

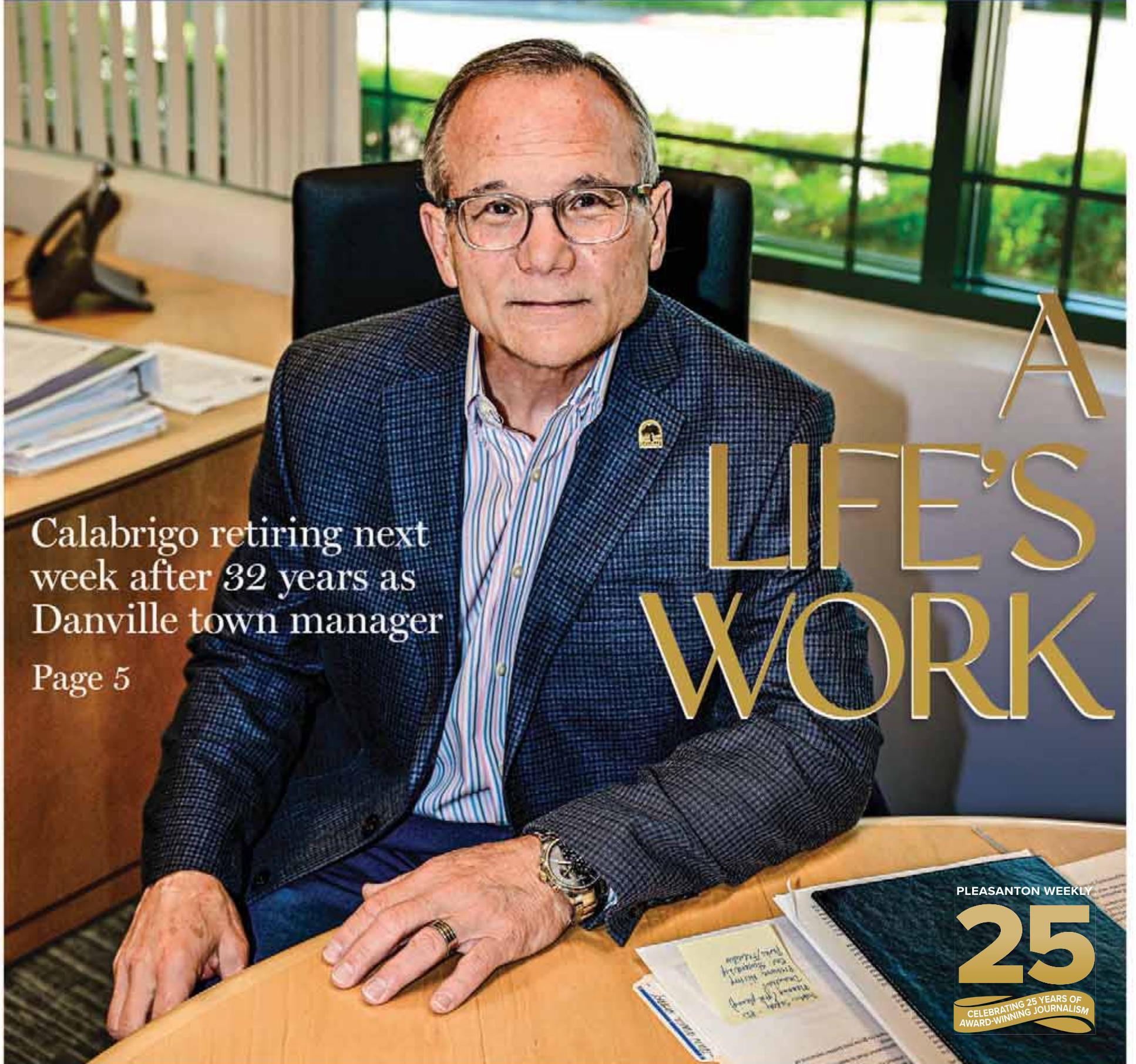
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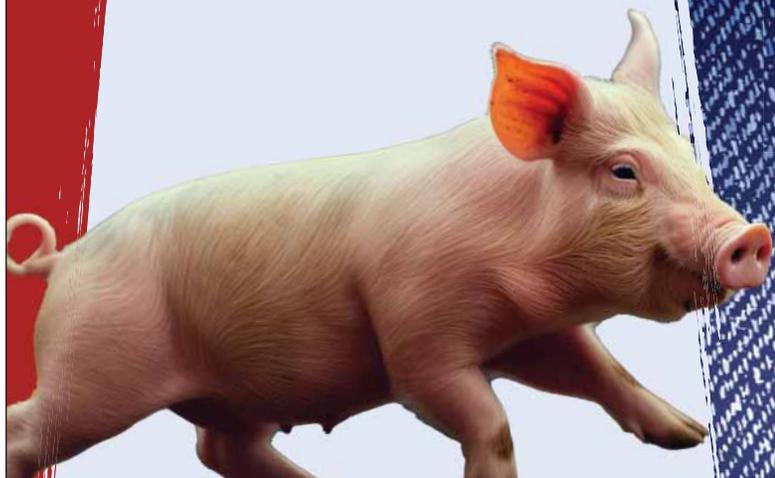
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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

The county's grand jury?

Oakland is obviously the most recognizable city in Alameda County — which it appears the county's civil grand jury interprets as meaning Oakland is the center of the Alameda County universe, if not its entirety.

The 2024-25 Alameda County Civil Grand Jury just released its final report on Monday, revealing that five of its six investigations pertained exclusively to Oakland. The sixth subject, a countywide agency based in, you guessed it, Oakland.

So if you want to know more about what is and isn't being done in The Town when it comes to roads, fire safety, parking tickets, homelessness and parks, well this is the report for you.

If you want findings and recommendations relevant to any of the other 13 cities, dozens of unincorporated areas large and small, scores of school and special districts and any countywide department outside of elections, well you're on your own.

Just how non-Tri-Valley is the report? The word Livermore appears just seven times in its 104 pages. Pleasanton, once (next to the name of a juror who resigned midterm). Dublin, zero.

Criticism on the skewed selections is not meant to discount or discredit the effort of this grand jury. It is hard work that they do. Painstaking research, deliberations and reporting done largely out of the goodness of their own hearts (they're paid \$15 per day, plus mileage) to help their communities improve, correct the record, hold governments accountable and preserve the public good.

But a report devoted almost solely to Oakland is an embarrassing misstep — even as you can count me among those praising the results within their investigations into the Oakland city government.

That's because this is supposed to be the civil grand jury standing for the entire county of 1.6 million residents, not just an Oakland civil grand jury.

The one countywide agency they did investigate in 2024-25 captured the attention of many across the region last fall, during election season.

In its section "The Registrar of Voters Does an Impressive Job, but More Transparency Needed in Alameda County," jurors recount their experiences observing the county elections office before and after the Nov. 5 general election. Recall, the office made headlines for being one of the last in California and in all of the United States to certify its

election results — on Dec. 3.

"Importantly, there have been no claims of miscalled races, no disputed outcomes, and no major problems with the work of the ROV," the grand jury noted.

Jurors analyzed all parts of the process that they could: the "Logic & Accuracy" public testing, visiting vote centers, public ballot dropboxes, automated signature recognition, signature verification, vote-by-mail processing, ballot scanning, the office in Oakland on Election Night, the online video feed and the 1% manual vote tally.

Among the ballot dropboxes the jury observed on Election Day were those in Livermore — the hometown of one juror.

"There was steady voter traffic at all three Livermore locations," the report stated, noting that ROV staff and county sheriff's deputies were on hand to watch the boxes and that the sheriff's officers had been deputized to pick up ballots for the election.

While largely complimentary of ROV staff, the jury came out with 10 recommendations to improve office operations in future elections.

Many address gripes we've heard from residents, or even have ourselves as journalists trying to report elections such as providing more detailed information on estimated pending ballots, update ballot counts daily until certified, more funding for the ROV from the county and stop saying "precincts reported at 100%" when those totals don't include loads of unprocessed vote-by-mail ballots.

If you're interested in the Oakland drama, I urge you to dive into the five other topic areas.

The subjects are: "Bad Roads and No Building: Oakland's Budget Problems Mean No Bonds for the City's Needs," "Oakland's Potholes: A Bumpy Road and Inadequate Oversight," "Oakland's Poor Stewardship of Measure Q Funds Jeopardizes its Effectiveness," "Adding Insult to Injury: Oakland Issues Parking Tickets to Stolen Vehicles" and "Oakland's Wildfire Preparedness: Good Vegetation Management but Emergency Access Needs Improvement".

At the end of that fifth section, you'll find a standalone photo of the golden hills above Lake Del Valle in Livermore (for some reason). Maybe imagery tied to the new East Bay Wildfire Coalition of Governments mentioned five pages earlier? I don't know, the caption is non-specific. But hey, that gave "Livermore" appearance No. 7 nevertheless. Yay!... ■

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What do you tend to think about when you're stuck sitting in traffic?



Premi Subramanian
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Well, since my entire livelihood involves traveling to people's homes, I can't allow myself to get aggravated or annoyed or stressed when I'm stuck in traffic. So I just listen to podcasts and maintain a calm and relaxed attitude. I think of being stuck in traffic as just part of my lifestyle and I take it in stride. Sitting in traffic truly doesn't phase me at all.



Kristen Terry
Director of creative production

I think about where I might prefer to live, where the traffic is not quite as bad and intrusive. And alternatively, I also use that stuck-in-traffic time to problem-solve issues at work so that when I finally get there, I'm ready to really dig in and tackle them.



Daniel Wollman
Geriatric physician

When sitting in traffic, I'm thinking about whether I can outsmart Google Maps to find some other route out of the mess. Alas, I realize it's not going to happen, so I end up just taking a deep breath and start scanning Sirius for something interesting on one of my favorite channels.



Gabriela Sonsino
Global marketing and communications

Honestly, I don't think about anything. I normally empty my mind of all thoughts and just enjoy whatever view is in front of me. I remain calm and serene, and that works really well for me.



Marc Kerchman
Retired

I sing the James Taylor song "Traffic Jam". As in "Damn, this traffic jam. How I hate to be late. Hurts my motor to go so slow. Damn, this traffic jam. Time I get home my supper'll be cold. Damn, this traffic jam."

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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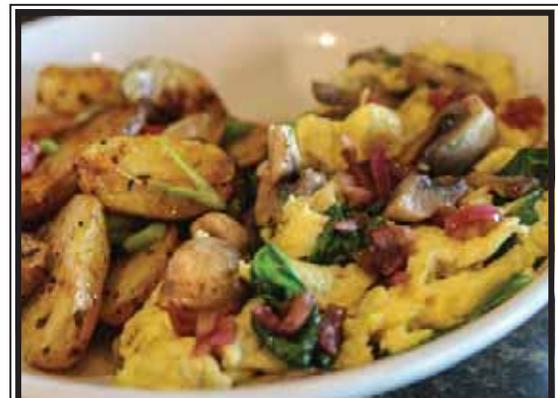
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Ahmadi retiring

Former Pleasanton schools superintendent Parvin Ahmadi is retiring next week after 10 years leading the Castro Valley Unified School District — the job for which she left Pleasanton Unified.

“The decision to retire at the end of this school year was not made lightly as I continue to truly love this work and watching our students thrive makes me extremely proud,” Ahmadi said in her retirement announcement, which also references the arrival of her first grandchild as leading to a life reprioritization.

Ahmadi’s 36-year career in education featured five years as Pleasanton Unified School District’s superintendent. She resigned to move west down Interstate 580 and take over CVJUSD in July 2015, for what would be a decorated decade for Ahmadi including being named State Senate District 10’s Woman of the Year in 2019.

PUSD has had five superintendents (permanent or interim) since Ahmadi’s departure for Castro Valley.

Fireworks in Dublin

Registered nonprofits will begin selling “Safe and Sane” fireworks at booths across Dublin, for use only at certain places within the city limits, this weekend until the day after the Fourth of July.

The “Safe and Sane” fireworks can be set off at any single-family residential property during the sales window, noon this Saturday (June 28) through noon Saturday (July 5), as well as in the parking lots of four designated city parks between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. on Independence Day: Alamo Creek Park, Dublin Sports Grounds, Emerald Glen Park and Shannon Park.

No other types of fireworks are permitted. Dublin is the only Tri-Valley community that allows any type of fireworks for personal use, with all other jurisdictions banning them for safety reasons.

I-580 work

Construction crews are continuing work on improvements on I-580 between Pleasanton and Castro Valley, which now includes weeknight lane closures likely until next winter.

Caltrans announced this week that work will include multi-lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. eastbound from the I-680 overcrossing to Eden Canyon Road and westbound 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. in the same area Monday through Friday nights. ■

Corrections

Last week’s story “Cook’s Seafood homeports at long last” misspelled the name of chef Moises Bucio. The Pleasanton Weekly regrets the error.

Board picks Ghysels to stay on as permanent superintendent

Decision to pull interim leader out of retirement comes after weeks of closed-door deliberations

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees has named Interim Superintendent Maurice Ghysels as the top choice for the district’s new permanent leader, following two months of candidate interviews and nearly a full year since former superintendent David Haglund left his post.

Board President Justin Brown

said in a statement Tuesday that Ghysels, who came out of retirement to lead his hometown district in a temporary capacity in 2024-25, will remain as the top administrator in Pleasanton due to



Maurice Ghysels

his familiarity with the community and with the school system’s needs.

“Through his steady, inclusive, and visionary leadership during the past year, our Interim Superintendent Dr. Maurice Ghysels has proven himself as the right leader for PUSD,” Brown said in his statement to the Pleasanton Weekly. “He exemplifies the full range of qualities we sought in our search and is well-positioned to

guide the district forward with confidence and continuity.”

Ghysels was first appointed to his interim position in July 2024 following Haglund’s departure from PUSD that June.

An Amador Valley High School graduate, Ghysels initially started his career in education at PUSD as a teacher before ultimately going

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A life's work

Calabrigo retiring after 32 years as Danville town manager

By JEANITA LYMAN

The town of Danville will soon be operating without one of its key players for the first time since shortly after its incorporation in 1983, with Town Manager Joe Calabrigo retiring next week after 32 years on the job and even longer with the organization.

Calabrigo first came on board as a consultant with the town in 1984 — one year after its incorporation — after working briefly on a local project and becoming acquainted with then planning director Carol Johnson.

“They were playing catchup on a lot of things, and one of the things that they were trying to do was complete a specific plan for the Sycamore Valley, so they needed a contract planner,” Calabrigo told DanvilleSanRamon in exclusive interview this month. “So I put together a proposal and came to work for the town as a consultant. So for that first year between the end of ‘84 and the beginning of ‘85 I was just focused on doing the specific plan.”

The Sycamore Valley Specific Plan was developed with the goals of preserving open space as ranching land, creating trails for public access and recreation, native wildlife conservation, and minimizing wildfire risks to homes while planning for the development of approximately 1,850 homes on approximately 2,000 acres.

