

For Sexual Abuse

Jail Warden Charged, Faces Up To 15 Years

By Larry Altman

DUBLIN — The warden at the women's federal prison in Dublin has been charged with sexually abusing a ward, forcing her to touch him and to strip naked when he made his rounds, prosecutors said Wednesday.

Ray J. Garcia, 54, of Merced was associate warden at the Bureau of Prison Federal Correctional Institute Dublin (FCI Dublin) when the allegations occurred, the U.S. Attorney's Office said in a statement. The facility is an all-female low-security federal prison.

According to a complaint, Garcia had sexual contact with at least one inmate while she was jailed at FCI Dublin, digitally penetrating her on multiple occasions. In one instance, Garcia assaulted the victim, prompting her to push his hand away. Garcia then forced her hand onto his genitals, prosecutors said. The complaint alleges Garcia asked the victim and at least one other inmate to strip naked for him during his rounds. Garcia allegedly took photographs of her in a cell and showed her cell phone pictures of his own genitals,

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City, School District Review Cop Program

By Aly Brown

PLEASANTON — The city council held a joint meeting with the school district last week to review the status of the School Resource Officer (SRO) program and a draft memorandum of understanding (MOU) that could be approved in November.

The Sept. 30 meeting followed several community engagement meetings on policing and a council request in August 2020 for the city staff to engage with the Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) on the involvement of SROs at school sites. The conversations led to the development of a draft MOU. Staff for both the city and the school district recommend adoption of the MOU by November.

Pleasanton Police Department (PPD) Chief David Swing explained details of the MOU and answered PUSD trustee and council questions.

"Traditionally, SROs are involved in a myriad of different responsibilities," Swing explained. "Their primary focus, of course, is on safety and student well-being. That can take many forms. It can take the form of talking with someone who is going through a difficult time in their personal life. That can take the form of breaking up a school fight, if there's some altercation on campus. It can be serving as a role model at a football game."

SROs are assigned to patrol high schools; the concept of an armed officer present on campus remains a point of public contention. In addition to overseeing safety, proponents of SRO programs cite positive attributes, such as deconstructing barriers between

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An African dancer delights the audience with a lively performance in front of the Bankhead Theater during Taste of Africa, Saturday, Oct. 2. The event was put on by Cheza Nami Foundation, thanks in part to a \$10,000 grant from the City of Livermore, and featured several Bay Area professional African performance groups. See more photos on page 7. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Mayor Reports Strong Financial Status

By Dawnmarie Fehr

DUBLIN — Mayor Melissa Hernandez gave an update on the city during the Dublin Chamber of Commerce State of the City Address last month.

The in-person luncheon included the city council, Dublin business owners and other local stakeholders. Hernandez discussed the current economic state of the city, ongoing projects and the state of business in the wake of the pandemic.

"It's time to get back to business in Dublin," Hernandez said to applause. "Over the course of the past year and a half, we often

took two steps forward and one step back, never quite being able to escape the COVID virus. As we get closer to what we hope will be the end of the virus crisis, we may continue to feel its lingering effects for some time. Despite that, there is still reason for optimism as we look ahead."

Hernandez thanked the community for coming together to flatten the curve and help those in need. She acknowledged community members who stepped up during the pandemic to provide meals, goods and services to the underserved. The city held a virtual volunteer recognition event

earlier this year to recognize the YOUNG Citizen of the Year, Anya Sengupta; Citizen of the Year, Michael D'Ambrosio; Organization of the Year, Breaking Barriers; the Mayor's Award recipient, Open Heart Kitchen; and the Mayor's Legacy Award Winner, Connie Mack.

Hernandez also described the wonderful relationship the city holds with its many nonprofits. Through the community grant program, Dublin was able to provide grants in the amount of \$267,000 to 14 Tri-Valley nonprofits during the past year.

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Underground Water Pumping Speeded Up

By Ron McNicoll

REGIONAL — The Zone 7 directors voted unanimously Sept. 15 to spend an extra \$2.7 million to hasten a well-pumping project by one year.

The project will act as a guard against more drought inroads and prevent damage caused by rolling brownouts, which occur frequently during fire season.

Zone 7 Project Manager Brandon Woods explained that when the electricity goes out, the pumped well water being lifted up a hill to a treatment plant in the east suddenly becomes immensely heavy. That water then threatens to flow backward in the pipeline and destroy equipment in its wake.

Speeding up the project by one year raises the cost from \$5.8 million to \$8.5 million. Approximately \$5 million is in the agency's

drought relief fund. Woods estimated a 5% to 8% increase in the water supply after the project is finished.

When Director Laurene Green asked Woods if Californians will see more rolling brownouts and fires in the future, Woods said it would be a good idea to move forward with preparations.

Zone 7 General Manager Valerie Pryor agreed, noting that the Delta has become less reliable as a water source.

"Ten years ago, you thought you might need emergency power during a major disaster," Pryor said. "It looks like there are more droughts now ... so we have to rely more on the underground water basin ... We are looking at outages where we are 100% reliant on well production. We will have emergency generators for all our facilities."

Woods recommended Conco, a commercial concrete firm, to complete the work. Zone 7 has contracted with them to do five projects over the past 13 years.

"The staff has never had any issues or claims arising from Conco construction projects," said Woods.

Just before the vote, Director Sandy Figueroa said it's better to be safe than sorry.

"I would rather err on the side of safety," he concluded.

LAFCO Likely to Urge Closer Valley Water Ties

The Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is completing a five-year review of water services throughout the county.

LAFCO Executive Director Rachel Jones said during Zone 7's Sept. 15 meeting that recommenda-

(See WATER, page 9)

Planning Commission Extends Permits for Outdoor Amenities

By Ruth Roberts

DUBLIN — In an effort to assist local businesses and service-oriented organizations affected by the pandemic, the planning commission has approved an extension of the city-issued Temporary Use Permit (TUP) program.

The planning commission agreed unanimously last month to grant the city manager the authority to waive certain zoning ordinance requirements to facilitate business operations affected by COVID-19. The amendment primarily includes the extension of time limits for temporary

items, including tents or other outdoor amenities.

"I think the benefit (to this) is that businesses are able to provide the services or the retail opportunity to the community despite restrictions and concerns people continue to have regarding social distancing and COVID as well," said Kristie Wheeler, assistant community development director. "There are still places where we still need to provide some flexibility."

In August 2020, the city council approved an amendment to the ordinance to extend the use of outdoor seating for eating

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School Districts Gear Up for State Vaccine Mandate

By Tony Kukulich

REGIONAL — Gov. Gavin Newsom issued a new mandate adding the COVID-19 vaccine to the list of vaccinations required for children to attend school.

"The state already requires that students are vaccinated against viruses that cause measles, mumps, and rubella," Newsom said in a press release issued after

his announcement. "There's no reason why we wouldn't do the same for COVID-19. Today's measure, just like our first-in-the-nation school masking and staff vaccination requirements, is about protecting our children and school staff, and keeping them in the classroom. Vaccines work. It's why California leads the country in

(See VACCINE, page 6)



During the sixth annual Filipino Barrio Fiesta, local Filipino-American cultural performers showcase traditional folk dances in Livermore, Sunday, Oct. 3. The event celebrated the culture, dance and food of the Philippines. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Lab Retirees Set to Receive Payments Following Lawsuit

By Jeff Garberson

LIVERMORE — Hundreds of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) retirees will receive payments this month to help compensate for increased medical premium costs incurred when they lost University of California health care benefits more than a decade ago.

The payments are the latest benefit from an \$84.5 million settlement reached two years ago in Alameda County Superior Court following a retiree lawsuit against UC lasting nearly a decade.

The lawsuit eventually

became a class action. Its first benefits were paid last year when class members became eligible for payments of \$1,000 to cover some of the excess costs experienced following loss of UC health care.

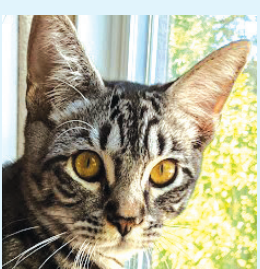
The excess costs were considered damages under the terms of the settlement, and the thousand-dollar payments were intended to ease their burden, although not to reimburse every last dollar.

If retirees submitted the Class Member Data Forms to qualify for the thousand-dollar payments, no additional paperwork need be submitted to be eligible

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Patrons at The Sidetrack Bar and Grill in Pleasanton toast while dressed in traditional German attire during Oktoberfest, which was held Oct. 1 through Oct. 3. Oktoberfest is a beer festival held annually in Munich, Germany, and in many regions throughout the world. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)



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Supervisors Continue Discussion on Solar Moratorium

By Larry Altman

Two Alameda County supervisors on Monday appeared closer to recommending a moratorium on new solar farm projects until the county approves policies for how they should be built and where.

During the second straight Transportation and Planning (T & P) committee meeting to update progress on the development of those policies, Supervisors Nate Miley and David Haubert — who serve on the committee — questioned whether they should entertain any applications for projects at the same time the county was writing the rules.

Several callers to the meeting suggested the public needed more input on the process, especially following the board's March approval of the controversial

350-acre Aramis solar farm project near Livermore.

"It seems to me that a case could be made for a moratorium," Miley said, asking staff members to report back next month on whether they could meet the legal requirements for a moratorium. "I think this is something the board is going to have to decide."

If Miley and Haubert believe a moratorium is necessary, they would take their proposal to the full board. Four of five supervisors would have to vote yes.

During the committee meeting, Alameda County Planning Director Albert Lopez provided an update on the solar policy progress. He said he had scheduled about three meetings with public groups and planned for a public workshop to go over the ideas that an Agriculture Advisory Committee

submitted to the Board of Supervisors months ago.

The supervisors have not addressed any specific policy point by point at their meetings.

Haubert and Miley said the few public meetings scheduled by staff and a single workshop would not be sufficient in the process.

Although Haubert said he supported discussing a moratorium, he questioned whether it was necessary, since it would take much longer to approve a project than to come up with the policies.

In other T & P committee discussions, the supervisors heard progress in developing a potential Nov. 1, 2022 ballot measure. Voters would decide whether to allow for equestrian arenas to be as large as 60,000-square-foot on agricultural land. The

measure would increase the formula for deciding the size of the arena based on the land's acreage.

County staff members have been presenting the proposed measure to the public at advisory councils, as well as developing a new definition for what constitutes an "agricultural building." An updated proposed measure for board approval adds olives, nuts, hops and wine to hay, grain, poultry, livestock and farm implements for what could be housed and processed in an agricultural building. An agricultural building could not be used for large industrial-type operations, including slaughterhouses and canneries.

The county has rules on how large agricultural and residential buildings can be on rural properties.

Foundation Raises \$50K for Programs Serving Africans

By Dawnmarie Fehr

The Asante Africa Foundation (AAF) held an event at Retzlaff Vineyards in Livermore last weekend to raise awareness and funding for its projects in Africa.

The evening was a success and raised \$50,000 thanks to the support of the attendees.

During the event, Byron Buyu Wayodi, AAF's Global Director of Measurement and Impact, spoke about the foundation's endeavors in East Africa to educate and empower the next generation of change agents, whose dreams and actions can transform the future of Africa.

"We always try to talk about our impact with the

voice of the beneficiary," said Wayodi after the event. "Everyone can read what has been achieved, but the individual results cannot be contained in a book or a piece of paper. We use this forum to illustrate what these children go through and what they went through with the kind of lives they have lived. Those of us who speak grew up like the children we help. We didn't have special privileges, and we understand what they go through so we can help them achieve their dreams."

AAF was founded in 2007 by Livermore resident Erna Grasz and two African women she met while on a trip to Mount Kilimanjaro. It has since grown and expanded to include pro-

gramming in three countries — Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya — and impacted over 600,000 lives through its educational, life skills, entrepreneurial and leadership programs. Wayodi said the foundation hopes to reach 1.6 million youth by 2025.

"Asante Africa is expanding and enlarging its territories and building a strong foundation," Wayodi said. "This is something we are going into with confidence and a lot of related works and reports to make sure the model can be repeated and beneficial to the youths."

The foundation emphasizes building stronger outcomes for its youth, increasing digital planning opportunities and digital literacy, as well as helping young

entrepreneurs access necessary loans to finance their business dreams. They work to create a culture of support not only at school, but at home within the family as well. Many of the teachers are alumni the students can identify with, since they grew up in the communities where they teach.

