.

The state allows schools to open for in-person learning for counties in the red. As of Oct. 13, elementary schools (transitional kindergarten through 6th grade) that complete a COVID-19 health and safety reopening plan are permitted to open. The decision and timing of when to open rests with each school and school district, and schools are not required to open if not ready.

Elementary schools are required to post their reopening plans to their school or school district website and submit their plan to the Alameda County Office of Education. Schools planning to open must notify the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency of their decision and provide the website link to their plan.

Officials know it is hardest for younger children to spend all day learning online. Returning elementary students to classrooms balances the potential risk of increased COVID-19 transmission with the impact of distance learning on

both students' mental health and their ability to learn.

Alameda County will consider permitting middle and high school students to return to in-person education in four to twelve-week phases as local disease conditions allow. This phased approach will allow officials to gauge the impact of elementary school reopening on transmission.

The Alameda County Health Care Services Agency will continue to support schools and school districts with guidance for school reopening plans, guidance and technical assistance in evaluating testing strategies, assistance in identifying supplies and qualified labs and vendors, and support during outbreaks.

Alameda County public health officials have determined that some activities with restrictions as allowed by the state in the red tier would add only limited additional risk when appropriate safety measures are followed and may open on Oct. 9. For a complete list of activities that are currently open and not open in Alameda County, visit covid-19.acgov.org/sip.page. Guidance and resources to support safe opening are available at covid-19.acgov.org/covid19/recovery.page.

Research studies continue to show that outdoor activities pose less risk of COVID-19 transmission than indoor activities, and the county encourages all businesses permitted to open indoor operations to continue to provide services outdoors whenever feasible.

Additional risk is in-

herent to some activities, like indoor dining, that the state may allow in the red tier. Having different households together while they eat and drink for extended periods of time in an enclosed space eliminates the protections social distancing and wearing mask provide.

While eating and drinking, unmasked individuals from different households would be near other unmasked people in a less ventilated environment, compared to outdoor dining. Under these conditions, people with mild or no COVID-19 symptoms put the people at their table and other neighboring tables at higher risk of contracting COVID-19.

Indoor dining staff serving tables also have an increased risk because they are being exposed to multiple people daily who aren't wearing masks all the time while they are dining out. The more patrons served, the higher the risk.

Activities that are allowed by the state under the red tier but are not currently permitted locally will be considered for the next update to the health officer orders if local disease conditions remain stable or improve.

To help the County of Alameda move to a less restrictive tier, please wear a mask whenever you leave home, wash your hands regularly, keep at least six feet of physical distance from anyone you don't live with, and limit mixing with people outside your household.



The fall is showing her colors in the changing of the leaves in vineyards all around the state. This time of year, help yourself to autumn favorite wines like a shiraz, merlot or cabernet Franc. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Swalwell, McCaul Introduce Bipartisan Bill

Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA) and Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX) on Wednesday introduced the bipartisan Homicide Victims' Families Rights Act of 2020, to give more rights to the families of homicide victims in federal cases.

Swalwell and McCaul both are former prosecutors. Swalwell, a member of the House Committee on the Judiciary, was an Alameda County deputy district attorney, while McCaul was a federal prosecutor and a Texas deputy attorney general.

"Losing a relative to homicide is an unimaginable nightmare, made even worse when nobody is held accountable," Swalwell said. "With more and more 'cold cases' piling up, we can and must do better for victims' families. Our bill offers another chance to have their loved ones' cases reviewed, and to get some justice and closure. I'm grateful to be working with Rep. Mike McCaul on this important issue."

"As a former federal prosecutor, I have worked alongside law enforcement to help bring the truth to light in cold cases," McCaul said. "For me, it seems unimaginable to have a loved one taken away from you and your family so suddenly. Unfortunately, the Austin community knows this tragic reality all too well. In 1991, four girls were murdered in a local yogurt shop in Austin, and to this day, we do not know who is responsible. It is my hope that this bill will give these Austin families - and others like them - the tools to work with law enforcement to reveal new information and pursue justice on behalf of their loved

one."

The Murder Accountability Project (MAP) used FBI data to calculate that the percentage of homicides for which someone is charged has steadily declined from over 90 percent in 1965 to under 65 percent in 2018. As a result, there are more than 250,000 U.S. homicides since 1980 for which no one has been charged, according to MAP.

Sadly, declining homicide clearance rates for cases with Black victims accounted for this alarming trend, MAP found. Reported clearance rates for whites (including ethnic Hispanics), Asians, and Native Americans actually improved slightly from 1976 through 2017.

The Homicide Victims' Families Rights Act of 2020 would give relatives of victims of homicide under federal law the right to have their loved one's case file reviewed, once the case has gone cold after three years. If the federal investigator feels it would lead to probative leads, a full reinvestigation would then occur. The bill also would require the federal government to notify relatives and similarly situated persons of their rights and provide updates on any cold case review that's undertaken. Finally, it would collect data on the problem of cold cases generally.

"Sometimes, it just takes another set of eyes to discover a fact that was overlooked, or a new test that wasn't available when the case first was investigated, to find the offender," Swalwell said. "I also hope this bill will inspire states and localities to follow suit so that all homicide victims' families can have more

hope of justice, regardless of the level of government that's prosecuting the case."

Swalwell and McCaul drafted the Homicide Victims' Families Rights Act of 2020 with the help of former federal prosecutor Glenn Kirschner and Katharine Manning, a former U.S. Department of Justice senior attorney advisor who specializes in victims' rights and services.

Among organizations and people supporting this bill are Homicide Family Advocates, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Murder Accountability Project, the American Investigative Society of Cold Cases, Parents of Murdered Children, the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, the National Organization for Victim Assistance, and Ryan Backmann, survivor and founder of Project: Cold Case.

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OBITUARIES

Melvin James Lemos Aug. 23, 1941 – Aug. 16, 2020



Melvin “Mel” Lemos, a long-time Livermore resident and businessman, passed away on Aug. 16, 2020.

Mel was born in Castro Valley, on Aug. 23, 1941, and graduated from Castro Valley High in 1960. After high school, he attended Moler Barber College in Oakland, where he graduated in 1962 and then began his career as a barber in Castro Valley.