“As a planner there was some fun stuff there, because we were doing density transfers, preserving the ridgelines and hill-sides, and putting together an assessment district to pay for all these improvements — everything from widening the



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Joe Calabrigo’s time as the longest-serving city manager in the Tri-Valley will come to an end on Monday when he retires from the town of Danville after 32 years in the top position.

freeway overpass to providing for a community park and a school, all of that. And there it was all condensed into a single year,” Calabrigo said.

The plan was approved in 1985, along with the associated assessment district and residential developments.

“I had the opportunity then to not only put together a consultant team to do the plan, but then also work to shepherd the plan through the process with the Planning Commission and the Town Council — so I had the opportunity to work with the very first Planning Commission, and the very first Town Council,” he recalled.

With the Sycamore Valley Specific Plan — among the first

major plans developed and put into place following its incorporation — Calabrigo had already cemented himself as a major figure in the town’s history and ongoing development. But it wasn’t until Sept. 1, 1985, after throwing his hat in the ring as the town’s next planning director, that Calabrigo officially joined the town staff.

“I had the opportunity to work with a couple of my predecessors who were really very bright, talented people, both of them mentors to me among others,” Calabrigo said. “And the planning part of it — you know, once a planner, always a planner — being here at the ground floor,

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Pleasanton settles housing challenge

Deal avoids lawsuit, sets path to rezone 3 commercial sites

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

During last week’s closed-session meeting, the Pleasanton City Council unanimously approved a settlement agreement with the Housing Action Coalition, an affordable housing advocacy nonprofit, which stipulates the city will consider rezoning three additional commercial properties for residential use as part of the city’s sixth housing element.

According to City Attorney Dan Sodergren, the council approved the agreement to “resolve threat litigation over the city’s certified Housing Element”.

This decision comes almost two years after the city adopted its Housing Element, which is a state-mandated document outlining how the city plans to build housing for various levels of income.

Back in January 2023, the City Council adopted its 2023-2031 Housing Element, which was later certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development in September 2023 after the city made additional state-required revisions.

During Housing Element cycles, cities deliberate over which occupied and vacant sites to zone for residential housing in order to meet the city’s assigned Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) counts for new residential units within designated affordability

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Sutter Health opens care center in Livermore

By JUDE STRZEMP

Sutter Health patients can now seek primary care and select specialty services at the organization's new facility in Livermore, following its opening this week.

Located at 7683 Southfront Road, the new site offers internal medicine, family medicine, pediatrics as well as labs and imaging services such as X-rays and mammograms.

This location can accommodate the care of hundreds of patients on a daily basis. It does not offer emergency services or urgent care.

Upon opening on Monday (June 23), the Livermore care center joins a collection of other Sutter Health locations in the East Bay including sites in Dublin, Danville, Fremont and Castro Valley. On a wider scale, the facility is just one of over 25 ambulatory care centers that Sutter Health is set to open in the coming years throughout the Bay Area and Central Valley.

"Our Livermore care center will integrate seamlessly with our other nearby locations," said Teresa Sarlitto, Sutter Health's vice president of ambulatory operations and facilities planning in the greater

Silicon Valley division. "By having us in this area, it really ensures smooth referrals among these locations if any additional follow-up care or more specialized services are needed."

About two years ago, Sutter Health embarked on a multi-million dollar renovation project to create the care center in Livermore, according to Sutter Health program manager of external communications Jerome Hubbard.

The expansion to Livermore follows expressed need by local residents for more convenient, quality healthcare, Sarlitto said.

"Sutter Health is super excited to come into Livermore," Sarlitto said. "The expansion is really going to help with the overall healthcare access in Livermore."

The new clinic increases accessibility because it reduces travel time for patients and eases the pressure on surrounding facilities, she explained.

In the wider Bay Area and Central Valley, Sutter Health is also looking to open over two dozen facilities in the coming years.

"Sutter Health has broad



COURTESY SUTTER HEALTH

Sutter Health celebrated the opening of its new Livermore facility at a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

expansion plans and this new care center truly fits right into what the Sutter Health organization is doing for our patients," Sarlitto said.

In Livermore, the team consists of upwards of 30 people at a time including primary care doctors, nurses, technicians, patient service representatives and housekeeping.

Some of the staff are transitioning from other Sutter Health locations while others are new hires,

according to Sutter Health director of administration Erin Chin.

On opening-day Monday, patients may have noticed areas of the waiting room specifically designed for children and nursing parents.

On one side of the room is a short table and chair for kids and on the other, a half-wall affording privacy for nursing. Between the two are tall chairs designed for patients who have hip-related health issues.

"We really want to make sure that we are providing the type of services we can for all of our patients, with all different types of health issues," director of regional operations at Sutter Health David Villanueva said during an exclusive tour of the facility prior to its opening.

Beyond the waiting room are two draw stations, including seats for infants to have their blood drawn.

Also primed for families is the on-site mother's room, a space intended for nursing mothers seeking privacy or medical consultation.

Elsewhere are radiology services, where patients can receive X-rays and mammograms.

The facility's offerings are about continuity of care, Villanueva explained. This means seeing one's provider and getting labs done without needing to leave the site.

Recalling the site's renovation process, Villanueva said the outcome is outstanding.

"August of 2024, I saw this place still gutted, nothing but wires and open ceilings," Villanueva said. "It's just amazing to see it come to fruition and seeing the details and the colors and the openness." ■

GHYSELS

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on to become the Mountain View Whisman School District superintendent from 2005 to 2010, the Menlo Park City School District superintendent from 2011 to 2016, and the chief innovations officer in the Ravenswood City School District from 2017 to 2018.

Even though Ghysels retired from public employment in 2016,

he later founded the Ghysels Group, which works with school districts on strategic planning, management and leadership change, and organizational development.

When Ghysels first joined PUSD as the interim superintendent, he saw himself as a substitute superintendent because one of his main goals during his one-year tenure was to set the district up with its next permanent superintendent.

And for the past year, he and the

district worked hard on setting up listening tours and working with consultants to build a leadership profile for what kind of person the community wanted to see at the helm.

According to a letter of agreement approved by the Board of Trustees on June 27, 2024, the district spent about \$14,000 for executive search firm Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates to conduct that listening phase of the

superintendent search.

Then, the board agreed to approve a \$30,000 base consulting fee with HYA this past February for the search firm to continue aiding the district with its search for the permanent superintendent, which ended up being Ghysels.

The decision to move forward with Ghysels comes after several weeks of impromptu closed-session special board meetings during the months of May and June related to the superintendent search. The board was previously poised to discuss an employment contract for a permanent leader at the beginning of June before the district canceled the meeting last minute.

"Over the past two months, we interviewed a good cross-section of candidates, looking for a leader with the experience, vision, and skill to maintain PUSD's excellence in education, support and retain exceptional staff across all roles, foster a positive district culture, effectively manage budget challenges, and advance our bond program," Brown said. "While many had much to offer, we ultimately concluded that the best choice is one with whom our community is already familiar."

The board was set to consider approving a two-year contract to appoint Ghysels to the role as superintendent during last night's meeting.

The employment agreement stipulates that Ghysels will take over as the permanent superintendent starting July 1 and will continue to serve in that capacity until June 30, 2027.

The contract includes a total compensation of \$355,445 for the 2025-26 school year. Ghysels' total compensation for the 2024-25 school year as interim superintendent was estimated at just over \$379,000, according to the district.

The board can vote to increase his salary each year but the increase in salary "shall not extend the term of this agreement".

"The Superintendent's salary is understood by the Parties to be 'indefinite or uncertain,'" according to the employment agreement. "Therefore, the Board reserves the right to grant the superintendent retroactive salary increases notwithstanding anything in the California Constitution that might be interpreted to the contrary."

The agreement also allows Ghysels eligibility for "advanced degree stipends consistent with those provided to certificated management employees (1.5% for a Master's and 2.5% for a Doctorate, based on the final step of the Elementary Principal salary schedule)".

While Ghysels is not eligible for health benefits paid by the district, he will receive a \$500 monthly auto allowance and other benefits given to certificated administrators including sick leave accrual, a district-provided cell phone and "professional organization dues".

"Thank you to everyone who contributed to this important process," Brown said. "We remain committed to ensuring the strongest possible leadership for our students, staff, and community." ■

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20 years of Robert Livermore Community Center

LARPD facility serves as resource for families, residents with recreation programs and activities for all

By PAREENA GUPTA

This year marks the milestone 20th anniversary of the Robert Livermore Community Center, which first opened to residents on March 26, 2005.

The initial idea to build the center was a collaboration between the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, the city of Livermore and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, according to an LARPD press release.

In 1999, a \$150 million joint bond measure, known as Measure L, was passed by more than 81% of the voters. Of the total bond, \$20 million was allocated to LARPD to construct the community center. LARPD is a multi-faceted agency that provides the Livermore area with recreation programs and a system of parks, trails and facilities to enhance quality of life in the city.

For 20 years, the 74,000-square-foot facility has served the Livermore community as a center for recreation, learning and connection. The facility welcomes over 230,000 visitors annually, with more than 100,000 drawn to the Aquatics Center alone, officials said.



COURTESY LARPD

Aerial view facing north of the Robert Livermore Community Center.

“RLCC has become exactly what it was meant to be: a central gathering place for the Livermore Community. Twenty years later, it’s clear the center has fulfilled that promise and continues to be a cornerstone of our mission to enhance the quality of life in the community,” said Mathew Fuzie, LARPD’s general manager.

The facility has remained largely unchanged in structure since its opening, but a few renovations

have been made. For instance, in January this year, the floors of the gymnasium were fully refurbished. Coinciding with the community center’s 20th anniversary, this project upgraded a crucial facility that supports a variety of sports and events, including recreational leagues, tournaments and large-scale community programming.

“The project involved sanding, resealing, and restriping the floors for basketball, volleyball, and

pickleball, preserving the gym’s capacity for diverse recreational use. It also addressed water damage, thereby enhancing the facility’s durability,” LARPD wrote on its website.

Beyond occasional renovations, the center’s programming has continually evolved to reflect the community’s changing needs. The facility has grown to provide a diverse range of programs and services for residents of all ages.

“We’ve added new classes, embraced community partnerships, and stayed flexible so the center can respond to the needs of Livermore’s growing and diverse population,” Fuzie said.

RLCC offers youth camps and sports, fitness classes, rentals, enrichment programs, and senior services to name a few activities. It also houses a wide range of facilities, including meeting rooms, classrooms, an aquatics center, a gymnasium and a ballroom.

“RLCC provides a wide range of facilities and activities that serve a wide swath of our population. Its location is easily accessible by public and private transportation. It is a busy place. Most recently the center has provided event

space and meeting rooms for my nonprofit organization, serving youth in our region. We find the center accessible and welcoming for all,” Vaughn Draggoo, secretary of Quest Science Center, told Livermore Vine.

As the cornerstone of the community, RLCC has also played an important role during critical moments, like the COVID-19 pandemic. During a period marked by disruption and adaptation, the community center served as a drive-thru meal distribution site and hosted vaccine clinics.

After two decades, the Robert Livermore Community Center continues to play a central part in Livermore’s civic life. While there is no large celebration planned for the anniversary, LARPD remains focused on growing and adapting its services to meet the changing needs of the community.

“We’re not planning a single anniversary event, but instead honoring this milestone by continuing to do what this center was built to do — serve the community,” Fuzie said. “Our focus this year is on fulfilling that original promise through the programs, services, and experiences we offer every day.” ■

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Couple recount night when their flag was vandalized

Say they won't be intimidated and will continue to support LGBTQIA+ community

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

It was late at night when Allen Larson and Heather Gioia heard a loud bang coming from outside their house in Pleasanton. When Larson went outside to see what happened, he was surprised to see their Progress Pride flag ripped from their flagpole.

"The idea that somebody would be offended by a symbol of inclusion and love is kind of baffling to me," Larson told the Weekly. "It is a sad statement that somehow this flag was an offense to this individual."

And while the two decided not to pursue charges against the culprit, the two wanted it to be clear that they will not be intimidated and that Pride flags are a way to show solidarity to a group of disenfranchised people during difficult times.

"We originally hung the flag to celebrate the people we love — friends, family, and chosen family who identify as LGBTQIA+," Gioia told the Weekly. "It wasn't meant to be a grand statement, just a visible way to say: we're so happy to have you in our lives."

"But when someone ripped it down — violently, loudly, and in front of witnesses — it became clear that even a simple act of kindness and visibility can provoke hatred," she added. "That wasn't just vandalism. That was a message meant to intimidate."

The incident started around 10:30 p.m. on June 11.

Larson said he was sitting on the couch when he and Gioia heard the loud noise outside their home.

When he walked outside, a man — the only witness who saw what happened — approached Larson and handed him the Progress Pride flag before pointing to another man who he said he saw tear down the flag before running away.

"He said the guy was walking away



COURTESY HEATHER GIOIA

Apart from putting up the Progress Pride flag that was torn down, Heather Gioia decided paint her steps as a way to continue showing solidarity to the LGBTQIA+ community during Pride Month.

and he just ripped this thing off and just took off down the street," Larson said. "I looked down the street and sure enough, I saw someone running away."

Larson said the culprit had yanked on the flag so hard that it broke the metal bracket base that the pole was in which, according to him, meant that whoever did it seemed to have been really filled with anger.

Gioia said the following morning, she and Larson filed an incident report with the Pleasanton Police Department before they taped the flag back up. Larson said they filed the incident report so that police could track any other similar cases if they do happen.

PPD Lt. Nicholas Albert told the Weekly that because a formal crime report was not filed — and without any security footage available — the department is not investigating further into this incident.

Albert added that if a similar

incident occurred and a formal report was made, a suspect could be potentially charged with vandalism and, depending on the suspect's intent or motive, an additional hate crime related to property damage charge.

The following day, Gioia decided to post the incident on Nextdoor with some hope that a few of her neighbors would offer to hang their own flags up as a sign for solidarity.

"Some were supportive. Others insisted only American flags should be flown," Gioia said of the responses to her post. "And some were openly hostile to the idea of Pride flags at all."

But some of the messages she said stuck with her the most were the ones from people who were too afraid to fly their Pride flags.

Comments like "I wanted to hang a flag, but I'm scared," or "I'm afraid my kid will be targeted," were just some of the examples that Gioia said

she saw on her post.

However, Gioia said there were others commenting why not fly a heterosexual flag, to which Gioia noted that being straight was never illegal or that straight people were never alienated to the extent that LGBTQIA+ people were and sometimes continue to be to this day.

"Pride doesn't exist because LGBTQIA+ people want special treatment," Gioia said. "Pride exists because they've been denied basic dignity for too long. Pride exists because they still have to fight for what others take for granted."

But that hasn't stopped others from disagreeing with what the Pride flag stands for.

This also isn't the first time that Larson said they have had to deal with this type of vandalism.

He said someone had attempted to tear down their Pride flag last year too — that time the person was only able to bend their flagpole — and added that seeing this happen back-to-back years is unfortunate.

