

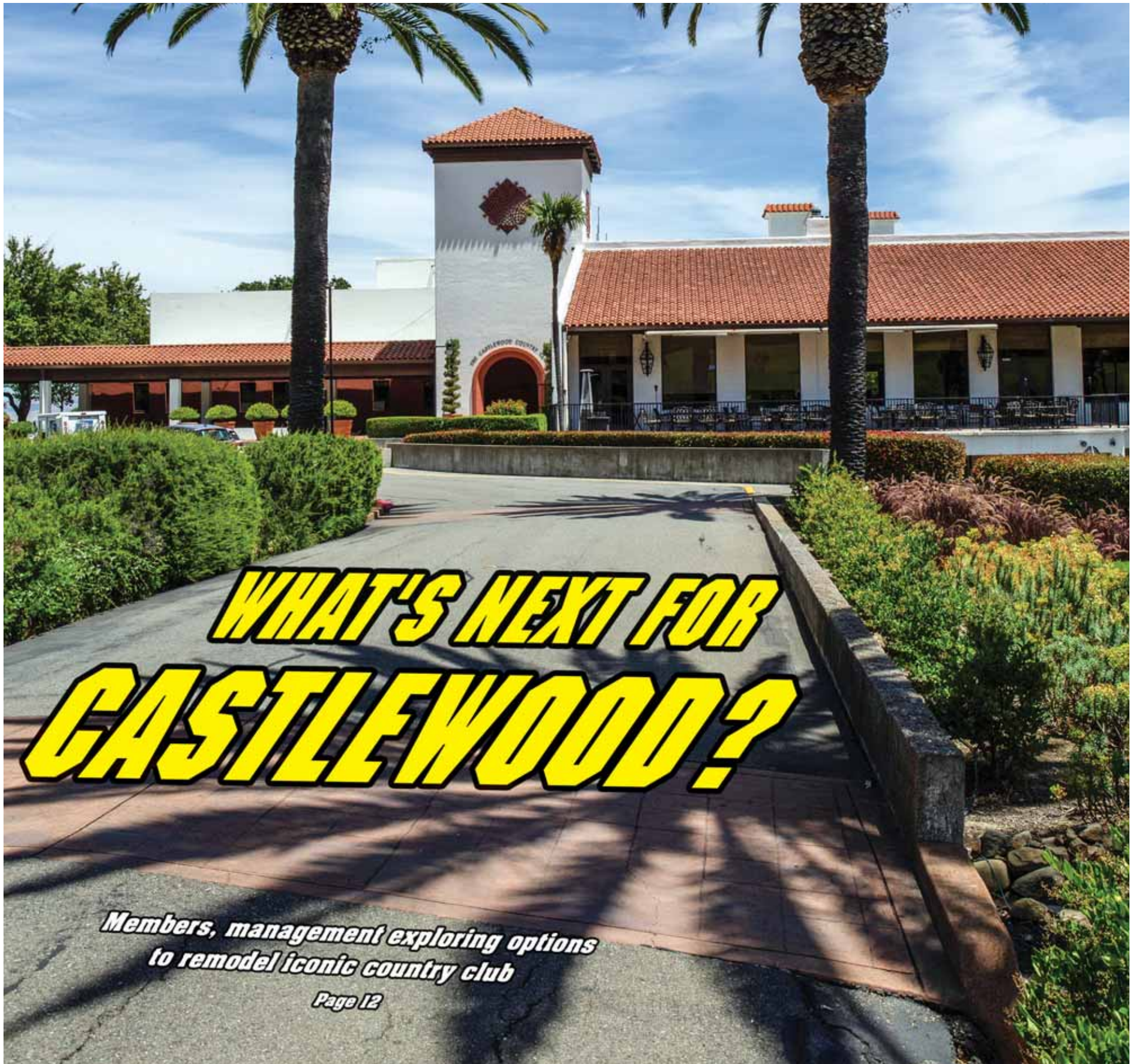
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# TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

## A concerted Next Step

One of the Livermore Valley's oldest nonprofits will change its name next month to continue fulfilling its mission to serve women dealing with unplanned pregnancies.