AAF has an office in Livermore and works with communities in Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya. Of those working in the programs, 80% are under the age of 35, and 50% are alumni who come back to work with the next generation of youth.

For more information, or to donate, visit www.asanteafrica.org or email events@asanteafrica.org.

Assemblymember Offers Insight on FPPC Penalty Changes

By Ruth Roberts

Catharine Baker, a two-term California assemblymember and appointee to the state's Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC), spoke last week before the Rotary Club of Livermore.

"I'm going to share with you, and hopefully you will come away with some encouragement that there are some watchdogs fighting for transparency and ethics in our state and local government," said Baker, who serves as vice chair of the commission.

Created in 1979 following Watergate, the Political Reform Act and FPPC were created to administer and enforce landmark ethics law, as well as inform and assist public officials, employees and candidates to comply with its provisions. Specifically, the act gives the FPPC authority to adopt, amend and rescind rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of the Act. In addition to interpreting and enforcing the Act, the FPPC focuses on providing current information and useful assistance to encourage compliance.

The primary areas the FPPC covers includes: campaign disclosure, contribution limits for state government, transparency rules related to lobbyists including conflicts of interest. In addition, candidates and committees have to disclose to the FPPC how they are

raising and spending money.

According to Baker, the recent passage of AB 1367, which penalizes individuals for egregious use of campaign funds, might have had more far-reaching effects for two notable local individuals — Former District Attorney Mark Peterson, and former clerk reporter Joe Canciamilla.

Peterson received a penalty of \$45,000 for misusing campaign funds for personal benefits and was also criminally prosecuted. Canciamilla, who embezzled over \$130,000 of campaign funds to remodel his home in Hawaii and then tried to cover it up by falsifying documents, was caught by the FPPC through a standard audit. Both sentences were handed out prior to the bill's passage but is something Baker says will pave the way for more stringent prosecution in the future.

"This is a bill I was just passionate about from the moment I got on the FPPC," said Baker. "Let me give you a great example here. If I'm cheating ... and I

write two checks that are just to benefit me, and the maximum I can be charged is \$5,000 per check. That's a \$10,000 fine for \$100,000 of abuse. We needed to change that so that we have the discretion to do fines that are twice the amount of what you misspent. This is to really make the crime and penalty much more fit and in sync instead of basically a slap on the wrist ... Going back to Joe Canciamilla, he was charged the maximum penalty, but it didn't affect his criminal penalty, which we have no control over. So he gets to serve his sentence in the Hawaii home that he misused campaign funds to remodel, and he is not serving a day in jail ... at least on our side, we are now going to have the penalty meet the crime more."

Baker's presentation was met with appreciation from the crowd who thanked her for her service and her time.

"I had been happy with her work representing this area when she was an elected official. It is great that she is now a commissioner

with the FPPC," said Rotarian David Rounds. "She will help add common sense and reality to some of the arcane practices and restrictions the FPPC works under."

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EDITORIAL Supporting African Youth

The Tri-Valley community's generosity recently raised \$50,000 for programs that have helped to empower over 600,000 individuals in Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya. The event hosted at Retzlaff Vineyards in Livermore further aimed to raise awareness about issues impacting youth in Africa.

Founded by Livermore resident Erna Grasz and two African women — Emily Moshi and Hellen Nkuraiya — the Asante Africa Foundation (AAF) works to help advance opportunities for African children through education and developing life skills. The organization's programs address the root cause of

why young people are not successful and emphasize education, gender equity, work-life skills and technology.

Byrone Buyu Wayodi, an AAF director, explained that the organization is made up of people with similar life experiences as the children they help. Those working in the program are mostly under the age of 35, and 50% are alumni who return to help the next generation.

Tri-Valley residents who were unable to attend the fundraiser can still contribute to help address the challenges facing East African youth. Visit asanteafrica.org for more information.

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Down the Garden Path

Jay Davis, Livermore

There is an expression in contracting called "going down the garden path." In this concept, one partner or the other to a contract keeps making changes until the final agreement does not resemble the initial one, and cost, schedule, and deliverables do not vaguely resemble what was initially intended. The City Livermore has allowed that to happen in its dealings with Eden to build housing on the former Lucky site. Having defended the City before and endorsed its plan, I must now say that it is time to call a halt to it and admit failure. The present concept more resembles military barracks or prison housing than attractive condominiums, and is an unacceptable use of a potentially lovely site.

The City should terminate the Eden contract and face the consequences: these possibly include costs for design work done to date, penalty clauses, and perhaps even a lawsuit. Unpleasant as that may be, it will eventually free the site and make it available for better community use. Those wanting a park there must be willing to work to fund the park they want separately, and to support City in steps to acquire land north of Railroad Avenue, including the use of the money borrowed long ago and pledged for housing. Possible land acquisitions and additional sources of funding for land and construction should be put on a single sheet of paper for

examination and evaluation for reality; no more newspaper ads or city-funded study groups. It is time for adult action on both sides. There is no free lunch to be had. Hope is not a plan. Both public use and low-cost housing can be had downtown, but only if the problem is addressed realistically.

Thanks to All Those Who Help

Tania Panarello, Livermore

I'd just like to give a shout out to all the folks at Tri-Valley Haven for all the work they do for our community. Thank you so much!

I'd also like to thank all the volunteers who gave so generously of their time and effort last Saturday (Oct. 2) at the Tri-Valley Haven Pace for Peace. It was nice to finally be back running races in person and in community with others.

It was actually running years ago that helped me to cope with the trauma of date rape. Fortunately, I was able to fight off my attacker and escape, but the broken trust and lack of respect for my body and soul damaged me for years. Running, to this day, helps me to cope with challenges, decompress and talk to God.

As a teen, my husband spent time in a shelter with his mom and two siblings. His dad was mentally ill, and that illness manifested itself in the form of physical and verbal abuse. Today, my husband, also a runner, is a wonderful father and role model to our two teen boys, and most important, a loving, supportive partner and friend to me.

Please support wonderful organizations like Tri-Valley Haven and Shepherds Gate, at trivalleyhaven.org and shepherdsgate.org. Thank you again!

Keep Livermore Downtown A Vibrant Center

Richard Ryon, Livermore

The City of Livermore has said it lacks funding to move the Eden Housing apartments north of Railroad Avenue. The proposed purchase of the site of the burned-down pool supply property on Railroad Avenue indicates that the City does indeed have funds available for this and other properties.

Housing in the center of a vibrant downtown is not the best use of the land. A nice park will induce local people, occupants of the proposed new hotel, and other tourists to linger downtown and patronize the fine restaurants and other business nearby on First Street and beyond.

Regardless of the history and lack of progress to date, the alternate plan is still possible. There is enough land available north of Rail-

road Avenue to locate a larger housing project than the currently proposed Eden Project, including the housing promised for school district employees and others of modest income.

The downtown project should be a place where the City Council will be glad to have their names on a plaque to commemorate their wisdom and good judgement. Let's hope they earn the honor!

Not a Horse in the Race

Dennis Mulligan, Livermore

The people that spend their time and energy attempting to make Livermore more pleasant, livable and attractive to visitors and residents, by creating a downtown landmark park, don't have a horse in the race! They have nothing to personally gain from their efforts. Their interests are to continue the momentum created by citizens in the past to distinguish Livermore as a great place to live, and with the wineries and eateries, to visit.

Livermore is fortunately very different from its neighboring cities of Dublin and Pleasanton. The north side valley, the east side Altamont hills, the south side vineyards, and the west side airport, golf course and gravel pits create an open space environment that few cities have. What will the people working for this effort gain themselves? Only the enjoyment of living here presently, and knowing that citizens in the future will benefit.

Eden Housing can be placed in many places, but a landmark park adjacent to the downtown business core can only happen in one place, one opportunity in a lifetime and beyond. Rome wasn't built in a day; an everlasting thriving downtown won't be built in a day either. City council, create something to be proud of downtown.

Not All Citizens Agree

Margaret Fazio, Livermore

I find myself troubled by the many upset citizens who write as though they are speaking for all the citizens of Livermore. Many use a deductive form of reasoning that creates a deceptive argument. "The Citizens of Livermore" some say, but not all citizens are on the same page here. The "We" some letter writers use, does not include all citizens either. It isn't "Us against Them" as the letters would have you believe. People can disagree — I get that. Different views and different ways of being — fine. But if you only read this one source of citizen outrage, you could come to a conclusion about the citizens of Livermore that is not actually true.

Measure P in March 2020, dealing with the wine country hotel's placement was an overwhelming success. 19,546 Yes to 9,941 No. The majority of Livermore citizens had spoken. Most folks who voted Yes were relieved and thought that the city's plan was approved again and the entire project could move forward. Not so. A new group was formed to attack the city's plan once more.

The city council is democratically elected.

They strive to do their job. They weren't elected to bow down to those who make the most noise, but together, as a council make decisions that by law they were elected to make. In a democracy, if you don't like their performance — you run for the office yourself the next time so you can show all the citizens how you would do the job if you were elected. If you win you get to make the decisions. If you lose you realize that your point of view wasn't shared by enough citizens to elect you to office.

Citizens who vote are free to complain if they disagree with the council; that's their job. It is the job of the council to make the decisions, not as individuals but as a 'council.' It is not always easy to do with many competing elements to consider and information gathered and analyzed. Not everyone will be happy with the outcome but when elected they swear to do their job to the best of their ability.

So, citizens, keep on doing your job, but please don't include "all citizens" in your complaints because there are a great many citizens of Livermore who do not agree with you.

Reconciliation Bill

Alan Marling, Livermore

Representative Swallow, Speaker Pelosi and progressive leaders in Congress were all correct to insist on the passage of the reconciliation bill. Senator Feinstein must join Senator Padilla and work to pass the intact bill, which was already a compromise. It will pay for itself by closing tax loopholes, and its price tag is paltry compared to our military budget and the cost of doing nothing.

The USA needs to Build Back Better with this reconciliation bill, and it must pass the Senate before the House votes on the bipartisan infrastructure bill. The best thing I can say about the latter bill is that it's insufficient.

Please do call your Representative and Senators and tell them to take action to rebuild our country.

Livermore 2045 Thoughts

Glenn Stewart, Livermore

Near future thoughts are listed below that would take Livermore to 2045 by reducing traffic congestion, increasing parking, building high-density housing and creating a pedestrian-friendly downtown.

A) Reduce Livermore's carbon footprint, become less dependent on the electrical grid starting in 2023 with all new residential and commercial buildings to have solar panel installed ... All residential homes to be sold would have solar panels installed prior to the sale ... Offer incentives for existing residential and commercial buildings to install solar panels.

B) Livermore becomes a Smart City ... Begin with smart technology traffic lighting and traffic flow integration with smart cars.

C) Enlarge existing waste treatment site and/or build a second one.

D) First Street between L Street and Livermore Avenue becomes a permanent one-way street east bound.

E) Railroad Avenue becomes the main east-west artery around downtown ... Traffic lights must be synchronized.

F) Build a westside hotel along L Street and Railroad Avenue to minimize future traffic congestion at the proposed Livermore Avenue/Railroad Avenue build site.

G) Build the L Street parking garage as a robotic (automated) parking structure ... Smaller land footprint ... More vehicles can be parked compared to conventional parking garage.

H) Downtown becomes more pedestrian friendly, as autonomous car technology matures ... Vehicle pods bring you downtown using smart traffic technology.

I) Build a pedestrian bridge over Railroad Avenue between the existing parking garage and the Bankhead theater ... Having a pedestrian crosswalk at mid-block causes traffic congestion.

J) Build high-density housing north of Railroad Avenue between L Street and Livermore Avenue, with a 400-vehicle robotic parking garage.

K) Build five- or six-story condo buildings east of First Street between 580 and Las Positas Road to meet future housing needs.

L) Whether it's an east-side or westside hotel, utilizing some of the land north of Railroad Avenue for a valet parking lot is a bad idea, as it contributes to traffic congestion, not convenient for hotel guests needing something from car ... This is valuable land space needed for housing.

M) Wire Livermore for high-speed data connectivity, and begin laying down fiber-optic cable.

Livermore's 2045 goal should be to improve infrastructure, efficiency, convenience, and quality of life for residents and visitors.

