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AROUND THE VALLEY



BY GINA CHANNELL WILCOX

Strength in numbers

Our region is unique in that the five communities that make up the Tri-Valley — the cities of Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and San Ramon and the town of Danville — collaborate instead of compete.

For example, it has become a tradition for the five mayors to attend an annual national mayors' conference. Over the years they have learned five people representing a good-sized region advocating for the same thing tends to carry more weight with legislators and, therefore, gets better results.

Also, because I-680 and/or I-580 traverse all Tri-Valley communities, a few decades ago the leaders created the Tri-Valley Transportation Council.

The Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance holds a very similar role for nonprofit organizations here, giving the leaders "opportunities to meet, collaborate, share resources, and strengthen each other as they work to raise community awareness and strive to achieve their missions," the mission statement reads.

Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown, Livermore Mayor Bob Woerner, Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez, Danville Mayor Newell Arnerich and San Ramon Vice Mayor Sridhar Verose joined more than 100 nonprofit supporters during the "In Conversation with Tri-Valley Mayors 2022" virtual event March 10.

Despite being in two different counties, the synergy between the communities is undeniable, and their collaboration exemplifies an idea that TVNPA emphasizes — "together, we're better".

Arnerich said the five communities started working together around 27 years ago with the formation of the transportation council.

"As time went on, we went to the point of actually doing lobbying together, hiring a joint lobbyist," Arnerich said. "We realized we have so many things that we have in common, but at the same time we really complement each other in terms of the assets (and) the aspirations of each of our own communities.

"We are very, very unique as five major metropolitan areas that's just under 400,000 in population, that we do find a shared value and a shared common cause."

That's pretty much what TVNPA is doing for nonprofits throughout the Valley — bringing them together to find shared value and shared common causes.

Hernandez said the collaboration

is also good for the nonprofits.

"For us to be able to work together and connect is greatly needed for our nonprofit community," she said. "They are our frontline workers bringing services directly to our residents. It's (the cities') job to create awareness of what our nonprofits do by promoting individuals' efforts and outreach."

Hernandez gave an example of what collaboration can do.

"Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton came together when we knew there was a need with regards to mental health," she said, adding that they knew the need for increased mental health service even before COVID. The three cities and Alameda County worked together with Axis Community Health to launch Axis Bridge Mental Health Urgent Care Center.

"Axis Bridge was created by the Axis team in response to the enormous need in the community for supportive mental health services, and to specifically assist families who do not know where to turn when an urgent mental health situation occurs," said Sue Compton, Axis Community Health CEO.

Available since July 2021 to residents in the cities of Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore who are experiencing an urgent mental health crisis, Axis Bridge is a pilot program that tries to fill substantial gaps in access to mental health services by offering an option to address a mental health crisis other than calling law enforcement or costly emergency room treatment.

Brown announced during the TVNPA meeting that she and others were made aware just that morning that \$450,000 in federal funding for the Axis Bridge is on its way to the Tri-Valley.

Funding for the pilot program was one of nine Community Project Funding requests made by Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore) and approved by House Appropriations subcommittees in July 2021.

"Axis Bridge is supported by the cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton, as well as Alameda County," Compton said. "The infusion of these federal funds helps to ensure the continuation — and potentially — the expansion of the program. We are incredibly grateful to the Tri-Valley cities for their support, and now, also much gratitude to Congressman Swalwell for the federal funds that will be directed to the program." ■

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Pleasanton Market Snapshot

Pleasanton is still experiencing a serious lack of inventory of available homes, but there are signs that the Spring selling season is quickly approaching and we should be seeing inventory levels begin to rise in April. I have several upcoming listings that are being prepped for sale, including a gorgeous home in highly desired Foothill Knolls.

As always, feel free to reach out with any estate related questions.

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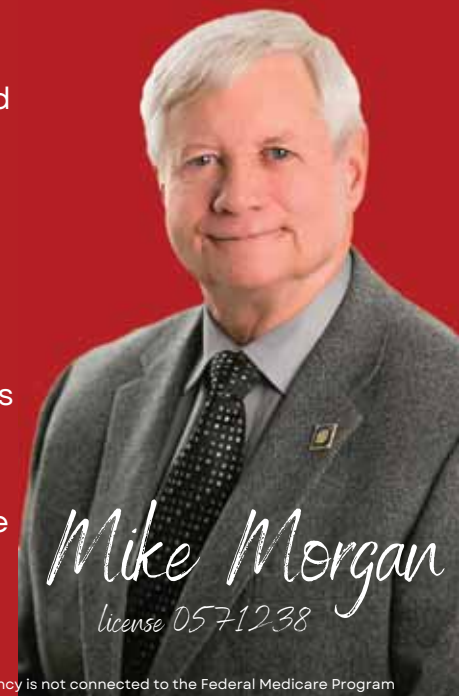
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ASKED AROUND TOWN

When you meet someone for the first time, what kind of an impression do you hope to make on them?



Alice Probst
Legal assistant

I hope to make an impression of kindness, which is easy to do with a simple, genuine smile. This is especially important to me when my children are with me because it is a perfect opportunity to set a good example for them.



Ben Sarasua
Police sergeant

I like for people to know that I am caring, trustworthy and reliable.



Kari Ouch
Sales

I like people to see that I'm very friendly and open, and to realize that they should feel comfortable to engage with me.



Wendy Dal Ponte
Sales

I like people to come away with the impression that I'm honest and trustworthy, and to realize I'm going to steer them in the right direction from a sales process.



Shanan Scarpantonio
Sales

It's very situational, depending on where I am. Generally though, I want people to want to hang out with me, and to feel comfortable to introduce me to their people.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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DIGEST

State of the City

Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown is set to deliver her second State of the City address — and her first in-person — later this month at the annual event hosted by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce.

“I look forward to sharing this year’s update with the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and the community at the State of the City address,” Brown said in a statement. “I invite Pleasanton residents and businesses to learn about the projects and programs our city has been working on, and some of the exciting initiatives on the horizon that will help ensure our city’s growth, vitality and stability in the years to come.”

The 2022 State of the City luncheon event is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pleasanton at The Club. Tickets cost \$60 per person, available at www.pleasanton.org. A video-recording of the event is also typically broadcast after the fact on Tri-Valley Community Television.

Death on BART tracks

BART train service was stopped for nearly an hour and a half between the Dublin-Pleasanton and West Dublin-Pleasanton stations on Wednesday morning due to a fatality on the trackway, the agency said.

A medical emergency at an unspecified location on the tracks was reported publicly just before 6:56 a.m. Wednesday, with BART saying there was no service between the two Tri-Valley stations but trains were leaving from West Dublin-Pleasanton toward San Francisco on a limited basis during the response and investigation.

BART confirmed at 7:16 a.m. that the incident involved a fatality on the tracks.

The agency reported at 8:28 a.m. that the Dublin-Pleasanton station reopened and normal service restored, with the goal of getting all trains back on schedule. Additional information about the fatality was not revealed as of press time Wednesday.

Housing rights

The Pleasanton Public Library and ECHO Housing are collaborating for an educational event next week, “Housing Workshop: All About Evictions and Renter’s Rights”.

Presenters will discuss and answer questions about terminations of tenancy, eviction protections under the Alameda County moratorium and the “Tenant Protections Act of 2019”.

The session is set for 6 p.m. next Thursday (March 24). It is free but registration is required. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov. ■

Court rejects citizen group’s appeal in lawsuit over proposed Costco store

Ruling seemingly clears the way for retail giant and other JDEDZ projects to proceed

By JEREMY WALSH

A state appellate court panel has denied a citizen group’s challenge of the public approval process for the proposed Costco store and overarching Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone, siding with the city over the adequacy of the environmental review completed for the project.

Pleasanton Citizens for Responsible Growth, a coalition spearheaded by former city councilman

Matt Sullivan, had appealed an Alameda County judge’s November 2020 decision to reject the group’s lawsuit over whether air quality and traffic impacts were appropriately analyzed as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

“We conclude that PCRG’s claims challenging the adequacy of the analysis and comment responses related to traffic impacts are moot in light of recent amendments to the CEQA Guidelines, and we

reject its similar claims related to air quality impacts,” the three-justice panel wrote on Feb. 28.

The judgment would seemingly clear the path for the Costco Wholesale store with a gas station, two hotels and other projects, along with significant associated roadwork, to move forward in the JDEDZ area after nearly a decade in the public process that included an opposition ballot measure defeated easily at the polls, two lawsuits by PCRG, and years worth of city

review and council hearings.

“The majority of our residents anxiously await a Pleasanton Costco for quality groceries, personal grooming products, glasses, photo printing, furniture and more,” Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown told the Weekly on March 10. “As mayor, I am interested in keeping our tax revenues in the city of Pleasanton, while replacing the existing mountain of gravel with a

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JEANITA LYMAN

Marvin Wilson, a retired Orange County sheriff’s deputy, was the first to arrive and last to leave the demonstration March 11 that marked the first anniversary of when his son Tyrell Wilson was shot by now-former Danville deputy Andrew Hall.

Demonstration on anniversary of deadly Danville police shooting

‘A settlement is not going to silence me ... I’m here for justice for my son,’ Marvin Wilson says

By JEANITA LYMAN

Family and supporters of both men shot and killed 2-1/2 years apart by the same sheriff’s deputy in Danville, who was recently sentenced to prison for the first death, gathered last Friday near the location of the second shooting to mark its one-year anniversary and call for a permanent memorial to both victims.

Led by local organizers and the father of Tyrell Wilson, approximately 30 demonstrators gathered at Sycamore Valley Road and Camino Ramon starting at 4:30

p.m. on March 11, one year after Wilson was shot by now-former Contra Costa County sheriff’s deputy Andrew Hall. Wilson, 33, died at the hospital six days later.

“I felt like my brother killed my son, at first,” Tyrell’s father Marvin Wilson, a retired Orange County sheriff’s deputy of more than 30 years, said on the first anniversary of his son’s shooting.

Hall, a deputy assigned to the Danville Police Department under the town’s contract with the county, was back on patrol on March 11, 2021 after having

been previously cleared by Sheriff David Livingston of wrongdoing in the shooting death of Laudermer Arboleda in Danville in 2018.

But District Attorney Diana Becton would go on to charge Hall in connection with Arboleda’s death just over a month after the deputy shot Tyrell Wilson. A jury convicted Hall of felony assault with a firearm and he was recently sentenced to six years in prison.

Families of both Arboleda and

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Candidate lists for primary election

County DA and sheriff, Zone 7 water board among local June races

By JEREMY WALSH

Primary election ballots are in clear view for Tri-Valley voters, as the main candidacy deadline passed last Friday afternoon with many local contests solidified then, while some others saw their nomination period extended until Wednesday after incumbents opted not to run.

Alameda County district attorney, Zone 7 water board and county Board of Education were among the local offices with a candidacy extension — and the latter two already have recognizable challengers on their ballot, including former Livermore mayor John Marchand and ex-Pleasanton councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio. No new candidates came forward during the extension period, as of press time Wednesday afternoon.

For those contests whose lists were settled last Friday, Alameda County Sheriff-Coroner Gregory Ahern has two opponents while local U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell and Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan face largely unheralded challengers.

Tri-Valley State Sen. Steve Glazer, whose term in the California Legislature is not up for regular election this year, has thrown his hat into the ring for a statewide position — California state controller.

The candidacy nomination period to qualify for the June 7 primary

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Shooter in Steinle case pleads guilty to federal gun charges

Garcia-Zarate switches plea after court finds mental competency restored

By JOE DWORETZKY /
BCN FOUNDATION

Jose Inez Garcia-Zarate, a Mexican national and convicted felon who previously had been deported from the United States five times, pleaded guilty Monday to two federal weapons offenses in connection with the fatal shooting of Pleasanton native Kate Steinle in San Francisco, according to U.S. Attorney Stephanie Hinds.