According to the Human Right Campaign, one of the largest LGBTQIA+ political lobbying organizations in the U.S., the Progress Pride flag that Gioia and Larson have at their home was created by Daniel Quasar, an American artist and graphic designer. The flag includes a "white, pink, and light blue stripe to represent the Trans community." It also includes black and brown stripes to represent communities of color — the black stripe is also a nod to the thousands of individuals who died during the HIV and AIDS crisis in the '80s and '90s.

For Larson and Gioia, they said the flag is a symbol for safety and acceptance.

"To the guy that pulled it down, I feel bad for him that he doesn't understand that this is about love and acceptance," Larson said.

Larson also explained that he believes in communication and freedom to express different views, which is why he said he doesn't believe in knocking Make America Great Again hats off of people or tearing down flags that support President Donald Trump.

He said he believes there are always going to be individuals who don't agree with what others believe but when it comes to things like LGBTQIA+ rights, he is seeing some become more brazen in their actions against that community due to national rhetoric that unjustly blames issues on groups such as immigrants, trans people and other disenfranchised people.

Larson said that ultimately, the reason why they didn't press any destruction of property charges is because he would prefer having a conversation with the person who tore the flag.

"I want to know them. I want to know why. I want to know what kind of background or belief system makes this such an ugly thing," Larson said.

And while he said he does forgive the person who did this, he wanted to make it clear that they will not stop supporting the LGBTQIA+ community.

In response to her flag being torn down, Gioia decided to take it a step further and in addition to hanging her flag up again, she painted the phrase "Hate Has No Home Here. Love All" in rainbow colors on her front steps.

"It's for everyone who's ever felt unsafe in this town. For every kid wondering if there's a future for them. For anyone who's felt unseen, unwelcome, or unloved," she said. "And yes, it's also a message to the man who tore it down — because I want him to know: We're not backing down." ■

LVJUSD hires new assistant superintendent of HR

Berkeley Unified administrator to officially join executive cabinet in Livermore next week

BY JUDE STRZEMP

Longtime educator and administrator Jessica Bonduris has been named Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's new assistant superintendent of human resources starting next Tuesday, district officials announced last week.

Transitioning to the Livermore district from her current role as interim director of categorical and special projects with the Berkeley Unified School District, Bonduris is on track to succeed Amy Robbins, whose forthcoming resignation was made public at the Board of Education's June 10 meeting.

In Bonduris' new role at LVJUSD, she will serve as a leader on the

district's negotiations team, oversee staffing to ensure alignment with contractual ratios and budget priorities and lead the human resources department in supporting nearly 1,500 employees across the district, the announcement states.

"We are fortunate to have Dr. Bonduris joining our team," LVJUSD Superintendent Torie Gibson said in a statement. "Her leadership in personnel management, combined with her extensive



Jessica Bonduris

experience at both the district and county levels, will be instrumental in supporting and strengthening our human resources operations. Her insight and expertise will be a tremendous asset to our staff and entire district."

Throughout her career, Bonduris has accumulated nearly two decades of experience in educational leadership at the district and county levels, according to the statement. Most recently, Bonduris' experience includes serving as an interim director of state and federal programs as well as an associate superintendent at the county-level. Previously, she worked as a teacher and principal.

Her appointment was officially

announced during the June 17 board meeting, following a "comprehensive and competitive selection process" that included input from an 18-person panel of district leaders, school administrators, union leaders and school board members, according to the announcement.

"In service of the students, families, and staff of LVJUSD, I am honored to join a district deeply committed to educational excellence and equity," Bonduris said in a statement.

"As assistant superintendent of human resources, I am committed to collaboratively supporting and retaining exceptional employees at every level, fostering strong

partnerships with our labor leaders and upholding transparent, equitable practices," Bonduris added. "My goal is to cultivate a thriving organizational culture where every staff member feels respected and valued — because when we invest in our people, we invest in our students."

Bonduris holds a bachelor's degree and a teaching credential from the University of Wisconsin, a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction from Saint Mary's University in Minneapolis and a doctorate in educational leadership from Mills College in Oakland.

Her employment contract is set for presentation to the board for approval at its next regular meeting, scheduled to take place Aug. 12. ■

HOUSING

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categories.

Pleasanton's assigned RHNA tally for its sixth cycle is 5,965 new units — 2,758 of which are targeted toward lower-income households.

The city had originally rezoned 19 sites for housing and, according to a June 17 press release, it had been doing well in approving various housing projects.

"Since certification of the Housing Element, Pleasanton has approved over 780 new residential units, with several projects now under construction," according to the press release.

However, right after the state certified the city's document, the Housing Action Coalition sent a letter to the city which, in part, sought a "writ of mandate requiring the city to adopt a new Housing Element that complies with state law".

According to the Nov. 27, 2023 letter from the coalition, it believed the Housing Element did not comply with the law and did not believe the city is entitled to "use certain sites to count towards its Regional Housing Needs Allocation for purposes of the No Net Loss statute".

"This action will be based on the grounds that the Housing

Element for 2023-2031 ... violates Government Code sections 65583 and 65583.2," the letter further states. "This includes, without limitation, that the site inventory lists sites with existing uses that create an obstacle to residential development. The city's methodology did not take these impediments into account and did not engage in a proper consideration of other required statutory factors."

The letter also stated that the council's findings regarding the sites which claimed to accommodate lower income categories of the RHNA were not supported by "substantial evidence that the existing use was likely to discontinue during

the planning period".

Now, thanks to the settlement agreement, the City Council will have to consider rezoning three additional sites to include in its Housing Element document.

City communications manager Heather Tiernan told the Weekly those sites are: Hacienda West, which is located at 3825/3875 Hopyard Road.; Metro 580, which is located at 4515 Rosewood Drive; and the Inglewood Site, which is located at 5960 Inglewood Drive. The council will consider rezoning these sites at a future date following environmental and other reviews, according to the city.

According to the June 17 press

release, while the city doesn't agree with the housing coalition's view of the Housing Element's adequacy it believes the agreement "reflects the City's commitment to finding solutions and avoiding unnecessary legal disputes".

"Pleasanton's Housing Element is a living strategy that we're actively implementing," City Manager Gerry Beaudin stated in the press release. "While we've already seen a number of residential projects move forward, this is about looking ahead and planning responsibly to meet our community's evolving housing needs, while preserving the thoughtful approach to growth that defines Pleasanton." ■

CALABRIGO

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where we have been able to put a lot of things in place, whether they are general plans or master plans or ordinances or design guidelines. A lot of those things still exist in some way shape or form, and have really kind of guided how the town has grown and changed."

Unlike its neighbors to the south — San Ramon and Dublin — Danville has seen modest and gradual population growth in the decades since its incorporation, with residents and town officials continuing to prioritize retention of its small-town character and open spaces. While some things have inevitably changed in the 40 years since Calabrigo was hired as head of the planning department, others have stayed the same.

"It has always been a community that has been very engaged, right from the get-go, whether I'm dealing with Danville in 1985 or Danville in 2025," Calabrigo said. "Folks that were moving into town in 1985 would basically tell me — and I'm paraphrasing — 'We moved here because we like what the community is. It's a special place, don't change it.' And 40 years later, people are moving into town and telling us the same thing."

In addition to the approval of new residents, Calabrigo said that he has valued the opinions of former councilmembers who have since retired from their posts.

"From time to time, having the opportunity to talk to some of those councilmembers that were our first councilmembers, and just the sense from them that they're pleased with what their efforts have yielded — the fact that we've remained pretty true to the cause, if you will," Calabrigo said.

In describing priorities for the town, past and present officials often point to the "Four Ps" — planning, police, pavement and parks. The vision for natural and historic preservation, and slow growth, in Danville came to hinge more and more on Calabrigo as he rose in rank with the town and

absorbed knowledge from his predecessors and colleagues.

"I never necessarily saw myself doing anything other than planning," Calabrigo said. "And then, after I had been here for a while, I worked for a couple of managers that were really mentors to me. The second manager in particular, George Sipel, I think saw the potential in me and took the opportunity to sort of expose me to different parts of the organization."

Those opportunities included Calabrigo being assigned to lead the creation of the town's transportation department, then being assigned to administrative, human resources, and finance tasks in the spirit of the "lean and adaptable" model that town staff were operating under, as well as being exposed to the operations of the police and parks and recreation departments.

"So the skill set was getting rounded out, and I was starting to think in terms of a career in city management, and when he departed it created that opportunity for me to be considered and to move into that role here," Calabrigo said.

The rest will be history as of Monday (June 30), when Calabrigo's 32-year tenure as town manager — Danville's third-ever in the course of its 42 years of incorporation — comes to an end and assistant town manager Tai Williams begins her tenure at the top.

"I'm not running away from anything, but I've always shared with the council the fact that succession planning is really, really important in an organization like this one. Because we're not a PERS organization, you can't just go out and steal somebody from a PERS agency and bring them in here mid-career because it doesn't always translate," Calabrigo said.

Danville is the only Tri-Valley community that does not participate in the California Public Employees Retirement System, with the cities of San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore all contracting with the state agency to provide retirement benefits

for their employees.

That's just one of multiple reasons Calabrigo said could be behind the relatively high turnover in other city manager positions in the region compared with Danville.

"Ever since I've been doing this job, the sort of rote rule of thumb has always been with city managers, four to five years is about the life expectancy," Calabrigo said. "And I have known a lot of my colleagues over the years, and I've talked to them about what it is that contributes to that. A lot of it is the political paradigm that you're operating in — so how many times have we seen 'well, a new city council got elected, and they want to pick their own city manager, so goodbye old manager and hello, new one.'"

"I'd say that one of the things that's been different about Danville is that it's been very politically stable for a long, long time," he continued.

Although Calabrigo's more

than three decades makes him the longest-serving manager of a Tri-Valley community by far, he noted that the state record goes to former Lakewood City Manager Howard Chambers, who retired in 2017 after 42 years on the job.

"In 42 years, he had had a grand total of 17 city council members," Calabrigo said. "So what does that tell you? Well it tells you it's a very stable council, that there's not a lot of turnover. And so among the ranks of the managers, political stability is number one on the list of length of stay."

Another major factor in manager tenure, Calabrigo said, is the challenges facing a given community, the nature of those challenges, and the manager's interest in contending with them.

"I don't know that unicorn is the word that I would choose, but my circumstances are pretty unique," Calabrigo said. "I think I've always sort of operated in a world where I've understood that, while it's nice to get positive reinforcement from

people, I'm only as good as the job that I'm doing today and the job that I'm going to do tomorrow."

"There's no resting on laurels, but I think that one of the things that I've enjoyed so much about being here is the challenges have changed, and they've been different every single year," he added.

Letting go of those challenges and the desire to contend with them is one of the hardest parts of his pending retirement, Calabrigo said, but a variety of factors — including the 40-year mark of his total tenure with the town in September — point towards it being the right move this year.

New and ongoing challenges and solutions now await Williams once she takes the wheel as Danville's fourth-ever town manager on Tuesday (July 1).

"It's a good time for me to go, and my successor — you know, it's her time," Calabrigo said. "She's going to be great at this job, and she'll do some great things that I never did." ■

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Jury sides with doctor in pregnancy malpractice case

Former Pleasanton resident sought damages after physician incorrectly diagnosed her with miscarriage

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

At 11 weeks pregnant, then-Pleasanton resident Jessica Perry noticed she was bleeding heavily on a late spring night in 2021.

Perry was immediately rushed to Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley where medical personnel informed her that she miscarried her baby. She recounted that night leaving the hospital as being one of the worst of her life, particularly after she previously experienced a miscarriage six years earlier.

But when she visited an obstetrician-gynecologist outside of the Stanford hospital the next morning for a second opinion, Perry was both relieved and shocked to hear her baby was alive and safe — he would later be born healthy that fall.

In a jury trial that concluded last week, Perry lost her malpractice suit against the Stanford Health Care doctor who treated her that night in Pleasanton. However, she continues to live with the trauma of the ordeal.

“You can’t undo a lived experience,” Perry said. “My lived reality is there is a time in my life where I had two deceased children and there is no undoing that.”

According to court documents obtained by the Weekly, Dr. Tian Mi, the doctor who initially diagnosed Perry with an incomplete miscarriage, advised her that she should get a dilation and curettage — also known as a D&C — which is a procedure used to treat miscarriages.

Perry later filed a lawsuit against Stanford and the doctor who treated her for malpractice and the

emotional distress she suffered during those eight hours where she thought she lost a second baby. Perry settled her case against the hospital, but according to her lawyer, they did not win the jury trial against the doctor, which concluded on June 16.

“We respect the jury’s decision and are currently reviewing our appeal options,” said Perry’s lawyer, Lilia Bulgucheva.

As of time of publication, Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley had not responded to multiple requests for comments.

According to the court documents, “Both the defendants (Stanford and Mi) deny liability claiming plaintiff was not damaged as she later delivered a healthy baby, despite the wrongful diagnosis otherwise.”

The day Perry went into the emergency room — April 23, 2021 — started off like any other day. In fact, it was the day she had first learned her baby’s gender.

For Perry, it was a particularly significant moment for her because in 2015, she miscarried her daughter. She said after that experience, it took her and her husband some time to entertain the idea of trying again — it’s also why she was cautiously optimistic with her second pregnancy.

“This was it,” Perry said regarding her and her husband’s attempt to get pregnant again. “We would try this one more time and if it didn’t go well, then we were done.”

But later that night around midnight, Perry said she felt the need to go to the bathroom and when she got up from the couch, she felt something wrong in her abdomen.

“That’s when I realized I was bleeding,” Perry said.

She said her husband called for an ambulance, but by the time first responders arrived at their condo in Pleasanton, she had already soaked three towels with blood.

Perry only lived minutes from Stanford Health Care ValleyCare (as the hospital was known at the time) so as she made her way to the emergency room, she kept assuring herself that everything was going to be fine. But even as she made it inside the hospital, it was clear the situation was serious.

“A couple of nurses started putting an IV (drip) in each arm and the one to my left started removing those towels that the paramedics had put on me and they removed the top one and she said ‘Oh wow that’s a lot of blood,’” Perry said.

The following series of events is what later became the focus of the jury trial and lawsuit against Stanford and the doctor.

According to Perry’s trial brief court documents for the June 9 hearing, the undisputed facts are that around 2 a.m. Mi performed a pelvic examination, removed a large amount of clear blood-tinged fluid in Perry’s cervix and, upon further inspection, noticed a “large clot/tissue obstructing the cervix.”

“Defendant performed a brief bedside transabdominal ultrasound and diagnosed (Perry) with an incomplete miscarriage,” according to the court documents.

She was later discharged at around 3:30 a.m.

But what Bulgucheva disputed in the court documents was that the doctor — who was allegedly

aware of Perry’s first miscarriage — dismissed her concerns and requests for an ultrasound and prematurely concluded “she had miscarried based solely on the amount of blood loss.”

According to court documents, there was no evidence the doctor connected with the OB-GYN department, despite claiming he had.