Independent Should Publish More Diverse Letters

Michele Plunge, Pleasanton

Almost every week in The Independent, I see a letter written by Owen Brovont. His letters are lengthy and philosophical but rarely are specific to Tri-Valley issues. Does The Independent get so few letters that there is always space for his (I doubt this since the section spans over several pages) or does the Editor just like hearing from Owen? Either way, I think The Independent should try to publish letters from a diverse group of readers, not the same one over and over and over.

Eden Housing Is Good for Livermore's Economy?

Rose O'Brien, Livermore

That's what some say. Can anyone please explain how that could be?

Creating an apartment development in the City's core is not going to enhance the economy of our downtown businesses.

The center of the City needs to offer a vibrant park that will attract both residents and visitors. They will enjoy wandering paths, fountains, tables and chairs under trees for families to gather, and gyms for children to play on. After visiting the park, they will check out nearby retail stores and restaurants.

Why can't housing be placed off the park, like across Railroad Avenue to the north? Eden's residents will still be able to walk to local businesses where they can shop and dine.

I have no doubt that the new residents will be active and engaged members of the community. What I don't get is why they must be placed in high rise apartments just behind the First Street Ale House.

Yes, it is important to provide affordable housing. My children would have a difficult time supporting themselves in Livermore, but what has that got to do with sticking a housing project in the worst possible spot in town? More affordable units can be placed on parcels nearby, but not where Eden housing is being proposed.

An additional problem with the Eden project is that it provides substandard parking for its residents. As a result, they will take up stalls intended for the public who are visiting our local businesses. Some proponents for the Eden housing project say they have had great fortune finding parking spaces downtown over the years. Unfortunately, that has not been the experience of most citizens I am acquainted with, myself included. Often, I've resorted to walking to the downtown area from home, about a one-mile hike, rather than spend time wandering around looking for a place to park. Worsening our parking problem will not help our downtown businesses.

In order to improve our local economy, we need to work together to move Eden Housing off the proposed location in the very heart of our town.

Ready Aim, Aim, Aim

Vic Avila, Livermore

City councils are many times accused of "Ready Aim, Aim, Aim," getting bogged down on a proposal and never making a decision to actually pull the trigger and get it done. For councils to get a development proposal from the drawing board to the table takes innumerable hurdles to get over, different hurdles for each partner/player in the development proposal. The process runs well into the 15th inning; it seemingly takes forever to get the proposal to "lift-off" stage.

Once it is ready to be voted on, city councils then have their "bird in the hand," and after all the effort to get that bird, it's more valuable than any other bird in the bush, even if it's not the bird that fits the needs of the community. Councils become intransigent, unwilling to consider improvements to their plan, because they've already gone into the 15th inning, and they want their bird in the hand.

Move Eden Housing across Railroad Avenue, make it a much better downtown for decades to come, and represent the interest of Livermore citizens.

Government Is Lying to Us

Jackie Cota, Livermore

Any employee who feels they are being medically

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discriminated against file a complaint with the EEOC at publicportal.eeoc.gov and the Department of Justice at civilrights.justice.gov, right now and get together with your like-minded colleagues and file a class action lawsuit if they threaten your job.

There is no strain on our healthcare systems and never has been. The COVID response to firing first responders and healthcare workers for not adhering to unlawful infringements on privacy rights is setting the community up for manufactured crisis. There is mounting evidence that this experimental injection does not work and could permanently harm employees and/or result in their death. Employees work contract does not authorize an employer to demand that employees, upon the threat of being fired, take an injection of an experimental serum, issued under "EUA", predicated upon an alleged emergency which never materialized.

We have the constitutionally guaranteed rights, secured in the 1st, 4th, 5th, 8th and 9th Amendments, among other rights, and even protections under the Nuremberg Code to determine what we do or do not do with and to our own body. Failure to fully inform ingredients and risk means that they cannot possibly give informed consent to accept the injection, and any injection being given under an EUA, must only be done with the fully informed consent of the person to whom the shot will be given. Pfizer only received approval for an FDA "BLA" on 8/23/21 (Comirnaty). Saying Pfizer-BioNTech is the same as Comirnaty, as Mr. Dave Haubert said in his latest District Newsletter, is a lie. FDA acknowledges that Pfizer has ZERO available to the public. There has been reported more than 800,000+ injuries, including 19,000+ COVID injection deaths, which represents only 1% of actual injury on CDC VAERS site.

DHHS is being sued to halt the Covid-19 injections to children 15 years old and younger filed by Attorney Thomas Renz and America's Frontline Doctors against the EUA of these experimental injections that have had no long-term studies on the impact on adults, much less children because even those numbers are vastly being under reported compared to the actual data they have. The total number of deaths associated with the COVID-19 injection is greater than the number of deaths associated with all other "vaccines" combined since the year 1990.

The government is LYING to us. Are you surprised?

The State of Our City Jim Hutchins, Livermore

Our City Council is not listening to or working for the people – they are working for themselves. In the last election, Mayor Woerner accepted over \$19,000 from developers and unions, while Vice-Mayor Munro and Councilmember Kiick each accepted \$2,000. The result is what we are seeing in the downtown — Legacy's four-story high-density apartment buildings, and if they have their way, soon more four-story apartments just across the street on the old Lucky site. These buildings go against what the people said during the City's 2017 outreach: in height, in density, in character, in inadequate parking, and in the loss of open space.

The Council is also downplaying or ignoring the public's safety. The old Lucky site is contaminated and the City's approved plan for putting apartments on top of the contamination was labeled "neither appropriately justified nor acceptable" by the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board. Despite this, when citizens voiced concerns, Vice-Mayor Munro said the concerns had been "completely debunked", were a "non-issue" and

simply "propaganda".

While campaigning for mayor, Woerner promised to look at alternatives to placing Eden Housing on the old Lucky site, and allowing the site to become a large destination park, calling such proposals a "win-win". But once the election was over and his position as mayor secure, he ignored his promise. The Eden Housing proposal has changed multiple times, each for the worse and at the expense of the citizens, and each backed by the Council.

The Mayor and Council took an oath to work for the people, but are violating their oaths by putting the wants of special interests over the citizens, especially those that give them money. We need a Mayor and Council that work for us, not for special interests.

More Misleading Information on SLD Website Laning Thompson, Livermore

I have further comments on Save Livermore Downtown's website, which contains deceitful statements and graphics in addition to its questionable survey findings:

The initial image on the SLD Home page shows the City's early draft of an affordable housing site plan with four buildings under the words "What Was Promised." It's placed next to a site plan showing outdated footprints of Eden Housing's two buildings with the words "What We're Getting Instead." That four-building layout on the left was first shown in the winter 2018 city newsletter with call outs to a legend stating "Workforce Housing – Final Housing configurations to be determined." Subsequent uses didn't include the legend, but that layout with its "placeholder" building footprints was always just a draft. It was never "promised" by the City.

The right-hand image isn't "What We're Getting," either. The actual Eden Housing configura-

tion has more open space – the southern building's footprint is reduced, and a public playground is added.

In the SLD website section entitled "Closing in our historic, open downtown," there's a computer-generated image of gray concrete warehouses lining both sides of L Street under a stormy sky, captioned "Architectural rendering of view looking south on L Street at the Railroad Avenue intersection." This mockup of windowless warehouses is not only misleading, it's shamelessly deceitful. The entire Legacy project (which may soon resume construction with a new general contractor) on the west side of L will be upscale market-rate rentals with retail stores on the ground floor of the building facing First Street. All buildings will have off-white facades and Craftsman detailing – don't be confused by the blank concrete garage walls seen early on, which are now surrounded by the apartments.

The proposed Eden Housing apartments on the east side of L Street will reflect the architectural style of our central Post Office and Veterans Memorial Hall, and will blend well with the Legacy buildings and the new L Street garage. Trees along the street and in Veteran's Park will provide a break between the structures.

To see what's actually proposed, visit www.cityoflivermore.net/downtown and click on Renderings. No blank canyon walls whatsoever!

We Should Learn from Our Neighbors Ann Giannini, Livermore

Hello citizens. Don't you wish we had the same city officials, our wonderful neighbor, the City of Pleasanton has?

They have always truly thought through how to maintain the quaint charm of their downtown. Right now, the Barone's restaurant is going to be demol-

ished for housing development. The city will only allow buildings to complement the charming architecture downtown. Under no circumstances will there be an Eden Housing or Legacy Apartments mess, which we have to endure here. However, Pleasanton has not overlooked the need for low-income housing. Right now, a huge parcel of property on Stoneridge Drive near Foothill is being developed for low-income housing, where it should be for many reasons. Like our neighbor, we also only have one downtown. What a shame our officials won't learn from them.

The Current Inflection Point Epoch in Zombie America Greg Scott, Livermore

"Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the hopes of its children. [...] This is not a way of life at all,

in any true sense. Under the cloud of threatening war, it is humanity hanging from a cross of iron." (The late Republican President Eisenhower, 1953).

This last Sept. 23, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the \$768 billion National Defense Authorization Act for 2022. \$740 billion is for the Pentagon budget, which is \$25 billion more than President Biden requested, and \$28 billion is for nuclear weapons under the U.S. Department of Energy. With any luck this all will protect the Taiwanese Pratas Island from the People's Republic of China's (PRC's) aggression and invasion, though that is doubtful. Last Friday and Saturday, the PRC flew a total of 77 warplane flights into Taiwan's Air Defense Identification Zone.

The U.S. has a federal deficit of over \$28 trillion, and has \$768 billion a year to spend on the military? This is what we do not have: \$350 billion a year for adequate and affordable access to healthcare; affordable and available childcare; sick leave and family leave for workers; dental, hearing and vision care under Medicare; or any

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The Downtown Alternative provides an opportunity for teacher housing

The flawed Eden Housing plan broke the promise that it would provide much needed housing for teachers. The project as currently designed is for residents with income levels between 20% and 60% Area Median Income (AMI). At those levels, most Livermore teachers would not have the opportunity to reside within the project.

The Downtown Alternative could provide affordable housing for teachers. Save Livermore Downtown's alternative plan moves the housing north of Railroad Avenue and adds 100 additional units of housing, for a total of 230 affordable units. Under the State Density Bonus Law, 45 of these 230 units could be allocated to residents with moderate incomes (110% AMI), which would provide far greater housing opportunities for Livermore's teachers.

If teachers qualify for housing, then 20% of the purchase price of the parcels north of Railroad Avenue could be funded by the School District. According to Deputy Superintendent Chris Van Schaack, proceeds from a sale of Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District property that has been identified as surplus could be used to fund teacher housing. If this option were followed, Van Schaack notes that the door would be open to participating in the Eden Housing project. He states, "The District is still in the exploratory stages, though the prospect of workforce housing has been met with great excitement."

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Phil Didlake, a drum circle facilitator with Livermore Drum Circle, leads a musical event in years past. Livermore Drum Circle will host another drumming circle Thursday, Oct. 7 in front of the Bankhead Theater. (Photo courtesy of Phil Didlake)

Drumming Circle Event Set for Oct. 7

The Livermore Drum Circle will host a drum circle in front of the Bankhead Theater, Thursday, Oct. 7, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

This outdoor community event will take place on the lawn and feature improvisational drumming. Participants should bring their drum or arrive early

to rent one. As there might be limited bench space available, attendees are also encouraged to bring chairs. Masks are appreciated.

According to the Livermore Drum Circle's website, the group aims to provide inclusive drumming events that welcome

everyone, build friendships and strengthen the community through music making experiences. Phil Didlake, drum circle facilitator, said the group also works with special needs individuals.

For more information, visit livermoredrumcircle.com.

David M'ore Set to Play at R-Place Club

Fans of high-energy traditional blues and neoclassical hard rock are in for a treat. San Francisco's intrinsic bluesman, guitarist David M'ore will perform live on stage at Livermore's R-Place Music Club, 2562 Old 1st Street, Friday, Oct. 8, at 9:30 p.m.

M'ore will perform his acclaimed six string technique of both original music and popular cover tunes on his custom-made Strat.

"I love to pay tribute to those who influenced me," said M'ore. "But at the same time I like to be true to who I am."

His influences include Hendrix, Blackmore, Satriani, J. Winter, Gary Moore and Albert King, to name a few.

Born in Argentina, M'ore picked up an old guitar that his godfather bought him for his eighth birthday and immediately began exploring vintage records. He arrived in L.A. in the early



David M'ore

1990s and was committed to changing the face of the musical club scene with his aggressive guitar style, raspy vocals and high-energy tunes.