The Valley Pregnancy Center will transition to Next Step, a name that executive director Michelle Kelly believes accurately captures the services the agency provides to women.

Kelly, who has volunteered and worked at the center for 20 years, remarked that this is the second name change — it was founded as the Valley Crisis Pregnancy Center. In 2004, after becoming a licensed medical provider by offering ultrasounds, "crisis" was dropped.

Dropping "pregnancy center" was the result of three years of research into why the number of women they were serving was dropping while unplanned pregnancies were increasing. Using both national and state numbers compiled by three different organizations, they came to the conclusion that the words "pregnancy center" carried significant negative baggage to some women.

Their focus on helping a woman decide what step to take next in considering her pregnancy led to the new name for the Pleasanton-based organization.

The mission remains: "to empower women to make confident and healthy life choices."

The center served about 250 women last year, about one-third of the number it did in its earlier days. It has a small paid staff and relies on trained volunteers to work individually and confidentially with the pregnant women.

Kelly said the clientele has shifted significantly over the last 30 years. In the 1980s and 1990s, they counseled many pregnant and scared teenage girls. She remarked that her first client, a 15-year-old girl, was typical of their clients in those years.

Since then, the women coming to the center have been much older — in their late 20s or even early 30s — many in relationships including some who are married. What they have in common is their pregnancy was not planned — about 50% of all pregnancies fall into this category.

The other thing they have in common is they are afraid, Kelly said. The goal of the trained, volunteer counselors is to help women, one step at a time, replace their fear with hope so she can

make a sound decision.

That next step could be a pregnancy test or it could be a conversation about her fears that gets it on the surface and acknowledged.

"She can be paralyzed in her fear, but take it one step at a time. Next step can be confirming the pregnancy is viable," Kelly said. "24% of pregnancies end in natural miscarriage. Modern medicine can determine pregnancy three days after conception. A woman may decide to have a procedure (abortion) instead of waiting to seven to nine weeks for ultra-sound to see if pregnancy is viable."

One major change in the culture over the last 30 years has been the attitude toward an unplanned pregnancy and abortion. Kelly said that women often "intertwine" them without thinking about the procedure and its potential impact on her.

"Our opportunity and finding the next step is allowing there to be space between finding out you're pregnant and having the time to fully process your decision outside of fear and judgment. Without that conversation and space, the message of the culture is 'I'll go and become unpregnant,'" Kelly said.

For women, the center offers pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, abortion information, information on fetal development and a pregnancy options decision kit. When a woman decides to carry her baby to term, she is supported with information about what to expect during her pregnancy, parenting preparation, a hormone workshop and preparation for childbirth.

After delivery, the center provides infant care, parenting support, the purposeful parenting program, a boundaries with kids program and a child discipline program.

For ongoing support, it offers the following free programs: co-parenting 101, conquering co-dependency, communication coaching for couples, relationship boundaries, miscarriage support, grief support and post-abortion recovery.

The ongoing services are available to the public — participants are not required to have been a client to take advantage of them.

Next Step upgraded its website two years ago so the site is more interactive and fits how clients wanted to receive information. It has a chat function that hasn't been heavily utilized, but online appointments have worked well for the clients. ■

### About the Cover

After members voted in favor of a major remodel independently, instead of merging with the Bay Club, Castlewood Country Club leaders are now working on plans for how to reinvigorate the iconic club in western Pleasanton. Photo by Mike Sedlak. Cover design by Rosanna Kuruppu.

