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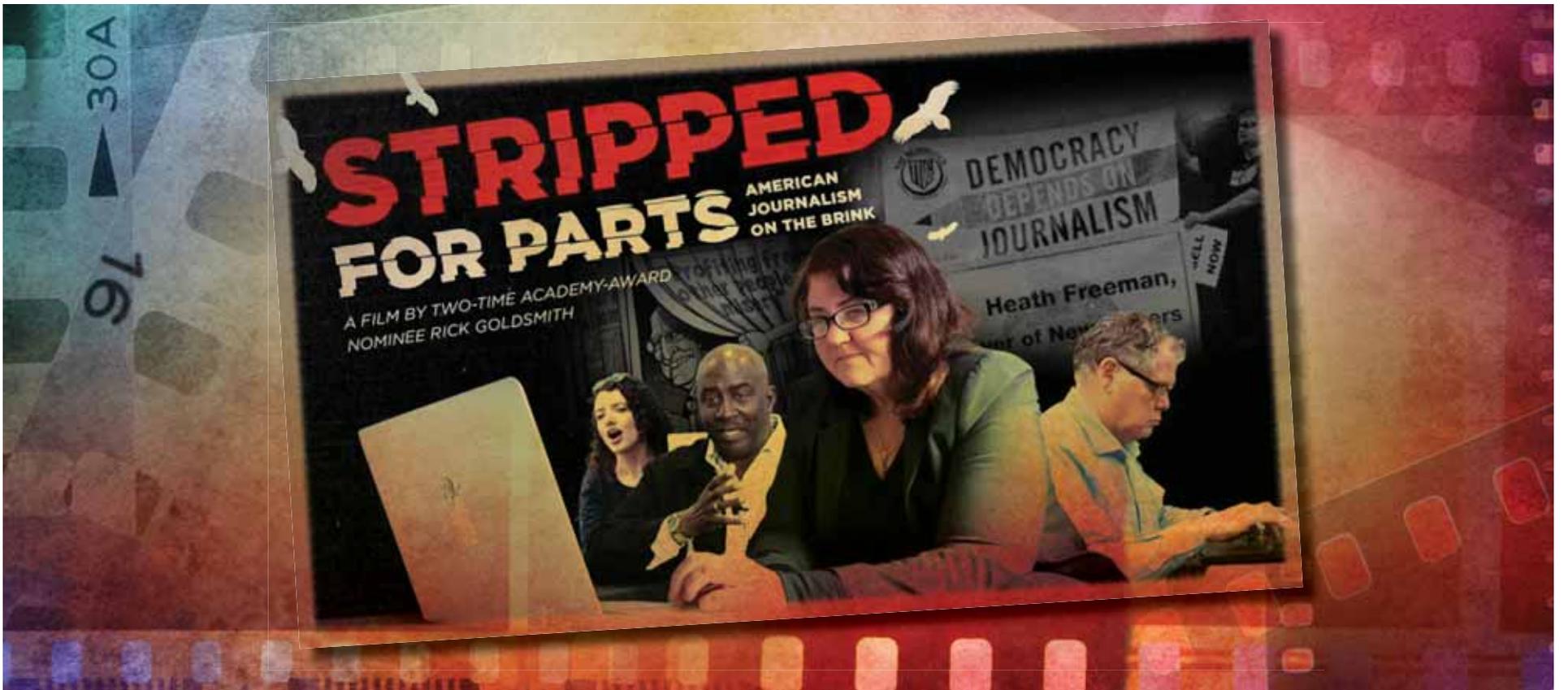
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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Finest Falcons

Multiple generations of Foothill High School alumni have been mourning over the past month.

Scrolling down our Lasting Memories online obituaries page, you'll soon find a cluster of beautiful remembrances for three former Falcons who died within nine days of each other — their individual stories unique, but collectively representative of the community impact and lifelong bonds forged from the unassuming campus along Foothill Road.

Brad Tucker, who grew up in the Pleasanton Meadows neighborhood and was known to many locally in recent years for his alter ego Angyl Thundarr performing in Re-Wind: That 80's Band, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Tracy on Jan. 26. A businessman, husband, father, grandfather, friend, DJ, wedding officiant and man of God, Tucker was 61.

Fellow Falcon Jamie Yee, the former Pleasanton school board trustee who was two years Tucker's senior at Foothill growing up, was the first to let me know about the sad news that jolted many of her classmates.

"Everyone knew the Tuckers. Many fond memories as everyone in the neighborhood attended Foothill High School. He was a talented drummer in the marching band, always bringing energy and enthusiasm everywhere he went," Yee told me in a follow-up exchange this week.

"Recently, I hosted a party and had the pleasure of hiring his band, Re-Wind. Brad was such a vibrant person, overflowing with life and joy. His kindness and generosity with his time left a lasting impression on everyone who knew him," she said. "Brad's warm heart and spirited presence will be deeply missed by all of us."

It should have occurred to me to ask Yee if she (or her kids) had Mr. Chiolis at Foothill.

Dan Chiolis, an Army veteran and short-time baseball minor leaguer who then posted a long career teaching PE, social studies and Spanish at Foothill and Dublin high schools, died on Jan. 18 — nine days after his 90th birthday.

Chiolis, who also coached many golf and soccer teams, and wife Cathy lived in Pleasanton since 1969 and raised their adopted children here. Outside of the classroom, he spent time "enjoying his growing family, pursuing his interests in classic cars, music, politics, and exploring his Greek heritage," according to the obituary by his family.

Immediately below Chiolis on our

obits webpage is the third Falcon in a row.

Grace Tuttle, a member of Foothill's class of 2020, died on Jan. 17 at just 22 years old. The avid swimmer, Cal State San Marcos alum and aspiring social worker had battled brain cancer for the past four years.

Reading her story gave me pause in particular. My brother was also born in 2002 (and we celebrate his birthday next week), also graduated from high school after navigating during those difficult first months of the COVID pandemic and also studied sociology in college.

Those personal links — even among strangers — can be why obituaries hit our hearts the most.

Get to know more about Tuttle's life and legacy in the full remembrance inside this week's paper. Next to Tuttle on Page 11, you can also join family and friends in commemorating 92-year-old Pleasanton resident Dorothy Gomez.

There have been many emotional and engaging obits in our newspaper so far this year — and even more online. By my count, we've had 22 obituaries published on our Lasting Memories page since our beloved Dolores Fox Ciardelli's in December.

To read them all is to become better connected with the entire Tri-Valley.

Some were household names like "Coach Tony" Echavia (Dec. 11, also a Foothill alum), former judge Ron Hyde (Jan. 6), San Ramon Valley youth sports coach and referee Clifford Luengo (Jan. 12), or longtime owner of Alamo's Town and Country Cleaners Frank T. Lin (Dec. 3).

Others were new to town, like Lucie Van Breen Brantenaar (94 years old) who moved to Stoneridge Creek in Pleasanton late in life; her obituary came in online as I was drafting this column on Wednesday.

Julia Roth (88) lived more than half of her life in Pleasanton — "She readily embraced others and was a magnet for friends due to her kindness, nurturing character, and wonderful sense of humor," her obit read.

Sandy Kabealo (72) was known "for her kindness, quick wit, and warm friendship. A gracious hostess, she never met a holiday or event she could not make special". Jim Brittain (90) "had a zest for life that was contagious". And Tracy Chiamonte-Schmidig (64) "lived life to the fullest, embracing every adventure and always finding a way to make people smile".

These are the kinds of people who make a city or a neighborhood become a community. ■

About the Cover

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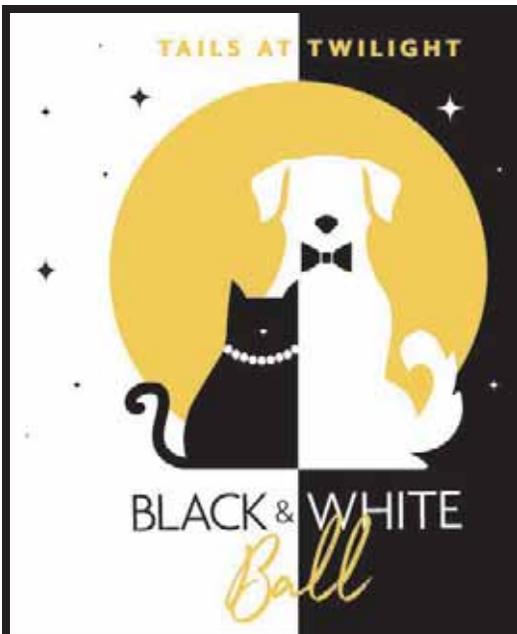
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When you were a child, was there a particular concept that really, truly fascinated you?



Kevin Smith
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Oh, yes! I was always fascinated by the stars and the planets, and all of “outer space” generally. I would look up at the dark, vast sky and wonder exactly what was out there, and whether I’d ever get close to any of it during my lifetime. I still do, actually.



Sandhya Dalal
Sales

Wow. Great question. As a child I was always fixated on the idea of a tsunami occurring, and preparing for it to happen. The whole notion of an earthquake starting in the ocean, and the enormity of the waves it would create, and the impact those waves would have on the surrounding area, really fascinated me.



Joe Travalini
Commercial insurance

I’d have to say the concept of God because I’m Catholic so it was always in the back of my head, somewhere, all of the time. The whole idea of God being “omnipotent”, and knowing absolutely everything about absolutely everyone, at any and every given moment in time, always, really fascinated me.



Jamielle McDonald
Testing coordinator

Death and dying have always been on my mind for as long as I can remember. I’ve always wondered, and continue to wonder, about what happens to people once they are at least physically dead and gone and no longer “with us”. I associate my feelings and fascination with death, dying and the finality of life here on Earth, with the television series “China Beach”.



John Milo, with daughter
Marketing

The idea of having to survive in the wild, and to rely on my own wits and be resourceful and aware of everything in my surroundings in order to just exist, has been something that I’ve always thought about. To this day I consider it a core value to be able to be self-sufficient and to survive on my own, without any help from anyone, ever, in any situation.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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'925 Gives'

Three Valleys Community Foundation is further making its imprint on the Tri-Valley and surrounding cities through its new "925 Gives" initiative, which seeks to "energize and mobilize local giving" for the hundreds of nonprofits serving Alameda and Contra Costa counties — many of which are connected by the 925 area code.

"By streamlining the donation process for every community member and leveraging modern digital tools, '925 Gives' will provide a one-stop platform for donors to engage with and support the causes that matter most to them and their community. We're excited to see our region come together to uplift our local nonprofits and strengthen our community," 3VCF CEO/President Kelly Bowers said in a press release this month.

The connective and collaborative campaign will culminate in a dynamic 24-hour "Day of Giving" on Sept. 25 (9/25/25) for every organization listed in the 3VCF nonprofit directory, according to Bowers. To learn more, visit 3vcf.org.

Ava expansion

Community choice aggregator Ava Community Energy, which currently serves Pleasanton and other areas of Alameda County in addition to San Joaquin County, recently confirmed its service expansion into Stockton and Lathrop will begin in April.

The two cities' councils each voted to pick Ava as the default electricity generation provider for all residential and commercial accounts in their jurisdictions (approximately 120,000 accounts overall). PG&E will still deliver the electricity and issue the related utility bills.

"Ava Community Energy is excited to bring cleaner and more affordable energy options to Stockton and Lathrop," Ava CEO Howard Chang said in a statement. "Since we launched as a not-for-profit public agency in 2018, Ava has saved 1.7 million customers across Alameda County and Tracy a collective \$140 million through lower electricity rates and annual on-bill credits. We're looking forward to extending benefits like these to the residents and businesses in Stockton and Lathrop."

'Nature's Best Hope'

The Tri-Valley Native Plant Resource Team is holding a screening of ecologist Doug Tallamy's presentation, "Nature's Best Hope", followed by a discussion led by Bringing Back the Natives Tour founder Kathy Kramer on Monday (Feb. 24) from 5:30-8:15 p.m. at the Livermore Civic Center Library.

For more information, contact tvnprt@gmail.com. ■

City set to pursue annexation of two East Pleasanton properties

Council expects future residential developments could generate up to \$900,000 in annual revenue

By Christian Trujano

The Pleasanton City Council unanimously voted on Tuesday to move forward with the process of annexing properties in East Pleasanton where two large housing developments are being proposed for construction.