In a professional negligence claim, Perry’s legal team was tasked with the burden of proof to show the physician failed to meet the standard of care, which is why Bulgucheva said they brought out a practicing emergency physician from San Diego County to testify in court against him.

“He is of the opinion that Dr. Mi breached the standard of care by failing to obtain a confirmatory ultrasound and diagnosing Ms. Perry with an incomplete miscarriage without really having all of the definitive proof that was required to do so,” Bulgucheva told the Weekly.

She said according to the San Diego physician, definitive proof would have been seeing the fetus on the ultrasound and confirming it did not have a heartbeat or seeing the dead fetus outside of Perry’s womb.

“Despite Plaintiff’s repeated requests for an ultrasound to confirm the miscarriage, Dr. Mi performed a cursory upper abdomen ultrasound, lasting mere seconds, and callously declared the fetus was gone, gesturing towards her discarded bloody clothes,” according to court documents.

Perry said learning this information made her entire body feel like it was going haywire.

“I was devastated,” she said. “I started shaking really, really hard and my throat started feeling like it was on fire ... and it became harder to breathe.”

According to the court documents, the doctor allegedly then suggested the D&C procedure to “get rid of whatever is left.”

Perry, however, decided to wait for a second opinion, which is why she made an appointment for that same morning with her personal obstetrician where she received a transvaginal ultrasound and the nurse showed her son, who was still alive.

“She starts the ultrasound and she says well look there’s your baby,” Perry said. “I was shocked, I was elated, I was confused, I was happy, I was angry, I was terrified ... I could not believe what I was seeing.”

Perry later saw a perinatologist who determined the vaginal bleeding was caused by two subchorionic hemorrhages, according to court documents.

After some light treatment and a healthy amount of bedrest, Perry gave birth to her healthy son on Nov. 1, 2021.

While she saw her son’s birth as a miracle, Perry still has nightmares about what would have happened if she had listened to the Stanford doctor’s alleged recommendation to abort the fetus during her 2021 emergency hospital visit.

“I think about it all the time,” Perry said. “I think about it when Hudson does something really cool for the first time. I think about it a lot at night ... that evening tends to creep into a lot of my moments of joy.” ■

TAKE US ALONG

Bonjour

from France:

Pleasanton resident Linda Grant celebrated Christmas and New Year’s in France with her daughter who lives abroad in Portugal. She brought the Weekly along as they visited various tourist spots, including the Eiffel Tower with their Citroën on Christmas Day 2024, The Louvre, St. Martin’s Church and the Colmar Christmas Market.



To submit your “Take Us Along” entry, email your photograph to editor@pleasantonweekly.com. Be sure to identify who is in the photo (names listed from left to right), the location, the date and any relevant details about where you took your Weekly.

Armadillo Willy’s shuts in Dublin

Only one Bay Area location remains amid company financial struggles

BY JUDE STRZEMP

Texas-style barbecue restaurant Armadillo Willy’s BBQ recently shut down its Dublin location, following years of reduced sales for the local company also impacted by inflation.

Its shuttering of the Dublin site April 19 preceded three additional closures across the Bay Area this month, including restaurants in Blossom Hill, Sunnyvale and Santa Clara.

The company is now down to one location based in San Mateo, with catering still available throughout the Bay Area, according to the restaurant’s website.

“The past five years have been a very difficult road for our restaurant,” CEO Kevin Roberts wrote in a June 17 statement announcing this month’s closures. “The restaurant never seemed to regain traction in returning to pre-pandemic sales levels.”

Known for serving wood-fired barbecue for over 40 years, Armadillo Willy’s saw erratic business patterns following the pandemic, Roberts said in a statement.

“It makes me very sad that this painful step must be taken,” Roberts said of the most recent closures.



COURTESY CITY OF DUBLIN

Armadillo Willy’s BBQ in Dublin closed its doors for the last time April 19.

“I have done everything I can to avoid this outcome.” Armadillo Willy’s representatives did not respond for comment as of publication time.

It is not immediately clear what might take over the restaurant’s former site at 4480 Tassajara Road. ■

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Police arrest three kids in connection with 49 auto burglaries

Three children — ages 12, 14 and 15 — were arrested in connection with 49 auto burglaries in Livermore, police said last week.

Two boys, ages 12 and 15, and a 14-year-old girl were arrested June 10 for the burglaries, police said on social media June 19.

The 49 break-ins all occurred overnights from May 5 to June 13 in the downtown area and surrounding streets, police said.

Most of the burglaries involved smashed windows, primarily on the front passenger side, to steal USB drives, battery packs, sunglasses and wallets, police said.

Search warrants were executed at the homes of the trio, all of whom live in Livermore. Officers recovered some of the stolen property, police said.

All three were cited and released to their parents. Alameda County Juvenile Hall would not accept the children due to the non-violent nature of the offenses, police said.

Police are continuing to investigate whether the group is responsible for additional auto burglaries and vehicle thefts in Livermore prior to May 5.

The case has been referred to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office Juvenile Probation Department.

— Bay City News Service

ATM robberies around Pleasanton

Pleasanton police are investigating multiple ATM robberies that happened last week across the city.

Police said to expect increased patrols around local bank parking lots to help deter would-be robbers.

In each case, two or three suspects, wearing dark clothing and full-face masks, approached victims during early evening hours.

The suspects threatened and physically assaulted victims to steal cash. Victims reported seeing no weapons, but police warned that didn't mean the suspects weren't armed.

Based on similarities in time of day and descriptions of suspects, detectives believe these incidents are related. But each robbery involved a different getaway vehicle.

Police want people to be aware of their surroundings when using ATMs, especially after dark.

If possible, use indoor or well-lit ATMs in populated areas.

Avoid withdrawing large amounts of cash at once. If you're the victim or witness a similar crime call 911 immediately.

— Tony Hicks, Bay City News Service

Jewelry store break-in

An attempted burglary at a jewelry store in Dublin last week was foiled by the owner removing valuables from display cases before multiple suspects attempted to break in by ramming a vehicle into the building.

The incident occurred just before 2 p.m. last Friday during which the driver of a white Lexus reportedly broke into the security gates at BJ Jewellers at 6616 Dublin Blvd. by backing the vehicle into them, according to a press release from Dublin Police Services later that afternoon.

Multiple suspects were seen exiting the vehicle via surveillance footage according to DPS, before fleeing empty handed in different vehicles.

The culprits were still at large and the investigation was ongoing as of Friday afternoon, with the Lexus abandoned at the scene of the crime being deemed stolen.

DPS officials had not responded to a request for updates as of Monday evening.

— Jeanita Lyman

\$534,356 armored vehicle via state grant

The Livermore Police Department is on track to swap out its aging armored rescue vehicle late next year, given the Livermore City Council's unanimous support for buying a new ARV during a recent meeting.

Quoted at \$534,356, the 2025 Lenco BearCat G3 4-Wheel Drive Armored Vehicle is approved for purchase through the "Citizen's Option for Public Safety" state grant. This grant covers the full cost of the purchase and may only be used for public safety purposes.

The new vehicle is set to replace the department's 2006 GMC C4500 Armored Truck, which has reached its life expectancy and received staff's recommendation for replacement based on its age and condition, according to a report prepared by city of Livermore public works supervisor Scott Kooreman.

The council adopted a resolution June 9, authorizing the purchase order for one BearCat G3 as part of its consent calendar — composed of items that are typically considered routine and passed by a single motion.

During the meeting, one public commenter suggested that routing approximately half a million dollars to social services would create a safer community than the purchase of an ARV.

But according to LPD Capt. John Reynolds of the special operations division, the new tool ensures that the police department is prepared to respond effectively and safely if and when the need arises.

"It's better to have the piece of equipment and not have a need for it, than to need it and not have it," Livermore Mayor John Marchand said during the meeting. "We're talking about protecting the community and we don't know what to expect, so it's better to be prepared."

LPD's current ARV was purchased from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for one dollar in 2014, according to the city staff report.

In recent years, it has been used in "operational settings" 11 times in 2022, seven times in 2023 and 11 times in 2024, according to Reynolds.

But the older GMC is difficult to service and maintain, since replacement parts are hard to locate and purchase, Reynolds explained.

"These variables increase the safety hazard for police department staff who need to operate it at a moment's notice," Reynolds said of the current ARV.

Of the new BearCat G3, Reynolds said, "This ARV is a tool and ensures we are prepared to respond effectively and safely if and when the need arises."

As for the new vehicle's maintenance, it is expected to cost less than that of the GMC, which averaged upwards of \$8,000 in annual repair and maintenance expenses.

During the meeting, City Manager Marianna Burch also attested to the new ARV as being an essential tool.

"The purchase of this vehicle could help us secure our community better and respond to incidents," Burch said.



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The sole public commenter, Alan Marling, lamented the use of approximately half a million dollars to purchase an ARV.

Marling asked rhetorically, how many meals, medications, therapy sessions and beds that money would provide for those in need.

"Those services and more could rescue people from desperate straits and if they were less desperate, then they would be less likely to commit crime in the first place," Marling said.

However, the COPS state grant that is funding the new ARV can only be used for public safety purposes, Burch reminded the council.

Councilmember Kristie Wang later sympathized with Marling, but affirmed the grant's use for public safety.

"My first reaction was similar to our speaker, that we're in a time of great need for our social services,"

Wang said. "But this is a state grant that's intended for a specific purpose. We can't use it for those things if we wanted to."

LPD expects delivery of the new vehicle sometime in late 2026, given an approximate production time of 12 to 18 months, according to Reynolds.

The quoted price tag of BearCat G3 includes \$486,025 for the vehicle itself and \$48,331 for use tax. The pricing is not-to-exceed 10% of the original quote, according to the staff report.

"We understand that the purchase of the new armored rescue vehicle may raise concerns among a few members of the community," Reynolds said. "Our intention with this acquisition is solely to enhance public safety for our officers and community during critical incidents." ■

— Jude Strzemp

Theresa Kathleen Nogueira

June 3, 1953 – May 21, 2025

Theresa Kathleen Nogueira (Sterbenk), beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, in Sunriver, Oregon. She was 71 years old. Her passing is a heartbreaking loss to everyone who knew and loved her.



Born on June 3, 1953, in Oakland, California, Theresa was raised in San Leandro, where her vibrant personality and love for others began to shine. She studied dental hygiene at Chabot College and worked as a dental hygienist before moving to Lake Oswego, Oregon in 1993, where she devoted herself full-time to raising her two children. During that time, she also assisted her husband in building and running his business, offering her time, care, and steady presence behind the scenes.

Theresa was the heart of her family — full of life, love, and an unforgettable quick wit. She had a bubbly, generous spirit and a deep love for entertaining, cooking, and making everyone feel welcome. Whether hosting teammates, organizing carpools, or cheering from the sidelines, she poured her heart into supporting her children's dreams and created a home filled with warmth and laughter.

A devoted and loving wife to her husband John for 49 years, Theresa was also an active member of the Lake Oswego Women's Auxiliary and a tireless volunteer at Lake Oswego High School and Lake Grove Elementary. She touched countless lives as a second mom to many, with an open door and an open heart.

Theresa is survived by her husband John Nogueira; her children Brian Nogueira (Marcie) and Laura Violon (Axel); her grandchildren Nash, Briggs, and Chloe; and her sisters Juanita Epps, Dianne Lague, and Noreen Wernsing. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered for the love she gave and the joy she brought to so many.

A celebration of life will be announced by the family in the coming months.

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FABULOUS FAIR FOOD

BEYOND THE BASICS, VENDORS VIE WITH VARIETY AND CREATIVITY TO TANTALIZE TASTE BUDS

STORY AND PHOTOS BY DEBORAH GROSSMAN

What does a Sandia slushie with Takis and a watermelon taco have in common? Watermelon and a summer pairing that celebrates the array of food and drink at the Alameda County Fair.

The Pleasanton fair hosts new food and beverages in diverse ways. Never-tasted-before creations may range from marshmallow corn dogs to watermelon tacos. Trending flavors such as hot honey sauce smother chicken fries. Newer regional specialties like dirty sodas pop up at a Utah family's stand.

This year, new attractions like the King XXL Midway thriller or hot air balloon rides may be no match for eating at the fair. "When we ask our guests why they attend, food always tops the list," said Angel Moore, COO of the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

Fair-goers bold enough to munch on Cajun octopus on a stick and then tear into caramel, apple pie cinnamon rolls can vote among the 25 new items in the Foodie's Choice Awards program.

Several Foodie's Choice items cost \$16 or more. Yet many culinary options are economical. On Throwback Thursdays when fair

admission is \$11, Food Bites are offered for \$3 from 1-5 p.m.

Several bites such as feta and oregano topped fries at The Sleek Greek stand are generous, but Foodie Choice new items are not featured in the contest. Daily food demos by concessionaires and local chefs offer free, small samples.

The Winery of the Day program presents free tastings in the Wine Garden, and the free Brewery of the Day tastes are found on the "Yellow Brick Road" — aka along the Wine Garden wall.

The fair invited local media to vote for Critic's Choice among the new items before opening day. The group chose the non-alcoholic Blue Lagoon for top billing. Since the name refers to a sweeter-style cocktail and is sold at the Sweet Tea booths, we expected the drink to possess sweetness but found it refreshing and light.

At the booth, I discovered the drink is made with Rockstar Zero, a sugar-free energy drink loaded with caffeine, blue syrup, and blue gummy worms.

I asked Joe Orlando of Lafayette for a food pairing with the Blue Lagoon. He proposed the Critic's third-place choice, buffalo chicken



Lobster Shack's Cajun octopus on a stick is among the eye-catching cuisine offerings at the 2025 Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton.

fries from Aaron's Chicken Shack. On a recent Thursday, I also liked the drink with the fries accompanied by my idea of the perfectly sized deep-fried Oreo Food Bite.

Another top Critic's Choice was the Cajun octopus on a stick. I slowly chewed on a piece. Meanwhile, Joseph Rojas, a photographer from San Jose, told me it would pair well with a French Chablis wine or a 7-Up.

The marshmallow corn dog looked daunting. I took a bite

and liked the textural contrast between the gooey cubes with the crunchy savory coating. Chase Hunter of Oakland thought it was crazy yet edible and pairable with lemonade.

With pickles trending in the food world, the elevated cucumbers occupy two Foodie's Choice spots. The pickle dog pretzel twists up interest at Grandma Herzberg's Pretzels.

Bacon and pickle pizza slices with mozzarella overflow the plate at

Papa Gino's Pizza. The clerk there acknowledged that pepperoni continues to outsell all pizzas.

To pair with the pizza, I selected a spicy watermelon mango with chamoy and Tajin from the Slush booth and then waited in line for another Critic's Choice, the thick and soft carnival cookie, at the new Dough Show booth.

During the media review, I eyed the large-size plastic cup of Dubai chocolate, a riff on the social media "it" candy bar featuring chocolate



New to the Pleasanton fair this year (and maybe new to the world ... ever) is Hand Dipped Corn Dogs' marshmallow corn dog.



The Iced booth offers cinnamon rolls, pies and dirty sodas.