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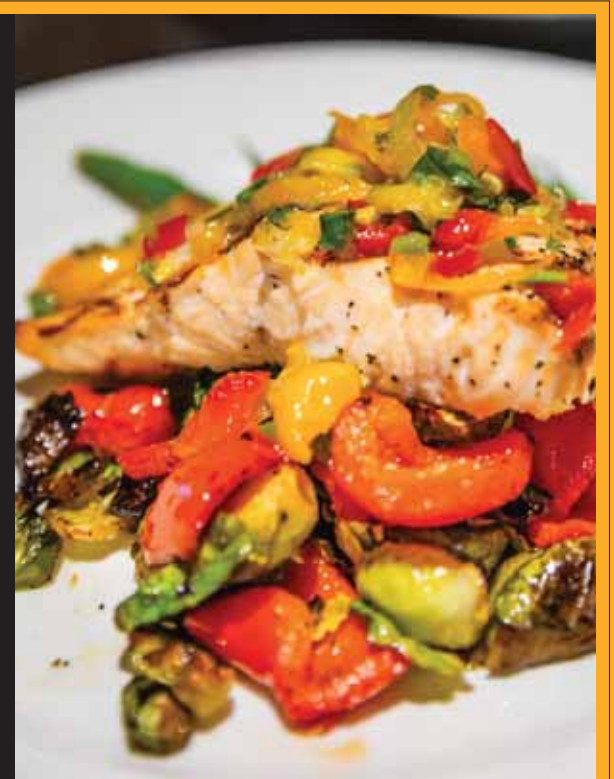
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ASKED AROUND TOWN

## How would you describe your baseline, default mood — the way you feel most of the time?



**Terry Castillo**  
*Needlepoint Instructor*

I'm mostly upbeat and very positive. I've been through a lot and am just so grateful to be alive. I feel like every day is a gift, so I try to make the very most of it and not sweat the small stuff or allow any negativity to impact my mood.



**Shawn Copenhagen**  
*Accounting/bookkeeping*

I am usually pretty mellow, but energetic at the same time. Largely, I am happy and content. Because life is good.



**Amy Moellering**  
*Professor*

I'm always in motion. It is hard for me to sit still until I've gotten plenty of exercise. But once I have done that, like going for a long walk with my dog Gracie, I feel very calm, serene and relaxed.



**Anna Copenhagen**  
*Recent college graduate*

I'd have to describe my resting mood as very gregarious. I really enjoy connecting with and talking to people, and spreading positivity through my communications and interactions with others.



**Dan Copenhagen**  
*Business owner*

I'm very mellow and zen-like. I like being at peace with myself and my surroundings. Also, I'm quite contemplative. I always have something on my mind and am pondering one thing or another.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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## DIGEST

### Fundraising BBQ

The Pleasanton Police Officers Association and AFSCME Local 955 are joining to put on a "Bingo, Bourbon & BBQ" fundraiser next month to benefit two city of Pleasanton employees battling rare cancers.

Pleasanton PD Officer Kyle Henricksen has been undergoing treatment for an aggressive form of pancreatic cancer since last fall.

Ben Jacobs, a utility systems operator for the city's Operations Services Department, was diagnosed last year with myelodysplastic syndrome.

The Aug. 24 evening fundraiser at the Pleasanton Senior Center will feature music, dinner, drinks, a raffle and game prizes to support both men and their families amid rising medical treatment costs. Tickets are expected to sell out quickly. Visit <https://bit.ly/2Lo1VOX>.

### 4.3 earthquake

A 4.3-magnitude earthquake shook the Tri-Valley on Tuesday afternoon.

The tremor struck at 1:11 p.m., centered 7.5 miles east of Blackhawk, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. A 3.5-magnitude aftershock was reported 13 minutes later in the same area, according to the USGS.

No reports of significant injuries or damage occurred.

### VA mobile outreach

The Pleasanton Public Library is set to host the Veterans Affairs (VA) Palo Alto Mobile Medical Outreach Team and the Alameda County veterans service officer next Thursday (July 25) to facilitate free examinations, consultations and referrals for veterans, as well as provide other information about VA resources.

Veterans uncertain of their benefits eligibility are encouraged to visit as requirements have changed, and VA health care may complement current medical coverage. Veterans should bring military discharge papers (Form DD-214) and a list of current medications.

Thursday's event is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the library at 400 Old Bernal Ave. Contact library officials at 931-3400, ext. 4, or [jeseltine@cityofpleasanton.ca.gov](mailto:jeseltine@cityofpleasanton.ca.gov).

