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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Hall of Famers

As part of Women's History Month this March, the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame singled out some of the most impactful female leaders of industry and service for induction into its class of 2025.

Three local women were among the new Hall of Famers announced on March 21: Bisa Grant in the Non-Traditional Careers category, Monya Lane for Science, Technology & Engineering, and Jennifer Pett-Ridge for Environment.

Most recognizable among this Tri-Valley trio is Lane, the retired Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory scientist and administrator (who still holds the distinction of being the only woman to ever serve as its associate director of engineering) who now leads the Quest Science Center in Livermore.

"For me, this recognition as CEO of Quest Science Center represents our collaborative Quest team," Lane told me by email Tuesday.

"We creatively provide people of all ages and backgrounds with opportunities to engage with science and technology in our lives and region, and realize their potential to become innovators and trailblazers too," she said. "At Quest, everyone belongs, especially those who haven't had such role models before — so this honor as a woman leader is particularly appreciated."

Like Lane, Grant is among eight top executives in the class of 2025. The Dublin resident leads ANCHOR, a municipal construction and project management company.

"Being in this role comes with its share of challenges, setbacks and moments of doubt. What many don't see are the long nights, the sacrifices, and the relentless effort put in behind the scenes. That's why it means so much to be recognized and appreciated by the community," Grant told me Tuesday afternoon.

"To be honored alongside such remarkable women — and to follow in the footsteps of those who came before — reminds me that we're not alone in this journey. We're in it together, and we're all committed to doing the work," she added. "It's both empowering and refreshing to witness fellow innovators carving



Bisa Grant



Monya Lane



Jennifer Pett-Ridge

out space and leaving their mark."

Pett-Ridge, group leader for environmental isotope systems at LLNL, told me she was "hugely flattered" but a bit surprised to see her name among a list of inductees she figured would be reserved for CEOs, athletes and big names.

"But also for an environmental scientist who studies 'dirt'? How cool is that!" she said Monday. "It's wonderful to know that our county values its research/scientific professionals, and that there is a dedicated category for the environment."

"It feels so good to be noticed right here at home, especially when I spend much of my time travelling around the country (and the world), giving talks about my group's results in faraway places," Pett-Ridge added. "I'm so honored to be recognized among a group of other amazingly accomplished women. It shows there are many paths to an impactful and fulfilling career — I hope young people, and especially young girls, get to hear that message."

The class of 2025 also includes Melanie Dulbecco, CEO of Torani (Business & Professions); Diane Wong, executive director of J-SEI (Community Service); Lori Fogarty, director and CEO of the Oakland Museum of California (Culture & Art); and Renee Herzfeld, CEO of Community Child Care Council of Alameda County (Education).

The remaining inductees are Maithri Venkat, manager of battery cell engineering at Lucid Motors Inc. (Emerging Leaders); Anne Bakar, president and CEO of Telecare Corp. (Health); Bella Comelo, member of the San Leandro Senior Commission (Justice); Brandi Howard, president and CEO of East Bay Community Foundation (Philanthropy); and Tiffany Allen-Vargas, founder of Tri City Athletic Center (Sports & Athletics).

The Tri-Valley is represented among the six winners of the Hall's youth scholarships too, by Dublin High School's Jasmith Levey Baskar.

The scholarship winners and the Hall of Fame inductees will be honored during a luncheon ceremony at The Club at Castlewood in Pleasanton on April 26. ■

About the Cover

Nearly 50 years after it opened in San Ramon in 1976, The Golden Skate rink continues to draw roller skaters from across the Bay Area for its popular adult recreational hours Wednesday evenings. Photo by Jeanita Lyman. Cover design by Doug Young. Vol. XXVI, Number 9



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Simeen Johal, with Blue
Mom

Finance and investments. I just don't have a good mind for math and numbers. My strong suits lie elsewhere. So I let my wonderful husband deal with money matters and our finances.



Carrie Gilbert
Comic

I don't care at all about the Marvel Cinematic Universe, aka the MCU, and I feel quite alone in that respect. I can think of hundreds of topics that are more interesting to me than superheroes, their origin stories and their exploits. Musicals, March Madness and Mike Myers are examples of M-words that interest me, unlike the MCU.



Mark Mullaney, with Harper
Retired

I don't care a bit about social media. I believe in old-fashioned values, like keeping up with people in person or picking up the phone. I'm not interested in seeing all of the "showy" stuff people post because most of it is staged. I don't have any FOMO (fear of missing out).



Justin Lianides, with Theo
Civil engineer

Artificial intelligence (AI).



Linnea Lianides, with Tumbo
Ecologist

Botox and fillers. I think they make people look so artificial. I prefer the idea of aging naturally and earning my every wrinkle.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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'Navigating Change'

The Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance is holding its Anti-Poverty Collaborative program "Navigating Change: Immigrant Stories, Challenges and Policy Impacts," next Thursday (April 3) at the Rosewood Commons Conference Center in Pleasanton.

Featured speakers will include Julia Raifman, director of Community Assessment, Planning, and Evaluation (CAPE) for Alameda County, and Lydia Sinkus, immigration defense attorney with Alameda County. There will also be a panel discussion with Regina Garcia (CAPE Head Start), Lupita Barattino (La Familia), Vivian Wan (Abode Services) and John Bost (Open Heart Kitchen).

"We believe that understanding immigrant experiences and the policies affecting them is critical for fostering a compassionate and inclusive community," said Kathy Young, CEO of TVNPA. "This event is designed to empower our community leaders and advocates with actionable insights."

To register for the free event, visit tvnpa.org.

Women's Championship

The Caledonian Club of San Francisco recently announced that its 159th annual Scottish Highland Gathering & Games at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton over Labor Day weekend will include the 2025 Women's Scottish Heavy Athletics World Championships.

Bringing the women's competition back to the Bay for the first time since 2023 means that the 2025 Scottish Games will feature both the best female and male heavy sports athletes in the world.

"The participation of women in Scottish heavy athletics gained in popularity in the latter part of the 20th century," said Tom Kincaid, Scottish Games heavy athletics chairperson. "And this year, visitors to the Pleasanton games can enjoy two top-tier competitions at once — the 2025 Women's World Championship and the Men's and Women's 49th U.S. Scottish Heavy Athletics Championships!"

Passover Family Day

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews is holding its Passover Family Day event this Sunday (March 30) from 10:30 a.m. to noon at its Jewish Culture School in Pleasanton.

Inviting all people "to experience the joy of Passover traditions with a modern, secular twist ... This event is open to all families, and is designed to highlight the values of Jewish culture — community, learning, and connection — while maintaining an inclusive, non-religious environment," organizers said.

RSVP is requested due to limited space. Contact culturaljews@gmail.com or 925-399-8029. ■

Tensions stay high as settlement stalls between county, Castlewood board

Association opposes owners taking on more debt to rescue service area's operating budget

By TIM HUNT

The board of the Castlewood Property Owners Association made its position clear to members attending an association meeting Tuesday evening: Vote No when Alameda County distributes ballots on taking on debt.

The association has been locked into negotiations with the county since filing suit last year contending that the county violated provisions of Proposition 218 after imposing a \$7,000 debt on each property to cover a shortfall in the county

service area's operating budget.

The supervisors, at their regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, considered a settlement with the association, but did not report any actions after the closed-door session. The association and its legal counsel already had signed off on the settlement. Shawn Wilson, chief of staff for Supervisor David Haubert, emailed that there was no reportable action taken, and the association's lawyer did not hear back from the county legal staff.

With no announcement of action by the supervisors, it calls the

county's scheduled meeting April 3 into question. The agenda mailed to property owners includes a full financial breakdown, a description of the Prop 218 process and an open forum for questions and answers.

The draft settlement calls for the county to follow the mandated Prop 218 process, association vice-president Mike Mitchell explained Tuesday evening to homeowners. If 55% of the homeowners vote No, then the assessment is dead. If the measure is not rejected by that margin, it will take effect with each

household responsible for \$7,000.

Moving forward, both sides want to reform the association into either its own community service district that will elect its own officers and then contract for management services, or annex into the city of Pleasanton.

In either case, one provision that will be debated heavily is how much of the property taxes that go to the county will instead be provided to the new association. Mitchell, who presented and handled most of the

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CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Alameda County Fairgrounds will no longer house horses at its stables leaving trainers — and employees of the stables — scrambling to figure out their next moves professionally and personally.

Horses, trainers vacate stables at fairgrounds in Pleasanton

County, fair leaders commit to helping families who face housing insecurity due to loss of jobs

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Stabling at the Alameda County Fairgrounds is officially no more as of Tuesday, following weeks of back and forth between fair officials and county leaders who were looking for ways to keep horses at the site for at least a couple more months.

Even though the horses and their trainers had to vacate the site by midnight on Tuesday, an advisory from the California Horse Racing Board, County

Supervisor David Haubert and Fairgrounds CEO Jerome Hoban said they were committed to helping families who live at the fairgrounds but are now facing displacement due to the loss of their stabling jobs.

"The Alameda County Fair and Bernal Park Racing made every effort to find a path forward for continued stabling and training in Pleasanton," Hoban said. "While we are disappointed in this outcome, we remain committed to supporting those

affected by this transition."

The California Association of Racing Fairs, the joint-powers authority that conducts business activity with fair associations and also represents the horse racing industry in the state, announced in January it was not going to pursue any horse racing meets this year, including at the summer fair in Pleasanton.

CARF had rallied to try to put together a full year of racing

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Council reacts to East Lakes concept

Size, housing types, El Charro extension key to debate

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton City Council had a lengthy discussion last week regarding the East Lakes housing project that is being planned for development in East Pleasanton, with members expressing differing outlooks on age restriction and number of units, among other aspects of the proposal.

While the March 18 discussion was solely focused on the council providing feedback for the project applicant — SteelWave LLC, a San Mateo-based real estate developer — to consider as it gets set to submit a formal project application within the next two to three months, the council remained almost evenly split on keeping the project's current preferred plan to build 697 units that includes a mix of housing types and unit sizes.

Mayor Jack Balch said he couldn't support the project being 100% age-restricted — meaning it would only house seniors — and that SteelWave should at least analyze the environmental impacts of building the 697 units of mixed housing.

"I personally can't imagine this being 100% senior-restricted," Balch said. "This project put forward by the applicant, not saying

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Stampede headed for downtown Livermore

New restaurant to take over former Buffalo Wild Wings location this summer

By JUDE STRZEMP

A country-themed restaurant and entertainment venue is on track to open downtown Livermore this summer, following unanimous approval of its launch by the city's Planning Commission.

Set to open at the previous site of Buffalo Wild Wings at 1790 First St., Stampede will serve rustic American cuisine with an extensive menu of drinks. Entertainment will include country line dancing, live music, trivia nights, karaoke, mechanical bull riding and private events.

Stampede hopes to begin operations in time for the Livermore Rodeo, set to take place the second weekend in June.

"By introducing a country bar that embraces Livermore's Western history, we will help diversify the nightlife and create an inviting space for both longtime residents and visitors, further enhancing the

city's appeal," Stampede representative Kylene Hill said at the March 18 Planning Commission meeting.

The family-owned business received support from both public commenters and all five commissioners.

"This is something Livermore has needed for a while," Commissioner Jacob Anderson said. "I actually never thought that we'd be able to get this downtown because of space — space for dancing and restaurant and all that — and to find a location to be able to do that with a local family is extremely exciting."

However Marty Hernandez, owner of Tri Valley Car Care located across the street from the future site of Stampede, submitted a letter to the commission expressing concern regarding parking.

"I am deeply concerned about how the lack of parking for this new business's patrons will impact

my business and my Property," Hernandez wrote. "I already have issues with restaurant and theater patrons taking up parking spots in my lot, and this will only add to the problem."

Customers will have many options for parking, including the lot behind the building, South L Street, First Street, as well as the future L Street Parking Garage, Hill responded. The business will also incorporate regular sweeps of local parking when neighboring businesses are closed, to request customers move any vehicles if parked on non-public spots.

Additionally, the greatest volume of customers are expected when nearby businesses are shutting down for the evening, which will make for more available parking.

"We support the enforcement of local ordinance that allows owners to call and have any unauthorized



JUDE STRZEMP

Stampede, a family-owned bar and grill, is set to take over the previous location of Buffalo Wild Wings this summer, following approval by the Livermore Planning Commission at the March 18 meeting.

vehicles towed from their property," Hill added.

The commissioners were satisfied with the new business' parking situation.

"I feel very comfortable with there

being a plan going forward with planning around parking, making it accessible without the parking garage, until that has been constructed," Commissioner Charity Steele said. ■

New York company acquires Vallecitos Nuclear Center

NorthStar will look to restore Sunol site for potential 'commercial or industrial purposes'

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

A demolition and wrecking contractor based in New York has recently acquired a local nuclear center in Sunol and is planning on decontaminating and restoring the site for future commercial or industrial use.

NorthStar Group Services, Inc. announced in a March 14 press release that it closed on an agreement with international power alliance GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy to take ownership of the Vallecitos Nuclear

Center in Sunol for "nuclear decontamination, decommissioning, and environmental site restoration."

The 1,600-acre facility — located on Highway 84 between interstates 580 and 680 — used to operate as an electricity-generating nuclear power plant more than 60 years ago and had remained open as a nuclear research center, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

"Our team has developed deep experience in the safe and efficient decontamination, decommissioning,

and restoration of former nuclear reactor sites across the country, including the successful implementation of NRC License Termination Plans at five other research reactor sites nationwide," said Scott State, PE., NorthStar CEO. "We appreciate GEH's recognition of our expertise and the trust in our abilities this deal represents."

GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy first announced its intent to sell the nuclear center back in May 2023. Its CEO, Jay Wileman, stated in a press release at the time, "By transferring

the site to a recognized decommissioning expert like NorthStar, we can continue meeting our near-term requirements while maintaining focus on our core business product lines."

According to Northstar's recent press release, the company has been on site since 2023 continuing the work that was recently started by GE Hitachi. In November 2023, the company removed the Vallecitos Boiling Water Reactor and shipped it to be safely disposed of at a waste control facility in Texas.

"The VBWR was the first privately owned and operated nuclear power plant to deliver significant quantities of electricity to a public utility grid, along with several other test reactors, laboratories and hot cell facilities located on the

site," the company stated.

Some of the other work to be done at the nuclear center includes disposal of "additional low-level radioactive waste from the Vallecitos decommissioning."

While the Weekly has not heard back from multiple requests for comments from NorthStar in regards to what could be developed at the site in the future, the company alluded to potentially reusing the land for commercial or industrial purposes.

"Under the parties' decommissioning completion agreement, NorthStar's efforts will restore the Vallecitos complex to conditions suitable for productive reuse for other commercial or industrial purposes," according to the NorthStar press release. ■

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Three familiar businesses on Old First face displacement

New building owner not renewing leases; relists commercial spaces to match market rate

By JUDE STRZEMP

Three longtime businesses on Old First Street in Livermore may be displaced this summer, following a change in their property's ownership late last year.

Impacted businesses would include Tri-Valley Cobbler, J & R Sports Supply and Pierson's Livermore Auto Stereo, which occupy the three-tenant center at 2558 Old First St.

Following resale of the building in late 2024, Tri-Valley Cobbler owner Danny Chappell said he received a letter announcing he could not renew his lease after the

current one ends July 31.

A company called 2558 Old First Street Partners, LLC purchased the site from Jali LLC, according to the Alameda County Assessor's Office. The change of ownership was recognized by the office, Dec. 4.

"They own the building, there's not much I can do about it," Chappell said. "I can beg and cry and beg 'em, but it's not going to do any good. We were all just hoping we could carry on, but it doesn't always work that way."

The property had been on the market since June 2024, according to a closed listing on Loopnet, a website for commercial real estate

leasing and sales.

Built in 1975, the property was listed as having "Redevelopment/Releasing Opportunity". It also stated that the retail space is rented at "well below market rent" or one-third the going-rate in the area.

The new owner doesn't plan on renewing the leases of the existing tenants, city officials confirmed.

The three retail spaces were listed as available starting Aug. 1, 2025 on Showcase, a website for commercial real estate rental and sale. Each of the units — 1,750 square feet, 2,200 square

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DANNY CHAPPELL

Tri-Valley Cobbler is among the tenants affected by the resale of a commercial building at 2558 Old First St.

City adopts water funding rationale ahead of rate talks

Staff say plan will prioritize most critical projects, defer some infrastructure rehabilitation

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton City Council unanimously voted earlier this month to support city staff's implementation of a funding scenario for the city's water enterprise fund that city leaders called a crucial step in the overall water rate-setting process.

The "enhance" scenario was one

of three that were introduced to the council during a March 4 special council meeting as part of a water enterprise financial analysis. According to staff, the analysis outlined multiple funding scenarios to establish a "financial framework for prioritizing and funding critical water infrastructure projects that will meet the City's immediate and

future water system needs."

"With an aging water system, rising costs, and new regulatory requirements, we are taking a thoughtful, strategic approach to setting water rates," Mayor Jack Balch said in a March 12 press release.

The last time the city raised those rates was toward the end of 2023

after a series of contentious council meetings. The first water rate increase was 30% in 2024 and the second increase of 12% just took effect this past January.

Since 2023, the city has been working on a systematic approach to planning the future of its water system, according to the press release. The financial plan analysis,

the city states, is the first of three steps in the city's rate-setting process.

Back in September, the city selected Water Resources Economics, LLC to conduct water and sewer rate and connection fee studies as part of that first step.

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Person airlifted after medical emergency at Brushy Peak

LPRD provided aid before helicopter crew flew patient to trauma center

By JEREMY WALSH

Tri-Valley firefighters and a helicopter paramedic crew rescued a person who experienced a medical emergency in Brushy Peak Regional Preserve on Saturday morning.

The situation unfolded just before 9 a.m. Saturday (March 22), with the initial call coming in for a medical emergency in the area of North Vasco and Los Vaqueros roads in rural unincorporated north Livermore, according to Livermore-Pleasanton

Firefighters Local 1974.

As Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Engine Co. 98 were responding, additional information about the patient and observations by firefighters led authorities to determine the incident was within Brushy Peak, which is managed by East Bay Regional Park District, according to the union.

Two more fire engine crews, a battalion chief unit and a medical helicopter were called to the area, as was an off-road vehicle to assist

in locating the person in distress, according to Local 1974

“Firefighters provided advanced life support medical care until the helicopter arrived to assume care and transport the patient to the local trauma center,” Local 1974 officials said in a post on Facebook. “We take great pride in the service we provide to our community.”

Additional details about the circumstances of the medical emergency and the patient’s status were not available as of Sunday afternoon. ■



COURTESY IAFF LOCAL 1974

Livermore-Pleasanton firefighters and other first responders prepare a patient to be airlifted after a medical emergency in Brushy Peak Regional Preserve north of Livermore last Saturday.

FAIRGROUNDS

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in 2025 following the closing of Golden Gate Fields — the horse racing track in Berkeley that had typically hosted these horse meets — late last year.

It had previously been the organization’s intent to make Pleasanton the new hub for horse racing in Northern California, but according to members of the Alameda County Fair Association, millions of dollars had been lost just trying to rescue Bay Area horse racing with last fall’s Golden State Racing meet in Pleasanton, which made it

difficult for the annual fair circuit to even continue.

“We spent a total of over \$5 million dollars to try to save horseracing in Northern California,” Fair Association Board Member Chuck Moore said to the county during a Alameda County Ad Hoc Agricultural Fair Association Committee on March 18.

During that ad hoc committee meeting, members of the fair provided the county with updates not just on the future of horse racing, but on the effect the racetrack closure would have on families who work for the trainers and depend on horses being there at the

fairgrounds because taking care of horses is their entire jobs.

“We are workers at the Pleasanton racetrack in the Alameda County Fairgrounds and are going to lose our job/income and our homes,” racetrack workers who are affected by the shuttering of horse racing at the fairgrounds stated in a Jan. 28 letter obtained by the Weekly.

The letter included almost 200 signatures of people who worked at the racetrack as stable guards, maintenance workers, groomers and many other positions that are impacted by the closure of the racetrack.

Shawn Wilson, Haubert’s chief of staff, told the Weekly on Tuesday that while he has heard that nobody from the RV park located inside the fairgrounds is being evicted, there is still the issue of families who might be displaced because their main form of income is going away.

“Our children go to school here and we just packed up and moved in June 2024 to start our new lives with stability. We purchased trailers, invested in the local community and pay taxes to the city of Pleasanton and Alameda County,” the Jan. 28 letter further stated. “We feel that we are being treated unfairly and given an unreasonable amount of time to pivot our lives.”

Hoban said the fairgrounds is going to continue to work with the county and other local agencies like CityServe of the Tri-Valley, Winners Foundation and Racetrack of America to “provide support and connect the affected families with available resources.”

“Our housing staff is working with the city of Pleasanton’s housing staff as well as City Serve to provide resources to those affected,” Wilson told the Weekly on Tuesday.

According to fair officials, there are about 120 people and 45 RVs on the fairgrounds involved with horse racing — other guests who stay in the RV park are not included in that number.

Wilson added that the county has been working with the Pleasanton Unified School District to “ensure the students remain in school.”

A fairgrounds spokesperson pointed to a previous statement made by PUSD director of communications Patrick Gannon where he said even though the district couldn’t say how many families are affected by the racetrack closure, those families who are affected and might have to move will still have the option to continue in the district through the end of the school year, even if they move out of Pleasanton.

“All efforts to reverse or extend horse racing in Alameda County have been exhausted — today was the deadline,” Pleasanton City Councilmember Julie Testa said after attending a liaison meeting where the city received an update from the fair board Monday. “Some families with children in school may stay until the end of the school year, but the horses will not.”

During the March 18 committee meeting between county and the fair association, county leaders like Haubert and Supervisor Nate Miley attempted to work out different

scenarios where they could all work together in extending the stabling contract at least throughout the dry season to give those families more time to get their ducks in a row.

However, as per Sunday’s advisory regarding stabling at the fairgrounds, none of those plans ever came to fruition.

“Please be aware that as of March 25 at midnight, Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton will no longer be an approved auxiliary training facility of Santa Anita Park,” the advisory states. “The agreement between the Southern Stabling and Vanning Committee (TOC and the southern tracks), the California Authority of Racing Fairs, and the Alameda County Fair will end on that date.”

One of the main pushbacks for continuing to have horses at the fairgrounds came from the fair association during the March 18 meeting where Hoban and other fair board members told the county the fairground’s wastewater issues.

According to the fair association, the fairgrounds’ wastewater was found out of compliance with local discharge regulations. That the runoff water with high levels of pollution led to various notices from agencies like the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board that needed to be addressed by the fair.

But in order to address the facility’s longstanding regulatory wastewater and stormwater discharge problems and achieve compliance with those regulations, fair board members said the horses needed to be gone. ■

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feet and 3,000 square feet — are listed at \$22.00 per square foot. For the whole building the price per square foot is offered at \$20. As of March 18, the listing was no longer active.

The price per square foot has grown to about double the current rate Chappell pays for Tri-Valley Cobbler.

Under his current lease, Chappell

pays about \$10.80 per square foot, but almost everywhere else in Livermore, commercial spaces cost about \$22 per square foot, he said.

Chappell may relocate Tri-Valley Cobbler if everything, including an available rental space, falls into place. Assuming a cost of \$22 per square foot, Tri-Valley cobbler would need to downsize to a space 800 square feet or smaller to maintain a similar monthly rent.

So far, Chappell has received offers from Livermore community

members regarding available retail space in the city.

“We’re in communication with the building owner’s representative and encouraging them to provide relocation assistance to the existing tenants,” city of Livermore spokesperson Stephanie Egidio told Livermore Vine.

A representative from Pierson’s Auto Stereo declined to comment on the situation and management at J & R Sports Supply was not available as of press time. ■

DeSaulnier says now is not the time for ‘sunshine patriots’

‘You have to be engaged,’ Tri-Valley congressman says at packed town hall

BY KATY ST. CLAIR /
BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Congressmember Mark DeSaulnier (D-Walnut Creek) held a town hall meeting last week at a rather subdued crowd at a school gym in Concord, despite the event being filled to capacity.

Politicians across the country have been met with angry constituents for the past few weeks following myriad executive orders and other policy changes put forth by President Donald Trump’s administration in what DeSaulnier referred to March 20 as “flooding the zone”. In short, introduce so many changes so fast that people can’t keep up with them and feel dazed and shocked.

Here in the Bay Area, most all elected politicians are Democrats, so town halls have been filled with people alarmed at things such as possible cuts to Social Security and Medicare, and they want to know what their elected officials plan to do about it.

The town hall was held in the gymnasium at Mt. Diablo High School, with a huge red devil mascot painted on the wall behind the congressman as he spoke.

For most in the room, the “red devil” was Trumpism.

The town hall began with Concord Mayor Carlyn Obringer, who said that Trump and the Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE — run by billionaire Elon Musk — had led to things like freezing \$20.6 million that had already been earmarked for the city to pay for “nonpartisan things like road repair, like tree planting, like replacing our streetlights with LEDs.”

Obringer said she knows federal workers who are being “Dogged”, or

laid off in the estimated 25,000 firings that have occurred. She asked for a show of hands of how many people in the audience worked for the federal government, and multiple hands shot up.

The mayor seemed to hint at using the power of the dollar to fight back against Musk by not buying vehicles from Tesla, a company he serves as CEO for, without explicitly saying so.

“I came here tonight in an electric vehicle. It’s a Nissan Leaf,” she said. “In Concord we have Mach-Es available, Ioniqs at the Ford and Hyundai dealerships,” referring to the electric vehicles made by both companies. “So I just want to encourage folks, let’s use our people power, our dollars, so that we can take back our democracy.”

DeSaulnier began his town hall with 30 minutes of what he and the Democrats are working on or had accomplished, he said, in fighting back the Trump administration, though most of the things he listed as victories took place in the courts, such as pushing back on Trump’s move to end birthright citizenship, giving DOGE access to taxpayer data, and firing federal workers — all of which have been at least temporarily halted.

DeSaulnier, whose district includes much of the Tri-Valley, then addressed questions from the audience that had been written on cards. The first question was from Val and Gloria in Richmond, according to the moderator.

“All our friends are in panic mode. Is there a plan, is there hope?”

DeSaulnier referenced Thomas Jefferson, saying that now is not the time for “sunshine patriots.”

“This is hard,” said DeSaulnier. “You have to be engaged. I talked

about civic engagement, voting, reading your voter’s pamphlet. I think you need to ... express your feelings. You have to do it in a way that doesn’t hurt other people physically.”

He said that “we can be passionate in the streets” and that he’s been down at the Tesla dealership at least three times. The group Indivisible has been coordinating “Tesla Takedowns,” which are protests that have occurred in Vallejo and every Saturday at the Walnut Creek dealership.

“I do it for therapy. I tell people every time I go down there, they ask me to speak. I say, ‘I come back here to realize that there are people who are fighting.’”

DeSaulnier said it is working, because the richest man in the world — Musk — has lost between 20 and 25% of his wealth.