Jose Inez
Garcia-Zarate

Garcia-Zarate fired the bullet that killed 32-year-old Steinle while she walked with her father and a family friend on Pier 14 on San Francisco's Embarcadero in 2015. The killing became part of a national conversation about immigration when Donald Trump used it support his presidential campaign pitch for tougher immigration policies.

Garcia-Zarate's case has had many twists and turns in both state and federal court.

He was first tried in a state court proceeding initiated by San Francisco's District Attorney Office.

On November 30, 2017 he was convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm — a semi-automatic weapon — but was acquitted on homicide charges by a jury that apparently accepted the defendant's argument that the shooting resulted from an accidental discharge of a gun he found wrapped in cloth on the pier.

The gun was the secondary duty weapon of a U.S. Bureau of Land Management ranger, who'd had it stolen after he placed the firearm in a backpack under the seat of his SUV while in San Francisco with his family. Prosecutors did not present any evidence to argue Garcia-Zarate originally stole the gun, merely that he possessed it and fired the shot that killed Steinle.

After his trial in state court, Garcia-Zarate was indicted by a

federal grand jury in December 2017 on federal weapons charges.

On appeal from his state law conviction, the state court of appeals reversed. However, federal proceedings were not affected by the state court ruling and they went forward upon Garcia-Zarate's release from state court custody.

In 2020, on the eve of trial in federal court, U.S. District Judge Vince Chhabria ordered that Garcia-Zarate be evaluated to determine whether he was "suffering from a mental disease or defect rendering him mentally incompetent to the extent that he is unable to understand the nature and consequences of the proceedings against him or to assist properly in his defense."

On Oct. 19, 2020, following



Kate
Steinle

evaluation by court-appointed psychiatrists, the judge determined Garcia-Zarate was not competent to stand trial. The judge found "that Garcia-Zarate lacks a rational understanding of the proceedings against him and is unable to consult with his lawyers in a meaningful fashion, such that he is not competent to stand trial."

The doctors testified that Garcia-Zarate had schizophrenia.

The judge said that based on his own observation, "Garcia-Zarate's speech and responses to questions were frequently off-topic or nonsensical, and he demonstrated no understanding of the charges against him."

The judge noted that Garcia-Zarate had indicated that he wanted to plead guilty, but the judge also found that he was not competent to make that decision because "because he lacks sufficient mental capacity to waive his constitutional rights, make a reasoned choice among alternatives, and understand the nature and

consequences of a guilty plea."

The judge said that the doctors believed there was a possibility that Garcia-Zarate would improve if he was treated with antipsychotic medication. He then ordered that Garcia-Zarate receive that treatment.

In June 2021, the Bureau of Prisons informed the judge that "it had restored the defendant to competency." However, on re-arrest in August 2021, the judge ordered a new competency evaluation because of concerns about whether Garcia-Zarate was competent and also whether or not he was taking his medication.

On Feb. 16, 2022, the judge reported that after being restored to competency at the Bureau of Prisons facility, Garcia-Zarate had been transferred to Santa Rita Jail to be held pending trial.

However, Garcia-Zarate was not given his medications at that facility and was subsequently

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Livermore asks Russian sister city to support cease-fire in Ukraine

Council members 'respectfully urge' move in letter; no threat of severing ties thus far

By CIERRA BAILEY

The Livermore City Council decided unanimously Monday to send a letter to officials in its sister city of Snezhinsk, Russia, calling for the city to stand against Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

"I'm really pleased to see that this is a way that we can talk city to city, person to person, and perhaps make for a change," Councilmember Trish Munro said in support of sending the letter after noting that her own grandfather immigrated from Ukraine in the early 20th century.

Earlier this month the city of Livermore received

correspondence from Dmytro Kushneruk, the Consul General of Ukraine in San Francisco, requesting that Livermore take this course of action as a show of support for Ukraine after the country was invaded by the Russian military.

"As a Mayor of Livermore you have the power to address your counterparts in Russia with a firm demand for them to start acting now in resisting the criminal regime of the Kremlin before it's too late," Kushneruk's letter reads. "They may stop Russian conscripts of their city from being sent to Ukraine and they may mobilize their communities to go on

streets."

Kushneruk's letter also suggested that if Snezhinsk is not receptive to Livermore's correspondence, then Livermore should sever its ties with Snezhinsk. "In a critical situation like this, such rigidity is absolutely necessary, as it may save lives," Kushneruk wrote in his letter.

During Monday night's regular City Council meeting, all five councilmembers agreed that a letter to Snezhinsk would be appropriate but they did not discuss exactly what the letter would entail at the time.

The council directed city staff to

draft the letter with the oversight of Mayor Bob Woerner. Upon finalization of the draft, the council also directed staff to post the letter on the city's website.

The letter was completed, sent to the mayor of Snezhinsk and posted to Livermore's city website by Tuesday evening.

"On behalf of the City of Livermore City Council, I write to you as Mayor of Livermore's sister city, to request your support for a cease-fire in Ukraine," the letter signed by Woerner reads. "Thousands of innocent lives have already been lost and the Ukrainian people continue to face an unprovoked,

unrestrained military aggression from the Russian Federation."

While the letter said they "respectfully urge" Snezhinsk to take action, Livermore officials did not include any mention of suspending its relationship with Snezhinsk.

Livermore adopted Snezhinsk as one of its sister cities back in 1998. The city of Snezhinsk is home to a major nuclear research laboratory and in the late 1990s, scientists from Livermore worked with their counterparts in Snezhinsk to keep nuclear information and material safe during the transition that followed the end of the Cold War, according to Livermore's website. ■

Group sues, alleges Supervisor Brown was appointed illegally

Attorney says Brown needed to be pre-established resident; county counsel disagreed with code interpretation

Alameda County Supervisor Dave Brown may have been appointed illegally, an attorney for a county taxpayer group said last week.

Brown was appointed to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors in mid-November to fill late Supervisor Wilma Chan's seat after a driver



Dave Brown

struck and killed her as she walked in Alameda about two weeks earlier. Brown had been Chan's chief-of-staff.

Attorney Jason Bezis has filed a lawsuit on behalf of the Alameda County Taxpayers' Association that is seeking to get Brown out of office by having his appointment declared null and void.

"It was an inside job to put Brown in there," Bezis said.

He makes several arguments in the suit for the alleged unlawful

nature of Brown's appointment, the strongest of which is a residency requirement, Bezis argues.

According to the county administrative code, Brown is required to be a resident of Alameda County for one year before he can be elected to the board, Bezis said.

County Counsel Donna Ziegler argued in a letter to Bezis on Jan. 21 that Brown is exempt from that requirement because he was appointed, not elected.

Ziegler said that Bezis and the

taxpayers' association have not offered any code provision to support their claim that Brown must meet a residency requirement beyond registering to vote in the supervisorial district before his appointment.

But in 1964, the California Attorney General gave a legal opinion to San Mateo County officials stating that an appointee to the Board of Supervisors must be a resident for one year, Bezis said.

Brown, formerly Chan's chief of staff, resided in Contra Costa

County until four days before his appointment, Bezis said. Bezis said Brown now has a residence in Oakland.

Board of Supervisors President Keith Carson was unable to comment at this time, his spokesperson Melissa Male said by email.

Brown and the other supervisors, as well as Ziegler, were also not immediately available to comment on the lawsuit. Brown's term ends in January. ■

—Keith Burbank, BCN

Last semester at USF-Pleasanton marks end of university's Tri-Valley presence

Declining enrollment, other satellite locations among reasons

By JEANITA LYMAN

University of San Francisco's Pleasanton campus is in its final months before being slated for closure after just under a decade at the Stoneridge Mall Road facility that became the home of the university's Tri-Valley satellite that was first established in San Ramon in 1986.

After initially announcing the university would let its lease run out at Stoneridge Corporate Commons in March, USF officials extended the lease for its only Tri-Valley location through May to continue to teach classes in its Masters of Arts in Teaching program through the end of the term.

"It is not closed yet, but given the recent success of the partnerships USF has developed in the North Bay at Santa Rosa Junior College and in the South Bay at De Anza College, the President's Cabinet has decided not to renew the university's lease of the Pleasanton space when it expires and to transition the campus' academic programs over the remainder of this calendar year," a USF spokesperson told theWeekly.

They added that all students who were enrolled in programs offered at the university's Pleasanton campus — which consisted of a Masters in Nursing for registered nurses and Bachelors of Science in management, in addition to the teaching degree — have already completed their programs.

The end of operations in Pleasanton will mark the end of the private Jesuit university's more than 35-year presence in the Tri-Valley, which began in San Ramon in 1986.

The campus was relocated to Pleasanton in 2010, with the small

campus boasting six high tech classrooms, audio visual capacities, and a staffed library and computer lab near the West Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station. Curriculum consisted of undergraduate degree completion options and graduate programs through the university's schools of nursing, management and education prior to shutting its doors during the pandemic.

On May 10, 2021, an announcement from Jeff Hamrick, vice provost for institutional budget, planning and analytics, about a transition plan for the Pleasanton campus said that the university would not renew its lease, which was set to expire this month, and cease operations in Pleasanton.

Hamrick cited declining enrollment at the Pleasanton campus,

as well as the success of housing programs offered there in their newer Santa Rosa and San Jose locations, houses on community college campuses.

"Over the course of the past year, the President's Cabinet and the Council of Deans have held extensive conversations about the future of the university's commercial office space lease at 6120 Stoneridge Mall in Pleasanton, which serves as our Pleasanton Campus," Hamrick said in last year's announcement.

"These discussions have focused on the challenges to higher education posed by the pandemic, the history of USF's educational commitments in the region, possible future emphasis on hybrid or Hy-Flex instruction, and plans for new academic programs outside of San

Francisco," he added.

While it's unclear what made officials decide to extend the lease for an additional two months, through May, the extra time means that students in the Master of Arts in Teaching classes that are currently in progress will be able to have a full semester, rather than seeing the campus close ahead of midterms and spring break.

Last year's announcement said that alternative pathways would be found to accommodate the then-approximately 150 students enrolled at the Pleasanton campus, whose programs will continue to be offered at the university's North Bay and South Bay outposts. According to the university's spokesperson last month, all students besides those currently enrolled in

the teaching were able to complete their degrees.

"Students in all programs offered at the Pleasanton location, except the MA Teaching program, which is delivered by the School of Education, have completed their programs," USF's spokesperson said. "The MA Teaching program will partner with a local educational institution or other nonprofit and continue to matriculate and graduate students."

While both locations, as well as the main campus in San Francisco, offer graduate degrees in teaching and education, USF's spokesperson said that there were plans to continue the Masters in Teaching program in partnership with an unspecified local education institution or nonprofit. ■

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determined by the doctors to no longer be competent.

Garcia-Zarate was then moved to Marin County jail where he received his meds and was again restored to competency.

The court held a hearing Monday to consider Garcia-Zarate's stated desire to change his plea.

At the hearing, Garcia-Zarate pleaded guilty to the two weapons counts.

Sentencing is scheduled for June 6, 2022 and Garcia-Zarate remains incarcerated pending the sentencing.

Each count bears a maximum of 10 years in prison with three years of supervised release. ■

Editor's note: Pleasanton Weekly editor Jeremy Walsh contributed to this story.

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new Costco store.”

Still Sullivan, who served on the council from 2004 to 2012 and has been a vocal critic of many aspects of the project over recent years, signaled that the citizen group is not giving up its fight even after the appellate court loss.

“It’s unfortunate that the legislature keeps undermining CEQA at the behest of businesses, the tech industry and developers,” he told the Weekly on March 11. “As the appellate judge stated, he denied our appeal because of a recent change in that law. CEQA is one of the few tools the public has to protect not only the environment but to provide us a voice when our government representatives do not.”