### I-580 closure

Caltrans is set to temporarily close eastbound Interstate 580 east of Livermore overnight on one day next week to install a new overhead sign structure for the I-580 repaving project.

All eastbound lanes from the North Flynn Road off-ramp to the Grant Line Road on-ramp near the Altamont Pass will be closed from 1-5 a.m. next Wednesday (July 24). ■

## Library overhauls fine system

Also: Council talks state legislation, city widening railroad corridor trail

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton Public Library has eliminated daily fines for overdue items, with the City Council on Tuesday approving the shift to a model that city officials hope will focus more on materials recovery and positive interactions with library-users.

Library Commission and city staff brought forward the proposal, arguing that daily fines have not necessarily been effective and present a major barrier to access, especially for lower-income residents. They also pointed out neighbors like Livermore, Alameda County and Contra Costa County recently stopped daily fines.

"Given the fact that you feel you can absorb the loss of income from the fines and deliver ultimately better services to our community, why wouldn't we try this? I think this is pretty straightforward," Councilwoman Kathy Narum said to city staff Tuesday night at the Pleasanton Civic Center.

Overhauling the previous library fine system (25-cents-per-day fine, with account frozen when bill exceed \$20), the new program for un-returned materials would charge borrowers a replacement fee equal to the retail price of the item and a \$5 processing fee, as well as suspends their library account. But as soon as the overdue item is

returned, in good condition, the charges are canceled and the account reopened.

Heidi Murphy, city library and recreation director, told the council she sees the new program as a positive shift that will increase access, circulation of library materials and recovery of items.

Under the new program, library-users should have ample time to finish using the checked-out book, movie or CD — up to 123 days total, if the item is not already on hold for another member — before a replacement fee would be triggered and the account blocked, according to Murphy.

The council voted 4-1 to

approve the proposal. Vice Mayor Karla Brown, who requested the item be pulled off the consent calendar for full discussion, cast the lone dissenting vote, saying she supported the daily fines as punitive motivation to return materials on time.

The new system took effect on Wednesday — and with it, existing daily overdue fines were waived from all accounts, though still-unpaid fees for lost or damaged materials remain intact.

To learn more, visit the library at 400 Old Bernal Ave. or call 931-3400.

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## Work underway at Amador lot

PUSD still 'exploring options' for more parking solutions once classes begin

By JULIA BAUM

Construction started onsite last week on the project to add a solar panel structure and reorient the Amador Valley High School student parking lot facing Santa Rita Road.

Crews were spotted breaking up and hauling away concrete on July 10 and the marquee sign normally near the lot entrance had been removed, giving neighbors the first signs of visible progress on the project since school ended at the end of May.

"The fact that the fencing went up as soon as school got out may have contributed to an expectation that other work would begin imminently," Pleasanton Unified School District Superintendent David Haglund told the Weekly via email last week.

"We are still on track to have 90% of the Santa Rita lot (done) by mid-October, if not sooner," PUSD spokesman Patrick Gannon said. "We have heard some comments around the lack of visual progress, however it's important for the community to know that our staff are working tirelessly and the project is currently on schedule."

Only 50 parking spaces will be available in the Santa Rita lot (which typically features more than 400 stalls) when classes start Aug. 12, but there will be 315 regular parking spots in the Del Valle parking lot, roughly 121 temporary parking spaces located on the blacktop behind the large gym and another 32 spots for use at Valley Community



JULIA BAUM

Construction trucks have been out as crews start work on a new solar panel structure in the Amador Valley High School parking lot.

Church until work is scheduled to finish in mid-October.

"We will soon distribute a shuttle plan to the families of Amador Valley High School," Haglund said. "This will include student pick-ups away from campus and provide transportation to and from those locations before and after school."

PUSD is also considering hiring Bay Area Traffic Solutions (BATS) for traffic mitigation around Amador during drop-off and pick-up times while construction takes place in the parking lot, which will also be reoriented.