According to Forbes magazine on March 20, Tesla stocks have fallen 52% since December. Musk owns about 12% of Tesla, excluding options, but has pledged more than half of his shares as collateral for personal loans up to \$2.5 billion, Forbes reported. He lost nearly \$23 billion in one day on March 10 after Tesla stocks plummeted.

Another person who gave the name Joel from Concord, asked, “If Trump and the Republicans do not care about the rule of law and consistently break it, what are the consequences? When will the average person use their defying of a judge’s order as president for their reason to break the law?”

To this, DeSaulnier brought up Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr., who broke laws that were unjust.

“We’ve got two models out there

about how you break the law and confront people in a way that wins people over, because you are being strategic,” said DeSaulnier. “You aren’t running around the street, breaking windows and losing people.”

He said that as an elected official he is barred from organizing marches, but he encouraged his constituents to do so, and to get involved with groups like Indivisible, which is a progressive movement formed after the first election of Trump. What he advised against was “attacking each other, then we’re back to the Civil War”.

DeSaulnier said he feels anger and frustration when he is in the House of Representatives and sees what is happening. He also said that he was one of the last members of Congress to be evacuated during the insurrection on Jan. 6, 2021.

“I’m pretty angry and pissed off about what I see,” he said. “We’ve just got to be focused and forceful, and that may require breaking laws, but we’ve got to do it in a way that gets us to our ultimate goal, which is to stop this.”

The questions were all drawn at random, so no questions about attacks on Medicare or Social Security were raised at the town hall — though many in the audience were of retirement age.

DeSaulnier said that everyone who wrote a legible question would get a response from his office later. He also said he has more town halls planned.

“We’ll keep doing these, we’ll do longer ones,” he said, adding that they are looking at holding one at the Concord Pavilion.

“We want to do more, we want to hear from you,” he said. ■

Trial for ex-SRVUSD teacher delayed eighth time

Judge diverted to separate murder case for approximately three months

BY JEANITA LYMAN

The criminal trial in a sex abuse case involving a former San Ramon Valley Unified School District teacher that was set to kick off this week has been delayed for an eighth time.

According to the Contra Costa County District Attorney’s Office, the judge assigned to the Nicholas Moseby case — who is accused of sexual harassment and abuse of multiple students — has been redirected to a murder trial this week, causing yet another delay in Moseby’s trial.

Although the docket currently lists April 2 as the next date for the Moseby trial, spokesperson Ted Asregadoo said that it will likely be

a shorter hearing aimed at setting a new trial date, with the murder trial estimated to last for approximately three months.

Contra Costa County Judge John Kennedy has been assigned to the murder trial against two Antioch men who were previously convicted for a 2015 gang-related shooting in a move that was later overturned by the appeals court in 2023. That trial is set to kick off next Tuesday.

It’s been approximately two and a half years since the office first announced criminal charges against Moseby in September 2022, with the delays so far having been attributed to scheduling obstacles and requests for more time by attorneys for both sides. He has

pleaded not guilty.

Moseby is also facing child sex abuse allegations in a civil case brought against him, the San Ramon Valley Unified School District and multiple administrators, and the San Ramon cheer and tumbling gym NorCal Elites. He has filed a cross-complaint in that case, alleging that he was the target of racist harassment by the anonymous plaintiffs and their parents, calling for the alleged victims to stand as adults, and seeking more than \$750,000 in damages.

According to a recent court filing from attorneys for the plaintiffs, discovery in the civil case can’t begin until after the criminal trial is concluded. ■

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LAVTA awards contract to renew bus service provider

Three-year deal with MV includes increase to wages, new technology standards

By JUDE STRZEMP

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority recently awarded MV Transportation a three-year contract to continue its operation and maintenance of the Wheels fixed route bus system.

Effective this July through June 2028, MV responsibilities also include safety, dispatching, road

supervision and maintenance of LAVTA facilities and vehicles.

The new contract with MV reflects an increase in wages for the existing workforce and includes new standards for technology and innovation, according to an announcement by LAVTA.

LAVTA Board of Directors awarded the contract to MV at its

meeting March 3, in part because it offered the best value cost proposal at current service levels.

"It is clear to me that MV is committed to the workforce, and that commitment set MV apart from the other proposers," said Evan Branning, chair of the LAVTA Board of Directors. "We are excited to extend this partnership

with MV and continue to deliver quality, safe and professional bus service throughout the Tri-Valley."

Founded in 1975, MV has offered transportation services through partnerships with over 200 city and county government transit agencies, school districts, universities and corporations, according to its website. It has

operated Wheels since 2007.

"This contract award builds our partnership with LAVTA and is foundational to MV's footprint in the Bay Area, underscoring MV's proven ability to deliver safe, reliable and efficient fixed route services," MV President and COO Kevin Klika said in a statement. ■

EAST LAKES

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this would be a final one, has seven different types of housing ... we have to stand up and lead our community to provide for the future generations."

Councilmember Julie Testa and Vice Mayor Jeff Nibert, however, said that even though they still support annexing the land into the city, they would have preferred to see the developer's original proposal to the county to build 445 age-restricted units move forward.

"The project that came before that was 100% age-restricted was a really lovely community," Testa said. "It was a really nice plan ... It had so much benefit to the entire Pleasanton community by having less traffic."

Dubbed the East Lakes project, last week's latest update for the residential development application comes a month after the council directed staff to begin the process to annex the project site — along with another large residential development called the Arroyo Lago project.

The two 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.

SteelWave originally submitted an application last June to Alameda 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 — that sought to build 569 residential units exclusively for seniors.

The applicant then submitted a revised preliminary application to the county that reduced the total unit count to 357 single-family, age-restricted homes and 88 age-restricted assisted living units, according to the staff report, for a total of 445 units across 61.6 acres located east of the Arroyo Lago site.

On Feb. 18, the council unanimously voted in favor of moving forward with the process of annexing properties in East Pleasanton. But at the time, the plans for the East Lakes project were not quite finalized.

Although the plans are still not

finalized, SteelWave now has to conduct different environmental impact analyses before returning to the council to present final design plans. The developer brought forward its newest "preferred plan" to the dais on March 18.

Among the total 697 units in the preferred alternative are 490 non-age-restricted, 107 age-restricted and 100 multi-family affordable units. It also includes two parks that are each just under an acre in size.

Those units, according to staff, will also be a mix of for-sale and rental units and will vary in sizes such as single family homes, townhomes and multi-family apartments.

The size of the project was among the project features the council provided feedback on.

Nibert, like Testa, said he didn't understand why the applicant decided to move away from the original proposal submitted to the county.

"The applicant came before the City Council with a, what I consider, beautiful plan of 445 units all together, age-restricted," Nibert said.

He said he was disappointed in the shift from the majority of the council to favor the mixed housing plan, especially after SteelWave director Steve Dunn said during the meeting that one of the reasons the applicant went with its preferred plan was because it heard from certain council members that they wanted to see different options other than the 445-unit age-restricted plan.

Nibert also said he had concerns with the potential traffic impacts that would come if the city decides to move forward with the 697-unit plan in the future, which traffic engineer Mike Tassano said would create more trips in the area.

One major discussion point in regard to traffic that came up during the meeting was the potential plans to extend El Charro Road to Stanley Boulevard, which the city calculated would cost around \$110 million to carry out those road improvements.

"It's definitely needed," Tassano said in regards to the El Charro extension.

If the city were to go with the higher unit count plan for the project, community development director Ellen Clark told the council that there could be cost-sharing options to finance the street improvements and Tassano added that after some calculations, the city could incur \$60 million of those costs. But as Clark pointed out, if the project has a lower unit count it won't be able to help finance the extension project.

"Being able to spread that cost across more units may be beneficial to actually making projects feasible and that cost sharing more bearable overall," Clark said.

That's also one of the reasons why Councilmember Craig Eicher said he wanted the applicant to move forward with conducting environmental analysis for the larger unit count because it could help finance that extension project.

Several residents also agreed that the El Charro extension will be a necessity if the project moves forward, but some also pointed out that the developers still need to work with the community to address other issues such as height of surrounding fencing and the plans to elevate the ground at the site.

"I implore you to recognize that

the east side needs to be developed ... thoughtfully," longtime resident Linda Kelly said during the meeting. "It needs to be developed in conjunction with the cooperation of all parties involved."

The council also gave feedback on building within the Livermore Airport Protection Area but Testa was the only one who expressly opposed it because the original 445-unit proposal did not have plans within that zone.

One aspect the entire council agreed on is that the senior-only area of the larger plan should have a gate. However, Councilmember Matt Gaidos and others on the dais noted that they still want to see other options in the future.

"I'd like to see options ... and what the impact will be on the city," Gaidos said.

He said he agreed with Nibert that the 100% age-restricted plan was preferable but that he is still open to hear other plans as the developer moves forward with analyzing the greater impacts the larger mixed unit plans will have on the city.

Testa maintained her stance throughout the meeting that she would have liked to see the annexation of a smaller plan and even proposed increasing the unit count for the age-restricted only plan if that meant it could help finance the El Charro extension.

She also pointed out that there are other projects throughout the city that will provide housing for other populations who are not senior citizens.

"If the project was 100% age-restricted, of course that would be allowing for housing for vulnerable seniors," Testa added. "We know that seniors are the highest ... growing population of unhoused (people). It's a very vulnerable population."

But Balch said he still wants to see a project that offers housing for more diverse groups of people and that allowing the developer to move forward with analyzing the impacts of the highest number of units will allow for better decision making in the future.

"I would be willing to suffer some traffic challenges if (that means) a firefighter or a teacher could live in my community," Balch said in regard to supporting 15% of the project being age-restricted housing. ■

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WATER RATES

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“This financial planning tool evaluates the city’s financial health and funding needs to achieve a sustainable, reliable water system while meeting operational, maintenance, and capital improvement costs over the next four years,” according to the city’s press release.

The financial plan analysis, which was developed based on the city’s Water System Management Plan (WSMP), included three implementation scenarios that each evaluated “revenue needs, expenses, reserve recommendations, and funding scenarios to determine the funding needed for financial sufficiency.” The WSMP, which the council approved in January, assessed existing water assets, improvements anticipated for the future, and operational and maintenance requirements needed over the next 20 years.

Staff also told the council during the March 4 special meeting

that the analysis also outlined a scenario with no revenue increase, which showed the financial and operational risk of not adjusting water and sewer rates.

“We’ve spent the past two years working to fully understand what’s needed to keep our water system fully operational and ready to meet our future needs,” Balch said. “Now, as we listen to the community, we will work through decisions to cover critical costs, invest in the future, and ensure we provide safe, reliable water to the community.”

During the March 4 special meeting, the council specifically looked at three funding scenarios — including one to stabilize by spreading capital investments evenly over the next 20 years and deferring most projects to rehabilitate infrastructure and one to accelerate by front-loading all water system priority projects within five years.

According to staff, the “stabilize” scenario had an estimated cost of \$63 million over five years while

the “accelerate” scenario, which would have lowered longterm costs but increased short term financial and staff capacity demands, would have cost \$108 million over the same time period.

After reviewing the options, the council supported staff’s recommendation to go with the “enhance” scenario that prioritizes the most critical projects within the first five years while deferring some infrastructure rehabilitation projects, “resulting in slightly higher near term costs but reduced long-term risks.”

According to staff, that scenario is estimated to cost \$73.2 million over five years but it is the most balanced approach that prioritizes “the most critical water-related projects within the first five years of the WSMP’s proposed 20-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).”

“Taking this balanced approach is the right choice for Pleasanton and reflects our commitment to planned progress,” City Manager Gerry Beaudin said in the March

12 press release. “We appreciate the City Council’s leadership in making difficult, yet thoughtful, decisions to meet the needs of our water system while maintaining high-quality service for our residents.”

Staff also stated that while the enhance scenario requires a “slightly higher upfront investment than the stabilize option,” it also reduces long-term infrastructure costs and helps maintain reliable water service by “minimizing costly emergency repairs and service disruptions.”

The scenario also considers the impacts to ratepayers, which even

though the proposed scenarios did not set the rates, they did identify projected revenue needs and suggested debt issuance, staff said.

According to the city, the next step in the rate setting process will be a “comprehensive cost-of-service analysis to calculate proposed water rates and connection fees and assess customer impacts.”

The council will review preliminary rates and rate structures during its May 6 meeting — any future rate adjustments will follow the required notification process before the council holds a public hearing ahead of adopting any potential rate increases. ■

CASTLEWOOD

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questions, said the number could range from \$70,000 to \$500,000. Any annexation to Pleasanton likely will need to be cash-positive for the city. Audience members commented that there have been other efforts over the years to annex that have gone nowhere.

The association’s core contention is that the county mismanages the district with little regard to costs. There are rented emergency generators to provide electricity in a power outage, but they are not connected to the pumps. To turn them on, a homeowner must notify the company managing water and sewer so it can dispatch an employee to get the pumps working again.

The board said the bid for

installing new stainless steel water tanks — work that had to be done — ran \$1.3 million over budget.

Homeowners within the country club boundaries also know they are facing significant road repairs and there’s only about \$60,000 in that fund.

Property owners are smarting because the county raised the water charge on their property tax bill for 2024-25 by 172%. The association members pay the highest water charges in the county, topping even the city of Pleasanton after its hotly debated increase.

Castlewood homeowners saw their water maintenance and operations charge soar from \$1,089 to \$2,958, or \$338 for 330 units per year. City of Pleasanton rates, even after the hefty hikes, are \$180 while Dublin San Ramon Services District clients pay \$169 and

Fremont area users pay \$168.