"The aggressive sound

of the guitar drove me emotionally insane," said M'ore. "I still listen to those old records from Johnny Winter."

For additional information, visit www.davidmore.net.

VACCINE

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preventing school closures and has the lowest case rates."

Newsom's order directs the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to follow the procedures established by the Legislature to add the COVID-19 vaccine to other vaccinations required for in-person school attendance pursuant to the Health and Safety Code. COVID-19 vaccine requirements will be phased-in by grade span, which is expected to ease implementation of the requirement.

The requirement will first apply to students in grades 7-12 and will take effect after the Food and Drug Administration issues full vaccination approval for children whose ages correspond to those grades. Based on current information, the Newsom administration expects the first phase of this new requirement to become effective July 1, 2022. Implementation for grades K-6 will follow a similar path; an expected effective date is not yet known.

In the Tri-Valley, school districts are preparing to meet the governor's mandate.

"We welcome the state's vaccine mandates and support any measure based on data and science that further protects the safety and health of our students, staff and community," said David Haglund, Pleasanton Unified School District superintendent. "We are grateful that 97.3% of Pleasanton students ages 12-17 have received one dose of an authorized COVID-19 vaccine and 82.9% are fully vacci-

nated here in Pleasanton. We hope to see similar numbers as the vaccines receive full approval for administering to students ages 5-11."

Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) Superintendent Chris Funk said he would like in-person learning for students and staff to mirror what they experienced before the pandemic.

"The data is clear, from an academic and social-emotional perspective, in-person learning provides the greatest opportunity to excel," Funk continued. "Already, 91% of eligible residents of Dublin have their first shot and 78.8% have both doses. We expect this trend to continue when our K-5 students have access to the vaccine. A mandate from the state will get us as close as possible to being a fully vaccinated community, and that is the key to getting back to normal and allowing educators to focus entirely on education."

Funk went on to say that his district will follow the same procedures and policies that are already in place for immunizations that are required when a student enrolls into DUSD. While the Dublin district only permits medical exemptions, Funk said he anticipates some families might try to claim religious or personal beliefs as a reason for not vaccinating their children.

Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Assistant Superintendent Chris Van Schaack noted that, given the order is effective July 2022, it's difficult to predict what will happen in the next year.

"So, we'll continue to focus our energy on how best to keep our students in class this winter, when the combination of Covid and the cold/flu season will present their own challenges. So, essentially, the order has very little impact on current operations. We haven't received much feedback from our community," Van Schaack said. "We believe our vaccination rate among eligible students is around 60%, based upon the information that we have. Since we have not received confirmation from many students, we know have been vaccinated; that number could be a little low."

In August, the CDPH issued a public health order that required all school workers to either provide proof of full vaccination or be tested weekly. Full compliance with that order is required by Oct. 15. The governor's newest order now requires that all school employees be vaccinated. That aspect of the order will become effective concurrent with the first phase of the new order. Newsom acknowledged that a federal order requiring vaccinations for school workers could materialize before the state's plan is implemented.

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees recently approved a policy requiring all students attending in-person classes to be vaccinated against COVID-19, with some exemptions.

"It is the belief of the board of trustees that, as a public agency, it is incumbent upon our district

Livermore Names October Cybersecurity Month

The Livermore City Council has proclaimed October to be Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

The city is also a 2021 Cybersecurity Awareness Month Champion, a collaborative effort among businesses, government agencies, colleges and universities, nonprofit organi-

zations, and individuals to promote the awareness of online safety and privacy.

"This is an important part of the core mission of the city government, which is to keep the citizens safe," said Mayor Bob Woerner.

As a 'champion' of online safety and data privacy, the city is offering residents

a free cyber-safety mobile app, available at <https://bit.ly/2ZZTEJJ>. The city's website also offers information on topics such as family cyber safety, cybersecurity career opportunities, reporting cybercrimes, phishing, and scams.

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

Dublin Arts Collective to Host Scary Art Show

The F. CO. Gallery in Dublin and the Dublin Arts Collective (DAC) will sponsor a Scary Art Show through October, with an opening reception from 6 to 9 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 14.

"We are showcasing the arts community in Dublin

and inviting participation from across the Bay Area," said Sawsan Wolski, DAC president and owner of the gallery at 7038 Village Parkway. "This is also an opportunity to highlight the need for gallery space in Dublin and to demonstrate the value that the arts add in

supporting both economic and emotional recovery."

Dublin Poet Laureate James Morehead is also coordinating a Scary Poetry contest for the Scary Art Show. The reception will be an adults-only, costumed event. For more information, visit dacarts.org.

LLNL Studies Bacteria Role in Spread of Nuclear Waste

Researchers at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), in conjunction with Penn State University, have identified a protein in bacteria that utilize rare-earth elements that could facilitate the migration of nuclear waste in the environment.

"We stumbled upon a previously unknown mechanism by which certain radioactive elements could spread in the environment," said LLNL researcher Gauthier Deblonde, lead author of the study, which was published in the American Chemical Society.

"We show that there are molecules in nature that were

not considered before, notably proteins like lanmodulin, that could have a strong impact on radioelements that are problematic for nuclear waste management," Deblonde said.

Lanmodulin, discovered by Penn State University researchers in 2018, is abundant in many bacteria that extract rare earth elements from the environment. But the latest research suggests that the protein may "prefer" actinide – or radioactive – elements.

"Our results suggest that lanmodulin and similar compounds play a more important role in the chemistry of

actinides in the environment than we could have imagined," said LLNL scientist Annie Kersting. "Our study also points to the important role that selective biological molecules can play in the differential migration patterns of synthetic radioisotopes in the environment."

Rare earth element biochemistry is a recent field that Penn State and LLNL have helped to pioneer. The new work is the first to explore how the environmental chemistry of actinides may be linked to nature's use of rare earth elements and how it could impact nuclear waste.

MAILBOX

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significant action toward climate disruption.

The American people don't matter to Democrats U.S. Senator Manchin (West Virginia) and Senator Sinema (Arizona). Senator Manchin made \$4.5 million since 2011 on his family coal business and receives the highest donation amount from the oil and gas industry in the U.S. of any congressperson. Senator Sinema is busy getting checks not exceeding \$5,800 from corporate interests to defeat President Biden's Build Back Better Act (BBB). The American people, especially the American children, are losing to political power and greed. Who cares? The BBB is unlikely to ever pass, or get the funding threshold, to

be effective.

Kudos to the members of the Progressive Caucus for having the courage not to pass the bipartisan infrastructure framework before passage of the BBB. Unfortunately, zombie America has little clue as to the decades of influence these bills, and their surrounding actions, involve.

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Diamano Coura West African Dance Company of Oakland (above) was one of several groups to perform during Cheza Nami Foundation's Taste of Africa event, Oct. 2. The cultural performances brought about 1,500 people to the Shea Homes Plaza in Livermore to enjoy Cheza Nami's ninth annual exhibition of African music, dance and culture. Other professional dance groups included Chinyakare Ensemble, World Dance Ballet, and Cheza Nami Ensemble. Music was performed by Mokili Wa and Sambada; DJ Allan played African music. Organizer Catherine Ndungu-Case said her organization is already planning for its next annual festival. For more information, visit www.chezanami.org. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photos – Doug Jorgensen)

RETIREES

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for this month's payments, settlement administrators said.

On the other hand, retirees who have not sent in the forms must do so to qualify for either payment. Class Member Data Forms can be downloaded from the settlement website, <http://www.lnretireesettlement.com/>.

In general, this month's payments are being made to those estimated to have experienced damage significantly beyond that covered by last year's thousand-dollar payments.

Exact amounts will vary widely as damages depend on individual circumstances, like choice of health plan

and participation or non-participation in Medicare.

The start of damage payments this month was announced by the Livermore Class Action Settlement and Education Fund (LCASE), a non-profit corporation set up to help oversee the settlement.

Payments will go first to living class members and next to next-of-kin of deceased class members, LCASE said in a press release.

The lawsuit class has about 9,000 members, including surviving retirees, spouses and the heirs and estates of deceased retirees.

Settlement administra-

tors believe that fewer than half will get the additional payments this month. They were unable to specify the exact number or the size of the payments.

Another settlement benefit that started this year is a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) program that allows retirees to request reimbursement up to a maximum of about \$600 per year for qualified health expenses, such as medical treatment costs, insurance premiums and co-pays.

That benefit will be renewed each year for 20 years, or until only 1,000 class members survive, whichever comes first.

involve negligible or no expansion of use.

"I think it's great the city is thinking ahead," said Commissioner Stephen Wright. "But I think if more of our community wore masks and got vaccinated, we might not be in this situation. It really impacts the economic well-being of our city in terms of small businesses, not only the owners but those who work there."

Wheeler said that some businesses, such as gyms and churches, have expressed interest in maintaining outdoor activity.

"And that was the reason for bringing this (extension amendment) forward," Wheeler continued.

The passage of the amendment came with a caveat that the maintenance of outdoor items must continue to be monitored.

"The city has approached those businesses and asked them if they can tidy things up a little bit and make sure they don't start to look a little dilapidated," added Wheeler. "The winds come up and (when) the tents pop

up, they get a little tattered ... we are paying attention and are working with the businesses."

For more information, visit www.dublin.ca.gov.

JAIL

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prosecutors said.

He also kept several nude photos of the victim on his personal computer, prosecutors said.

The U.S. Attorney's Office also charged that Garcia took action to keep the woman from coming forward, telling her that he was close friends with the individual responsible for investigating allegations of misconduct by inmates and that he could not be fired.

"In addition, law enforcement located hundreds of sexually graphic photographs — including photographs of male and female genitalia and nude photographs of Garcia — on Garcia's work cellphone issued by BOP," the statement said. The photos could be used as evidence against him.

Garcia, who was placed on administrative leave in July, was charged with one count of sexual abuse of a ward. He made his first appearance in the U.S. District Court in San Jose on Wednesday. Judge Nathaniel Cousins ordered him to return to court on Nov. 12.

If convicted, Garcia could face up to 15 years in prison, three years on supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine.

Prosecutors noted that in his job as associate warden and warden, Garcia had disciplinary authority over inmates at the Dublin facility. He had received training about inappropriate relations with inmates, including the fact that sexual or financial involvement was prohibited.

In 2019 and 2020, Garcia directed training on the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and trained new supervisors on PREA procedures and policies, prosecutors said.

One of the alleged incidents occurred in a changing area while PREA staff visited the facility to check its compliance with PREA policies and procedures, the complaint said.

Garcia is the second official at FCI Dublin to be charged with a sex crime against an inmate since June. Ross Klinger, a 36-year-old corrections officer, also faces up to 15 years in federal prison if convicted of a single count of sexual abuse of a ward, the U.S. Attorney's Office said in July.

According to the com-

plaint filed against him, Klinger repeatedly had sexual intercourse with a female inmate in a storage warehouse, and a second woman in a Conex box — a large storage container — on the FCI Dublin campus while another inmate acted as lookout. The alleged crimes occurred in 2020.

Klinger transferred to the federal prison in San Diego, but kept in touch with one of the women, communicating with her through email and video visits, giving money to her mother and visiting her family, prosecutors said.

Klinger maintained contact with the second Dublin inmate through social media

and texts after she was released to a halfway house. He visited her, had sex and proposed to her with a diamond ring, prosecutors said.

It is a federal crime for prison guards to engage in sexual and financial relationships with inmates under their authority.

The Associated Press reported in June that senior Biden administration officials were considering removing Federal Bureau of Prisons Director Michael Carvajal from his post following numerous crises. Carvajal, who was appointed during the Trump administration, remains on the job.

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and drinking establishments to aid in their economic recovery due to COVID-19. This included 20 permits for commercial and service-oriented businesses and 42 permits to allow temporary outdoor seating for eating and drinking establishments. While efforts taken to reduce the spread of COVID-19, including vaccinations, have been effective, local health officials have said the risk to public health remains. City staff have been monitoring the situation and looking for ways to aid local businesses in economic recovery and mitigate the ongoing effects of the pandemic.

Based upon the success of the COVID-19 Relief TUP program, which expired in June, staff recommended an extension to the TUP program through September 2022 — or until the current federal, state or county health orders are revoked. The TUP extension is also exempt from the requirements of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because it would

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Danny Glover Shares Life, Career Stories During Speaker Series

Actor, producer and activist Danny Glover shared his stories of growing up in San Francisco and his foray into political activism, during a recent appearance at Livermore's Bankhead Theater.