“PCRG has not abandoned our objections to this project and we are examining all our options for further action,” Sullivan said.

Attempts to reach Costco representatives were unsuccessful as of press time Wednesday.

The retail giant took an active role in the litigation as a listed real party in interest in the PCRG lawsuit against the city government.

Costco owns the Johnson Drive property on which it plans to build, which would mark its third Tri-Valley store joining Livermore and Danville.

Work related to the Costco store was put on hold amid the pending litigation, but city attorney Dan Sodergren said grading did begin at the site of the two hotels proposed for the JDEDZ in recent months and city staff were finalizing roadwork plans while the appeal was pending.

Sodergren confirmed that Costco is still tracking to manage construction of the traffic improvements needed on Stoneridge and Johnson drives to accommodate their store, in line with the tax-sharing agreement with the city to pay for the roadwork. City staff is, in parallel, processing the design review application related to the Costco store itself.

“I’m both relieved and happy that we can now put the environmental challenges behind us and move forward with getting the Costco store built and opened for our residents,” City Councilmember Kathy Narum said to the Weekly on March 10. The JDEDZ will be located in the city’s District 1 — to be assigned to Narum’s seat — once council districting takes effect.

“It continues to be very clear to me that a majority of our residents want to be able to shop at Costco in Pleasanton for a variety of reasons including saving time not having to drive to a location outside of Pleasanton, fewer miles driven per trip and having Pleasanton benefit from the sales tax on Costco purchases not to mention having a Costco gas station,” she added.

Eight years and counting

Under consideration since 2014, the JDEDZ is the local regulatory framework laying out how redevelopment could occur on 40 acres of prominent property just south of the I-680/I-580 interchange, including rezoning a 20-acre site left vacant when Clorox closed its research center there. That parcel now largely consists of post-demolition debris piles.

The regulatory concept, designed by city staff to spur commercial development on land seen as under-utilized on Johnson Drive and Commerce Circle, also features strict design guidelines that aim to help expedite city review of future projects in the marquee area.

The first of what was ultimately two environmental analysis and public review processes for the JDEDZ spanned from 2014 to 2017.

The endeavor paused in the latter part of 2016 amid a citizens’ initiative measure — which was spearheaded by Pleasanton Citizens for Planned Growth, a group led by Bill Wheeler, owner of Black Tie Transportation, whose headquarters would be a neighbor to the Costco store. Wheeler’s coalition was unaffiliated with Sullivan’s PCRG.

Ultimately, 63% of voters in November 2016 defeated Measure MM, which sought to limit building size in the JDEDZ to 50,000 square feet maximum — a ballot question that did not explicitly reference Costco but was seen by many residents as effectively a vote on whether to allow the retail giant onto the property.

Work on the JDEDZ policies restarted soon after the election, and the council approved the original regulatory package in December 2017. However, Sullivan’s group sued the city that same month, opting for litigation under CEQA after a potential referendum petition failed to get off the ground.

In addition to citing concerns about the environmental review, Sullivan has long criticized the funding structure for roadwork associated with the entire JDEDZ but that needs to be completed before the Costco store can open — which includes a tax-sharing agreement for the city to repay a portion of the costs that Costco is fronting. That money would later be recouped by the city via a JDEDZ transportation fee charged to other future developers to build within that area.

The formal membership of Sullivan’s organization has remained unclear, but in its initial lawsuit, PCRG was identified as an “unincorporated association of residents, citizens, property owners, taxpayers and electors” from Pleasanton.

Months of initial litigation ensued before the council in September 2018 opted to rescind its original JDEDZ approvals in favor of additional environmental work in an effort to settle the first



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The JDEDZ is proposed to be located southeast of the I-580/I-680 interchange in Pleasanton. Costco and a hotel developer are aiming to build on the 20-acre vacant portion (in yellow oval) near the top right of this aerial photo.

lawsuit with PCRG.

That decision put on hold Costco’s design review application and a Planning Commission-approved application from a hotel developer to build two hotels with 231 rooms in the JDEDZ area.

The follow-up round of environmental review started in October 2018 and lasted more than a year, a longer-than-anticipated process that included new studies by consultants focused on air quality, releasing the new documents for public comment and drafting responses to the comments before the final city hearings that culminated in the council approving the revised JDEDZ in February 2020.

During the next month, PCRG hit the city with a second lawsuit over the Costco store and JDEDZ, this time centering on the city’s final supplemental environmental impact report (RFSEIR).

At issue was whether Pleasanton city officials adequately considered the cumulative air quality and traffic impacts on the JDEDZ caused by three proposed or pending projects in neighboring Dublin (the IKEA store, Kaiser Permanente medical campus and the since-rescinded At Dublin development) as well as whether the city adequately responded to two public comments.

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch denied the group’s petition for writ of mandate in November 2020, ruling that “substantial evidence in the record” showed the city both adequately considered the three Dublin projects and appropriately responded to the public comments.

Before the appellate court

PCRG appealed Roesch’s ruling to the California Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, reasserting the same two challenges it argued before the trial court.

But the appellate court would side across the board with main arguments made by the city and Costco in denying the citizen group’s appeal and upholding the county judge’s decision, according to the 22-page unpublished opinion authored by Acting Presiding Justice

James A. Richman and joined by Associate Justice Therese M. Stewart and Mendocino County Superior Court Judge Cindee Mayfield on special assignment.

With regard to PCRG’s arguments on traffic, which centered on level of service (LOS) impacts from the three Dublin projects, the appellate court cited CEQA guidelines that took effect in July 2020 which state “except for roadway capacity projects, ‘a project’s effect on automobile delay shall not constitute a significant environmental impact.’”

“Because LOS-based traffic analysis is no longer a consideration to determine if a project’s impact is significant, the city would be under no obligation to conduct a LOS-based analysis on remand,” the justices stated in determining the new guidelines rendered PCRG’s argument moot.

As for whether the city provided good faith responses to two public comments about air quality impacts, the court concurred with the city and Costco that PCRG’s arguments were “vaguely” asserted and “inscrutable.”

“In short, we see nothing inadequate in the responses provided by the city,” the court stated.

The court added, “Assuming PCRG is advancing distinct arguments related to air quality impacts, its failure to develop them with any cogent argument forfeits them on appeal, and we would be justified in disregarding them ... In any event, to the extent we follow PCRG’s arguments, we would reject them.”

The appellate opinion authorized the city and Costco to recover their costs on appeal, but Sodergren confirmed that only applies to “minor miscellaneous expenses such as court filing fees” and does not include attorneys fees.

What comes next

Costco has advanced on design review with the city for its proposed on-site improvements related to its planned warehouse store and gas station, according to Sodergren.

“This will be followed by submission of on-site and building plan for

review and eventual permitting,” Sodergren told the Weekly.

Meanwhile, the city issued grading permits for the site of the two proposed hotels in the JDEDZ in September, “and that work has recently commenced onsite,” according to Sodergren. Building permits were issued for both hotels in December, and construction is expected to get underway later this year.

The hotels would be able to open as soon as they’re completed, but the Costco store could not begin operations until the JDEDZ traffic mitigation improvements are finished. “It is expected Costco will coordinate their on-site and building permitting and construction with the JDEDZ Traffic Mitigation Improvements schedule,” Sodergren said.

Included among the road projects are upgrades to the I-680/Stoneridge Drive interchange, changes to the intersection of Stoneridge and Johnson drives, and expansion of Johnson Drive.

All plans for the roadwork are nearly complete, as city staff coordinated those efforts while the appeal process played out, according to Sodergren. “Right-of-way acquisition is in process. Caltrans and other permitting is complete,” he said.

Costco will be overseeing the construction contract for the roadwork in line with standards under a pending traffic improvement agreement between the company and the city, Sodergren said.

“A public bidding process will occur soon to select a general contractor to perform the work for Costco,” he added. “Throughout construction, the work will be inspected by city public works inspection staff and Caltrans staff to ensure compliance with the approved improvement plans. When complete, the improvements will be accepted by the city and Caltrans for operation and maintenance.”

Crews are expected to start construction on the traffic improvements this June, with the goal of wrapping up by fall 2023, according to Sodergren. ■

BART removes Director Simon from board after dispute over location of residence

She recently moved out of District 7, unbeknownst; agency now has no Black board members

BART officials announced last week that Lateefah Simon was removed from the agency's Board of Directors after a dispute over whether she lived in the



Lateefah Simon

district she represented.

According to BART, Simon's current residence sits outside the bounds of District 7, which includes parts of Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco counties, making her ineligible to represent the district on the Board of Directors.

Simon said in a statement to reporters that she moved from her

previous residence last year due to threats her family received as a result of her support for police reform.

She added that she had consulted with BART officials prior to moving and was "assured that the building is within District 7."

"I would not have moved my family to this residence otherwise," she said. "I am deeply disappointed

about this situation."

Simon, the only Black member of the nine-member board, was first elected in 2016 and served as the board's president in 2020.

Board Director Janice Li, who represents part of San Francisco and is now the only person of color sitting on the board, called Simon's removal "a loss to this board" and argued that

few cared more about the transit agency than her.

"At every board meeting I've been in over these past few years, Director Simon has consistently spoken up for the most marginalized and has always brought the deepest compassion to educate this body and the public on issues that our communities and our riders face," Li said in a Twitter post.

BART officials said an interim board member will be chosen within 60 days to fill the District 7 vacancy. Voters in the district will eventually choose a permanent successor. ■

—Eli Walsh, BCN Foundation

Local poll captures people's top concerns after two years of the pandemic

By JAMEY PADOJINO

Isolating. Frustrating. Disrupting. These are some of the common words local readers used to describe their COVID-19 pandemic

experience, according to an informal, 10-question survey that this news organization conducted earlier this month. To examine how the highly contagious disease upended

our everyday routines, the survey asked people about their outlook on their lives, attitudes on how the health crisis has been handled and opinions on what the future holds.

Over the course of nine days, 352 people from the Peninsula and East Bay responded. The poll results indicated that many people expect to continue taking precautions against

COVID-19 and have faced numerous obstacles since March 2020.

When asked to capture their pandemic experience in three words, some people went with phrases, such as "Life's empty space," "real-life movie" and "Groundhog Day." While most answers touched on challenges, others shared an

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Tyrell Wilson reached settlements with the county in their separate lawsuits of their loved ones' death, with Arboleda's family agreeing to \$4.9 million last October and Wilson's family receiving \$4.5 million last week.



Tyrell Wilson

However, families, activists and a number of local community members are continuing to push for increased awareness and solutions surrounding mental health issues, which both Tyrell Wilson and Arboleda suffered from, that don't depend on police responses that many believe can escalate and turn unnecessarily deadly.

The families of both men and their attorney are also calling for additional charges to be brought against Hall by DA Becton in connection with Tyrell Wilson's death. Prosecutors' investigation remains ongoing.

Marvin Wilson said that he watched footage of his son being shot one year ago that day repeatedly, trying to make sense of what happened, but that he couldn't understand Hall's actions in response to what he said was clearly a mental health episode from his son.

"He saw Hall as a threat, not as a police officer," Marvin Wilson said. "That's what they fail to understand. You could tell by his voice."

Marvin Wilson said that while he didn't believe Hall's actions were reflective of other officers in Danville, or their training, Hall had hurt the

reputation of police officers everywhere, particularly locally.

"I wore a badge also," Marvin Wilson said. "You tarnished the badge. You tarnished good officers, good deputies, reputation, and in the (town) of Danville. Do I think Danville has good officers? Yes I do. But he tarnished that. He put a stain on that."