From 1966 to 1971, Mel also served in the U.S. Army Reserves. After moving to Livermore 56 years ago, he began working at Norm’s Barber Shop and later was a partner in Dutro’s Barber Shop. He eventually opened his own business, Mel’s Barber Shop, which he owned and operated for over 50 years, retiring in February 2020.

Mel was a great outdoorsman. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved hiking, especially in Yosemite, where he hiked the peaks there many times.

Mel was an accomplished

bicyclist who completed the Davis Double 200-mile ride twice and rode thousands of miles with the Tandem Riders bike club. He enjoyed long rides on his motorcycle and was an active member of the Biker Barbers Motorcycle Club.

Mel also enjoyed tending to his garden. He was a great storyteller, and he loved his 49ers - he was a season ticket holder for many years.

Mel traveled to many places around the world with his wife, Joanne, and his sister-in-law Patti and brother-in-law Ron. His travels included Canada, Croatia, Gibraltar, Greece, Italy,

London, Mexico, Rome, Spain, the Caribbean, and the Panama Canal. One of his favorite places to cruise was to Alaska.

Mel is preceded in death by his father, Manuel Joseph Lemos, and his mother, Bertha Frances Lemos. He is survived by his wife and best friend of 32 years, Joanne; brother, Merv Lemos (Jeanine Silva); daughter, Melanie Compton; son, Craig Lemos (Deena); grandchildren, Jessica Compton, Kevin Compton, Madelyn Lemos, and Sawyer Lemos; niece, Marcie McCord (Shawn); great niece, Megan; great nephew, Nicholas; nephew, Danny Lemos; great nephew, Jason; children by marriage, Kimmie Pitcock (Keith), Michele Silva (Steve), and Jeff Kenyon (Isabel); grandchildren, Raymond Edelhuber, Zach Edelhuber, Heather Pitcock, Gillian Silva, Stefanie Silva, and Adie Kenyon; great grandchild, Davianna Pitcock; niece, Lisa Imperiale, and great nephews, Dante and Gabe.

Nancy Correia 1944 – 2020



Nancy was born to Antone and Kathryn Barbara on July 10, 1944, in Oakland - she was a lifetime resident.

She was a mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt. Nancy had two sons, Tony, who gave her Angie Margaret and Monica Nancy; and Billy, who gave her little Tony. Angie Nacho gave her three great granddaughters, Jessica, Bell, and Peanut Monica gave her two great grandsons, Erick and Anthony.

Nancy was employed by Alder’s Shoe Store and was loved by owners and customers. Nancy put love into her boys and worked hard to give them all they needed. Nancy was such a warm and shining light within this family and will be missed by many.

We will have small reminders of her bright and shining love for

each one of us. She was always there to lend a helping hand. Our mother had two nicknames for her “Little Sparrow” and “Honey,” because she was so sweet. Thank you for showing us that love.

Nancy was always ready to share a pot of coffee and a hug with visitors.

Nancy is survived by brother, Bill Barbara (Janis); sister, Amy

Monroe (Ken,) her favorite sis; and brother, Bobby Clark (Teri) .

We want to thank Nacho Angie Correia Vasques for welcoming Nancy into their home. It was a 24/7 job and Angie, Nacho, Jess, Bell, Peanut all did it. The kids provided Nancy with pictures, coffee, school stories, gifts, hugs and so much more. A thank you to Raquel for bringing Nancy homemade food and visiting with her Carrie - she came whenever needed, she brought her mail, and cared for her cats. Stephanie provided Nancy with scripts and talking about old times. Monica, you were so close by and always came to visit.

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

Ross Robert Schiefelbein Sept. 25, 1944 – Sept. 23, 2020

Ross Schiefelbein passed away peacefully with his family at his side, on Sept. 23, 2020, at the age of 75.

Ross was born in Wausau, Wisconsin, the son of the late Myron and Nina Schiefelbein. He was a proud Navy veteran with over 20 years of active duty service to his country. His service took him across the globe, and he served in the Vietnam War. His dedication to duty, the Navy, and his country was unparalleled to all.

He was awarded many awards and citations, including but not limited to Vietnam Service Medal (x2); Vietnam campaign medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Meritorious Unit Commendation; Navy Unit Commendation; Combat Action Ribbon; Navy "E" award; Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; National Defense Service Medal; and Good Conduct Award (x4).

He continued a career with

the federal government as a quality assurance specialist until retirement.

Ross is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Elaine; devoted stepson, Scott Paul (Sheila); and grandchildren, Nicholas Paul, Sunny Paul, Brigitte Morris, Cami Morris and Brett Morris.

He fondly leaves sisters-in-law, Gloria Bianchi and Barbara Battaglia and their children, as well as good friend George Sutton of Nevada.

He was predeceased in death by his parents, Myron and Nina Schiefelbein; son, Tory Schiefelbein; stepson, Kevin Paul; and sister, Susan Rifleman. He leaves behind many friends and cousins in California and Wisconsin.

Ross was an avid enthusiast in many fields. His love to build, work and "tinker" on things produced many great pieces of work throughout his life. He was forever a great carpenter and mechanic and was influential in

passing on these traits to those he loved.

Ross suffered many years from diabetes, heart disease, and kidney failure. He was determined to fight these diseases as long as he could. He was a practical and hard working man, always looking for a new challenge.

Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma, 1500 Mission Road, Colma, California, 94014, in the veteran military area on Monday, Oct. 5, at 12:30 p.m. The family requests donations to the American Diabetes Association, American Heart Disease and the American Kidney Association. Those attending must respect COVID restrictions. Please wear a mask during services and social distancing.

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

Helen Marie Tirsell Feb. 25, 1935 – Sept. 5, 2020



Helen Marie King Tirsell passed away in Oakland on Saturday, Sept. 5, at the age of 85, but she left her mark as a pioneer of women’s rights, fiercely passionate about protecting those less fortunate with her huge, feisty heart.

