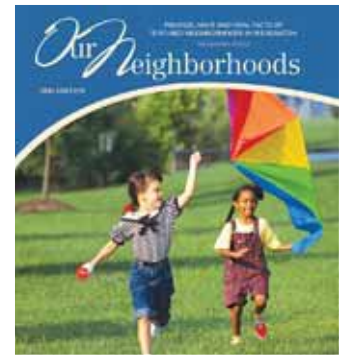


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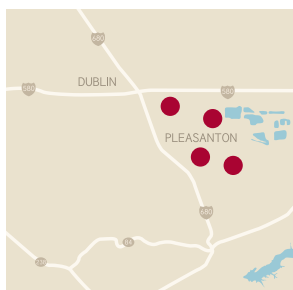


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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Cutting your medical bills via smartphone

What if your next doctor's visit could happen by smartphone from anywhere in the world? It could happen sooner than you think, says Nathaniel Sillin, who directs Visa's financial education programs.



THINKSTOCK IMAGES

With many of us being hit with extraordinary hikes in our health insurance premiums because of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), telemedicine (or telehealth) through the use of Internet-connected devices to communicate information about diseases, symptoms and other health data could help reduce costs.

technology allows patients to take a photo of a non-life-threatening injury or rash using their cellphones. With innovative digital technologies, cloud computing and machine learning, the medicalized smartphone is going to upend every aspect of health care and the end result will be that you, the patient, are about to take center stage for the first time.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is driving innovators in health care and technology to develop apps and devices that offer greater access to health care products and services at a lower cost. In fact, the global telehealth market is expected to grow from \$440.6 million in 2013 to \$4.5 billion by 2018, according to Colorado-based research firm IHS.

Then, an algorithm processes the image, evaluates it and texts back the diagnosis. Developers are coming up with sensors to collect symptom- and condition-related health data, which could mean that in the future, physicians will have a lot more to work with than a mere photo.

How could this affect you? Sillin points out though apps that measure everything from your daily walk or run to your heart rate are already available, an incredible range of options are coming. Here are some of the current and future product development trends in smartphone and wearable health care that Sillin sees ahead:

Physical activity and vitals tracking

While many major health systems and hospitals allow you to download apps that let you schedule appointments, see lab results and even communicate by email or text with your doctor, such offerings have no diagnostic value, yet.

However, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently released policy statements on what it calls "mobile medical apps" that will actually allow tracking of vital health data for direct interpretation by trained health professionals.

GPS Medicine

Let's say you need to fill a prescription and you want to know the cheapest place to buy it within a 10-mile radius of your office. Using technology similar to the restaurant, movie and service-finding sites you probably use now, developers are considering similar models for medical supply and service pricing data that could save you money in real time.

Diagnosis by selfie

Who knew taking a selfie could help improve your health? This new

Virtual appointments

Health care legislation is also expected to spur use of hand-held devices to create 24/7, real-time communication between patients and practitioners for the cost of a co-pay or less. In a 2014 report, consulting firm Deloitte said that there could be 100 million health "eVisits" globally, potentially saving over \$5 billion in costs compared to those incurred by traditional physician visits.

But before you start downloading this new technology, Sillin tells us to research the following: Who made the app, and what do the developers really know about my condition? What about privacy? What's in the app's usage agreement, and how safe is the payment, prescription or medical data required to use the app?

Also, Sillin urges all of us to ask our primary care doctor or insurer to learn what they think about using this app? Could using it affect our coverage in any way? What does it really cost to use the app, and how might it affect data charges on our smartphone or tablet bill?

Bottom line, Sillin says, is that the ability to manage your health care by smartphone is a revolutionary concept. But before we dive in head first, learn as much as we can first about the technology and whether our current health professionals and networks support it. ■

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Pleasanton resident and occupational therapist Holly Micheff fitted this child with a harness to stay upright in a new wheelchair while volunteering with Wheels for the World in Thailand last fall. Photo courtesy of Holly Micheff. Cover design by Kristin Brown.

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

At what time of day do you do your best thinking?



Amy Tarstein
Tour guide

I tend to think very well while I'm commuting on BART because obviously I don't have to concentrate on driving, and it's a perfect opportunity to focus inward with my own thoughts. Doing some serious thinking on BART is also a great way to tune out all of my fellow commuters.



Alan White
Attorney

I'd have to say I do my best thinking during the middle of the night. In fact, it is for that very reason that I keep a notepad and pencil on my nightstand, so that when I was up during the night with a great thought, I can write it down, and then just fall back to sleep without having to worry that when I wake up in the morning I'll have forgotten it.



Leslie Baker
Marriage and family therapist

I do my best thinking early in the morning, shortly after I've woken up and showered. I guess that is when I feel the most refreshed and most alert, and my mind feels its clearest because I've gotten a good night's sleep.



Kathleen Antrim
Novelist and wine evangelist

Usually I think best pretty late at nighttime because that's when I'm finally finished running around doing everything I need to do and can finally have an opportunity to just chill out, sit and think.



Joanie Hahn
Business owner

I tend to do my best thinking during the late-morning to early-afternoon hours. It's during those hours that my body feels its best and my mind is able to be the most focused and creative.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jenny Lyness

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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DIGEST

Impact by m-pact

Six-man a cappella powerhouse m-pact, which was named Vocal Group of the Year at the Los Angeles Music Awards, will be in concert tomorrow at 8 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton.

The pop-jazz vocal group tours regularly across four continents, records soundtracks for 20-30 films per year, and often performs with greats Sheryl Crowe, Natasha Bedingfield and Bobby McFerrin among others.

For tickets and other event information, visit www.firehousearts.org or call 931-4848.

Post office crash

An 81-year-old driver suffered a medical emergency that caused her to crash her vehicle into the post office on Black Avenue on Monday afternoon, Pleasanton police said.

At 2:26 p.m., the woman was driving in the parking lot, and as she tried to park, she experienced a medical emergency that caused her to lose control of her vehicle, which accelerated onto the sidewalk in front of the post office and then crashed into the building, police said.

The damage caused by the crash was considered minor since the vehicle was traveling at a low speed.

The driver was taken to a local hospital with injuries not considered life-threatening, according to police. No one else was injured as a result of the crash.

—Bay City News Service

Rotary garage sale

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton will hold its third annual community garage sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. tomorrow in the Amador Valley High School parking structure at 4455 Del Valle Parkway, next to Valley Community Church.

The event is a fundraiser with proceeds from the sale of household goods brought to the event to go to the Rotary Club's Wheelchair Project, which provides wheelchairs to disabled people in need.

For those wanting to participate or donate goods, contact Nancy Pennell via email at www.nlpennell@aol.com.

DECA success

Amador Valley High's DECA program earned 75 awards in a recent Northern California Career Development Conference managerial competition in San Ramon, including 14 first-place awards, nine second-place awards and seven third-place awards.

The competition last month tested students' skills in management, advertisement, marketing and other subjects. ■

Pleasanton police officer cleared of criminal charges for July fatal shooting

DA's office concludes lawful self-defense; young man's family calls investigation report 'deeply flawed'

By MEREDITH BAUER

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office determined a Pleasanton police officer acted in lawful self-defense when he shot and killed a young San Jose man during an altercation in downtown Pleasanton last summer, and the officer will not face criminal charges, according to the DA's investigative report released this week.

Officer Daniel Kunkel fatally shot 19-year-old John Deming Jr. in the early-morning hours of July 5 after Deming allegedly charged the officer, who was responding to a burglar alarm at Specialty Sales Classics car dealership on First Street.