Marvin Wilson said that his son had been a star athlete as a teenager, who was eyed by Division I sports programs for his baseball prowess, and on the path to his choice of a number of scholarships from prestigious colleges. Despite the certainty of a sports scholarship, the teenage Tyrell Wilson was pushed to get good grades by his dad, proudly showing off a 3.5 GPA one night as he asked for permission to go on a nighttime snowboarding trip with his close friend.

The trip would end fatally for Tyrell Wilson's companion, and resulted in a traumatic brain injury for him. Marvin Wilson recalled between the death of his friend, and the slow burn of personality changes and mental issues that can result from brain injuries, Tyrell Wilson stopped being a carefree teenager, and started to change. In particular, his father said that Tyrell never got over the death of his friend, who was memorialized on a recent tattoo Marvin Wilson found on his son's chest upon coming to visit him at John Muir Medical Center in critical condition after last year's shooting.

Marvin Wilson said that his son's homelessness at the time of his death was the result of choice, not lack of funds, with the family being relatively well-off.

"He was staying with his uncle in Pittsburg, and he just left, and you just have to let him go through his cycle until he calms down and then

he'll come back. But he never was a violent person," Marvin Wilson said of his son.

Sheriff Livingston and his office have argued otherwise, saying Hall was responding on March 11, 2021 to a report someone matching Tyrell Wilson's description was throwing rocks from the Interstate 680 overpass onto the freeway.

When Hall contacts Tyrell Wilson, the man first backs away and then pulls out a folding knife, according to video of the encounter released by the sheriff's office. Tyrell Wilson keeps the knife in his hand, but doesn't point it toward the deputy, as he takes two swaying steps forward and appears to say "kill me". In that second, Hall fires a lone shot at Tyrell Wilson's head and the man collapses to the ground.

In a recent email sent to his department, Livingston wrote that Hall "served with honor and distinction," and "After an extensive internal investigation, he was found to be within departmental policy when



Deputy Andrew Hall

he was forced to use deadly force to protect himself and others on that fateful day. I was proud to support him publicly and privately after the events of Nov. 3, 2018, and I support him today."

"For our district attorney to charge a deputy sheriff, or any peace officer, for a crime based on a split-second tactical decision is abhorrent," the sheriff added.

John Burris, a prominent civil rights attorney representing both the Wilson and Arboleda families, said that Hall's recent sentencing in Arboleda's death, and the county's settlement with Wilson's parents, were small prices to pay, particularly for the deaths of two vulnerable people with mental health issues.

"To me the punishment did not fit the crimes he committed," Burris said, of Hall's six-year sentence.

Burris, who has built his career as a civil rights lawyer through a number of high-profile cases involving police brutality, said that cases



Sheriff David Livingston

like Hall's, in which the same officer shoots and kills two people in separate incidents, have been uncommon in recent years.

"We don't have many ... cases in recent memory, where an officer was involved in more than one shooting," Burris said.

Although no stranger to grizzly and often tragic circumstances in the cases he works on, Burris said that he was shocked to hear about news of Wilson's death in 2021.

"It was shocking, disappointing, an outrage, that this man killed a second time and he hadn't been punished properly the first time. So it was like a dagger ripping my own heart," Burris said.

Having already been involved in the litigation against Hall from Arboleda's family, Burris said that he was all the more frustrated, arguing that Tyrell Wilson's death could have been prevented if Hall hadn't still been on the streets of Danville.

"If they had punished the man properly, assigned him, reassigned him, fired him, then Mr. Wilson would not be dead," Burris said.

Of the settlement, Burris said that rather than being a victory, it was an acknowledgment of what had happened in Tyrell Wilson's death, and that it shouldn't have.

Marvin Wilson said that the settlement was no replacement for his only son, but that he was glad to have the case out of the way so that he could be more vocal about calls for additional charges against Hall by the DA's Office.

"A settlement is not going to silence me and it's not going to make me disappear," Marvin Wilson said. "I'm here for justice for my son." ■

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JEANITA LYMAN

Demonstrators near the intersection of Camino Ramon and Sycamore Valley Road, where the shooting occurred one year ago.

Hildegard Juliana Melander

November 12, 1939 – January 15, 2022

Hildegard Juliana Melander, beloved wife, mother, Oma, sister, aunt, friend, neighbor and elementary school teacher, passed away peacefully at home in Pleasanton, CA on Saturday, January 15, 2022, surrounded by family. She had a full life dedicated to faith, family, friends, teaching and travel.



The second of five children, Hildegard was born November 12, 1939 in Aschaffenburg, Germany. During World War II, the family moved away from city bombings to Nordheim v.d.Rhön, a small farming village where her mother's family lived. In 1952, they returned to Aschaffenburg. Hildegard finished school and started working for the American Express Company bank on a U.S. Army base, where her German father was bank manager, and where she could practice her English. In 1959, at age 19, on an adventure to experience life outside Germany, Hildegard and a friend traveled by boat to New York under sponsorship of a stateside relative who lived in Buffalo. They found jobs as au pairs in Buffalo, NY and then a year later rode across the country by bus to California where Hildegard worked at a bank in Los Angeles for another year.

Hildegard then returned to Germany as she had promised her parents. She soon met David Melander while she was working at the U.S. Army Education Center in Aschaffenburg as office secretary. David was stationed in Germany as a soldier in Artillery Survey and had additional duties as a part-time teacher when they met. They married in 1963. In 1965, soon after their first son Marcus was born, they moved back to the U.S. where David began his career with the Alameda County Probation Department. They spent their formative years as a new family in Oakland, CA, where Stephen and Heidi were born. They moved to Pleasanton in 1975, put down roots, and developed many community connections.

Hildegard worked with elementary-age children for 30 years at schools in Oakland, giving extra attention to children with special needs. She worked at E. Morris Cox and Raskob, and taught first grade at St. Elizabeth Elementary School. She enjoyed the outdoors, camping, hiking and traveling to places near and far. She was involved in the Catholic church, teaching CCD classes, praying at weekly "Adoration" sessions, participating in Neighborhood Christian Communities, and administering communion to the sick. In the last few years, Hildegard enjoyed taking neighborhood walks, family gatherings, reading, visiting with friends, sitting in the sun, and tending to plants in the house and garden.

She is survived by her husband, David, of 58 years, their three adult children, Marcus, Stephen (Deborah), and Heidi (Steve Strange), three siblings Kurt Witzel, Sieglinde Connolly, and Robert Witzel, sister-in-law Karen Melander Magoon, brother-in-law Binns Melander, sister-in-law Isolde Witzel, daughter-in-law Sage Smiley and several cousins. Hildegard has four adored grandchildren, Kiley, Victoria, Isak, and Meghan, and many wonderful nieces, nephews and grand-nieces and grand-nephews in Germany and the U.S. She is predeceased by her parents August and Afra Witzel, her brother Gusti Witzel, sisters-in-law Renate Witzel and Michele Melander, and brothers-in-law Ron Connolly and Orville Magoon. Hildegard has always held close ties with family and friends here and abroad and enjoyed hosting events at home.

A memorial service and celebration of life will be held on Saturday, March 19th at 10:30AM at St. Augustine Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., in Pleasanton, CA.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a science-based nature education program such as Lindsay Wildlife Experience in Walnut Creek, St. Elizabeth Elementary in Oakland, Hope Hospice in Dublin or to your favorite charity.

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CANDIDATES

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election ballot ended at 5 p.m. last Friday, unless an eligible incumbent did not file for re-election, in which case the deadline was extended for five calendar days to Wednesday at 5 p.m., according to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office. The Weekly went to press at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

The primary election, at the local level, typically features countywide positions as well as district representatives for state and federal positions. The Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors is among the additions for the Tri-Valley.

Three incumbents and three challengers — though not all newcomers — qualified for the ballot for Zone 7, with four positions up for grabs at-large on the seven-member board. The deadline was extended with Director Michelle Smith McDonald not on the ballot.

The Zone 7 candidate list includes current directors Dennis Gambs, Sarah Palmer and Olivia Sanwong; Marchand, a former mayor of Livermore who also previously served on the Zone 7 board; former Dublin San Ramon Services District director Dawn Benson; and Todd Shinohara, a pharmacist.

The top four finishers in the primary will earn election to the Zone 7 board.

Another election specific to the Tri-Valley this June is Alameda County Board of Education, Trustee Area 7 — with incumbent Yvonne Cerrato not running.

The two candidates registered are Cook-Kallio, a former Pleasanton City Council member and a retired teacher; and Eric Dillie, whose ballot designation is public school teacher and was formerly principal at the now-defunct Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory school.

Four candidates are on the ballot for Alameda County DA: Oakland civil rights attorney Pamela Price, current chief assistant DA Terry Wiley, current deputy DA Jimmie Wilson and Seth Steward, a former San Francisco prosecutor who now works as chief-of-staff for Oakland



City Councilman Dan Kalb.

The deadline was extended until Wednesday for DA, with incumbent Nancy O'Malley opting not to run for another term.

In countywide elections, a candidate could win the position outright in the primary if they earn more than 50% of the vote. If no one wins a majority in June, then the top two finishers would advance to a runoff to be held during the general election in November.

Sheriff-Coroner Gregory Ahern faces two challengers in his re-election bid: sheriff's office Division Commander Yesenia Sanchez and San Francisco Police Department Officer JoAnn Walker.

Alameda County Superintendent of Schools L.K. Monroe is being challenged by Alysse Castro, an Alameda resident who works in a leadership position with San Francisco Unified School District.

County incumbents Phong La (assessor), Melissa Wilk (auditor-controller/clerk recorder) and Henry "Hank" Levy (treasurer/tax collector) are each running unopposed.

Local voters could be poised to decide three new Alameda County Superior Court judges while the other 23 judgeships up for election this year will not appear on the ballot as only the incumbents filed for those seats.

For Office 1, Tamiza Hockenull, a current court commissioner, was the only candidate to file for the open full judgeship.

Office 12 also had its deadline extended, with current court commissioner Pelayo A. Llamas competing for a full judgeship in which an incumbent is not running. Delbert Gee pulled papers but had not yet qualified heading into the final hour Wednesday.

Office 21 received an extension too. Current court commissioner Michael Bishay has qualified for the ballot while Yolanda Northridge pulled papers but had not yet qualified.

For the newly redrawn

Congressional District 14, Swalwell (D-Livermore) is on the ballot against six challengers.

That includes three Republicans: Alison Hayden, a special education teacher from Hayward who lost to Swalwell 70.9% to 29.1% in November 2020; Sri "Steve" Iyer, a global renewable executive whose campaign address is an office park in Pleasanton; and Tom Wong, a small business owner from Hayward.

Also on the congressional ballot are Democrat James Andrew Peters, a team builder/waiter whose residency is unknown; Major Singh, software engineer with no party preference from Fremont; and Liam Miguel Simard, who has no ballot designation nor party preference.

For Assembly District 16, which includes the majority of the Tri-Valley, incumbent Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) is facing businessman Joe Rubay (R-Alamo). This is a rematch of the 2020 election, which Bauer-Kahan controlled 67.4% to 32.6%.

The race for the redrawn Assembly District 20, which now includes portions of western Dublin and Pleasanton, has four candidates competing for the open seat.

The Democrats are Dublin City Councilman Shawn Kumagai, psychiatric registered nurse Jennifer Esteen of Ashland and San Leandro resident Liz Ortega, who works as statewide political director for AF-SCME Local 3299, representing University of California employees. The lone Republican candidate is Joe Grcar, a retired laboratory scientist.

The Tri-Valley will have one elected official on the statewide ballot. Glazer (D-Orinda), who is in the middle of a four-year term in the State Senate for District 7, is running for California state controller.

With incumbent Betty Yee termed out, the contest will include heated competition with Board of Equalization Member Malia Cohen, a Democrat, and Republican political campaign adviser and Stanford University professor Lanhee Chen.