While there were some questions about specific design elements for both of the residential development proposals, the consensus during the

meeting was that annexation was necessary to have more oversight over the projects and to reap the additional yearly revenue.

"This is a very large project," Mayor Jack Balch said during the Feb. 18 council meeting. "This is, between all of these projects, a huge planning effort. We should be working cautiously to make sure we get it right."

Last August, the City Council

instructed staff to look into what the pros and cons would be if the city annexed two properties in unincorporated East Pleasanton where developers are looking to build the new housing.

Both developments would be located in the East Pleasanton planning area, which is a 1,100-acre area located east of Valley Avenue and Busch Road, north of Stanley Boulevard and south of Arroyo

Mocho. Both properties are owned by SteelWave LLC — a San Mateo-based real estate developer.

The two projects in question are the Arroyo Lago project, which aims to develop 194 single-family homes and 49 accessory dwelling units, and the East Lakes Project, which could see up to 600 units depending on final designs.

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COURTESY ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

The latest additions to the 2025 Alameda County Fair Big O Tires Concert Series slate are (clockwise from top left) Colbie Caillat, Air Supply and Gym Class Heroes, whose frontman Travie McCoy is shown.



Grammy winner, '80s ballad hitmakers added to county fair concert bill

Gym Class Heroes, Tower of Power, La Original Banda El Limón also tapped to perform in Pleasanton this summer

By Jeremy Walsh

Two-time Grammy Award winner Colbie Caillat and rock duo Air Supply, who are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year, headline the latest additions to the Big O Tires Concert Series schedule for the Alameda County Fair.

Rap-rock band Gym Class Heroes, longtime funk-soul favorites Tower of Power, country

singer Sawyer Brown and popular Mexican group La Original Banda El Limón have also been announced over the past week as fair officials slow-release the concert lineup — with five acts left to go.

"A singer-songwriter who continues to captivate audiences through heartfelt storytelling," as fair officials put it, Caillat rose to prominence in the mid-2000s with her pop hits "Bubbly" and

"Realize". She would go on to share in two Grammys in 2010: Best Pop Collaboration with Vocals for "Lucky" with Jason Mraz, and Album of the Year as a featured artist on Taylor Swift's "Fearless".

Caillat is taking to the fairgrounds' amphitheater stage on June 27.

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Consultant clears financial forecast

Peer review backs city's process, conclusions so far

By Christian Trujano

An independent accounting firm recently published its assessment of Pleasanton's 10-year financial forecast and the results show that while there are areas where the city could do better in terms of communicating information to the public, the overall assumptions in regards to the city's ongoing budget deficit seem to be correct.

The accuracy of the city's financial forecast — a model which uses revenue and expenditure assumptions to help cities plan out their long-term financial health — was one of the main criticisms residents had during last year's Measure PP campaign as many people didn't think it validated the city's reasons for wanting residents to pass the half-cent sales tax increase measure.

However, as reported in the Feb. 4 financial forecast peer review conducted by Eide Bailly — an accounting firm based in Menlo Park — not only does the city's financial forecast employ "an appropriate and standard methodology common in California local governments," but it also serves as a first step in the city's process in identifying significant long-term funding needs.

"Although the city's work is not yet complete to prepare a

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Ursula Jones Dickson sworn in as Alameda County DA

‘We need to get back to business,’ former judge says after taking oath of office in Oakland

BY THOMAS HUGHES
AND KILEY RUSSELL /
BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Former Alameda County Superior Court judge Ursula Jones Dickson was sworn in as the new district attorney of Alameda County on Tuesday.

Jones Dickson was named to the role by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors in late January after voters recalled district attorney Pamela Price in November. Price’s deputy Royle Roberts had been serving in the role on an interim basis before Jones Dickson was selected from a group of 15 applicants.

Jones Dickson was a deputy district attorney for the county from 1998 to 2013, before being named a superior court judge by then-governor Jerry Brown, according to a press release from the DA’s office.

She was sworn in by California Appeals Court Judge Charles Smiley in a ceremony in the county Board of Supervisors chambers.

“We need to get back to business,” Jones Dickson said in a press conference that was streamed on X following the appointment.

“That just means, for me, that we keep the main thing, the main thing. This is a district attorney’s office. We will do the work of a

District Attorney and in addition to that, hopefully facilitate other things in the community, but we have to do what the community is asking us to do first. We must return to prioritizing public safety and the rights of victims. Under my leadership as DA, that is what we will do,” she said.

Price was recalled amid voter anger about a perception of infighting in the DA’s office and allegations that she was too lenient on violent crime.

Jones Dickson will serve as the appointed district attorney until 2026, when an election will be held to fill the remainder of Price’s term ending in 2028. ■



COURTESY DA’S OFFICE VIA BAY CITY NEWS

Ursula Jones Dickson was sworn in by California Appeals Court Judge Charles Smiley as the new district attorney of Alameda County on Feb. 18 in a ceremony in the Board of Supervisors chambers in Oakland.

EAST SIDE

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Community development director Ellen Clark told the dais that by annexing both properties the city could generate about \$903,000 in yearly property and sales tax revenue. If the city did not annex the two properties — which are currently under the purview of Alameda County — Clark said it would have had a negative impact on the city.

“If those projects (were) developed in the county, the analysis showed that there would be a net negative fiscal impact of about \$778,000,” Clark said.

She said while those residents would have been in an unincorporated area of the county, most of them would have taken advantage of Pleasanton services, which in turn would have incurred costs to the city without the benefit of the additional revenue.

Clark also reviewed infrastructure needs for the proposed developments and said the few sewer and water infrastructure improvements — like a new water pipeline and the upsizing of existing downstream sewer pipes — needed to support the projects

would be paid by the developers.

She said while current studies don’t analyze the water supply or sewer treatment capacity, other recent studies related to the city’s Housing Element suggest capacity will be adequate. However, staff made it clear that more environmental impact reviews must be conducted as the projects move forward under the purview of the city.

Councilmember Matt Gaidos brought up concerns about sewer treatment and how the larger of the two developments had proposed constructing an independent, offsite treatment facility near the Chain of Lakes, which is located near the properties, as part of the county plans. But now as the city gets set to annex the properties, the city will handle those services.

Clark mentioned the possibility of creating a community facilities district — a mechanism used by public agencies to finance shared infrastructure, through municipal bonds repaid through special taxes on benefiting properties — to address infrastructure needs in East Pleasanton. As part of the ongoing work, Clark said staff will continue to explore this

concept with the property owner.

The Arroyo Lago project aims to redevelop 26.56 acres located immediately east of the city’s limits and is currently undergoing CEQA review, which will look at potential environmental impacts.

The applicant for the property — Danville-based 330 Land Company — has been under the purview of the county’s application process over the past two years. However, it recently submitted a preliminary application to the city with revisions, primarily to address concerns raised by residents of the adjacent Village at Ironwood, who showed up during Tuesday’s meeting to voice their grievances about the fencing that would be adjacent to a lot of their homes.

Several neighbors whose backyards are parallel to the Arroyo Lago project agreed the best course of action was for the city to annex the properties so that it could work with developers to address concerns like the height of the fencing so that Ironwood residents don’t lose their backyard views.

“I think this is a good opportunity for Pleasanton to assume a leadership role,” Vice Mayor Jeff

Nibert said. “Hopefully this will create some good will among all parties so that as we go along the path together, there may be a little flexibility along the way.”

Councilmember Julie Testa appreciated 330 Land Company’s willingness to work with the city on mitigating those concerns. However, she did have some concerns regarding the East Lakes Project, which aims to redevelop 61.6 acres located east of the Arroyo Lago site

SteelWave originally submitted an application to the county under the builder’s remedy state provision, which allows developers to build housing projects that don’t comply with local zoning or general plans, last June to build over 500 residential units exclusively for seniors. Since then, the applicant submitted a revised application to the county reducing the total unit count to 357 single-family, age-restricted homes and 88 age-restricted assisted living units.

SteelWave also provided two alternate proposals for the latter project designed specifically for Pleasanton. One includes 697 units, with both market-rate units (no age restriction) and age-restricted active adult units, while the other proposal includes 628 units with market-rate, single-family homes and duets (no age restriction) and senior multifamily units.

Testa asked both staff and the developer why they backtracked on the fully age-restricted community to which SteelWave director Steve Dunn said they had heard feedback from certain councilmembers about bringing in mixed housing and when staff heard about those same proposals, Clark said they saw several positives to having mixed units.

Nibert agreed with Testa’s comments of wanting to keep some age-restricted units because of previous traffic studies showing

less traffic impacts due to senior citizens not driving during peak hours. Ultimately, the council majority agreed that there should be mixed housing units at the East Lakes property, rather than keeping it 100% age-restricted. Others like Councilmember Craig Eicher supported the mixed housing units because it would bring in younger families whose children will be able to help address the school district’s declining enrollment.

Another issue Testa raised was the number of proposed units that would be counted toward Pleasanton’s assigned Regional Housing Needs Allocation counts for new housing units.

Clark said the county included both properties in its recently certified Housing Element and Testa said she spoke with county supervisors who told her there was some disconnect on which municipality would claim the RHNA numbers. However, Clark said city staff will continue to meet with the county to see if the two agencies can come to some agreement because the county will have to make up those housing unit numbers elsewhere.

Testa also had concerns about the land surrounding the area and said there are pits and quarries that have been filled with backfill that could be contaminated or unstable, but the developer said they have been working on adding reinforcements and foundations that would allow for construction.

She ended the meeting by confirming that, unlike the Arroyo Lago project which is further along in the design process, the city is not committing to any East Lakes design plans to construct nearly 700 new units.

“I do not support increasing the units,” Testa said. “I want there to be an awareness with the neighbors and the community that are impacted if that evolves into a more dense and bigger project.” ■



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Lab office closed amid federal anti-DEI crackdown

National directors testify on impacts of recent executive order banning diversity, equity and inclusion efforts

By JEANITA LYMAN

One of several wide-ranging executive orders introduced in the first weeks of the current presidential administration has had initial impacts at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, according to comments from that facility's director in a recent congressional hearing.

LLNL Director Kimberly Budil joined her counterparts from the Idaho, Los Alamos and Argonne national laboratories for a hearing by the House Subcommittee on Energy Feb. 12 in which all four directors provided updates on activities at their respective sites and took

questions from representatives.

One of those questions came from Rep. Sylvester Turner (D-Texas) about the impacts of the recent federal ban on diversity, equity and

'The critical importance of bringing together a broad range of ideas, of backgrounds, of experiences, is really how we drive excellence in our laboratories.'

Kimberly Budil, LLNL Director

inclusion efforts and the labs' responses, which included shuttering their DEI offices, laying off and reassigning staff, and making organizational adjustments to comply with the new federal requirements.

"Our situation is similar to what's described by the other labs," Budil said. "We did have an office that we closed. That small team of people spent most of their time really working on workforce engagement and building that sense of community and teamwork that's so critical to doing big team science the way we do, and so we have restructured our program and directed them to other activities."

"So that's the main impact for

us, and I'll just say that the critical importance of bringing together a broad range of ideas, of backgrounds, of experiences, is really how we drive excellence in our laboratories, so we're very strongly focused on continuing that focus on excellence," she continued.

Budil did not include additional details on what office had been closed, or whether the closure had necessitated any layoffs. While the other lab directors also said that they had sought to restructure their existing efforts to comply with the new federal regulations, Argonne National Laboratory Director Paul Kearns said that the closure of his

site's DEI office had necessitated letting some employees go.

Less than a year ago, LLNL was granted a bronze seal from the California State Bar for its commitment to DEI measures, led by the lab's Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity and Accountability (IDEA) Office.

"This Bronze Leadership Seal from the California State Bar underscores our steadfast dedication to IDEA at LLNL," said Sashalla Lemond, workforce engagement manager for IDEA in a press release on July 29. "Our focus on fostering an inclusive and equitable workplace is essential to our mission and success. We are committed to continuing and expanding our IDEA efforts, ensuring that every individual at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has the opportunity to thrive and contribute to our collective achievements." ■

JOANN shuttering Dublin store after bankruptcy filings

Lone Tri-Valley location left among approximately 500 across nation slated to shut down

By JUDE STRZEMP

JOANN in Dublin is poised for imminent closure, amid the craft company's second bankruptcy and its intent to shutter about 500 locations nationwide, the company announced last week.