District staff recently worked out an agreement as well with the Livermore Amador Valley

Transit Authority for additional Wheels 605 and 611 bus routes, which will honor student IDs. A list of seven designated pick-up and drop-off spots was also updated recently when the loading location at Gatetree Circle was removed after neighbors complained. Only students walking or biking from homes in that area will use the Gatetree passageway.

Haglund said, "While there will be very limited and targeted student parking options available at the site, we are encouraging all students to walk, ride a bike, or use public transportation."

The \$650,000 project will be paid by a Proposition 39 state-funded grant. ■

## Steinle's slaying inspires new bill

DeSaulnier again targets gun storage standards for law enforcement

By JEREMY WALSH

U.S. Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) has reintroduced proposed legislation aimed at stopping law enforcement firearms from getting into the wrong hands, inspired in part by the shooting death of Pleasanton native Kate Steinle four years ago.

Dubbed the "Federal Law Enforcement and Public Protection Act," House Resolution 3420 would mandate all federal agencies to implement rules to help prevent law enforcement officers' service weapons from being lost or stolen.

"The intention of federal law enforcement agencies is to keep the public safe. When their own weapons are being used against them and in other acts of violence, they are not fulfilling that job," DeSaulnier said in a statement. "To improve public safety, we need to improve the standards for officer gun safety and storage."

The East Bay congressman, whose district includes the Tri-Valley communities of Danville and Alamo, presented the same bill for consideration in both previous terms in the wake of Steinle's death and other similar cases in which a stolen police gun fired

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# Land value growth sets record in Alameda County

Dublin scores biggest gain in assessed property values among Tri-Valley cities

By JULIA BAUM

Land in Alameda County reached a gross value record this fiscal year of \$321.5 billion, according to an annual local assessment roll of 518,600 taxable properties released last week by the Alameda County Assessor's Office.

First-year Assessor Phong La credited increased real estate values and a recovering economy for the 7.13% increase in the 2019-20 fiscal year compared to the previous year, which translates to an additional \$21.4 billion in assessed land value.

"The revenue generated by the assessment roll continues to support schools, public safety, parks, roads and other essential services," La said in a statement.

Several more factors contributed to this year's value growth including applying the 2% mandatory inflation index to properties with assessed values that were unaffected in previous years by assessment declines. That added about \$5.6 billion, while construction activity and real estate sales and transfers gave \$2.5 and

\$11.3 billion, respectively.

Businesses have also "flourished" and are considered by the county to be "a key factor in the growth in the assessment roll, as these company's business personal property assessments have increased by \$1.1 billion," La said. The county's assessment role has increased 35%, or \$73 billion as well in the past five years.

Oakland remains the highest-valued jurisdiction in Alameda County at \$68.8 billion, but one community in the Tri-Valley stood out this year. The city of Dublin saw the largest increase in assessed value from the previous year at 10.3%, to just over \$18 billion overall, according to county officials.

Pleasanton saw a 6.4% increase in assessed value, from \$24.1 billion last year to its current assessment of just under \$25.7 billion across 28,067 parcels, according to county officials. In Livermore, the assessment roll stands at just under \$20.6 billion, an increase of 5.8% year-over-year.

With a 2.7% unemployment rate

lower than the state and national averages, the county's outlook is good but "there are indicators that this tremendous growth in the economy may be coming to an end," La said. He did not provide any details but advocated "preparing for a potential recession now rather than having it come as a surprise."

All secured roll property owners in Alameda County will receive notification by mail. Property owners with questions regarding their property assessment are asked to call the Assessor's Office at 510-272-3787 (real estate assessments) or 510-272-3836 (business personal property assessments) or visit online at [www.acassessor.org](http://www.acassessor.org).

Formal appeals of the 2019-20 assessed values must be made by Sept. 16 with the Clerk, Board of Supervisors, Assessment Appeals Unit.