The first in-person speaker of the Rae Dorrough Speaker Series in almost two years, Glover received a standing ovation when he came onstage during "An Evening with Danny Glover" — moderated by Karin Bunnell, a Rae Dorrough Speaker Series board member and Chris Carter, executive director of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center.

Speaking of his origins, Glover remembered growing up in a tight knit family with "wonderful parents" and the influence of the times into which he was born in 1946.

"I remember so many things as a child, specifically as a child who was a byproduct of momentous change," Glover said, noting that he came of age at the height of the civil rights movement and the post-World War II heyday of organized labor.

He said he came by his political advocacy honestly and related how his parents met in New York City at Harlem's Abyssinian Baptist Church in 1943 where Adam Clayton Powell Jr. was a featured speaker. Powell would become the first African American elected to the House of Representatives from New York and a civil rights leader.

Glover, the oldest of seven children, grew up in housing projects until he

was 11, when his parents moved to the Western Addition (Richmond District and Haight-Ashbury neighborhoods), where Glover still lives today.

"I love this city," Glover said. "I don't know where else I could live."

Acting was never a childhood dream or ambition, he recalled. "I didn't intend to be an actor. But I knew I wanted to be involved in some kind of public service."

Glover's desire to become an active player in the civil rights movement in the early '60s led him to theater. During that time, he read and performed in plays by the South African playwright Athol Fugard, who was an outspoken supporter of the anti-apartheid movement in that country. Glover was inspired by Fugard's plays and discovered a talent for affecting a South African accent, an experience that became "my roadmap to the profession."

As he came of age in 1963 and 1964, he was influenced by stories he read about the civil rights movement.

"I found myself engaged with the voices that I read about, the voices of young people in Mississippi and Alabama, who were emphatic about having their voices heard," he said.

Glover, 75, attributes his professional success and political commitment to the support and "vision" of his mother, father and maternal grandparents, all of whom were strong influences in his life.

His grandparents, who

were sharecroppers when his mother was growing up, lived in rural Georgia, and the Glover family would pile into a station wagon and drive across the country to see them every other year. "The easiness of being around my grandparents made it so hospitable and made it fun; just being with people who could laugh at themselves" was fundamental to his growing up, Glover said. "That is a pillar of who I am."

But the contrast with San Francisco was stark and opened Glover's eyes to the broader civil rights issues and they did much to shape his early life.

"It centered me through acting and made acting and theater purposeful," he said. "It politicized me in a different way ... I found that I was able to articulate through characters what I couldn't, at that point in my life, articulate in my own discourse. I was able to articulate through these characters some understanding, compassion and love."

For more information on the Rae Dorrough Speaker Series, visit <https://raedorroughspeakerseries.org>.

— Courtesy of Don Johnston

Anderson to Play All Chopin Program

Del Valle Fine Arts will open its 45th season with Steinway artist Mark Anderson playing an all Chopin program, Saturday, Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m., in the Bankhead Theater.

Growing up in Pleasanton, Mark Anderson twice won the Livermore-Amador Symphony's Competition for Young Musicians. He has won leading piano competitions and performs worldwide at elite venues, collaborating with distinguished conductors. An assistant professor at the University of British Columbia School of Music, he is also owner and executive director of New World Music Academy in Pleasanton.

The American Record Guide noted, "Anderson plays beautifully ... what tone, what technique, what a touch."

To see Mark Anderson performing Gershwin's "I Got Rhythm" visit youtu.be/lz0EKEaoybA.

Banner Exhibit to Open at Bankhead Plaza

"Conversation Pieces," a free, outdoor exhibit of six hand-painted banners created by Tri-Valley youths, will open at the Bankhead Theater Plaza in Livermore on Sunday, Oct. 17.

The 3-foot by 7-foot banners, designed to celebrate both community and individuality, were created by Pedrozzi Foundation scholars and students at the Quest Science Center, JazzLab, Tri-Valley Writers, Del Arroyo 4-H Club, and Thomasin Dewhurst Fine Art.

Inspiration for the banners came from local artist Thomasin Dewhurst, who teaches at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore.

The kickoff for the exhibit, from 3-5 p.m., will include entertainment, an awards ceremony for the young writers and artists who created the banners, information booths for each of the groups, and a talk by former NASA astronaut and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory engineer Jose Hernandez.

The exhibit will be on

display at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., through October.

It will then become a traveling exhibition and displayed throughout the Tri-Valley area into 2022. With each new location, Dewhurst will offer workshops and collaborative projects to community groups.

The project was funded by grants from Livermore, the Wente Foundation for Arts Education, and the Pedrozzi Foundation, as well as donations from the public.

Livermore Library to Host Presentation on College Admission

The Livermore Public Library will host a free, online presentation, "What Colleges Want: An Inside Look at College Admissions Requirements for Grades 9 to 11," at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 20.

Jackie Stamps, an independent college admissions advisor in Livermore, will provide an overview of the policies followed by public and private colleges,

along with resources that will help students prepare for the college admissions process.

To register or to get more information, call 925-373-5505.

TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Now Until Jan. 30 Student Speakers Contest

The Livermore Lions Club is having its annual Student Speakers Contest. This college scholarship event is open to all high school students in and around Livermore. The topic of the speech is "How Can Kindness Reunite Our Country?" The purpose of the contest is to provide an opportunity for competitive public speaking, stimulate self-expression and independent thinking, and to consider the means at our disposal for meeting present and future world problems. The winner at each level continues to the state level and will win \$21,000 in college scholarships. The contest takes place in the afternoon of Jan. 30, 2022, at the main library in Livermore. For more information, contact Ann Lopez at 805-405-8742 or ann.lopez16@yahoo.com.

Thursday, Oct. 7 FOV Twilight Tasting

Twilight Tasting is back! FOV will again be hosting this popular event next month. Join in from 4:30 to 8 p.m., at Page Mill Winery, 1960 S. Livermore Ave., for wine tasting, light snacks, a raffle, and general merriment! Raffle tickets will be available on-site. Proceeds from this event will be used to support the Viticulture and Winery Technology Program at Las Positas College. The tasting fee is \$15. Page Mill Winery is generously donating \$10 per tasting plus 10% of any additional sales to this fund-raiser. This event will be compliant with current COVID-19 safety protocols. Tastings will be held on the outdoor patio. Attendees will need to wear a mask to enter the winery building to pay the tasting fee and make any other purchases. For more information, email info@fov.org.

Friday, Oct. 8 Granada High School Homecoming - Alumni Barbecue

The Granada High Alumni Homecoming Barbecue is back next month for 2021! Care will be taken to present a safer event, with hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill with commercially prepared food and smart hygiene in play, from 5 to 7 p.m. Organizers suggest a \$5 contribution per person to defray the cost of purchasing versus a traditional potluck. The committee is looking for volunteers to help with food service, as well as a few greeters and break down and clean up help. To RSVP or volunteer, text or call Steve Goodman at 925-323-5712.

Saturday, Oct. 9 ArtWalk Livermore 2021

At ArtWalk, more than 200 artists will display their works on sidewalks and plazas, in parks and galleries, surrounded by boutique shops, wine tasting rooms and restaurants in historic downtown Livermore. Art works range from contemporary to classical, abstract to realism, pottery to mixed media, handmade bags, ceramic garden

art and jewelry, with subject matter from floral to figurative and much more. Art is the main focus of the day at ArtWalk: meet the artists and buy one-of-a-kind, original, hand-made treasures. For more information, email agiancola@lvpac.org or call 925-447-2787.

Saturday, Oct. 9 and Sunday, Oct. 10 Celebrate! 30th Anniversary Concert

Livermore Valley Opera opens their highly anticipated 30th Anniversary Season with "Celebrate!" an extraordinary evening or afternoon of favorite operatic ensembles. This is a unique, LIVE gala-concert offering from LVO, and the perfect opera experience for all audience members, young or mature. Tickets are on sale now, through the Bankhead Theater, online, at the box office window, or by phone at 925-373-6800. Season discount of 10% can be received when purchasing both Celebrate! and Otello in the same transaction and using the code: season2122. Tickets prices range from \$20 to \$95.

Monday, Oct. 11 Auditions for Valley Concert Chorus

The Valley Concert Chorus is hosting auditions by appointment on Oct. 11. Full vaccination and masks are required. Rehearsals and auditions take place at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., in Livermore. The chorus is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. Auditions will include vocalizing (to determine range), reading from one page of a motet, and a clapping exercise. Singers must commit to the season with Monday evening rehearsals held at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. For more information, visit valleyconcertchorale.org or call 925-866-4003.

Monday, Oct. 11 Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society Presents Gena Philibert-Ortega

Solving Your Brick Wall (two-part workshop) begins part one with some tips for solving brick wall problems. Types of brick walls to be covered include pre-1850 ancestors and common surnames, and same name individuals, as well as resources every researcher should know. Gena Philibert-Ortega is an author, researcher, and instructor whose focus is genealogy, social and women's history. She holds a master's degree in Interdisciplinary studies and a master's degree in religion. Her current research includes women's repatriation and citizenship in the 20th century, foodways and community in fund-raising cookbooks, and women's material culture. Zoom registration information is forthcoming.

Tuesday, Oct. 12 and Tuesday, Oct. 19 Planning for College for 9th and 10th Grade Girls

The Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch of the American Association of University Women is hosting two virtual Planning for College presentations during October. Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m., will be for grades 9 and 10; and Tuesday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m. will be for grade 11. Diane Keller, a former college consultant, will present essentials for young women and their parents considering applying to college. General admission is \$10. For more information or to register, visit <https://bit.ly/3kMjKRO>.

Wednesday, Oct. 13 Cabbies & Patties

Livermore's Concannon Vineyard is helping raise funds for Granada High School's 2022 Safe and Sober Grad Night. Money raised will help to cover the cost of activities, prizes, food, equipment, and staff for GHS graduates. Tickets include entrance to Cabbies & Patties, a tasting flight of Concannon Cabernet Sauvignon, and a locally crafted burger from Omnis Burgers. General admission is \$50. For more information or tickets, visit <https://bit.ly/3ue5nPY>.

Saturday, Oct. 16 Hang Your Quilts Day

Hang your love-themed quilts from your balcony or porch railings, on your fence, in a tree, or draped over your car, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Amador Valley Quilters (AVQ) initiated "Hang Your Quilts Day" in April 2020 as a way to bring cheer and brighten up local neighborhoods. AVQ will continue to celebrate this day on the third Saturday of each month until the COVID-19 pandemic comes to a close. The Amador Valley Quilters are celebrating their 40th anniversary this year with individual quilt displays and a virtual quilt gallery. Visit amadorvalleyquilters.org for more information.

Thursday, Nov. 11 Tri-Valley Artist Studio Tours (TVAST) Preview Exhibit

See samples of art on display by the artists participating in the Nov. 13 and 14 weekend Tri-Valley Artist Studio Tours (TVAST). Plan your weekend tour of the Tri Valley artist studios to view demonstrations and chat with artists. This event is free and open to the public, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Almost Famous Wine Lounge, located at 2271 South Vasco Road, Suite D, in Livermore. This event is hosted by Darcie Kent Winery. For more information, visit TVASTart.com.

Saturday, Nov. 13, and Sunday, Nov. 14 Tri-Valley Artist Studio Tours

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., visit more than 50 artists in their homes, studios and collectives, representing the entire Tri-Valley. This event is free and open to the public. Tour artist studios in Pleasanton, Livermore, Danville,

Dublin, and San Ramon. View demonstrations, browse art for sale, and talk with the artists about their techniques and inspiration. From paintings, ceramics, sculpture, glass, mixed media, photography, and collage to jewelry and wearable art, the variety of different mediums is inspiring. A fun event for the entire family. For more information, visit TVASTart.com for maps, details, and online gallery.

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays at Hagemann Ranch

Sundays at Hagemann Ranch are hosted by the Livermore Heritage Guild. Each free, family-friendly event has a different educational, historical and entertaining theme. Tours of the historic ranch and the Blacksmith Shop, as well as visits with the animals and art exhibits are offered each month. The ranch is located at 455 Olivina Ave., in Livermore. Sundays at Hagemann are on the last Sunday of each month, except July and December, and take place from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.lhg.org.