"The evidence shows that Officer Kunkel believed that lethal force was necessary because he believed he was about to lose consciousness as a result of Mr. Deming Jr.'s ongoing attacks, which would lead to the loss of retention of his firearm and ultimately his death," deputy DA Kevin Wong concluded in his report.

"The evidence supports the conclusion that Officer Kunkel acted under the actual and reasonable belief that Mr. Deming Jr. posed a threat of death or great bodily injury to him," Wong added.

Pleasanton police chief Dave Spiller said in a statement Monday he respected the DA's findings and

offered condolences to Deming's family and support for Kunkel and the officer's family.

"We hope that with the investigation complete and the final report released, the healing process can begin for the Deming family, the officers involved in the incident and our community," Spiller said.

Deming's family, which argues fatal force was not necessary, thinks the final investigative report leaves many questions unanswered, according to their attorney, Ben Meiselas, of the Los Angeles-based celebrity law firm Geragos & Geragos.

"We consider this a deeply flawed and whitewashed report that is a rec-

itation of police reports, rather than the thorough investigation that the Deming family and the community demanded," Meiselas said Monday night. "There are deeply alarming and troubling aspects of the report."

The law firm plans to file a civil suit in Alameda County Superior Court in the wake of the DA's report, Meiselas said.

The full report, completed Feb. 17 and obtained by the Pleasanton Weekly Monday night, paints the picture of an incident that started when Deming tripped a burglary alarm at the dealership, and then

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School board OKs layoffs

Dozens of permanent, temporary employees affected after state funding lags

Several dozen Pleasanton school district employees will face reduced hours or lose their jobs this summer after the state did not renew funding to the district that was fueling those positions.

The Pleasanton school board decided Tuesday night to let go almost 80 full-time equivalent (FTE) certificated positions, a combination of permanent and temporary spots.

The decision comes after the district did not receive a renewal of about \$3.7 million in one-time dollars that were funding certain positions. All district employees were informed of the possibility of staffing cuts in October, according to the district.

"This was a very difficult decision that was not made lightly," interim superintendent Jim Hansen said. "As many of these positions were funded by one-time money from the state that is not guaranteed going in to the 2016-17 school year, we had to move in this direction to be fiscally responsible."

"We are incredibly grateful for the value that these positions have added to the educational programs for the students of Pleasanton Unified," he added.

The district is hoping donations from the Pleasanton Partners in Education Foundation (PPIE) will be able to provide some funding for employees who will otherwise have to be let go, but the district won't know if that's possible until next month.

School board president Jamie

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JEB BING

Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne at the "State of the City" event Wednesday at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel.

'State of the City' — Mayor says great year ahead

250 crowd chamber luncheon for annual report on city's progress

By JEB BING

With residents and businesses naming Pleasanton as an exceptional place to call home, Mayor Jerry Thorne Wednesday cited surveys and published reports to back up accomplishments of the past year that he said are making for an even greater year ahead.

In his "State of the City" report before 250 community, civic and business leaders at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Thorne said the city's economy is thriving with a median family income of just over \$144,000. Record-high property and sales tax revenue have brought renewed post-recession financial stability to the city government.

"We can be proud of the amenities our city provides as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Callippe Preserve Golf Course, which is now fully paid for, and

the fifth anniversary of the Firehouse Arts Center, which is also fully paid," Thorne said.

Citing a recent community satisfaction survey, which the city conducts every few years to assess its strengths and areas for improvement, Thorne said residents continue to express high levels of satisfaction with their quality of life, city services and sense of public safety.

This included 97% who said that Pleasanton is a "good to excellent" place to live, 99% "continue to feel safer" living in Pleasanton and the city's quality-of-life ratings are among the highest in the state.

"By and large, we're hearing that Pleasanton is an exceptional place to call home, and these numbers back that up," Thorne said.

He said Pleasanton has gained a reputation at the national, state and regional level for boasting

some of the safest streets and neighborhoods, a highly-educated workforce, a strong business community, outstanding schools, exceptional parks and recreational facilities and a historic downtown with a hometown feel.

"If you're going to have a reputation, trust me, this is the one you want," Thorne added. "Given this, it's no wonder that we remain one of the most desirable cities in which to live, work and raise a family."

Economy

In 2011, the City Council established a goal of reducing the city's pension liability by 10% over five years. Last June, with the recession over and city revenue soaring, the council pre-funded pension-related liabilities by \$15.2 million,

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Protect trees against upcoming El Niño winds, arborists urge

Drought has weakened trees that could topple during strong gusts

By MEREDITH BAUER

With strong El Niño storms still forecast on the horizon, local arborists recommend Pleasanton residents inspect their trees to protect them from tumbling down.

The years-long drought has been tough on East Bay trees, especially non-native but beautiful species like Redwoods, said Joe Berg, assistant district manager of Davey Tree's East Bay office.

"We're definitely seeing a lot of impact from the four-plus years of drought," he said. "Most of the trees that are getting hit really hard are the ones that aren't exactly native to the area, like Monterey pines and Redwoods."

The lack of water can weaken or kill a tree, leaving it susceptible to falling or losing limbs that snap off in strong gusts. Now is the best time to check out one's trees, arborists said, because a big El Niño storm could topple a stressed tree onto a home or car.

Even using recycled water — such as from Dublin San Ramon Services District's residential recycled water program — can only help for a time,

and certain trees start to feel the effects of the alkaline water faster.

"The basic water tends to limit the tree's ability to take up certain nutrients," Berg said. "Redwoods get really, really bad. You tend to see a purplish color in the canopy."

Pleasanton arborist Michael Santos said some trees handle the saltiness better than other plants.

"The principal thing of concern there is salt, especially salt like sodium, chloride and boron," he said. "Just like people, trees have different tolerance level to those salts."

Santos said residents should have an arborist regularly inspect and trim their trees. Residents can also mulch around their trees, install a low-water drip irrigation system and remove struggling trees.

Signs to look for include dead limbs, thinning of the canopy, discoloration of the canopy and unusual cracks in the trunk.

"People need to be paying ongoing attention, not just when the tree is in stress," said Santos, owner of Michael Santos Consulting Arborist LLC. ■



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Trees that develop cracks in the side could be struggling and should be inspected, according to local arborists.

PUSD records to be included in student records release

Parents can seek opt-out for their children's data until April 1

Records for every Pleasanton Unified School District student who has attended the district since 2008 will be released to two nonprofit groups this summer unless parents opt out of the release.

Pleasanton Unified students are among the 10 million California student records that will be released in a parent lawsuit against the state's Education Department, according to district spokesman Patrick Gannon.

"Our primary concern is protecting the privacy of our students and families," Gannon said.

The records, including Social Security numbers, will be released to the Morgan Hill Concerned Parents Association and the Concerned Parents Association. In their lawsuit, the two nonprofit groups requested student data from January 2008 onward.

The data set includes home addresses, course information, special education assessment plans, disciplinary information and records regarding health and mental health, according to a state notice.

The U.S. District Court ordered the state to hand over the data and is giving parents and students

until April 1 to opt out of the data release. Once the information is released and reviewed by the groups, it will be destroyed or returned to the state, and no information will be intentionally made public, Gannon said.

To opt out of the data release, download the form on the Pleasanton Unified School District website's homepage, mail the form (one per student) to the U.S. District judge provided on the district's instructions and mail a copy to the California Department of Education. ■

—Meredith Bauer

ValleyCare Charitable Foundation names executive director

Former director of annual giving at Harvard Medical School takes local post

By JEB BING

Shaké Sulikyan, formerly the senior director of annual giving at Harvard Medical School in Boston, has been named executive director of the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation.