Born on Feb. 25, 1935, and raised in Greenfield, Iowa, Helen was the daughter of Vineta and Leroy King. Helen’s love of music was immense, and she attended the University of Iowa where she studied music and served as president of her sorority, Alpha Delta Pi.

She was a classical concert pianist, sang in many choruses, and taught music in New York and Michigan after earning her master’s degree in music from Drake University in Iowa. After graduating, Helen caught the eye of Glenn Tirsell, who was earning a Ph.D. in physics from Iowa State.

The two married in 1962 and moved to Livermore in 1965, where Glenn began working as a

physicist at the Lawrence Livermore Labs. Helen and Glenn had two children, Don (1964) and Elaine (1966), and while raising them, she became passionately interested in public policy and public planning.

After serving on the Livermore Planning Commission, Helen ran for city council with the “I’m for Helen” slogan and won. In 1975, she broke through the glass ceiling to become the first female mayor of Livermore and the first female to hold any mayoral position in Alameda County.

An environmental advocate, Helen helped to protect land trusts in the Livermore Hills where more than 50 wineries exist today. She was a huge champion of civil rights and petitioned tirelessly in 1972 for passage of both the Equal Rights Amendment and for Title IX.

As a lifelong sports fan, supporting Title IX was one of Helen’s proudest endeavors, as it provided everyone with equal access to educational programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance, thus paving the way for a new era of women’s sports, from the elementary to the collegiate level.

Helen was also a member of the American Association of University Women of California, the nation’s leading organization advocating equity for women. When her daughter enrolled as an undergraduate at UC Berkeley, Helen went back to school, enrolling in the Goldman School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley and earning her second master’s degree at age 50. Mother and daughter often saw each other on campus.

During this time, Helen and Glenn made the big move from Livermore to Montclair to help with her long commute. After graduating, she became assistant to the graduate school dean,

handling admissions and running the Sloan Summer Institute that prepared top multi-cultural U.S. students for involvement in setting public policy.

The Chicago Cubs ignited Helen’s love of sports when she was young and that passion traveled with her to Cal Berkeley, especially for men’s and women’s basketball and football. On the professional side, she was an A’s fan and huge Warriors fan, rooting for her teams regardless of their record.

However, the contests most precious to her were those involving her children and grandchildren. She loved watching them compete and spent countless hours in the bleachers attending nearly every high school contest.

After Glenn passed away suddenly in 1997, Helen moved to Lake Merritt, where she joined the Bellevue Women’s Club, became active on its board and served as president of the club, and made many close friends while playing many bridge games. Highly educated on subjects ranging from national politics to the Warriors starting line up in any given game, Helen was a sharp and witty conversationalist, especially with her children, grandchildren, and their friends.

One of her greatest desires was that, “... young people will harken to the cause and keep fighting” for their passions.

She is survived by her son, Don Tirsell, his wife, Anne, and their children Gabrielle and Tyler; and her daughter, Elaine Tirsell Barden, her husband, Larry, and their children, Alex and Nikki. She is also survived by her brother, Don King, his wife, Julie, and their children, Dan, David and Tricia; Glenn’s older brother, Jack, his wife, Sue, and their children, Randy and Michael; and Glenn’s younger brother, Dave, and his wife, Lila.

Paula Ann Merrill Tucker



Paula was born in Battle Mountain, Nevada, to Raymond L. and Wilda F. Christianson Merrill.

As a small child, she moved to Ogden, Utah, and was very active in Girl Scouts and the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. She graduated from Ogden High School in 1958 and then Weber State University in Utah. She moved to California in 1969 and retired from Pleasanton Convalescent Hospital after 19 years.

Her gift was her connection with people, as shown by her many memberships in water aerobics, Marriage Encounter, Dublin’s Sister City and Chamber of Commerce, National Odom Assembly (genealogy for more than 27 years) and St. Clare’s Episcopal Church, Altar Guild and others. She touched the lives of everyone she met in a very special way - she never met a stranger.

She loved flowers and plants

and could make any garden grow. She loved spending time with family and friends, as well as traveling and exploring new places in the U.S. (she had been to all but four of the United States) and abroad, including Ireland with the Sister City, Bahamas and multiple cruises.

Beloved mother to Brett D. Tucker of Elk Grove, California; and Natalie Tucker of Dublin, California. Nana to Eric B. (Elizabeth) Tucker of

Reno, Nevada. Sister to Joan Bowman of Roy Utah; and Gail (Michael) Wise of Arvada, Colorado. In-laws with Jeannine Merrill of Tempe, Arizona; LaRue (Brent) Thomas of Bountiful, Utah; LuAnn (David) Sander of Kaysville, Utah; and Sherrie Dame of Ogden, Utah. Many cherished nieces and nephews. Extended family included Denay and Dave Mirabella, Lynn Amaral, Michelle, Paul, Katrina and Landon Culver, Gary, Karen and Kelsey Huff (Erin, Zach, Amanda and kids). She is predeceased by her loving husband, Dale E. Tucker (49 years), parents and brother Kenneth Merrill.

A service will be held online at St. Clare’s Episcopal Church Facebook and YouTube page, on Oct. 18, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, send donations to St. Clare’s Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, California, 94566; Hope Hospice in Dublin; and or charity of your choice.

Robert Dale Burke

Robert D. "Bob" Burke passed away on Sept. 28, 2020, in Roseville California, at the age of 81.

He and his wife of 53 years, Margaret, were former residents of Livermore and San Ramon for 30 years before retiring to Roseville. Margaret was by his side

when he passed.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, he served in the U.S. Air Force. Assigned to the 59th Fighter Interceptor Squadron in Goos Bay, Labrador, he developed a lifelong passion for military aircraft.

He and Margaret met in San Francisco and married in

1967. He was a proud member of the Operating Engineers, Local 3, and continued to keep up with union activities after retiring. His hobbies were all centered around military aircraft.

Bob was interested in everything. His sense of humor never failed him.

Raymond Thomas Devany Feb. 12, 1926 – Oct. 2, 2020



Raymond Thomas Devany, 94, passed away on Friday, Oct. 2, 2020.

He was born on Feb. 12, 1926, in Livermore, to Oliver and May Devany. Ray was a lifelong resident of Livermore, and he attended Fifth Street School and Livermore High School.