For a full meal, try a combination of iced dirty soda, Food Bite cinnamon roll, Teriyaki cheeseburger spring roll and Sleek Greek Food Bite fries.



Aaron's Buffalo chicken fries, next to a deep-fried Oreo Food Bite and a Blue Lagoon drink.

and pistachio. Later I saw the head-turning wall depiction of the luxurious, \$18 mix of strawberries, chocolate sauce and pistachio sauce at the Sweets by J booth.

On a hot day after watching the trapeze show or cheering for Porkchop or Strawberry at the All Alaskan pig race, fair-goers may yearn for the air-conditioned, sit-down ambiance of the Farmhouse Restaurant and Bar. Owned by the Fairgrounds, the restaurant features birria tacos, long-beloved P-town burgers, and a full bar featuring Cadillac margaritas.

Open in the evenings, Hussong's Cantina, a new venue with live music, is an American offshoot of the Ensenada, Mexico cantina that allegedly invented the margarita. The Twisted Cocktail George Dickel Honky Tonk Saloon is an

outside, walk-up bar. Despite no creative "twists" on classic cocktails, the \$14 Pepsi with George Dickel whiskey is a popular call.

Along with caloric overload, sampling fair specialties highlight food as a cultural phenomenon. Booths serve up Mexican, Greek, German and Asian food, local and international wine and beer, plus innumerable American goodies.

For Hawaiian specialties paired with piña colodas, alcoholic or not, visit the Pineapple Grill. This year, the Utah-based family owners of the grill opened the new Iced booth with iced cinnamon buns and dirty sodas.

According to owner Melissa Miladelaroca, the most popular dirty soda at Iced is the Texas Tab with Dr. Pepper, coconut cream and raspberry syrup. Now we know. ■



The Dough Show Cookie Booth is a popular draw for those with a sweet tooth.



Papa Gino's Bacon and pickle pizza, paired with a carnival cookie and a spicy watermelon mango slushie.

An 'old-fashioned Fourth' in Pleasanton

Nonprofit celebrating country's heritage at renovated Lions Wayside Park

STORY BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO
PHOTOS BY CHUCK DECKERT

This Fourth of July, Pleasanton residents will have the chance to enjoy a free concert and picnic at the newly renovated Lions Wayside Park, which was set to open back up to the public one week earlier.

The event, hosted by the Make A Difference for Pleasanton nonprofit, will be the first one scheduled at the renovated downtown park after the City Council approved the improvement project back in September 2024.

"Since 1999, volunteers have put together 'Celebrating Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution' for our community," W. Ron Sutton, founder of the nonprofit, said in a press release.

"On this 249th year since the first Independence Day, we celebrate our shared heritage with an old-fashioned Fourth," Sutton added. "Even if we disagree July 5 on current politics, we will do so with our expected behaviors of Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Honesty, and Integrity. We celebrate living in a Community of Character!"

In a separate press release from the city, the grand reopening of



Lions Wayside and Delucchi parks is slated for this Friday (June 27) at 1:30 p.m.

One week later, the Fourth of July celebration will come to the reborn Lions Wayside, a free event that will feature music from the Pleasanton Community Concert Band, which is also commemorating its 50th anniversary. The group will be playing music that they have performed over the last half century.

One of the group's original conductors, Bob Williams, will return to the podium to help lead the band.

Food will also be sold at the event. According to the nonprofit, there will be 600 hot dog lunches available for purchase — each lunch will cost \$5 — and there will also be vegetarian options available. Free hand-held American flags will also be distributed to the first 300 adults to arrive.

In addition to the lunches, Meadowlark Dairy will also be providing a limited amount of ice cream tokens to children in the audience.

Community members who are planning on attending the event are being advised to bring their own chairs or blankets to sit on and are encouraged to wear red, white and blue to the event. There will also be 50 folding chairs beneath a shaded

canopy available for residents courtesy of the Pleasanton Community Concert Band, according to the nonprofit.

During the event, several Pleasanton residents will also be recognized for being named the 2024 and 2025 Ed Kinney Community Patriots. Established in 2005, the award honors the memory of Kinney, a past Pleasanton mayor who also served as the first master of ceremonies for the annual Fourth of July event.

Also unique to this year's event will be the reading of an original poem by Pleasanton's former teen poet laureate, Ishmeet Dhillon. In addition, Sutton will be offering a discourse on 1789 — the year the U.S. constitution took effect — and Pleasanton resident Doug Miller will provide a eulogy for the late Chris Miller, a fellow military veteran and former Ed Kinney Community Patriot whose birthday was on Independence Day.

According to the press release, the event will take place at the park from noon to 1:30 p.m. next Friday (July 4). It will mark the first Fourth of July celebration for the nonprofit since 2023, as last year's event was canceled due to a heat wave. ■



The "Celebrating Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution" Fourth of July event, hosted by the Make A Difference for Pleasanton nonprofit, draws hundreds of people to Lions Wayside Park. Shown: A snapshot of the 2023 celebration, the last time it was held after a heat wave cancellation last year.

ComicCon coming back to the Bankhead this weekend

Voice actor John Morris, writer Seth Singleton, 'Galaxy Quest' screening among highlights

BY CONNOR HUARD
Livermore Valley Arts is once again bringing ComicCon Livermore to the Bankhead Theater. This weekend's ComicCon is following LVA's prior success the past two summers and is free and open to the public.

Running from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday (June 28), ComicCon Livermore 2025 will include a cosplay contest on stage, tournaments with Games of Livermore and King Kong Comics, interactive comic art, face painting, photo booth, a 3-D printing demo with Jeremiah Low as Iron Man and an air brush demo by Joel Salinas III, according to a press release from LVA.

Notably, this year's ComicCon will also feature voice actor John Morris, known for playing Andy in "Toy Story", "Toy Story 2" and "Toy Story 3", along with Seth Singleton, the lead writer for the comic strip character "Greedy Greg", as special guests. The afternoon will end with a family-friendly screening of the 1999 sci-fi parody movie "Galaxy Quest" at a cost of \$10 per ticket in the Bankhead at 4:30 p.m.

Outside of the "Toy Story" series, Morris is also the voice of Pepper Roni, protagonist of the 1998 video game "Lego Island". Morris, who previously sold autographs at ComicCon Livermore in 2024, told

the Livermore Vine at the time, "It makes me smile to see so many fans attending and enjoying these events."

Singleton is the lead writer for the "Greedy Greg" comic strip series published by Hapsie and a freelance writer for multiple entertainment companies. He is also the author of "Major League Magic", "This Is A Language of Fists", "Animal Pollution Patrol", numerous reviews for CBR and DC Comics News, and runs the podcast "Storytelling with Seth".

Alongside illustrator and fellow writer Eric Lee, Singleton will be signing copies of issue No. 1 of "Anachronistic Comics" as well as "Comics Lit Vol. 1," a collection of essays by multiple authors detailing the connections between pop culture characters and classic works of literature. A lifelong fan of comics, Singleton reflected on the history of how they have been perceived and many of their strengths

"In the '50s the government had (Will) Eisner drawing 'Joe Dope' for the GIs," Singleton told the Livermore Vine. "The research showed that comics were the most effective method of communication."

Singleton continued to explain that part of what he loves about comics is how their combination of images and words allows them to be understood by kids but also enjoyed by adults. As works that can



COURTESY LVA

ComicCon Livermore features a cosplay contest on the Bankhead Theater stage among its many activities. This year's event runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Saturday in downtown.

be easily translated to other mediums, Singleton also explained that he found comics to be self-sustaining and constantly pushing the seeming boundaries and limitations of storytelling.

"I use comics in my teaching. I'm an adjunct professor at Sienna Heights University, and I've used comics like 'Maus' to communicate really important questions," Singleton said.

In Singleton's eyes, the breadth and variety of comics is a sign of the

art form's lack of limits. Any genre can be illustrated in comic form, as evidenced by ComicCon Livermore's artist showcase including manga, crime/noir, humor, fantasy, horror, slice of life, adventure, and romance comics.

ComicCon Livermore aims to embrace the versatility of comics that Singleton loves.

Open to the public, anyone interested in pop culture or classical

literature (or the events where they're really the same, as Singleton's essay "Myths & Vines: John Constantine and the Reincarnation of Bacchus" tells) can find entertainment and inspiration at the Bankhead this weekend.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First St. in downtown Livermore. To reserve a spot for ComicCon Livermore, visit livermorearts.org. ■

Asbury Players to present final performances of 'Stealing Home'

Farce centers on aftermath of botched robbery at family's funeral home

BY JUDE STRZEMP
Asbury Players Community Theater is set to return to stage in Livermore this weekend to perform its closing shows of "Stealing Home", a family-friendly farce centered on the robbery of a funeral home.

During the play, police catch petty criminals Cecil and Pug on their nighttime visit to a funeral home. In an attempt at evasion, Cecil tries fast-talking his way out of the situation.

As it turns out, the funeral home owner's long-lost son and Cecil are the same boy who disappeared at an amusement park decades earlier. But for the owner's three daughters who intend to sell the funeral home, Cecil's appearance serves as quite the wrench in their plan.

Written by Pat Cook and co-directed by Martie Muldoon and Jim Lobao, "Stealing Home" is considered to be simultaneously comedic and poignant, Asbury Players reps said.

The upcoming performances follow opening weekend shows held June 21-22.

"The two performances we've had, everybody has walked away smiling,



MARTIE MULDOON

Asbury Players Community Theater's second weekend of performing "Stealing Home" is set for this Friday through Sunday.

laughing," Muldoon said. "We always try to choose plays that are fun and funny and have a bit of heart in them."

Asbury Players hosts annual performances and is sponsored by Asbury United Methodist Church.

This year's show features 11 cast members, including several from the congregation.

Proceeds from this year's concessions are set to go towards funding

the construction of a new playground at Asbury, Muldoon said.

The upcoming performances are scheduled this Friday and Saturday (June 27-28) at 7:30 p.m and Sunday (June 29) at 2 p.m.

Performances are held at Asbury United Methodist Church located at 4743 East Ave. in Livermore. Tickets are available for purchase at the door or through the church at 925-447-1950. ■

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By JEFF NIBERT

Budget in place, but infrastructure, pension troubles remain

Pleasanton's residents deserve straight talk. Regarding Pleasanton's newly approved two-year budget, the city's financial future remains precarious.

The process to create a budget following the failure of Measure PP was necessarily long and arduous. Painful cuts were made. Our residents who engaged in the process are to be thanked and commended.

I voted in favor of the resulting final budget as the culmination of the hard work of our city staff, the Budget Advisory Committee and all involved. Despite my reservations, I believe the City Council needs to show unanimity of resolve, not necessarily complete agreement, to move the city forward.

The mayor's Guest Opinion in the June 20 issue, while laudatory, obscures the big picture regarding two serious threats to our future: Pleasanton's rapidly escalating pension contributions and the very high

cost to fix the city's deteriorated infrastructure and facilities, following years of deferring their maintenance.

While the City Council did make tough decisions, a council majority also voted to sidestep other recommended actions that were before us to tackle the structural deficit. In my opinion, we as a body fell short, and because of that, the remaining gap in the new budget is now filled with onetime money and lost opportunity.

Some difficult choices are still being deferred or overshadowed. In other words, on these serious threats, the proverbial can was kicked further down the road.

With our pension situation, the big picture metric is the unfunded liability. The Section 115 Pension Trust is meant to keep a lid on our unfunded liability.

In March, the city's actuary recommended ideally not taking money out of the trust, as doing so increases our liability. I myself wrestled with

following the alternate path taken by the council.

The decision to withdraw \$3 million means it will be unavailable for both future use and compounded earnings — whether it's interest or principal doesn't matter. That is the wrong direction as the city heads into the critical period when pension costs, which have already ballooned, are forecast to soar. Just because we can raid the trust doesn't mean we should.

Furthermore, the investment in Pleasanton's infrastructure and facilities has been woefully inadequate for many years. While the added allocation in this budget is welcome, it still is not powerful enough to meet any significant fraction of the enormous need. In the original draft budget, city staff had recommended \$1.6 million



more for the Deferred Maintenance program than what the council approved.

Considering the critical infrastructure conditions that exist, denying the recommended amount was also a step in the wrong direction. When facilities break down, the services they provide go away. Right now, there is a long list of needed repairs that \$1.6 million could have helped to fund, above and beyond the final budget dollars. In this respect, the budget doesn't do enough to safeguard our quality of life.

The city will seek measures to increase revenue, but these will likely take years to make a dent in the still alarming financial forecast. Without significant new revenue of millions of dollars annually, the required improvements to city facilities and infrastructure, as well as mandatory pension funding, will either lead to deeper cuts to city services or become impossible to implement.

Yes, Pleasanton will have a balanced budget. But the financial situation is not all happy talk. Pleasanton is not out of the fiscal woods, not by a long shot. ■

Editor's note: Jeff Nibert is in his third year on the Pleasanton City Council, representing District 1 in the northwest part of the city. Nibert is serving as vice mayor during 2025.

LETTERS

Balancing the letters

In response to Rosemary Patterson and others who have grown weary of Mr. Ott's too frequent rants, I'd like to defend the Weekly.

They can't print letters they don't get. I, for one, am guilty of not writing when perhaps I should. I also see the more measured voices in our community keeping quiet.

The publishers are duty-bound to print opposing views. It is even more important now that the Weekly and her sister publications in the Tri-Valley are officially 501(c)(3) non-profit publications.

As my grandchildren say, "rules is rules" and the rules pertain to all of us. Or at least they're supposed to.

Mr. Ott thinks he has mastered the art of the squeaky wheel. Those of us whose opinions deviate wildly from his assume Weekly readers have better sense than to buy into his rudeness and simply skim his letters and move on to what really matters. Perhaps we've grown too complacent and it is time for us to speak up.

Common sense leads me to believe most of us know better.

It's a bit like reading Andy Borowitz's satirical spins on world affairs. Mr. Ott is so outrageous in his rantings that I choose to laugh at them rather than spend my energy trying to refute them. I suspect

I am not alone.

We are at a historical crossroad. Each of us has a voice, and it is up to us as individuals to use that voice. The world as we know it depends on it.

— Linda Kelly

Support STAY Act

Across California, ICE agents are operating in secrecy — storming homes and public spaces with their faces hidden, refusing to identify themselves, and detaining individuals without explanation. It's a terrifying reality for immigrant communities and increasingly, for U.S. citizens as well.

This is not how a democracy treats its people. It's how authoritarian regimes operate.

The STAY Act (SB 1121), introduced by Sens. Scott Wiener and Jesse Arreguin, aims to restore basic accountability. The bill would ban ICE officers from wearing masks during enforcement actions in California and require clear identification and documentation when they detain someone. These are minimal, sensible measures in any society that claims to uphold civil rights.

And yet we're seeing cases like that of Adrian Andrew Martinez, a 20-year-old U.S. citizen in Pico Rivera who was forcibly taken by masked ICE agents. His family had no information about his whereabouts or legal status. That should shake every Californian to the core.