In her new position, she will provide strategic leadership and oversight of the foundation's programs and activities.

"Shaké Sulikyan is a talented and proven leader in the nonprofit



Shaké Sulikyan

foundation community," said Bob Shapiro, who with his wife Joyce serve as co-chairs of the foundation. "We look forward to achieving our goals with her leadership."

Before moving to the Tri-Valley, Sulikyan helped build Harvard's medical school's annual giving program from the ground up and raised more than \$4 million per year.

Previously, she served as director of annual giving and alumni relations at Pine Manor College in Chestnut Hill, Mass., and earlier in the development offices of Simmons College and Associated Early Care and Education, Inc., both in Boston.

Since relocating, she has become a member of the Tri-Valley Nonprofit

Alliance's Program, the Bay Area Regional Council and serves as a volunteer with Valley Children's Museum. She also is immediate-past president of Clark University's Alumni Association in Worcester, Mass.

Sulikyan lives in Livermore with her husband, James Curtis, and their son Victor, 4.

ValleyCare Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)(3) corporation with the sole purpose of raising funds for Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare.

"I am excited to join the foundation at this pivotal moment," Sulikyan said. "I look forward to helping (the foundation) to continue to deliver state-of-the-art health care to our community." ■

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reducing liabilities by 13% over that five-year period. This year, the city also added \$10 million to its "rainy day" reserves.

Pleasanton's unemployment rate is 3.4%, down from almost 9% at the peak of the recession in 2010. Office vacancies are at 9%, down from almost 19% in 2011. With an overall inventory of more than 2 million square feet of retail space, the retail vacancy rate is at 6% — down from 8% a year earlier.

Also in 2015, Stanford Health Care acquired ValleyCare Health Systems, Veeva Systems opened its new headquarters building, St. Jude Medical acquired Thoratec and John Muir Health, in partnership with San Ramon Regional Medical Center, opened a new outpatient health service in Pleasanton.

On Staples Ranch, Chrysler Jeep Dodge moved here from Dublin, construction began on CarMax, which will open this summer, and Pacific Pearl, a new 112,000-square-foot Asian-focused shopping center was approved last year with construction to start soon.

With regard to other business gains in 2015, Thorne said Gap purchased a 180,000-square-foot building in the upgraded Rosewood Commons commercial campus, while Workday, ServiceMax, SmartZip Analytics and Ellie Mae expanded their sites. The new Pastime Plaza opened on Main Street with Starbucks Evening and Sabio's on Main as key street-level tenants. Other new restaurants and retailers welcomed to Main Street last year included Tri-Valley Bistro, Frontier Spice, McKay's Taphouse, Drift and Prim POP for kids.

Housing

"With such a robust economy, it's no wonder that the housing market is also taking off," Thorne said. "We all know that finding housing, let alone housing that is affordable, is getting harder and harder, particularly in this region."

Toward that end, the City Council adopted an updated Housing Element, which serves as a blueprint for the type and quantity of housing allowed within Pleasanton.

In keeping with state law and past council approvals, construction began on five sites for multi-family housing to offer additional housing to meet court-ordered and state mandates. When construction is complete, Pleasanton will have added 1,200 new housing units, offering new tenants "a safe place to call home, with great schools and other outstanding amenities," Thorne said. Still with a new growth management ordinance in place, the city only approved 140 new residential units in 2015.

For seniors, construction will start this spring on Kottinger Gardens, which will replace Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens with 185 units of affordable senior housing.

"We're very excited to be adding new housing for seniors," Thorne said. "Some of you may not be aware of this, but seniors were sometimes put on waiting lists for up to five years to obtain affordable housing in Pleasanton."

Economic Development Zone

Thorne also spoke about plans underway to create the city's first Economic Development Zone along Johnson Drive near Interstate 680 and Stoneridge Drive. It's intended to spur investment in 40 acres of mostly underutilized or now vacant land, Thorne explained, with a goal of encouraging investment to create a thriving corridor that will bring new commercial opportunities and generate new tax revenue.

In the next few months, the city's Planning Commission and City Council will hold a joint workshop to review the information and community input to offer further direction on the project.

Parks

Even with 1,400 acres of developed parkland and open space, 44 parks, numerous recreational facilities and 24 miles of trails in Pleasanton, more is coming, Thorne said.

An expanded Bernal Community Park, which Thorne called "a grand park," will open later this year. The park will include three state-of-the-art synthetic multipurpose sports fields with lighting for evening and year-round play, stadium seating for the main event, and 40 acres of Oak woodlands, walking trails and picnic areas.

Recycled water

The city secured almost \$17 million in low-interest loans and incentive grants from the state in 2015 to start work on a purple pipe infrastructure to deliver more recycled water in Pleasanton.

"This project, the largest retrofitting of its kind in the Bay Area, will deliver approximately 450 million gallons of recycled water a year to commercial water users in Hacienda, Ken Mercer Sports Park and the Tennis and Community Park," Thorne said. "When the project is complete later this year, Pleasanton will reduce its overall consumption of potable water by roughly 10%."

Library/Civic Center

Thorne said an 11-member task force is currently meeting to make a recommendation to the City Council about replacing, expanding or upgrading the city's Civic Center and public library.

"A town's library is like a home's living room," Thorne said. "Our library receives nearly 2,000 visits per day. Built in 1988 as a branch library, the library we have is no longer the library we need, and the Civic Center, simply put, needs to be replaced."

"Yes, 2015 was a year to celebrate many things," Thorne concluded. "As we enter 2016, we remain optimistic about our future and our ability to remain 'Pleasanton Proud.'" ■

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acted erratically and violently and ignored repeated demands to comply with officers, which ultimately led to a fatal altercation with Kunkel outside the building.

The 45-page document includes interviews with Pleasanton and Livermore officers who were on the scene, a summary of body camera footage from some officers and the dealership's surveillance footage, and an overview of an Alameda County Coroner's Bureau autopsy.

According to the DA's report, Deming tripped the Specialty Sales Classics motion-detection alarm at 2:01 a.m. July 5 and answered the phone when the alarm company called to check on the situation.

Security footage reportedly showed Deming driving a metal pole into the wall of the dealership, and writing, "Confront me in peace. I have much to teach" on a car roof and "Hope & humanity has failed" on a bathroom mirror before police arrived.

Responding officers said they saw Deming through the front windows, appearing "agitated" and saying he was "a mountain lion," so officers started to get "the 'wrap' ready to detain him," referring to a straitjacket, according to the report. One officer said they may have a "5150" — police code for a mental health incident.

Deming threw a large car jack at the window toward officers, but it bounced against the glass, according

to the report. He then threw a second jack, which shattered the window.

The 19-year-old reportedly retreated to the roof of a pickup truck, and officers surrounded him. At one point, Deming hung from the showroom rafters above the car and kicked a surveillance camera.

An officer holding a police dog ordered Deming to surrender, and Deming responded by saying, "I have nothing. I mean you no harm," according to the report.

One officer tried to shoot Deming with a Taser, but it didn't shock him, and Deming picked up the charge and flicked it away, the report stated. A second Taser was fired, and Deming grabbed his stomach but stood up. A beanbag round was fired as Deming jumped off the car and ran toward the back of the business.

The police dog was released, but it confused another officer for Deming and had to be commanded not to attack, according to the report.