The top two finishers in the state and federal contests will advance to a runoff election in November, even the races with only two candidates in the primary. ■

COVID-19

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optimistic view through answers like "transformative," "eye-opening" and "gratitude-inducing."

Physical activity proved to be a main outlet from the stresses of the pandemic. Many found a release through running, hiking and exercise, among other means of movement. Respondents also found enrichment through watching television, reading, cooking, puzzles and friends.

In recent weeks, the region has seen indoor mask mandates end in most public places. Despite the lifted restriction, more than 3 out of 5 respondents said they would either likely or very likely continue

to wear a face covering.

About the same percent ranked their personal risk of contracting COVID-19 to be very low at this point in the pandemic, which could be attributed to various factors, such as protection through vaccines and boosters.

When it came to how well public health leaders handled the crisis, slightly more than 3 out of 5 respondents said that they were in full or nearly full agreement with health orders. But almost 1 in 5 said they were in full or nearly full disagreement during the pandemic.

The top three answers to the question "Which of the following has been the most difficult to navigate during the pandemic?" were "Judging whether it's safe to see

relatives, friends, co-workers, etc. in person," (33.4%) followed by "The overall mental toll" (26.3%) and "Constantly shifting public health mandates" (21%).

Despite the health threat and risks of travel, survey takers showed a willingness to travel far from home in the past two years: 13.9% went outside of the country, while 47.3% went to other parts of the state. Just 5.6% stayed completely within their county's limits.

As we come out of the pandemic, surveyed readers also showed cautious confidence that we'll mostly return to normalcy a year from now. On a scale from 1-10, with 10 being a full return to normalcy, about 42% of respondents selected 8 or higher. ■

POLICE BULLETIN

Local woman dies from injuries in Hopyard Road crash last month

A Pleasanton woman who sustained serious injuries after her car was sideswiped and crashed on Hopyard Road last month later died at an area hospital, the Weekly has learned.

The victim — identified as Ana Paula Munaretto — was pronounced dead at Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley two days after the collision, according to the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau. Her death was first confirmed publicly by police on March 10.

"Tragically the 48-year-old driver passed away from her injuries. Her son, who was a passenger, is still listed in critical condition," Pleasanton police Sgt. Marty Billdt told the Weekly.

The investigation into the two-vehicle crash on Hopyard Road near Clorox Way on Valentine's Day morning remains ongoing, according to Billdt.

"The traffic unit is still investigating the collision including whether criminal charges against the other driver will be submitted to the district attorney's office," he said.

Munaretto's death marks the first traffic fatality of 2022 on Pleasanton city streets.

According to Billdt, the collision occurred around 7 a.m. Feb. 14 when a 2006 Chevrolet Impala traveling northbound on Hopyard Road sideswiped a 2013 Honda Civic driven by Munaretto for unknown reasons, causing the Civic to crash into a light pole.

Both Munaretto and her passenger son were transported to Eden Medical Center with major injuries. The mother died at the hospital on the morning of Feb. 16, according to the coroner's bureau. Her son, whose name was not released, remains in critical condition, police said.



CHUCK DECKERT

A small memorial at base of damaged light pole pays tribute to the victims in the fatal crash on Hopyard Road.

The driver of the first vehicle was uninjured and remained at the scene that morning, according to police. Their name has not been revealed publicly.

The crash caused an initial five-hour closure of Hopyard Road lanes on Feb. 14, and then police blocked off the stretch of road again on Feb. 17 for a follow-up investigation that included the use of unspecified "advanced technology". Police issued a public notice about the traffic lane closure on Feb. 17 that did not include the information that Munaretto had been pronounced dead in the hospital.

—Jeremy Walsh

In other news

- A motorcyclist died at an area hospital after being critically injured in a crash with an oncoming vehicle making a left turn across Mines Road in Livermore on Saturday afternoon, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The collision occurred some time before 1:30 p.m. Saturday, with CHP receiving the report after the motorcyclist was already en route to the hospital, according to Officer Tyler Hahn. One CHP-Dublin unit responded to the scene while another office headed to Eden Medical

Center in Castro Valley where the ambulance was headed.

Hahn said preliminary investigation indicates a 2015 Jeep Wrangler traveling at an unknown speed southbound on Mines Road, about one mile south of the Tesla Road intersection, began making a left turn across the northbound lane into a driveway.

At the same time, a 2020 BMW motorcycle ridden by a 60-year-old Fremont man was traveling northbound on Mines Road at an unknown speed. The two vehicles collided, with the front of the motorcycle hitting the right front of the Jeep, according to Hahn.

"Unfortunately the rider of the motorcycle was pronounced deceased at Eden Medical Center," Hahn said. "Further investigation is still pending into speeds of both vehicles that led to this collision."

The identity of the motorcyclist who died has not yet been released publicly by the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau. Hahn said the Jeep driver was a 59-year-old woman from Livermore but her name won't be revealed at this point in the investigation.

—Jeremy Walsh

- A massage parlor in Stockton was shut down last week for allegedly providing sex acts during massages, resulting in the arrest of a Livermore resident, according to the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office.

On March 10, search and arrest warrants were served at Bamboo Spa, 2240 Sunset Ave., and a 50-year-old person from Livermore was arrested on suspicion of prostitution. The arrestee's name was not released.

A month-long investigation was launched into the massage parlor after the sheriff's office reportedly received various complaints from citizens about the business.

In a Facebook post from the sheriff's office, the department said with help from the special services division and vice detectives they were able to confirm that sex acts were

being offered in exchange for money during massages.

The business license was suspended and the building was deemed uninhabitable because of substandard conditions, according to San Joaquin County Code Enforcement.

According to police in Salinas, the same person arrested from Bamboo Spa was arrested in that city last year on suspicion of prostitution at a massage parlor located on Monroe Street.

—Victoria Franco, BCN Foundation

- A former chief of cardiology at the Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System pleaded guilty on March 8 to one felony count of abusive sexual contact, a spokesperson for the Department of Justice, Northern District of California announced.

John Giacomini, 73, of Atherton, subjected a subordinate to unwanted sexual advances over a period of time beginning in the fall of 2017, which the DOJ said culminated on Dec. 20, 2017, when he turned out the lights in a room, pulled her from a chair, released

the drawstring of her scrubs and fondled her breasts and other intimate areas. A janitor opened the door and interrupted the contact, prosecutors said.

The woman had "explicitly" told Giacomini on Nov. 10, 2017 that she was not interested in a romantic or sexual relationship with him, prosecutors said. She later resigned from her job, prosecutors said, citing the cardiologist's behavior as her principal reason for leaving.

Giacomini had previously held a faculty position at the Stanford University School of Medicine. He was a federal employee for more than 30 years and had undergone training on preventing workplace sexual harassment and sexual harassment, prosecutors said.

Giacomini was indicted in 2020. His sentencing is scheduled for July 12. He faces a maximum sentence of two years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000, restitution, supervised release and assessment, according to the DOJ. ■

—Bay City News Service

Anne Beeman Lack

August 17, 1937 – February 26, 2022

Anne Beeman Lack passed away on February 26, 2022 in Pleasanton, CA. She was 84.

A native of San Francisco, Anne was born to parents Josiah and Helen Beeman on August 17, 1937. She graduated from Lowell High School and San Francisco State University, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History and teaching credential. In 1960 she married William Lack and moved to Marin where she



began her teaching career. They moved to Pleasanton in 1971 where Anne joined East Avenue Middle School, teaching English and art classes. She enjoyed being on the leading edge of technology, incorporating digital animation into the English literature curriculum. She retired in 1997, after 20 years. She dearly valued the friendships she made at East Avenue during those years.

In retirement, Anne loved to travel and took many memorable trips. She enjoyed summers at Pinecrest Lake – hiking, fishing, boating on the lake and making wonderful family memories. Anne had a fun-loving spirit and enjoyed fully participating in theme parties with family and friends. She loved music, playing both guitar and piano and sharing that love with her family. She played guitar in the Celebration folk service at the United Presbyterian Church in the 1970's, and performed in local theater productions in the 1980's. At United Presbyterian Church, she joined a book club that became a cherished group of friends for more than 50 years. She was a lifelong San Francisco 49ers fan, always rooting for her favorite team on game day, with her beloved dogs by her side.

Anne was a generous and loving mother, grandmother, sister-in-law, and aunt. She will be forever missed by all that knew her and loved her.

She was predeceased by William Lack, her husband of 31 years, and brothers Jerrold and Josiah Beeman. She is survived by her three daughters, Lindley Lack Rubero (Angelo), Jennifer Lack, and Jessica Lack; grandson, Corbin Rubero; sister-in-law, Susan Beeman; niece Olivia Beeman, and nephew Joey Beeman.

PAID OBITUARY

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

March 9

Theft

- 1:02 a.m. on the 5700 block of Belleza Drive
- 8:42 a.m. on the 2500 block of Grappa Place
- 3:49 p.m., 000 block of California Avenue; auto theft
- 9:15 p.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from auto

Burglary

- 12:12 p.m. on the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue

DUI

- 9:50 p.m. at Hopyard Road and Del Valle Parkway

March 8

Theft

- 9:12 a.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive
- 11:25 a.m. on the 8500 block of Clubhouse Drive
- 12:07 p.m. on the 4500 block of Lin Gate Street

- 1:40 p.m., 5700 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting
- 4:20 p.m. on the 5900 block of Stoneridge Drive
- 5:20 p.m., 1500 block of Loganberry Way; theft from auto

Vandalism

- 7:50 p.m. on Fairlands Drive

Domestic battery

- 9:27 a.m. on Willow Road

Alcohol violation

- 7:53 p.m. on the 3100 block of Weymouth Court

March 7

Theft

- 11:45 a.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 6:23 p.m. on the 3900 block of Redwood Court

Criminal threats

- 12:35 p.m. on the 7100 block of Moss Tree Way

March 6

Catalytic converter theft

- 10:17 a.m. on the 6700 block of Menlo Court

Warrant arrest

- 11:45 a.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

Trespass/prowling

- 4:42 p.m. on the 1900 block of Fiorio Circle

Drug violation

- 10:51 p.m. at Owens and Hacienda drives

March 5

Theft

- 7:38 a.m., 5600 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto
- 6:29 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; bicycle theft
- 6:40 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Drug violation

- 7:47 a.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue
- 10:47 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Domestic battery

- 1:33 p.m. on Vineyard Avenue

Assault/battery

- 7:40 p.m. on the 600 block of Main Street



Mike Runs Livermore

Resident nears end of six-year mission to jog every street in city

By CIERRA BAILEY

Mike Beckwith of Livermore is coming to the end of a years-long mission to run every single street in the entire city.

Beckwith, 50, moved to Livermore from Dublin in 2016 and initially started his running journey through Livermore later the same year, but he said he slowed down when the COVID-19 pandemic struck and shelter-in-place orders were implemented.

In addition to the pandemic delay, Beckwith — a recently retired tech professional — said he worked a lot over the years and traveled quite often for work, which didn't leave him with much free-time to get his runs in. He said that running

the streets of Livermore was more of a leisurely project that he did in his spare time.

"I also do a tremendous amount of running on weekends for trail races, so I'll do 26 to 30 races a year and that takes away my weekend running time because it puts me out in these mountains running as opposed to running the streets," Beckwith said, adding that he would typically do his local street runs on weekdays after work.

Now that he's retired, he said he runs just about every single day, which is helping him reach the finish line much faster. As of last Saturday, Beckwith had completed 343.79 miles, according to a tally he shared on social media.

He told the Weekly that he took on the same endeavor while living in Dublin and he finished just prior to moving to his current Tri-Valley community.