We need to act before these tactics become normalized. Passing the STAY Act is a critical step toward

protecting our communities and rejecting fear as a tool of policy.

— Kat Rosa

TIM TALK

By TIM HUNT

City and Stoneridge owners need to get moving

The city of Pleasanton needs to do all it can to install urgency in the redevelopment of the Stoneridge Shopping Center and its surrounding parking lots.

The Sunvalley Shopping Center in Concord, developed at about the same time as Stoneridge also by the Taubman Realty Group, is facing a mortgage default, according to news reports. The value has plunged from \$350 million in 2012 to \$170 million and it's more than 90% leased.

Taubman now is a subsidiary of the Simon Property Group. Lenders were told that cash flow is not sufficient to pay the \$135.7 million due in September. Cash flow, despite the occupancy, is down 39% since 2012.

The situation is even more complicated at Stoneridge with multiple property owners of the mall, including Simon.

I reached out to the marketing director asking the status or timeline on the city-approved plans to tear down the Sears store and the adjoining parking structure and build outdoor, two-story buildings (think CityCenter San Ramon). I did not hear back from the Stoneridge reps.

City revenues from Stoneridge have been dropping for years and the overall value of the center presumably dropping with it. Simon and Westfield, another multinational mall operator, bought JCPenney out of bankruptcy to maintain that major presence in their centers across the country. ■

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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Female reliever Lyszczyk joins Leprechauns

No gimmick signing: Canada native to pitch in select games for Dublin after trailblazing college career

When I first heard about the Dublin Leprechauns signing a female to their Pecos Independent League baseball team, I envisioned Leprechauns general manager as a P.T. Barnum role, making it a big marketing move.

But the more I looked at it, and after talking with the player, it's a legit signing.

And so it is that pitcher Marika Lyszczyk was slated to make her debut this week — some time during the game Tuesday when the Leprechauns were set to play host to the San Rafael Pacifics at Fallon Field in Dublin.

"We want to be in the best position for success," said Leprechauns'

on-field manager David Aceron. "Marika adds value to our team and that's why she is here."

In a league that plays 54 games in 65 days, pitching is crucial. Every inning counts — something the Leprechauns found out the hard way last year.

After a 3-2 loss to Martinez on Sunday, the Leprechauns dropped to 13-13, right in the middle of the pack but just a winning streak away from battling for first place.

Lyszczyk is a relief pitcher, so when in the game she will take the mound remains to be seen. When she does get the chance to toe the rubber, count on her competitiveness to be on display.

The girl loves baseball. "I started playing both baseball and softball as a kid," said Lyszczyk, who grew up in Vancouver, British Columbia. "I quit softball at 11 and focused on baseball. I kept making it further and further."

Lyszczyk was a catcher and had a solid career, letting her think about what would happen after high school.

"I decided to try and play in college," said Lyszczyk, who went to high school at South Delta Secondary School.

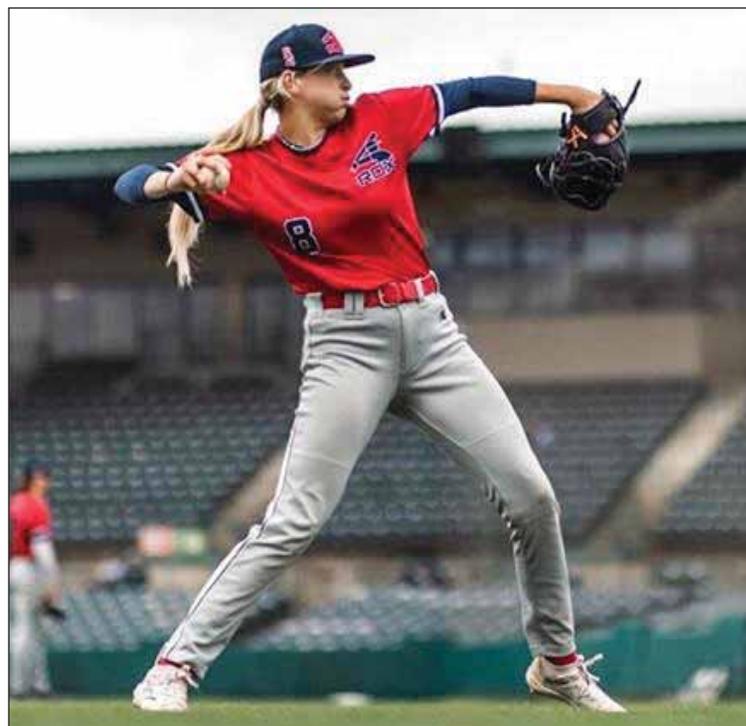
She ventured back East to play for Rivier University in New Hampshire.

In her freshman year, she caught a game and thus became the first female catcher to play in an NCAA baseball game. She was also the first Canadian woman to play in an NCAA game. She also got a hit, becoming the first woman to get a hit in an NCAA baseball game.

What also came along back East was a rotator cuff injury that sent



Marika Lyszczyk



COURTESY DUBLIN LEPRECHAUNS

Vancouver-raised relief pitcher Marika Lyszczyk is making her debut for the Dublin Leprechauns independent league baseball team this week.

her to the shelf. But it was also a time when she saw her future change when because of the injury, she switched to pitcher, rather than catcher.

"There was more throwing involved in playing catcher than pitching," Lyszczyk said.

She also decided she wanted to play a higher level of college ball, so she left Division III Rivier and made her way west to D-II Sonoma State. At Sonoma, she pitched in three games, going one inning in each.

Facing 11 batters, she only gave up one hit and one unearned run, ending up holding opponents to a .091 batting average.

Pretty heady numbers for any level of college ball. Blessed with pinpoint accuracy, it's the natural speed of her fastball that has made the difference.

"When I was in high school, my speed was about 83 (miles per hour), which was the perfect speed for a hitter because they are used to that," said Lyszczyk. "In college the pitchers are in the 90s, so 83 they are not used to. They have problems timing it."

Her style fits perfectly with the role of a reliever.

"I like to close," Lyszczyk said. "I can go through the lineup once."

I had to ask Lyszczyk about trash-talking, as baseball is a game ripe

for chirping. And with a girl playing against the boys, it would seem natural.

"If I get some, I just try to give back," Lyszczyk said. "I did have some bad teammates when I was younger until they grew up and got out of the cooties phase. Honestly, I really haven't had that much as I have had some great teammates."

While Lyszczyk is a member of the Leprechauns, she won't be with the team full-time as she is employed by Momentum Baseball, a YouTube organization.

Being a Canadian citizen, she has a work-visa through Momentum. The company is working with the Leprechauns to get Lyszczyk to select games throughout the season.

And the first of which was Tuesday — and while you can't predict when she will play in any game, count on seeing Lyszczyk take the mound at some point when she is on the roster.

She's excited for the moment, especially against San Rafael.

"It's going to be great," Lyszczyk said. "I played with a lot of their guys at Sonoma State. I am looking forward to seeing them." ■

Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for Embarcadero Media Foundation's East Bay Division. To contact him about his Pleasanton Preps column, email acesmag@aol.com.

Tri-Valley athletes prepare for karate nationals

Dojo working to fundraise to help send nine youth students to Texas next month

By JEREMY WALSH

Nine standout students from Tri-Valley Karate in Pleasanton are training to test their skills against the country's best at the 2025 Karate National Championships & U.S. Junior Team Trials next month.

Dojo owner and teacher Sanjit Mandal told the Pleasanton Weekly he is proud of the progress his young students continue to make — and he's hoping to rally the community around the team to help support their trip to Texas, which is coming with an estimated price-tag of \$10,000.

"What people don't see is the sacrifices each makes every Saturday, over months, investing tens of hours to sweat, be pushed, endure aches, work through injuries, nausea, cramps and persistence. Getting these students to nationals is about grit, commitment, and a community that refuses to give up behind them," Mandal said.

The national qualifiers from the dojo on Quarry Lane range in age from 9 to 16 years old: Ami Mandal, Hridayansh Gorsia, Atiriya Belagodu, Rishi Manikandan, Harshini Uppalapati, Jocelyn O'Dell, Akhila Chippada, Sai Gautam Chippada and Govardan Vadlaputi. The local students are competing in kata (forms) and kumite (fighting).

"What this journey means to me is that I've watched these students grow



TRI-VALLEY KARATE

These nine students from Tri-Valley Karate in Pleasanton have qualified for the national tournament in Texas during the second weekend of July.

over the years, not just in skill, but in heart, cultivating the fire to become better, stronger, faster, and to win," Mandal said. "For them to represent our dojo on a national stage demonstrates what's possible when anyone has the support to believe in themselves and believes in others."

He added, "As their Sensei and coach, there's no greater reward than seeing your students rise to new levels through consistent hard work. Tournaments and nationals aren't just about competing; it is about building

unshakeable confidence that will stay with them far beyond the mat."

The tournament in Fort Worth, Texas, runs from July 9-13 — and according to Mandal, the costs add up quickly with flights, hotels, registration fees, gear and more. The group has been pursuing food fundraisers like selling pizzas, cupcakes and cookies to dojo members and others to raise money for the trip, Mandal said, adding that he's exploring other opportunities in the final weeks. To learn more, contact 925-272-8348. ■

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 574240

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): FIRST AND FINAL DRIVING SCHOOL 4183 1st street, suite F Pleasanton, CA, 94566 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 11/02/2020 UNDER FILE NO. 574240 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): ASSEM RAYAN 1326 Gentry lane Tracy, CA, 95377 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY An Individual.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on June 11 2025. (PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 597109

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): BIZ BROKERS OF CA 22230 W Lyndon Loop Castro Valley, 94552 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 04/12/2023 UNDER FILE NO. 597109 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): BRIAN KANG 22230 W Lyndon Loop Castro Valley, 94552 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY An Individual.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on May 16 2025. (PLW Jun 13, 20, 27 and Jul 4, 2025)

NOTICE OF INTENDED TRANSFER PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 3440.1(h)(2):

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Carpet Center, Inc., Transferor, whose address is **2750 Bayview Drive Fremont, CA 94538**, intends to transfer the personal property described below to **BOZ SC RIVERFRONT OWNER LLC**, Transferee, whose address is 332 Pine Street, Ste. 500, San Francisco, CA 94104, on or after June 30, 2025. *Note: Publication must be complete not less than 10 days before the date of transfer. Civ. Code § 3440.1(h)(2).* The personal property is currently stored and located at **2746 Bayview Drive Fremont, CA 94538**, and will remain at that location following transfer. The personal property to be transferred generally consists of the following:

T-1 Townhome Backsplash Tile: Ann Sacks Anika Porcelain Flooring - Custom and Ann Sacks Savoy Classic Linen Lg Stack 1x4 Townhome Tub Surrounds Porcelanosa IRISH BLANCO 13"X26" Tile T3 Tile Bar HexArt Pop Azul 8" Hex Matte Porcelain Tile, Tile Bar HexArt Pop Orange 8" Hex Matte Porcelain Tile, Tile Bar HexArt Pop Turquoise 8" Hex Matte Porcelain Tile, Tile Bar HexArt Pop Yellow 8" Hex Matte Porcelain Tile Tiles T-5 & T-12 Stonesource RAVENNA ARTISAN STICKS WHITE NATURAL 2X14 NON-RECT FIELD TILE 8MM and Stonesource MUTINA MEWS SOOT MATTE 4X4 NON-RECT FIELD TILE 10MM Unit Backsplash Tile Soho Studio LLC Enigma White 2x8 Polished Ceramic Wall Tile and Soho Studio LLC Enigma Light Gray 2x8 Polished Ceramic Wall Tile Tiles T-6 & T-8 Audrey Lane SKORD CHIC PATTERN A and Audrey Lane SKORD BOHO PATTERN C ICE WHITE V-1 Vinyl Tri-West PARADIGM CONQUEST SPC W/ PAD 136.00 136.00 CT 52.830 7,184.88 CITADEL 9"X72" 20MIL

C-2 Carpet INTERFACE Second story - duplex UPPER EAST

C-4 Carpet INTERFACE RISING SIGNS - PLAY THE ANGLE - 147590AK06 NITROGEN 107190 T-7 Tile Soho Studio LLC Faber White 16x32 Matte Porcelain Tile T-10 Tile United Tile Petrol 3x12 Field Gloss Crossville Swatches Petrol 3x12 Field Gloss T-4 Tile Spec Ceramics 8X48 OLMO 2991 MATTE RECTIFIED COTTAGE Dated this June 19, 2025.

By " Pollard ", The Carpet Center, Inc. 2750 Bayview Drive Fremont, CA 94538. (PLW Jun 27, 2025)

A R WORKS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 615208

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) A R Works , located at 4669 Cochise Court, Pleasanton CA 94588, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): AMY GAIR 4669 Cochise Court Pleasanton CA 94588

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/01/25

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 09 2025. (PLW Jun 20, 27, Jul 4 and 11, 2025)

VENUS NAILED IT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615362

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Venus Nailed It , located at 7183 Rich Ave, Newark, CA 94560, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 6496 Potrero Rayn, Newark, CA 94560

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): VENUS SHIH 7183 Rich Ave Newark, CA 94560 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/05/2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 13 2025. (PLW Jun 20, 27, Jul 4 and 11, 2025)

HUHOMEHUB FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615260

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) HUHOMEHUB , located at 4250 Sunset View Dr. Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): FANG HU 4250 Sunset View Dr Dublin, CA 94568 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/10/2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 10 2025. (PLW Jun 20, 27, Jul 4 and 11, 2025)

THE PERFORMANCE GROUP FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615307

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) THE PERFORMANCE GROUP , located at 6673 Owens Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): TPG NORTH SALES & MARKETING, INC. 6673 Owens Drive Pleasanton, CA 94588 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/01/2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 12 2025. (PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

GALEANA GLAZING LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 614844

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Galeana Glazing LLC , located at 1301 66th Street, Emeryville, CA 94608, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): GALEANA GLAZING LLC 1301 66th Street Emeryville, CA 94608 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/08/2017 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 27 2025. (PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

LIVING GRACE CHURCH

LIVING GRACE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615515

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Living Grace Church , 2.) Living Grace , located at 7050 Johnson Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 7311 Tabitha PI Tracy, CA 95377 This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): LIVING GRACE TRI-VALLEY 7311 Tabitha PI Tracy, CA, 95377 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/8/2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 20 2025. (PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

1791 NEPTUNE PROPERTIES, LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 614692

The following person (persons) is (are) doing

business as:

1.) 1791 Neptune Properties LLC , located at 1791 Neptune Dr., San Leandro, CA 94577, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): 1791 NEPTUNE PROPERTIES LLC 123 Estudillo Ave Ste 225 San Leandro, CA 94577 State of Incorporation/Organization: CA Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/14/2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 19 2025. (PLW Jun 20, 27, Jul 4 and 11, 2025)

BAY REVERSE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615079

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Bay Reverse , located at 3825 Hopyard Rd Ste#150, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 1522 Portola Ave, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): JAMES A STAFFORD 1522 Portola Ave Livermore, CA 94551 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 June 03 2025. (PLW Jun 13, 20, 27 and Jul 4, 2025)