Outside, Deming reportedly stopped "three feet" away from Kunkel, who ordered him to stop.

Deming started running again and Kunkel tried to fire his Taser, which was on safe mode. The officer got his Taser working again and fired a charge at Deming's back, shocking the young man, who kept running, according to the report.

While chasing Deming through the parking lot, Kunkel reported hearing him say, "Are you going to Tase me?" or "Don't Tase me."

According to Kunkel's statement, Deming then ran at him and kicked him in the stomach, knocking him down. Deming punched Kunkel in the face several times, and the officer said he felt he was losing consciousness and feared being disarmed and killed by Deming.

Kunkel stunned Deming with a Taser on Deming's forehead, which allowed Kunkel enough space to grab his firearm and shoot three rounds. According to the report, Kunkel "didn't know if the gun shot was a contact shot or taken from a couple feet away."

Two bullets hit Deming, in the face and abdomen.

The shooting isn't recorded because Kunkel didn't turn on his department-issued body camera, claiming he "was too busy focusing on the burglary" and "the device commonly doesn't work," according to the report.

After the shooting, Deming reportedly resisted when an officer tried to handcuff him. Another officer had the police dog bite Deming so officers could restrain him, and EMTs took him to Eden Medical Center, where he died.

Kunkel said his hamstrings were injured and was recorded saying "Sergeant, I tried, but why did he have to do that?" and "I'm so happy I'm alive."

Two officers told Kunkel "not to say anything right now," according to the report.

Kunkel was diagnosed with a concussion, bruises to his face and muscle strain in both his legs. He was placed on paid administrative leave during the nearly seven-month investigation.

The police chief said in a follow-up interview Tuesday that Kunkel will remain on leave related to a work-related injury and will return to the department once he's recovered.

Meanwhile, Deming's family continues to challenge aspects of the police department's version of events and findings made throughout the investigation, according to their attorney.

Meiselas pointed out Monday that both a county autopsy and a third-party autopsy done by a pathologist



John Deming Jr.

LAYOFFS

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Hintzke said the district hopes the state's updated March budget is kinder to Pleasanton Unified, but it isn't guaranteed.

Some of the positions that will be reduced or eliminated include school nurses, vice principals, instructional coaches and a director of secondary education.

"Our heart goes out to all of these dedicated employees," Association of Pleasanton Teachers president Janice Clark said.

As for temporary certificated em-

ployees, assistant superintendent of human resources Dianne Howell said the district often decides to release all its temporary employees each year. She said some of the temporary employees were paid through one-time funding and some were replacements for teachers on leave or teachers on special assignments.

"Every year for the last several years, we have released all of our temporary employees," she said, "and then we do whatever we can to bring back whomever we can."

The board decided to wait until the next board meeting to vote on whether to renew four probationary employees' contracts.

The positions affected by Tuesday's board vote were broken down into 25.9 permanent FTE spots and 53.4 temporary FTE spots. Some employees are part-time, so the count of FTE slots doesn't mean exactly 80 people will be affected. Howell said she didn't have a tally of how many employees are included in the 79.3 FTE statistic.

The district will also have to contend with possible layoff and release notices of classified employees in April, Howell said. The number of classified spots that could be impacted had not been released as of Tuesday night. ■

—Meredith Bauer

TAKE US ALONG



Riding for veterans: Cheryl and Keith Caraballo, who celebrated 40 years of marriage in December, were in Washington, D.C., for the 28th Annual Rolling Thunder Run To The Wall motorcycle rally, honoring veterans of all wars, specifically to bring awareness to veterans of the Vietnam War. They rode with 700,000 other riders from all over the U.S. in a procession around the National Mall that lasted more than four hours.

hired by the Deming family found no drugs in Deming's system.

He also contested the distance at which Deming was shot, saying neither autopsy found gunpowder residue or tell-tale "tattooing" or skin puckering consistent with a contact shot.

Forensic anthropologist Michael Warren, of the University of Florida C.A. Pound Human Identification Laboratory, reviewed the Alameda County autopsy at the request of the Pleasanton Weekly. He said gunpowder residue or skin stippling or "tattooing" would be expected if an individual was shot within a few feet.

"I don't see any description of that," said Warren, who often works with pathologists on cases and was

an EMT for 15 years. "My guess is it's not a contact wound or a close range wound — that he was shot from a distance of several feet."

Spiller said his department does not intend to release body camera or security footage captured during the incident. "Some of it is graphic, and out of respect for the Deming family and our own officers, we're not intending to release it," the police chief said.

The Pleasanton Police Officers' Association didn't respond to a request for comment as of press time. ■

Editor's notes: The full DA's Office report can be viewed with the online version of this article at www.PleasantonWeekly.com. Associate editor Jeremy Walsh contributed to this story.

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Community Pulse



POLICE BULLETIN

Arrests made in weekend purse-snatching assaults at mall

Pleasanton police, in conjunction with partnering agencies, have arrested three 17-year-old boys in two robbery cases at Stoneridge Shopping Center over the weekend.

The boys were taken into custody by the Oakland Police Department, but because they are juveniles, identifying information about them will not be released, according to police.

"The investigation into these robberies is still very active," Pleasanton police Lt. Kurt Schlehuder said.

Police allege the trio could be responsible for crimes throughout the East Bay, including a pair of robberies at the Pleasanton mall.

Last Sunday afternoon, a 63-year-old woman who was standing by her car at the Stoneridge Shopping Center was kicked, threatened with a gun and robbed of her purse, according to Pleasanton police.

It marked the second purse-snatching reported at the mall in as many days.

On Saturday night, a 17-year-old girl from Danville was walking to her car in the mall parking lot near P.F. Chang's when three males got out of a silver SUV and one grabbed her purse, according to police.

When she resisted, one assailant allegedly punched her in the face and pushed her to the ground. The teen girl reportedly did not require medical attention.

The silver SUV was later reported in a car-jacking incident at the San Leandro BART station, where three African-American teens drove up in the vehicle and stole a cream-colored Mercedes SUV, Schlehuder said.

The trio then allegedly took the Mercedes to Stoneridge Mall on Sunday before the strong-arm robbery that day. In that incident, the 63-year-old woman fell to the ground after struggling over the purse, and one of the teens kicked her in the back before the trio ran away with her purse, according to police.

The woman reportedly sustained minor injuries but didn't require hospitalization.

The teen assailants left the mall in the Mercedes SUV, which drove onto westbound Interstate 580, police said. Similar suspect descriptions were given for both Stoneridge Mall incidents, and police believe the same three people were involved.

Oakland police later found the described vehicle with two of the suspects inside Monday evening, and they were arrested and interviewed. The third 17-year-old was arrested early Wednesday.

In other police news:

- A driver who died last week after his vehicle collided with another vehicle and caught fire near Pleasanton has been identified as 20-year-old David Garcia

of Berkeley, according to the Alameda County coroner's bureau.

The crash was first reported at 1:22 p.m. Feb. 17 on Stanley Boulevard between Valley and Isabel avenues in unincorporated Alameda County, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Garcia was driving westbound in a Honda sedan on Stanley Boulevard when he attempted to make a U-turn, turning into the path of a Jetta traveling on the road's eastbound side, CHP officials said.

The cars collided and the Honda burst into flames with Garcia trapped inside. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The male driver in the Jetta was not injured in the crash, according to the CHP.

- A woman described in a Pleasanton courtroom last Friday the horror of watching as an allegedly drunk driver killed her cousin and her cousin's 14-month-old daughter before crashing into her apartment complex in Livermore last year.

