

Union Reps Confirm New Gillig Layoffs

By Tony Kukulich

Gillig, a leading manufacturer of heavy-duty transit buses headquartered in Livermore, has laid off an unspecified number of workers. However, some sources have provided numbers.

According to Rome Aloise, secretary-treasurer of Local 853, which represents about 600 Gillig union workers, "They actually have currently 65 layoffs, which have been in place since they returned to work, which was the first part of last month. That's including about 30 voluntary layoffs of senior people that took a layoff rather than have a junior person laid off."

The number identified by Aloise does not include possible layoffs of office workers or paint shop workers, neither of whom are represented by Local 853.

Multiple requests for comment from Gillig management regarding the company's layoffs were

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Chabot-Las Positas College Board Approves Reduced Budget

By Deborah Finestone

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District board of trustees approved a tentative budget that will be revised in coming months, after getting some relief from deeper funding cuts in the latest state budget.

State tax collections in July this year, as well as possible revisions in federal funding, will also impact the district's final budget.

The board unanimously approved an unrestricted general fund budget of \$126.4 million, well above the \$115.3 million in revenue from state and federal sources under Gov. Gavin Newsom's May budget revision. However, state lawmakers and Newsom agreed on a revised budget last week that avoided many of Newsom's cuts to education. It uses a combination of delayed spending and cuts to colleges, courts and state worker salaries, temporary tax increases, and taps the state's "rainy day fund."

The board is required to adopt a tentative budget by July 1 every year. Depending on potential changes from state budget revisions and a federal stimulus package, approval of a final district budget could drift as late as October.

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In Livermore

Planning Commission Recommends Approval of Springtown Development

By David Chircop

A proposed Springtown residential development is expected to return to the Livermore City Council for consideration later this summer.

The Lassen Road Town-



At Emerald Glen Park in Dublin, people try to enjoy a summer evening by playing volleyball, soccer, walking, skateboarding and biking. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Livermore Schools Benefit from New Budget

By Deborah Finestone

Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's board of education approved a \$147.3 million budget last week that's more of a placeholder, as schools around the state already expect some relief from anticipated funding cuts in the state budget.

The board unanimously approved a general fund budget based on information from Gov. Gavin Newsom's May budget revision. Subsequently, state lawmakers and Newsom agreed on a revised budget last week that avoided many of Newsom's cuts to education. It uses a combination of delayed spending and cuts to colleges, courts and state worker salaries, temporary tax increases, and taps the state's "rainy day fund."

After the state budget is adopted and signed July 1, the district has 45 days to revise its own budget using

current information from the state and updated staffing and enrollment projections.

The board approved a budget that assumes class sizes and staffing remain the same ratios as in the 2019-2020 school year, said Susan Kinder, assistant superintendent of business services.

It cut \$3.2 million by eliminating some positions through retirement and attrition, reassigning some district teachers on special assignment and reducing district department budgets by 10%. It also cut back transportation services as well as professional development conferences and outside agency-provided professional development.

The approved budget included \$5.5 million in tentative compensation concessions, which employee managers and bargaining units had indicated willingness to give to reduce or

avoid layoffs.

"Those concessions are no longer necessary based on the actual state budget being adopted," Kinder said.

The budget's estimated ending balance would decline to \$4.6 million from \$7.9 million, mostly as a reserve for economic uncertainty.

Of course, a big unknown is the economic toll of the pandemic and shelter-in-place orders on state revenue. The state may revise it in August after tax receipts come in since tax payments aren't due until July this year.

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The school board's next official meeting is in August and the school year begins on Aug. 25.

However, the board will host an information night on

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Swalwell Discusses Possible Election Turmoil

By Jeff Garberson

Donald Trump must be defeated by a big margin in the upcoming presidential election, which is the most important in the nation's history, according to Eric Swalwell — the Democratic congressman who represents portions of Alameda County including Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin.

Only by voting the president out decisively will the U.S. avoid the "chaos" that is likely to ensue if he is narrowly defeated, Swalwell warned.

If that happens — "if Biden wins, but it's close" — Swalwell fears that the president will file "frivolous lawsuits" that will lead to civil turmoil that foreign governments will "amplify on social media."

Swalwell made these claims in an online interview streamed last week by the Commonwealth Club, the

San Francisco public forum. Interviewer was Raj Mathai, news anchor of KNTV, the Bay Area NBC affiliate.

Swalwell's recently published book, "Endgame: Inside the Impeachment of Donald J. Trump," served as a foundation for the discussion.

Swalwell possessed an insider's view of the impeachment process. He serves on the House Judiciary Committee, which developed articles of impeachment that led to the president's trial in the Senate. (Trump was acquitted by the Senate of all charges in February.)

Beyond impeachment, the Commonwealth Club interview ranged widely over topics like longstanding issues of gun control and the availability of health care, as well as more recent ones like the Black Lives Matter movement and response to

the pandemic.

Sporting a new beard, the four-term congressman spoke from his home in Washington, D.C. The interview was recorded and starts at the 18.30 mark at https://bit.ly/Indy_Swalwellinterview.

In his opinion as an attorney and a former prosecutor, Swalwell believes that the danger of post-election turmoil is particularly high because Attorney

General William Barr has been acting "as Trump's personal lawyer, when he needs to be America's lawyer."

Barr has acted to carry out Trump's political bidding in seeking reduced jail sentences for political allies, like Roger Stone and Michael Flynn, and harsher ones for critics, like Michael Cohen, Swalwell charged.

Barr has also repeated Trump's criticism of mail-in

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Board Split Brings Marken Resignation

Dublin District Offers Position to New Superintendent

By Ron McNicoll

The Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) this week in closed session offered Daniel Moirao the role of superintendent, replacing Dave Marken, who recently resigned from the position. Next Tuesday, the board is expected to ratify the choice of Moirao, a former Dublin Unified School District administrator.

During the June 30 meeting, board members also voted 3-2 to accept Marken's resignation, which he announced on June 23. Board President Dan Cherrier and Trustees Catherine Kuo and Gabi Blackman voted "yes." Current Board Vice President Megan Rouse and Trustee Amy Miller voted "no." Marken will be available on a short-term basis to help with the transition,

said Rouse.

The split votes were indicative of a board divided. And with the recent resignation of its superintendent and concerns of teacher opposition, many claimed the issues stemmed from this very problem.

While Marken's recent resignation letter published last week left much open to interpretation, Cherrier noted that he believed Marken left the district under the impression that the board majority didn't want him to do his job as he saw fit. Cherrier further emphasized it was his own hunch, and not information that Marken shared with him.

Marken did not return a reporter's calls several days before press deadline.

Going back a few months

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Pleasanton Considers Public Safety Alternative Options

By Aly Brown

With input from the public and its own city leadership, Pleasanton's recent conversation highlighted the potential of redirecting funds from its police department to other community assets.

The focus on police reform comes naturally on the heels of George Floyd's death and the subsequent Black Lives Matter protests, but it extends to a look at the overall use of force and training of officers when handling other vulnerable populations — such as those suffering from mental health crises. The most recent city council meeting held June 16 saw various speakers step forward to voice their concerns about police brutality, not only on a national level, but also right within the city's jurisdiction. Since 2015, the Pleasanton Police Department (PPD) has seen at least three deaths — John Deming, 2015; Shannon Estil, 2017; and Jacob Bauer, 2018 — after interaction with officers.

One of those voices of concern was Jacob's father, John Bauer. He stated that, before his son's death, he and his wife had reached out four times to the PPD to report their son had been suffering from mental health issues and battling substance abuse. The intent was "to alert them of Jacob's condition and ask for their assistance and compassion should Jacob encounter the Pleasanton Police Department." He further noted the day Jacob died on Aug. 1, 2018, was two days after a recent call to the PPD.

"The police department encountered Jacob walking on the sidewalk behind Jim's Restaurant; they failed to de-escalate the situation and used excessive force on Jacob," he said. "Jacob died of asphyxiation on the grass behind Jim's Restaurant. Jacob was tortured and killed by the Pleasanton Police. The Pleasanton Police must change their training tactics and put 'protect and serve' first and foremost in all of

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Newsom Appoints Alameda County Epidemiology Officer

Dr. Erica Pan — one of the key figures in the Bay Area's response to the coronavirus pandemic — is leaving her post as Alameda County's interim health officer and joining the California Department of Public Health in a new leadership position.

Pan, 49, of Oakland was appointed by Gov. Gavin Newsom on June 29 as the California State Epidemiologist and Deputy Director for the Center for Infectious Diseases at the California Department of Public Health.

Alameda County's health

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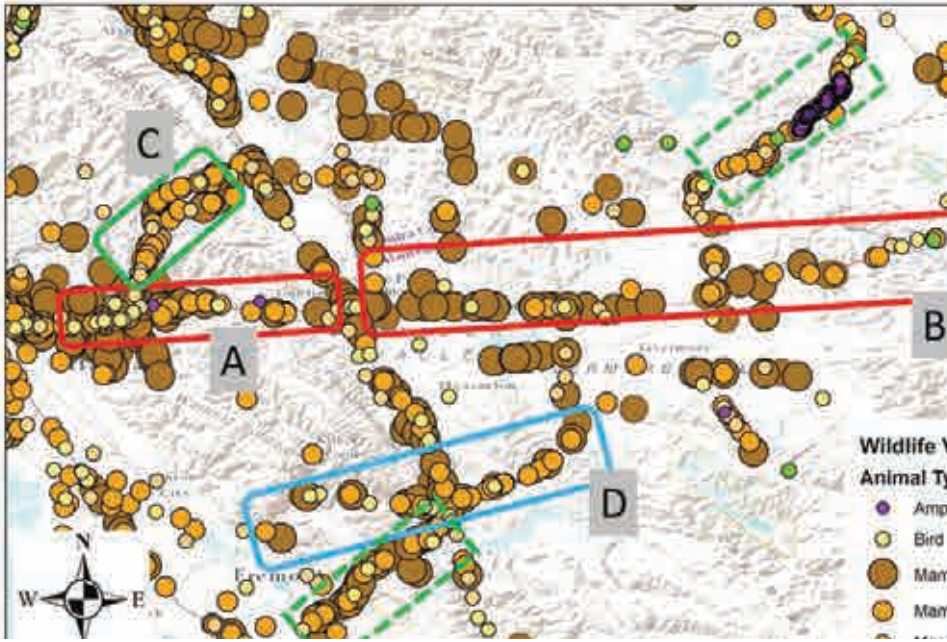
Studies Continue For Establishing Wildlife Corridors

By Aly Brown

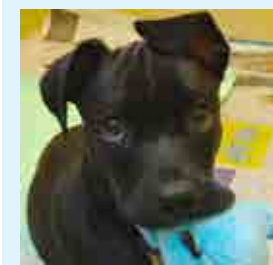
According to Dr. Fraser Shilling, "Failure to protect and restore wildlife movement will result in continued population declines, extinction of some species locally and wildlife-vehicle collisions, endangering public safety."

Shilling, a professor and U.C. Davis Road Ecology Center co-director, presented a wildlife corridor study status update during the June 19 Altamont Landfill and Resource Recovery Facility Open Space Advisory Committee meeting. He shared images captured by the

(See WILDLIFE, page 7)



Dr. Fraser Shilling presented the following map during a recent Open Space Advisory Committee meeting on June 19. Captured here are various wildlife vehicle conflict areas in the Bay Area, including portions of the Tri-Valley. (Graphic - Dr. Fraser Shilling)



Buddy

PET OF THE WEEK

Who's a good boy? Why Buddy, of course! This 2-month-old male pup is looking to be your pal, the best bud to tag along on your next adventure. While Valley Humane Society remains closed during shelter-in-place, it is coordinating adoptions by appointment with approved adopters. If you are interested in adopting Buddy, email info@valleyhumane.org.

(Photo - Valley Humane Society /S. Miller)

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Alameda County Pauses Reopening Schedule

The Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) this week issued a press release announcing a temporary pause on reopening.

The June 29 announcement cited an increase in COVID-19 case and hospitalization rates within the county and region as the reasons for the timeline setback. It will also pull back its request for the Board of Supervisors to support a Variance Attestation on June 30.