Property tax bills for fiscal year 2019-20 will be mailed in October by the Alameda County tax collector and will be based upon the assessor's 2019-20 assessed values. ■

## COUNCIL

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### In other business

• The council spent nearly an hour receiving an update on state legislation particularly relevant to the city and discussing taking official positions on a handful of housing bills as well as other, non-housing bills.

Pleasanton works with the four other Tri-Valley municipalities and consultant firm Townsend Public Affairs to engage with state representatives and advocate for or against certain legislation.

This legislative cycle, the groups have been closely watching housing legislation -- though some proposals of concern, such as Sen. Scott Wiener's Senate Bill 50, have shifted to two-year bills that won't be discussed again until January.

The council on Tuesday opted to take formal positions on certain bills or amend their previous stance on evolving bills, as recommended by city staff and the council's Legislative Subcommittee.

That list included opposition to Assembly Bill 1483 on housing data collection and reporting,

support for SB 5 on a new affordable housing and community development investment program, oppose unless amended for AB 68 on removing land-use regulations for accessory dwelling units, and support for AB 1350 (youth transit pass pilot program) and SB 152 (active transportation program).

• During non-agenda comment, the council heard from three resident speakers — plus another 150, via petition signatures — criticizing the council's decision June 18 regarding the new trail being installed as part of redesigning the municipal parking lot on part of the old railroad corridor downtown.

The council had voted 4-1 in favor of a plan to maximize new parking on the narrow lot between Bernal Avenue and Abbie Street but directing city staff to tweak the design to guarantee the new public trail would be a minimum of 9 feet wide — still lower than cycling advocates' 12-foot preference.

City staff provided a brief update on their progress as of Tuesday, telling the council that they're on track to amend designs to widen the trail to a minimum of 11 feet without losing any parking spots. ■

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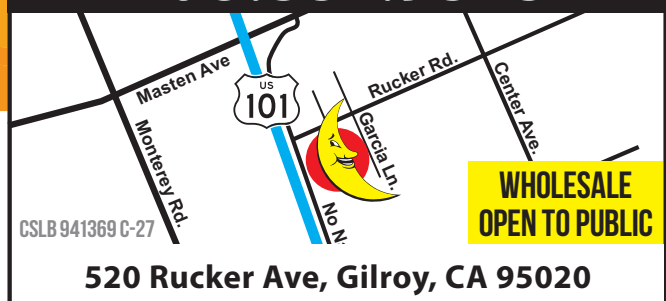
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# Tri-Valley legislators fill staffing vacancies

Area council members among recent hires to administrative posts

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Three East Bay locals have been selected to serve on top administrative posts of Tri-Valley legislators over the past several months, two of whom are city council members in the region.

To start, State Sen. Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) promoted 38-year-old George Escutia Jr., to serve as his new district director in May. In his new role, Escutia is tasked with managing Glazer's district office and

helping engage with the public over services it can provide.

Having served as a senior district representative since Glazer's inaugural election to the State Senate in May 2015, Escutia has proven to be an effective part of the senator's team, particularly on issues such as addressing constituent needs and serving as a liaison to other government officials, the senator's office said.

Officials from Glazer's office added that Escutia's own experience with

poverty, housing and food insecurity have provided Glazer's office with an important perspective on the many issues affecting the 7th Senate District, which includes the Tri-Valley.

Escutia succeeded Teresa Gerringer, who stepped down from Glazer's office in February citing the need to focus on her role as a Lafayette City Council member. Then several weeks later, Gerringer was hired to serve as communications director for Contra Costa County Supervisor

Diane Burgis, helping the supervisor in a variety of special projects, including the county's 2020 census efforts.

Burgis, whose East County district includes the Tri-Valley communities of Blackhawk, Diablo and Tassajara Valley, cited Gerringer's extensive experience with the issues and local leaders in the region.

And in the office of State Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda), Dublin City

Councilman Shawn Kumagai has been selected to serve as the new district director for Bauer-Kahan's 16th Assembly District, which includes the Tri-Valley.

Starting at the position in April, Kumagai continues to serve in his duties on the Dublin City Council and has already announced his intent to run for re-election to the council come 2022.