Fighting back tears, Rosa Morales said, "I was shouting, I was yelling for help" after a Chevrolet Corvette allegedly driven by 36-year-old Brian Jones slammed into her cousin, 45-year-old Esperanza Morales-Rodriguez of Seaside in Monterey County, and her 14-month-old daughter, Ulidia Perez-Morales, before crashing into her apartment complex in the 900 block of Murrieta Boulevard in Livermore just before 6:50 p.m. on May 2.

Morales said, "My siblings were crying and then I was in shock."

"We looked up and saw the car coming toward us," but they didn't have enough time to get out of the way, Morales said.

Her testimony came in the first day of a preliminary hearing for Jones, who is charged with two counts of murder for the deaths of Morales-Rodriguez and her daughter as well as two counts of felony driving under the influence of alcohol, causing injury, and multiple victim and excessive speed clauses.

Jones has pleaded not guilty.

Livermore police said Jones had attended the Livermore Wine Country Festival before the collision, and prosecutors allege his blood-alcohol content was determined to be 0.14 percent, well above the legal limit for driving, and he drove his car at speeds ranging from 75 mph to 99 mph through residential streets in Livermore that evening.

The preliminary hearing for Jones, who is being held at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin without bail, is expected to conclude when he returns to court on April 8. The purpose of the hearing is to determine if there's enough evidence for him to stand trial on the charges against him. ■

—Meredith Bauer and Jeb Bing

Bay City News Service contributed to this report.

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Eric C. Larson

July 15, 1953 – January 2, 2016

Eric Christian Larson of Pleasanton, CA, passed away on January 2, 2016, at the age of 62 after a long battle with cancer. He is predeceased by his parents Hugo and Kari Arentzen Larson and stepson J.R. Larson. He is survived by Anne (Sam) Larson, his wife of 35 years; daughter Sharon Esthena Larson Starnes, son-in-law Nick Starnes, and step grandson Cooper of Chico, CA; and daughter Whitney Larson, of Las Vegas, NV. Eric is also survived by his sister Ann Larson of Essex Junction, VT; sister Linn Barlow, brother-in-law Renn Barlow, niece Esthena and nephew Graham of Middlebury, VT; and brother Jens Larson, sister-in-law Maggie Larson and nephew Kyle of Phoenix, AZ. Eric is also remembered fondly by numerous cousins across the country.

Eric was born in New York and grew up in Ramsey and Ridgewood, NJ. He graduated from Ridgewood High School and studied at Hartwick College before getting a degree in economics from the University of Massachusetts.

Eric loved music. He performed in several rock bands while in high school and then in the late 70s he helped create and manage WoodDancer, a musical duo comprised of two close high school friends that toured the country for several years.

Drawn in by the participation of his son and daughters in Pleasanton youth soccer leagues, Eric and Sam eventually became referees as well as board members of the Pleasanton Rage soccer club and Pleasanton Soccer Referee Association. Eric helped run tournaments that enriched the lives of thousands of children in the Tri-Valley area. He was passionate about maintaining high levels of sportsmanship among players, coaches and parents. He was also a tireless mentor to both youth and adult referees and an unwavering advocate for those taking on the often thankless task of being a soccer official.

Eric had a varied career in business. He started in insurance and auto sales, and while serving as a mortgage broker he became that guy everyone at the office turned to for computer advice. This led to him becoming an IT specialist for a number of real estate-related companies.

Eric's hobbies included collecting, sharing and sampling craft beer and fine Scotch & Whiskeys. He was an audiophile who loved to develop elaborate stereo systems. He loved the 49ers. He was a loyal father, husband, and friend; fondly known as "coach" to his longtime buddies. He was fun-loving and gregarious, but also a man of great integrity who always demonstrated equally high levels of competence and humility in all his endeavors.

At his there will be no service, but a party in his honor will be held on May 14 in Pleasanton. In lieu of flowers, please instead donate in Eric's name to a youth charity of your liking.

PAID OBITUARY

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Feb. 21

Drug violation

- 5:00 p.m. in the 4300 block of First Street

Robbery

- 1:28 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Theft

- 1:48 p.m., 1200 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto
- 7:22 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Vandalism

- 10:24 a.m. in the 4900 block of Hillcrest Way

Feb. 20

Assault/battery

- 6:02 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

DUI

- 10:15 p.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

Missing person report

- 3:14 a.m. on Guyson Court

Residential burglary

- 7:20 p.m. in the 1300 block of Hopyard Road
- 8:27 p.m. in the 2500 block of Via Espada

Robbery

- 8:09 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Feb. 19

Drug violation

- 7:55 a.m., intersection of Sequoia Court and National Park Road
- 7:57 p.m. in the 4400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Fraud

- 9:22 a.m. in the 100 block of Spring Street
- 5:09 p.m. in the 4500 block of Fisher Court

Theft from auto

- 7:53 a.m. in the 2300 block of Gloria Court
- 8:02 a.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive

- 8:24 a.m. in the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive

- 9:36 a.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive

- 10 a.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive

- 2:04 p.m. in the 8000 block of Ensenada Drive

Feb. 18

Burglary

- 5:37 a.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road
- 3:12 p.m. in the 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Robbery

- 3:02 p.m. in the 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
- 6:43 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Theft

- 9:36 a.m., 3700 block of Thistle Way; theft from structure
- 11:27 a.m., 4300 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto
- 8:32 p.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Teacher tenure fight now in Court of Appeal's hands

Pleasanton teachers represented by the California Teachers Association (CTA) and others in the state represented by the California Federation of Teachers are now awaiting a decision by the Second District California Court of Appeal on their bid to seek a reversal of a lower court ruling that strikes down statutes protecting teachers from arbitrary firings, providing transparency in layoff decisions and supporting due-process rights.

In oral arguments this week in the case *Vergara v. California*, civil rights icon Dolores Huerta, lead attorneys for the two teachers unions and other educators called on the court to reverse the ruling made two years ago by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Rolf M. Treu, who sided with nine public school students who argued that the rules protecting teachers' jobs endangered their constitutionally guaranteed right to a public education.

Specifically, the students argued, five laws governing teacher dismissal, tenure and "last in-first out" layoff policies deprive them of their right to a quality education, in violation of the state's constitution. Those policies disproportionately harm minority and low-income students, they said. After a two-month trial in early 2014, Judge Treu ruled in their favor, declaring those laws unconstitutional. He delayed the portion of the ruling banning the imposition of those laws pending appeals.

According to a Los Angeles Times report, Treu found that teachers earn strong job protections too quickly — within two years. And he found the process for firing them "to be so complex, time consuming and expensive as to make an effective, efficient yet

fair dismissal of a grossly ineffective teacher illusory."

He also threw out rules under which teachers are laid off based on a seniority system, rather than on performance. The judge also accepted the argument that these rules favored by teachers unions disproportionately harmed minority students — a status quo that, he said, "shocked the conscience."

Attorneys representing the students argued that California's constitution, as interpreted in past cases, requires the state to provide a quality education. They claimed that poor and minority students are more likely to be assigned to low-performing teachers, that California's two-year time period for tenure was too short to adequately evaluate new teachers and that the cumbersome dismissal procedure made it too difficult to fire ineffective teachers who harmed students.

In the trial before Judge Treu, parents, students, teachers, superintendents and other school officials testified on their experiences under the law. Researchers testified about the harmful effects of an ineffective teacher on students' test scores and long-term earning potential as adults.