Also included in the proposed shutdowns are all East Bay JOANNs including those in Concord, San Leandro and El Cerrito.

These stores and all others on the chopping block were found to be underperforming or unfit for the future strategy of JOANN, according to a Feb. 12 statement from the company.

JOANN representatives did not comment on the last day of operations in Dublin.

Meanwhile, its retail stores and its online space remain open and team

members are continuing to receive pay and benefits, according to the company website.

"This was a very difficult decision to make, given the major impact we know it will have on our Team Members, our customers and all of the communities we serve," officials with the company said in a statement. "Right-sizing our store footprint is a critical part of our efforts to ensure the best path forward for JOANN."

Despite having 800-plus JOANN locations across 49 states as of January, the retailer has been experiencing a lengthy rough-patch.

The company first filed for bankruptcy in 2024 and continued to experience challenges in the retail environment, according to its

website. That year, JOANN closed its Livermore location.

JOANN's current financial position and its constrained inventory levels forced the company to file for bankruptcy a second time on Jan. 15. The voluntary Chapter 11 process with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware is intended to facilitate sale of the company while maximizing its value.

On Feb. 12, JOANN requested authority from the court to begin closing about 500 locations across the U.S.

JOANN expects going-out-of-business sales to begin at impacted stores soon, according to the JOANN website. The sales could continue for several months as they work to clear out inventory. ■



JEREMY WALSH

Among the approximately 500 JOANN stores en route to closure are those located in Dublin, Concord (pictured), San Leandro and El Cerrito.

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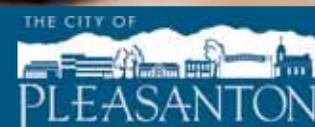


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Livermore elevates Stuth to permanent airport manager

Served as leader of facility for more than year before interim tag removed

By CIERRA BAILEY

The city of Livermore recently promoted Benedict “Benny” Stuth to permanent airport manager after he had been serving in the role on an interim basis since September 2023.

Stuth’s job is to oversee and manage the airport, ensuring compliance with all federal, state and local

regulatory requirements, and providing technical and complex administrative support to city department heads and the City Council.

Stuth first joined the Livermore Municipal Airport team in March 2023 as assistant airport



Benedict Stuth

manager, city officials told Livermore Vine. Just a few months later, he was elevated to acting airport manager after the city had initially chosen a different candidate for the job who backed out at the last minute.

Stuth has been in the position ever since.

“Benny’s expansive knowledge of local airport management and FAA regulations has been essential to the Airport Land Use and Development Study project,” officials said.

Prior to joining the city, Stuth’s aviation management career included stops in Tuolumne County, Los Angeles, Alaska, Colorado,

Tennessee, Monterey and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Stuth has also served on the board of directors for the Association of California Airports and he is an active member of both the Bay Area Airport Managers Association and the Southwest Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives. ■

Small claims parties can now submit evidence electronically

Court says use of digital portal supports timely filing of documents

By TONY HICKS /
BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Alameda County Superior Court is making it easier to submit evidence for use in small claims court.

Using the court’s online digital

portal, evidence can now be submitted from mobile devices, laptops or desktops before a hearing.

The portal is optional, but the court said in a statement it encourages people with small claims cases to use the new portal to make sure

evidence is submitted in a timely fashion.

Once submitted, the evidence will be encrypted, securely stored, and accessible to users any time from devices, including cellphones and computers.

Parties must create an account before submitting their evidence, know their case number, and upload the evidence before 3 p.m. the day before their case is heard.

All documents have to be in PDF format.

The court’s portal is at alameda.courts.ca.gov.

Small claims cases are heard in Department 519 at the Hayward Hall of Justice and Department 105 at the Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse in Oakland. ■

Supervisors pass new tenant protection rules

After years of fits and starts, county ordinance on ‘just cause’ evictions to take effect next month

By KILEY RUSSELL /
BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

After a long and somewhat fraught public process, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors have finally approved a new ordinance to protect renters from unscrupulous evictions.

The idea for the “just cause eviction” ordinance was first floated in 2018 but was stalled at various times by disagreements over how far it should go, pandemic-related scheduling hiccups and repeated tinkering by supervisors.

“It’s been a tortured journey to get to this point,” Supervisor Nate Miley said at the Feb. 4 meeting.

The ordinance is based on the state’s just cause law but is designed to provide slightly more protection for renters in the county’s unincorporated areas.

While both the county and state allow renters to be evicted for “no fault” of their own, meaning they’ve done nothing wrong to warrant eviction, the county’s new rules spell out greater restrictions on landlords in such cases.

For example, where the state requires landlords to pay one month’s rent to tenants in “no fault” evictions, the county requires two.

Also, where the state requires 60-day eviction notices, the county now requires 90-day notices if someone in the household is younger than 18, disabled, elderly or lower income.

The county’s ordinance also applies to single-family homes if the landlord owns five or more such properties in the unincorporated areas.

In addition, landlords are forbidden from retaliating against tenants for reporting housing

violations to the county.

While the protections go beyond what the state requires, housing advocates have complained throughout the process that almost every time the board took up the issue in the past, supervisors weakened the ordinance’s provisions.

“I’m not happy with this ordinance. I’m going to support it but it’s nowhere near what we initially discussed when I joined this board,” said Supervisor Elisa Marquez, noting that tenants’ groups have made many compromises and the landlords “have barely made any.”

“The fact that it took so long to get to this decision is unacceptable,” Marquez said. “It should not take this long to make a policy decision.”

She said the ordinance is a step in the right direction but “it’s barely scratching the surface” of

what the county could have done to protect people from wrongful evictions.

Supervisor Nikki Fortunato Bas, who was just sworn in this year so missed the bulk of the just cause debate, said she’d welcome additional tenant protections in the future.

While Marquez and tenant advocates would like to have seen a stronger ordinance, Supervisor David Haubert said the new rules had to be balanced with “the property rights needs of people who have invested their life savings.”

“Many good housing providers, honest housing providers, fair housing providers, many of them, and they’re experiencing the protections, the ordinances, they’re having to bear the burden of these protections even if they’re not a bad actor,” Haubert said.

He also said some people will never believe the county has done enough to protect tenant rights regardless of what the supervisors enact.

“We have to recognize we’ve been at it for years, we’re at this point, I’m not excited about revisiting any of this for a long time,” he said.

Miley said part of the reason for the delay was that it took a while to craft the original ordinance with help from the San Francisco Foundation and then the pandemic-era eviction moratorium curtailed the need for additional tenant protections during its roughly three-year duration.

“I’m for tenants. I’m for small landlords,” Miley said. “I will not do anything that will harm either side. That’s why it’s a real clever balancing act that we have to enact.”

Lindsay Haddix, director of East Bay Housing Organizations, which worked closely with local tenant group My Eden Voice to help craft the ordinance, said she’s happy supervisors voted to increase tenant protections.

“I think it’s a great signal to the community that tenants and families living in the unincorporated county will have this extra protection and the benefits will spill out to the larger community,” Haddix said. “That doesn’t mean we wouldn’t like to see additional steps taken, but that shouldn’t detract from the fact that we got to this step of this being passed.”

The new ordinance goes into effect on March 6 and the Community Development Agency is required to report back to the board on its implementation in February of 2026. ■

Tequila Bar & Grill arrives in Dublin

Fills space marked by turnover in recent years

By JUDE STRZEMP

Tequila Bar & Grill joined the Hacienda Crossings Shopping Center in Dublin late last month, occupying the space that was formerly World of Beer which closed permanently last year amid financial struggles for the company.

The gastropub — known for its Mexican cuisine and craft cocktails — opened its doors

Jan. 27. This signified the second Tequila Bar & Grill location launched in the Bay Area, the other being stationed in San Leandro.

Located at 4920 Dublin Blvd., Suite 260, the restaurant occupies a storefront known for its turnover in recent years, including the opening and closing of Johnny Garlic’s, Fuzio and Red Tractor Café. ■



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Tequila Bar & Grill serves Mexican cuisine and craft cocktails.

College district, i-GATE announce new partnership

Collaboration aims to expand opportunities for students in innovation and technology

BY CIERRA BAILEY

A new partnership aimed at fostering innovation, educational growth and workforce development in the Tri-Valley region has blossomed.

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District (CLPCCD) and Innovation for Green Advanced Transportation Excellence Development Corporation (i-GATE) signed a memorandum of understanding formalizing their commitment to providing new opportunities for students, entrepreneurs and the broader community, according to a joint statement from the organizations.

"This partnership exemplifies our commitment to equipping students

with the skills and resources they need to thrive in today's dynamic workforce," said Ronald Gerhard, CLPCCD chancellor. "By working with i-GATE, we're opening doors to transformative opportunities in education, research, and innovation."

The partnership seeks to leverage the strengths of both organizations to create a vibrant ecosystem for learning and innovation.

Las Positas College, a cornerstone of CLPCCD, brings its STEM programs, state-of-the-art facilities and strong commitment to student success. Meanwhile, i-GATE offers world-class resources for startups, including access to Daybreak Labs, which specializes in life sciences and deep tech research and development.

"At i-GATE, our mission has always been to build a thriving startup community and support entrepreneurs with the tools they need to succeed," said Yolanda Fintschenko, executive director of i-GATE. "Partnering with CLPCCD aligns perfectly with this vision and allows us to directly impact the next generation of innovators."

Some objectives of the collaboration between the two entities include providing students with hands-on training, internships and potential employment opportunities in cutting-edge industries; allowing students access to research facilities and mentorship to explore innovative solutions in life

sciences and deep technology; and hosting joint events, workshops and other initiatives to engage the community and foster collaboration between students and entrepreneurs.

In addition to professional development opportunities, the CLPCCD and i-GATE partnership will also explore the potential

development of an Innovation Campus and Student Co-Op at Las Positas College, creating a hub for collaborative learning and business development.

For more information about the new partnership or to learn about upcoming initiatives, contact yolandaf@igateihub.org or dramamos@clpccd.org. ■

EBRPD issues warning about toxic mushrooms

BY TONY HICKS /
BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

It's that time of the year again when mushrooms sprout all over the East Bay's wild landscape.

It's also that time of year for people to keep their hands - and their mouths - off the mushrooms.

East Bay Regional Park District is warning people to stay away from mushrooms during the rainy season, as two kinds found in district parks can be fatal to humans consuming them.

To get an idea of how destructive these mushrooms can be to humans, consider the names.

The death cap (*Amanita phalloides*) and western destroying angel (*Amanita ocreata*) are two of the world's most toxic mushrooms and both appear in the area during the rainy season.

Both mushrooms contain amatoxins, which are molecules that can kill humans and animals.

Symptoms may not appear until 12 hours after consumption. Then the subject can suffer from severe gastrointestinal distress that

progresses to kidney and liver failure without immediate treatment.

So not only should humans stay away from the bad mushrooms, but they need to keep their pets away from them as well. The district said if your pet eats either of these toxic mushrooms, contact a veterinarian immediately.

The mushrooms are mainly associated with oak trees and can be found anywhere oak roots are present.

The district says it doesn't allow people to collect any kind of mushrooms in its parks.

The death cap is a medium to large mushroom with a greenish-gray cap, white gills, a white ring around the stem, and a large white sac at the base of the stem.

Although mostly associated with oak trees, it can be found growing with other hardwoods.

The death cap isn't native to California, being accidentally introduced to North America on the roots of European cork oaks.

The western destroying angel is also a medium to large mushroom with a creamy white cap, white gills, a white ring around the stem that

can disappear with age, and a thin white sac at the base.

It fruits from late winter into spring and appears exclusively with oaks. Unlike the death cap, it's native to California.

Even if people find mushrooms not fitting the descriptions of the death cap or western destroying angel, steering clear of wild mushrooms is a great idea. While those two are responsible for most cases of poisonings in California, deadly toxins are also found in *Galerina* and *Lepiota* mushroom species, which also appear in the Bay Area.