"It's really just about getting three, four or five miles in a day and that starts to add up," Beckwith said of his running strategy.

Beckwith wasn't always passionate about running.

He said he was formerly a "pack-a-day smoker" and decided to quit about 10 years ago — just before turning 40. He then wanted to find something to replace the smoking habit and he had a few friends who were into running.

"I bought some shoes and went for a one-mile run and of course it



Mike Beckwith said he became an avid runner about 10 years ago after deciding to...

was very painful, but it sure made me not want to have a cigarette," he said.

After that first mile, Beckwith said he's continued running ever since and has become an avid cyclist

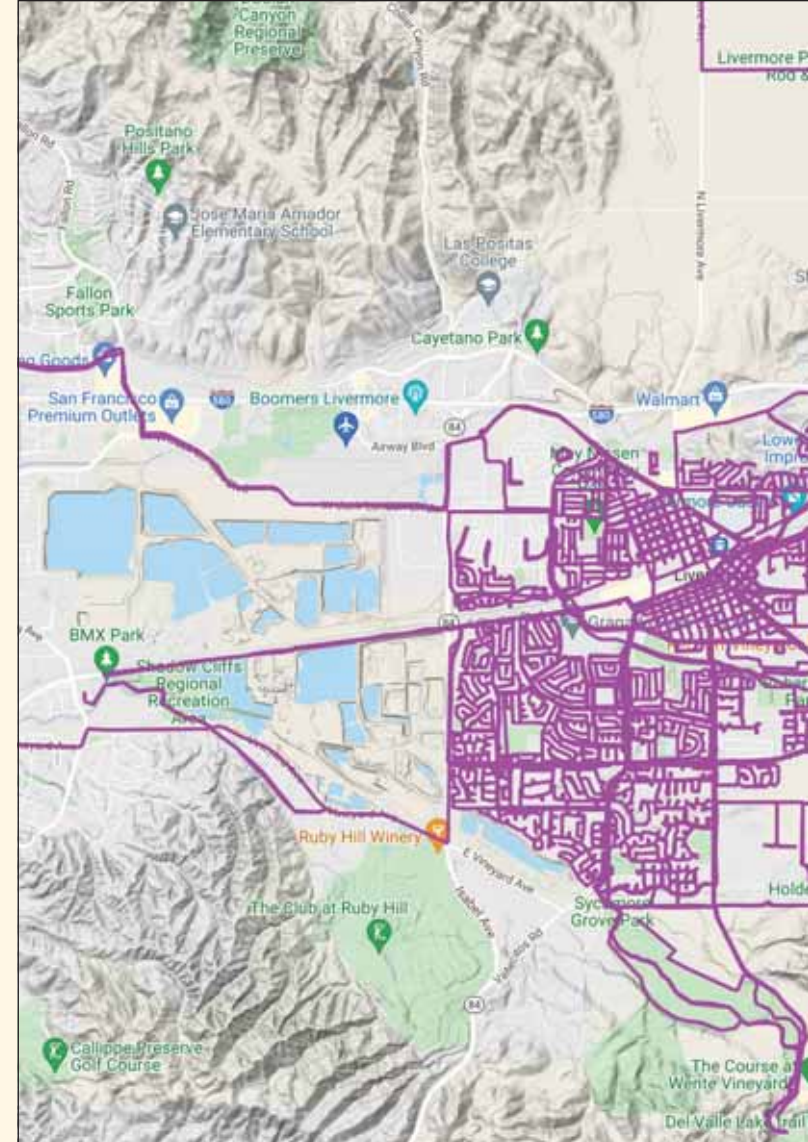
as well. Since 2011, he said he's run about 31 ultra marathons and more than 125 half-marathons. "It's become a big, huge part of me," he said.

As part of the broader Bay Area



JAY BONOCIN/COURTESY OF BECKWITH

In addition to running city streets, Beckwith said he completes 26 to 30 trail races per year.



Using a different color each day, Beckwith shares a full map of the city with all of the



CIERRA BAILEY

quit smoking cigarettes.

40 people showed up to do it with him.

Beckwith tracks his progress using digital maps and shares them on his “Mike Runs Livermore” account on Facebook.

He typically posts two maps, one that shows a closeup of the specific area or neighborhood he ran and another that shows the entire city with all of the locations filled in that he’s completed. He said he uses a popular cycling and running GPS app called Strava to help pull his tracking data. “Part of the fun of it is figuring out this puzzle,” Beckwith said.

He is so dedicated to the effort that if he misses a street, he will go back another day to finish it. While he admits that at times he gets tired, he said that he never regrets going for a run.

“Even on days when I don’t want to do it, I’ll tell myself, ‘How about I just put on my shoes and go outside?’ And at that point if I decide I don’t want to do this, I’ll go back in but that never happens because by then I’ve already done the hard part,” he said.

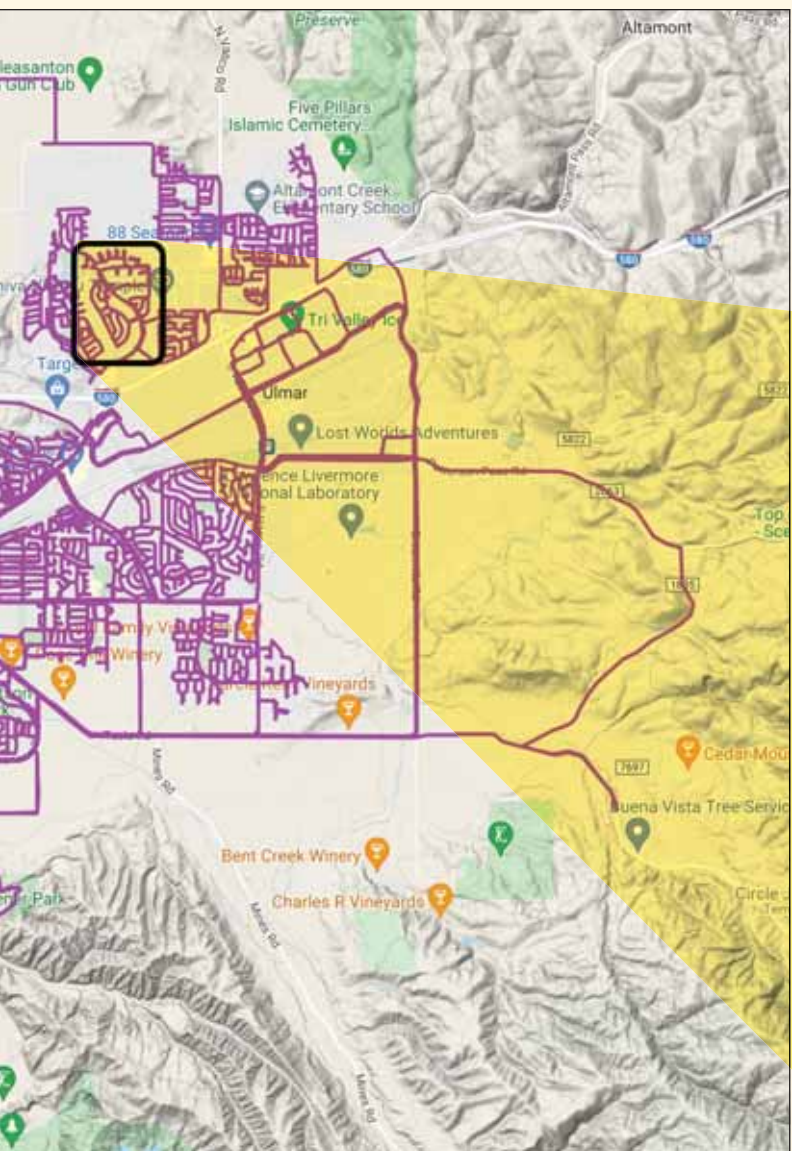
Beckwith also has motivation from his family to complete his runs. He has three adult children and 4-year-old twin grandchildren. On Sunday, he completed his first race with his grandkids along with his eldest daughter by participating in Dublin’s Shamrock 5K. ■

running community, Beckwith said he often has friends who will join him on his runs and when he ran through all of Dublin, the community got involved. On the day of his very last Dublin run, he said about



CIERRA BAILEY

The task of running every street in Livermore initially began in 2016 after Beckwith moved to the city from Dublin.



COURTESY OF MIKE BECKWITH

he completed areas filled in and highlights the neighborhood he ran that day.



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COURTESY OF MIKE BECKWITH

Beckwith and friend Alison Bassett toast at the finish line of the Livermore Half Marathon.



COURTESY OF MIKE BECKWITH

Beckwith tracks his progress and outlines his routes using digital maps and shares them to his Mike Runs Livermore Facebook page.



COURTESY OF MIKE BECKWITH

Beckwith, Amer Bandak, Sallie Arellano and Andrea Koth pose with a rock at Ohlone Wilderness on their way to Rose Peak.

A love story for rock geeks

LPC performing 'High Fidelity: The Musical'

By JEREMY WALSH

The Las Positas College Theater Arts Department is presenting a modern musical that plucks heart strings and guitar strings alike.

Onstage at the campus in Livermore during the next two weekends, "High Fidelity: The Musical" is a romantic comedy/drama adapted from the popular novel and cult classic movie. "With memorable characters and a rock 'n' roll score, this homage to music geek culture explores love, heartbreak and the power of the perfect soundtrack," LPC officials said.

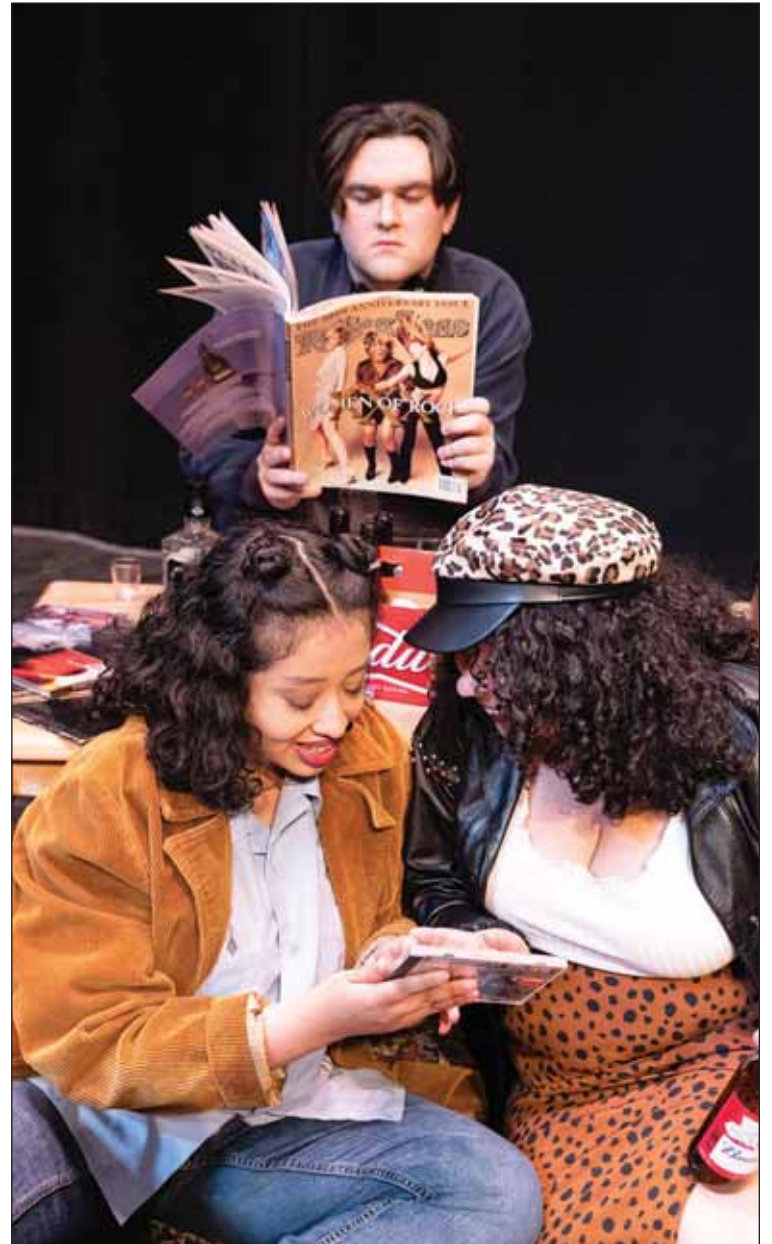
"I was a fan of the book and the movie, and I appropriately discovered the CD for this show in a discounted stack," Dyan McBride, director of the LPC production, said in a statement. "I took it home, listened to the first song, 'The Last Real Record Store on Earth,' and thought I had found one of the best opening numbers I'd heard in a long time. I wasn't wrong. This score and script continue to delight me as a director."