Mitchell told the crowd of about 75 people that the board would make it easy to vote No by distributing exactly the information required to log votes for each property. It will be a minimum of 45 days after the county holds the informational meeting before the vote can be taken. As members have said in the past, forming a new agency, which will require the approval of the Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission, is a two-year project. An annexation to Pleasanton potentially could move more quickly, but the board hasn’t even reached out yet to city officials. ■

Editor’s note: Journalist Tim Hunt is a freelancer for the Pleasanton Weekly. Hunt and his family live in the Castlewood area and pay these taxes.

Newsom names new judges in Alameda County

Ng, Wolff tapped to replace retirees on superior court bench

BY BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

California Gov. Gavin Newsom has appointed three superior court judges for Alameda County and San Francisco County.

Doris Ng and Jonathan Wolff were appointed to serve as judges in Alameda County Superior Court, Newsom’s office said in a statement March 17. Both are Democrats.

Ng, an Alameda County resident, served as a trial attorney at the U.S. Department of Labor since 2023. She replaces retired judge Gregory Syren.



Doris Ng



Jonathan Wolff

Attorney General’s Office beginning in 2017. He replaces retired judge Frank Roesch.

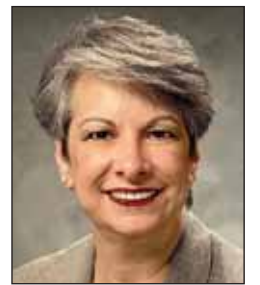
Julia Cervantes, meanwhile, has been appointed as a San Francisco Superior Court judge. A San Francisco resident and also a Democrat, Cervantes served as managing attorney at the San Francisco District Attorney’s Office since 2023. She replaces Judge Richard Ulmer, who has retired.

According to the governor’s office, the annual salary for each of the newly appointed judge’s positions is \$244,727. ■

Gloria Jean Fredette

March 9, 1949 – March 9, 2025

Gloria Jean Fredette (née Ruggieri), respected community leader and successful businesswoman who treasured her family and friends, passed peacefully on her birthday, March 9, 2025. She was born in New York City in 1949 to Jean (née Caniglia) and Angelo Ruggieri.



Gloria attended Irvington High School, where she made lifelong friends who remember her sparkling personality and sense of humor and style. Many of these friends later enjoyed her festive Christmas Parties, or spirited trips to SF with “The Girls.”

Gloria (along with one other classmate) blazed trails as the first woman to graduate with a Political Science major from California State University, Hayward. Strong and independent, Gloria worked her way through school, including at the Sears’ Children’s Department. Invited to serve as an aide for a California representative upon graduation, Gloria declined in order to marry the love of her life, Richard Fredette, a Navy sailor who similarly chose a life with her over returning to the service.

Gloria and Rich met at Sears, where he worked in Men’s Suits. According to Gloria, she was assigned to the store’s ice cream stand and Rich gallantly swooped in to help when she cut her hand and bled on his cone. This claim is in dispute, but Gloria was an entertainer who never let the truth get in the way of a good story.

Gloria and Rich were married in 1972 and eventually settled down in Pleasanton, a small town she remained proud of her whole life. Gloria treasured her role as wife to Richard and mom to her three children, Mike, Jennifer, and James. Her dinner table was full of family, stories, and laughter. Her favorite team, the SF Giants, were often on TV, her cheers heard from every room.

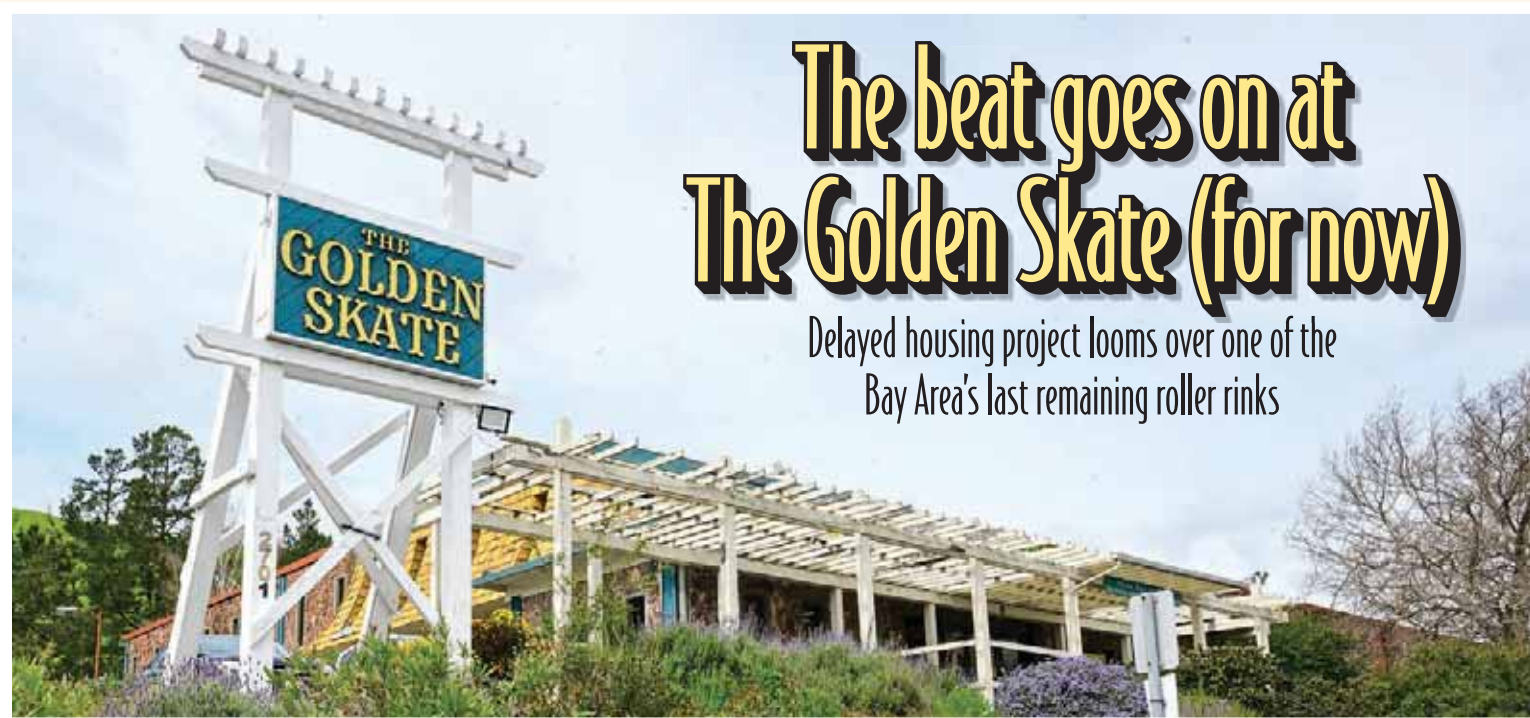
Gloria believed in giving back to her community. She served as a yard duty at Fairlands Elementary, a Cub Scout Den Leader, a CCD teacher, and a member of numerous local election campaigns. Gloria successfully ran for a seat on the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees, eventually serving as Board President. She championed teachers, reminding people that they educate our children, not classrooms. She and Rich paired up to teach Evenings for the Engaged courses for the Catholic Community of Pleasanton; they also undertook CERT training together and volunteered at the Museum on Main.

After years of working as an active stay-at-home mom, Gloria worked as an Office Manager - first for Pleasanton architect Kenneth Gooch, then for Advantage Sales and Marketing. A born conversationalist with a head for business, Gloria later excelled as the Office Manager at CGS/Crow Canyon Home, where she charmed clients and swung deals that won the acclaim of company heads.

Gloria is survived by her husband Richard Fredette and children Michael Fredette, Jennifer Fredette (husband Matthew Gehrett), and James Fredette (wife Amanda Forster). She also leaves behind her brother Michael Ruggieri (wife Kyle) and grandsons Tyler, Connor, and Zachary.

Funeral is 10am on March 31 at St. Elizabeth Seton’s chapel, Pleasanton.

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CHUCK DECKERT

The Golden Skate in San Ramon remains open for now, with a planned housing project set to replace it delayed due to landslide conditions from the neighboring Faria Preserve property.

BY JEANITA LYMAN

Three years after an initial closure announcement was rescinded amid an outpouring of community support, The Golden Skate in San Ramon continues to draw from across the Bay Area for birthday parties, popular adult skate nights and lessons for all ages as the rink rolls toward its 50th anniversary.

However, it's not clear how much longer that will be the case, with the property on Hooper Drive on the west side of San Ramon currently up for sale, and with plans for the townhome project set to replace it still underway following an application extension that was approved by the city's Planning Commission late last year.

While still up in the air when exactly the roller rink might close — this time for good — and be demolished, manager Manuel Duarte said that he estimates that day will come within the next two years, marking the end of his three-decade-long tenure at Golden Skate, where he came aboard in 1997, which was an unexpected shift in his career trajectory as a restaurant manager.

Duarte was initially recruited by a friend who worked at the rink and sought his help as business boomed in the years after current property owner Hassan Sharifi purchased the facility in 1995, which was originally opened in 1976 by Lowell Hooper.

"They were so busy over here, so I just came to find out what's going on, and they gave me the chance to try it and see if I like it," Duarte said.

Duarte ultimately moved closer to the area with his wife and children, with the flexibility of the position — and the ability to bring his children to work — being just one of the major draws for him.

"They were really running like a family business," Duarte said.

His children grew up playing roller hockey at the rink in a program that

was run by the San Ramon city government at the time before Duarte and The Golden Skate staff took the reins of the rink's hockey program years later.

Once they were old enough, Duarte's children would also join him and the staff of approximately 60 working at the rink at its peak of popularity.

Duarte works with a staff of approximately 10 in the present day. The dwindling attendance and staffing wasn't sudden, he said, but instead gradual over the years starting in 2001.

"We were getting slow," Duarte said. "We didn't have too many birthday parties. There wasn't really anything different, but every year we had maybe 5%, 8% less gradually, and same with admissions."

Hockey classes and practices with groups from local schools also faded away over the years.

Nonetheless, the rink would continue to attract new clientele as other Bay Area roller rinks were shuttered and often demolished in favor of other projects that could generate more revenue, such as the housing project that replaced the popular Cal Skate rink in Milpitas when it closed in 2011.

One of those clients was David Trumble, who began coming to Golden Skate in 2014 and ultimately convinced management to allow him to run a skating club and coach lessons based out of the rink, which continue to this day.

"We didn't have a club out of there for the longest time, and I put a club together," Trumble said. "The reason I did that was because we didn't have any other clubs, because the rest of the rinks in the Bay Area had closed down, and I have a little bit of a different model in mind as far as how a skate club should work."

Now a veteran coach with more than 20 years of experience, Trumble initially came to skating as an adult,

alongside his youngest daughter.

"It truly gave me a new lease on life," Trumble said. "If I had not learned what I learned and how to interact with people the way I did, I wouldn't be here today."

"I grew up as an idiot boy in the '60s and '70s thinking I'm completely invincible, and during that time I broke just about every bone in my body and wound up in the hospital a number of times, and was still stubborn and hard-headed and continued to not do anything right," he continued. "That included through my first marriage and the first portion of my older kids' lives. I was not setting very good examples, and I started to figure things out slowly but surely."

Trumble sought to turn over a new leaf when his youngest daughter Amanda was born, taking a primary role in raising her, he said.

"We went into that rink and saw everyone practicing, and I just looked at her and she looked at me and she said we need to do this," Trumble said.

Both father and daughter took to

the sport immediately, which served as a platform for the two to deepen their relationship as well as their skills, encouraging one another by way of friendly competition.

"We built on each other, and we'd jump, we'd spin, we'd do all sorts of just goofy stuff, and go on and on," Trumble said. "I learned figure skating, I learned dancing, I learned how to choreograph, just lots of stuff you've got to learn to do over the years."

Although his daughter went on to pursue other interests after her time growing up as a competitive skater, coaching continues to be an outlet for Trumble's paternal instincts to this day.

"I don't really believe in the elitism — I'm here to help all of them," Trumble said. "I have people of all ages. I have people with varying health conditions and mental abilities, and they are all my kids, every single one of them. And if they want to push it to the limit and take it to the elite level, I'll help them. If they just want to add a little bit more to balance out their life, I'm here for that too."

The beat goes on at The Golden Skate (for now)

Delayed housing project looms over one of the
Bay Area's last remaining roller rinks

Meanwhile, Amanda Trumble has recently returned to the rink after a 10-year hiatus to practice a father-daughter dance on skates for her upcoming wedding.

While there had been no single event that spurred the downturn in attendance and revenue at The Golden Skate that gradually emerged starting with the turn of the century, that changed with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

Duarte noted that because Golden Skate was classified as a sports facility, the rink was one of the last businesses allowed to reopen in 2021 as lockdowns lifted and disease prevention protocols such as vaccine requirements, temperature checks, social distancing and masks became a part of daily life amid ongoing uncertainty about the risks of the virus and the safety of social and recreational gatherings.

Another challenge Golden Skate and other businesses faced upon reopening was recruiting and retaining employees, with the small staff forcing the rink to cut its hours, which had previously extended until 11 p.m.

With all of that in mind, the announcement just months after reopening that The Golden Skate would be closing by summer 2022 came as little surprise — although it was met with sadness, fond memories and a newfound appreciation of the facility in what had been set to be its final days.

According to Trumble, news that Sharifi had changed his mind about the closure was announced during what was set to be a farewell party for the rink in 2022.

"I absolutely appreciate him," Trumble said. "I really do. I know how much it costs to run that place, I know that he was bringing in maybe 5% of what it cost to keep the lights on every month during COVID, and he's just absorbing all that cost, but he was able to keep it going for us."