For more information about toxic mushrooms, visit ebparks.org/safety/trails/toxic-mushrooms. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Waterman in Waterford: Linda Waterman brought the Pleasanton Weekly along on a family trip to Ireland. Highlights included visiting the Guinness Storehouse beer factory in Dublin, dropping in at an ancestor's bar (Canty's) in County Cork and checking out the House of Waterford Crystal to learn the history and experience craftsmen blow, etch and mold crystal. Posing here during their crystal tour in Waterford are Candice Canty, Amanda Galassi, John Herrera and Linda Waterman.

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CONCERTS

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The soft rock sounds of Air Supply are coming to the fair on June 19. Formed in Australia in 1975, the duo of Graham Russell and Russell Hitchcock are best known for their romantic ballad hits in the early 1980s like "All Out of Love," "Even the Nights Area Better" and "Making Love Out of Nothing at All."

Gym Class Heroes, the New York rap-rock group fronted by Travie McCoy, were the other concert date announced Tuesday by fair officials touting McCoy's "playful lyricism

and energetic showmanship" encapsulated in their hits like "Cupid's Chokehold" and "Stereo Hearts". Gym Class Heroes are on the bill for opening weekend at the fair, June 14.

Late last week, the fair confirmed three other artists — a list that featured Oakland's own Tower of Power on June 26, Sawyer Brown on June 18 and La Original Banda El Limón as the closing act on July 6.

The concert series, which kicks off on June 13 with WAR, also includes the likes of Sugar Ray (June 20), Twist on Taylor (June 21), Too \$hort (June 25), Tesla (July 2) and Clint Black (July 3). ■

McNerney proposes new rules for using recycled water

SB 31 aims to help 'drought proof' California by expanding uses for treated wastewater

By KILEY RUSSELL /
BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

The use of recycled water could expand significantly in California under a new bill introduced last week by state Sen. Jerry McNerney.

McNerney (D-Pleasanton) said the proposed law would help "drought proof" the state by

loosening the rules governing how businesses, homes and government agencies use treated wastewater for irrigation and other things, thereby saving precious drinking water for better uses.

"Instead of water wars pitting one region of the state against the other, North versus South, California must develop commonsense

solutions that enable us to use the water we have more efficiently," McNerney said in a news release Feb. 11.

The legislation, Senate Bill 31, is intended to help the state reach its goal of having people use 1.8 million acre-feet of recycled water annually by 2040. Currently, Californians use about 700,000

acre-feet per year, according to McNerney's announcement.

If approved by the State Legislature and signed by the governor, the bill would expand the use of recycled water in parks, remove regulatory barriers to using it in decorative bodies of water, require homeowner associations to use it to irrigate outdoor common areas and allow food

handling and processing facilities to use recycled water in toilets or irrigation, among other things.

The bill is sponsored by WaterReuse California, which describes itself as "the nation's only trade association solely dedicated to advancing laws, policy, funding, and public acceptance of recycled water." ■

FORECAST

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comprehensive financial forecast, based on the information available, we believe that the additional work to be completed in the near-term will only further illustrate that the city's resources are constrained and that its long-term funding needs are significant," according to the Feb. 4 peer review.

Over the past year, the staff has been telling residents that the city is facing a structural deficit averaging \$10 million every year — that number could go as high as \$22 million if a recession hits, staff previously said. In its general fund 10-year financial forecast, city officials have projected a yearly budget shortfall starting at \$10,788,817 in 2026,

with that number rising as high as \$15,678,578 in 2030.

"In our assessment, the city's financial challenges are not attributable to any single recent or historical decision," the peer review report stated. "They are the cumulative result of a variety of factors including the city's revenue mix, sales tax base, collective bargaining pressures for competitive salaries and benefits, long-term pension challenges at CalPERS, and other cost pressures that frequently outpace revenue growth such as utility rates, contractor wages, and materials pricing."

One way the city wanted to address this structural deficit was by approving Measure PP, which would have generated roughly \$10 million in revenue had residents approved the sales tax increase

last November. However, various opponents of Measure PP argued that the city had been exaggerating things like its projected property tax revenues within the financial forecast.

In the end, Measure PP failed at the polls and the city must now find different ways to cut costs and make several reductions in its budget.

But during the Jan. 9 City Council meeting, new Mayor Jack Balch led the initiative to have a third-party consultant — in this case, Eide Bailly — assess the city's financial forecast and evaluate its assumptions of Pleasanton's financial health in order to "build trust" with the public.

Councilmember Julie Testa was the lone dissenter during that Jan. 9 vote but in a statement to the Weekly following the meeting, she said she did not support the motion because "I don't support funding a consultant."

According to the professional services agreement with the firm, the city paid up to \$33,000 for the consultant's services.

"The more than \$30,000 cost of this independent report should not have been needed to validate the work done by our professional staff and experts, but the outcome has value if the results restores our residents trust in city staff," Testa told the Weekly on Saturday.

The consultant started off by praising the city's work on implementing the financial forecast in the first place, which it said is a sign of good, long-term financial management practices.

The report supported the city's use of recognized consultants to prepare the existing short-term property tax and sales tax forecasts and found no reason for the city to "deviate from its recommendations relative to property tax and sales tax growth rates."

In addition, the consultant also offered several recommendations for the city to implement in order to further improve its financial forecast.

Those recommendations include "incorporating the infrastructure funding plan and any other funding plans into the forecast as those are completed, to build a comprehensive financial forecast for the city."

"Eide Bailly notes that the

additional work to be completed in the near-term will only further illustrate that the city's resources are constrained and that its long-term funding needs are significant," according to the agenda report for a special council meeting on Thursday, which is when the council will review these findings and recommendations. The session occurred after the Weekly went to press.

"Our assessment also indicates that adjustments can be made to the forecast to enhance its detail, particularly in the years beyond, for example, when existing consultant revenue forecasts or collective bargaining agreement information is available," according to the consultant's report. "This enhanced detail may or may not change the results of the forecast in those out years, but it will facilitate an additional understanding of how the assumptions in the forecast are determined and why the selected growth assumptions for individual categories of revenues and expenditures are utilized."

Other recommendations that the consultants were set to make at the special council meeting included updating the forecast to reflect the consultants observations; presenting these complex financial issues in a more succinct manner to the public and the council and developing a long-term plan to complete remaining elements of the forecasts in order to address future funding needs.

Another recommendation of note is that the consultant believes the city should develop a plan to draw down from its Section 115 Pension Trust Fund specifically for pension and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) costs.

"As a component of the city's broader long-term financial planning process, we recommend that the city evaluate an appropriate, measured approach to utilizing these funds to offset pension and OPEB costs as part of its baseline financial forecast," the peer review report stated.

Proponents against Measure PP had previously called for the city to draw from this fund in order to offset some of the city's structural deficit.

"This approach should be informed by an analysis generating

a long-term plan to draw the funds down in consultation with the city's actuarial consultants," the consultant further stated. "It is worth noting that the period of time over which it is appropriate to gradually draw down on these funds will likely well exceed the ten-year period covered by the financial forecast. As these funds are currently and significantly exceeded by the city's unfunded liabilities, continued focus on utilizing these funds only for funding long-term pension and OPEB costs related to the City's unfunded liabilities is appropriate."

Eide Bailly also recommended in its report that the city should revise its reserve policy at a future time in order to "reflect Internal Service Fund reserve minimum balances based on a cash flow analysis of future needs."

The Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) has already reviewed the consultant's report during its Feb. 13 meeting prior to discussing potential expenditure reductions as the city continues to work on developing its two-year budget.

According to the BAC agenda report, the independent financial peer review of the city's forecast affirms the city's deficit projections and "underscores the need for ongoing expenditure reductions to maintain long-term financial stability."

"The assessment validates the City's forecasting methodology and highlights increasing cost pressures, such as wages, utilities, pension obligations and infrastructure needs, that must be addressed through proactive budget balancing strategies," City Manager Gerry Beaudin wrote in a Feb. 10 memorandum to the BAC.

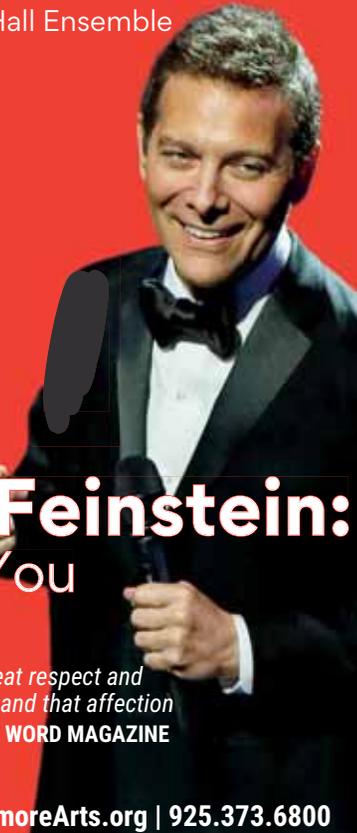
According to the BAC report, staff have already identified a total of \$14.7 million in potential reductions and will be working with the committee in prioritizing these proposed reductions.

"Without the needed revenue from the half-cent sales tax measure, which was thwarted for political interests, we have a much more difficult job managing the budget shortfall," Testa told the Weekly. "Our community will feel the impacts of loss of programs and services. Our city staff will continue to guide us in the best interests of our community." ■

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Chevron confirms layoffs following move out of San Ramon

Energy giant looks to 'simplify organizational structure' by cutting workforce by 15% to 20%

By JEANITA LYMAN

Chevron has been facing obstacles in recent months since its departure from San Ramon, with production challenges and a legal battle with competitor ExxonMobil over Chevron's planned acquisition of Hess giving way to low profit margins in their latest financial report and a subsequent cost-cutting plan.

The company is now set to lay off between 15% and 20% of its workforce by the end of 2026 as part of a goal to decrease costs by billions in

the coming years, according to an announcement last week.

"Chevron is taking action to simplify our organizational structure, execute faster and more effectively, and position the company for stronger long-term competitiveness," Chevron Vice Chairman Mark Nelson said in a statement.

"This work includes optimizing the portfolio, leveraging technology to enhance productivity, and changing how and where work is performed, including the expanded use of global centers," he continued.

"We believe changes to the organizational structure will improve standardization, centralization, efficiency and results, unlocking new growth potential and helping Chevron drive industry-leading performance now and into the future."

The plans to cut the workforce by the end of next year is part of an overall reduction of between \$2 billion and \$3 billion in spending during that time, Nelson added, with some "residual impact" projected in the aftermath.

"We do not take these actions lightly and will support our employees through the transition," Nelson said. "But responsible leadership requires taking these steps to improve the long-term competitiveness of our company for our people, our shareholders and our communities."

The move comes after Chevron concluded a process of downsizing its presence in San Ramon, first by selling the former Chevron Park site that hosted its headquarters back to Sunset

Development in 2022 and moving into a downsized office space in Bishop Ranch that was designed to accommodate approximately 2,000 employees.

The downsizing process in San Ramon culminated in 2024 with the company's announcement that it would be moving its headquarters out of the city and into Houston, Texas while some support roles would continue to operate from San Ramon. It's unclear which of those roles, if any, are set to be impacted by the layoffs. ■

Alameda County judge transfers to San Mateo County

Newsom picks McCannon to fill other bench vacancy after retirement

By BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Gov. Gavin Newsom appointed Mark McCannon as a judge in San Mateo County Superior Court on Friday.

He will fill the seat vacated by the retirement of Judge Marie Weiner, according to a press release from Newsom's office.

McCannon, a San Francisco resident, has been a judge in the Alameda County Superior Court since 2013. He previously worked as a deputy district attorney in the Alameda County District Attorney's Office from 1997 to 2013.

He received his law degree from the University of Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

McCannon drew headlines in 2023 when he rejected a plea deal negotiated by former Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price in a triple murder case.



Mark McCannon

Price released a video on social media that was widely reported at the time, saying she wanted to disqualify McCannon from hearing any further criminal cases that she brought.

Price was recalled by voters in November amid allegations she was too lenient on violent crime.

The appointment was one of 14 made by Newsom on Friday. ■

Dorothy Ann Gomez

January 20, 1932 – July 22, 2024

Dorothy was born in Rapid City, South Dakota to Alfred and Dorothy Back. She had one older brother, Robert, and two older sisters: Lois (Woodfeldt) and Helen (Craft). She also had one younger brother, William, who passed away as a child. The family moved to the west coast in the early 1940's where she graduated from Richmond Union High School in 1950.