Ray served in the military with the Army’s 76th Infantry in Western Europe, leaving to support the war effort during his senior year in high school when he turned 18. Upon his return to civilian life, he was employed by the fire department at Camp Parks and Hansen Oil Company prior to starting with Lawrence Lab in Livermore in 1953.

He retired in 1984, following a 31-year career. He spent the majority of his time at the lab as a rigger, supervising that group for his final eight years. Ray loved his time at the lab and made many life-long friends there.

Growing up in Livermore as a child, Ray was a spirited and industrious young boy. He worked at several different businesses downtown in his youth, including the American Bakery, often delivering donuts and bread to other local merchants prior to attending school. Livermore was a very small town back then, and Ray knew just about everybody. He and his buddies were often mischievous, but it was all in good fun.

Ray married Shirley Nevin on Oct. 17, 1948. Both were natives of Livermore and had known each other for most of their lives. They were married for over 67 years, and Shirley passed in 2016. Together, they had three children.

Ray was an outstanding hus-

band, father, and provider. He was a dedicated, hard-working man, who always had time for his family and children. He was generous, out-going and friendly, with a sparkle in his eye and a joke to share.

Ray was an active member for over 60 years of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 7265. He served as post commander from 1989 to 1990. He bowled for many years on the VFW team, and was involved in the wide variety of services that the post provided. The bi-monthly meetings and poker games were activities that he treasured, providing regular opportunities to connect with dear friends.

As a father, Ray was actively involved in the lives of his children, particularly sports, either coaching or attending games and events. He was a Little League manager for many years, and was loved by the players he coached.

Ray had a wide variety of interests that he pursued with enthusiasm. He loved fishing, golf (two holes-in-one!), bocce ball, the Livermore Rodeo, the horse races at the Pleasanton Fair, and playing cards. He was also known to tell an occasional

joke or two!

Following retirement, Ray and Shirley split time between Livermore and their retirement home in Arnold, California, often hosting family and friends. Ray loved his “Shamrock Shanty” in the mountains and had many great memories of times spent in Arnold.

Ray and Shirley were among the original members of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Livermore. They were involved in a wide variety of church activities and made many friends among the members over the years.

Ray is survived by three children, Jim (Jan) Devany of Fresno; Tom (Kelly) Devany of Nipomo, California; and Mary Devany and Tom Reiter of Arnold, California. His grandchildren are Kristin, Maggie, Laura, Genevieve, Vince, Justin, and Mariah. Ray is survived by 13 great grandchildren.

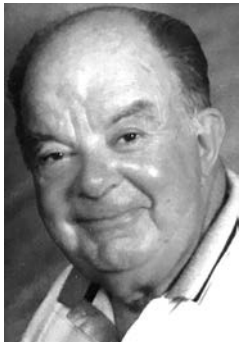
Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Oliver and May Devany; and siblings Oliver, Veronica, Russell, and Dorothy.

A rosary will be held at Callaghan Mortuary on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 6:30. Mass of the Christian Burial will be held at St. Charles Borromeo, at 11 a.m., on Wednesday Oct. 14. Due to Covid restrictions, both services will be for immediate family only.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to VFW Post 7265 in Livermore, or to a charity of the donor’s choice. Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Devany family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

Lionel Avila

Feb. 9, 1934 – Sept. 16, 2020



Lionel was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother and uncle.

He was born in Oakland, California, to Anthony and Emelinda Avila, who emigrated to the U.S. from Portugal. Lionel grew up in Oakland and attended Frick Grammar School and Fremont High School, graduating in 1952.

During Lionel’s senior year of high school, he attended tryouts for the Oakland Oaks baseball (NY Yankee affiliate) as a short stop. The Oakland Oaks were all set to sign him until they discovered he was still in high school and asked him to come back once he graduated. When he graduated from high school, there was a draft, so he enlisted with the U.S. Coast Guard, where he served for five years.

During his enlistment, he served in Alaska, Japan, China, Hawaii and California. His last year of service, Lionel was stationed at the light house in San Francisco’s Golden Gate.

After his service with the U.S. Coast Guard, Lionel attended Laney College in Oakland and received his AA Degree. The Lawrence Livermore Lab recruited him in 1959, where he worked for 41 years.

Lionel married Bonnie in 1960 and purchased their first

house in Livermore, where they settled and raised a family. They just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in August. They have four children, Steven, Brian, Carla and Kevin, 10 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Lionel loved baseball and played for the Foresters Team.

He also coached Little League for eight years and at Livermore High School for three years. He was an associate scout for the Cleveland Indians for five years, Los Angeles Angels for two years, Seattle Mariners for two years, Kansas City Royals for three years and then retired. Lionel enjoyed duck hunting and fishing.

Lionel was a hardworking and humble man, with the utmost integrity, who loved his family and was a friend to all. Lionel will be greatly missed. Our family takes comfort in knowing that the life he lived here on earth and his love and dedication to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, that he had a fast pass to Heaven.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” John 3:16

Lionel was a member of St. Michael’s Church for 60 years and after retirement, Lionel would attend daily mass at 7 a.m.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, Oct. 23, at St. Michael’s Cemetery, 3885 East Ave.,

Livermore, California, 94550, at 10 a.m. with commitment to follow.

Rollo Don Breithaupt

Rollo Don Breithaupt passed away on Sept. 23, 2020.

Don worked at Lawrence Livermore Lab for 35 years. He had a photography studio and for years was very active in the art department of the Alameda County Fair.

Don’s greatest joys were spending time with his family and running into old clients. His rescue dogs through the years



also brought him great happiness.

Don was preceded in death by his daughter, Kristin. Don will be forever missed by his wife of 56 years, Karen. His daughter Tammy and her husband John; grandson, Jagger and his wife Christie; along with great grandson Colmen are deeply saddened with his passing. His sister Sharry will also miss him dearly.

Rest in peace.

BIONDI

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a missing person's flier on social media in the hope he could be found safe.

Ferguson said Biondi was alone in the SUV. An autopsy will be performed by the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office in Reno.