Dublin Farmers Market Open for the Season

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

Livermore Downtown Farmers Market Open for the Season

Open Sundays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Second Street between J Street and L Street. Open Thursdays, April 15 to Nov. 18, from 4 to 8 p.m., at Carnegie Park, 2155 Third St., between J Street and K Street.

Pleasanton Farmers Market Open for the Season

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

VIRTUAL ONLINE EVENTS -AVAILABLE ANYTIME

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Sunflower Hill Online Activities

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Dublin's Ghost Tours Set to Return

"Ghosts of Dublin," the city's annual flashlight tours of the Dublin Pioneer Cemetery, return to Dublin Park & Museums, 6600 Donlon Way, on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23-24.

Recommended for ages 8 and older, tours will depart from the Sunday School Barn every half hour, from 7-10:30 p.m., and will include stories of the ghosts of long-dead pioneers "lurking" in the cemetery and Old St. Raymond Church. Tours at 9 p.m. and later will be reserved for older teens and adults.

Tickets are \$15 for Dublin residents and \$17 for nonresidents, and are available at apm.activecommunities.com/dublinreguide.

Local Cities to Hold Coffee with a Cop Day

The Pleasanton and Dublin police departments will mark National Coffee with a Cop Day on Wednesday, Oct. 6.

Pleasanton Police Chief David Swing and Crime Prevention Officer Ryan Tujague, along with other members of the department, will be at Starbucks, 511 Main St., from 8-11 a.m. to answer questions.

"Coffee with a Cop is about cultivating relation-

ships with our community, and it's an opportunity to make a personal connection over a cup of coffee," Swing said.

Members of Dublin Police Services will be at Peet's Coffee, 4620 Tassajara Road, from 8-10 a.m.

National Coffee with a Cop Day, which began in 2016, is designed to encourage conversations between law enforcement and the public.

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In its fight against COVID-19, Dublin partnered with Stanford Health Care - Valley Care and the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton to provide drive-through COVID-19 testing at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, and later, drive-through vaccinations.

The city focused on keeping programming for seniors going, including virtual visits, lunches and a variety of drive-through events from outdoor movies to visits with Santa.

Hernandez said the city also aimed to ensure its small businesses were able to pull through the shelter-in-place restrictions that all but eliminated their customer base. She further noted that city leaders recognized the important role small businesses play in the city's economy and introduced several programs to help mitigate the negative impacts of COVID-19.

"The city council established a small business emergency micro loan program focused on retaining local restaurants and retailers in Dublin," Hernandez said.

Through this program, the city was able to give 100 small businesses zero-interest, unsecured, short-term loans up to \$10,000. There was also a \$10,000 grant available through the city's Recovery Grant Boost Program that benefited 127 Dublin businesses. Other programs included rent relief for small businesses at least \$10,000 behind on rent.

During the address, Hernandez played a video with interviews from small business owners in Dublin who had benefitted from city grants. Bradley Wills, manager of Burma!, dis-

cussed the increased costs of shifting his operation to one based only on take-out food, while dealing with a vanishing customer base.

"It was very tough. We had to talk to our front of the house staff and lay off a lot of people because we couldn't operate as normal," said Wills. "There was a lot of PPE (personal protection equipment) we had to buy; there was a lot of hand sanitizers — just a lot of things we had to change. We had to do labels, signage, stickers, the barricades we had to have outside, just so we could open."

Wills and other business managers and owners in Dublin were able to take advantage of the city's various grant options to pay rent and purchase outdoor dining equipment from chairs to tents to keep their businesses open. The grants helped to bridge the time when they weren't allowed to operate until this summer, when restrictions finally began to ease. Wills said the city offered many resources and had open lines of communication.

Inge Houston, Dublin Chamber of Commerce president and CEO, said the entire chamber was grateful for the variety and scope of the programs the city made available to business owners in need of help.

"The chamber is also excited with the Outdoor Operation Grant Program the city just rolled out, which will provide grants of \$10,000 to \$50,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act for temporary or permanent outdoor operations," Houston said. "Kudos to Dublin's elected officials and city staff."

In addition, Hernandez said Dublin residents had

benefitted from rent assistance through city programs. A total of \$154,000 in rent assistance had been given to residents who could not meet their rent obligations.

Hernandez had good news in terms of city finances, saying the virus did not have the negative impact on the city many initially feared it would.

"I am happy to report we are in a terrific financial state," she said. "This did not just happen; it took years of fiscally conservative leadership by our current and previous council and a responsible management team and a sound plan to keep us financially strong during the pandemic . . . the city is in a surplus position with revenues exceeding operations by \$13.5 million."

Hernandez said funds are intact for projects like the community park near the Wallis Ranch Development, Jordan Ranch Neighborhood Square, library tenant improvements and Village Parkway pavement reconstruction.

Hernandez also listed future improvement projects for the city, including low-income and middle-income housing, new parks, a renewable energy supply, and improved walking and biking paths.

"Despite COVID-19, over the past 18 months, the city has still managed to accomplish quite a lot and to benefit our community," Hernandez said. "When it came to engaging our residents, the parks and community services team was on it. For a large part of the year, the department pivoted quite a bit, presenting virtual, drive through and finally in-person events."

PROGRAM

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youth and law enforcement. However, critics have noted that there is a "school to prison pipeline" correlation between SROs and students, along with concerns about how minorities are treated.

Thursday's public input that followed the council and board of trustees' discussion highlighted those differing opinions.

One speaker pointed to a recent Washington Post article, which detailed the SRO shooting of 18-year-old Mona Rodriguez; the student is now braindead. The speaker clarified that he wasn't in opposition to the SRO program but didn't support the presence of lethal weapons on campus.

Another speaker, Vanisha Dave — a senior at Amador Valley High School and president of the Grassroots Law Project chapter in Pleasanton — said that since the SROs impact PUSD students, their input should be considered. She has been part of the community discussions on the SRO program.

"Our chief concern is that the SRO program seems to have gone for two decades without any accountability or evaluation . . . the first request we have is that parental notification occur prior to interrogation," Dave said. "In the draft in item number 14, where the investigations of a crime is mentioned, the MOU mentions no notifications to parents."

She pointed out language in the MOU that could be modified to ensure parents are notified prior to the interrogation of minors.

Holly Fletcher, another Amador senior and vice president of Grassroots Law Project, further recommend-

ed the MOU state that SROs' access to student records shall be limited to emergency contacts and only used when necessary.

Angela Holmes, whose child is a junior at Amador, spoke in support of the SRO program and the PPD as a whole. She further pointed out that the majority of parents surveyed supported the program as well. The survey conducted while drafting the MOU showed that 78.9% of parents or guardians feel the SRO program should continue as is or with changes; 47.8% of students surveyed agreed, as did 70.4% of PUSD staff.

"Limiting our police officers from doing the job they're well trained to do will just make our students less safe on campus," Holmes said. "Every parent I know has as their biggest fear an active shooter on campus. Our police officers need to be in uniform and with their full equipment to keep our students and staff safe."

Others shared the positive relationships they had formed with their SROs or noted that the safety of Pleasanton schools factored into their decision to move to the city in the first place.

John Bauer, whose son died in PPD custody in 2018 while experiencing a mental health crisis, offered another perspective. He commended the students who actively participated in the discussion on SROs and policing reform, along with the city for following through on recommendations, as well as Swing for professionally and thoughtfully compiling the report.

"I certainly hope that (Swing's) message as chief

permeates through the rank and file of your organization," said Bauer. "However, I've shared in the past 53 minutes of a video that I took of Pleasanton Police Officers who established boundaries, gave control and then gained compliance of an autistic youth by dragging him over 100 feet into a police car. I've shared a still photo with everybody — trustees as well as city council. I've also shared that full video with two national advocates for autism, and they have told me that the actions of the Pleasanton police department taken on that afternoon have scarred that person for life."

He said the only reason he hasn't submitted the video to news organizations is because the national advocates requested that he not do so for the sake of the privacy of the youth.

And with regard to police officers on school campuses, Bauer said anything can happen. He wanted to know who will bear the responsibility of liability.

"What's missing from the MOU specifically is who — the city or the school district — will pay to defend any part of the MOU if one brings a legal challenge of any part or all of the MOU," he said. "Who bears responsibility should be clearly defined before any ratification."

Mayor Karla Brown said the city attorney will consider the point he raised about liability. She then thanked the speakers, concluding, "Your experiences and comments were very important and taken to heart."

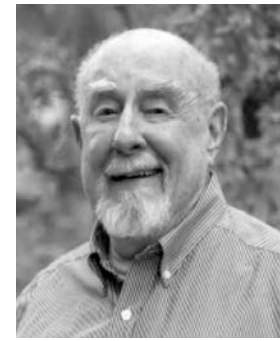
To review the complete MOU, visit https://bit.ly/Indy_MOU.

Castro Valley, who worked in past years in the Zone 7 water supply program.

Alternates are Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown; former Livermore Mayor, Zone 7 director and professional water chemist John Marchand; Georgan Vonheeder-Leopold, vice president of the Dublin San Ramon Services District board; and Supervisor Wilma Chan of Oakland.

OBITUARIES

Dan William Patterson



Dan William Patterson of Livermore, California passed away on June 10, 2021. He passed peacefully with his wife, three children and eight grandchildren by his side. He was 88. Dan was a selfless friend, a brilliant scientist, a devoted husband, a gentle father and an adored grandfather.

Dan was a uniquely resilient and courageous man, who braved and won a fight against stage four melanoma 22 years ago.

He began his 60-year career as a nuclear weapons designer at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in 1955. He was a gifted and renowned physicist, who pioneered many of our nation's greatest achievements in nuclear weaponry. There is no doubt that Dan made significant and impressive contributions to national security. His genius was often marveled at and his work attracted frequent praise and recognition, but Dan always remained indifferent to this

attention. He was always humbled and grateful to have the privilege of doing what he loved in his work.

Dan is survived by his wife of 61 years, Judy Patterson, and their three children, Scott (Debi Patterson), Tracy (Norm Escover), and Jill (Matt Boeger). Together they have eight grandchildren, Tim, Megan and Matthew; Trevor, Cole and Ryan; Grace and John. Dan is continually admired and adored by his family for his gentleness, his patience, his intelligence, his humor and his unconditional devotion

to all of them. Everyone who encountered Dan felt that he had a remarkable goodness about him, which was gentle and light in a way that was almost too perfect for our world. To his family and everyone who was blessed enough to know him, Dan's memory will forever serve as a reminder of what love is.

There will be a celebration of life for Dan on October 22, 2021 at McGrail Vineyard located at 5600 Greenville Road, Livermore, California, 94550 (just past Poppy Ridge) from 6 to 10 p.m.

Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

We respectfully request that all planning to attend can provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination, to protect the health and safety of our loved ones.

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

Patricia Clonan

Nov. 30, 1935 – Aug. 28, 2021



Mom, you were the true loving matriarch of our entire family. Our heart and souls miss your daily love so much. You lifted each one of us up, even when you yourself were hurting. All throughout our lives you were there for us and we felt that unconditional love. We

thank God for blessing us with such a Godly and loving mother. You were a precious gift to our father, your five kids, your grandchildren and your great-grandchildren. We know you are having the best dance of your life with Dad now. From your very loving family.

Ruth Margaret Sanford

Jan. 11, 1924 – Sept. 28, 2021



Ruth Margaret Sanford (Gorray) was born Jan. 11, 1924, in Herne, Westphalia, Germany. She emigrated in 1930 with her mother, Margarete Gorray, and sister, Waltraud, to join her father, August Gorray, in Dundalk, Maryland. There Ruth grew up in a German community of friends and extended family. She attended Saturday German school with her sister, Wally. Ruth was admitted to an elite high school in Baltimore where she formed life-long friendships.

Her love of music began with her piano lessons during that time. She lived across the street from Gordon Sanford and dated him while taking evening classes at Johns Hopkins University; they married on Oct. 15, 1944. Together they shared many adventures and raised five children. In 1959 they sold their Maryland farm. With four children aged 6 months to 13 years, they drove a station wagon and a pickup truck towing a travel trailer across the U.S. to homestead in Alaska. Unfortunately, homesteading was not prac-

tical, and they finally settled in Livermore, California where their youngest child was born.