The students filed the lawsuit with the backing of Students Matter, a national nonprofit that "promotes access to quality public education through impact litigation, communications and advocacy." (The group has also filed a case challenging 13 California districts' teachers contracts that prohibit the use of standardized test data in teacher evaluations, which they say violates a 1971 law.)

As the case moved to the appeals stage, numerous individuals and groups filed "friend of the court"

briefs backing the students, including former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, a coalition of groups including the Education Trust-West and the Los Angeles Urban League, business groups including the California Chamber of Commerce, and current and former superintendents, including New Mexico's Hana Skandera, Louisiana's John White and Cami Anderson of Newark, N.J.

The CTA, representing many of the state's teachers, including Pleasanton's, intervened on behalf of the state. It argued that the lawsuit "has highlighted the wrong problems, proposed the wrong solutions, and followed the wrong process." They say the laws at question are not unconstitutional and don't harm students.

They also argued that the probationary period is enough time to

weed out early-career ineffective teachers. On dismissals, they argued that most proceedings resulted in some early settlement or the teacher dropping the challenge.

The unions also argue that Students Matter is "an organization created by Silicon Valley multimillionaire David Welch and a private public relations firm for the sole purpose of filing this suit." CTA says those who back Students Matter have "an interest in privatizing public education and attacking teachers' unions."

California rules require that the Court of Appeal judges rule within 90 days, so a decision should be released by the end of May. The decision takes effect 30 days after that, unless one of the parties appeals to the state's Supreme Court, which seems likely. ■

LETTERS

A citizen's response to Spiller

Dear Editor,

After reading the District Attorney's Office report on the death of John Deming Jr., and as the daughter of a father disabled by schizophrenia, I feel such sadness.

John Deming was an unarmed teenager in crisis who needed help. He was experiencing a psychotic episode. John had his guitar and believed he had a message he needed to share. "Confront me in peace. I have much to teach. Hope and Humanity has failed." was the message he wrote at the scene.

He was not intent on committing a crime or stealing a car, he was not capable of intent. Through the confusion of psychosis, John told the officers he meant them no harm and struggled to understand what was happening. The anger and agitation he displayed is the result of his fear and cognitive confusion, of not understanding what was happening to him. John's behavior was no fault of his own. He was not capable of choice;

he needed medical attention.

John was a beloved child who had never harmed anyone and at the point that he was in great need, he was attacked. John did not have the cognitive ability to respond rationally, and the fact that officers on scene identified the situation was a "5150", some of them understood that. This should have been handled as a mental health response, de-escalation and negotiation used to prevent the panic of both John and Officer Kunkel, which led to this tragic death.

I have no doubt that the officers on scene have tremendous regret. Now it is time for compassion, accountability and change to prevent a future tragedy. Hope and humanity did fail this 19-year-old boy in crisis. Now, Pleasanton needs to step up and make it right, or we can not heal.

Contact NAMI Tri-Valley (www.nami-trivalley.org) to learn more about resources and support available for families and their loved ones diagnosed with serious and persistent mental illnesses.

—Julie Testa



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Accept the City Clerk's Certification of the Referendum Petition for Ordinance No. 2133 regarding the Lund Ranch Project, Options for the Petition and consider Resolution calling for Election on June 7, 2016 or November 8, 2016 and related Election Procedures

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Recommendation to Allocate Housing and Human Services Grant (HHSG) Funds for Fiscal Year 2016/17

COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES RECRUITMENT

The City Council is accepting applications for the following:

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1 Member

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1 Member from each of the following categories:
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The City of Pleasanton is recruiting for a member to participate on the Altamont Education Advisory Board. The representative chosen by the City Council must be a Science, Environmental Education or Vocational Education teacher from the Pleasanton Public Schools.

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COURTESY OF FIREHOUSE

"Stitching" by Aptos artist Linda Christensen is among the pieces featured in the upcoming exhibit "The Figure in Place" at the Harrington Gallery.

Upcoming Firehouse exhibit focuses on figure

Five prominent painters featured in colorful, diverse showing

Works by a quintet of prominent Bay Area figurative painters take center stage in the Harrington Gallery's next exhibition, "The Figure in Place," opening next week.

Colorful, dynamic and diverse, the installation explores "the figure" as the subject with a variety of media and approaches.

Featured artists are Brook Temple of San Rafael, Linda Christensen of Aptos, William Rushton of San Jose, and John Goodman and Kim Frohsin of San Francisco.

"Each artist depicts the figure within a special context as dynamic as the subject matter," said Julie Finegan, Harrington Gallery

director and "The Figure in Place" co-curator, along with artist and teacher William Rushton.

The artworks in the upcoming showing hearken back to the Bay Area figurative movement started by artists such as Richard Diebenkorn, Elmer Bischoff and Wayne Thiebaud, according to Finegan. "These exhibiting artists could be considered the third generation of that fascinating movement," she added.

The exhibit opens with a free public artists' reception from 7-9 p.m. next Thursday and runs through April 9 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. ■

—Pleasanton Weekly staff

This artwork by San Rafael painter Brook Temple will be on display at the Firehouse Arts Center when its new exhibition opens on Thursday.



COURTESY OF FIREHOUSE

Enjoy preview of upcoming opera

Local libraries host selections from 'Italian Girl'

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Whether or not you plan to attend Livermore Valley Opera's "The Italian Girl in Algiers" next month, you can soon enjoy some of the songs at the Pleasanton and Livermore libraries.

"OperaLIVE! events are free, public events that present opera to the community so that people who might not otherwise have the opportunity can experience this beautiful music and drama," LVO president Jim Schmidt said.

The one-hour performances will feature the heroine, Isabella, sung by mezzo-soprano Kristen Choi, and her lover, Lindoro, sung by tenor Marco Stefani, a Pleasanton native and Amador Valley High School alum. Bruce Olstad will accompany on piano.

"The singers will perform selections from Rossini's famous opera providing listeners a taste of the wonderful talent that they will hear at the Bankhead Theater when 'The Italian Girl in Algiers' opens on March 12," Schmidt said.

Preview performances are at 2 p.m. this Sunday at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.; and at 2 p.m. March 6 at the Livermore library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. They are sponsored by the Friends of the Library groups.

Stage director Bruce Donnell, who has directed operas all over



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Amador Valley High alum Marco Stefani stars as Lindoro in the Livermore Valley Opera rendition of "The Italian Girl in Algiers."



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Mezzo-soprano Kristen Choi is the heroine in the LVO production, which has a sneak-peak preview at the Pleasanton Public Library this Sunday.

the world, including the Metropolitan Opera in New York and Santa Fe Opera, will speak about his vision for the upcoming opera.

A question-and-answer period immediately follows the performance.

"We have presented these popular preview programs in local libraries for many years," said Gary Sears, the opera's community outreach manager. "Audiences have been thrilled to hear professional opera singers perform up

close in these intimate venues."

The library performances are one of many outreach programs the opera company offers, which include visits by singers to schools in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin.

"We hope that the experience will encourage people to seek out opera and other live performing arts," Schmidt said.

For more details on the full production of "The Italian Girl in Algiers," visit www.livermorevalleyopera.com. ■



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Toe-tappin' 'Chicago'

Two merry murderesses will shake up the production at Las Positas College when its Theater Arts Department presents "Chicago — the Musical" from March 4-13. Set in the Roaring '20s, it's the story of two jailed gals who vie for the headlines and then join forces in search of fame, fortune and all that jazz. The cast and crew are primarily Las Positas theater students, directed by faculty member Titian Lish. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and at 2 p.m. Sundays at the Mertes Center for the Arts Black Box Theater at the college at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for students; call the box office at 424-1120 or go to www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts.