Results of toxicology tests could take six to eight weeks, Ferguson said.

Biondi was a husband and father of three children, according to his bi-

ography on the Livermore district's website. In his 23-year career as an educator, he worked as a teacher, university instructor, department chair, assistant principal, principal and district administrator. He was employed by the Livermore district for more than three years, overseeing the educational services department.

In an email to staff that was shared with the Inde-

pendent, LVJUSD Superintendent Kelly Bowers called Biondi's death "unbelievably heartbreaking and devastating news." Bowers described Biondi as a beloved friend and colleague.

"He will always be with us in our hearts," Bowers said. "And he has left an indelible imprint on our lives and the lives of so many students. We take comfort in cherished memories of his time and work with us."



A tribute appeared this week in front of the Livermore school district to honor the life of the recently departed Assistant Superintendent Michael Biondi. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

CENTURY

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to the park was a driving force behind bringing awareness to her neighbors and starting conversations with local officials.

"They're planning to pave a portion of the park, add vehicular access through the park on a residential street and fragment the playing area, creating orphaned sections of grass that can't be used by children," Hazell said in the weeks before the city decided to host the workshop for further review.

She went on to note the park's position, abutting Tanager Drive and located near various homes and apartment complexes, offers a vital greenspace for nearby families and sports teams.

"This piece of land, even though it might look little from a bird's eye perspective, is not little to the people who rely on it," she said.

The discussion around parking goes hand in hand with the city's attempt to rebuild its revenue stream

house," she said. "I said to the council, 'Look, you're in charge of an historic city — this isn't any old town. There's a lot that needs to be protected, and if we start scraping away our history, it removes so much of what is so important to us as a town and a city; and I think they got that.'"

Garbarino noted that the city's social conscience in regard to the protection of historic property has improved over the years. She plans to explore grant options in order to help offset the city's loss in revenue. That process will include getting the home designated as a historic resource and added to the California Historic Register in order to secure private and government funds. She also mentioned that the city could consider selling the home completely to a private family with covenants in place to ensure its architectural integrity.

On the matter of park-

historic grounds."

Fialho said the Century House is a treasure the city aims to restore and renovate for public use.

"Our master planning process for the property is being led by the Parks and Recreation, and their primary focus has been the review of various alternatives to enable better use and access to the facility by the public, both for informal and formal gatherings," he said. "With those objectives in mind, certain facility enhancements need to be planned, such as new ADA accommodations, building safety and fire code enhancements, and the need to address expanded parking to accommodate medium to small gatherings in the future. The city wants to make sure that we get this right and that the planning process is reflective of the city's collective interests, including addressing any neighborhood concerns."



In response to residents' concerns over possible plans to turn a portion of Pleasanton's Bicentennial Park into extra event parking, the city and Parks and Recreation Commission will meet in early 2021 to reconsider plans and listen to public input. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

for the 1870s-era home. Linda Garbarino, Pleasanton Heritage Association (PHA) president, stated that over the last 10 years, the property had begun to fall into disrepair, limiting the city's ability to host events, which in turn, had a direct impact on funding.

"The porch landing, which wraps the facility, was not secure enough for large groups of people and slowly eliminated the city's ability to use the full facility and eliminated income," Garbarino said.

Through her involvement with PHA and her ownership of an historic house, Garbarino said she understands the needs of an old home.

"It takes a lot of work to keep up an historic home; any pause in maintenance can be detrimental to the

ing, Garbarino understood the residents' concerns. She suggested that zoning could be changed along Santa Rita Road to accommodate more cars, while Hazell offered the concept of shared parking with businesses across the street.

"It doesn't make sense for a neighborhood to be changed 365 days a year when you only need that much parking a few times a month," Hazell said, noting she and the residents support the efforts to restore the house. "A part of restoring that property and preserving it is its context, and the historic grounds are part of what make this a beautiful place and a compelling venue. If you eliminate trees and greenspace, you're actually diminishing the use value of the property and destroying

Fialho went on to say the completion of the master planning process will be followed by design and engineering, capital project funding, and construction/renovation. Construction and renovation are still about two to three years out, at a minimum.

"The thing that the community was most hoping for was that we could encourage Parks and Rec and the city council to consider a broader range of alternatives on the parking in the park," Hazell said. "(Fialho) has a good perspective of things in the city. He heard neighbors' concerns and raised the decision to pause the Parks and Rec Commission's master planning and decision process in order to allow for community input and exploration of alternatives."

OBITUARIES

Carol Marie Carroll
July 22, 1940 – Sept. 16, 2020



Carol Marie Carroll passed away peacefully at home, on Sept. 16.

She was predeceased by her parents, Eugene and Elizabeth Johnson. She is survived by her husband, Paul Carroll; her daughter, Elizabeth Forde (Kevin); her sons, David Carroll and Michael Carroll; and her grandchildren, Katelyn Carroll, Thomas Carroll, Conor Forde and Caroline Forde.

Carol attended high school in Laurel, Maryland, and then graduated from St. Joseph College, in Emmitsburg, Maryland, with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. Carol accepted a commission as an ensign in the U. S. Navy Nurse Corps and embarked on a military career with assignments to Naval Hospital San Diego, California, and later to Naval Hospital Corpus Christi, Texas. At both those duty stations, Carol was heavily engaged in the care of seriously wounded sailors and Marines returning from Vietnam. Between those assignments, she served at the Medical Clinic, Naval Base Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

At Pearl Harbor, she met her future husband Paul, who was stationed aboard a ship home ported there. Months later, Paul left active duty and returned to Kansas for law school. They remained in contact and were married at Lawrence, Kansas, on Aug. 26, 1967, thus beginning a romance lasting over 53 years.

After Paul's completion of studies and successful bar examination, they moved to San Diego, where Carol became the charge nurse in a large pediatric clinic and Paul completed a federal court clerkship before reentering

the Navy as a judge advocate. This began a life that took them and their growing family to many ports of call, including Charleston, Washington, southern Spain, Newport, Washington, and finally to Corpus Christi, Texas.