Ruth made close friends there with other German-heritage women in Livermore. She resumed her education, completing an associate degree in child development before the family moved to operate the Tomales Bay Oyster Company for eight years. In Sebastopol Ruth's activities also included operating Hall's Henny Chicken Ranch and employment as a teacher's aide in several schools. She was an active volunteer well into her 90s, serving as a museum docent, tutoring in the Sonoma County Library Adult Literacy Program and working at

Sutter Hospice Thrift Store.

She was a member of the Sebastopol Business and Professional Women's Club, as well as multiple book clubs, and traveled with Elderhostel and Sonoma County Day Trippers. Ruth enjoyed gardening and kept up an active correspondence with many friends and family. Her love of music was expressed in singing, playing the piano and recorder and patronage of the Santa Rosa Symphony.

As per her wish, Ruth died peacefully at home in Sebastopol. She was preceded in death by her husband Gordon, her parents and her sister. She is survived by her children Sigrid Rainer, Brian Sanford, Kristin Rajca, Roland Sanford and Colin Sanford and by nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Ruth lived a fulfilling life and was a joy to all who knew her. A private family memorial service is to be scheduled. Memorial donations may be made to the Santa Rosa Symphony or Continuum Hospice of Petaluma.

Doris May Walker

Nov. 5, 1922 – Aug. 30, 2021



A graveside interment service for Doris May Walker will be held at Memory Gardens, 3873 East Ave., Livermore, California on Oct. 11, 2021 at 2 p.m.

Doris was born Doris May Boreham on Nov. 5, 1922 at Fitzsimons Army Hospital, Denver, Colorado to George and Maude Boreham. Shortly after Doris' birth the family moved to Livermore where her dad was supervising electrician during the construction of the Veterans Hospital, where he remained as chief electrical engineer until he retired. Doris grew up on the hospital grounds, often reminiscing of her wonderful childhood. Doris graduated from Livermore High School in 1941, then pursued a career as a medical transcriber, a career she loved, first being employed at Camp Parks Naval Base where she met

the love of her life, Woodrow Walker.

After the untimely death of her husband in 1952, Doris devoted her life to her Christian faith, loving to play the piano and sing in her local church and volunteering in the community, graduating from the first Community Hospice Training course in the Tri Valley in 1980.

In 2004 Doris sold her Livermore home and eventually moved to Texas, return-

ing to California in 2015, where she lived out her final years in San Jose being well-cared for. On Aug. 28, 2021 Doris entered Hospice Care at the Regional Medical Center, San Jose, California. On August 30, she passed peacefully of natural causes with loved ones present. She was 98 years old.

Doris is survived by her son Jeff Walker, San Jose, California; grandson Brian Walker, Seabrook, Texas; great granddaughter Ashton May Walker and great-grandson Clayton Rese Walker, Seabrook, Texas; grandson Aaron Walker, Stockton, California and great-granddaughter Bella Sue Walker, Knoxville, Tennessee. Doris was an animal lover and would appreciate donations to the ASPCA, having donated herself faithfully each month from the age of 10.

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tions aimed to strengthen communication among Tri-Valley water agencies and encourage facility sharing are expected in November. Where feasible, officials say facility sharing could make Tri-Valley water delivery more efficient for cost savings and conservation.

Regular members of the county LAFCO board include Chair Sblend

Sblendorio, a Livermore winegrower; Livermore Mayor Bob Woerner; Pleasanton Mayor Melissa Hernandez; Supervisor David Haubert of Dublin; Supervisor Nate Miley, whose district includes most of Pleasanton; East Bay Regional Park District Director Ayn Wieskamp of Livermore; and Ralph Johnson, longtime special districts member from

Dublin Gaels Defeated 30-20 by California High School Grizzlies

By Nathan Canilao

The California High School Grizzlies defeated the Dublin Gaels 30-20 on Friday night. The loss snaps Dublin's two-game winning streak and drops them to third in the East Bay Athletic League Valley standings.

The Grizzlies started the game fast, scoring two touchdowns in the first quarter. On the Grizzlies' first possession, senior quarterback Teddy Booras completed a pass to Jake Calcano to put the Grizzlies up 6-0 early.

The Grizzlies proceeded to stop the Gaels on their first offensive possession and got the ball back with over seven minutes left in the first quarter. The Grizzlies marched down the field to set up a goal line pass from Booras to senior tight end Hunter Holmes to put the Grizzlies up 13-0 going into the second quarter.

The early deficit sparked some life into the Gaels. On the Grizzlies' first possession of the second quarter, Gaels senior linebacker Brandon Burns intercepted Booras and returned it for a touchdown to cut the lead to just seven points.

On the next Grizzlies possession, the offense secured three consecutive first downs to set up a 5-yard quarterback sneak to put California up 20-7.

The Gaels came back with an impressive possession of their own, securing four straight first downs. The Gaels capped it off by handing the ball off to senior Gary Cabida for a 2-yard score. The Grizzlies went into the halftime break up 20-14.

The Grizzlies were able to stop the momentum that the Gaels had going into the second half. On the Gaels' first offensive possession of the second half, the Grizzlies forced a turnover on

downs. The Grizzlies then scored on a 33-yard rushing touchdown from running back Trevor Rund to go up 27-14.

From then on it was on Grizzlies. Senior kicker Macray Madruga made a 33-yard field goal to put the Grizzlies up 30-14. The Gaels made one final push with a late 8-yard touchdown run from Burns, but it was too late. The Grizzlies ran out the clock and took the game 30-20.

Booras had a superb game finishing with three total touchdowns, two from

the air and one using his feet. Defensive end Zack Glick had a big game on the defensive end for the Grizzlies racking up two sacks.

Burns and Cabida each had one touchdown for the Gaels. On the defensive end, Burns had one interception that he returned for a touchdown, giving him two total touchdowns on the day.

California is currently tied for first place in the East Bay Athletic League-Mountain standings with a current record of 5-0. The Gaels drop to 4-2 and will play Granada High School in Livermore on Oct. 8.



The Gaels' marching band puts on a lively halftime show during the Oct. 1 game against California High. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)



Above: Brandon Burns (33) runs with the ball before being tackled by one of the Grizzlies during Friday night's game last week. The Dublin Gaels hosted California High from San Ramon. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)



The Livermore Aquacowboys hosted the Aqua Rodeo Swim Meet, Oct. 2 - 3, at the Robert Livermore Community Center with 144 competitors. New Junior Olympic times were achieved by Eva Kaye, Mica Szymanski, Gabby Kleman, Zach Takeuchi, Mitchell Kleman, Briah Hsueh, Saveta Hounga, Isaiah Silver, Tyler Ortiz, Sebastian Santiago, Lillian Jeffries and Wasseem Zeid (Photo courtesy of Jae Schellenberg)

Fusion Soccer Names Player of Week

Dempsey Sears, a kindergartener at Sunset Elementary School in Livermore, was named Player of the Week by the Livermore Fusion Soccer Club.

The Livermore Fusion, which offers recreational and travel team programs for about 2,600 youths, names a Player of the Week based on a weekly theme. The theme for last week was "ambitious."

After playing defense for the first half of Saturday's game, Dempsey asked his coach, Melissa Martella, if he could play so he could score a goal, which he proceeded to do.

"Dempsey is a driven player," Martella said. "He is constantly learning and applying his skills on the field, but I love his motivation. He wants to do well and sets goals for himself."

Dempsey is the son of Amanda Sears.

Amador Valley Sweeps Livermore in Dominating Win

By Nathan Canilao

The Amador Valley girls' volleyball team defeated the Livermore Cowboys 3-0 to improve to 12-4 on the season. The Dons dominated each set as they cruised to a 3-0 sweep.

The first set was all Dons. They started off scor-

ing the first five points and didn't look back. They held a lead as big as 15 points and closed out the first set 25-10.

The second set was more of the same for the Dons. They controlled the momentum of the set and held the Cowboys to just seven points. The Dons won the

set 25-7.

The third set started off strong for the Dons, but the Cowboys clawed their way back. The Dons held a lead as big as nine, but the Cowboys were able to cut the lead down to just three. The Dons then scored four unanswered to win the set 25-21.

The Dons improve to 12-4 on the season and sit at fourth in the East Bay Athletic League Standings. Amador Valley will play San Ramon Valley High School in Danville on Oct. 5. The Cowboys drop to 2-14 and will play Dougherty Valley High School in San Ramon on Oct. 5.



Amador Valley's Camille Ernst (11) gets ready to defend her team as Livermore's Jenna Batteate (4) prepares to hit the ball over the net during last Thursday's game. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 581873

The following person(s) doing business as: Pristine Janitorial Services, 1216 Lomitas Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Richard Alan Pringle, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 25, 2021. Expires August 25, 2026.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 582106

The following person(s) doing business as: Fun Camp Adventure Rentals, 73 Rickenbacker Circle, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): David Victor, 73 Rickenbacker Circle, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: David Victor, Managing Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 30, 2021. Expires August 30, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4963. Published September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 582107

The following person(s) doing business as: Today's Kitchens, 73 Rickenbacker Circle, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Stephen D. Properties, LLC, 73 Rickenbacker Circle, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: David Victor, Managing Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 30, 2021. Expires August 30, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4964. Published September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 582371

The following person(s) doing business as: Ursa Raptis, 5778 Southbridge Way, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ana Reynoso, 5778 Southbridge Way, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 8/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s: John M. Yeager, Owner, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 8, 2021. Expires September 8, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4965. Published August September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 2021.

The following person(s) doing business as: Performance Recovery, Inc. 333 North Canyons Parkway, Suite 100, Livermore, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Performance Recovery, Inc. 333 North Canyons Parkway, Suite 100, Livermore, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 11/7/2013. Signature of Registrant/s: Mike William Marr, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 16, 2021. Expires September 16, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4969. Published September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 2021.

The following person(s) doing business as: Performance Recovery, Inc. 333 North Canyons Parkway, Suite 100, Livermore, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Performance Recovery, Inc. 333 North Canyons Parkway, Suite 100, Livermore, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 11/7/2013. Signature of Registrant/s: Mike William Marr, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 16, 2021. Expires September 16, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4969. Published September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 582390

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The following person(s) doing business as: Performance Recovery, Inc. 333 North Canyons Parkway, Suite 100, Livermore, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Performance Recovery, Inc. 333 North Canyons Parkway, Suite 100, Livermore, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: June, 2021. Signature of Registrant/s:

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 582394

The following person(s) doing business as: Performance Recovery, Inc. 333 North Canyons Parkway, Suite 100, Livermore, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Performance Recovery, Inc. 333 North Canyons Parkway, Suite 100, Livermore, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: June, 2021. Signature of Registrant/s:

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Isabel Guevarra, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 3, 2021. Expires September 3, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4970. Published September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 582397

The following person(s) doing business as: Pacific Oral and Facial Surgery Center, 1133 E. Stanley Blvd, Suite 215, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Michael L. Beckley, D.D.S., 727 Vineyard Terrace, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 11/20/2003. Signature of Registrant/s: Michael L. Beckley, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 3, 2021. Expires September 3, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4971. Published September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 582257

The following person(s) doing business as: TEZBEE LLC, 4432 Viejo Way, Union City, CA 94587, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): TEZBEE LLC, 3400 Cottage Way, Set G2 #7422, Sacramento, CA 95825. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 8/18/21. Signature of Registrant/s: Hussain Sabir, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 1, 2021. Expires September 1, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4972. Published September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 582517

The following person(s) doing business as: SIPS Global Teas LLC, 21 Clipper Drive, Alameda, CA 94502, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): SIPS Global Teas LLC, 21 Clipper Drive, Alameda, CA 94502. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/4/2021. Signature of Registrant/s: Marlene Quan, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 8, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4973. Published September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 2021.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 572577

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s). Diablo Valley Property Management, 2222 Second Street, Suite 5, Livermore, CA 94550. Registered Owner(s): Diablo Valley Property Services Inc., 2222 Second Street, Suite 5, Livermore, CA 94550. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 9/1/2020 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Corporation. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Judith Pipkin, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 17, 2021. The Independent Legal No. 4974. Published September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 582145

The following person(s) doing business as: Summerwood Apartments, 21701 Foothill Blvd., Hayward, CA 94541, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Standard Summerwood LLC, 1901 Avenue of the Stars, Ste. 395, Los Angeles, CA 90067. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 3/2/2015. Signature of Registrant/s: Brad Martinson, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 30, 2021. Expires August 30, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4975. Published September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 581818