"A safe reopening of businesses in our county is critical for both public health and economic recovery," wrote the release issued from ACPHD Public Information Officer Neetu Balram. "To guide reopening, Alameda County health

officials rely on the following data indicators to measure our progress against the pandemic: 1) rates of new cases and hospitalizations 2) hospital inpatient bed capacity and surge capacity 3) testing capacity 4) disease containment capacity and 5) supply of personal protective equipment for health care providers. While indicators 2, 3, 4 and 5 have moved in the positive direction or remained stable over the past several weeks, we are seeing unfavorable trends for cases and hospitalizations."

Alameda County's case rate per 100,000 people has increased from 63.2 to 71.1 over the past seven days. Daily hospitalizations were decreasing through June 22, but since then, there has been a daily increase in hospital-

izations.

"While Variance Attestation offers a path to greater alignment with the state's pace for reopening, it requires counties to attest only when the data show that it is safe to do so," continued the statement. "We are concerned by the increase in local cases, disproportionate impact on communities of color, local impact of the outbreak at San Quentin State Prison, and the alarming disease trends we see in counties that have opened at a faster rate. This week and next will be critical for assessing the impact of activities authorized to resume in Alameda County on June 19, and we will continue to closely monitor our data to inform next steps regarding reopening and attestation."

"We recognize the multifaceted challenges presented by a slow reopening and are grateful for the sustained effort and sacrifices made by our residents and businesses. As the pandemic evolves, we will need to remain flexible and nimble in our response. We all play a part in safely reopening our communities and protecting people at high risk for COVID-19 infection and death. Please continue to protect yourself and others by wearing face coverings and staying 6 feet away from others in public, staying home as much as possible and particularly when ill, and washing your hands frequently."

For the latest press releases from ACPHD, visit www.acphd.org/2019-ncov/press-releases.aspx.

Local School Finds Souper Heroes in the Community

By Heather Brewer

Teachers and students from the Pathways Program at Murray Elementary School in Dublin recently participated in a food drive to benefit Tri-Valley Haven, a vital community resource serving adults and children who have experienced domestic or economic upheaval.

Through the program's involvement in California Destination Imagination's Souper Hero Challenge, students used creative problem-solving skills to host a food drive in their community while social distancing.

Sharon Kovalevsky, a Pathways teacher, had students prepare hand-written notes for their neighbors requesting their help in collecting canned and boxed foods, baby formula and toiletries.

"It is important that children are taught compassion and empathy for others and that they make connections with those around them, even in the midst of social distancing," she said. "These challenges help them take ownership, develop time-management and organizational skills and see that they are an important part of building their communities."

According to its website, www.caldi.org, California Destination Imagination is a project-based, kid-driven program that teaches children to be innovative problem solvers.

Using STEAM, teams of students collaborate, think outside the box and create unique solutions to one of seven different challenges in preparation for a fun, problem-solving competition. This nonprofit, volunteer-led

organization aims to inspire and equip students to become the next generation of innovators and leaders.

Evelyn Bathla, an incoming first-grader in the Pathways Program, and her mother, Shveta Chanda, jumped at the chance to participate in the summer food drive.

"We were both very happy and motivated to help out with the Souper Hero Challenge," Chanda said. "When you live in a community, you have to help the people there who are in need. It is especially important that children understand that they can and should help, even when they don't know the people themselves. Evelyn learned that everything helps, and everyone can help."

In addition to collecting food donations for Tri-Valley Haven with this drive, the

Pathways Program previously helped with fundraisers for diabetes, animal shelters and sickle-cell research.

According to the Dublin Unified School District website, www.dublin.k12.ca.us, Pathways is open to all students in kindergarten through fifth grade, and the mixed-age classes support a diversity of learning styles and rates of learning. Teachers differentiate instruction and offer choice, while students collaborate in small groups or work independently. Children can nurture and be nurtured while learning to mentor one another and gaining respect for each other's unique strengths and skills.

Additionally, Pathways students run their own garden, newspaper and science experiments; learn Spanish or Chinese weekly; and cook, sing, dance and perform.

For more information about California Destination Imagination, visit www.caldi.org. For more information about the Pathways Program, visit https://bit.ly/Indy_Pathways.



Students at Murray Elementary School in Dublin participated in a food drive to benefit Tri-Valley Haven, which serves people who have experienced domestic or economic upheaval. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

LVPAC Message to African American Communities

In response to current affairs and to serve as a message of support and acknowledgement, the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) Board of Directors issued the following statement:

"As a community and as a country, we have benefited greatly from the long-standing contributions of African

Americans to the Arts. Those contributions, which are uniquely American, cannot be denied. They have spread around the globe and have enriched all of our lives. We also recognize that African Americans have been subject to unfair, unequal and unjust treatment in this country for generations. The mission of Livermore Valley

Performing Arts Center is to offer a broad range of arts opportunities and experiences to engage our diverse community. We cannot honestly live out that mission without acknowledging the current climate and honoring the powerful and poetic influence African Americans have had on every aspect of the Arts."

Six Local Firefighters Test Positive for COVID-19

Six members from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LFPD) remain under quarantine this week awaiting COVID-19 results after four firefighters tested positive.

Deputy Chief Joe Testa reported the first case was identified June 19 prior to the discovery of the other three through aggressive testing.

"We appreciate the com-

munity concern for our firefighters while they are working under this heightened risk," Testa said. "All (of the firefighters) are in good condition ... We do not believe that the community was ever placed at risk as strict personal protective equipment and practices had already been put in place."

Testa stated the department has been able to maintain full staffing throughout

the organization.

"This does raise concern for us going into the Fourth of July for the well-being of residents as the holiday often includes gatherings and celebrations," he said. "We encourage everyone to continue wearing their face coverings, keeping their social distancing and other practices that prevent the spread of this very real virus."

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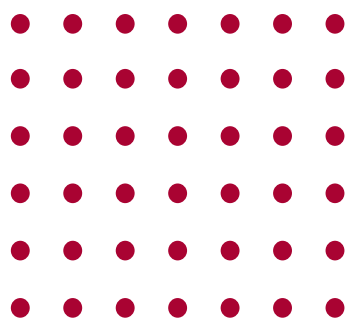
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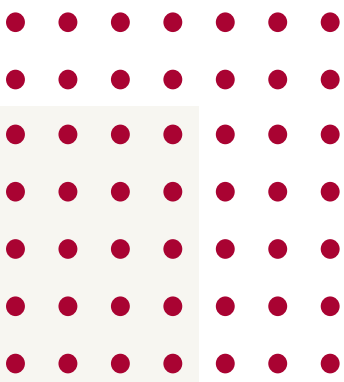
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EDITORIAL

Weighing Options for Education

It might be summer now, but those behind the scenes of education haven't stopped examining ways to bring the Tri-Valley's students back into the classrooms. It's no small task in these trying times.

Following ongoing guidance from the State Superintendent of Schools Tony Thurmond and, more directly, Alameda County Public Health Department and Alameda County Office of Education, the Tri-Valley's leaders must weigh their options. But even these options feel slim when taking into consideration funding cuts and increased demand on teachers.

Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore school district families and staff recently participated in surveys to indicate how they'd like to return to the classroom. Of the options to consider, the schools looked at a full return to school, continued distance learning, a hybrid model with limited time in the class or independent study — a model that would see students meeting with their teachers on a weekly basis, while mainly conducting their schoolwork at home. Those who responded to the surveys in Pleasanton and Livermore seemed to favor a full return to school or a hybrid learning approach. Dublin's district was roughly split in thirds on the first three options.

While the surveys help to highlight preferences of those willing to take a survey in the first place,

there are still largely unanswered questions looming overhead. Hopefully, schools will continue to consider how the return will impact families or whether the surveyed choices will even pass the sniff test at a county level.

If Alameda County Public Health Department is unlikely to allow more than 15 children into the class at one time, the first option of a full return doesn't really seem like an option. Perhaps an a.m./p.m. schedule, with half of the students attending in the morning and the rest in the latter portion of the day, would be a stronger offer to health officials who are calling the final shots.

On continued distance learning or a hybrid model, the districts certainly can't afford child care for working parents with no means of educating their children. But the schools could squirrel away funding for added support to help identify academic challenges and close the gap in education for children who aren't doing well under these circumstances.

If an independent study approach were taken, the students might benefit from more frequent one-on-one meetings with their teachers.

While there is no clean-cut answer and the variables seem to change daily, recognition of the hard work put forth by administrators, staff and even community members to deliver choices is certainly due.

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Time for Change

Rena Leibovitch, Pleasanton

Police forces are asked to make up for years of neglect, limited opportunities and prejudice.

Income inequality, food insecurity, lack of education, racial bias, a judicial system that favors those with means, and confusing government programs add to the burden. It is time to break the cycle and not tolerate violent responses by anyone.

Set a better example for children and teens.

Society has to admit that wrongs have been made. We see or read "To Kill a Mocking Bird," but we don't learn from it. Many programs have been created to relieve suffering of the poor and the homeless, but they are not working.

As society starts to open again, try to help others rather than taking advantage of them. You never know when your one act of kindness could turn someone around to a productive life.

Subverting Our

Moral Structure

Owen Brovont, Livermore

In submitting comments for inclusion in the newspaper, I try to avoid engaging in verbal fencing with people who disagree with something I have written. But I felt the need to react to being branded last week as having written an "ignorant letter to the editor."

No doubt unintentionally, John Cameron's criticism demonstrated exactly what he meant.

In the last few decades, there has emerged many in-

telligent, educated, articulate men and women whose successes have demonstrated that whatever disadvantage they may have inherited by being of a minority race, they could overcome in the same way that others have achieved success in our society. To deny this is to demonstrate an indefensible mulish obtuseness.

Achievement in society requires competition; the more substantial the goal, the more competitive the contest. An inseparable corollary is whatever goal one is attempting to reach requires a commensurate level of relevant education. That is simply an indisputable fact. Obtaining that education, exercising a sufficiently competitive spirit, and being willing to put forth the requisite effort are characteristics normally associated with success.

Those are cultural values, the things we mature people grew up learning. Simply choosing to develop and exercise those qualities does not automatically guarantee that one achieves his or her goals — that is where competition takes on greater weight in the equation.

Now to "white privilege."

Many unreflective contemporaries call these characteristics of American culture "white privilege" without realizing that it is yet another term created for the organized attack on American culture for reasons apparently not clear to a sizeable number of American citizens. Several kinds of mentalities fuel and motivate what is intended to look like revolutionary fervor. One is a parroting ignorance that lacks the intellectual depth and clarity of vision to understand what is actually at stake in America today. The term "useful idiot" was coined to describe this mentality more than a half century ago.

Another mentality — generally the guiding mentality — is something far more sinister. It is dedicated to the destruction of the object of its focus, in this case, Western culture and American society, and it has been its goal since the end of WWII.

This process is abetted by powerful forces that publish lies and distortions, denatures education by dispensing with objectivity, and attempts to alter or abolish American history, destroy its symbols, and undermine its moral structure. It is not a revolution, it is subversion!

Runners, Please Be Courteous

David Furst, Livermore

In the mornings when I walk in Sycamore Grove, I frequently see high school runners who fail to show basic courtesy to other park users.

As a committed runner with

well over 50 years of experience, I and my contemporaries were taught and practiced courtesy when we passed walkers, joggers and other runners. The current high school runners frequently run two or three abreast, do not practice social distancing, and frequently force others to step off the trail as they sweep by.

Vice President Pence recently pointed out that the majority of new coronavirus cases are among young people without symptoms. It is not hard for runners to run single file when passing other park users. I ask the coaches and parents to teach their children some manners, teach them to be courteous, and to obey the current health orders.

School District Reforms Needed

Maurice Duenas, Livermore

An Alameda County grand jury report found that high school educators in Oakland misused a grading system in order to pass students who didn't qualify and misled the public about it.

We have same problem in Livermore. Every single 12th grader was allowed to pass each class and graduate this year. It did not matter if they were failing or did not know any of the subject matter. No 12th grader was required to complete any homework or assignment since the beginning of March. Everyone passed because school district administrators told the principals and teacher that no one must fail. Period.

Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District administrators used a hodgepodge of methods to make sure the young people would graduate, while knowing they were completely unprepared for graduation or for what lay head of them. All other high school students were allowed to advance a grade whether they actually completed any assignments or not.