While living in Texas, Carol entered a two-year masters of nursing program at Corpus Christi State University, which resulted in a degree and national credentialing as an adult nurse practitioner. She then created and taught a course for nurse aides which resulted in her employment by a Texas agency to test the skills of nurse aides in nursing homes throughout South Texas.

After several years, she accepted an appointment to the position of nurse manager at the large U.S. Veterans Affairs Clinic in Corpus Christi. Carol dearly loved having the opportunity to again provide medical care for veterans as she was doing in the beginning of her professional career.

Carol always found time for her family. She was there to cheer them from the sidelines, listen and support them in their decisions, and always motivated

them to do their best in life.

Carol's adventurous spirit was passed to her children in many family adventures over the years. She was proud of the fact that she helped nurture the careers of two engineers and a caring teacher. She would say that some of the best times are those spent as a family, and she enjoyed those moments the most.

After retiring, Carol and Paul found time for travel, including three transatlantic cruises. She had a passion for growing orchids, which not only showed her love of nature, but her leadership skills, since she served as president and other offices for the South Texas Chapter of the American Orchid Society. They both certified in the Texas A&M Master Gardner's program and provided support to the botanical gardens and the "learning to grow" program at elementary schools.

Failing health convinced Carol and Paul that it was time to relocate closer to family, which brought them to Livermore, California, three years ago.

The family wants to express their thanks for the loving care from Hope Hospice (especially Nancy and Maridith). This agency's rapid response to the family's plea to transfer Carol home from the hospital ICU was incredible. They are also grateful to Father Kwame for helping Carol begin her spiritual journey just before the last hospital admission.

With present restrictions, the family is planning a small vigil and funeral mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church and a burial service with military honors at St. Michael's Cemetery on Oct. 2.

Shirley I. Garcia



Our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother passed away peacefully at home on Sept. 21, at age 93.

She was the younger of three sisters born in Minnesota to George and Teresa Bailey. Her youth was spent in the Minnesota cities of Hibbing and Duluth, and the family later moved to Berkeley.

She was happily married for 60 years to Albert M. Garcia, until he passed in 2009. They lived a short time in San Lorenzo,

California before settling in Livermore in 1956, where they made many friends and were active in St. Michael's Parish and other organizations.

Shirley is survived by her sister, Betty; her four children, Kathleen, Teresa, Steven, and Mickey; six grandchildren, JT, Mia, Dillon, Matthew, Gina, and Lisa; and three great-grandchildren, Liam, Briggs and Parks. Due to Covid restrictions, the family will hold a private service.

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CLIMATE

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Transportation dominates 60 percent of Dublin's GHG pollution. The city has instituted or will adopt ways to shrink that figure. A master plan for bike and pedestrian pathways is already in effect. City government has also encouraged the additional use of electric vehicles by installing charging stations at Shannon Center, Fallon Sports Park, Dublin Library and the Dublin Public Safety Complex.

In addition, the city will soon implement bans on parking cars in front of newly designed buildings.

SENATE

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residents.

Mobley, an engineer who formerly worked for Procter & Gamble in Ohio and Clox in the East Bay before she married and became a full-time mother, said she decided to challenge Glazer to offer voters an alternative voice in the state's heavily Democratic legislature. Her experience serving on the Contra Costa grand jury, she said, helped her to see the problems the region faces.

"I grew up in the Bay Area in the South Bay and have been living in the East Bay for 20 years," Mobley said. "I am concerned about California. I think California needs more balance in Sacramento."

The 52-year-old Danville resident said she knows her chances of beating Glazer aren't good. The district — which represents Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore and Sunol in Alameda County, along with 20 cities in Contra Costa County — is heavily Democratic with just 23% Republican registration. In 2016, Glazer received about 67% of the vote to defeat his Republican challenger, Joseph Rubay, who is now running against Democratic Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan in the 16th District, which represents much of the same area.

The most recent state campaign finance reports showed Glazer with more than \$2 million in his account. Mobley's balance sits at just \$4,380.

Mobley said she believes she has a message that can "resonate with more than just Republican voters."

Asked where she placed herself as a Republican — such as whether she was a Trump Republican — Mobley declined to label herself as following any particular party leader, and suggested voters separate the presidential race from local races.

"I'm really running as myself right now," she said. "I would say I'm a fiscal conservative. I'm much more moderate on social issues. I think the solutions to our problems lie somewhere in the middle. I think we can see both sides of the issue. I think that's been lacking because of one-party control."

Mobley listed the state's COVID-19 response, the state's infrastructure, fire suppression and reforming policing as some of her top concerns. On the pandemic, Mobley said the state's restrictions "have been very inconsistent," with rules allowing residents to congregate in a crowded supermarket or Costco, but not with a few people in a hair or nail salon.

She supports wearing masks and said she agreed with the Bay Area county's decisions for early shutdowns when "we didn't know what we were dealing with." Now, she said, because there is more testing, more protective gear, and doctors know better how to treat the illness, communities "should aggressively be trying to reopen with safety precautions."

She stated that parents should have the option to decide whether to send their children to school, because every campus is different.

"Why can't we be creative?" she said, adding that schools could schedule students with morning and afternoon sessions.

Glazer has been an outspoken lawmaker on the state's COVID-19 response, sometimes disagreeing with

Instead, the property in front of the building will be used for bicycle parking, which is designed to send the visual message of minimizing car commuting.

Cleaner Power Sources

While transportation is a major part of the pollution picture, lifestyle features in Dublin contribute to GHG, too. Electricity for industrial and commercial sources add up to 11 percent of Dublin's GHG. Another 11 percent comes from residential gas use. Commercial and industrial gas comprise 7 percent of the problem.

the decisions of his own party's governor to prevent the virus's spread.

Early on, Glazer held 20 telephone town halls with experts to educate the public about the virus, as well as navigate life in lockdown, including precautions taken at supermarkets.

Glazer noted that, for the most part, Gov. Gavin Newsom has done a good job. But Glazer published several opinion articles with suggestions for steps the state should take to reopen.

"I had a different view in some cases," Glazer said. "It was meant to be constructive. We are all in this together. We are not fighting like all the parties in Washington."