Dorothy then met and married Henry (Hank) Gomez. They had two children, Frank and Debra, whom they raised in Pleasanton. Dorothy and Hank traveled extensively around the globe, mostly by cruises with friends and family. Dorothy held many positions in her working career, but the longest was with Eastman Kodak which she retired from in 1987. Her "after retirement" part-time job was the one that she really enjoyed the most. She worked for 15 years at Mervyn's in the jewelry department.

Dorothy was blessed with a long and mostly healthy life. She was snow skiing and playing soccer into her 50's. Her other interests were gardening, helping to start the girls' soccer league in Pleasanton, and also coaching for several years.

In 2018, Dorothy moved to an assisted living facility, The Parkview, where she enjoyed living very much.

She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, and husband. She leaves behind her children, son Frank, (his wife Maureen) and daughter Debra. She also leaves numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews and a cousin in South Dakota.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Dorothy's name to Hope Hospice:

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PAID OBITUARY

Grace Tuttle

July 18, 2002 – January 17, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of our beautiful daughter, Grace Cecilia Tuttle, on January 17, 2025 after a courageous battle with brain cancer for the past four years. She was just 22 years old. Grace was born July 18, 2002, in Pleasanton, CA and graduated from Foothill High School in 2020. She was an avid swimmer all her life. She swam for the Fast Dolphins where she eventually joined the staff as a junior coach. Grace also swam for the Foothill High School swim team, backstroke becoming her favorite stroke. She went on to college at Cal State San Marcos where she studied Sociology and proudly received her BA degree this past June. Grace had the ambition of one day becoming a social worker, specifically working with children in hospitals. This was largely due to the amazing staff at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford, where she had received treatment for the duration of her illness. She loved all dogs, especially her beloved Bear, her puppy for over 14 years. She loved spending time over at Seabright Beach, Santa Cruz, soaking in the sun with family and friends and visiting all her favorite spots, Gayle's Bakery, Pizza My Heart, and most recently, the local revolving Tiki Bar. She had participated in the Wharf 2 Wharf run from Santa Cruz to Capitola for the past five years.

Grace will be dearly missed and forever loved by all who knew her. She is survived by her loving boyfriend Aaron Miller, her parents Tim and Cindy Tuttle, grandmother Corrine Lauren, grandfather Clifford Lauren, her cherished siblings Brienne (Andy) Just, Christopher (Jen) Tuttle, Allison (Kyle) Marcus, and Mason Tuttle, and her five nieces, Hannah, Remy, Shay, Hallie and Athena.

We love you Grace, you'll be forever in our hearts.

Rosary Vigil on Friday, Feb. 28, 7:00 PM

St Augustine Catholic Church: 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton

Funeral Mass on Saturday, March 1, 10:30 AM

St Augustine Catholic Church: 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton

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More than a meal delivery

Spectrum Community Services offers security, comfort to seniors

STORY BY JUDE STRZEMP | PHOTOS BY CHUCK DECKERT

Every weekday, volunteers deliver about 250 fresh, free meals to homebound seniors across the Tri-Valley through the local Meals on Wheels program.

All together they run 18 routes daily, contributing time and their personal vehicles to make sure clients receive their much-needed meals.

Coordinated by Spectrum Community Services, a 501(c)(3) non-profit that offers a variety of programs to Bay Area residents, Meals on Wheels is a lifeline for many seniors, program manager Carrie Oldes said.

However the future of Spectrum and its services appears uncertain, amid the federal funding freeze, according to Spectrum Executive Director Lara Calvert. Among the stakes are the security and comfort provided to hundreds of seniors in the Tri-Valley.

“The community expects us to be here to help us take care of our neighbors. At this point in time, we can always say yes,” Calvert said. “I truly hope that we do not get to the situation where we have to turn people away and start a waiting list or not be able to be here at all.”

Spectrum was established in 1971 to enhance the quality of life for Alameda County seniors and

low-income residents. Within the Tri-Valley, the organization is best known for its Meals on Wheels program, affiliated with the national network called Meals on Wheels America.

Through this program, Spectrum delivers balanced meals to housebound seniors 60 years old and above in Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton or Sunol who cannot prepare their own food and have mobility difficulties. Personal deliveries are made Monday through Friday, except certain holidays, and chilled or frozen meals can be pre-ordered for weekends and holidays.

Not income- or asset-based, qualification for this service depends on need, Oldes explained.

The program is meant to help seniors “age at home with dignity.”

Following an application, clients can begin to receive deliveries the next day.

Spectrum suggests clients donate \$4 per meal, but contributions are voluntary and no one is denied service due to lack of donations.

Beyond the sustenance itself, Spectrum is providing a wellness and social check-in, Oldes noted.

Given that about 60% of the clients live alone, the Spectrum volunteer delivering a meal may be the only person the client sees during the day.

For client Mara Robezgruntnieks-Niels, her interaction with the volunteers is a joy.

“Every single volunteer has been a ray of sunshine in the morning,” Robezgruntnieks-Niels said during a delivery in January.

But before any of the meals can roll out to clients, they must first be prepared by a three-person team at Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley in Livermore.

Led by Molly Russo, registered dietitian at Stanford and longtime Meals on Wheels program dietitian, food service workers at the Stanford kitchen begin meal preparations at about 5:30 a.m. daily.

Depending on the menu that day, they cook veggies and proteins, make sauces and prepare fruit salads. They commonly produce Italian, Thai and east Indian-inspired meals. They also offer rice and tortillas as sides to each meal for ethnic inclusivity, Russo said.

The meals can be catered to all dietary needs, including low sodium, low fat, low cholesterol, renal, carbohydrate control, soft, mechanical soft and vegetarian.

Once prepared, typically on the order of 250 servings, the food is packed for distribution.

All-inclusive, the meals cost an average of \$15 each, the majority of which is covered by federal funding.

Spectrum then brings the meals to the Pleasanton Senior Center, which serves as a pickup location for volunteers.

For Shirley Farrell-Cowles, Meals on Wheels client of about 2-1/2 years, the service has provided comfort and convenience.

Prior to receiving the service, she wasn't often cooking, her son and caretaker Steve Farrell said. She needed that extra meal to come in.

Plus, the balanced meals help her maintain her blood sugar as a diabetic, Farrell-Cowles said.

“My son is good — he goes to the store and everything, but it's kind of nice that I have that in the fridge,” she said. “I know that if he has an appointment or has to go out or something, I know that I'll have the food there.”

The weekly contact with Spectrum volunteers is also really important, Farrell said.

Weekly Meals on Wheels volunteer Audrey Gillette also finds herself uplifted through connecting with clients.

“Every week it reminds me to be grateful,” Gillette said. “I'm never exhausted when I'm done. My bucket is full, like they've just filled my bucket — they bring so much joy to my day.”

As part of Spectrum's other services, it offers yearly assistance to income-qualifying households for a utility bill as part of the federally funded, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

Due to limited funding and high demand, LIHEAP is not guaranteed even if an applicant qualifies for assistance, Calvert said. By federal law, priority is given to households with seniors 60 years old and above, persons with disabilities and/or children ages five and under.

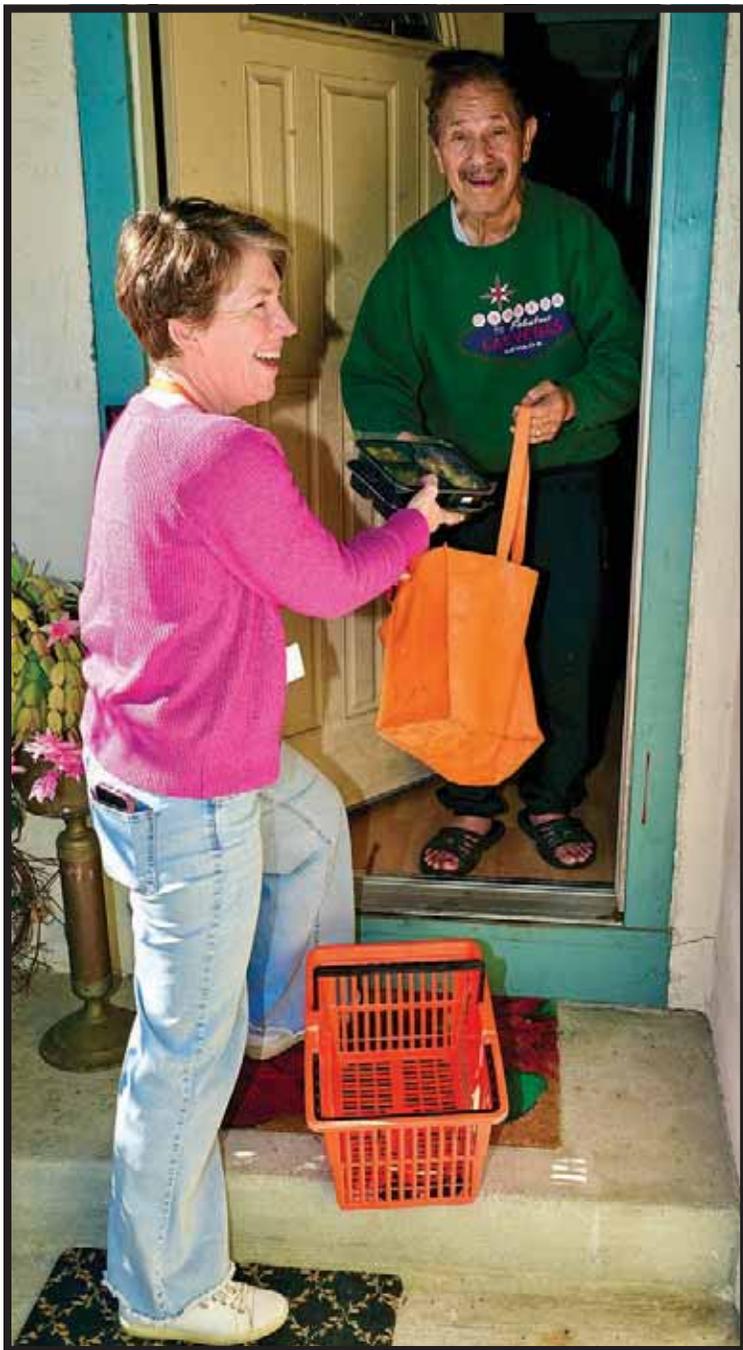
Within LIHEAP, Spectrum also provides weatherization services to those who qualify financially. This includes home and apartment assessments as well as the replacement of furnaces, water heaters and air conditioning systems.

If someone is income-qualifying and their furnace goes out, they likely don't have the \$8,000 to \$18,000 it takes to replace that system, Calvert said.

“This really is a life-saving service to help make sure that people keep their electrical service and gas service on in the first place — through the credits to their bill — as well as make sure that their furnace, air conditioning and water heaters are all working,” Calvert said.

Additional assistance through LIHEAP can include replacement of smoke-detectors, insulation, doors, weather stripping and the installation of low-flow water saving devices and energy efficient appliances.

Due to a reduction in funding for LIHEAP to pre-COVID levels, Spectrum has been reducing its services within the program.



Spectrum Community Services volunteers hand-deliver meals to Tri-Valley seniors while also building personal connections.



JUDE STRZEMP

Every weekday morning, Spectrum volunteers pick up meals from the Pleasanton Senior Center for delivery in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore and Sunol.



The meal deliveries help seniors maintain their health and independence.

“Unfortunately, we’re not able to help everybody that is coming to us,” Calvert said.

Also, the number of households they served has declined because each household has become more expensive with the rise in material and labor costs as well as the addition of eligible items like dishwashers, clothes washers and dryers.

If not for LIHEAP services, households may turn to loans and

grants for home repairs offered through cities or seek assistance from churches.

Bottom line, Calvert said, “It’s not easy out there.”

Outside of the Tri-Valley, Spectrum also offers fall-prevention programs — locally provided by CityServe of the Tri-Valley — as well as congregate meals in cities including Alameda, Castro Valley, Hayward, Oakland, San Leandro



Personal deliveries through the Meals on Wheels program include wellness and social check-ins.

and Union City. Learn more at spectrumcs.org.