These are our grossly overpaid administrators, from Superintendent Bowers to the deputy and assistant superintendents who care only about graduation rates and making themselves look good at the expense of our teachers and the students.

Total compensation for LVJUSD's 10 highest-paid employees totaled over \$2 million last year, with all of them assigned to the district office as superintendents and directors. Cut their salaries, eliminate three-quarters of the positions at the top, put the money into our teachers and classrooms, and make sure the teachers are allowed to actually teach our children.

Cal Water's Costly New Mandate

Jason A. Bezis, Livermore

Warning to Livermore residents: Your water bill could increase exorbitantly this year. California Water Service soon will send letters demanding that you spend thousands of dollars to install and maintain unnecessary "backflow prevention devices."

If you own a townhome, multiplex, condo, apartment, or accessory dwelling unit, Cal Water will force you to install devices costing around

\$2,000 each, plus around \$106 every year in perpetuity to test them. You must hire pricy "backflow specialists" from Cal Water's approved list.

These unsightly devices will cause your water pipes to rise two feet above ground and occupy part of your front yard. If one fails inspection, gets damaged by an errant motorist, or bursts on a cold winter night, you must pay to repair it.

Cal Water, which is now seeking an 11% rate increase from the state Public Utilities Commission, has a far-fetched rationale that these types of homes automatically pose "loop through" health hazards to the water supply. It's nonsense, not supported by evidence.

No other major water provider in California (including Pleasanton, Dublin, EBMUD) imposes this mandate. The PUC authorized Cal Water to enforce this burdensome "Tariff Rule 16C" despite official Ratepayer Advocate warnings that it will force many customers to install "unnecessary" devices.

Just like PG&E infamously has done, Cal Water has "captured" the PUC. Cal Water is a for-profit corporation that is very powerful in Sacramento. Gov. Newsom appoints PUC commissioners. Cal Water contributed \$60,200 to Newsom's campaigns in 2018-19. It gave \$40,000 to the California Democratic Party. Cal Water also showers campaign cash on influential state legislators.

I formally asked the PUC to amend Cal Water's "backflow" regulation and treat Livermore water customers the same as others across the state. If this is a genuine "health" regulation, then similarly situated water users everywhere should be subject to it. But the PUC harshly denied my request, refused to investigate, and outrageously replied that "personal compliance and expense" totaling thousands of dollars per Livermore customer does not concern them. The PUC asserted that since no one else has complained, no one else is "aggrieved."

Please send e-mails or letters to the PUC (public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov; refer to case no. A1807001), State Senator Steve Glazer (senator.glazer@senate.ca.gov) and Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (assemblymember.bauer-kahan@assembly.ca.gov) asking them to amend this unreasonable regulation that singles out Livermore water customers for expensive, unfair, and irrational treatment.

Don't Protect False Allegations

Barry Balanda, Livermore

False allegations must not be protected by a federal whistle blower protection act.

Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA), who has introduced a whistleblower bill in Congress, must include a severe penalty for any whistleblower making a false allegation. Loss of employment, forfeiture of all pay and benefits, no future employment by any city, county, state or federal agency seems adequate. Whistleblowing must not become a political tool. A false allegator must not be protected by a federal law.

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by Lessen Road, northwest of I-580 near the First Street overpass.

The Livermore Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the development at its June 16 meeting, which will see council consideration in the coming months.

Approval will require a general plan amendment to change the current land-use zoning from low intensity industrial, limited agriculture and commercial to urban high density residential, as well as open space designations.

Livermore's planning staff says the project is otherwise consistent with other provisions of the general plan and will help create a neighborhood with a mix of housing types, densities and affordability levels to meet the needs of Livermore residents.

When annexed into the city in 1981, the land known as the Springtown Business Complex, was designated for future development of light industrial, limited agriculture and commercial uses. However, according to the developer, it has remained undeveloped since then, despite efforts to market it for those uses.

Some residents who live near the project site voiced concern about the project's potential impact on traffic congestion, noting Springtown traffic merging onto I-580 often backs up from monitoring lights onto surface streets during normal peak travel hours. They questioned the city's environmental analysis that concluded the additional dwellings would not significantly impact wait times at nearby intersections.

The Livermore City Council in May 2019 agreed to consider both the general plan amendment and the housing development proposal and entitlements together. At the time, it also authorized the city's planning staff to negotiate the terms of a development agreement with the property owner's developer WestGate Ventures of San Ramon.

Over the past year, detailed terms of a development agreement have been negotiated. Environmental review of the project's impacts on the surrounding areas has also been completed. The environmental study showed no significant adverse environmental impacts would result from the project.

GILLIG

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unanswered.

"Under the WARN (Worker Adjustment and Retraining) Act, any employer laying off at least 50 employees must notify its workers and the local government at least 60 days prior," said Adam Van de Water, director of the City of Livermore Office of Innovation and Economic Development. "The City of Livermore received a WARN notice from Gillig temporarily laying off 519 staff on April 17. Gillig subsequently resumed production earlier this month and has not submitted any further WARN notices to the city. However, under CA Executive Order N-31-20, the State of California suspended the 60-day notification requirement."

Gillig has a long history in the Bay Area. Founded in San Francisco in 1890, the company, which at the time created carriages, was destroyed by fire after the 1906 earthquake. It then built its first school bus in 1932 and moved production to Hayward in 1938.

More recently, Gillig — the last manufacturer building buses in the U.S. — celebrated the grand opening of its 600,000-square-foot headquarters at 451 Discovery Drive, on June 1, 2017. At the time, the company was producing 1,800 buses a year. A parts facility remains in Hayward.

"Livermore is focused on innovation and supporting local jobs," said Derek Maunus, president and CEO at Gillig, during the 2017 ribbon-cutting ceremony. "It is central to where Gillig employees live and is a great

Under the proposal, the townhomes would be clustered on 12 acres closest to existing roads and infrastructure, with the remaining 23 acres permanently preserved as open space for public use, scenic conservation and habitat protection.

The project's setbacks would minimize views of the houses from adjacent neighborhoods, and would use native tree plantings and earthen berms to further minimize views from I-580 and surrounding areas.

It would include promenades and pathways accessible to the public and provide recreational opportunities, parklets, a community garden, and a half-acre "tot lot" with playground equipment, amphitheater and other park amenities.

"One of our big goals from the get-go was we wanted to make our open space accessible to the public," said Adam Tennant, a principal with WestGate.

The development agreement also requires the developer to help fill significant gaps in the Livermore trail system and build an extension of the Las Positas Trail stretching across the project site and onto adjacent property — eventually linking up with the Las Colinas overpass where it would provide a safe and comfortable way for bicyclists and pedestrians to cross the I-580.

The townhomes would vary in size from around 1,200 square-feet to 1,900 square-feet, with three different designs based on classical and contemporary farmhouse styles. Landscaping would include areas planted with orchards and vineyards consistent with the traditional character of Livermore.

Andy Ross, an associate planner with the city, said the development agreement also makes the developer responsible for securing upgrades to a new sewer trunk line for Springtown.

Fourteen of the units spread across the site would be set aside as affordable housing units for low and moderate-income households. The developer would also be required to pay the city in-lieu fees equivalent to an additional 14 units for future affordable housing development elsewhere in the city.

For more information, see item 5.03 and click "report" at https://bit.ly/Indy_SpringtownReport.

community that will allow for recruiting top candidates. There are a lot of companies that have taken a different path — Peterbilt, Mack Truck, Trailmobile, Ford and GM Parts — companies that decided to chase low-cost labor, and left the state or the country. Not

Gillig. What we've done with this 600,000-square-foot plant is double down here in America. This is the team that made this company successful over the years. This is the team that is going to make this company successful well into the future."

Gillig workers represented by Local 853 are among the best paid auto workers in the country. The union enjoys a good relationship with the company. When the company decided to move from its Hayward location, there were offers from across the country intended to draw the company away from California. But Gillig remained in Alameda County.

"To their credit, they built the plant in Livermore because they wanted to keep their employees," Aloise explained. "They're the highest paid, benefited manufacturing workers in the auto industry in the county. The contract is way better than the (United Auto Workers) agreement. They're a good community company. We're very proud of the relationship we have with them."

Since it restarted this month, production at the Livermore plant is slow for two reasons, according to Aloise. The first is that a slower production line makes it easier for workers to maintain

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The City of Livermore closed First Street to cars from Friday, June 26, through Sunday to facilitate pedestrian access and encourage downtown dining. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Pleasanton DMV Closed for Renovations

Satellite Location to Open at Stoneridge Mall

By Ruth Roberts

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) on West Las Positas Boulevard in Pleasanton is shuttered now through the end of August.

But a satellite office in the Stoneridge Mall will open to the public on July 22, while renovations are made to the aging DMV facility.

According to Jodie Lenning, office administrator for the Stoneridge Mall, the field office will be located on the upper level of the mall.

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their community interactions. Police officers must be held accountable for the ramifications of their use of excessive force ... Police misconduct can no longer be acceptable; bad actors should be held accountable and not shielded by higher ups, (district attorneys) or police unions; it's time the police answer noncriminal calls with the intent to protect and serve every community member ... rather than the mindset where they have been taught to think like they are entering a warzone ... it is time for justice for Jacob."

As an active member of National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Pleasanton Councilmember Julie Testa noted she wanted to create a crisis response team with her city. Prior to approving the mid-year budget at the June 16 meeting — a budget that didn't reflect reducing the force spending — both Testa and Mayor Jerry Thorne asked the city manager if the council would have the power to alter the police budget, typically \$30 million, at any time. City Manager Nelson Fialho confirmed the council did have that power.

"I think we're looking at how we can revisit some

of the work the department does and how it can be kept a priority with the funding constraints we're working with," Testa said, further stating she didn't believe officers operated with malice, but rather ingrained training and department culture that could use improvement.

She went on to add that while mental health professionals seem to function within 9 to 5 timeframe boundaries, for many experiencing a crisis, it rarely happens within business hours — a sentiment Tri-Valley police officers have also echoed with regard to potential crisis teams and their limited availability.

"But of course, we still have medical emergency medical response (EMR) teams," she said. "We need to have (EMR) trained and ready at those critical points as well, and dispatch needs to be in the habit of recognizing EMR as an option (to respond to mental health crises)."

Pleasanton Voters, a local group that strives to educate voters in the city, joined the movement calling for change. The group's website landing page currently displays a photo of a recent peaceful protest.

locations open after the Pleasanton field office reopens is temporary and can assist with physical distancing for customers and employees," said Ivette Burch, DMV public information officer.

Before the mall location opens on July 22, customers with previous appointments scheduled at the Pleasanton field office, or those who are in need of in-person appointments, can visit the following DMV locations: 150 Jackson St., Hayward; 4287 Central Ave., Fremont; 501 85th

"The mission of Pleasanton Voters is three-fold: to protect the city's urban growth boundary, to preserve ridgelines and open spaces, and to retain the best qualities of our city for future generations. Best qualities must include equity and justice for all Pleasanton residents," said Kelly Cousins, Pleasanton Voters spokesperson. "Local police policy is an issue that will come before the community and the city council soon, and we will share the information about how residents can get involved in this open discussion with our database, as well as encourage voting as a powerful tool to effect change."

Pleasanton Voters hopes to see a transparent community dialogue on police policies as a way to review areas for improvement, Cousins added.

"We hope a diverse group of individuals will apply for local positions of influence on city commissions and committees in order to seek change and further influence the policies supported by the city," she said.

New to the role, PPD Chief David Swing said his department is committed to serving all members of the

Livermore Chick-Fil-A Proposal Still Alive

A proposal to build a Chick-fil-A restaurant in Livermore near I-580 continues to move forward, nearly three years after a developer first proposed to bring the popular fast food restaurant to the site.

The restaurant planned for vacant land at 1754 N. Livermore Ave., across the street from In-N-Out Burger, would sit on a project site of about 1.5 acres and include a restaurant, parking lot, drive-thru and landscaping.

It is part of a 23-acre site in unincorporated Alameda County, within Livermore's urban growth boundary, and is slated for annexation by the city. The remaining 21.5 acres would remain undeveloped and dedicated to the city as open space, under the proposal.