"I don't know what makes him tick, but I like it a lot," Trumble continued. "I do know he was an educator for a very long time, and I think that's one of the things that I really



Wednesday nights draw the rink's biggest crowds, according to manager Manuel Duarte, who is looking to resume late night



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Skate-Well coach David Trumble works with students of all ages and abilities during Saturday classes.

find endearing about him, and a lot of the coaches I work with.”

Even before the pandemic, it had been clear that The Golden Skate wouldn't be around forever, with Sharifi approaching retirement, his children uninterested in taking over the rink, and the continuous downward trend in attendance and revenue. Following pressure from the city, Duarte said that Sharifi had reluctantly agreed to consider selling the property for use as housing as he grew older and approached retirement.

A 227-unit townhouse project was initially proposed for the site in 2017, with Sharifi filing development applications that failed to move forward when the city later decided to reduce housing density in that area. The current Windflower Fields Townhome project, consisting of 47 townhouses and 16 accessory-dwelling units, was approved by the city in 2022 — but not without long conversations, heavy scrutiny, and sometimes a butting of heads between the commission and developers.

“When we first saw the project, it was in the early days of understanding and applying the new state housing rules,” said Planning Commissioner Jean Kuznik, who was the body's chair at the time. “The initial meetings were difficult.”

Kuznik pointed to one meeting in which the applicant's attorney had been “annoyed” that the commission refused to accept a finding and adopt a provision that he had recommended just 90 minutes before the meeting started.

“One of the big issues was a consideration of waivers that could be used if the project was within the prescribed distance to a transit center,” Kuznik said. “We argued it was not, they said there was a bus stop close by and that would qualify.”

Nonetheless, Kuznik said the commission was obligated to ultimately approve the project, which was incorporated into the city's current Housing Element.

Developers have faced a different obstacle since then, however, returning to the commission last December to request an extension for development applications amid delays that the applicant's attorney said were due to environmental factors.

“Fast forward to our recent review — the issue is a legal issue concerning mitigating a landslide that is above the property,” Kuznik said. “We granted the extension without getting too many details of the legal wrangling between the parties.”

While the downward turn of the rink and the housing project weren't unexpected, the outpouring of support for The Golden Skate — and the general rise in popularity of roller skating in recent years — were.

“I recall that the owner was surprised at the outpouring of affection for Golden Skate when its closing was announced,” Kuznik said. “At this point in time, I don't know how the owner feels about the prospect of the

property being converted to housing versus remaining in business.”

According to Duarte, Sharifi remains reluctant to sell the property, which is currently on the market but with no deal in sight in the immediate future.

One of the many new skaters who have emerged at Golden Skate amid a resurgence of interest in roller skating is Aditi Polamreddy, who was introduced to the sport during a friend's birthday party at the rink and who has since been developing her skills under Trumble's guidance, all during a nearly lifelong battle with brain cancer.

“She pretty much came fresh out of a wheelchair and decided that she was going to work and try, and she has given me basically the happiest heart that I've had since my daughter Amanda,” Trumble said.

Polamreddy said that she had never thought she'd be able to skate, or participate in any sports, until she started training with Trumble.

“I always wanted to be part of a team before, and I never thought I could because of my disability,” Polamreddy said. “And now just saying that I'm a competitive roller skater — it's just the best feeling.”

Polamreddy said that the impending closure of the rink was going to leave a major void in her life beyond just the loss of a local opportunity to skate.

“It's something I look forward to every week, and skating has just been such a big part of my life,” Polamreddy said. “I've met some of my best friends through skating.”

Despite the rink's eventual closure looming, Duarte, Polamreddy and Trumble are all looking ahead to the immediate future.

Duarte is seeking to expand the rink's hours back to 11 p.m., and to increase staff in the coming months as high school students hit the summer job market. Polamreddy, who



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Roller skaters learn and hone their skills in figures, dance and freestyle on Saturdays at The Golden Skate.

had to take last year off from competitive skating due to surgery, is looking to make her return to the competitive circuit later this year. And Trumble is gearing up to host the rink's first official USA Roller Sports contest in more than 25 years on April 13, with additional details set to be available soon.

Trumble is also looking toward opening another rink to stand in for The Golden Skate following its closure, but is already aware of the challenges associated with that endeavor.

“I need to make arrangements to find another building to put up a skating rink or convert to a skating rink and continue teaching,” Trumble said. “I don't know how well that's going to go here in the Bay Area, because the price is really prohibitive.”

He encouraged others who are

seriously interested in keeping indoor roller skating available in the Bay Area to get in touch with suggestions.

“If they want to continue to support the rink and are interested in truly supporting our sport, I would absolutely love to hear from them,” Trumble said. “I'm very, very serious about what I do. I'm very, very passionate about what I do and how I do it, and if they want to support us somehow, offer any insight, business plan, I would be happy to entertain any of that.”

In the meantime, The Golden Skate at 2701 Hooper Drive is open to the public Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays, the latter of the week sees the highest turnout of the week with adult recreational skate nights. Trumble offers classes from 9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. on Saturdays. ■



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hours through 11 p.m. in the near future.



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According to David Trumble, skating involves learning skills both on and off the rink.

'Bollywood & Beyond'

'Rhythm India' to share South Asian culture and history through dance

BY CIERRA BAILEY

The Bankhead Theater stage will host a lively performance of dance that takes audiences on a journey of celebration through "Bollywood & Beyond".

Dancers with Joya Kazi Unlimited are set to close out their national tour of "Rhythm India" next week at the downtown Livermore theater after the show was rescheduled from February due to the Southern California wildfires.

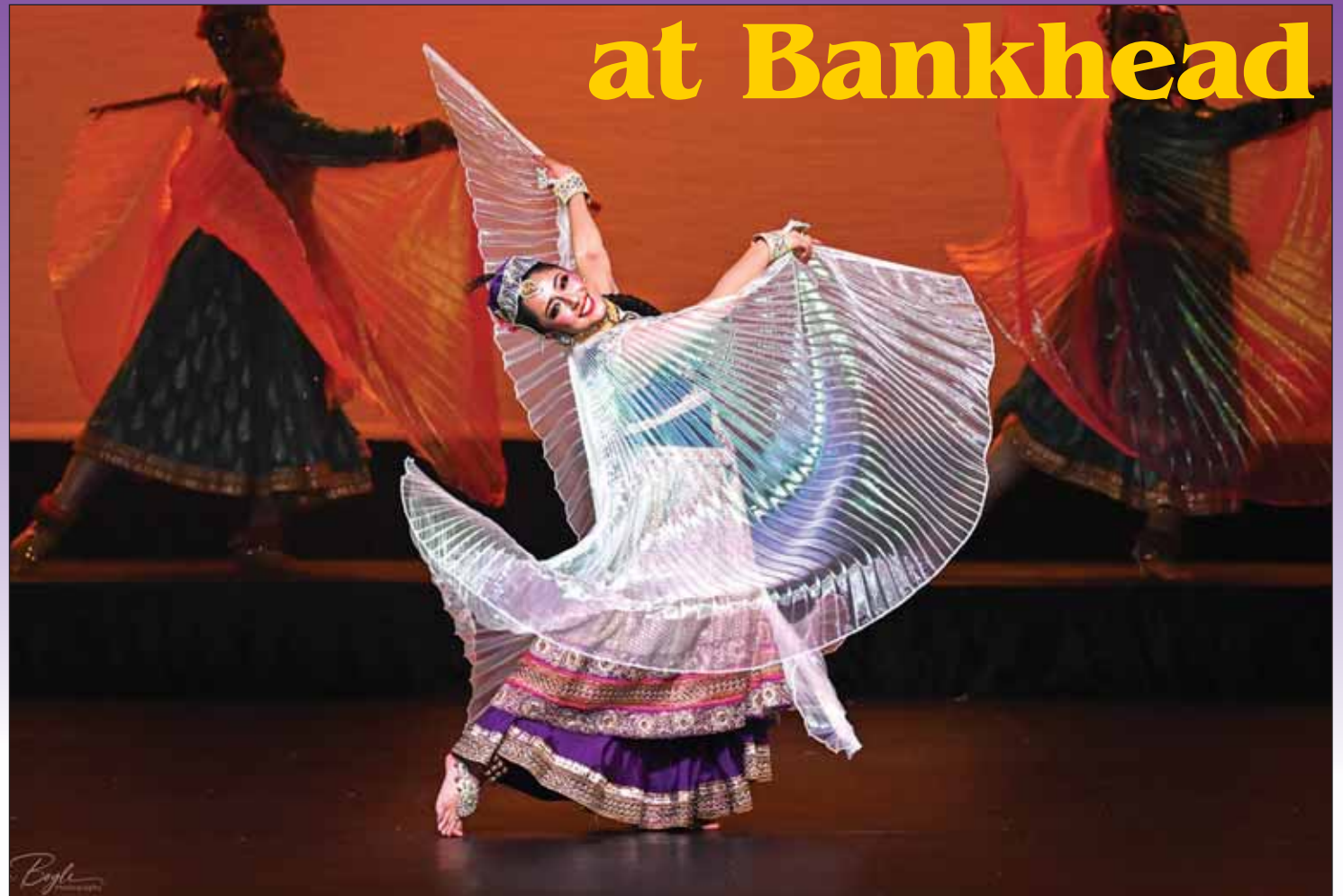
The namesake of its founder, award-winning director and choreographer Joya Kazi, the company has embarked on a 14-city tour around the country, sharing the history and culture of classical and contemporary South Asian dance styles.

The show — set for Wednesday evening — features vibrant costumes, dynamic music and soulful rhythms of the "ghungroo" dancing bells from the echoing heartbeats of royal palaces and sacred temples to the swaying voices of desert villages and modern stages, according to a statement from the Bankhead.

"We are simply delighted to be bringing Rhythm India to Downtown Livermore," Bankhead officials told Livermore Vine in an email. "This vibrant, gorgeous show not only welcomes new audiences from our Bay Area to The Bankhead, but also bridges the cultural gap with our current audiences through the universal language and beauty of costumes, music, and dance."

The upcoming performance in Livermore is significant not only as the finale show but it's also sort of a homecoming for Kazi, who grew up between Hayward and Fremont. She told Livermore Vine in a recent interview that next week will mark the first time her parents get to see the show in person, which she's excited about.

Following the performance, the group will host a meet and greet in the Bankhead lobby. "I hope people stay back afterwards to say hello and take photos," Kazi said.



With this production, Kazi said she is "really focused on trying to expand the accessibility and trying to expand the representation" of these traditional dance forms. Incorporated in the show are various dance styles set to the backdrop of music in 10 different languages.

Kazi said the show is suited for a multicultural audience because although many may not understand the languages, "people can understand the beauty of the history and keeping traditional dance styles alive."

"Art really connects the entire world," she added, noting that her goal is to bridge the gap between education and entertainment as she often categorizes the production as "edutainment".

While Kazi originally hails from the Bay Area, she is currently based in Southern California along with her dancers. She shared how the recent fires impacted the logistics and casting of the show, which ultimately led to the rescheduling of the Livermore stop.

Between Jan. 7-31, a series of destructive wildfires ravaged the Los Angeles metropolitan area and San Diego County. There were several fatalities and homes and structures destroyed as a result. Most of the damage was caused by the Eaton

Fire in Altadena and the Palisades Fire in Pacific Palisades, both of which were fully contained on Jan. 31.

Many residents of the affected areas were displaced as they were forced to evacuate from their homes. Kazi said this included some of her dancers and even those who weren't directly impacted had family or loved ones who were.

Reflecting back, Kazi shared how at one point she was faced with the decision of what boxes of costumes and other show materials she could realistically save in order to move forward with the tour. Some dancers also had to be recast due to their changed circumstances.

Kazi, who first started her entertainment company at just 16 years old, said that through the unexpected turmoil, her "No. 1 responsibility is to her dancers." She said that she's extremely proud of how her dancers have worked through all of the chaos and navigated the emotional and mental affects.

In the weeks since the fires first struck, the dance company has entered into a "different era of gratitude and joy", Kazi said. The tour kicked off in February in Southern California and although there were many fans and industry friends from the area who could



KATHARINE BOYLE PHOTOGRAPHY

"Rhythm India: Bollywood & Beyond" is coming to the Bankhead Theater in Livermore next Wednesday.

no longer make it to the "Rhythm India" shows, Kazi said they received an outpouring of supportive messages and encouragement for pushing ahead.

They've since made their way through more than a dozen stops throughout the U.S. before their grand finale appearance in Livermore.

Kazi hopes overall that the audience will gain an understanding and appreciation of how diverse and rich the Indian culture is. And for South Asian viewers in

particular, she said she aims for her group to be an example that a career in the arts is viable.

"There can sometimes be an immigrant mentality that is not always supportive of careers in entertainment," she said. "I hope to light a spark in the younger generation — and even older folks — to realize it's not too late to pursue the arts."

"Rhythm India: Bollywood & Beyond" is set for 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday (April 2). For tickets and more information about the show, visit LivermoreArts.org. ■

Elizabeth Smart to talk on ‘Overcoming Adversity’

Child safety advocate who survived widely publicized kidnapping coming to Livermore as part of Rae Dorough Speaker Series

By JEANITA LYMAN

Weeks after the anniversary of her rescue from a prolonged and extensive kidnapping and abuse ordeal that captured international headlines, Elizabeth Smart is set to make an appearance in the Tri-Valley to discuss that experience and the lessons learned in the wake of it as an advocate for children’s safety and trafficking and sexual abuse prevention.