With regard to the national freeze of federal funding under President Donald Trump, Calvert said the future of Spectrum is uncertain.

“I expect a bumpy ride for a while,” she said. Without federal funding, she doesn’t know whether Spectrum could continue to exist. It definitely wouldn’t operate at the same level of current day, she added.

According to Calvert, LIHEAP generally receives bipartisan support. But even that support is up in the air.

Also at risk is its Meals on Wheels program, which receives the majority of its funding from the federal government, either directly or indirectly through cities, she said.

Reflecting upon shelter-in-place during COVID, Calvert said Spectrum stepped up its Meals on

Wheels program to serve the community. Just like the fire department and police, people expected Spectrum to provide.

“If we’re going to be here for the next emergency, then we need to be here every day for people when they have their own personal emergencies and they reach out to us and ask for help,” she said. “The only way we can do that is to be supported everyday, every year.” ■



The distributed meals can be catered to all dietary needs, thanks to food preparation by Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley in Livermore.



Spectrum has a dedicated group of active volunteers to deliver meals, but the organization is always seeking more participants

Famed drummer appearing at Bankhead

The Police alum Stewart Copeland speaking on his rise to fame, plus film compositions and other projects after band's split

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

COURTESY LVA
Stewart Copeland is the Rae Dorough Speaker Series guest on March 5.

Stewart Copeland — a celebrated drummer most known for his time with legendary rock band, The Police — will be kicking off his first spoken-word tour in the U.S. with his first stop at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

According to the Bankhead's website, Copeland's "Have I Said Too Much: The Police, Hollywood and Other Adventures" will feature the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer talking about his rise to fame with The Police, making movie soundtracks and much more of his other endeavors throughout his prolific career.

"In this special 'Evening With' event, Stewart will share stories from his extraordinary life, offering insights into his journey as a performer, musician,

entertainer and writer," according to the Livermore Valley Arts website.

The March 5 event is part of the venue's Rae Dorough Speaker Series — with Copeland added to the schedule after punk music legend John Lydon (aka Johnny Rotten) canceled his North American tour last year.

Copeland first recruited renowned bassist and singer Sting, along with guitarist Andy Summers, into The Police in 1977. What followed was a celebrated career with four consecutive No. 1 studio albums, several Grammy and BRIT awards and more than 60 million records sold worldwide.

"It's been quite a ride," Copeland said in a syndicated interview

provided exclusively to the Pleasanton Weekly by LVA.

With timeless classics such as "Message In A Bottle", "Don't Stand So Close To Me" and "Every Breath You Take," The Police became a household name and one of the most influential bands in the world before the trio broke up in 1986.

"It was everything we ever dreamed of and more, yet there was a strange sense of disquiet. There was a strange sense of vertigo," Copeland said in the syndicated interview. "That's the best word I can think of to describe the fact that we were just flying high over humanity, and it was really wonderful to be the centre of that attention. But there's a point where there's such a thing as too much love, too

much adoration, and that becomes oppressive."

The three musicians did periodically get back together for one-off concerts and a reunion tour in 2007, but it really wasn't until after The Police's disbandment that Copeland said he felt creatively free again.

"The recordings with The Police had become hell, so I went off to record a film score for Francis Coppola. I was struck by the relief, the sheer joy, of that music," Copeland said in the syndicated interview. "The lack of carping and judgment and tension was incredible. To just be making music my goddam self was such a pleasure ... It was sheer heaven to learn that there was a world outside of The Police. It was very enticing."

After The Police broke up, Copeland continued to compose movie soundtracks and additionally began writing books and composed music for operas and ballets, according to LVA.

Last year, Copeland embarked on a trial run of his "Have I Said Too Much" tour in the United Kingdom where he spoke about his life as a performer, musician, entertainer and writer — now he is ready to return to the U.S. to officially kick off his spoken-word tour starting in Livermore.

The show will be set for March 5 starting at 7:30 p.m.. According to LVA's website, tickets are running out quickly — for more ticket information and to purchase seats, visit livermorearts.org. ■

Taste Tri-Valley Restaurant Week is here

10-day event showcases best in food and drink in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Danville

BY JEREMY WALSH

Taste buds rejoice as the culinary talents of the region are on full display for the next 10 days during the fifth annual Taste Tri-Valley Restaurant Week.

Organized by Visit Tri-Valley, the event highlights restaurants, wineries and breweries in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Danville with special activities, promotions and exclusive menu offerings from this Friday (Feb. 21) through the following Sunday (March 2).

"Taste Tri-Valley shows the rest

of the Bay Area what a culinary destination we are, and that we can celebrate food in a safe, clean environment with plenty of free parking. The whole 10 days brings a lot of awareness to our hidden gem, making it a huge economic driver for all of our cities and towns," said Robin Fahr, vice president of marketing and communications.

"This year's events really highlight the culinary geniuses in the Tri-Valley — individually they're at the top of their games, so just imagine our Opening Night chef collaboration with all of them in

the same kitchen! And then a South American Street Food Jubilee at Oyo? I couldn't decide so I'm going to them all," Fahr told the Weekly.

Fahr was referring to the Taste Tri-Valley Kick Off Dinner, set for Thursday evening before the first day of Restaurant Week, at which the featured chefs join together to present a memorable meal starting with a cocktail reception at Crush'd in Danville and then a dinner and live auction at nearby Tides Restaurant.

Other special activities on the calendar include Beer Judging 101

at BottleTaps in Pleasanton this Sunday, Wine & Cheese Pairing Release Party at Wood Family Vineyards in Livermore also on Sunday, the Beer vs. Wine Dinner at BottleTaps on Wednesday, the Livermore Brew Crawl & Food Drive on Thursday in downtown Livermore and the Taste Tri-Valley Cocktail Party: A South American Street Food Jubilee at Oyo in downtown Pleasanton next Friday.

Tickets remain available for many of the special events. For more information on Taste Tri-Valley and participating locations

and offerings throughout the 10 days, go to visittrivalley.com/restaurantweek.

Visit Tri-Valley is presenting Restaurant Week in partnership with the cities and chambers of commerce of Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, the town of Danville and Fremont Bank. City Center Bishop Ranch is not taking part this year as it had in the past — San Ramon is not a member of Visit Tri-Valley, opting for its own destination marketing organization known as Discover San Ramon. ■

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Discover Exciting Opportunities at Las Positas College 2025 CTE Summer Camps

Las Positas College is thrilled to announce the return of its highly anticipated educational summer camps for middle school and high school students. The eight Career Technical Education Summer Camps cover a diverse range of subjects and are both an excellent way for students to gain hands-on experience in a field that they are interested in and a taste of college life.

Designed for students between the ages of 14 and 18, the LPC's CTE summer camps provide a unique opportunity to delve into various areas of interest, including automotive tech, animation, public safety, journalism, art and music, and interior design. Whether students are interested in developing hands-on mechanical skills or ways to stretch their creative muscles, there's a camp or two tailored to their interests and aspirations.

One of the standout features of the summer camps is the chance for students to collaborate closely with knowledgeable instructors who are experts in their respective fields. These dedicated professionals are committed to nurturing students' talents, providing guidance, and inspiring them to explore new horizons.

Beyond academic enrichment, the summer camps also offer a supportive and inclusive environment where students can connect with like-minded peers. Building friendships, sharing ideas, and collaborating on projects are integral aspects of the camp experience, fostering social development and teamwork skills.

Additionally, participating in Las Positas College summer camps provides students with a glimpse into college life. They'll have the opportunity to explore the college campus, utilize state-of-the-art facilities and resources, and engage with college students and faculty. This immersive experience not only prepares students for higher education but also instills confidence and independence as they navigate their academic journey.



Parents can have peace of mind knowing that Las Positas College prioritizes the safety and well-being of all camp participants. Stringent safety protocols are in place to ensure a secure environment where students can thrive and focus on learning.

Las Positas College summer camps offer a dynamic and enriching experience for middle school and high school students. From hands-on learning activities to meaningful interactions with peers and instructors, these camps inspire curiosity, foster creativity, and ignite a passion for lifelong learning.

We invite parents and students alike to explore the diverse range of summer camps available and discover the endless possibilities that await. Below is a list of the LPC CTE summer camps and their respective dates:

- **Automotive Technology Camp #1:**
June 30-July 2. Age group: High School
- **Automotive Technology Camp #2:**
July 7-9. Age group: High School

- **3D Modeling Camp, July 7-10.**
Age group: High School
- **Creature Design Workshop, June 9-12.**
Age group: High School
- **Creature Design Workshop, June 23-26.**
Age group: Middle School
- **Animation Camp, June 30-July 2.**
Age Group: High School
- **JAMS Press Pass Journalism Camp, June 9-12.** Age Group: High School
- **Jazz Camp, June 23-26.**
Age Group: High School
- **Interior Design Camp, June 23-26.**
Age Group: High School and Middle School
- **Public Safety Camp, June 9-13.**
Age Group: High School

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Academic camps provide an excellent opportunity to cultivate your child's passion for learning while concentrating on specific subjects. Whether it's math, robotics, literature, or creative writing, we offer programs to suit every student's interests. Campers will have the chance to

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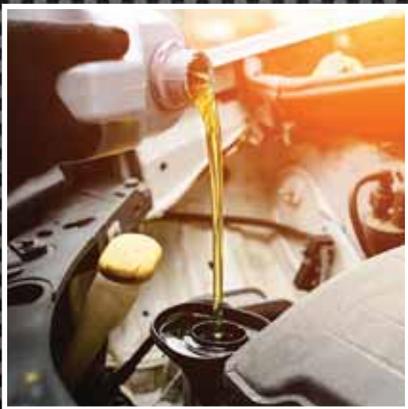
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Automotive Technology Camp

Session 1: June 30-July 2 | 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Session 2: July 7-9 | 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Age Group: High School

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3D Modeling Camp

July 7-10 | 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Age Group: High School

Want to learn how to make games and motion pictures? Learn basic 3D modeling techniques and animation using Autodesk Maya and Adobe Photoshop Tools.



Creature Design Workshop

High School | June 9-12 | 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Middle School | June 23-26 | 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Learn the fundamentals of creature design. Many professional illustrators focus on creature design; they create works for movies, games, and animation. In this camp, we will use Adobe Photoshop to sketch and paint creatures, taking into consideration their anatomy, environment, and behavior.

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June 30-July 3 | 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Age Group: High School

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JAMS Press Pass Journalism Camp

June 9-12 | 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Age Group: High School

Interested in entertainment journalism? A career in entertainment journalism might just begin here. This camp will give students an opportunity to try their hand at the craft and gain insight on industry practices. Develop skills including writing, interviewing, storytelling, multimedia reporting, and even debate.

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June 23-26 | 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Age Group: High School
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Interior Design Camp

June 23-26 | 10:30 am to 12:30 pm | Live Online Camp
Age Group: Middle and High School

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Public Safety Camp

June 9-13 | 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Age Group: High School

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The camps foster a supportive and inspiring environment where creativity thrives. Whether a child is a budding artist or simply enjoys trying new things, they will find encouragement and guidance from experienced instructors. More than just learning techniques, campers develop confidence in their unique artistic voice and discover new ways to think creatively.

Parents consistently praise the program for its engaging approach and the joy it brings to their children. "My daughter has had the pleasure of attending several weeks of art camp at Bothwell over the past couple of years during school breaks. She has truly enjoyed the experience and gained a lot from it," shared one parent. Others frequently note how eager their children are to arrive each morning and how much they love sharing their artwork at the end of the day.



The Bothwell Arts Center's art camps are a place where creativity knows no bounds. It's an opportunity for children to explore their artistic potential, make new friends, and leave each day with a sense of accomplishment. Whether it's a single session or multiple weeks, each experience is a journey into the limitless world of imagination and self-expression.

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Amador Valley boys win EBAL wrestling team championship

Also: Dons score in second overtime to upset top-seeded Carondelet for girls' soccer title

The Amador Valley High School wrestling team kept its strong run going, as the Dons took five individual titles on the way to winning the team title at the East Bay Athletic League championships last weekend at Foothill.

The Dons finished with 217 points, edging out Livermore who came in at 213. Granada finished with 210 points to take third, and De La Salle came in fourth at 187.5.