Ave., Oakland; and 1910 N. Broadway, Walnut Creek.

A variety of services can be handled online through the DMV portal, including vehicle registration, license renewal, requests for vehicle and driving records and change of address applications. Assisted services are also available for such tasks as transfer of vehicle titles, temporary drivers license extension, vehicle salesperson license and more.

For additional information, visit https://bit.ly/DMV_online.

The project would require a general plan amendment, as the proposed restaurant site is currently zoned as open space. The developer would be required to construct a buried pier wall parallel to Arroyo Las Positas to ensure bank stability, add a left-turn lane at the intersection of Arroyo Plaza and North Livermore

Avenue, and the construction of a segment of the Las Positas Trail.

The developer, Meridian of San Ramon, did not reply to a reporter's phone call or email before press time.

For a copy of the June 2020 environmental study of the North Livermore Avenue Chick-fil-A proposal, visit https://bit.ly/Indy_ChickFilA.



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City of Pleasanton Updates

Dog Park Reopening

Cubby's Dog Park and the dog park at Muirwood Park have been reopened, according to the city. Pet owners are required to wear face masks, maintain 6-foot social distancing, and bring their own water and waste bags.

Emergency Rental Assistance

The Pleasanton City Council has also approved an emergency rental assistance program for residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Up to \$2,500 is available to eligible Pleasanton households to pay for up to one month of delinquent rent and late fees. Applications are being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, go to <https://cityservecares.org/renthelp/>.

Curbside Library Pickup

The Pleasanton Library is also now offering contactless curbside pickup for library materials, including books, audiobooks, and movies reserved from the web catalog. Curbside pickup is available from 1-6 p.m., Tuesday through Thursdays.



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FDA OKs Coronavirus Tests with LLNL Tech; Lab Pouring Profits into Research

Bay Area companies are using technology with direct ties to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory to aid the country’s efforts to combat the virus that causes COVID-19.

Last month, Bio-Rad became the second Bay Area company to gain emergency approval from the FDA for diagnostic tests to detect the presence of the coronavirus. The test is based on a technology that was licensed from LLNL.

In March, Cepheid Inc., another LLNL licensee, secured FDA’s go-ahead for its rapid test. It landed the first emergency authorization for a COVID-19 test that could provide results outside of a laboratory setting.

In the meantime, the Lab is using money from royalties and licensing of its technology to push forward

with new COVID-related research and development, including the development of a mechanical ventilator prototype.

“Partnerships are integral to much of what we do at LLNL. This reality is especially driven home when there is a crunch, when there’s a crying need for a science solution to a problem,” said Rich Rankin, director of the Lab’s Innovation and Partnerships Office.

“We conduct long-term research for solutions to national problems, year in and year out, but LLNL shines when there’s a critical need for solutions to important challenges. That’s something within the DNA of the Laboratory,” Rankin said.

COVID-19 Test Kits Using LLNL Tech

Regular, accurate testing of COVID-19 is a key com-

ponent in the fight against the global pandemic, according to the World Health Organization.

Bio-Rad, based in Hercules, gained approval for its Droplet Digital PCR test kit which runs on the company’s QX200 and QXDx ddPCR systems. That test is based on a technology that was licensed from LLNL more than 10 years ago.

The high sensitivity of the test makes it well suited to screening upper respiratory samples in patients with a low viral load, including individuals in the early stages of infection, as compared to other types of tests, according to the company.

The test can also play an important role in surveillance by detecting minimal residual disease in people recovering from COVID-19, informing them if they are

negative for the virus.

Cepheid Inc., of Sunnyvale is the other LLNL licensee that has received an emergency use authorization from the FDA for coronavirus diagnostic tests. It licensed an LLNL technology called rapid PCR thermocycling, integrating amplification and detection.

Co-founded in 1996 by former LLNL researcher Allen Northrup, Cepheid created detection technology that was used after the 2001 anthrax attacks to screen mail for anthrax. It also has been deployed for the detection of Ebola.

Lab Working on Mechanical Ventilator Prototype, New Diagnostics

Meanwhile, according to the Lab, it has spent more than \$1 million of licensing and royalty money, produced by Lab licenses,

to fund the development of a mechanical ventilator and research on other COVID-19-related technologies.

Funds are received from the licensing of technologies developed by LLNL scientists and engineers to companies that create commercial products. The companies then pay LLNL royalties when products are sold.

The LLNL mechanical ventilator’s design is derived from proven concepts and contains parts that are not being used by commercial ventilator manufacturers, to avoid disrupting already thin supply chains.

The ventilator, branded as SuppleVent, has received an emergency use authorization from the FDA and is part of a cooperative research and development agreement with BioMedIn-

novations LLC.

Another project in development at the Lab is a diagnostic tool.

LLNL biomedical researcher Larry Dugan is seeking to develop a highly-sensitive, non-invasive, rapid and simple to use one-tube sample-to-result diagnostic kit to detect COVID-19 in oral and nasal samples in less than an hour.

That Lab is also granting royalty-free, non-exclusive licenses for LLNL technologies that could be used against the pandemic.

“The thought behind it is to help companies to evaluate a new technology for addressing an aspect of COVID-19 at a lower risk,” Rankin said. “As the crisis passes, the company can come and look at possible longer-term licenses.”

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ballots, even though they have been used for years to increase voter participation. There is no evidence that their use increases voter fraud; they represent the only ballot system in some states like Oregon.

“I think you can just close your eyes and see on Nov. 4 ... the Attorney General saying that there are issues in whatever states with mail-in ballots,” he said. “They’re already setting this argument up. “I believe that if the election is close, the president will not accept the result. He’ll file frivolous lawsuits (through the Attorney General), and chaos will ensue.”

He fears that “foreign governments that want to help the president will see that as an opportunity to make the biggest impact by amplifying discord on social media.

“We have to win overwhelmingly,” Swalwell continued. “I think that’s the only way this guy is going to leave and have a peaceful transfer of power.”

Swalwell further noted that despite the challenges of the next several months, he is optimistic about the election outcome based on the merits of the candidates.

He believes the president can’t seriously defend his

performance. He repeated a question that Ronald Reagan asked when he ran successfully against a seated president, Jimmy Carter, in 1980: “Are you better off than you were four years ago?”

He believes the question prompts Americans first to consider their own situation and then to reflect on the caliber of national leadership over the past four years.

He expects most Americans today to feel that they are worse off based on job losses, a pandemic and major recession, U.S. loss of international stature, lack of thoughtful and sympathetic national leadership, and a range of social issues, starting with the Black Lives Matter movement.

“I think (Trump) is in real trouble,” Swalwell stated. “I think it’s going to be an earthquake election if we can get through the misinformation and voter suppression and welcoming of foreign interference.”

Swalwell considers it essential to take every possible legal step to combat voter suppression efforts, like restricting voting times and places. He wants to do this quietly and through the courts.

“You can suppress the vote by talking all day long

about suppressing the vote,” he said.

He fears that marginal voters might stay home if they get the idea that “this (election) is already baked,” so there’s no point in attending a polling station.

If the election outcome does favor the Democrats, Swalwell vows to make every effort to work in a bipartisan manner.

“What I pledge (is to) reach across the aisle,” he said. “(I will) encourage Vice President and, hopefully, President Biden to have a team-of-rivals cabinet; not just one Republican but several ... and show the country the unity that we need to move forward.”

Although impeachment

failed to lead to a conviction – an outcome that Swalwell considers preordained because of Republican dominance in the Senate – he still considers it to have been a necessary and worthwhile effort.

For one thing, he believes the evidence of serious misbehavior was compelling. The president really did withhold aid to force a political favor from Ukraine. Second, ignoring the issue would “lower the standard” and allow future presidents to misbehave. Third, standing up to the president actually “stopped his corruption ... Once we launched that investigation, that’s when Ukraine got the aid they were supposed to get.”

Livermore Hires New Manager For Downtown Farmers Market

Livermore Downtown Inc. announced Monday, June 29, that Foragers Market will be taking over the management of Livermore Downtown Farmers Markets.

Foragers Market is led by Harvinder Singh. Singh previously worked as a Whole Foods Market regional local forager for 10 years until 2016. He most recently spearheaded the re-launch of San Ramon’s new successful Farmers Market at City Center Bishop Ranch.

“Harv’s commitment to building local food security and healthy communities through his curation style and various programs has

become a huge draw,” wrote Livermore Downtown Inc. in a statement.

The new Livermore Farmers Markets are slated to reopen Thursday, July 9, from 4 to 8 p.m.; July through October at Carnegie Park, Third Street, between J and K streets. Year-Round Sunday Market will reopen July 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Second Street, between J and L streets.

Livermore Downtown Inc. continued to state, “We are excited to be better than ever with Markets that celebrate Livermore’s commitment to inclusion and diversity of all residents and visitors!”

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MARKEN

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to March 31, the division was evident in the 3-2 vote, declining Marken’s request for the board to grant him emergency powers during the COVID-19 crisis. Cherrier, Kuo and Blackman opposed the approval; Rouse and Miller supported it. The emergency powers would have allowed Marken to execute same-day approval to spend money on anti-COVID-19 measures, such as buying masks and equipment, cleaning solvents and machines to make sure places were ready for the opening, if students were back in classes in the fall. Marken indicated at the time that he would present all spending in a special board meeting within 24 hours.

About half of the districts in the state, including Sunol Glen, San Ramon Valley, Piedmont, and Oakland have given that power to their superintendents, said Joe Serrero, assistant superintendent of Business Services. Harold Friedman, the board’s attorney, indicated that such power would tie together board policies already on the books; staff would not have to search for them.

Cherrier said the board should have a look first at expenditures, as part of the board’s fiscal responsibilities in supervising the budget, especially in this difficult revenue period. Kuo admitted that she could vote for two of the four points in the authorizing resolution, but had qualms about some things in the other two.

“I feel (Marken) already has the authority,” said Kuo. “Further, with virtual meetings, it’s easier and quicker to assemble a meeting these days and directly take care of an issue.”

Miller pointed out that the board would not be giving up its authority, but what Marken wanted would “make life just a little bit easier for staff working around the clock.”

“I see my role as trustee as removing barriers, and this fits right into it,” Rouse said, adding that the move would

be removing a barrier.

During that same meeting, the board voted on reorganization in what would further highlight the division. Cherrier nominated Blackman for vice president; Blackman voted for herself. Both were perceived as major backers of getting a high school built on the city’s east side. Cherrier focused on past bond issues, which he felt were not getting enough done for the district.

Miller and Rouse took an overall view of the district, focusing more on relationships among teachers and in the classroom, instead of money. They voted “no” on Cherrier’s motion to install Blackman as vice president.

The entire board meeting room waited to see what Kuo, the newest trustee, would do after voting “no” on granting Marken’s request. She then voted for Rouse as vice president on the next motion, as did Rouse and Miller. The vote then was seen as an attempt to give both factions a more harmonious relationship.

When Kuo stated, “All four of my fellow board members are hard-working. I really appreciate my fellow board members, as well as our staff,” Miller said she did not share those feelings about the rest of the board.

“I’m embarrassed to be a part of this board,” Miller said. “I’m going to try to keep doing what’s right by our students and our staff, but I’m just really sad tonight, and concerned about what the future of DUSD looks like.”

Both Rouse and Miller stated they were devastated by Marken’s resignation that later followed at a June 23 meeting.

Teachers Blame Majority for Voting Against Raises

The same 3-2 board split lineup declined teacher raises for the 2020/21 fiscal year. The board had a deal going with the Dublin Teachers Association (DTA) on May 11, then rescinded it. After Marken resigned, many DTA members included his resigna-

tion in their criticism of the board majority through letters they sent to the majority and copied to news media.

DTA President Robbie Kreitz told the board that the union members are so fired up about losing Marken that if she took a strike authorization now, some 95% of the membership would sign. Failure to keep up with increasing wages in nearby districts would make it harder to retain good teachers, said Kreitz.

But from Cherrier’s point of view, the reason that the board majority voted against going through with the raise was because the state budget changed drastically between Gov. Gavin Newsom’s initial state budget in January, and his depressed economy May revise after COVID-19 invaded California.