Smart has been in the public eye since her abduction in 2002 spurred a nationwide manhunt and media frenzy for months before she was rescued on March 12, 2003. Twenty-two years later, she is set to be featured in the next installment of the Rae Dorough Speaker Series in Livermore.

“I’m always flattered when people think of me because it’s easy to be like it happened a long time ago, and it’s always flattered to be remembered,” Smart told the Weekly in a recent interview.

The upcoming talk is the penultimate event in the current season of the series, which seeks to showcase a wide range of perspectives, stories

and conversations as a tribute to its late namesake, a widely recognized supporter of arts and culture events in the Tri-Valley.

“I saw a video of her talking and I was deeply moved,” Livermore Valley Arts CEO Chris Carter said of Smart. “The world should hear her story because it’s ultimately about perseverance and hope in the face of tragedy. We can all learn from her.”

For her part, Smart said that her decades of advocacy for victims of abuse and trafficking and the stories she’s heard from other survivors have been key to understanding the issues at hand and seeking to address them.

“I don’t think anybody gets through life unscathed,” Smart said. “I think we all experience trauma. We all experience different hard situations, emotionally draining experiences. We all have those things in life, so for me I feel like one of the best ways to help us move forward and find inspiration and courage to keep trying another day is through stories. So if people can find that in my story, then it’s worth sharing.”

This is a lesson that wasn’t apparent to Smart immediately after



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Elizabeth Smart is appearing at the Bankhead Theater this Sunday.

her rescue and the beginning of her work toward recovering from the experience.

“When I was first rescued it really did feel like such an unusual experience,” Smart said. “It really did feel like nobody else could understand, like nobody else could possibly imagine the pain I felt, since no one was sharing their story.”

Smart emphasized the importance

of increasing awareness and recognizing the stories of abuse survivors, as well as the ubiquity of abuse and trauma of various kinds.

“I know that, going and speaking, I will not be the only survivor in the room, whether people want to admit it or not,” Smart said.

While Smart’s abduction and the details of it that emerged in the years after in court proceedings against her two kidnappers point to a unique experience that is difficult for many to imagine, Smart said that having had a loving home and supportive family made other, more common forms of child abuse difficult — and horrifying — for her to imagine.

“I’ve met survivors who were abused by family members — can you imagine that level of betrayal?” Smart said. “The people who are supposed to love you the very most and be your shield in life are the ones who are actually hurting you at the moment.”

However, she said that another lesson that had become clear to her from connecting with and advocating for other survivors was that it isn’t worthwhile to compare one person’s

experience with another’s.

“That does not serve a purpose, and beyond that we are different people,” Smart said. “Everything about us is different.”

Those differences make it all the more important to spur conversations about abuse and trauma, according to Smart, and to make it clear that it can happen anywhere to anyone.

“I think it’s very easy to have a Hollywood vision of what abuse looks like, and what trauma looks like, and what kidnapping looks like, when in reality it could be your neighbor, it could be anyone,” Smart said. “There’s not just a set stereotype that every trauma falls into, that every perpetrator falls into, which is why it’s so important to have these kinds of community events, to at least be a starting point for these conversations.”

“Overcoming Adversity: The Elizabeth Smart Story” is scheduled for this Sunday (March 30) at 3 p.m. in the Bankhead Theater at 2400 First St. in Livermore. Tickets and more information are available at livermorearts.org. ■

Lowriders, muscle cars and more in Pleasanton

Goodguys’ All American Get-Together is back

By JEREMY WALSH

The hot-rodding world will again converge in Pleasanton as the Goodguys Rod & Custom Association presents its annual All American Get-Together at the Alameda County Fairgrounds this weekend.

“The 41st All American Get-Together is a two-day family-friendly event that mixes the latest Detroit muscle machines with traditional hot rods, classic trucks and the revered customs and lowriders of the West Coast cruising culture,” Goodguys officials said. “Over 3,000 American-made and -powered show cars of all years will fill the grounds, including one packed building showcasing the chrome and candy lowriders.”

Another hall at the fairgrounds will be dedicated to the Mercury Cougar, Goodguys reps noted. Other exhibitions will include the Family Fun Zone with free games and crafts, Goodguys AutoCross, vintage dragsters in the Nitro Thunderfest, the tire-smoking Burnout Contest, a showroom with the latest parts and accessories on the market from companies



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nationwide, the large swap meet and the Cars 4-Sale Corral.

“Sunday afternoon wraps up with a parade of chrome, glowing paint and rumbling exhaust as all of the award-winning cars, including one finalist for the FuelCurve.com Custom of the Year, roll past the stage,” organizers said.

The event is set to run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday (March 29) and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday (March 30) at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton. For tickets and more information, go to good-guys.com/aagt. ■

Full Alameda County Fair concert lineup set (almost)

Former Journey lead singer joins list, but date left open after The Gap Band cancels

By JEREMY WALSH

The Alameda County Fair’s 2025 Big O Tires Concert Series lineup is nearly complete, with fair officials announcing former Journey singer Steve Augeri and The Gap Band as the final acts on the bill this month before the latter group had to back out one day later.

The news of The Gap Band’s cancellation leaves the Sunday night concert of opening weekend once again unclaimed, but fair officials told the Weekly an act should be confirmed for the June 15 show soon.

The fair, which comes to Pleasanton every summer, is set to run on Wednesdays through Sundays from June 13 to July 6 this year, with concerts each night in the amphitheater except for Independence Day when the fair closes early.

Fair representatives have been releasing the concert lineup slowly over the past several months to help build buzz. Previously revealed acts on the schedule include WAR on opening night, Bay Area rapper Too \$hort (June 25), Grammy winner Colbie Caillat (June 27), country legend Clint Black (July 3) and La Original Banda El Limón on closing night.

Other hitmakers on the bill include 1980s ballad duo Air Supply on June 19, pop band Sugar Ray on June 20 and Sacramento-originated rockers Tesla on July 2.

“We couldn’t be more excited for our Big O Tires Concert Series this year,” said Angel Moore, chief operating officer of the Alameda County Agricultural Fair Association. “The concerts are always one of the most popular features at the Fair, and we are so proud to be offering such a wide variety of shows and performers.”

Fair officials were expecting the March 10 press release to be the final announcement, touting The Gap Band on June 15 and vocalist Augeri — known best for his stint as lead singer for Journey from 1998 to 2006 — on June 29 as the two acts to round out the full schedule. But the fair shared on March 11 that The Gap Band had to pull out “due to unforeseen circumstances.”

With one spot left to fill, the rest of the lineup consists of Gym Class Heroes (June 14), Sawyer Brown (June 18), Twist on Taylor (June 21), Mi Banda El Mexicano (June 22), Tower of Power (June 26), Elton John The Early Years Tribute (June 28) and Revisiting Creedence (July 5).



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Former Journey lead singer Steve Augeri is playing the fair June 29.

Concert tickets are sold separately from fair admission, and many shows tend to sell out early. To learn more, go to alamedacounty-fair.com. ■

Community Pulse



Norma Marianne Lemoine

March 4, 1948 – March 12, 2025

Norma Lemoine passed away peacefully at 1:40AM Wednesday, March 12, 2025, with her husband Chuck, son Sean, and daughter in law Katie by her side. Norma was 77 years of age. She was born in a small village outside of Kiel, Germany in 1948.

Norma and her family immigrated to Canada at the age of three. Her father was a gold miner and settled in the Bralorne Mine Community, 250 miles northeast of Vancouver B.C. After several years they relocated to Surrey B.C., a small suburb outside of Vancouver. There her father owned a delicatessen that Norma worked in until 1964 when her family relocated to El Segundo, CA.

That is where she met the love of her life (and his life) Chuck. They dated for three years and got married in Lynwood, CA in October of 1967. Chuck was in the Air Force at Vandenberg AFB in Lompoc, CA. Norma worked for Flying Tiger Airlines as a Material Control Specialist. After Chuck served his country, several years later they moved to San Mateo where they began a lifelong venture in the wholesale meat business.

In 1976 they bought a ranch in Pleasanton, CA where they reside to this day. Norma was always proud when she could ride her horse to town when Pleasanton only had 17,000 residents.

Norma and Chuck had three wonderful boys Jeff, Sean, and Erik who all played soccer for Ballistic United Soccer Club. As all soccer parents know, Norma and Chuck got the "Soccer Bug" that lasts to this day. Norma coached on the boys side with Georgianne Miller, the wife of Harry Miller (one of the founders of BUSC). Up until her passing she would tell everyone of her and Georgianne's victory over "The Men Coaches". It was a part of her life that she cherished forever.

Norma was also an antique dealer and locally operated Kottinger Barn Antiques for over 8 years. After Kottinger Barn closed, Norma worked as a bookkeeper for the family meat business in Oakland, CA until she retired.

Norma's passion in her later years was tending to her acre garden on her ranch. Not only a garden but a "petting zoo". She had 32 chickens, 6 geese, 4 ducks, and all the wild critters that showed up to eat the food she left out. Norma would share her garden and zoo for years with children from Lydiksen Elementary who took annual field trips to her "zoo".

Norma was also very creative and instilled that love in her granddaughters Gabriella and Harley. The love of her life was her family. She was a fierce defender of her children and grandchildren. Norma was a special soul and was loved by everyone that met her.

Norma is survived by her husband of 58 years, Chuck; brother Ernie Scheil of Kamloops, B.C. Canada; sons Jeff, Sean and Erik (preceded in death); daughter in-laws Debbie, Katie, and Cathleen; grandchildren: Gabriella, Niccolo, Evan, Gunnar, and Harley; step grandchildren: Sara and Clayton as well as several great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles, all whom loved her dearly.

A special thanks to her caregivers Agata Stokes, Krissy Caldeira, and all of the medical staff at Stanford Hospital and Creekview Skilled Nursing and especially our daughter in law Katie who cared for Norma 24/7. Thank You!

Services for Norma will be held on April 5, 2025 at 11AM at the Valley Community Church (4455 Del Valle Pkwy. Pleasanton, CA).

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POLICE BULLETIN

Man accused of lewd acts against child in school parking lot

A Livermore man was arrested on suspicion of sexually molesting a child, Santa Clara police said last week.

On March 10, officers with the Santa Clara Police Department met with the child and their mother and opened an investigation.

Police allege that Gilberto David Nietoromo, 41, interacted with the juvenile on a social media site and then Nietoromo met with the juvenile on two separate occasions in the parking lot of Buchser Middle School in Santa Clara, where he allegedly sexually assaulted the juvenile.

On March 13, Nietoromo was

arrested just before 3 p.m. near Industrial Way and South Vasco Road in Livermore.

Nietoromo was booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail on suspicion of seven felonies including sexual assault, lewd and lascivious acts with a child under 14 years, false imprisonment and arranging and going to meet with a minor. He was also booked on suspicion of four misdemeanors including harmful matter sent with intent to seduce a minor, arranging a meeting with a minor and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He is being held without bail.

It remains an open and active investigation, police said. Based on the investigation, it was determined there was at least one additional alleged victim in San Jose.

Detectives are looking for additional alleged victims or witnesses, who can contact Detective Britton

at 408-615-4821 or email him at dbritton@santaclaraca.gov. Anyone with evidence and/or additional information are also asked to contact Britton.

Alternatively, those who wish to remain nameless can leave a message on the SCPD anonymous tip line at 408-615-4TIP (4847).

—Katy St. Clair, Bay City News

In other news

• A 37-year-old inmate died last week after he was found severely injured inside his cell in Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, according to the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's deputies said that around 11:59 p.m. March 17, they responded to Elias Angel Rivera's cell after his cellmate activated the emergency call button. They found Rivera unresponsive with visible injuries.

He was sent to a local hospital for treatment. He eventually succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased by a hospital physician at 1:11 a.m. March 18, the sheriff's office said.

Rivera's death is being investigated as a homicide, according to the sheriff.

Rivera, an Oakland resident, had been in custody in the maximum-security housing unit of the jail since May 2022 after the California Highway Patrol's Oakland Division arrested him on suspicion of murder.

—Bay City News Service and Jeremy Walsh

• A couple in their 60s were hit by a car while attempting to cross the intersection of East and Hillcrest avenues Tuesday morning, the Livermore Police Department reported.

The victims sustained non-life-threatening injuries and were transported to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley for treatment. One of the pedestrians was released from the hospital later Tuesday and the other was expected to be discharged Wednesday, police said.

LPD responded to a report of the incident at around 7:15 a.m. Tuesday. A preliminary investigation indicates the couple were using the crosswalk to traverse East Avenue from the southwest corner of the intersection, police said.

According to witness statements, a pedestrian sign had signaled the couple to cross the street, but a vehicle traveling eastbound on East Avenue ran the red light and hit the two pedestrians, police said.

The driver, a Livermore man in his 50s, remained on the scene and is cooperating with the investigation, LPD spokesperson Azenith Smith said. The driver's name has not yet been released amid the ongoing investigation. ■

—Jude Strzemp

Martha Siebert

March 30, 1943 – March 18, 2025

Martha "Marty" Siebert died peacefully in Pleasanton on March 18 at the age of 81. Born in Kansas, Marty was a Pleasanton resident for 42 years. She was preceded in death by her husband of 30 years, Del, in 2010. Marty worked as a dental receptionist in Livermore for almost 30 years. Her warm smile and welcoming disposition led so many to love her. She is survived by her daughter Carrie (Jack), son Andy (Debbie), stepdaughters Cristina, Leslie and Lisa, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



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Bethel Middlehurst Hulme

December 18, 1922 – December 30, 2024

Bethel Middlehurst Hulme of the greatest generation passed away peacefully at home in Pleasanton, December 30, 2024 at the age of 102. He was born in Central Falls, Rhode Island on December 18, 1922. He was diagnosed with Breast Cancer in his final year. He approached this diagnosis with same attitude he had all his life when it came to unalterable situations — accept and adapt. Bethel had many facets to his long life, he was a son, husband, father and grandfather and friend to many. He graduated high school and became a Navy Fighter Pilot. Read his full obituary in the digital section of the online Pleasanton Weekly.