In August, Glazer wrote in the San Francisco Chronicle that it was clear the state could not successfully reopen "until we crush this virus" and advocated a four-week shutdown. He criticized Newsom's reopening policies, saying they "have left us with neither a healthy public nor a healthy economy." He said the state was stuck in an "endless netherworld, where it is not safe to open further, but it seems, to some, difficult to justify closing down again."

He suggested following the lead of other countries with strict lockdowns and advocated extending unemployment benefits and increasing assistance to small businesses to get residents through it.

"We need to return to a strictly enforced shelter-in-place policy until the number of cases is so low that each new one can be identified and the people who test positive can be isolated to prevent them from spreading it further," Glazer wrote.

Glazer also advocates random testing — or "community surveillance" — where authorities collect specific data from groups of people, such as from nail care and hair providers, and riders on public transportation, to track how the virus spreads. He added that the COVID battle should be fought regionally, not by county.

Glazer said summer shutdowns could have improved the number of current infections and paved the way for children to go back to school.

"Where we are today is much more encouraging," he added, further noting the public must continue exercising proper personal behavior.

On other issues, Mobley said she wants to improve the state's infrastructure, including its power grid, saying "it's crazy" that rolling blackouts occur in the tech capital of the state.

Mobley also said California needs to focus on climate change. As a grand jury member, she helped prepare a report on wildfire preparedness in Contra Costa County, suggesting investing in technology, such as satellites, drones and cameras, to better predict fires' spread and to create evacuation plans. She said forests need to be thinned to create fuel breaks between towns and Cal Fire needs more resources.

Glazer added that he plans to continue to work on educational issues and to protect open spaces, including the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area, for conservation. A bill he co-authored in 2019, was vetoed by the governor.

One step toward addressing excess gas and electricity consumption came several years ago, when Dublin joined East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) to offer its residents options for lower carbon and no-carbon power sources in comparison to some of PG&E's offerings. The city itself signed up for totally carbon-free power for its municipal operations to set an example

for residents. Using the carbon-free electricity also helps reduce gas emissions, as some power comes from plants that burn gas to generate the electricity.

Staff indicated in the CAP report that Dublin already met its target for 2020 pollution reduction, though that won't be official until 2021, when the measured data has been processed.

Dublin emissions in

1990 were recorded at about 275,000 metric tons of pollution. Pollution rose to about 328,000 metric tons in 2010 and dropped to a little below 320,000 metric tons in 2015. Despite a population growth from 28,000 in 1990 to about 64,000 in 2020, this year's figure for metric tons of pollution has now reached the same level that was measured 30 years ago. The dramatic drop to the

275,000 metric tons this year is largely attributed to the policies about transportation and clean power. The figures are cumulative, over five years.

Meeting the 2020 CAP goals set for 2030 is expected to be tougher. The CAP further outlines a struggle to attain the carbon-neutral goal by 2045; new technology will have to be invented to clean up pollution sources.

ALS Research at Scale and Leveraging National Capabilities Virtual Innovation Lab Series

This multi-day strategic meeting (with limited attendees) will engage the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) research and clinical communities across academia, industry, government, philanthropy, and advocacy groups to explore collaborative opportunities to advance shared research goals.

Anticipated outcomes include bringing together the ALS research and clinical communities in a virtual format to identify areas to explore interdisciplinary, multi-institutional collaborative opportunities at scale; increasing awareness of broader DOE capabilities as they could be applied to the ALS field; developing an initial "ALS Roadmap for a Cure" with milestones and technology advancements identified; and developing meeting position papers to engage public and private stakeholders and potential sponsors.

The series will launch with a pre-event week starting Oct. 5, and on Wednesday, Oct. 7, organizers are planning a one-hour meeting for introductions to the meeting organizers, guidance for accessing the meeting portal for background readings and pre-recorded presentations, as well as, interactive networking opportunities.

The virtual innovation lab series is by invitation only. Organizers value and highly encourage your participation in this conversation.

To register, visit <https://bit.ly/2Ss2fOp>. For more information, contact Dr. Amy Gryshuk at gryshuk2@llnl.gov.

TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Now to Saturday, Oct. 24 Dublin Pride Activities

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

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

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Wednesday, Oct. 14 Microsoft Excel Basics

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

Wednesday, Oct. 14 "An Introduction to Hospice and Answers to Common Questions"

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

Wednesday, Oct. 21 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>.

Wednesday, Oct. 21 "Dementia with Hope Hospice States" GEM Hospice

From 10 to 11:30 a.m., Hope Hospice presents a webinar about the GEMS® cognitive model, which uses a metaphor of precious stones to categorize challenges

a person living with dementia may face from day to day. The focus is then placed on modifying environments, interactions, and expectations to create positive engagement between the patient and care partners. To register, visit hopehospice.com/townhall.

Monday, Oct. 26 Chamber Golf Tournament

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

Wednesday, Oct. 28 Microsoft Excel Tune-Up

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

Thursday, Oct. 29 "Eating for Wellness" with Hope Hospice

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

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.

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.

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#.

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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.

Livermore Shakespeare Festival Launches Video Series

Explore Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Video Series for second to fourth grade, courtesy of Livermore Shakespeare Festival. New lessons are added weekly. For more information or to view, visit livermoreshakes.org/educates.

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.

Sandra J Wing Healing Therapies Foundation Hosts Virtual Meditation

During these unprecedented times, SJWHTF continues to look to therapies for hope and healing. Ira Stein offers a 30-minute meditation, entitled 'Concentric Circles.' For more information or to view, visit www.healingtherapies-foundation.org/concentric-circles.