However, things got better again last week, said Cherrier. Newsom and the Legislature agreed on a bill that will restore billions of dollars to the budget from rainy day fund reserves. So now DUSD will look at granting raises to DTA.

There would be a 3.125% ongoing increase, effective July 1, 2020. Staff recommended that the board approve it.

However, there is a slight catch. The DUSD budget will receive more money if the federal CARES Act dollars come through on Oct. 15, as promised, said Cherrier. A trustee could decide not to approve a teacher raise if the trustee wanted to wait and see what happens Oct. 15.

Nevertheless, the budget hike was on the board’s virtual special meeting agenda for June 30, starting at 6:30 p.m., after The Independent’s deadline.

Marken, a past district administrator in Dublin, who professed a genuine love for being at DUSD, took over after Leslie Boozer was employed in the job for two years. She left after a closed session and jointly issued a statement with the board. No reason was given for her departure.

inception.

He was a founding member of the Altamont Corridor Express Board, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, and the Tri-Valley Transportation Council. He is currently vice-chair of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority. At the national level, he represents Alameda County at the National Association of Counties, where he previously served as chairman of the Transportation Steering Committee.

Past Mayors Endorse Haubert for Supervisor

Four former Dublin mayors have endorsed current Mayor David Haubert for the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

Haubert, a candidate for the District 1 seat now held by retiring Supervisor Scott Haggerty, was endorsed by former Dublin mayors Guy Houston, Tim Sbranti, Janet Lockhart, and Pete Snyder, who collectively served as the city’s mayor for more than 25 years.

Haubert faces Fremont City Councilman Vinnie Baker in the general election in November. District 1 includes Dublin and Livermore, most of Fremont, and most of the unincorporated area of the Livermore-Amador Valley.

“I am overwhelmed by the endorsements of these four leaders,” Haubert said of the past mayors’ support. “Guy, Tim, Janet, and Pete have all faithfully served the residents of Dublin and I am grateful to have their support. I have worked hard to earn their trust and I will continue the principles that

have guided me as mayor of Dublin to the Board of Supervisors.”

Haubert served on the Dublin Unified School Dis-

trict Board of Trustees for 10 years, until his election to the Dublin City Council in 2012. He was first elected mayor 2014.

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pandemic.

The foundation said it was recognizing Haggerty for his “long career of leadership in advancing transportation infrastructure projects and the many contributions he has made to bettering the lives of all Californians.”

In addition to serving on the board of supervisors, Haggerty is a two-time chairman of the 9-county Metropolitan Transportation Commission and was chairman of the Alameda County

Transportation Commission and its predecessor agencies 11 times over the last two decades.

He is credited with playing a key role in the opening of the Warm Springs BART Extension and advancing a proposal for further expansion into Santa Clara County. He also initiated a legislative proposal that resulted in the formation of the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin County Transportation Commission, which he has chaired since its

Mainly, they congregate near water, but one mechanism to lure wildlife into the frame is a concoction of animal parts that has a particularly strong scent. Through this, they’ve managed to collect data on bobcats and coyotes.

The ongoing study is part of a program that launched in 2018 in a partnership between the Alameda County Resource Conservation District and the Road Ecology Center at UC Davis. Scientists have been gathering data to determine the population sizes, ranges and obstacles with regard to connecting with one another. An issue that arises when populations are cut off from one another is a lack of diversity within the gene pool.

“Road-induced genetic divergence among populations or among segments of a population has been documented for many vertebrate species,” indicates the Road Ecology Center’s website page covering the impact highways have on gene flow to ground-dwelling mammals. “Despite many studies of road-crossing effectiveness by wildlife, individual animal crossing of roads may not be sufficient to guarantee the persistence of an entire population, because a species-specific minimum number of individual movements is required to assure gene flow.”

The project combines wildlife observations with models for creating connec-

tivity. In reviewing coyote populations, for example, teams collect genetic samples from animals on either side of State Route 50, and interstates 80, 580 and 680. Genetic samples can be collected directly from the animal in the form of blood, skin or hair/fur, or indirectly from its feces, or scat.

During the meeting public speaker, Peter Rosch, asked if the public would have access to the data collected from the studies. Shilling said that footage collected on private land might be held from public publication. However, all images are saved in a web-based system, and teams are reviewing long-term plans for data storage.

Describing the data that leads to wildlife connectivity, Shilling said the term “corridor” refers to the constructed wildlife bridges or tunnels across roads and highways.

“Wildlife doesn’t naturally follow narrow ‘corridors’ on the landscape. This idea and its cousin ‘linkages’ were created by conservation planners looking for the minimum parts of the landscape that wildlife need to move around,” Shilling explained. “Wildlife are opportunistic, moving wherever they need to in order to eat, mate and disperse. So I focus on that point where they collide with a road/highway and give them a way across — a corridor.”

WILDLIFE

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various cameras placed in land divided by local highways. The cameras are one tool utilized to gain a stronger understanding of species’ activities — important data needed for assessing a corridor for enhanced connectivity.

“Wildlife connectivity refers to an ecological attribute required for ecosystems to function,” Shilling said. “If you don’t have it, the whole ecosystem can deteriorate.”

Shilling’s presentation outlined the issues facing this connectivity to include rapid development, resulting in highways forming barriers to wildlife movement while also posing a threat to driver safety, as animals cross roads. The specific problem areas concern interstates 580, 680 and State Route 84, which create barriers to wildlife moving through the Diablo range and East Bay hills.

There were three main project progress updates to report. The group connected with landowners to establish cameras on private land. It obtained permission to access Contra Costa Water District lands at the east end of 580. And it deployed new cameras to parcels on the north and south of 580.

In addition to some curious cows, who also liked to use the camera posts to scratch themselves, the cameras have been able to capture at least 20 pictures of wild animals, Shilling reported.

Education News

Porter Awarded Degree in Political Science

Aiyana Le Porter, the daughter of Liz Nogueira, of Fall River, Massachusetts, and Kevin Porter, of Dublin, California, has earned a bachelor's degree in political science and psychology from Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts.

Williams graduated with honors and was awarded the Gaius C. Bolin prize in Africana Studies. Graduating in 1889, Bolin was the first Black student and the first Black graduate at Williams College.

Porter was also a First Gen Orientation leader, co-director of First Gen Pre-Orientation, Tyng Student-Faculty Liaison, member of the Psychology Student-liaison and Political Science Student-liaison committees, Collin and Lili Roche Research Fellow, Class of 1957 Summer Research Fellow, a psychology research assistant, and participated in the Black Student Union.

Tri-Valley Students Earn Degrees from University of Utah

Eight students from the Tri-Valley recently received degrees from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, including:

From Livermore: Mitchel Acton, master's degree in social work; Alison Bischoff, bachelor's degree in architectural studies; Sierra Hoggatt, master's degree in accounting; Alexa Hubbs, bachelor's degree in psychology; and Mitchel Acton, master's degree in social work.

From Pleasanton: Alyssa Serrao, bachelor's degree in psychology; Nikhil Singh, bachelor's degree in geography; and Morgan Werder, bachelor of fine arts degree in theater.

Ott Earns Degree in Mechanical Engineering

Joshua Ott, from Pleasanton, has received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of California, Berkeley.

Students Named to Dean's Lists for Spring Term

Students Briana Fairfield, from Livermore, was named to the Dean's List at Lewis University, in Romeoville, Illinois, for the spring semester.

Zee Chauhan, from Livermore, was named to the Dean's List at the Rochester Institute of Technology, in Rochester, New York, for the spring semester. Chauhan is enrolled in the school's Design and Imaging Technology program.

Matteson De Pretis, from Pleasanton, and Caitlin Curry, from Livermore, were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois.

Desire Danner, from Dublin, was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Adelphi University, in Garden City, New York.

Keller Completes Research Project

Ryan Keller, from Livermore, recently participated in a research project, "Growing a Promising Future: Connecting Families to Collingwood Children's Farm," as part of his undergraduate requirements at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts.. Keller will be a senior next fall, majoring in mechanical engineering.

Three Dublin High Students Receive Science Fair Award

Three Dublin High School students have received the Excellence in Water Research Award for their Alameda County Science and Engineering Fair project.

Shashank Beri, Akash Darbha, and Tyler Hom, all juniors during the 2019-20 school year, each received \$200; their science teacher, Janet Kaemhs, received \$100.

The project, titled "The Applications of Ferrofluid and Its Effect on Removing Microplastics from the

Ocean," dealt with removing microplastics from water.

The water research award is sponsored by 10 Alameda County water and wastewater agencies, including the Dublin San Ramon Services District. Board Member Rich Halket and district staff presented checks and lawn signs to the students last week.

The county science fair was held in March. The California Science and Engineering Fair was cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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department joined five other Bay Area public health departments on March 16 with coordinated shelter-in-place orders to combat the spread of COVID-19, well ahead of similar restrictions at the state level. She served as one of the leading health officials in determining and executing decisions for the county during the crisis. One recent study at the University of California Berkeley suggests the early lockdown measures significantly decreased the number of COVID-19 cases. To view the study, visit https://bit.ly/Indy_Study.

Pan served as interim health officer with the Alameda County health department since July 2018. Prior to that, she served for more than eight years as a director for Alameda County health department's communicable disease control and prevention department.

She also worked as an attending physician in pe-

diatric infectious diseases at Children's Hospital & Research Center in Oakland since 2012, and as a clinical professor of pediatric infectious diseases at the University of California, San Francisco since 2015, according to her LinkedIn profile.

Pan served as director of public health emergency preparedness and response at the San Francisco health department in 2011, and from 2004 to 2010, was chosen as director of the Bioterrorism and Infectious Disease Emergencies Unit. Pan trained as a medical epidemiologist at the San Francisco Department of Public Health from 2003 to 2004.

She earned a doctor of medicine and a master of public health from the Tufts University School of Medicine. The state position does not require Senate confirmation and pays a base salary of \$250,000 per year.

Online Training Available for Alameda Job Seekers

The Alameda County Workforce Development Board is encouraging job seekers to take advantage of Metrix Learning, an online training platform that assesses interests and skills gaps and then creates an individualized training plan. Access to the program is free.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and its

impact on the economy, Alameda's unemployment rate topped 14.1% in April, up from 3.9% in March. More than 112,500 county residents were unemployed in April, compared to 32,700 in March.

With more than 5,000 available courses, Metrix can help job seekers and workers looking to improve skills, earn industry certi-

ficates, launch new careers, or earn promotions. Metrix allows participants to learn at their own pace, with clear training milestones, and earn certificates upon completion through customized badges.

The Workforce Development Board said more than 200 job seekers have taken advantage of Metrix, earning certification in such areas as Microsoft Office Specialist,

Project Management, Six Sigma Green Belt, Information Systems Security Professional, Human Resource Management, QuickBooks, and Comp TIA A+.

Metrix is open to job seekers residing in Alameda County outside the city of Oakland. To register, go to https://acwdb.metrixlearning.com/sd/index_alameda.cfm.

Campaign Urges Donations of Convalescent Plasma

Tanish Sathish, a sophomore at Irvington High School in Fremont, has launched a campaign, in partnership with the American Red Cross, to call attention to the need for convalescent plasma to fight COVID-19.

Convalescent plasma is plasma recovered from blood taken from a person who has recovered from a disease, in this case COVID19. Convalescent plasma may contain antibodies to

fight the disease.

After reading research papers and talking to the American Red Cross, Sathish realized that the potential for convalescent plasma in treating COVID-19 was not receiving much attention in the news media, even though a single blood donation can treat another four patients. Sathish said the plasma can also be used in creating other products to aid in treatment.

In response, Sathish

formed the Plasma4COVID campaign, and in the first three weeks, received pledges to donate plasma from 20 people who had recovered from the disease. Many of them said they had not been aware about the value of convalescent plasma.

Potential donors can learn more at <https://tinyurl.com/plasmacampaign>, including the location of donation centers and the types of donations that each center

collects. They can also learn whether they are eligible to donate plasma by filling out an online form. The Red Cross will forward the information to a nearby collection site to schedule the donation. The current goal is to recruit 300 donors.

Livermore Symphony Honors First President

The Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild is honoring Ethan Allen Platt, first president of the Livermore Symphony, with an "Imaginary Non-Concert" to raise funds to purchase sheet music to be stamped with his name. Platt died in May at the age of 102.