Nathan Marek started things off for the Dons, winning the 134-pound title with a 13-7 win over Weston Coward of De La Salle.

TJ Chandler (167 pounds) started a streak of four straight wins for the Dons, beating Joseph Labarthe of San Ramon Valley 5-4.

Luca Moore (177) made it two straight for the Dons with a pin of Noah Blake of Granada at the 1:16 mark of the match. Noah Awad also got a pin, sticking Max Munzinger

of De La Salle at 2:44.

Jayden Wood (217) got the last title for the Dons, pinning Adrian Rodriguez of Livermore in 2:45.

Up next for the Dons is the North Coast Section Tournament at Liberty in Brentwood this weekend. This is the spot where qualifications for the CIF State Meet are earned.

Amador girls' soccer

The Dons brought home the EBAL tournament title with a thrilling, 1-0 overtime win against Carondelet.

The Cougars took the EBAL regular season title with a 9-0 mark — but this time the Dons were equal to task, matching Carondelet throughout the game.

I was able to watch the game via stream and it was all that a title game should be about. Great defensive efforts from both teams, along with select offensive runs.

The game was fairly even with

both teams making long runs into the other half of the field, with neither team able to find the back of the net.

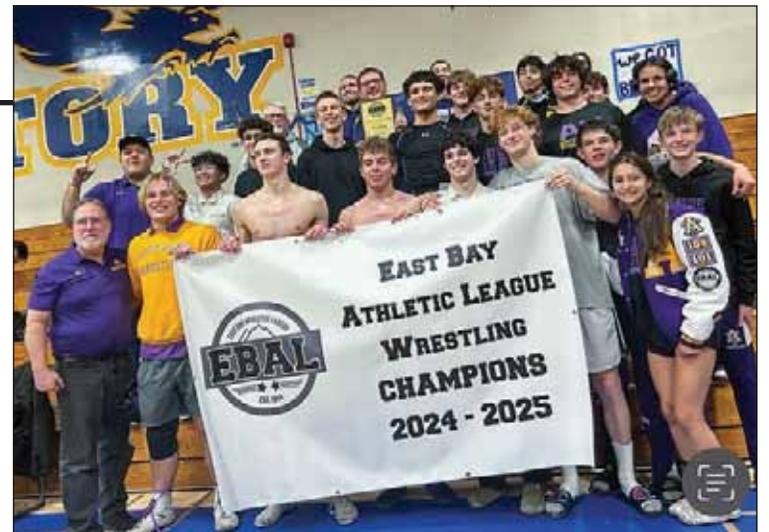
Until overtime.

The Dons had a free kick in the second overtime, about 20 yards out of the goal, pretty close to the middle of the field. Sophomore Mira Garuda, stood over the ball for what seemed a little longer than normal.

Garuda finally made her run to take the kick and drilled it home into the upper corner of the goal, sending the Dons players into celebration mode and the Carondelet players into a stunned state.

Next up for the Dons is the NCS playoffs, where they were seeded No. 4 in the Division I playoffs.

To me it was a curious seeding for the Dons as they were seeded behind Carondelet (No. 1) and San Ramon Valley (No. 2), a pair of teams they beat the previous week



DIANA HASENPFUG

The Amador Valley boys' wrestling team won the team title at the EBAL tournament. The Dons won five individual titles at the meet.

to claim the EBAL title.

If the Dons win in the first round, they would play the winner of Tamalpais and Northgate on Saturday.

Amador boys' basketball

The Dons went 1-1 in the EBAL playoffs and advanced to the NCS playoffs.

In their first game, the Dons beat Livermore 81-64 behind 22 points from Cade Krueger. Jaylen Smith added 19 points, with Dante Ventura adding seven points.

In the second round, the Dons dropped a close one, falling 49-45 to Monte Vista. Cade Krueger had

12 points, the only Amador player in double figures.

Smith and Kasen Krueger had nine points for Amador.

With a 19-9 record in the talent-laden EBAL, the Dons were selected as the No. 6 seed in the NCS D-I playoffs.

They were set to open play by hosting No. 11 seed Bishop O'Dowd this week. If the Dons win, they would move on to play the winner of Campolindo (3) and Northgate (14). If it's Campo, the game would be on the road, while if Northgate pulls off the upset, the game would be at Amador, provided of course they beat O'Dowd. ■

Dublin's own makes Basketball Hall of Fame

'Trailblazer in the industry' known for coverage of women's hoops earns 2025 Curt Gowdy Print Media Award

By JEREMY WALSH

Acclaimed sportswriter Michelle Smith has been elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, with the longtime Dublin resident's name revealed on Friday among four winners of the 2025 Curt Gowdy Media Awards.

Lauded as "a trailblazer in the industry" by Hall of Fame officials, Smith has covered women's professional and collegiate sports for decades, including holding the distinction of becoming ESPN.com's first-ever regular women's basketball columnist in the 1990s. The reality of her international recognition is still setting in for Smith, who is now a freelancer — with a new book due out soon — after shifting careers into government media relations and completing a recent stint of elected service in her local community.

"I got a call on Wednesday and it popped up on my phone in Springfield, Massachusetts, and I answered and it was the president of the Basketball Hall of Fame telling me that I had won the Gowdy Award," Smith told the Weekly.



Michelle Smith

"I have had friends and colleagues who won this award in the past and they are some of the best to ever cover the game. All you can do is take a deep breath and be grateful," she added. "I know this award is based on longevity of covering women's basketball, but I hope it's also a reflection of the quality of the work and the care that I have for the game."

The Hall of Fame and National Basketball Association announced Smith's name, along with three other media winners and the list of on-court finalists including retired players under consideration for the full

Class of 2025, on Friday afternoon as part of the NBA All-Star Weekend festivities being hosted in the Bay Area by the Golden State Warriors.

"The Bay Area has been a home-base for so much of the growth of the game, from the greatness of the programs at Stanford and Cal to home of local talent, such as Sabrina Ionescu, Chelsea Gray, Jayne Appel. The excitement around the new WNBA team in the Bay Area is palpable," Smith said, referring to the upcoming debut season of the Golden State Valkyries.

"During my time working at Bay Area newspapers, I was always fortunate to work for people who prioritized women's sports coverage," she added.

Smith's journalism career included time at ESPN, the San Francisco Chronicle, AOL Fanhouse and ESPNw, Hall of Fame officials noted — in highlighting the resume "dedicated to elevating women's sports coverage" that helped her win the Curt Gowdy Print Media Award.

Crediting Smith's tenure as ESPN.com's inaugural women's basketball columnist for "shaping national

coverage of the game," Hall of Fame officials said, "Her insightful reporting and compelling storytelling have spotlighted generations of athletes, coaches and programs, contributing to the growth and visibility of women's sports."

Smith currently freelances for the website The Next Hoops and recently finished a new book on former Stanford University women's basketball coach Tara VanDerveer and the legacy of the Cardinal program. She said the book is set to be published early next year.

Living with her family in Dublin for more than three decades, Smith in recent years moved full-time into public relations amid the changing news media landscape.

She now works at her alma mater San José State University as senior director of media relations — a role that has seen her quoted in the news, instead of writing it, in particular with the Spartans' women's volleyball team catapulted into the national political discourse on transgender athletes.

Smith also served as director of communications and public affairs

for the Alameda County Office of Education during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. And she held elected office between 2019 and 2022 on the Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors.

She is a member of the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame (2015) and the United States Basketball Writers Association Hall of Fame (2024).

Joining Smith in earning a 2025 Curt Gowdy Award on Friday were George Blaha, play-by-play announcer for the Detroit Pistons; Clark Kellogg, CBS Sports college basketball analyst; and Adrian Wojnarowski, former NBA insider who worked most recently for ESPN. Smith will officially be inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame along with the rest of the Class of 2025 during the weekend of Sept. 5-6. ■

Editor's note: Throughout her sportswriting career, she has been credited as Michelle Smith; although in her media relations jobs and prior Zone 7 service, she has used her full married name, Michelle Smith McDonald.

Public Notices

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):
SANJAY DAS, an individual; and DOES 1-50 inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:
(LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):
ITRIA VENTURES LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case.

There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el

colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso. NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information

The name and address of the court is:
(El nombre y dirección de la corte es):
Alameda County Superior Court,

(Número del Caso):
24CV078542
CASE NUMBER:

Rene C. Davidson Courthouse, 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, CA 94612
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:
(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):
Jason S. Takenouchi, Kasowitz Benson Torres LLP, 101 California Street, Suite 3950, San Francisco, CA 94111; Tel (415) 421-6140
DATE: Clerk, by

D. Franklin, Deputy
(Fecha) 06/05/2024 Chad Finke, Executtve Officer's; Clerk of the Court (Secretario) (Adjunto)
(PLW Feb 14, 21, 28 and Mar 7, 2025)

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
(AV/SO AL DEMANDADO):

AHMED MOHAMMED ALHARAZI; DOES 1 TO 10;
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:
(LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):
CAPITAL COLLECTIONS, LLC

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The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es):

FRESNO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 1130
"O" STREET
FRESNO, CA 93724

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

(El nombre, la dirección y el numero de telefono de/ abogado de/ demandante, o de/ demandante que no tiene abogado, es):
STEVEN R. HRDLICKA #117557 ATTORNEY AT LAW 545632-5
555 W. SHAW AVE, STE C-1 (559) 485-1453
FRESNO, CA 93704
DATE (Fecha) : **9/20/2024**
Clerk, by T.Espinoza Deputy (Secretario) (Adjunto)
(PLW Feb 14, 21, 28 and Mar 7, 2025)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 573897

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):
GLOBAL EYECARE OPTOMETRY
4299 Rosewood Dr. Unit 105
Pleasanton, CA 94588
FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 10/19/2020
UNDER FILE NO. 573897
REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):
DR. HELEN CHENG OPTOMETRIST, INC
4299 Rosewood Dr. Unit 105
Pleasanton, CA 94588
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Corporation.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on January 10 2025.
(PLW Feb 21, 28, Mar 7 and 14, 2025)

ZAIB
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 612454

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Zaib, located at 39315 Del Oro Terraza, Fremont, CA 94538, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
SANA KHAN
39315 Del Oro Terraza
Fremont, CA 94538
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 13 2025.
(PLW Feb 21, 28, Mar 7 and 14, 2025)

WESTERN SERVICES AND WESTERN COOLING
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WESTERN COOLING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 612497
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Western Services And Western Cooling

, 2.) Western Services , 3.) Western Cooling , located at 4900 Hopyard Rd, Suite 100 Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
AE3V LLC
4900 Hopyard Road, Suite 100
Pleasanton, CA 94588
State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 14 2025.
(PLW Feb 21, 28, Mar 7 and 14, 2025)

HOPEWELL EDUCATION
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 612255

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) HOPEWELL EDUCATION , located at 46132 Warm Springs Blvd., Ste 101, Fremont, CA 94539, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 5260 Montiano Court, Dublin, CA 94568.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
HOPEWELL ACADEMY, LLC
5260 Montiano Court
Dublin, CA 94568
State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 04 2025.
(PLW Feb 14, 21, 28 and Mar 7, 2025)

NAKED BEAU-TY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 612416

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) NAKED BEAU-TY , located at 22505 Center Street Hayward, CA 94541, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
JEANEEN BULLARD
22505 Center Street
Hayward, CA 94541
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 10 2025.
(PLW Feb 21, 28, Mar 7 and 14, 2025)

LIFE 'N LEMONS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 611451

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Life 'N Lemons , located at 3225 Internet Common Unit 1000, Fremont, CA, 94538, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ANKITA ARUN PISE
3225 Internet Common Unit 1000
Fremont, CA, 94538
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/10/2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 26 2024.
(PLW Feb 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

PRIMATE DEPOT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 612415

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) PRIMATE DEPOT , located at 6256 Escallonia Ct. Newark, CA, 94560, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
JUSTIN KWON
6256 Escallonia Ct
Newark, CA, 94560
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/10/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 10 2025.
(PLW Feb 21, 28, Mar 7 and 14, 2025)

SIRENE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 612065
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Sirene , located at 3308 Grand Ave Oakland, CA 94610, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
MAMA BIRD LLC
3308 Grand Ave
Oakland, CA 94610
State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 28 2025.
(PLW Feb 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

REMOTE STAFFING NETWORK
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 612028

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Remote Staffing Network , located at 36163 Ruschin Drive, Newark, CA 94560, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
VIRTUAL ASSISTANT TALENT LLC
36163 Ruschin Drive
Newark, CA 94560
State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 27 2025.
(PLW Feb 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

YOGITA'S KITCHEN
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 611449

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Yogita's Kitchen , located at 5601, Sterling st, Dublin CA 94568, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
YOGITA KULKARNI
5601 Sterling st
Dublin CA 94568
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/14/2022
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 24 2024.
(PLW Jan 31, Feb 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

SUDCITY DETAIL
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 612013

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) SudCity Detail , located at 17349 Via Alamos San Lorenzo CA 94580, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
SERGIO GARCIA
17349 Via Alamos
San Lorenzo CA 94580
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 24 2025.
(PLW Jan 31, Feb 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

FIVE STAR FLOORS AND LEVELING SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 612069

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Five Star Floors And Leveling Services , located at 6398 Dougherty Rd Unit 20 Dublin, CA 94546, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ERIC ROSS
6398 Dougherty Rd. Unit 20
Dublin, CA 94546
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 28 2025.
(PLW Feb 14, 21, 28 and Mar 7, 2025)

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MECHANIC KING AUTO REPAIR
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 611689

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Mechanic King Auto Repair, located at 3687 Old Santa Rita Rd #14, Pleasanton CA, 94588, ALAMEDA County. Mailing Address: 3630 Andrews Dr #310, Pleasanton, CA 94588.