The following person(s) doing business as: 1.Fremont Hyundai, 2. Hyundai of Fremont, 43690 Auto Mall Circle, Fremont, CA 94538, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): DGDG 19 LLC, 911 Capitol Expy Auto Mall, San Jose, CA 95136. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Shaun Del Grande, President/Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 24, 2021. Expires August 24, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4976. Published September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 582303

The following person(s) doing business as: The Learning Wheel Preschool, 1432 Concanon Blvd, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): The Kaur, 4621 Myrtle Drive, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Ramandeep Kaur, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 2, 2021. Expires September 2, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4982. Published September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 582594

The following person(s) doing business as: Doughboy Streetwear, 1242 97th Ave, Oakland, CA 94603, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Diego Campos, 1242 97th Ave, Oakland, CA 94603; Angel Gutierrez, 1172 Elmhurst Ave, Oakland, CA 94603; Orlando Buenostro, 124 Kerlan Ave, Oakland, CA 94603; Victor Munguia, 1344 90th Ave, Oakland, CA 94603. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s: Diego Campos, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 10, 2021. Expires September 10, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4978. Published September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 582653

The following person(s) doing business as: Thai & Lao Language Services, 1442A Walnut ST # 256, Berkeley, CA 94709, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Benjawan Terlecky, 1442A Walnut ST # 256, Berkeley, CA 94709. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2/15/1996. Signature of Registrant/s: Benjawan Terlecky, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 14, 2021. Expires September 14, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4979. Published September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 582389

The following person(s) doing business as: Cresta Creative Arts, 11420 Cresta Lane, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Linda Bernardi, 11420 Cresta Lane, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Linda Bernardi, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 3, 2021. Expires September 3, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4980. Published September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2021.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 567886

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s). Affordable Custom Signs, LLC, 5675 Arlene Way, Livermore, CA 94550. Registered Owner(s): Affordable Custom Signs, LLC, 5675 Arlene Way, Livermore, CA 94550. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 1/27/2020 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Signature of Registrants: /s/ James Miller, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 23, 2021. The Independent Legal No. 4981. Published September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) doing business as: 1.Fremont Hyundai, 2. Hyundai of Fremont, 43690 Auto Mall Circle, Fremont, CA 94538, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): DGDG 19 LLC, 911 Capitol Expy Auto Mall, San Jose, CA 95136. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Shaun Del Grande, President/Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 24, 2021. Expires August 24, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4976. Published September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 2021.

FILE NO. 582324

The following person(s) doing business as: The Livermore School of Dance, 1988 Second ST, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Brittany Lee, 1921 E Shoreview Dr., San Ramon, CA 94582. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 8/1/21. Signature of Registrant/s: Brittany Lee, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 2, 2021. Expires September 2, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4982. Published September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 582709

The following person(s) doing business as: ILLUMYN, 843 Longridge Rd, Oakland, CA 94610, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Him for Her PBC, 843 Longridge Rd, Oakland, CA 94610. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Fiona Tang, Director, Co-Founder. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 16, 2021. Expires September 16, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4983. Published September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 582709

The following person(s) doing business as: ILLUMYN, 843 Longridge Rd, Oakland, CA 94610, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Him for Her PBC, 843 Longridge Rd, Oakland, CA 94610. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Fiona Tang, Director, Co-Founder. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 16, 2021. Expires September 16, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4983. Published September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 582989

The following person(s) doing business as: Silverstreak, 1915 Fairway Dr., San Leandro, CA 94577, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Blum San Leandro, 3242 S Hallaway ST, Ste 202. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Francis Knuettel II, Chief executive Officer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 27, 2021. Expires September 27, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4984. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 582906

The following person(s) doing business as: TLR Productions, 775 Wimbledon LN, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Thomas Reynolds, 775 Wimbledon LN, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Thomas Reynolds, Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 23, 2021. Expires September 23, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4985. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 582737

The following person(s) doing business as: Rasayana Ayurveda and Skincare, 4283 Piedmont Ave, Suite A6, Oakland, CA 94611, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Fanny Clavier, 4173 Montgomery ST, Apt 3, Oakland, CA 94611. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/28/21. Signature of Registrant/s: Dolores Macias, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 28, 2021. Expires September 28, 2026. The Independent,

Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/15/2021. Signature of Registrant/s: Fanny Clavier, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 17, 2021. Expires September 17, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4986. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 583027

The following person(s) doing business as: Sibul Ling, SP, 1801 Vetta Drive, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kuok Y. Ling, 1801 Vetta Drive, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Kuok Y. Ling, Sole Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 28, 2021. Expires September 28, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4987. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 583125

The following person(s) doing business as: JJ Goods, 7551 Olive Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sujin Chang, 7551 Olive Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Sujin Chang, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 30, 2021. Expires September 30, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4988. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 582935

The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Family Pet Hospital, 2494 Railroad Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Livermore Loving Paws Veterinary Corp., 2494 Railroad Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Heather S. Moore, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 24, 2021. Expires September 24, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4989. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 583023

The following person(s) doing business as: Fons Solutions, 5424 Sunol Blvd, Ste 10-589, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): LeeShin Looa, 11625 Alegre Dr., Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Heather S. Moore, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 28, 2021. Expires September 28, 2026. The Independent, Legal No. 4990. Published October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021.

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FILE NO. 583053

The following person(s) doing business as: Los Caporales Taqueria, 2118 First St, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Dolores Macias, 1468 Aspen CT, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/28/21. Signature of Registrant/s: Dolores Macias, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 28, 2021. Expires September 28, 2026. The Independent,

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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FILE NO. 582415

The following person(s) doing business as: XO Pandora, 5177 Peony Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jacob Stansky, 5177 Peony Drive, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/1/2006. Signature of Registrant/s: Jacob Stansky, Founder/President. This statement was filed with the County

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Runners take off at the starting line of Tri Valley Haven's Pace for Peace 10K and 5K event, Oct. 2. Participants began in front of the organization's Pacific Avenue location in Livermore. The event raised funds for Tri Valley Haven's programs, which serve local survivors and families impacted by domestic abuse. [See photo gallery at www.independentnews.com/multimedia] (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Pleasanton Chamber to Recognize 2020 Service Award Winners

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce will belatedly recognize its 2020 Community Service Award winners in person during "Pleasanton, Let's Celebrate," an outdoor gathering at Barone's Restaurant & Gardens, from 5 to 7 p.m., on Wednesday, Oct. 20.

Although the chamber announced the recipients of its 57th annual community service awards last year, the awards ceremony, originally scheduled for March 2020, was postponed because of COVID-19 restrictions. The previously announced award winners are Uncle Credit Union (Business Philanthropy),

Jonathan Grantham (Chevron Teacher Award), Bumblebee Marketing Services (Excellence in Business), Spectrum Community Services (Excellence in Service), East Bay Regional Park District (Green Business), Vic Malatesta (Lifetime Achievement), and the late Bernie Billen

(Distinguished Individual Service).

The celebration at Barone's, 475 St. John St., in Pleasanton, is open to the public and will include hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and live music. Tickets are \$65 per person, \$75 after Oct. 3, and are available at pleasanton.org.

Quarry Lane Senior Esha Cyril Receives Hyundai STEM Scholarship

Esha Cyril, a senior at the Quarry Lane School in Dublin, has received a \$10,000 Hyundai Women in STEM Scholarship for 2021 from Hyundai Motor America.

Cyril, who lives in Pleasanton, was one of five win-

ners announced last week by Hyundai Motor America and the only high school student to receive a scholarship.

The scholarship, established in 2020, is designed to encourage women to pursue careers in science,

technology, engineering, and mathematics – collectively known by the acronym STEM.

They are open to female high school seniors or college undergraduates who reside in the U.S. and plan to

pursue a STEM-related field of education. Applicants must write an essay of at least 500 words explaining why they chose to pursue a STEM-related field and what drives them to be better.

Dublin Harvest Fair Set for Saturday, Oct. 9

The annual Dublin Harvest Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, on the grounds of the Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, 6600 Donlon Way.

The old-fashioned, family-friendly event will feature a hay maze, panning for gold, calf roping, bluegrass music, wagon rides, face painting, and fall-themed games such as pumpkin golf and a pumpkin ring toss.

The Murray Schoolhouse, with exhibits featuring Dublin's immigrant founders, and the 1910 Kolb House will also be open for tours.

General admission is free. Activity wristbands are available in advance at www.dublinrecguide.com for \$7, or \$9 at the festival.

Golf Marathon at Castlewood Club Raises \$155,000 for Hope Hospice

The 2021 Hope 100 Golf Marathon at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton raised more than \$155,000 for Hope Hospice.

The Dublin-based Hope Hospice provides in-home care for terminally ill patients throughout the Tri-Valley area. The nonprofit also pro-

vides care for patients with advanced illnesses and dementia, grief counseling, and support services for family caregivers.

The \$155,217 raised by the golf marathon was a record for the event's six-year history.

Thirty-six golfers, who paid a minimum of \$2,500

each to participate in the marathon, played 100 holes in one day, which organizers say symbolizes the challenges that terminally ill patients and their families face. Additional donations more than doubled the expected revenue.

"Coming out of a hard year with several events can-

celed because of the pandemic, we weren't sure what could be accomplished," said Hope Hospice CEO Jennifer Hansen. "But the Hope 100 attracts a special group of generous golf aficionados who seem to return each year more excited to participate than the last."

Mony Nop's Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drop to Benefit Needy Families

The sixth annual Mony Nop Turkey Drop, collecting frozen turkeys, gift cards, and cash donations to benefit Tri-Valley Haven, will be held on Sunday, Nov. 21.

Tri-Valley Haven, a nonprofit that provides services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and homelessness, expects to provide Thanksgiving and holiday dinners to more than 800 area families this

year. Frozen turkeys and other donations will be collected from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Livermore City Hall, 1052 S. Livermore Ave.

Turkey Drop donations and gift cards can also be made throughout the month of November at the Livermore Grocery Outlet, 1320 Railroad Ave., or frozen turkeys can be purchased in advance to be delivered to

be delivered to Tri-Valley Haven.

"I heard about Tri-Valley Haven running out of turkeys for families in need in our community," said Mony Nop, president of Mony Nop Real Estate and a former Livermore police officer, who started the Turkey Drop. "This fun event is a small way that everyone can give back to the community during the holidays."

To donate directly to the

Tri-Valley Haven holiday program online, go to: www.trivalleyhaven.org.

Keith Hatschek to Discuss Popular American Music

Music historian Keith Hatschek, former director of the Music Management program at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, will explore the role of "the answer song" in popular American music in an online presentation sponsored by the Livermore Public Library at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 30.

An answer song is music written in response to another piece of music, normally by another artist, and often expressing ironic, angry, or non-sensical reactions.

Answer songs, which became widespread in rhythm and blues as early as the 1930s, have continued to be popular with country, rock, and hip-hop artists.

Hatschek's talk, "Honky Tonk Angels to Sweet Home Alabama: Answer Songs in American Popular Music," will explore how answer songs have influenced music, and sociological mores, over the years.

During more than 30 years in the music industry, Hatschek, who now lives in Livermore, has been a musician, producer, record-

ing studio owner/engineer, and founded his own music technology marketing and public relations agency.

He is also the author of three music industry books: "How to Get a Job in the Music Industry," "The Historical Dictionary of the American Music Industry," and "The Golden Moment: Recording Secrets from the Pros." His latest literary effort, "The Ambassadors: Dave

and Iola Brubeck and Louis Armstrong Challenge Segregation," will be published in February 2022.

The free program is part of the library's "Authors and Arts Series," supported by the Friends of the Livermore Public Library.

To access the link to attend the program, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87489243493>. No registration is required.

Livermore Updates City Website

Livermore has introduced updated, mobile-friendly websites for the city, the Livermore Public Library and the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

The city has also hired Granicus, which specializes in website management and digital services for government agencies across the U.S. and the United Kingdom, as website host.

Among the changes, according to the city, are icons on the homepage representing the most visited pages; an easy-to-use "service finder;" the ability to more

report issues and route them to the proper department; and information on advisory boards, including current members, vacancies, and upcoming meetings.

"We're excited to offer this refreshed digital destination for all the latest news and events from the city," said City Manager Marc Roberts. "The work done by city staff in coordination with Granicus over the past few months had the customer in mind first and foremost."

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