Sports



PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Foothill boys end EBAL basketball season with win over Dons

Lady Falcons finish in second place in league

The Foothill High boys basketball squad defeated San Ramon Valley and Amador Valley last week to finish out its strong regular season campaign.

The week started with a win 56-53 over San Ramon Valley. Then, on the final Friday of the East Bay Athletic League (EBAL) season, the Falcons traveled across town to face the Dons, completing the season sweep with a 58-44 win.

Foothill came out on fire against Amador, taking a 16-3 lead at the end of the first quarter and a 25-15 advantage going into halftime, thanks in large part to an excellent defensive effort.

But Amador charged back, scoring the first 10 points of the third quarter to tie the game at 25-25. Peter Ernst, a senior playing his last game at home for the Dons, had six points during the run as he moved underneath and controlled the key.

The Falcons rallied right back in the jam-packed gym, scoring 10 straight points of their own to jump the lead to 35-25. Amador added a bucket right at the end of the quarter and Foothill went into the



MARTHA BROWN

All eyes on the ball while Caroline McMorrow boxes out for the Falcons against San Ramon Valley.

last quarter leading by eight. In the fourth, the Falcons kept the pressure on and pulled away for the win.

Seth Cobb, playing his final regular-season game for the Falcons, was almost unstoppable, scoring 27 points on an assortment of out-

Amador Valley hockey set for playoffs

The Dons' hockey team is readying to take on Dublin in the playoffs March 12 at the Dublin Iceland Rink, with the winner set to advance to the championship game the following weekend.

The two teams split their match-ups this season, with Amador Valley winning 8-5 on Oct. 24 and Dublin getting even last weekend with a 3-1 win — giving the Dons their first loss of the year. Dublin got on the board early Saturday with a pair of goals in the first period, and then added a third in the second period. Justin Fulmer tallied Amador Valley's lone goal in the third period.



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side shots and well-timed drives to the basket. William Lewis added 10 points for Foothill.

Shaun Kienhofer was his usual calming presence on the floor for Foothill, and fellow seniors Michael Climent and Garrett Wrenn had big games playing the final regular-season game for Foothill.

Also last week, the Foothill girls basketball team finished its strong EBAL campaign with a pair of wins.

The Falcons first went to Danville to face San Ramon Valley and came away with a 37-28 win. The game was a defensive, physical battle. Pacing the Falcons was Caroline McMorrow with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Two days later, the Falcons played host to Amador Valley for Senior Night. The Falcons celebrated the careers of seniors McMorrow, Sophia Brown, Alyson Isaacs, Haley Isaacs and Allison Harizal with a 43-29 win.

The Falcons finished in second place with a 10-4 record. All the seniors contributed to the win. McMorrow led the way with 23 points and six rebounds, with Brown add-

ing six points, 11 rebounds and an outstanding defensive effort.

Soccer

The Foothill girls' season came to an end when they lost to San Ramon Valley in the quarterfinals of the North Coast Section (NCS) playoffs.

The Falcons opened their NCS postseason run by braving tough weather on Feb. 17, when they traveled to Union City to take on James Logan in the first round.

The two teams battled each other as well as the weather before the Falcons pulled out the thrilling 1-0 overtime win. The poor weather conditions made possession difficult. As a result, neither team had many solid scoring chances until the Falcons broke through in overtime.

Ariana Nino was able to gain control of the ball 30 yards from goal, and after making a short run straight to goal, she laced a shot past the keeper five minutes into overtime to secure the win.

The win put the Falcons into the

quarterfinals against San Ramon Valley, but the team dropped a 2-0 decision to the Wolves, ending their season.

Wrestling

Justin Phillips scored the only championship for the Foothill boys team, taking the title at 113 pounds in the EBAL Championship Meet last Saturday. Cameron Ghoddoucy and Seyong Chang were fourth in their respective weight classes, and Jeevan Bal was fifth in his.

Phillips will be joined by Ghoddoucy (145) and Chang (145) in the NCS tournament today and tomorrow.

In the junior varsity tournament, Alex Neilsen and Blake Bettencourt were second-place finishers, with Camden McFarlane and Navid Tehranian finishing fourth. ■

Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly. To contact Miller or submit local high school sports scores and game highlights for his weekly Pleasanton Preps column, email him at acesmag@aol.com.



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Pleasanton boys win basketball crown

Seventh-graders on the 7 Boys National Luperine team in the Catholic Community of Pleasanton youth basketball league won the Tri-Valley Catholic Youth Organization title with a 33-31 overtime victory at Granada High last weekend.

The team, which finished with a 12-1 record, consisted of (top, left to right) coach John Heverly, Miles Magann, Cory Zhao, Charlie Claridge, Nick High, Chase Pedraza, Aryan Singh and coach Gary Luperine, and (bottom, left to right) Matt Luperine, Josh Heverly, Parker Mapes and Noah Jamison. Not pictured, Cole Mattos.

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Thailand trek to help others

Fitting wheelchairs for those in need inspires Pleasanton occupational therapist

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



COURTESY OF MICHEFF

Holly Micheff (right) and her team help fit people of all ages in northern Thailand with wheelchairs they'd shipped from the United States.

The emotional work never let up in northern Thailand — and neither did the heat and humidity — as the volunteers fitted people with wheelchairs that would at last give them mobility.

“My team distributed about 80 wheelchairs and spent upwards of three to five hours with one chair so it fits perfectly,” said Pleasanton resident Holly Micheff, an occupa-

tional therapist, who made the trip in November with Wheels for the World. “Some of them had been waiting for chairs for upwards of five years. They were all ages.”

Sixteen volunteers made the trip last fall, splitting into teams to travel to different parts of Thailand, each with a mechanic, an occupational therapist, a translator and a support person to fill out a questionnaire with the family.

“Some of the mechanics on our team have been doing it for over 20 years, and they’ve designed a manual and a whole tool kit,” Micheff explained during a recent interview. “One of the main parts is teaching them about safety and maintenance of the wheelchair.”

Micheff, a 2008 Foothill High grad, earned a master’s degree in occupational therapy from Dominican University after graduating from UC San Diego. She began working at California Children’s Services in Alameda County in May after receiving her license, and she was hired as a permanent staff pediatric occupational therapist last month.

“A pediatric occupational therapist is someone who helps kids overcome disabilities and achieve optimal independence,” Micheff said.

She works to help individuals perform everyday tasks, from brushing their teeth to going to a job.

“Those with disabilities may be held back by physical or emotional or a psychological-social component,” Micheff said. “We work with clients to determine what’s limiting them. We give them exercises or other adaptive equipment that can help them be independent.”

Then in the fall, she heard about an opportunity at Joni and Friends, an international ministry to help those with disabilities. Its Wheels



COURTESY OF MICHEFF

Micheff (left) fitted this child with a harness to stay upright in the wheelchair.



COURTESY OF MICHEFF

A happy little girl can now sit up straight and get around easily since the team from Joni and Friends fitted her with a wheelchair.



COURTESY OF MICHEFF

Micheff worked with each client to determine their physical condition and how best to fit the wheelchair to them.

for the World program collects used wheelchairs from throughout the United States, has them refurbished by prison inmates, and then sends volunteers overseas to distribute them.

"A dear friend of mine was at a Joni and Friends retreat and heard an announcement that Wheels for the World were going to Thailand and needed an occupational therapist," Micheff said. "My friend immediately thought of me."