HARI KRISHNA CHILD CARE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615016

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Hari Krishna Child Care , located at 2108 Avanti Avenue, Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a General Partnership. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): MONAL PATEL 2108 Avanti Avenue Dublin, CA 94568 APURVA PATEL 2108 Avanti Avenue Dublin, CA 94568 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/02/2013 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 02 2025. (PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

PARADISE POOL SERVICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615047

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Paradise Pool Service , located at 6352 Alisal St. Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. Mailing Address: PO BOX 128 Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): DDJ ENTERPRISES LLC 6352 Alisal St. Pleasanton, CA 94566 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/3/2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 03 2025. (PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

THE LEAN CURRY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 614935

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) The Lean Curry , located at 5499 Horizon Pkwy, Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): ASK-Y LLC 2108 N ST STE N Sacramento, CA 95816 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 May 29 2025. (PLW Jun 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2025)

CIRCULARITY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 614657

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) CIRCULARITY , located at 80 Swan Way, #245, Oakland, CA 94521, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): WESTERN REGIONAL MINORITY SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL 80 Swan Way, #245

Oakland, CA 94521

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 May 16 2025. (PLW Jun 13, 20, 27 and Jul 4, 2025)

KONG OPTICS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615343

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) KONG OPTICS , located at 1016 WEST LAGOON ROAD, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): QIANG KONG 1016 WEST LAGOON ROAD PLEASANTON, CA 94566 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 June 12 2025. (PLW Jun 20, 27, Jul 4 and 11, 2025)

V POIRIER CAREER CONSULTANT LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615126

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) V Poirier Career Consultant LLC , located at 1310 Clinton Ave Alameda, CA 94501, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): V POIRIER CAREER CONSULTANT LLC 1310 Clinton Ave. Alameda, CA 94501 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 June 05 2025. (PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

WOOD WINDOWS WAREHOUSE INC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 614843

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Wood Windows Warehouse Inc , located at 1301 66th Street, Emeryville, CA 94608, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): WOOD WINDOWS WAREHOUSE INC 1301 66th Street Emeryville, CA 94608 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/08/2015 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 27 2025. (PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

THE MAX LABS PROJECT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615021

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) The Max Labs Project , located at 4902 Treewood Ct Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): TIMOTHY HILL 4902 Treewood Ct Pleasanton, CA 94588 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/1/23 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 02 2025. (PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

ELYON MOBILE DETAIL FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615209

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Elyon Mobile Detail , located at 21663 Garden Ave. Unit 19 Hayward, CA 94541, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): MARCO LORETO 21663 Garden Ave. Unit 19 Hayward, CA 94541 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/3/2016 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 09 2025. (PLW Jun 20, 27, Jul 4 and 11, 2025)

FIVE FIELDS FLOWER FARM FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615402

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) FIVE FIELDS FLOWER FARM , located at 2227 Buena Vista Ave Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Married Couple. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): ELIZABETH FIELDS 2227 Buena Vista Ave Livermore, CA 94550 BRADLEY FIELDS 2227 Buena Vista Ave Livermore, CA 94550 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/13/2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 16 2025. (PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

STYLED SPACES BY MONICA STYLED SPACES STAGING AND DESIGN FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 614685

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) STYLED SPACES BY MONICA , 2.) STYLED SPACES STAGING AND DESIGN , located at 43513 Mission Blvd, Fremont, CA 94539, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 1076 Heinz Ranch Ct Pleasanton, CA 94566 This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): MONICA SABEH 1076 Heinz Ranch Ct 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 May 16 2025. (PLW Jun 20, 27, Jul 4 and 11, 2025)

RDT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 614952

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) RDT , located at 3218 Arden Rd Hayward, CA 94544, Alameda County. Mailing Address: PO BOX 3292 Hayward, CA 94540 This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): RICARDO SERGIO DOMINGUEZ PO BOX 3292 Hayward, CA 94540 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 May 30 2025. (PLW Jun 20, 27, Jul 4 and 11, 2025)

FLOWER SHOP BY NINA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 614496

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Flower Shop By Nina , located at 5255 Mowry Ave #5 Fremont CA 94538, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): ARLENE AQUINO 5255 Mowry Ave #5 Fremont CA 94538 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 05/09/25 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 09 2025. (PLW Jun 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2025)

GANGJONG GIFTS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615098

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Gangjong Gifts , located at 1595 Solano Ave Berkeley, CA 94707, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): CHOWANG PALMO 1595 Solano Ave Berkeley, CA 94707 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 June 04 2025. (PLW Jun 20, 27, Jul 4 and 11, 2025)

OFFICEPAQ FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615137

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) OfficePAQ , 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): RAJ GAUTAM 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 06/01/2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 05 2025. (PLW Jun 13, 20, 27 and Jul 4, 2025)

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DIABLO PLUMBING INC.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 615157
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Diablo Plumbing Inc. , located at 7074 Commerce CR #D Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
DIABLO PLUMBING INC.
7074 Commerce CR #D Pleasanton, CA 94588
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/24
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 06 2025. (PLW Jun 20, 27, Jul 4 and 11, 2025)

JANTRIC CLOUD PARTNERS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 614941
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Jantric Cloud Partners , located at 529 Malbec Court, Pleasanton, 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
JANTRIC VENTURES LLC
2108 N ST STE N
SACRAMENTO CA 95816
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 May 29 2025. (PLW Jun 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2025)

THE OAKS MOTEL
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 614611
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) The Oaks Motel , located at 3250 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland CA 94602, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
SAI 3250 MANAGEMENT LLC
4000 Pimlico Dr Ste 114-116 Pleasanton, CA 94588
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/11/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 14 2025. (PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

HIGHLANDER MOTEL
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 614612
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Highlander Motel , located at 3255 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, CA 94602, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 4000 Pimlico Dr Ste 114-116 Pleasanton, CA 94588
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
RK INVESTMENT 55 LLC
4000 Pimlico Dr Ste 114-116 Pleasanton, CA 94588
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/22/24
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 14 2025. (PLW Jun 27, Jul 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.: 25CV126477
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Cesar Martin Moreno filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
CESAR MARTIN MORENO to ALEXIS ARIEL CASTANEDA
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: 10/10/2025, 9:30 am, Hayward Hall of Justice 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: 06/16/2025
Thomas J Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Jun 27, Jul 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.: 25CV000087
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Erick Tarbutton filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
ERICK TARBUTTON to ERICK DALE LOVDAHL
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: 9/5/25, 9:30AM, 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: June 20 2025
Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Jun 27, Jul 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.: 25CV125575
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: BAHMAN ABDOLHAMIDZADEH filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
BAHMAN ABDOLHAMIDZADEH to BAHMAN HAMIDI
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: 09/19/2025, 9:30 AM, HAYWARD HALL OF JUSTICE 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: 06/09/2025
THOMAS NIXON
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Jun 20, 27, Jul 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.: 25CV126696
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Mina Robitaille filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
MINA KATHARINE ROBITAILLE to MINA KATHARINE MUDD
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: 10/24/25, 9:30 am, #514 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: 6/17/25
Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Jun 27, Jul 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.: 25CV125415
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Kathryn Rose Feit filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
KATHRYN ROSE FEIT to KATHRYN ROSE FEIT D'AGROSA
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: 10/17/2025, 9:30AM, Hayward Hall of Justice 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: June 6th, 2025
Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Jun 13, 20, 27 and Jul 4, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV123686
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Michael Kim filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
MICHAEL KIM to JINHAN KIM
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: 10/03/2025, 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: 05/27/2025
Thomas J Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Jun 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV124612
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: FNU Zabihullah filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
FNU ZABIHULLAH to JAWAID MOHAMMADZAI
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: 10/10/2025, 9:30AM,

514 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: 06/02/2025
Thomas Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Jun 20, 27, Jul 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.: 25CV126902
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Allison Sarah New Ringeisen filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
ALLISON SARAH NEW RINGEISEN to ALLISON SARAH NEWRINGEISEN
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: 10/3/2025, 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: 06/18/2025
Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Jun 27, Jul 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.: 25CV116992
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Ye Zhu filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
YE ZHU to MARTY YE ZHU
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: 08/01/2025, 9:30AM, Hayward Branch 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: 04/02/2025
Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Jun 27, Jul 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.: 25CV105828
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Kathryn Jenner Coulombe filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
KATHRYN JENNER COULOMBE to KATHRYN JENNER LIU
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: August 29, 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.
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: 4/23/2025
Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Jun 20, 27, Jul 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.: 25CV126331
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Qingrong Laura Zhang filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
QINGRONG ZHANG to QINGRONG LAURA ZHANG
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: 11/07/2025, 09:30, Hayward Hall of Justice 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: 06/13/2025
Thomas Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Jun 20, 27, Jul 4 and 11, 2025)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
DAVID PEDRO GARCIA, AKA DAVID P. GARCIA, AKA DAVID GARCIA
Case No.: 25PR125849
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DAVID PEDRO GARCIA, AKA DAVID P. GARCIA, AKA DAVID GARCIA.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: MARIA COBIAN in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.
The Petition for Probate requests that: MARIA COBIAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 18 2025 at 9:45 AM in DEPT. 202 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner: ERNEST H. TUTTLE, IV, ESQUIRE GIBSON & TUTTLE, INC. 100 ESTATES DRIVE ROSEVILLE, CA 95678 916-782-4402 (PLW Jun 20, 27 and Jul 4, 2025)

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Public Notices

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Summons (Domestic Violence Restraining Order)

Citación (Orden de restricción de violencia en el hogar)

Superior Court of California, County of (Corte Superior de California, Condado de): 751 Pine Street, Martinez CA 94553

Case Number (Número de caso): D19-05244

Filed: May 30, 2025

Person Asking for Protection (La Persona que solicita protección): ROBERT LATONA

Notice to (Avisa a): AYL A ORTIZ

The person in (1) is asking for a Domestic Violence Restraining Order against you.

La persona en (1) está pidiendo una orden de restricción de violencia en el hogar contra usted. Lea la página 2 para más información.

You have a court date (tiene una audiencia en la corte)

Date (Fecha): 08/07/2025

Time (Hora): 8:30 am

Dept (Depto): 17

Room (Sala): 222

Name and address of court, if different from above (Nombre y dirección de la corte, si no es la misma de arriba): 725 Court Street, Martinez, CA 94553

What if I don't go to my court date?

If you do not go to your court date, the judge can grant a restraining order that limits your contact with the person in (1). If you have a child with the person in (1), the court could make orders that limit your time with your child. Having a restraining order against you may impact your life in other ways, including preventing you from having guns and ammunition. If you do not go to your court date, the judge could grant everything that the person in (1) asked the judge to order.

¿Qué pasa si no voy a la audiencia?

Si no va a la audiencia, el juez puede dictar una orden de restricción que limita su contacto con la persona en (1). Si tiene un hijo con la persona en (1), la corte puede dictar órdenes que limitan su tiempo con su hijo. Una orden de restricción en su contra puede tener otras consecuencias, como prohibirle tener armas de fuego y municiones. Si no va a la audiencia, el juez puede ordenar todo lo que pide la persona en (1).

How do I find out what the person in (1) is asking for?

To find what the person in (1) is asking the judge to order, go to the courthouse listed at the top of page 1. Ask the court clerk to let you see your case file. You will need to give the court clerk your case number, which is listed above and on page 1. The request for restraining order will be on form DV-100, *Request for Domestic Violence Restraining Order*.

¿Cómo puedo entender lo que pide la persona en (1)?

Para entender lo que pide la persona en (1), vaya al tribunal en la dirección indicada en la parte superior de la página 1. Pida al secretario de la corte permiso para ver el expediente de su caso. Tendrá que darle al secretario el número de su caso, que aparece arriba y en la página 1. La solicitud de una orden de restricción se hace en el formulario DV-100, *Solicitud de orden de restricción de violencia en el hogar*.

Where can I get help?

Free legal information is available at your local court's self-help center. Go to www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp to find your local center.

¿Dónde puedo obtener ayuda?

Puede obtener información legal gratis en el centro de ayuda de su corte. Vea <https://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-selfhelpcenters.htm?deLocaleAttr=es> para encontrar el centro de ayuda en su condado.

Do I need a lawyer?

You are not required to have a lawyer, but you may want legal advice before your court hearing. For help finding a lawyer, you can visit www.lawhelpca.org or contact your local bar association.

¿Necesito un Abogado?

No es obligatorio tener un abogado, pero es posible que quiera consejos legales antes de la audiencia en la corte. Para ayuda a encontrar un abogado, visite <https://www.lawhelpca.org/es/homepage> o contacte al Colegio de Abogados local.

Superior Court, Contra Costa County, California

Date (Fecha): May 30, 2025

Clerk, by (Secretario, por): S. JONES

(PLW Jun 20, 27, Jul 4 and 11, 2025)

Calendar

POST CALENDAR ITEMS AT PLEASANTONWEEKLY.COM

Entertainment

A HISTORY LESSON Take a musical journey through time with this captivating cabaret-style performance presented by the High School Cabaret program. This show celebrates the rich and evolving history of musical theater. 7 p.m., June 27. Tickets \$13. Visit firehousearts.org.

MARIA BAMFORD AT THE BANKHEAD Maria Bamford brings her one-of-a-kind comedic genius to the stage, blending razor-sharp wit with an unapologetically honest take on life's quirks and challenges. Bamford's comedy is as heartfelt as it is hilarious. 8 p.m., June 27. Tickets \$25-\$70. Visit livermorearts.org.

COMICCON LIVERMORE Join this free event which is an exhilarating celebration of all things geek culture, showcasing a vibrant tapestry of artists in all genres including graphic novel, manga, crime/noir, sci-fi, horror, fantasy, slice of life, adventure, humor and romance. 11 a.m., June 28. Bankhead Theater.

TUESDAY TUNES Join for Tuesday Tunes every Tuesday night at the Bankhead Livermore Plaza, Shea Homes Stage. 6:45-8:15 p.m., through Aug. 26.

SHAKESPEARE IN THE VINEYARD SPARC Theater presents Sir John Falstaff and the Merry Wives of Windsor, a laugh-out-loud summer production set against the backdrop of Darcie Kent Vineyards. 7 p.m. July 3-6; 11-13; 17-20; 25-27. Visit sparctheater.org.

JAZZ IN JULY This annual Livermore tradition returns to the Civic Center Library with performances by top jazz artists, free of charge. 2 p.m., July 6, The Duo-Tia Carroll and Frankie G.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK Join Concerts in the Park, Friday nights at the redesigned bandstand in Lions Wayside Park. 7-8:30 p.m., July 11, 925 Band playing danceable covers.

THE KNIGHT AT DAWN KIDS Join PYTC for this adaptation of the second of Mary Pope Osborne's award-winning fantasy adventure books from the Magic Tree House book series. 2 p.m., July 11-12; 18-19. 7 p.m., July 11-12; 18-19. Tickets \$13. Visit firehousearts.org.