Dublin Public Art Passport Challenge

The City of Dublin has dozens of public art pieces on display throughout the city. The collection of high-quality artworks - both permanent and temporary - reflects the diversity and creativity of the community, and the city has created a Public Art Passport Challenge to encourage residents to discover the masterpieces right in their own backyard. The challenge runs through Sept. 30. Following the collection of all 1,000 points, participants must email parksandcommunityservices@dublin.ca.gov for instructions on how to collect their prize of a tote bag featuring a collage of some of Dublin's public art. For more information on how to sign up, visit <https://rb.gy/xvn259>

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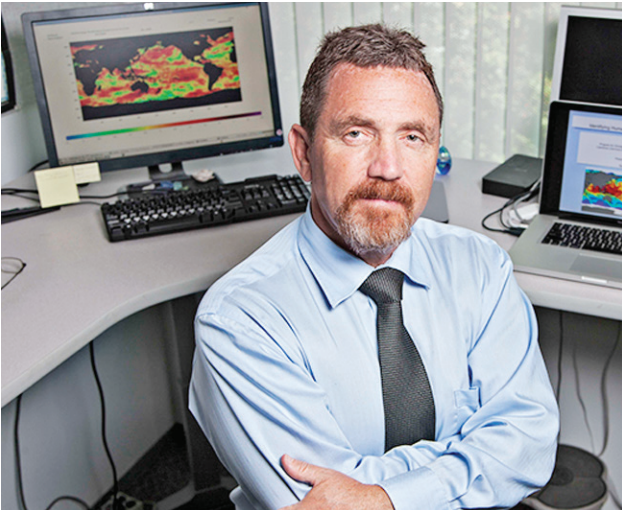
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Pioneer of Climate Science Wins Award

Ben Santer, the eminent Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory climate scientist, has won the Bert Bolin Award of the American Geophysical Union for “groundbreaking research ... in global environmental change.”

Santer pioneered methods of identifying the fingerprints of human contributions to climate change and distinguishing them from natural contributions. The award is named for the Swedish meteorologist who chaired the first Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.



Climate Scientist Ben Santer

Horse Rescue Organization Creates Mural for Artwalk

During the recent Summer Arts Camps at the Bothwell Arts Center, students of artist and art instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst, worked together to create a mural for the horse rescue organization Big Bay Ray.

A 30-hour project, students worked tirelessly on the portable canvas, which is over 12 feet tall. It will be displayed at various places, including Artwalk Lite on Oct. 10, as a banner for Big Bay Ray’s philanthropic

mission.

“We want to say a special ‘thank you’ to everyone at Bothwell Arts Center who painted a beautiful mural for our organization,” said Gretchen Kyle of Big Bay Ray. “As a nonprofit organization, we thrive because of our volunteers. Art instructor Thomasin and her young students worked many hours on the artwork. These young artists are bettering their skills and at the same time supporting their

communities.

“Big Bay Ray supports horse rescues in memory of Ray Ray (Big Bay Ray’s first rescue horse). We couldn’t have done it without your hard work and dedication. Please know that your work is helping to save horses! We invite you to come to the Artwalk in Livermore in October 2020 and see this lovely artwork. Come and meet Big Bay Ray and a few of the artists that made it.”

Forum for the Environment

Tri-Valley Citizens’ Climate Education invites the public to a candidates’ forum, on Tuesday, Oct. 13, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., to learn about and submit questions to some of the candidates running for local offices in the upcoming election.

The candidates will share a brief overview of their plans for advancing protection of the environment and climate crisis solutions that can be implemented on the local level. Participants will be able to submit questions to the candidates via the chat. The candidates and the office they are running for will include Nancy Allen, Pleasanton City Council; Kashif Qaadri, Dublin City Council; Samir Qureshi, Dublin City Council; Luz Gomez, San Ramon City Council; Britni Kiick, Livermore City Council; Mony Nop, Livermore mayor; Bob Woerner, Livermore mayor; Kandiss Hewing, Livermore J.U. School District Board; Kristie Wang, Livermore J.U. School District Board; Stacey Swanson, Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.

The meeting can be accessed at http://bit.ly/Indy_ClimateZoom, passcode 123. The phone call-in number is 408-638-0968, and the meeting ID number is 2520462079.

To submit questions in advance, please send them to moderator Ann Brown at aewbrown@gmail.com.

ZONING

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the currently planned unit development zoning, which an earlier council approved in 2005.

That zoning provides a total capacity of 5,100 employees on 2.4 million square feet of buildings and 393 residential units.

The new hybrid zoning, if approved, would bring a range of 4,000 to 6,500 employees in a range of 2.2 million to 3.5 million square feet of hybrid mixed commercial and industrial zoning.

Green space planned for the hills on the property’s north side would remain the same.

The property is located near the I-580 freeway entrance/exit, which would enable employees to travel quickly to their jobs.

Dublin Boulevard will be hooked up to Livermore’s North Canyons Parkway. In the planning stage, a connection of the two roads has been worked on for years. The design and construction are expected to be completed over the next two years.

Joining the two roads will provide a shortcut between Livermore and Dublin, said Livermore Acting City Engineer Bob Vinn.

People from Livermore and Dublin shop in each

other’s towns, so they want that shortcut, Vinn added.

The road also will help send the Rapid bus to East Dublin BART without having to drive on the freeway, as it does now.

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Due to COVID-19, Dublin Police Services will be hosting a virtual National Night Out event this year.

In an effort to still connect with the community, the event will be held via Zoom Video Communications on Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 5 to 6 p.m. The meeting will feature information about crime statistics, crime trends, and upcoming holiday safety tips, as well as a question-and-answer session.

To submit a question for Dublin Police, email Sgt. Chris Shepard at cshepard@acgov.org. To participate, visit: <https://bit.ly/3is8NHn>. The meeting ID number is 876 1808 0093, and the passcode is 1mvr07k4.

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925-292-2663
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Fertilegroundworks.org

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Livermoreamadorsymphony.org/guild

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925-373-5730
Larpd.org/larpd-foundation

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P.O. Box 216
Livermore, CA 94551
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Livermoreartassociation.org

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Livermore, CA 94551
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Lhg.org

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HomelessRefugeLivermore.com

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925-453-9382
Livermorelabfoundation.org

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Livermore, CA 94551
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Livermore Valley Education Foundation

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Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center

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Livermore, CA 94550
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OpenHeartKitchen.org

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Livermore, CA 94550
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Therapeutic Riding Program
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Livermore, CA 94551-2181
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Pleasanton, CA 94588
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HealingTherapiesFoundation.org

Senior Support Program of The Tri-Valley

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(925) 443-2273
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Pleasanton, CA 94588
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