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Opinion

LETTERS

Pleasanton can save more on consultants

Given bloated consultant costs, Budget Advisory Committee members scoffed at the notion that city employees couldn't trim more fat from the budget.

City employees denied the city could cut more than the \$450,000 in "professional services" presented. However, many members pushed back, saying the savings presented were too low.

In a clear overreach, City Manager Gerry Beaudin browbeat one committee member into withdrawing a motion that would implore city employees to slash more consultant costs. Beaudin balked at the idea that his treasured consultants are to blame for the city's financial woes. He pointed the finger at committee members for perpetuating a false narrative. He even faulted voters for rejecting ballot measures that would fill city coffers.

A city manager's job is to work with what voters give him. Beaudin went so far as to saddle the public with the responsibility of finding the savings his office failed to find. A simple search for "professional services" in city-provided materials showed that in fiscal year 2024 the city's general fund bore \$6.2 million in "professional services" costs.

Subtracting miscategorizations, the city spent \$4.5 million on consultants. Surely, we can find more than \$450,000.

The city-provided examples of consultants to be cut — airport monitoring, legislative advocacy, stormwater management — give us a starting point. Rummaging through miscellaneous non-departmental and community promotion accounts yielded more than \$450,000. Adding stormwater consultants to the mix, the savings balloon to about \$850,000.

The city can do better. We can do better.

—Jason Hsu

New council majority has zero credibility

The recent Pleasanton City Council meeting on March 18 had many outrageous moments, but none more so than when the new council majority voted in favor of holding a \$11,500 party at taxpayers' expense at the Callippe Preserve Golf Course.

Pleasanton's structural deficit is severe. The \$30,000 Eide Bailly consultant peer review of city finances corroborates the dire fiscal situation of the city. The Budget Advisory Committee is currently exploring cuts to the city budget that include closing the Dolores

PET OF THE WEEK



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Show yourself to Elsa

Elsa is very sweet with the most adorable face. She lives in a foster home where she gets along with both large and small, resident dogs. She walks well on leash and would make a great exercise partner. Elsa is a Pointer mix with a smooth, short coat. She is 4 years old and weighs 52 pounds. She is spayed, microchipped and vaccinated. Contact Tri-Valley Animal Rescue via tvar.org.

Transparency? In city administration? It does not seem so

Bengtson Aquatic Center and community programming at the Firehouse Arts Center.

It should be a no-brainer that the annual Mayor's Award party be downsized significantly. Vice Mayor Nibert and Councilmember Testa both supported a modest \$500 golden ribbon, punch and cookie ceremony held at council chambers.

Why should Pleasanton taxpayers be forced to pay for a party at a golf course while council is also considering closing the Pleasanton Aquatic Center? Why was the \$500 ceremony sidelined?

To leave no stone upturned requires our City Council to look for budget reductions anywhere possible. The incredulity of the new council majority at trimming the expensive Mayor's Award party should be especially concerning to Pleasanton residents. For Pleasanton this is a "Let them eat cake" moment.

Voters, residents are understandably angry. We, Pleasanton residents, reject this excessive party considering the austere budget cuts facing the community. This is no time to celebrate. This vote demonstrates to Pleasanton that the new City Council majority has zero credibility when voting on items to correct the \$10 million structural deficit.

—Matthew Gray

Ask for major donors to protect amenities

I don't live there but having been a lifeguard and having red statistics about drowning deaths as well as the benefits of water therapy, and recognizing the benefits of a theater for culture social mental health entertainment, I highly urge this community and those who are facing the budget deficit to ask for major donors.

The loss of the pool and theater hours will be a very negative impact to your people.

I can't donate, but if you want I can make suggestions.

—Marlaina Pipal

In last week's City Council meeting there was significant discussion regarding Pleasanton "Urban Forest". Discussion included the cost of planters, new development strategies and the cost of watering new planters.

There was no mention of the millions of dollars the city has paid out to replace curbs, gutters and sidewalks, which were buckled due to the city-owned trees. The city has replaced curbs, gutters and sidewalks in my neighborhood four times.

The most recent activity this month is grinding and chipping the slabs of concrete sidewalks where the slab has raised up above the neighboring slab. I asked one of the contractors involved about this activity; regarding the costs he could not give me the specifics, but it was more than \$1,000 a day and involved miles of sidewalks.

The city-owned tree ruptured the sanitary sewer line from my home to the curb. It cost me \$13,000 to replace that line with a seamless sanitary discharge line. I filed a claim with the city for that expense. The city's insurance company reimbursed that cost.

I did not file a claim for \$8,000 to replace the buckled driveway, and for the severed water line \$3,000, which the tree roots severed at the meter. The city pays almost \$600,000 for liability insurance every year.

A winter storm in 2023 brought down multiple city trees in Pleasanton. Those trees came down because the root structures were removed when the new curbs, gutters and sidewalks replaced the buckled curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

The city reacted to that storm, removing multiple trees that appeared near collapse which included the tree in front of my home. The city has not revealed that cost, the trees value loss, and the cost to remove the trees. Why does the city not mention the actual costs of the city's Urban Forest?

—Michael Austin



Richard Wendall Karn

July 19, 1927 – March 2, 2025

Richard Wendall "Dick" Karn, a distinguished civil engineer and devoted family man, passed away on March 2, 2025, in Fairfield, California, at the age of 97.

Born on July 19, 1927, in Oakland, California, Dick grew up in the Bay Area and attended public schools in Oakland. A dedicated student, he graduated with honors in 1945 before pursuing higher education at the University of California, Berkeley, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering.

Dick served his country with honor as a member of the U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet on active duty from 1945 to 1946. Following his military service, he embarked on a career that would shape the field of civil engineering for decades. In 1957, Dick was appointed as Water Resources Engineer at Alameda County Flood and Water Conservation District and played a leading role in establishing Zone 7, which provided water to a land area of more than half of Alameda County. In 1962, he became Engineer-Manager of the entire countywide District. In 1966, he co-founded Bissell & Karn alongside Don Bissell. Under their leadership, the firm flourished, growing to employ 315 people by 1990 before being acquired by Greiner Engineering. Dick continued to excel in his field and was appointed as a Senior Vice President and member of the Office of the Chairman at Greiner in 1992.

A leader among his peers, Dick served as national president of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) from 1984 to 1985, representing over 110,000 members nationwide. His contributions to civil engineering were widely recognized through numerous honors and awards throughout his career. Beyond his professional achievements, Dick was known for sharing insightful stories from his experiences—memories that will be cherished by those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Outside of work, Dick found joy in boating and spending time on the water. During his tenure as ASCE president, he and his wife Peggy traveled extensively around the world, embracing new cultures and experiences together.

Dick is survived by his sister Marilyn Young; his daughter Pam Karn and son Bob Karn and wife Diane; He was a proud grandfather to Shawn; Matt and wife Tab; Rachele; Lisa and husband Donald; and Tom. He also delighted when his two great-grandchildren, Wesley and Lena, visited from Texas. Additionally, he leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews who will remember him fondly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Agnes, the love of his life, wife Peggy, as well as his sisters Jean and Carol.

For many years, Dick attended worship services in Pleasanton before relocating to Vacaville in 2022 and moving in with his son Bob and wife Diane. Through the grace of God, Rock Fernandez, the best Caregiver ever, was able to take care of Dick 24 hours per day. Though transportation became more challenging later in life, faith remained an important part of his journey.

Dick's intelligence, leadership, and warmth touched many lives both professionally and personally. His legacy will live on through the countless individuals he mentored and inspired throughout his lifetime. May his memory bring comfort to all who knew him.

Memorial service will be Saturday 4/5, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Graham-Hitch Mortuary 4167 First Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

Memorial Gathering 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Veteran's Hall 301 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Dublin alum sets new NCAA Division III record

With 42.88 seconds in 100 freestyle, Cory becomes first national champion in Bates swimming history

Junior Max Cory, a 2022 graduate of Dublin High, broke the NCAA Division III record in the 100-yard freestyle and won the first national championship in Bates College swimming and diving history Saturday night at the Greensboro Aquatic Center.

The following is from a news release from Bates in Maine:

Cory raced to the finish in 42.88 seconds in the championship final, breaking the previous DIII record of 42.98 seconds set seven years ago by Emory's Oliver Smith.

"The first thing I felt when I touched the wall was just pure surprise," Cory said. "I knew from my swim this morning that I had a great shot at the record, but I was so

stressed leading up to the final it didn't feel real until I saw the time on the board. After that, I was just so proud knowing my parents and family saw the swim, and I was just excited to get out of the water and give them a call!"

Cory becomes the first Bobcat to win an NCAA championship since the 2021 Bates women's rowing team won that program's fifth national title.

He's the first individual representing Bates to win a national title



Max Cory

since Ahmed Abdel Khalek won the second of his two College Squash Association individual national championships in 2016, and Cory is the first Bates individual to win an NCAA title since 2013. He is the 31st national champion in Bates College history.

And for Bates swimming and diving, Cory is the first Bobcat to reach the mountain top.

"What a historic moment for the program; I'm so proud of him," head coach Peter Casares said. He worked extremely hard for this moment and dealt with a tremendous amount of expectations and pressure. I know he's made all of Bates College very proud!"

Cory got to Saturday's

championship final by swimming the fastest prelims time in the field that morning at 43.05 seconds.

Then, the 10-time All-American torched the competition Saturday night, breaking through after having finished national runner-up in the 50-yard freestyle three days earlier.

His "slower" prelims time in the 100 free still would have won the national title, as runner-up David Bajwa of Calvin College raced to the finish in the championship final in 43.25 seconds.

Amador boys' lacrosse

The Amador Valley High boys' lacrosse team split games last week, beating Dougherty Valley and losing a tough one to Granada.

In the 16-2 win over Dougherty Valley, Owen Heck paced the offensive effort with three goals and five assists. Henry Wanis, Brady MacIsaac and Brady McMillin each also had three goals.

Wanis had an assist and scooped up five ground balls. Heck added ground balls, with McMillin adding three assists and five ground balls.

Evan Soares scored two goals and an assist, Joseph D'Onofrio had a goal and Paolo Casentini had a goal. Matteo Gervasoni got five ground

balls and had four takeaways.

Joey Bechwati was 6-for-16 on faceoffs. Alexander Michail saved 11 of the 13 shots he faced.

In the 12-11 loss to Granada, Wanis, Heck and Hunter Selkow had three goals each, with McMillin and MacIsaac having one goal each.

Selkow added a pair of assists and finished with seven ground balls. Soares also had a pair of assists.

Heck, MacIsaac and Dylon Palmaffy all had one assist. Adam Castro picked up five ground balls, with Gervasoni getting four.

Foothill boys' volleyball

The Falcons saw mixed results last week, beating Dougherty Valley but losing against Dublin.

In the 25-20, 27-25, 24-26, 26-24 win over Dougherty Valley, highlights came from Dean Caudill (19 kills, 8 digs), Grey Garofalo (14 assists, 8 service points), Jeremy Sun (7 kills, 6 digs, 3 aces) and Caleb Lai (13 digs).

The loss to Dublin was by 23-25, 25-21, 23-25, 17-25. The highlights here were from Josh Salonga (31 assists, 8 digs, 6 kills), Caudill (9 kills, 5 digs), Thomas Paduraru (8 kills, 3 blocks) and Cam Hitchan (8 kills, 1 block). ■

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BERKELEY DENTAL GROUP FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613337

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Berkeley Dental Group , located at 3000 Colby St STE 300 Berkeley, CA 94705, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

MI HYUN KIM DDS
3000 Colby St STE 300
Berkeley, CA 94705

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/08/2015

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OFFICEPAK FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613171

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) OfficePAK , located at 1452 N Vasco Road #315, Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

BLUEBIT DIGITAL LLC
1452 N Vasco Road #315
Livermore, CA 94551

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/15/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 17 2025. (PLW Mar 28, Apr 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

FAIRY GOD MOTHER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613009

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Fairy God Mother , located at 1680 Calle Santiago, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

KAYALVIZHI MUTHUKUMAR
1680 Calle Santiago
Pleasanton, CA 94566

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 March 07 2025. (PLW Mar 21, 28, Apr 4 and 11, 2025)

ECO-SMART SOLUTIONS AND SERVICES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613117

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Eco-Smart Solutions And Services , located at 900 36th Avenue Oakland, CA 94601, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

ECO-SMART JUNK REMOVAL SERVICES
2100 N Street #12039
Sacramento, CA 95816

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 March 13 2025. (PLW Mar 28, Apr 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

SOULFUL THERAPY & WELLNESS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 612869

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Soulful Therapy & Wellness , located at 2111 8th St., Berkeley, CA 94710, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

ERIN O'CONNOR
2111 8th St.
Berkeley, CA 94710

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

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CHEF MAK EXPRESS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613225

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) CHEF MAK EXPRESS , located at 390 W Tennyson Road, Hayward, CA 94544, Alameda County.

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

UNCLE YU RESTAURANY INC
390 W Tennyson Rd
Hayward, CA 94544

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

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SOMISOMI SOFT SERVE & TAIYAKI PLEASANTON FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 612590

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) SOMISOMI SOFT SERVE & TAIYAKI PLEASANTON , located at 2725 Stoneridge Drive #106 Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 2671 Spindrift Circle Hayward, CA 94545.