"As for our production, we've got a great set of professionals on board to guide both our performance and tech students toward a killer show," McBride added. "I also love the fact that we are looking at this production with fresh eyes: adding a little gender bending, celebrating diversity and championing body positivity. Our record store looks like the world of 2022."

The musical version of "High Fidelity", written for the stage by David Lindsay-Abaire with music by Tom Kitt and lyrics by Amanda Greene, debuted on Broadway in 2006. It's based on the well-known 1995 novel by Nick Hornby as well as the 2000 (non-musical) film adaptation by director Stephen Frears starring John Cusack, Lisa Bonet, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Jack Black.

The story follows Rob, the owner of a Brooklyn record store coming to grips with recently being dumped and looking back over his love life for the introspection needed to win her back.

The LPC production stars Darrien Cabreana as Rob and Natalie Hawkins as Laura, along with actors Mathew Glynn, Jasmine Guerrero, Lysander Sahagun, Tucker Price, Samantha Hixon and Liva



Aaron Burg
Above left: Darrien Cabreana stars as Rob and Natalie Hawkins as Laura in the Las Positas College production of "High Fidelity: The Musical". Above right: The supporting cast includes (from left) Jasmine Guerrero, Mathew Glynn and Lysander Sahagun. Below: Guerrero as Barry and Glynn as Dick rehearse a scene ahead of opening night.

Langer.

The show is directed by McBride, with music direction by Brian Allan Hobbs and choreography by Staci Arriaga. "High Fidelity: The Musical" is recommended for ages 13 and older due to language and themes.

Opening night is tonight at the Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts' indoor main stage at Las Positas College in Livermore. Performances are set for 8 p.m. tonight and tomorrow, as well as next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, along with a 2 p.m. matinee this Sunday.

For tickets and other information, visit www.laspositascollege.edu/theater. ■



Asbury Players' longtime director to take final bow

'Done to Death' will be retiring Barbara David's last show with theater group

By CIERRA BAILEY

Livermore-based Asbury Players Community Theater is set to bid farewell to its longtime director Barbara David and her husband, Dave, who is also the group's set designer.

The group's upcoming show, "Done to Death" will be the last production for the couple, who are moving out of the Tri-Valley area later this spring, according to a statement from Asbury Players.

"Directing Asbury Players has been a very satisfying part of my life," said Barbara David of her time with the group. "The players are truly like family to Dave and me. I'll miss the laughs we've shared, and I will always treasure the trust they've placed in me over the years. I couldn't have created a more supportive group of people to spend my time with."

David first became involved with Asbury Players in 2006, playing Mrs. Kirby — opposite her husband — in the comedic production, "You Can't Take it With You."

However, she had been connected to the group through her husband, who had been acting with the Players since the early 1990s.

In 2007, she was asked by then-director Chuck Johnstone to direct "Harvey," a Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy by playwright Mary Chase. David said that taking on the new task led her to discover a passion for directing.

"The only experience I had until then was directing short skits for church and the kids at school, so



COURTESY OF ASBURY PLAYERS

The cast of "Done to Death" at rehearsal ahead of opening weekend. After 15 years, Barbara David is stepping away from her role as director of the Asbury Players Community Theater group.

I had to learn on the fly," David said of her introduction to directing. "And poor Dave got 'voluntold' to not just build sets but to create a working stage on the church's platform altar. We've both learned a little bit more with each production, usually because each play required something new and different, like revolving bookcases or disintegrating fireplaces, or the 'invisible door' on this set."

Most of the "Done to Death" cast has been with the Asbury Players for many years, including Lesleyann Medeiros Coker who is one of the group's original members. While she no longer lives in Livermore, Coker said she has remained involved with the theater group because of the

family-like dynamic fostered by the Davids.

"I've had the privilege of working with Barbara and Dave David since I was 17 years old when I played the role of Emily in 'Our Town' and Dave played my father-in-law and their 11-year-old daughter, Erin, played my little sister," Coker said. "Now, Erin has an 11-year-old daughter of her own, and 30 years have gone by in the blink of an eye."

"I've always treasured the sense of family we've created through Asbury Players and being a part of the milestones in each other's lives. It has been more than a community theater group, which is why I continue to participate even though I no longer live in Livermore," she added.

Following the Davids' departure, Martie Muldoon will take over the reins as producer next season. "I've enjoyed being a member of Asbury Players for over 15 years, and I can't imagine it without Barb and Dave," Muldoon said.

She continued, "I've agreed to be production manager, and make sure Asbury Players continues, but I can't possibly fill all the roles that the Davids have covered. Producer, director, set designer and builder, lighting designer, publicity — Barb and Dave



Barbara David

have done it all. It will take a lot more than one person to keep Asbury Players going. And I'll really miss Barb, not just as a favorite director but as a friend."

David said she chose "Done to Death" for her final show because, "it's a very creative mystery story that I've had on my radar for years. I can guarantee you'll be kept guessing throughout. I've wanted to do it since I first read it, but the technical and the performing requirements are pretty complicated. But it's my last chance to do it and they can't fire me now, so hey, let's put on a show!"

Asbury Players Community Theater's production of "Done to Death" is set to run this weekend (March 19-20) and March 25, 26 and 27. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7 p.m. and Sunday performances are at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 and can be reserved by emailing asburyplayers94550@gmail.com and purchased at the door. All performances are at Asbury United Methodist Church located at 4743 East Ave. in Livermore.

The "Done to Death" cast includes Coker and Muldoon along with Tim Ackerman, Jim Lobao, Don Faul, Maren Haws, Diann McCannon, Bob Cowgill, Nancy Grover, Pat Goard, Elizabeth Owens, Allen Larson and Brad Biggerstaff.

Organizers said that cast and crew are all fully vaccinated and the audience will be asked to show proof of vaccination at the door. Audience will be masked but performers will be unmasked. ■

Orchestral 'Words!'

Musical showcase evokes 'childhood memories and joys'

By JEREMY WALSH

Pacific Chamber Orchestra's upcoming production, "Words!," features two sets of creative works tied together by the voice of award-winning soprano Marnie Breckenridge next weekend at the Bankhead Theater.

Breckenridge will be the soprano soloist during a chamber orchestra version of Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 4 and then serve as the reciter of classic Edith Sitwell poems accompanied by the music of William Walton, as they were often performed in their era.

"The aim of 'Words!' is to place the Germanic and Romantic long melodic lines of Gustav Mahler's 4th Symphony with the singing soprano next to the British 20th Century humoresque of Edith Sitwell poems spoken rhythmically," PCO conductor Lawrence Kohl said in a statement.

"The works illuminate each other in their differences and in some amazingly similar aims," Kohl added.

"Both works express different types of childhood memories and joys: Mahler starting with a child's joy at hearing sleigh bells, then culminating in a child's vision of Heaven while Walton evokes a child in play with almost nonsensical short punchy lines of poetry and music."

Kohl described Breckenridge, who won a 2020 Dora Award, as being known for "her deeply expressive score interpretations, layered characterizations, and her lyrical, pure soprano."

"Words!" will be performed at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore next Sunday (March 27) at 3 p.m. Tickets are available via pacificchamberorchestra.org. The group is bringing the same show to the Orinda Library's auditorium theater the night before, March 26. ■



Marnie Breckenridge

'Bessie, Billie and Nina: Pioneering Women of Jazz'

Bankhead show shares songs of three music legends

By JEREMY WALSH

The Bankhead Theater is set to celebrate the lives and music of three influential African American jazz legends this weekend as part of its ongoing Women's History Month program of entertainment.

"Bessie, Billie and Nina: Pioneering Women of Jazz" shares the stories of three trailblazing performers who "spoke to and for the disenfranchised as women, African-Americans and artists. All three women defied social norms, embracing self-empowerment through their art," Livermore Arts officials said.

"The musical and social legacies of Bessie Smith, Billie Holiday, and Nina Simone remain as



Tahira Clayton



Vanisha Gould



Charenée Wade

relevant as ever," officials added. "Their contributions resonate with today's artists across many genres, as well as with ongoing movements toward progress and equality for women, African-Americans, and the LGBTQ community."

The concert features the vocals of three modern rising stars Charenée Wade (Jazz at Lincoln Center), Tahira Clayton (co-leader of Women in Jazz Organization,

or WIJO) and Vanisha Gould (Jazz At Lincoln Center). They'll perform many of the classic songs from the three legends, including Smith's "Downhearted Blues", Holiday's "Strange Fruit" and Simone's "Mississippi Goddam".

"This show is a look at the influence of these great women musicians and others who changed the way jazz was sung, played, and heard, and their continuing influence on music today," officials said.

Tickets remain available for the program, which is a Sunday matinee at 3 p.m. this weekend at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore. To learn more, visit www.LivermoreArts.org. ■

Opinion

NOTES ON THE VALLEY

By MONITH ILAVARASAN

Dealing with change

When Jeremy Walsh and Gina Channell Wilcox from the Pleasanton Weekly approached me about the opportunity to write a weekly blog for the Tri-Valley on a topic of my choosing, I was ecstatic.

I've always wanted to share my thoughts on the world around me, but aside from a few sporadic personal blog posts I had never consistently done so. I never thought I'd have the opportunity to write for a local newspaper, but to be honest the past few years were filled with things I never thought I'd end up doing.

Three years ago I was working comfortably in tech building my career as a product manager. COVID hit, I was laid off; one thing led to another, and I ended up running for mayor of Pleasanton. (As an aside, although the experience was great I

have no plans to run for office again anytime soon.)

Afterward I started working as an organizer in Alameda County, rallying folks to show up to various city and county meetings to advocate for what they believed in.

When the initial surprise of Jeremy's ask wore off, I was left wondering — what exactly should I start off writing about?

On the day of the Super Bowl, my partner and I gathered with a few close friends in a cozy apartment to watch the big game. The front table was crammed with guacamole, tortilla chips, garlic knots, cheddar popcorn and samosas. The main course



of catered tacos were laid out on the kitchen counter and the fridge was packed with beer from four different breweries.

I had known these friends from my years at Amador Valley High School and they were still the closest group of friends that I had. We talked about a lot of things, but inevitably we came around to telling the same jokes and roasts we've been telling each other for 15 years.

As I found a spot and settled in on the couch I felt thankful. Thankful that my parents had moved to Pleasanton when I was in the sixth grade. Thankful that I had been able to make it through the tough times in middle school as a small, brown kid who loved rap surrounded by people who were the opposite.

Thankful that I had finally met a group of friends that accepted me and made me feel like I could call Pleasanton a home. Thankful that my fears of their cooking were baseless, and the meal before me was absolutely delicious.

I reflected on the years since I first moved to Pleasanton and the

tremendous amount of change this city has gone through. We have not one, but two Ranch 99s where I can grab my favorite miso paste and sake. West of Valley Avenue we have four full-fledged Indian grocery stores, with another one on the way.