4th of July

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION The City of Livermore hosts a daytime Fourth of July Celebration at the Livermore Municipal Airport where this family-friendly event features a variety of military aircraft, remote-control aircraft demonstrations and displays of emergency vehicles, jets and helicopters. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LARPD INDEPENDENCE DAY DASH 5K & KIDS FUN RUN Join LARPD for the 2nd annual Independence Day Dash at Sycamore Grove Park, a flat, fast and scenic course, perfect for all ages and fitness levels. Register at larpd.org.

PLEASANTON COMMUNITY BAND Join this July 4th celebration, 12-1:30 p.m., Lions Wayside Park, 4401 First St., Pleasanton.

2025 ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR Celebrate summer with corndogs, funnel cakes, carnival rides, concerts, tasting fests, live entertainment, racing pigs and so much more. Wednesday-Sunday, June 13-July 6. The Fair closes at 8 p.m., July 4. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

Exhibits

A COWBOY'S POETIC CANVAS An adventurous new exhibit, "Saddle, Brush, and Art: A Cowboy's Poetic Canvas" is on display at the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery at the Bankhead Theater through July 27.

THOMAS SEE SOLO EXHIBITION The Firehouse Arts Center is featuring the work of Thomas See, featuring approximately 15 of the artist's work, incorporating traditional techniques while engaging with contemporary sentiments. Through June 28.

A NOVEL TWIST: THE ART OF BOOKS Livermore Valley Arts presents a unique exhibition where this fun exhibit puts a spin on required summer reading. Most of the artworks are for sale and can be purchased by contacting gallery@lvpac.org. Civic Center Library, through June 30.

LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY EXHIBIT This group exhibit is hosted in conjunction with the City of Pleasanton's Library Summer Reading Program and highlights the interplay of visual art and playful expression. Through Aug. 2. Firehouse Arts Center.

TRAVELING EXHIBITION AT MUSEUM ON MAIN Pleasanton's Museum on Main presents, "From Earthquakes to Epidemics: How Disasters Transform California's People and Places", a temporary exhibit exploring the impact of natural and manmade disasters in California. Through Sept. 13.

Talks

VIRTUAL ZOOM ON UNDERSTATING VACCINES Join this free educational Zoom event on how vaccines work with a special focus on how to talk to vaccine-hesitant family members and friends with panel experts to answer questions. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., June 28. To register visit mobilize.us/indivisibletrivalley/event/794537/.

CAMPING 101 WITH LARPD Summer is a fantastic time to explore the great outdoors through camping, but how best to prepare and where to go? LARPD Ranger Jay Manning will discuss the ins and outs of camping and share tips to make a trip safe and enjoyable. 2 p.m., June 29. Livermore Civic Center Library Storytime Room.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS HUT TO HUT IN THE ITALIAN ALPS Kim Grandfield will give an Armchair Travelers

PET OF THE WEEK



VHS

Harold the heartthrob

Happy, handsome and hilariously head-over-paws for fetch, Harold is a house-trained hunk of love ready to be your one and only. He's humble and handles his homework like a hero — happily heeding "sit" and "down" while hoping for a heartfelt high-five. Head to Valley Humane Society to meet this huggable heartthrob! Call 925-426-8656 or email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption process.

presentation on her trip to the The Italian Alps, also known as the Dolomites, a magical mountain range of jagged limestone peaks rising above beautiful green valleys. 1:30-2:30 p.m., July 10. Livermore Civic Center Library Storytime Room.

Outdoor Rec

NIGHT WITH A NATURALIST Discover the wonders of nature and this camping tradition each Saturday night. Drop-in, no registration required. 8-9:30 p.m., Del Valle Campground Amphitheater.

WILDLIFE SCIENCE WITH WILD NEIGHBORS Learn about wildlife science and the environment while viewing rescued wild animals. 10:15-11:15 a.m., June 27. Livermore Rincon Library. Bring a blanket to sit on.

NIGHT HIKE WITH A RANGER See Sycamore Grove Park at night, learn about the nighttime animals and then take a 1-mile hike. 7:30-9:30 p.m., July 5. \$10-\$11. Visit larpd.org.

PARK AFTER DARK: NIGHTTIME POLLINATORS Join LARPD to explore nighttime blooms and the animals who pollinate them on this slow 1-mile hike. 8:30-9:30 p.m., July 11. Visit larpd.org.

Seniors

A DAY IN HISTORIC COLUMBIA, CA Join Pleasanton Senior Center's VIP Travel on this trip to see the Wizard of Oz and explore the town of Columbia before the performance. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., June 29. Tickets \$110-\$120. Price includes roundtrip transportation and 2 p.m. performance. Sign up at VIP Travel.

BASIC TECH HELP DROP-IN SERVICE Volunteers will be available to help adults with basic computer skills such as uploading and downloading files, creating an email account and basic Web searching and browsing. 6:30-8:30 p.m., July 3. Livermore Civic Center Library.

MOVIE MADNESS IN THE VINTAGE LOUNGE (50+) Join the Senior Services crew for a movie in the Vintage Lounge at the Robert

Livermore Community Center. 1 p.m., July 7. Visit larpd.org.

ALCATRAZ TOUR AND PIER 39 Travel with LARPD and ferry to Alcatraz Island for nearly 3 hours of exploration. Lunch and shopping on your own afterwards at Pier 39. 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., July 23. \$118R/\$130NR. Visit larpd.org.

AMERICAN STYLE MAH JONGG Join for American Style Mah Jongg at the Pleasanton Senior Center, Tuesdays/Fridays, 1-4 p.m. Drop-in fees apply.

KNITTING AT THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER Refresh skills, pick up new tips, share techniques, get help or just sit and knit. 9-11:30 a.m., Fridays. Drop-in fees apply.

Movies

GALAXY QUEST Galaxy Quest (1999) is a wildly funny, heartwarming sci-fi satire that's become a cult classic for a reason. 4:30 p.m., June 28. Tickets \$10. Visit livermorearts.org.

WENTE SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS Enjoy free classic films in a picturesque vineyard setting where guests are encouraged to bring low-back chairs and blankets to create a comfortable viewing space under the stars. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. July 10, Mamma Mia. Visit wentevineyards.com/events.

Business

PLEASANTON CHAMBER NETWORKING MIXER The Pleasanton Chamber Networking Mixer is 5-7 p.m., the second Wednesday of each month. For more information visit pleasanton.org.

PLEASANTON YOUNG PROFESSIONALS MIXER Join the Pleasanton Young Professionals mixer, 5 p.m., the first Thursday of each month. No host bar, free raffle. Free for Chamber members to attend, \$10 for guests. Visit pleasanton.org.

BUSINESS ALLIANCE MEETING The Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce virtual Business Alliance Meeting is 8-9:30 a.m., the first Wednesday of each month. For more information, visit livermorechamber.org.

Livermore commission advances 13-unit project

Townhome development at corner of East and Dolores set for City Council consideration in fall

By JUDE STRZEMP

The Livermore Planning Commission extended its support at last week's meeting for the project entitlements of a 13-unit multi-family, townhome-style development.

Proposed for construction at the southeast corner of East Avenue and Dolores Street, the approximately 0.62-acre site is currently occupied by a single-family home. Applicant and owner Frank Abboud proposes to demolish this home to make way for the two-story development of attached rental units and one attached accessory dwelling unit.

Units will range in size from three to four bedrooms, approximately 1,400 to 1,900 square feet each, according to a staff report prepared by city of Livermore associate planner Kam Purewal. One unit will be priced for a very-low-income household, considered to be 50% of the area median income.

Each unit will have an attached two-car garage and there will be four guest spaces onsite, including one accessible space.

In addition to building new homes, the project will also involve reconstructing the curb, gutter and sidewalk along the project frontages of East Avenue and Dolores Street, undergrounding all utilities and constructing a new shared driveway to access the site from Dolores Street.

As part of the project, the applicant agreed to contribute \$50,000 toward intersection improvements at East Avenue and Dolores Street. These improvements, potentially including permanent traffic-calming measures or bike and pedestrian enhancements, will be completed at a later date as part of a capital improvement project.

'We want in-fill development in our community to look this good.'

Debbie Salgado,

City of Livermore senior civil engineer

While garnering support from the majority of the commissioners at their June 17 meeting, Commissioner Jacob Anderson expressed concern about a perceived conflict between the proposed project and the city's Active Transportation Plan, a document that guides decisions surrounding pedestrian and bicycle facilities. In Anderson's perspective, there is not enough space along East Avenue to achieve ATP goals like the creation of buffered bike lanes, unless parking were eliminated in certain areas. Out of concern, Anderson inquired about acquiring right-of-way from the project site to create the buffered bike lanes.

But according to city senior civil engineer Debbie Salgado, the city cannot require the developer to provide a right-of-way for additional space along East Avenue due to the ongoing nature of a relevant study called the East Avenue Corridor Study.

"We want in-fill development in our



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The Livermore Planning Commission offered its positive recommendation for a 13-unit housing development via 4-1 vote at last week's meeting.

community to look this good," Salgado added.

During the meeting, there were no public comments regarding the proposal. But prior to its kick-off, staff received two comments set for presentation the following day.

Maddisan Ann Drossulis, a neighbor of the project site, submitted questions regarding the supply of parking, further suggesting that parking will overflow into the surrounding streets. She also suggested converting the garages to parking ports to ensure the spaces are used for vehicles rather than storage. Additional questions include neighborhood entrances and exits and housing affordability.

As for parking on Dolores Street, four to five spaces would be lost, staff confirmed.

Assuming an additional four to five spaces lost on East Avenue, Vice Chair Tracy Kronzak said the neighborhood will be adding a net total of approximately 30 parking spaces.

A second comment came from the California Housing Defense Fund, wherein officials expressed support for the project. This nonprofit corporation advocates for increased access to housing for Californians at all income levels.

"The design is absolutely amazing," Anderson said during the meeting. "It utilizes the space very well. It keeps it very similar to the surrounding neighborhood, but without it seeming old or stuffy."

While in favor of the project design, Anderson also expressed concern regarding limited space on East Avenue to fit buffered bike lanes.

The ATP calls for these buffered bike lanes on East Avenue, Anderson said.

"I'm really seeing an issue here of being able to try to fit everything in," Anderson said. "So, if we're not getting extra space, then we're definitely going to be eliminating something in the future."

"The math ain't mathin," Anderson added. "There's not necessarily enough space to actually do what our ATP says it needs to do."

reconfiguring the lanes or eliminating parking, Salgado said. Lane reconfiguration could mean removal, but that would require further studies.

Since the city has not decided which route to take, it can not require the developer to provide a right-of-way, Salgado explained.

Based on the level of service in the area, Anderson considered the elimination of a lane to be unlikely.

Salgado also expressed her willingness to amend the motion before the commission.

"My preference would not be to add a friendly amendment because it seems like we're unfairly burdening a project with a requirement that relies on the city," Chairperson Yolanda Fintschenko said.

The commissioners agreed 4-1 to recommend that the Livermore City Council approve project entitlements including its planned development, tentative parcel map and site plan design review. Anderson cast the sole dissenting vote.

As a proposed in-fill development, the planning commission also recommended that council find the project categorically exempt under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

The council is set to consider approving the project this fall. ■

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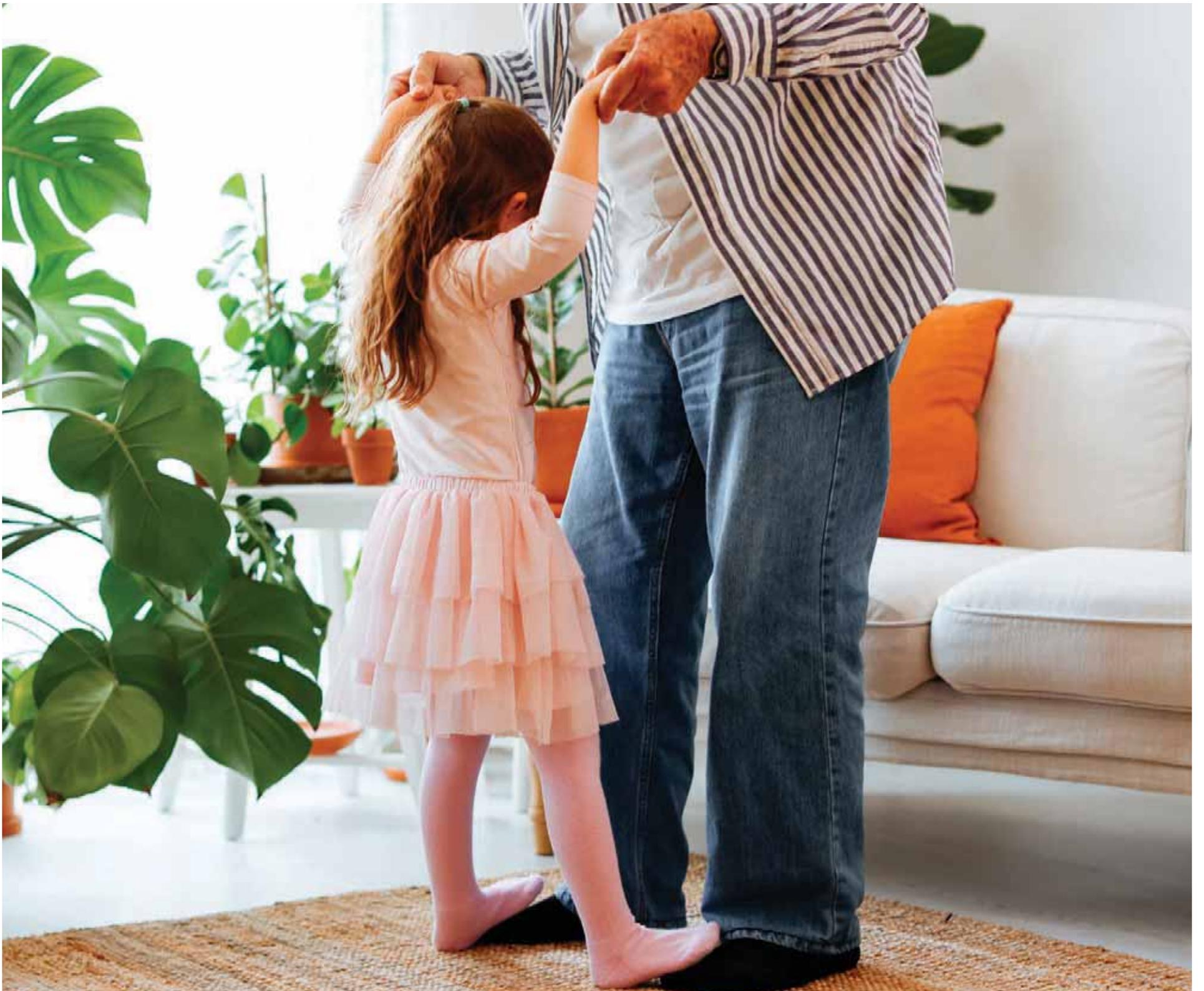
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