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

RK SOMI CORP
2671 Spindrift Circle
Hayward, CA 94545

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

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 20 2025.

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KEEPER BOOKS DON MARTINS BLOG FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 612527

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Keeper Books , 2.) Don Martins Blog , located at 21314 Gary Drive, Apt 201 Hayward, CA 94546, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

MARTINS EWERE
21314 Gary Drive, Apt 201
Hayward, CA 94546

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/18/2025

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(PLW Mar 28, Apr 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

LEMONSODADESIGN FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613039

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Lemonsodadesign , located at 214 Windward Common Unit 5 Livermore, CA 94551 , Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

YUJIN KIM
214 Windward Common Unit 5
Livermore, CA 94551

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 March 10 2025.

(PLW Mar 21, 28, Apr 4 and 11, 2025)

PACIFIC IN-HOMECARE SERVICES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 612669

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) PACIFIC IN-HOMECARE SERVICES , located at 5000 HOPYARD RD SUITE 205 PLEASANTON, CA 94588, ALAMEDA County. Mailing Address: 3202 W MARCH LANE SUITE D STOCKTON, CA 95219.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

PACIFIC COAST SERVICES
3202 W MARCH LANE SUITE D
STOCKTON, CA 95219

State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/01/2014

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 25 2025.

(PLW Mar 21, 28, Apr 4 and 11, 2025)

SIRIUS THOUGHTWORKS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613019

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) SIRIUS THOUGHTWORKS , located at 1061 Gray Fox Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

ARUN KRISHNA
1061 Gray Fox Cir.
Pleasanton, CA 94566

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 March 07 2025. (PLW Mar 14, 21, 28 and Apr 4, 2025)

DIALD IN BARBER STUDIO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 612701

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Diald In Barber Studio , located at 22441 Foothill Blvd Hayward, CA 94541, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 649 Celia St. Hayward, CA 94544

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

DIALD IN STUDIO CORP
649 Celia St.
Hayward, CA 94544

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

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 26 2025.

(PLW Mar 21, 28, Apr 4 and 11, 2025)

GENTIAM POWER GENTIAM ELECTRONICS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613113

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) GENTIAM POWER , 2.) GENTIAM ELECTRONICS , located at 8000 Edgewater Drive, Ste 200, Oakland, CA 94621 , Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

GENTIAM CONSULTING LLC
8000 Edgewater Drive, Ste 200
Oakland, CA 94621

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

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 March 12 2025. (PLW Mar 21, 28, Apr 4 and 11, 2025)

THE CODER SCHOOL FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613055

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) The Coder School , located at 3015 Hopyard Rd, Ste I, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 1321 Upland Drive #1220 Houston, TX 77043.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

TRI-VALLEY CS LLC
1321 Upland Drive #1220
Houston, TX 77043

State of Incorporation/Organization: CA

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on August 23, 2017

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 10 2025. (PLW Mar 21, 28, Apr 4 and 11, 2025)

MAINE COONS OF FINN MANOR FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613021

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Maine Coons Of Finn Manor , located at 2508 Wilde Avenue, Pleasanton CA 94588, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

JEFFREY FINN

2508 Wilde Avenue
Pleasanton, CA 94588

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 March 07 2025. (PLW Mar 14, 21, 28 and Apr 4, 2025)

NASCHMARKT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613000

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Naschmarkt , located at 310 Main St Suite B, Pleasanton CA, 94566 , Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

PAIRINGS WINE AND BAR RESTAURANT INC.
310 Main St Suite B
Pleasanton, CA 94566

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

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 March 07 2025. (PLW Mar 14, 21, 28 and Apr 4, 2025)

RIDGE FOUNDRY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 612769

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Ridge Foundry , located at 1554 Doolittle Drive San Leandro, CA 94577 , Amaleda County.

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

RIDGE CAST METALS CORPORATION
1554 Doolittle Drive
San Leandro, CA 94577

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

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 27 2025.

(PLW Mar 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

KABUNA KEEPSAKES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 612648

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Kabuna Keepsakes , located at 3420 Andrews Dr. Apt 102 Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

KAITLIN HARTJOY
3420 Andrews, Dr Apt 102
Pleasanton, CA 94588

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/28/2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 25 2025.

(PLW Mar 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

DUFC DUBLIN UNITED FC DUBLIN UNITED DUBLIN UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613031

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) D UFC , 2.) DUBLIN UNITED FC , 3.) DUBLIN UNITED , 4.) DUBLIN UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB , located at 6950 Village Parkway, Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County. Mailing Address: PO BOX 2485 Dublin, CA 94568

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

DUBLIN UNITED SOCCER LEAGUE
PO BOX 2485
Dublin, CA 94568

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on January 1, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 07 2025. (PLW Mar 14, 21, 28 and Apr 4, 2025)

BUSY LIZZI DESIGNS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 612708

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) BUSY LIZZI DESIGNS , located at 3357 ROSADA CT., PLEASANTON, CA 94588, ALAMEDA County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

ELIZABETH CORONA

3357 ROSADA CT
PLEASANTON, CA 94588

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on February 17, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 26 2025. (PLW Mar 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

ELIZABETH CORONA
3357 ROSADA CT
PLEASANTON, CA 94588

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on February 17, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 26 2025.

(PLW Mar 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

TRUE TEMP SOLUTIONS TRUE TEMP SOLUTIONS APPLIANCE REPAIR TRUE TEMP SOLUTIONS HVAC REPAIR TRUE TEMP SOLUTIONS HEATING AND COOLING

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 612764

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) True Temp Solutions , 2.) True Temp Solutions Appliance Repair , 3.) True Temp Solutions HVAC Repair , 4.) True Temp Solutions Heating And Cooling , located at 23992 Clawiter Rd, Hayward, CA 94545, Alameda County. Mailing Address: PO BOX 818 Burlingame, CA 94011.

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

TRUE TEMP, INC.
PO BOX 818
Burlingame, CA 94011

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 February 27 2025.

(PLW Mar 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

H.D. PHOTOGRAPHY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 612728

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) H.D. Photography , located at 22302 Center St #13, Castro Valley, CA 94546 , Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

HUAN DOAN
22302 Center St #13
Castro Valley, 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 February 27 2025.

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BAY AREA ATHLETIC ASSIGNORS - VOLLEYBALL FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 612509

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Bay Area Athletic Assignors - Volleyball , located at 4732 Herrin Way, 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):

WRIGHT CONSULTING SOLUTIONS LLC
4732 Herrin Way
Pleasanton CA 94588

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

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 18 2025.

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PACKAGE UNIT PROS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 612697

The following person (persons

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PREMIUM PSYCHIATRIC CARE NURSING-PC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 612470

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) PREMIUM PSYCHIATRIC CARE NURSING-PC, located at 4695 CHABOT DRIVE STE#200 PLEASANTON CA 94588, ALAMEDA County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
PREMIUM PSYCHIATRIC CARE NURSING-PC
4695 CHABOT DRIVE STE #200
PLEASANTON, CA 94588

State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/04/2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 13 2025.

(PLW Mar 14, 21, 28 and Apr 4, 2025)

SPARROW PACIFIC HOMES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 612620

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) SPARROW PACIFIC HOMES, located at 5112 Grayhawk Ln, Dublin CA 94568, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
SPARROW PACIFIC REAL ESTATE INC.
5112 Grayhawk Ln
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State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA

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 24 2025.

(PLW Mar 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

NORCAL TECH PRO
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 612615

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) NORCAL TECH PRO, located at 1039 South Livermore Avenue Apt C Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
FERNANDO CALZADA

1039 South Livermore Avenue Apt. C
Livermore, CA 94550

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/01/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 21 2025.

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

Case No.: 25CV115244

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Sonia Elizabeth Fulop filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
SONIA ELIZABETH FULOP to ZOEY SIMONE NIAMH ROSE

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: July 18, 2025, 9:30, Department 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:
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Date: March 21, 2025

Thomas J. Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Mar 28, Apr 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

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

Case No.: 25CV112020

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Ethan Rich Quiachon Conte filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
ETHAN RICH QUIACHON CONTE to ETHAN RICH QUIACHON

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, 9:30 A.M., HAYWARD HALL OF JUSTICE IN 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: FEBRUARY 28, 2025

THOMAS J. NIXON

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Mar 28, Apr 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

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

Case No.: 25CV111655

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: NARASIMHASWAMY SATYANARAYANA and TARA HINDISKERE SUDARSHAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
SRIYAN KASHYAP to SHRIYAN KASHYAP

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: JUNE 13, 2025, 9:30 AM, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA located at 24405 Amador St, 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: Feb 26, 2025

THOMAS J. NIXON

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Mar 21, 28, Apr 4 and 11, 2025)

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

Case No.: 24CV105077

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Ma Desiree Joy Collier filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
MA DESIREE JOY COLLIER to DESIREE JOY COLLIER

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: June 6, 2025, 9:30 a.m., Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.

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PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: February 13, 2025

Thomas Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Mar 14, 21, 28 and Apr 4, 2025)

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

Case No.: 25CV111163

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: RUTH ANDREA CASTILLO FLORA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
RUTH ANDREA CASTILLO FLORA to ANDREA CASTILLO

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: JUNE 13, 2025, 09:30 A.M., 514 of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA located at HAYWARD HALL OF JUSTICE CIVIL DIVISION, 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:

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JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Mar 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

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Town Center redevelopment plan draws concerns

Commission provides input on EIR scope; community meeting with developer set for May 14

By JUDÉ STRZEMP

A redevelopment project aimed at replacing the Livermore Town Center shopping plaza with townhomes drew a group of concerned residents to the Livermore Planning Commission meeting last week.

Under discussion was the scope of the environmental impact report for the Pacific and Livermore Townhomes project proposed by San Jose-based Swenson Development and Construction.

Located at the corner of Pacific Avenue and South Livermore Avenue, this project would involve demolition of the shopping center's two existing commercial buildings, associated landscaping and parking lot.

The following construction, including an adjacent vacant lot along South Livermore Avenue, would create 15 residential buildings for a total of 115 two- and three-story townhomes and associated amenities. The amenities would include a pool area, pool equipment, clubhouse buildings, guest parking and an interior park.

The approximately 6.5-acre site would also feature about 26,050 square feet of open space and

55,200 square feet of landscaping. Associated public improvements would include the undergrounding of utility lines, new landscaped meandering sidewalk, curb and gutters along South Livermore Avenue, Pacific Avenue and Dolores Street.

The project EIR will analyze the potential impacts of the project on the surrounding area and recommend mitigation measures to address any impacts that are considered significant, said Jennifer Ackerman, associate planner for the city of Livermore.

All nine public commenters at the March 18 Planning Commission meeting expressed concerns about the project. Among their worries were potential noise, dust, pests, hazardous material, blockage of views and sunlight, insufficient parking as well as a loss of privacy and commercial space.

Their responses, along with written comments received by the city by April 3, will be included in the public comment section of the EIR. Those pertaining to elements of the EIR will be responded to in the document, while those regarding project merit will not garner a response in the EIR.

"My neighbors and myself, we

will bear the brunt of all the noise, dust and fumes from the construction as well as when you dig up the land all the rodents, roaches and whatever critters have been living there for the past 30 or 40 years," said Livermore resident Michael Tootle, whose backyard abuts the future project site.

On March 3, the city published a "Notice of Preparation of a Draft EIR" for the project in part as a way to solicit comments and suggestions regarding the preparation of the EIR.

According to the notice, the potentially significant environmental topics that will be analyzed in more detail in the EIR include air quality, hazards, hazardous materials, biological resources, land use planning, cultural resources, noise, energy, transportation and greenhouse gas emissions.

Top concerns for Tootle's neighbor Lon Overacker were possible chemicals on the project site, rodents, asbestos in the buildings and noise levels.

Loss of the shopping center, which hosts businesses including Patisserie By Simone, a bingo hall called Bingo4CHEF and The Oak Door, was another concern for residents.

Jeffrey Kaskey, former member of Livermore's Downtown Steering Committee and former City Council candidate, said nearby residents want retail in the center.

But because of waivers through the builder's remedy, the project is not required to meet some zoning standards like height and commercial space requirements, Ackerman said. The builder's remedy allows zoning and general plan waivers if a city is out of compliance with their housing element. At the time of project application, the city's Housing Element was briefly non-compliant with state law because it had not been approved.

"I would ask the city to consider incentives that would make it attractive to trade a small amount of the housing for a market space," Kaskey said.

Later in the meeting, Commissioner Jacob Anderson requested the EIR include a study of the potential economic impacts of removing the center. Staff plan to discuss the suggestion with a city consultant. Many years ago, an economic study found the site wasn't viable for commercial use due to market changes, staff added.

Anderson also expressed concern about food accessibility in the area.

"Already it is a food desert," Anderson said. "But now we are losing small convenience stores, a restaurant and all of that, so that even creates an even bigger challenge, and also especially with the several low-income nearby."

The possibility of a small footprint market could be included in the EIR as a project alternative, staff said.

In response to a letter received from the public, Anderson suggested that the EIR look at energy consumption, amid the possibility of new buildings blocking some sunlight to solar systems on nearby houses.

Written comments regarding topics in the EIR are due to the city by 5 p.m., April 3.

The developer and city staff plan to also host an open-house style preview meeting of the project for residents May 14.

After the draft EIR is complete, the planning commission is expected to hear the project entitlements and certify the EIR in the late summer. Then Livermore City Council is expected to vote on the project late summer or early fall. ■

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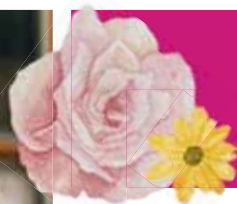
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