In the early 2000s when we first moved, my parents rented a single-family home for \$2,000 a month. Nowadays you would be lucky to find a one-bedroom apartment to rent for that price. When my parents finally took the plunge and bought a home, the average home price was \$479,000 (according to the Pleasanton Weekly archives); now it is over \$1.5 million.

Some things haven't changed. You can still walk down to Nielsen Park and get your ankles crossed by a seventh grader. New York Pizza is still the best place in downtown to hang out with friends when you have nothing to do.

At the same time, wages for essential workers in our community have been stagnant these past 20 years [4] and have not kept up with the rising costs of living. The town's prosperity

continues to not find a way to trickle down to everybody.

I continue to reflect on what motivated me to become more deeply involved in my community.

There were a few reasons, but I think one of the biggest was a feeling of powerlessness in the wake of earth-shattering changes in our society. I wanted to focus on what I could do in the moment to make the world around me better, and that is what led me to think and act locally.

As someone who has grown up in Pleasanton and seen it change through time, I hope to bring a curiosity around what shapes our community and drives its direction. If we can understand how these changes impact the individuals that live and work here, maybe we can reclaim some of that power and create a better future. ■

Editor's note: Monith Ilavarasan's new "Notes on the Valley" blog debuted this week online. Look for fresh blogs from him every Wednesday morning at PleasantonWeekly.com/blogs.

LETTERS

Put Donlon Elementary field to better use

This past week, both the Pleasanton City Council and PUSD have publicly discussed their optimistic budgets. Those funds can immediately make a positive impact to help a group right now that cannot advocate for themselves, but whose lives and health have been upended

mentally, emotionally and physically the most during the pandemic: children.

One subgroup has had less access to resources than their Pleasanton peers, and those are the 755 Donlon Elementary students. They have had zero PE on their field in years and have had rare access to green space at school all during the pandemic. Donlon has the highest number of elementary students in the district.

The City Council voted to keep

the Donlon field on the Housing Element, even though 90 residents reached out and spoke up at City Council meetings to let them know of the mistake PUSD made to fence their students in on a blackout.

PUSD is now asking to zone the Donlon field for housing. No other PUSD Elementary schools have townhouses bordering their student's fields.

In fact, most PUSD elementary schools have additional parks bordering their schools. We will continue to raise awareness about the resources the Donlon students have been bereft of during the pandemic when they needed it most and will advocate for their equitable treatment until the mistakes are amended.

Free the Donlon Cubs and preserve the green space for their physical and mental health! Put the Donlon field to better use within the neighborhood school system.

—Colleen E. Hake

A shocking argument

I was shocked by an article in The Independent. Lawyers of special-interest groups litigating against solar energy argued as follows. The Aramis Solar farm should not be allowed because then "the entire Valley, estimated at roughly 1,100 acres, will likely be covered

with solar projects because those projects also would have access to the same substation."

This is a slippery slope argument designed to frighten people with something extreme. I was shocked that the worst-case scenario envisioned by the lawyer was my imagined best-case scenario. They're afraid of widespread construction of green energy and any wildlife loss that goes with it. If only we could be so lucky.

The future I'm afraid of is a wildfire season that lasts the entire year. I'm afraid of skies perpetually ashen with the smoke of burning homes. I'm afraid of not being able to go outside without a rebreather mask, lest smoke damages my lungs and makes me more vulnerable to viral pandemics.

According to the recent IPCC report, my fears are all too likely. According to the Department of Energy's 2021 report, we will need both rooftop and solar farms to meet California's energy-goal minimums.

Shame on Jean King for funding these special-interest groups. Shame on Joan Seppala for pushing their fallacious arguments in her newspaper. And shame on the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center for keeping both women on their Board of Directors; they will give the youth a stage at the Bankhead but not a future.

—Alan Marling

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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Amador Valley cheer wins national championship

Also: Highlights from boys' volleyball, tennis and lacrosse

For the seniors on the Amador Valley comp cheerleading team, their high school careers could not have ended in a better way as the Dons brought home their second national championship at the USA Spirit Nationals held in Anaheim from Feb. 25-27.

Competing Medium Novice Division, the Dons and Villa Park separated themselves from the competition on the first day, with Villa Park holding the top spot.

In the final round on Sunday, Amador's squad came through by flawlessly executing the Amador coaching staff's choreography of stunting and tumbling routines.

The team was led by captains Shay McIntyre and Maddie Cowan, as well as seniors Riley Richards, Cortney Fiske, Grace Corriea, Lila Hopkins, Kayla Robertson and Riley Ladue.

The talented team is comprised of eight seniors, three juniors, three sophomores and four freshmen.

Boys' volleyball

It was solid week for the Falcons as they took all three of their matches.

After dropping the first set, Foothill roared back and took three straight to beat Dougherty Valley 3-1.

The highlights came from Tyler Keala, (17 kills, 3 aces, 2 blocks), Landen Meonske (34 assists, 10 digs, 2 aces), Alex Hernandez (12 digs, 2 aces) and Cameron Hitchan (7 kills).

Next up was a 3-0 win over Monte Vista. Leaders for Foothill were Zach Seraj (13 kills, 6 digs), Meonske (17 assists, 10 service pts), Casey Collins (13 service pts, 4 kills) and Yun Bae (13 assists).

In a 3-0 sweep of Antioch, the highlights came from Keala (11 kills, 3 aces), Seraj (7 kills, 3 digs) and Noah Mitzenmacher (5 digs, 5 aces).

Across town for Amador volleyball, the Dons stayed hot in East Bay Athletic League play winning all three matches in straight sets last week.

The first sweep came over Livermore. The Dons were led by Bryce Nohava with 10 kills and 2 blocks. Nate Clinton had 7 aces.

Next up was another sweep of the Cowboys. The Dons were paced on offense by Ryan Yu (4 kills), Nohava (7 kills, 3 aces) and Luke Melvin who ran off 12 service points in a row.

The Dons wrapped the sweeping San Ramon Valley. Colin Bowers was solid at setter and Max Riter and Parker Brookhart were stout in the back row.

Boys' tennis

The Falcons got off to a great start to the season, going 5-1 in matches played between Feb. 24 to March 1.

Foothill defeated Granada 8-1 and Livermore 9-0 to open EBAL play. The Falcons also finished second in the James Logan Invitational Tournament.

Moving to the week of March 7, the Falcons took on three of the stronger EBAL teams, Dougherty Valley, Monte Vista and California — and defeated them all, each by a score of 7-2.

In the Dougherty Valley match, Foothill took four singles matches, Aniketh Poruri, Christopher Lee, Matthew Chen and Jivan Krishna. The Falcons swept the doubles, getting wins from Ankur Hangal/Archit Kumar, Ahan Trivedi/Cam McNamara, and Anuj Acharya/Komal Pamujula.

Against Monte Vista the Falcons took all six singles matches, and Acharya and Pamujula took their doubles.

Against Cal, the Falcons had singles wins by Poruri, Chen, Krishna and Nick Tagalog. Foothill swept the doubles, with wins from Kumar/Hangal, Anas Joyo/McNamara and Acharya/Pamujula.

For the red-hot Dons, they started last week with a 9-0 win over San Ramon Valley.

The singles wins came from James Heeter, Roy Kim, Rohan Patil, Anuraag Aravindan, Stephen Gao and Vincent Ma. The roll continued in doubles with wins from Vikram Murali/Nolan Smith, Steven Yang/Subhagit Das and Arnav Murarka/Nigel Purvis.

Later in the week, the Dons came out on top 6-3 of a battle with Dougherty Valley.

In singles, the Dons took four of the six matches. The winners were Bryan Park, Minsung Kim, Heeter and Patil. In doubles the Dons came out with the 2-1 advantage with wins from Aravindan/Kim, and Hrishu Hari/Aaditya Geddam.

Boys' lacrosse

The Amador boys' varsity team split its two away games last week.

First up the Dons beat Los Lomas 11-10. Colin Wallace led the way with five points (1 goal, 4 assists), while Luke Jacobsen (4 goals) and Ryan Brace (3 goals, 1 assist) each had four points.

Alex Kragen and Will Coultrip each collected four ground balls, while goalie Jonny Wessel made 14 saves.

The Dons ended the week losing to Archbishop Mitty 9-7. Wallace led the team with five points (3 goals, 2 assists), while Sebastian Diligent had two goals.

For Foothill, in their first EBAL game of the season the Falcons got a

9-8 win over Granada.

Two goals by captain Darragh Kennedy, and one each by junior Jake Morgan and freshman Darrin Lau in the first quarter gave Foothill a 4-0 lead.

In the second quarter, two goals by Wyatt Lam and a goal by AJ Becker made the halftime score 7-2.

Second half goals by Becker and Kennedy helped Foothill get their first league victory of the season.

Jake Morgan won all the faceoffs for Foothill and Foothill goalie Mikey Paulson made 13 saves.

The defense held their own with strong play by junior Anthony Cardoza, senior Nathan Kinsey and junior Caden Garofalo. ■

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The Amador competition cheer team won the Medium Novice Division title at the USA Spirit Nationals last month in Anaheim.

Entertainment

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Talks

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS Mary Rakow presents "What a Fabulous Edit Can Do for Your Writing & Publishing" at the next Tri-Valley Writers meeting. Register by March 18. Visit trivalleywriters.org. 2 p.m., March 19.

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Public Notices

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997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JANE CAROLE DAL PORTO also known as JANE DAL PORTO Case No.: RP22121100. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will

or estate, or both, of JANE CAROLE DAL PORTO also known as JANE DAL PORTO. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: MARK WILLIAM DAL PORTO in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that: MARK WILLIAM DAL PORTO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on APRIL 13, 2022, at 9:45 a.m. in Dept.: 202 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Patrick Etchebehere, 293112, Etchebehere Law Group, 7250 Redwood Boulevard, Suite 380, Novato, CA 94945, (650) 288-0122. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 18, 25, April 1, 2022.)

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284 Mavis Drive K. Mckeehan to P. & T. Nandagopal for \$1,112,000

Source: California REsource

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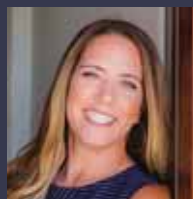
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Sold



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Sold at \$2,050,000

Pending



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4 Bed 3 Bath 2,680 sq. ft.
\$2,298,888 Pending With 5 Offers

Pending



2785 Kelly Street, Livermore
3 Bed 2 Bath 1,138 sq. ft.
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Pending



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Deck yourself out in green and other fun Irish-themed accessories as you sample the best craft beers and ciders that local breweries have to offer.



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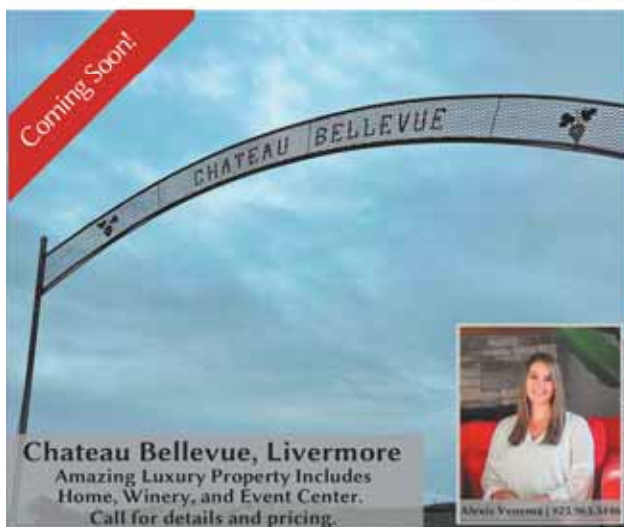
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