This business is conducted by: a Joint Venture.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
JIHAD ALKHOURY
3687 Old Santa Rita Rd #14 Pleasanton CA, 94588
IBRAHIM JAD ALKHOURY
3687 Old Santa Rita Rd #14 Pleasanton CA, 94588
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/02/25
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 08 2025.
(PLW Jan 31, Feb 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

BLUE SKY PSYCHIATRY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 611835

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Blue Sky Psychiatry, located at 2199 Manzanita Dr Oakland, CA 94611, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 2930 Domingo Ave., #218 Berkeley, CA 94705.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
MINDY WERNER-CROHN MD INC
2930 Domingo Ave., #218 Berkeley, CA 94705
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/1/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 16 2025.
(PLW Feb 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

ACCELERATE REVENUE SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 611905

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Accelerate Revenue Services, located at 2226 Kamp Ct, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
BLASCHKA VENTURES INC.
2226 Kamp Ct.
Pleasanton, CA 94588
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/22/2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 21 2025.
(PLW Jan 31, Feb 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

P-TOWN PROPERTIES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 611832

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) P-TOWN PROPERTIES, located at 3072 Alumni Court Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 101 E Vineyard Ave, Ste 119-129, Livermore, CA 94550.

This business is conducted by: a Married Couple.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

ERIKA TORQUEMADA
101 E Vineyard Ave, Ste 119-129 Livermore, CA 94550
H.BRUCE TORQUEMADA
101 E Vineyard Ave, Ste 119-129 Livermore, CA 94550
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 16 2025.
(PLW Feb 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

Case No.: 25CV109604
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Yekaterina Korolyova filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
YEKATERINA KOROLYOVA to KATERINA ZAKI

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: 05/30/2025, 9:30am, dept 514 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA, 94544. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: 02/06/2025
Thomas Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Feb 14, 21, 28 and Mar 7, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY

Case No.: 25CV106127
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: IAN MANUEL DOMINGO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
IAN MANUEL DOMINGO to IAN MANUEL SORIANO

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: MAY 9, 2025, 9:30AM, SUPERIOR of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA located at 224 W WINTON AVE #208, HAYWARD, CA 94544.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: JANUARY 13, 2025
THOMAS NIXON
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Jan 31, Feb 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

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Entertainment

INTERNATIONAL GUITAR NIGHT 25TH ANNIVERSARY For the 25th anniversary tour, Brian Gore has assembled a lineup of exciting new guitarists making their U.S. debuts to join one of International Guitar Night's all-time favorites. 8 p.m., Feb. 21. Tickets \$25-\$70. Visit livermorearts.org.

CREATURES OF IMPULSE - FACE-OFF Watch as local Bay Area improv teams compete against Creatures of Impulse in this pro wrestling themed run of shows with an interactive format that gives the audience a chance to win prizes. 7 p.m., Feb. 21-22; 2 p.m., Feb. 22. Tickets \$8-\$13. Visit firehousearts.org.

SHAKESPEARE IN HARLEM SPARC Theater will host a play reading of Shakespeare in Harlem. Free and suitable for ages 12 and older. 7 p.m., Feb. 22. SPARC Studio. Reserve a ticket at sparctheater.org.

AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING WITH GENERAL GEORGE S. PATTON General George S. Patton Jr. was at once an iconoclast, a visionary, a rebel and a controversial figure who played a vital part in helping the United States Army win the Second World War. James Armstead portrays the general. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Feb. 27. Firehouse Arts Center. For tickets visit museumonmain.org.

RITA RUDNER AT THE BANKHEAD This seasoned comedian knows how to find the humor in the everyday and then turn it all on its head in her show. 8 p.m., Feb. 28. Tickets \$65-\$95. Visit livermorearts.org.

THE SUN KINGS - A BEATLES TRIBUTE The Sun Kings are not a traditional Beatles tribute band and their performance is unique among the many theatrical tributes today delivering the most energetic, note-for-note instrumental and vocal performances of The Beatles music. 7:30 p.m., Feb. 28. Visit firehousearts.org.

DAN NICHOLS AT CONGREGATION BETH EMEK Join for the biggest musical event of the year with Dan Nichols, one of the foremost composers of new Jewish music. His beautiful melodies and lyrics are matched by his powerhouse performance style and superb musicianship. 7 p.m., March 1. \$20 general, \$10 youth 5-17, 4 and under free.

CARLOS REYES AT THE FIREHOUSE A world-renowned musician whose mastery of both the violin and harp has dazzled audiences across the globe, Reyes is known for breaking musical barriers blending classical, jazz, rock and Latin styles into a unique and enthralling sound. 7:30 p.m., March 1. Tickets \$31-\$41. Visit firehousearts.org.

RONNIE BAKER BROOKS Award-winning blues rock guitarist, songwriter and vocalist Ronnie Baker Brooks will celebrate the release of his album, Blues In My DNA, with a live performance at the Almost Famous Wine

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Company. 7:30 p.m., March 1. Tickets \$33.85-\$59.47. 2271 S. Vasco Road, Livermore.

DON GIOVANNI Livermore Valley Opera Presents Mozart's masterful tragicomedy which revolves around Giovanni's amorous escapades as he strives to feed his wanton desires while avoiding those who seek to expose him and bring him to justice. March 1-2 and 8-9. Tickets \$25-\$110. Visit livermorearts.org.

Scholarships

COMMUNITY OF CHARACTER SCHOLARSHIPS High School seniors attending Pleasanton Unified School District schools may apply for the annual Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarship. \$1,000 scholarships recognize students who have a strong record of civic engagement and have demonstrated exceptional character. Deadline Feb. 24. Visit communityofcharacter.org.

PEDROZZI SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN The 2025 Pedrozzi Scholarship applications are open with eligibility to students of all ages who are either graduating or have graduated from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. Scholarship awards will be a minimum of \$1,000 per year, renewable for up to four years. Deadline Feb. 28. Visit pedrozzifoundation.org.

ALAN HU FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP 2025 Alan Hu Foundation Scholarships for up to \$1,000 will be awarded to high school seniors from Dublin, Livermore, and Pleasanton Unified School Districts whose college majors and career aspirations support mental health. Deadline March 9. Visit alanhufoundation.org/scholarship.

ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF AMADOR VALLEY SCHOLARSHIP The Assistance League of Amador Valley is providing 4 scholarships to help cover the cost of tuition, books and supplies for current residents of Pleasanton, Livermore or Dublin. Deadline March 17. Visit assistanceleague.org/amador-valley/

AVSI SCHOLARSHIPS Amador Valley Scholarships, Inc. (AVSI) awards scholarships to graduating seniors from Amador, Foothill and Village High Schools who will be continuing their education at a vocational/technical school, community college or four-year college or university. Deadline March 21. Visit amadorvalleyscholarshipsinc.org.

ROTARY CLUB HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS The Rotary Club of Pleasanton invites high school seniors who are graduating from any Pleasanton High School or are home schooled to apply for its more than \$50,000 of scholarships to be awarded in 2025. Deadline March 31. Apply through a school counselor or visit pleasantonrotary.org.

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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Dec. 2-6 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin.

Pleasanton

- 4111 Amberwood Circle** Lee Living Trust to M. & V. Murugesan for \$925,000
- 5406 Black Avenue** Horner Trust to S. Leung for \$800,000
- 5436 Black Avenue** J. Zhu to I. & J. Burns for \$875,000
- 1882 Brooktree Way** Patton Family Trust to J. & S. Guo for \$1,750,000
- 6905 Corte Madrid** Burton Family Trust to Jain S & P Family Trust for \$2,100,000
- 4803 Del Valle Parkway** Poddar Family Trust to D. & A. Thulasinathan for \$1,700,000
- 3929 Fairlands Drive** Garrett Family Trust to Parekh Family Trust for \$1,870,000
- 3151 Gach Court #5911** M. Murphy to W. & M. Lin for \$1,475,000
- 4993 Hillcrest Way** Griswell Family Trust to Liu & Nan Family Trust for \$1,550,000
- 3840 Northwood Court** Maduell Trust to P. & S. Rajagopalan for \$1,960,000
- 406 Oak Lane** W. Burns to R. & N. Asgharnia for \$1,950,000
- 2182 Tanager Court** Wallem Family Trust to F. & G. Ranganath for \$2,300,000
- 3732 Thistle Way** A. Shinde to L. Ye for \$825,000

Livermore

- 257 Albatross Avenue** N. Failing to D. Deluna for \$975,000
- 1105 Baltusrol Court** Halfon Family Trust to P. Dastmalchi for \$1,415,000
- 774 Del Norte Drive** Mittel-Chan Trust to H. & M. Bist for \$995,000
- 283 Donner Avenue** A. & E. Rice to A. Asbe for \$825,000
- 4374 Emory Way #2** Phillips Trust to Ikonik Property Holdings LLC for \$1,125,000

- 4133 Florida Court** M. Costella to Carhart Living Trust for \$1,380,000
- 3956 Inverness Common** Foss Trust to C. & M. Ayoub for \$1,000,000
- 503 Lorren Way** T. Wang to X. Wu for \$1,198,000
- 1985 Paseo Laguna Seco** K. Sawyer to Neal-Joslin R & R Living Trust for \$575,000
- 5361 Rainflower Drive** C. Priebe to A. & J. Cervantes for \$895,000
- 3048 Rodeo Lane** Armbruster Trust to A. & K. Rizwani for \$1,300,500
- 735 Sunset Drive** Robert Living Trust to J. & W. Zhang for \$930,000
- 681 Via Del Sol** R. & D. Wood to K. & R. Hundal for \$1,540,000
- 1279 Vienna Street** Helping Homes Ca LLC to R. & V. Saraswathamma for \$1,184,000
- 1854 Warsaw Avenue** L. & D. Didonato to A. & A. Tamayo for \$1,380,000
- 961 Wynn Circle** M. & H. Sanchez to Wall Family Trust for \$1,610,000

Dublin

- 4198 Clarinbridge Circle** J. Li to N. & T. Joseph for \$860,000
- 4239 Clarinbridge Circle** T. Xia to K. & S. Sigamani for \$850,000
- 3275 Dublin Boulevard #317** Bradley Trust to K. Meshram for \$693,000
- 5862 El Dorado Lane** J. Wu to Opendoor Property Trust for \$1,439,000
- 11718 Los Ranchitos Court** P. Esquivel to J. Pagano for \$1,350,000
- 7409 Rolling Hills Circle** E. & M. Sanchez to S. & A. Vishnunamboothiri for \$1,050,000
- 5862 Silver Place** Brookfield Abbey LLC to Y. & J. Low for \$1,251,000
- 5862 Silver Place** Brookfield Abbey LLC to M. & H. Yuan for \$1,283,000

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