Platt had a master's de-

gree in nuclear engineering and worked at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for 32 years, retiring in 1984. He also had a passion for classical music, helping organize the Livermore Symphony in 1963. He played clarinet with the symphony for 20

years, while also serving as its general manager. He also formed the Livermore Woodwind Quintet, which played throughout the 1960s and '70s.

To contribute to the Ethan Allen Platt tribute fund, go to LivermoreAmadorSymphony.org.

Museum on Main Postpones Speaker Series

The Museum on Main has postponed the remaining three performances scheduled for the 2020 Ed Kinney Speaker Series until next year.

"As we look to the future and reopening, it is clear that large gatherings will remain a challenge for the foreseeable future," Sarah Schaefer, the Pleasanton museum's director of education, said in a news release. "We have also learned that the Firehouse Theater will be closed until further notice.

"These two realities necessitate our postponing the rest of the 2020 Ed Kinney Series until next year," she added. While it is not the direction that any of us hoped this would take, the health and safety of our patrons is our and the city's first consideration."

Over the last four months, the museum has had to postpone four performances because of the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on public gatherings. The three remaining performances were Erma Bombeck, portrayed by Marie Frontczak, Jacques Cousteau, portrayed by Doug Mishler, and William Shakespeare, portrayed by J.T. Turner, which were scheduled for July, August and September, respectively.

At this time, the museum's plan is to pick up the 2020 season in March 2021, running through October. Schaefer said all scheduled performers have agreed to honor their contracts and come back next year as the same characters. The scheduling is yet to be determined.

"This decision was very difficult and not taken lightly," Schaefer said. "We hope the public and our

Ed Kinney Speaker Series' patrons will understand why we have had to take this step for all of our health and safety."

Schaefer said 2020 ticket holders can use their tickets next year for the same performer, or they may request a refund by sending an email to office@museumonmain.org or by going to the museum once it reopened.

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OBITUARIES

John Herbert Pitts April 2, 1932 – June 18, 2020

John Herbert Pitts was born April 2, 1932, in Spokane, Washington, and died June 18, 2020, after a brief illness, in Oakland, California.

He is survived by his children, Liane Benedict (Welden) and David Pitts (Christine Grosh), and his grandchildren, Helen Wheeler (Anthony) and Nora Pitts (Sando Hamilton). His wife, Carol, died on June 19.

John served in the U.S. Air Force, earned engineering degrees from Stanford University in 1955 and the University of California, Berkeley, in 1958, and received his doctorate from the University of California, Davis, in 1976.

His professional life included positions at Westinghouse in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and as a consultant for General Atomics in San Diego. But most of his career was spent as a mechanical and nuclear engineer at the Uni-

versity of California Radiation Laboratory at Livermore (now the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory) from 1959 until his retirement in 1995. He was particularly proud of his idea for the cascade fusion power reactor, which was intended as a means for harnessing energy from a laser fusion reactor.

John viewed the world with a sense of humor and curiosity. He was appreciated for his outgoing personality, as well as his love of family, nature, travel, the arts (particularly painting and music), bicycling, and East Bay Regional Parks. He participated in many community organizations, including the Livermore Planning Commission, Friends of the Livermore Library, Lab Retirees Association, Valley Study Group, Sons in Retirement, Livermore Hillhikers, and Del Valle Fine Arts.

John and Carol were mar-

ried for 65 years and lived in Livermore, California, from 1959 until 2017, when they moved to Piedmont Gardens in Oakland.

Private graveside services were held in Monterey, California. A memorial page is available at www.crippenandflynnchapels.com/obituary/john-pitts. The family has also established an online site for reminiscing about John and Carol at www.johnandcarolpitts.online. Memorial donations may be made to The Nature Conservancy, Oakland Public Education Fund, or Del Valle Fine Arts.



Piedmont Gardens in Oakland, California.

Private graveside services were held in Monterey, California. There is a memorial page at www.crippenandflynnchapels.com/obituary/carol-pitts, and an online site for reminiscing about Carol and her husband John at www.johnandcarolpitts.online. Memorial donations may be made to Oxfam America, the Oakland Public Education Fund, and Ananda Ashram.

Carol K. Pitts

Sept. 27, 1933 – June 19, 2020

Carol Kellogg Pitts was born in San Francisco on Sept. 27, 1933, and died after a physical decline and a brief illness on June 19, 2020, in Oakland, California. She is survived by her children, Liane Benedict (Welden) and David Pitts (Christine Grosh), and her grandchildren Helen Wheeler (Anthony) and Nora Pitts (Sando Hamilton).

Carol earned a bachelor's degree in English from Stanford University in 1955, and a master's degree in 1976 from the California Institute of Asian Studies. She taught classes in the Upanisads, the Bhagavad Gita, Chi-Gong, Tai Chi and meditation. She was co-author of a translation of the Bhagavad-Gita from

Sanskrit, served as a mediator for the Alameda County Superior Court in Pleasanton, California, and was involved with restorative justice diversion programs in the East Bay. She was active for many years with the Yoga Society of San Francisco.

Carol was known for her love of family and nature, her gentleness, and her spirituality. She dedicated her life to the pursuit of justice and consistently chose to be kind. She always saw each person as an individual and unique human being.

Carol and her husband, John Pitts, who died June 18, were married for 65 years, and lived in Livermore, California, from 1959 until 2017, when they moved to

Anna Keeton

April 1, 1924 – June 23, 2020

Anna Keeton went home to be with the Lord on June 23, 2020. She was born to Maria and Edward Sedzik in Limanowa, Poland, on April 1, 1924.

At the age of 17, Anna was taken to Nazi-controlled Germany to work as a slave laborer in Heidelberg. After World War II, she was encouraged by her family to stay in Germany, because Poland was being overrun by Russia. While in Germany, as a displaced person working for the American Red Cross, she met an American soldier, Talmage Keeton, who became the love of her life. They married in Germany, and when Talmage's military service ended, they came to the U.S. and settled in Ohio.



Anna and Talmadge loved to gamble in Reno, Nevada, and travel throughout the U.S. A big part of social life revolved around in the Polish American Club in Roseville, California, where they enjoyed volunteering, preparing for events, and socializing with

their friends. They were especially fond of the dances where they were polka stars. In her later years, Anna enjoyed working in her garden and loved being around her grandchildren and great grandchildren. They family will miss her delicious cooking and her Polish wisdom.

Anna was preceded in death by her husband, Talmage; son-in-law, Terry; a granddaughter, Janel; and a great granddaughter, Holly. She is survived by her daughters, Joan and Rose; grandchildren, Chris (Sierra), Philip (Amber), and Jacob (Ashley), and Damon (Jenn); great-grandchildren, Isabella, Isaac, Evie, Ryan, Tyler and Brianna.

Kim Marie Swinkels

Jan. 27, 1964 – June 25, 2020



Loving mother and devoted wife, Kim Marie Swinkels, 56, passed away the morning of June 25, 2020, due to a heart attack. Born January 27, 1964, in Oakland, California, she grew up with five brothers: Michael, Daniel, Keith, Jeff, and Brian Hepburn. Daughter of Beverly and Frank Hepburn, she lived in San Jose, pursuing music and traveling with the marching band of Independence High School while simultaneously volunteering over 1000 hours at Alexian Brothers Hospital. Her work at the San Jose Airport began shortly after, and she continued to work there for 30 years until she retired as a

senior financial analyst. At that time, she got married to her husband, Ron Swinkels. Throughout their 27 years together, they had four children: Amanda, Kyle, Justin, and Alyssa. Kim was an active member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic community dedicating much of her time to music, eucharistic, and other ministries. She endured a nearly three-year battle with cancer before her passing and proved her incredible strength throughout the fight. A memorial page was established to share memories and show support, and can be accessed at <https://everloved.com/life-of/kim-swinkels/>.

Andres “Andy” Luis Garcia Livermore Resident



bachelor's degree in economics from California State University, Hayward. He maintained his Cuban citizenship until the birth of his nephew, Paul, in 1977, when he realized he belonged in the U.S. He also assisted with the resettlement of refugees from Mariel, Cuba, in 1980.

He continued working in logistics/trucking and became a partner in Western Distribution, later selling his interest in that business. In 1990, he formed a new business, what is now GSC Logistics, in Oakland, California, with his business partner Scott Taylor. He was a respected and beloved leader and mentor in the logistics business.

Andy met his wife, Julie, in 1981, at their friend Angelina's birthday celebration and married a year later. Their first home was in Union City. The light of his life were his two daughters, Rachel and Sofia. He was a coach on their softball and soccer teams

Andres Luis Garcia, better known as Andy, passed away unexpectedly on June 24, 2020.

Andy was born to Andres and Amparo Garcia, in Habana, Cuba, where the family lived in the original Chinatown area. His father worked in a movie theater and his mom started her own successful credit card business. Andy began assisting with collections when he was 10 years old.

Andy and his younger sister, Amy, were brought to the U.S. in 1962, as a child refugees, by “Operation Peter Pan,” a program organized by the Catholic Welfare Bureau. He lived with 500 other boys at Camp Matecumbe, in Dade County, Florida, and Amy lived in a girls group home in Florida City, Florida, for almost two years, while their parents struggled to leave Cuba. While at camp, Andy earned money to send to his parents by picking tomatoes.

When the family reunited, they lived briefly in Miami, before moving to Richmond, California, where Andy initially attended Harry Ells High School, graduating from Richmond High School. In high school he sang with the Caprells, played football, and worked nights at a local restaurant.

Andy began his career in logistics at Delta Lines as a rater at age 18. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in business from Contra Costa College in San Pablo, California, and a

Vincent Frankie Bartoni Longtime Livermore Resident



way up to foreman. He then moved to BMD Plumbing in Livermore as a superintendent. His professional goal was to be a commercial craftsman plumber and proud member of UA Local 38 Plumber & Pipefitters Union.

He married his wife and best friend, Cathy, on July 15, 1995, and they lived in Livermore for 21 years.

They had three sons – Vincent Jr., Dominic, and Joe – and he loved spending time with them. He volunteered and coached them in sports. He loved being a dad, family focused, and a man

of faith. He was proud of each of them. In his free time, Vincent enjoyed being with family and friends, going to car

And hot rod shows, good food, traveling, sports, and TV shows about history. He was a die-hard Oakland Raiders fan.

He is survived by his grandmother Jennie; his parents, Vincent and Diane; his wife, Cathy; his three sons; two younger sisters, Angela and Tina; brother-in-law, Steve Sanders, and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, neighbors and co-workers. He will be remembered for his loving heart; his caring, warm, charismatic passion for life; his bright smile and making everyone laugh.

God called his soul home for a future of eternal life with the joys of happiness, love and peace. He was laid to rest on May 27, in loving memory, surrounded by the morning star and peaceful doves, at Oakmont Memorial Park Garden of Meditation in Lafayette, California.

Jerry E. Blackmore

Aug. 19, 1940 – June 23, 2020



Jerry E. Blackmore was born Aug. 19, 1940, in Great Falls, Montana. He was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Blackmore and grew up in Duluth and Ely, Minnesota.

The family moved to Castro Valley, California, when Jerry was a freshman in high school. He played several sports and graduated from Castro Valley High School in 1958.

He received a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance from San Jose State University, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, and earned an MBA in taxation. He was a member of the California Society of CPAs and the American Institute of CPAs.

Jerry served in the military in Vietnam from 1962-1963. He moved to Livermore, California, with his former wife, Dona Fraser Blackmore, in 1964. They had two sons, Andy Blackmore of Arizona and Tyler Blackmore of New Jersey.

Jerry was a former board member and treasurer for the Junior Golf Association of Northern California, past president of the Northern California Golf As-



sociation, and past president and a member of the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton, California. He was a former board member for the United States Golf Association and was part-owner of Auburn Valley Golf and Country Club in Auburn, California.

John E. Hamera

Oct. 21, 1941 – June 26, 2020



John E. Hamera was born Oct. 21, 1941, to Russell and Anna Jurkiewicz Hamera, and died on June 26, 2020.

He joined the Navy in 1959, after graduating from Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento. After retiring from the Navy as a master chief petty officer, he worked for Pacific Bell Telephone. In 1961, John married Josephine Giannetta. They had four children.