In other recent hiring news, former Livermore City Councilman Steven Spedowski (2014-18) was promoted in his day job in the spring to become the new deputy city manager for the city of San Ramon. ■

## Headed to 'Ninja' nationals

Pleasanton native Seth Rogers earned a spot in Las Vegas for the national finals of the NBC competition show "American Ninja Warrior." The 2018 Foothill High graduate advanced out of the Los Angeles qualifier after making it to the ninth obstacle, "Leaps of Faith" — good for a top finish in the round broadcast on TV this week. The 19-year-old will be among the athletes competing in Vegas for a chance at the ultimate prize; the first episode is set to air Aug. 26.



MICHAEL BECKER/NBC

## 'Your choice'

Thought-provoking TV ad on organ donation

By ELAINE YANG

Tri-Valley nonprofit Donor Network West's new commercial, airing on television and streaming services in Northern and Central California, focuses on the people who die in need of a transplant to draw attention to the importance of organ donations.

The minute-long commercial, which is set to run through August, opens with a young girl clutching a teddy bear, before the camera pans out to reveal a man lying on a hospital bed surrounded by eight people of varying ages and ethnicities, including the girl.

As the patient's heart monitor flatlines, the people around him fade from the scene one by one.

"Every day people die waiting for an organ transplant. Eight lives lost or saved. Your choice," reads the closing graphic, as the instrumental background music thins out to take on an ambiguous tone of either hope

or melancholy — the viewer's choice.

Twenty-two people in the United States die each day as they wait for an organ transplant. The television commercial aims to introduce a sense of urgency by putting the decision to save a life in the hands of the viewers.

"The power to give a second chance to someone in need lies within each of us. Saving lives is a choice we can all make by registering as organ and tissue donors," said Janice F. Whaley, CEO for Donor Network West, based in San Ramon.

For more than 30 years, Donor Network West has helped connect donors' gifts to those in need of transplants. The federally designated organ procurement organization for Northern California and Nevada is partnered with the San Ramon Regional Medical Center.

The video ad is available on YouTube or via [save8today.com](http://save8today.com). Visit a local DMV office to register as an organ donor. ■

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# Adopt-a-Thon

SPCA hosting fun family event for animal lovers

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Cats and dogs and everything they need will be at Jack London Square in Oakland next weekend as the East Bay SPCA hosts its annual Adopt-a-Thon from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. next Sunday (July 28).

About 30 animal shelters and rescue groups will be at the event, featuring hundreds of adoptable animals, including dogs, cats, rats and birds. The event is also held to raise awareness of the thousands of homeless animals in the Bay Area.

“Adopting helps save the life of a pet and also creates new space in a shelter or rescue to house and save more lives,” East Bay SPCA president Allison Lindquist noted.

Vendors will be on hand to sell pet fashion accessories, photos and walking and pet-sitting services. There will also be vouchers for discounted microchips, a photo booth, family-friendly activities from Sports Basement, giveaways from the Oakland As and a button-making station.

East Bay SPCA reported recently that kitten season is here with a vengeance.

“As of today, we have over 140 cats and kittens currently in foster homes,” said Joseph Romero, foster and medical support manager at the East Bay SPCA, “and 50 more



A kitten adopted out at last year's Adopt-a-Thon.

in-house awaiting fosters.”

Cats can have up to five litters a year, and each litter can have up to six kittens, who can start breeding at age 6 months.

The organization receives kittens from the general public and from other shelters that do not have foster programs able to handle the influx of so many kittens at once. SPCA has a goal to save 100% of its cats and kittens and is always looking for foster families.

The East Bay SPCA is running a temporary, offsite quarantine facility for dogs affected by the canine influenza virus and is in urgent need of funds, clean blankets and sheets. Items can be dropped off at the Dublin Adoption Center, 4651 Gleason Drive. To learn more, go to [www.eastbayspca.org](http://www.eastbayspca.org). ■

## STEINLE

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the fatal bullet, but his legislation failed to gain traction in Republican-controlled U.S. House of Representatives.