After being accepted into the program, Micheff went into overdrive to raise the \$3,000 needed to cover the flight and living expenses for 2 1/2 weeks.

"My family and friends all came through," she said.

On the trip, the volunteers partnered with Thai Rotary and the local church — a minority in Thailand, which is 95% Buddhist. They also distributed Bibles written in Thai.

"Our mission was not to convert them but to show them we're here because we care about you and love you, and we believe our God loves us so much that we are attributing what we're doing to our God," Micheff said.

This idea could be difficult to convey, she noted, because Buddhism is based on merit rather than "the concept of God."

Micheff said the last person she fitted was a little girl who had been a healthy child until the age of 4 when she was bitten by a dog. Doctors believe this resulted in some type of brain infection, which caused muscle impairment and quadriplegia.

"What touched my heart so much — and it really opened my eyes to the need in Thailand, and I'm sure several countries — is she can't move her muscles to eat by mouth anymore," Micheff said. "She was so malnourished, I had to step away for a second."

The girl had been lying down for the six years since the incident, which resulted in scoliosis, common in such cases, Micheff said. They got her sitting in the chair,

which will at least give her the best life she could hope for and the best posture for her body.

"She has a very loving, supportive family," Micheff said. "I was trying to educate the mom on how to maximize her calorie intake."

Micheff returned from Thailand energized, and she hopes her experience will inspire others.

"I was able to help this girl in a really tangible way," she said. "I left there with this desire to do more."

"Living in America, it's so easy to think material things bring us satisfaction but then we see people

like that but who are more joyful," Micheff reflected. "What really matters is relationships and connecting with people and investing in people."

She is confident that new opportunities to help others will open up and meanwhile has the job she always dreamed of at California Children's Services.

"I'm flabbergasted sometimes, the overlap between my career and the opportunity I had to go to Thailand," she said. "It's cool when you feel you're where you're supposed to be, doing what you love and loving what you do." ■



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Micheff fits a little girl for a wheelchair so she will have mobility and her body will spend part of each day in an upright position.



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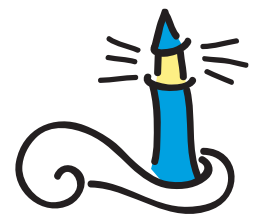


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By JEB BING

Buying a home isn't as easy as clicking a few buttons and magically getting the home of your dreams, as the current real estate advertising landscape leads many to believe.

The reality is that real estate transactions can be stressful and there are often challenges and obstacles along the way.

To help consumers, the National Association of Realtors has launched a new advertising campaign, "Get Realtor." The campaign targets emerging generations of home buyers, sellers, owners and investors.

Technology has advanced modern life in many ways and allows people to do more online than ever before, said NAR president Tom Salomone, broker-owner of Real Estate II Inc. in Coral Springs, Florida. With just a few keystrokes or taps on a screen, consumers can shop for a mortgage, learn about the buying or selling process and browse the print and online editions of the Pleasanton Weekly and other online ser-

vices to see prices and photos of homes for sale.

But access to information doesn't automatically translate to success when buying or selling a home, Salomone added.

"When it comes to real estate and the Internet, today's consumers don't always know what they don't know," Salomone said. "We want today's consumers to understand that having a Realtor at their side is their competitive advantage in the real estate transaction."

NAR's consumer advertising campaign began 17 years ago, and relaunched in 2016 with a whole new look and feel to help modernize consumer perceptions of Realtors, particularly among millennials, who are currently the largest home-buying segment.

"Contemporizing an established brand will take time," Salomone said. "To reach new generations, we've created advertising that is dramatically different and bold enough to break through the clutter and get noticed, and help drive consideration of Realtors." ■



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4 BEDROOMS
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Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

Livermore

3 BEDROOMS
3870 Inverness Way Call for price
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

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7730 Canyon Meadow Circle Unit D \$388,888
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

2 BEDROOMS

5366 Black Ave. \$718,888
Sat/Sun 1-4 Lisa Sterling-Sanchez & Ingrid Wetmore
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SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during Jan. 19-Feb. 9.

Pleasanton (Jan. 19-Feb.2)

Total sales reported: 12
Lowest sale reported: \$790,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,250,000
Average sales reported: \$1,127,417

Dublin (Jan. 19-Feb.2)

Total sales reported: 23
Lowest sale reported: \$474,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,330,000
Average sales reported: \$900,818

Livermore (Jan. 19-Feb.2)

Total sales reported: 33
Lowest sale reported: \$250,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,440,000
Average sales reported: \$763,821

San Ramon (Jan. 27-Feb. 9)

Total sales reported: 32
Lowest sale reported: \$264,500
Highest sale reported: \$1,562,500
Average sales reported: \$860,611

Source: California REsource

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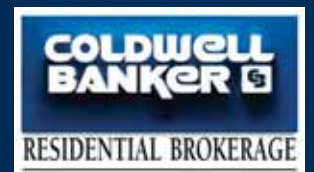


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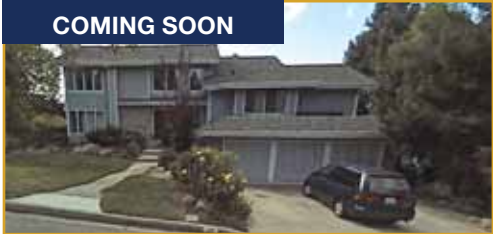
Charming upgraded 3 BR, 2 BTH Castlewood home large private .70 Acre lot with views!
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COMING SOON

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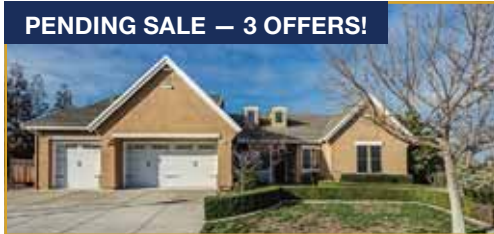
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The Appraisal Contingency — What it Means

The appraisal contingency is a standard clause in most real estate purchase agreements. It is a clause that essentially says “this contract is subject to the property appraising at the contract sales price (or more), or the contract may be canceled by the buyer”. While the intent is fairly clear, what is less clear is what happens if the appraisal comes in below the sales price.


































First of all, a disclaimer. The appraisal in question generally refers to the bank appraiser assigned by the buyer's lender to appraise the property as part of the loan process. If the buyer is paying all cash, they can still include an appraisal contingency, and contract to have the property appraised as part of the purchase. While sellers often wish it to be so, this clause does not apply to a previous appraisal obtained by the seller, either as a preemptive measure or as part of a refinance or purchase. Prior appraisals are not used to satisfy the appraisal contingency. In fact, as written about previously, the bank appraiser is independent of the lender, and seller for that matter. In theory, thanks to the recent changes in the appraisal process, appraisers have absolutely no contact with the lender. This is in order to avoid manipulation or undue influence on the valuation. So, if the appraisal comes in ...Go to www.680homes.com to read the rest of this article.

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7294 Hunstwood Court, Pleasanton

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1138 Mataro Court, Pleasanton
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1150 Hearst Drive, Pleasanton
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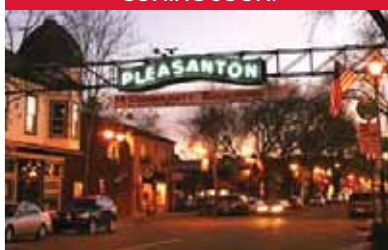
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