He is survived by his daughter, Karen Carvelli (Michael); three sons, Steven (Karen), James (Jeri),

and Timothy (Joni); and 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters, Joanna Jung, of St. Joseph, Missouri, and Eugenia Wagers, of Wichita, Kansas. He was preceded in death by his sisters Barbara Liberty, Bernice Brewer and Mary Theresa Wheeler.

Burial will be at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, California. Callaghan Mortuary is handling arrangements and an online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

Dolores Marlyss Pruner

Nov. 16, 1934 – June 20, 2020



cheons and day trips.

Lorie's favorite hobby was golf. In her lifetime, Lorie made at least three holes in one! She was a member of the Ladies club at her favorite course, Las Positas Golf Course, where she volunteered her time for tournaments and many

other aspects of the club. She shared her love for the sport with her brother-in-law Mel, nephew Brian, his wife April and their son Chase.

Lorie also enjoyed watching her favorite sports. She was a big Oakland Raiders and Oakland A's fan. She enjoyed watching football and baseball with her good friend Jean Kruger.

Dolores is survived by her sister Colleen and husband Mel, their son Brian, his wife April, and their son Chase as well as her Niece Priscilla.

Please join us in celebrating her life Wednesday, July 1, 2020, between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. at the Chapel of the Resurrection, 16300 112th Ave NE, Bothell, WA.

Santiago V. Flores

Nov. 19, 1949 – May 21, 2020



Santiago V. Flores was born on November 19, 1949 in Jalpa, Zacatecas, Mexico.

He passed suddenly from lung cancer and was laid to rest on May 21, 2020, in Livermore, CA.

Santiago was 70 years old at the time of his death.

He was a resident of Livermore, CA, where he worked at Home Depot for more than 17 years as an Associate in the tool rental department. Santiago enjoyed his work very much and was well-liked by all.

He also worked as a machine operator in the City of Industry in the 1980s.

Santiago is preceded in death by his parents Eugenio Flore and

sibils Maricela (Alfredo), Guadalupe (Jorge), and Telesforo (Berta)

Santiago was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and uncle. He was kind, humble, and hard-working. He loved family gatherings and going to the beach. His hobbies included fishing and taking family videos. He enjoyed space exploration and UFO programs, too.

Santiago will be missed tremendously by us all, and never forgotten. May God bless his soul. AMEN.

Santiago was laid to rest at St. Michael Cemetery in Livermore, CA.

GILLIG

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appropriate social distancing. The second reason, he said, was to keep employees working since future production is uncertain. Also uncertain is whether the workers who have been laid off will return to work at any point.

“Depending upon how long they’ve been there, they have recall rights for 12 months to 36 months, meaning that the company can’t hire anybody new until they recall them to work,” Aloise said. “The transit industry has been hit very hard by the pandemic ... We’re pushing the federal

government to put more into mass-transit funding so these transit districts can purchase buses.”

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty was present when Gillig opened in Livermore. He is hopeful that economic conditions in the region improve quickly, but he remains concerned that conditions will worsen before they improve.

“This is sad news, as I worked very diligently to keep this company here in Alameda County, despite the higher costs they were facing

in fees to do business here in comparison to other potential options in less expensive states,” Haggerty said. “And at the end of the day, through a joint governmental effort, we were successful in retaining Gillig and their workforce. So, I truly hope that the workforce reduction with Gillig and other major businesses in my district, the county and the

state are only temporary. Unfortunately, I am bracing for more layoffs from companies both small and large as we all continue to deal with the effects of COVID-19. I look forward to a day when we can all get back to work and resume some sense of normalcy to our lives. This pandemic has wreaked enough havoc on us all.”

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Tuesday, July 7, at 7 p.m., for community members who may be interested in running for one of two board seats that will become available after November. At this session, the district will share roles and responsibilities board members, information about the election process and deadlines, the meeting

schedule and conflict of interest and campaign reporting requirements.

For additional information, or to receive written materials after the session, contact Superintendent Kelly Bowers’ office at 925-606-3281 or email Cathy McConnell at cmcconnell@lvjUSD.org.

OBITUARIES

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Mary Ann Luedemann

June 18, 1939 – April 8, 2020



Mary Ann passed away in the arms of her husband of 60 years and surrounded by her immediate family. Born to Frank and Viola Accito, the oldest of 5 children, Mary Ann grew up in Yuba City, CA. Popular, beautiful, and loved all throughout school. In June of 1960, Mary Ann met the love of her life, Jack Luedemann, and had two children Betty DeBono and John Luedemann. Mary Ann lived an exciting life starting in the small town of Yuba City to living in Pacific Palisades, CA, to Ojai, CA, to Lehigh, FL, to Livermore, CA, and then retired in Ripon, CA. Besides her beauty inside and out, Mary Ann will be remembered for her great Christmas Eve parties with her famous unmatched Lasagna, and everything, of course, was first class. She was also well known for her Christmas cards that when opened confetti sprinkled out. Mary Ann loved to shop!

When she walked into Nordstrom, Neiman Marcus, and her favorite I Magnin (which she was devastated when they went out of business), everyone knew her name and loved her. Yes, because she bought so much but more for her personality and kindness. Mary Ann’s favorite places to shop were Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills and San Francisco. Mary Ann was a devoted mom and grandmother attending every baseball game, basketball game, tennis match, softball game, piano recital her kids and grandchildren had. Mary Ann even quit her job one time due to her boss not letting her off for her daughter’s debut as the baton girl for her high

school football game. Besides being a wife and mother, Mary Ann was a model for nine years for Sunset Homes in Livermore, appearing in numerous advertisements, appearing in magazines, brochures, publicity releases, and billboards. She was also a successful restaurant owner and also worked in the new home industry and became an accomplished decorator. Mary Ann was also known for her yearly garage sales. She actually had a following of regular customers that would come days prior to the sale, and by the weekend, she was already sold out. Her customers knew that everything she was selling was from the finest stores and of the highest quality, but she was truly loved by her customers who turned into friends. Mary Ann and her family saw Elvis Presley live five times. At one concert, she gave the two front row seats to her kids, and she and Jack sat in average seats just so her kids could see Elvis from the front row. There is so much more to Mary Ann Luedemann than words can describe. She could’ve done anything in her life, such as pursuing a modeling career, but her true passion was her family. She was the ultimate trophy wife and was a true partner to her husband, both personally and professionally. She was the best mother that anyone could ask for, and Betty and John were blessed to have her. And she was the “cool” grandmother who had all three of her grandchildren call her Mary Ann vs. grandma. The Luedemann family will never be the same without their beloved Mary Ann, who was the heart of the family. Mary Ann is survived by her husband Jack Luedemann, her daughter Betty DeBono, her son John Luedemann, her daughter-in-law Armida Luedemann, her grandchildren Sean DeBono, Johnny Luedemann and Sammy Luedemann, her sister Judy Mitchell and her brother Gene Accito (and his wife Diane Accito) and several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death was her brother Jimmy Accito and her niece, Nicole Bull. Mary Ann will be missed every day, and the world will not be the same without her. Mary Ann was born beautiful, and she died beautiful.

Rosary: Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore, CA. 94550. Viewing July 7, 2020, at 5 pm to 7 pm. Rosary at 7 pm. Funeral: St. Michael Catholic Church, 458 Maple Street, Livermore, CA. 94550, July 8, 2020, at 12 pm.

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

TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, July 3, 4 p.m. Live Q & A for Amador’s Incoming Freshmen

The transition from middle school to high school can be tough. It’s a new experience with new people, mixed grade classes and many clubs to choose from. Students in the AVMentors are hosting live Q & A for incoming freshman. For more information, email avmentors@gmail.com.

Saturday, July 4, 9 – 10 p.m. Fourth of July Virtual Fireworks Show

Steaming a selection of past filmed fireworks displays from Livermore and beyond set to music for the whole family to enjoy. Brought to you by Livermore Back to Business, Livermore Downtown Inc. and Mori Collective. For more information, visit [Facebook.com/MoriCollective](https://www.facebook.com/MoriCollective).

Sunday, July 5, 10 a.m. Post-Independence Day Walk at Sycamore Grove Park

Join Ranger Darren to walk and explore Sycamore Grove Park. Walk will be about 2 miles on mostly level ground good for ages 5 and up. Bring water binoculars or a camera. Please RSVP by calling 925-960-2400 or emailing dsegur@larpd.org.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday through July 26, 2:45 p.m. Watch Live Horse Racing at Trackside Terrace Outdoor Patio Dining

Fantastic view of the track. Watch live racing while you dine. Each guest must purchase a meal to enter the Alameda County Fairgrounds and Trackside Terrace. For more information, visit www.alamedacountyfair.com.

July 6 – 10, July 20 – 24, Aug. 3 – 7 Summer Art at the Bothwell

Bothwell will host art class for kids, ages 4 -17. Each week has a different theme, and many different media will be used: watercolor, acrylic, collage, mixed media, clay, chalk, charcoal and pencil. Multiple fun projects will be created. The Bothwell is carefully following all safety measures to keep everyone safe while having fun learning art skills. Enrollment is limited in keeping with current Alameda County restrictions. For more information and to register, visit www.livermorearts.org.

Tuesday, July 7th - August Online Music “Summer Camps” with Kim Luty

“Summer Singers” classes are now offered for ages 7 to 18. Students will be divided into age groups. Sessions offer fun theme music while working on vocal techniques and reading music. Kindergarten Music Adventures, for ages 6 -7, is designed to help youngsters build their foundations in music, while learning summer songs and play education music themed games. No experience necessary. All meetings take place on Zoom. For more information, visit www.kimluty.com or email to Kimmyluty@gmail.com.

Tuesday, July 7, 6 p.m. How To Make A Song

This online course with Chris Ansuini is designed to answer one question: how to make a song for ages 12 and older. Discussing song structure, music theory and how to use different sounds to create new flavors. For more information and to register, visit www.livermorearts.org.

Tuesday, July 7, 7 p.m. CounterPoint – Faith-Based Support Group

For families or individuals who are impacted by their loved ones’ addiction or alcoholism. Meetings during COVID-19 are through Zoom. Call Rachael at 510-501-1411, leave your email address and you will be invited to the meeting.

Thursday, July 9, 6 p.m. Shakespeare Virtual Trivia Night

Join Livermore Shakes for a fun night of Shakespeare and General Knowledge Trivia! Sign up as an individual and you will be partnered with a virtual team or sign up as a team. With purchase of ticket you will receive an event Zoom Link prior to the event. To purchase your ticket visit https://bit.ly/Indy_Tickets.

Saturday, July 11, 10 a.m. Cattail Pond Venture at Sycamore Grove Park

Join Ranger Seth on a hike to one of the coolest parts of the park – the Cattail Pond. Be ready for a 3.5-mile roundtrip stroll. Along the way, there will be a discussion on some of the wonders of Sycamore Grove Park. Bring plenty of water and snacks. RSVP by calling 925-960-2400 or email seddings@larpd.org.

Sunday, July 12, 2 p.m. Learn About Reptiles

Warm weather brings out the reptiles, including rattlesnakes. Learn how to tell the dangerous reptiles from the harmless. Please RSVP by calling 925- 960-3400 or email veggert@larpd.org.

Thursday, July 16, 5 p.m. StarsDay Open Mic Returns to Livermore Valley Performing Arts

Second annual Dreamcatcher competition by performing online from your home or studio. Any local musician, vocalist or spoken word artist can enter for \$10, (must register by July 13). Or tune in to watch a wealth of talent in our community. For more information or to sign up, visit www.livermorearts.org.

Thursday, July 23, to Sunday, July 26 Livermore Valley Wine Foundation Auction

Benefiting Livermore Schools Lunch Program, the auction will run concurrently with virtual events in place of traditional Taste of Terror. For more information, visit www.lvwf.org.

Saturday, Aug. 8, 7 p.m. Valley Dance Theatre’s Celebrates 40th Anniversary Season

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Ordinance No. 8 of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARP), an ordinance establishing Rules and Regulations Governing Conduct and Use of Parks and Other District Facilities was amended at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District on June 24, 2020. The amendments to Ordinance No. 8 were adopted by Resolution No. 2691, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Faltings, Furst, Pierpont, Wilson and Chair Palajac (5)
NOES: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
ABSENT: None

Approved this 24th day of June 2020

Jan Palajac
Chair, Board of Directors

Attest:

Mathew Fuzie
General Manager and ex-officio
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Ordinance No. 8 is summarized below, including a list of the chapters of the ordinance. A certified copy of the entire text of the ordinance is available for the use and examination by the public at the LARP District Office, located at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore CA 94550, between the hours of 8 AM and 2 PM, by appointment, Monday – Friday by calling (925) 373-5700. The entire text of the ordinance is also posted on the LARP website: www.larpd.org

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE No. 8 AN ORDINANCE OF THE LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF DISTRICT PARKS AND FACILITIES

In order that residents of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARP) may use and receive maximum benefit from District facilities, parklands and programs, and for the protection and preservation of District resources and facilities, the Board of Directors of LARP has established rules and regulations concerning use of District facilities and parklands. The Rules and Regulations contain the following chapters:
Chapter 100 – General Provisions
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Invitation to Bid for General Contracting Services

Tri-Valley Haven (TVH) is a service agency that provides emergency shelter and resources for adults and children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, or homelessness. Through this Invitation to Bid, TVH is seeking general contracting services for three of their facilities.

The Community Building that serves as the administrative offices for Tri-Valley Haven is a 5,042 square foot facility built in 1997. Sojourner House is a 3,000 square foot, 1-story, single-family residence built in 1967 that contains 4-bedrooms and administrative offices. Shiloh, the second facility, consists of two single-family buildings totaling approximately 7,500 sq. ft. The scope of work for these three facilities include a variety of exterior and interior improvements.

The bid package containing the drawings and project manual will be available on PlanWell on July 7, 2020. Bids will be due July 30, 2020 at 3 pm. The bid information can be accessed at the PlanWell San Ramon website. Once on the website take the following steps:

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For questions or clarifications regarding this Invitation to Bid please contact Kenneth Jones at 925-207-3830 or via email at kjones@landisdevelopment.com. Inquiries regarding the scope, architectural drawings, or project manual should be directed to the Architect, Michael Fowler at Walovich Architect at mfowler@walovich.com. This is a Federal Prevailing Wage Project

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Alameda County Approves Increased Funding for Sheriffs Office and Jail

Despite calls to defund the police, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 last week to increase funding for the Sheriff’s Office and Santa Rita Jail by \$18 million.

In the wake of nationwide protests over police brutality against African-Americans, several labor unions, community organizations, and individuals had urged the county to reduce funding for law enforcement and incarceration and invest more

in community health efforts.

At the June 26 meeting, Supervisors Wilma Chan and Keith Carson also urged the board to reject the increase.

“The board has an obligation to look at all alternatives,” Chan said. “Why can’t we take the time to have those discussions? If we do, we could have something different. I think we have an obligation to do those best practices.”

However, Chan and Carson were outvoted by Su-

pervisors Nate Miley, Scott Haggerty, and Richard Valle.

Cat Brooks, co-founder of the Anti Police-Terror Project and executive director of Justice Teams Network, expressed particular outrage at Miley, one of two African-Americans on the board, along with Carson.

“To hear an African-American elected leader like Supervisor Nate Miley invoke Black Lives Matter while voting in favor of funding a sheriff’s office that is

killing us is a slap in the face to the entire community,” Brooks said. “Empty words will not deflect from the fact that today Supervisor Miley turned his back on the people he should be fighting to protect. In the same way we need to defund local police departments, we need the county to defund the torture chamber that is Santa Rita and reinvest in community.”

The funding package approved by the board includes an additional \$12 million

for the Sheriff’s Office and \$6.7 million for behavioral healthcare at the jail. It was based on the findings of an independent analysis of the minimum level of staffing necessary for the jail to operate safely for both inmates and staff.

The study was the result of mediation in a federal class action lawsuit against the county and sheriff’s office that alleged mentally ill inmates at the jail were subjected to inadequate care,

in violation of the Eighth Amendment’s guarantee against cruel and unusual punishment.

Miley, who acknowledged in May that voting for the additional funding would be a difficult decision, said he ultimately felt it was in the best interest of the public.

“If we put this off, we jeopardize personnel at the jail, jeopardize civilians at the jail, and jeopardize inmates at the jail,” Miley said.

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jakes-cafe.com
Takeout Available

Lemongrass Thai Restaurant

2216 1st St., Livermore
925-606-6496
lemongrasslivermore.com
Takeout Available

Lo's China Bistro

2059 First St., Livermore
925-455-6878
loschinabistrolivermore.com
Takeout & Delivery Available

Los Caporales Taqueria

1316 Railroad Ave., Livermore
925-455-8226
Open Daily 10am to 8pm
Takeout & Delivery Available

LV Fusion Eatery

174 South K St., Livermore
925-292-4697
lvfusioneatery.com
Takeout Available

Melo's Pizza and Pasta

4433 First St., Livermore
925-371-4499
melospizzapasta.com
Takeout & Dining Available

Monica's Livermore

2074 Second St., Livermore
925-292-5568
monicaslivermore.com
Takeout and Delivery Available

Mountain Mike's Pizza

1472 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore
925-455-8999
mountainmikespizza.com
Takeout & Delivery Available

Mountain Mike's Pizza

1304 First St., Livermore
925-960-9555
mountainmikespizza.com
Takeout & Delivery Available

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925-960-9555
mountainmikespizza.com
Takeout & Delivery Available

Ofelia's Kitchen

850 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore
925-449-5162
ofeliaskitchen.com
Takeout/Curbside Available

Panera Bread

4685 1st St., Livermore
925-606-1456
Panerabread.com
Takeout & Delivery Available

Patxi's Pizza

2470 1st St., Livermore
925-371-1000
patxispizza.com
Takeout & Delivery Available

Petra Middle Eastern Cuisine

4524 Las Positas Rd, Livermore
925-371-0412
petra-livermore.com
Takeout & Delivery Available

Posada Restaurant

988 Murrieta Blvd., Livermore
925-606-1004
posadarestaurant.com
Takeout & Curbside Available

Riata Diner & Tavern

190 South J. Street
925-294-9170
theriata.com
Takeout & Curbside Available

Roya Afghan

2020 First St., Livermore
925-447-0576
Royaafghancuisine.com
Takeout, Curbside &
Delivery Available

Roppongi Sushi

2206 First St., Livermore
925-245-9662
roppongisushilivermore.com
Takeout & Delivery Available

Rusty's Bar & Grill

2327 1st St., Livermore
925-294-9906
rustys2go.com
Wed-Fri 12-8:30 Sat & Sun 10-8:30
Takeout Available

Sauced BBQ & Sprits

2300 First St.
925-961-1300
saucedbbqandsprits.com
Takeout & Delivery Available

Shadow Puppet Brewing Company

4771 Arroyo Vista, Suite B., Livermore
925-453-6498
shadowpuppetbrewing.com
Takeout Available

Simply Fondue

2300 First Street
925-443-6638
simplyfonduelivermore.com
Drive thru Groceries Available

Star Anise

2470 First St. #108, Livermore
925-454-9888
Takeout Available

Strings Italian Café

2205 Las Positas Rd., Livermore
925-373-1044
stringslivermore.com
Takeout Available

Strizzi's Restaurant

2205 First St., Livermore
925-456-2200
strizzis.com
Takeout, Curbside
& Delivery Available

Terra Mia Livermore

4040 East Ave., Livermore
925-456-3333
terramialivermore.com
Takeout & Delivery Available

The Color of Fresh

1848 First St., Livermore
thecoloroffresh@gmail.com
Coloroffresh.com
Pickup & Delivery Available

The Original Mel's Diner

1116 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore
925-371-6357
originalmels.com
Takeout & Delivery Available

Tin Thai Kitchen

235 S. Vasco Rd., Livermore
925-960-1030
tinthaica.com
Takeout Available

Uncle Yu's At The Vineyard

39 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore
925-449-7000
uncleysvineyard.com
Takeout, Curbside &
Delivery Available

Viet Noms Vietnamese Eatery

1100 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore
925-292-5539
Takeout & Delivery Available
vietmonseateary.com

Vitality Bowls

2175 First St., Livermore
925-292-5697
vitalitybowls.com/locations/livermore
Takeout & Delivery Available

Yin Yin

2083 1st. St., Livermore
925-447-1240
yinyinlivermore.com
Takeout & Delivery Available

Zephyr Grill & Bar

1736 First St., Livermore
925-961-1000
zephyrgrill.com
Takeout & Curbside Available

PLEASANTON

Alberto's Cantina

435 Main St., Pleasanton
925-462-2316
albertoscantinapleasanton.com
Takeout/Curbside Available

California Pizza Kitchen

1328 Stoneridge Mall Rd., Ste D122,
Pleasanton
925-251-9771
www.cpk.com
Curbside & Delivery Available

Chianti Reserve

436 Main St., Pleasanton
925-484-3877
chiantireserve.com
Takeout Available

China Lounge Restaurant & Bar

4220 Rosewood Dr., Pleasanton
925-227-1312
chinaloungeto.com
Takeout Available

Cocina Mexico

55 W. Angela St., Pleasanton
925-485-3010
mycocinamexico.com
Takeout Available

De La Torre's

6025 West Las Positas Blvd.,
Pleasanton
925-484-3878
delatorres.net
Takeout & Curbside Available

Dragon City

824 Main St., Pleasanton
925-249-9448
goldendragoncity.net
Takeout & Delivery Available

Eddie Papa's American Hangout

4889 Hopyard Rd., Pleasnton
925-469 6266
eddiepapas.com
Takeout & Delivery Available

El Molino

5321 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton
925-463-0428
Takeout Available

Experience Burma Restaurant & Bar

221 Division Street, aka 600 Main St,
Unit G, Pleasanton
Phone: (925) 398-8219
theexperienceburma.com

Gay Nineties Pizza Co.

288 Main St., Pleasanton
925-846-2520
gayninetiespizza.com
Takeout Available

Hap's Original Steaks and Seafood

122 West Neal St., Pleasanton
925-600-9200
hapsoriginal.com
Curbside Available

Inklings Coffee & Tea

530 Main St., Pleasanton
925-399-6746
Inklingscoffee.com
Order Online/Walk In/Curbside

Jim's Country Style Restaurant

5400 Sunol Blvd. #1, Pleasanton
925-426-7019
Takeout & Delivery Available

Main Street Brewery

830 Main St., Pleasanton
925-462-8218
mainstbrewery.com
Takeout Avaiaible

Mama's Pizza Take and Bake

1991 Santa Rita Rd. #E, Pleasanton
925 417 751
mamas-pizza-take-bake.business.site
Curbside Pickup & Delivery Available

New Thai Bistro

4301 D Valley Ave., Pleasanton
925-425-7333
newthaibistro.com
Takeout Available

Nonni's Bistro

425 Main St., Pleasanton
925-600-0411
Nonnisbistro.net
Takeout Available

P.F. Chang's Pleasanton

1330 Stoneridge Mall Rd.,
Pleasanton
925-224-9916
pfchangs.com
Takeout & Delivery Available

Pasta's Trattoria

405 Main St., Pleasanton
925-417-2222
pastastrattoriapleasanton.com
Takeout/Curbside Available

Prim Rosebakery

350 Main St., Pleasanton
925-249-1261
primrosebakery.com
Takeout Available

Plucked Chicken & Beer

6762 Bernal Ave. #630,
Pleasanton
925-425-0795
pluckedchickenandbeer.com
Takeout & Delivery Available

Porky's Pizza Palace

2911 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton
925-417-1600
porkypizzapalace.com
Takeout & Delivery Available

Rancho Grande Taqueria

2707 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton
925-600-8620
ranchograndetaqueria.com
Takeout & Delivery Available

Rooster & Rice

3120 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton
925-425-7500
roosterandrice.com
Takeout Available

Salt Craft

377 St.Mary's St., Pleasanton
925-425-9716
saltcraftpleasanton.com
Takeout & Delivery Avaialbe

Strizzi's

649 Main Street, Pleasanton
925-484-9600
strizzis.com
Takeout & Delivery Avalialbe

Sozo Sushi