DeSaulnier is trying his hand again, this time with the Democrats holding the House majority.

HR 3420 would require the leaders of each of the nearly 80 civilian and military federal law enforcement agencies to create minimum standards directing their officers to store and safely lock their firearms when not kept in their personal possession.

The legislation would put the onus on the officer to store their service weapon by using smart guns and smart locks, trigger locks, safes, gunlock boxes or other means approved by the agency, which would decide the discipline for violations.

The guns could not be kept in personal or patrol vehicles except for temporary storage when in court, when other options aren't available, or if authorized by the agency. If an officer's gun is stolen or lost, the incident would need to be reported to the FBI, U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and relevant state and local agencies.

HR 3420, which DeSaulnier introduced on June 21, has been

referred to the Judiciary and Armed Services committees.

His same legislative proposal never advanced out of committee in the previous two terms when Republicans held the House majority.

DeSaulnier said that with recent reports of local and federal law enforcement officers having their service weapons stolen or misplacing their guns, the safety concerns prompting HR 3420 remain just as relevant as they did after Steinle's death on Pier 14 in San Francisco on July 1, 2015.

An Amador Valley High alumna living in San Francisco at the time, 32-year-old Steinle was walking with her father on the pier when she was shot and killed by a bullet fired from a gun that had been stolen from the car of a U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) ranger.

Jose Ines Garcia Zarate, an oft-deported undocumented Mexican immigrant with a history of criminal convictions, was acquitted of murder and manslaughter by a San Francisco jury on Nov. 30, 2017 but found guilty of being an ex-felon in possession of a gun related to Steinle's shooting death.

Garcia Zarate's defense counsel

argued at trial that the BLM ranger's gun went off accidentally, firing the bullet that ricocheted off the ground before fatally striking Steinle. Prosecutors did not present any evidence in the case to indicate that Garcia Zarate stole the gun.

BLM Ranger John Woychowski testified that he left the gun in a holster inside a backpack with his badge and law enforcement credentials stashed under the front seat of his SUV parked on The Embarcadero while he went to dinner with his family four days before Steinle's death. But the backpack and gun were stolen that night.

Steinle's parents, Jim Steinle and Elizabeth Sullivan, still have a federal lawsuit pending against the BLM claiming the ranger violated a duty to secure the loaded handgun properly.

The Pleasanton native's slaying — and the defendant's subsequent acquittal — captured national headlines and spurred new debate on immigration enforcement and sanctuary city policies.

The House in 2017 passed “Kate's Law,” a bill inspired by the Steinle case that proposed to increase punishments for criminal offenders who re-enter the country illegally after deportation, but the legislation never advanced out of the Senate. U.S. Rep Steve King (R-Iowa) introduced his own, broader version of “Kate's Law” this January. ■



Kate Steinle

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## POLICE BULLETIN

### Tri-Valley native among string of fatalities at Oceano Dunes

A man who grew up in the Tri-Valley died in an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) collision last month at the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area, a state-operated facility near Pismo Beach that has now seen six fatalities in off-road vehicle crashes in the past three months.

Shawn Joseph Imlig, 37, succumbed to injuries he sustained when, while riding an ATV on a dune on the evening of June 22, he was struck in the helmet by a recreational off-highway vehicle (ROV) that went airborne after reaching the top of the dune, according to California State Parks officials. Authorities allege the ROV driver was drunk and speeding at the time of the crash.

Imlig, a resident of Brentwood at the time of his death, was born in Livermore and spent parts of his life living in Pleasanton as well as Livermore. He was an avid and experienced ATV rider, among his other hobbies, and loved spending time at Oceano Dunes, according to a family obituary.

At the time, the Tri-Valley native

became the fourth person to die in a crash at the beachfront state park since April 12.

The 2019 fatality count now stands at six people, after an 18-year-old man from Sacramento was killed at Oceano Dunes last Saturday, according to the San Luis Obispo Tribune. All of the other deaths were solo-vehicle crashes.

Oceano Dunes was a favorite recreational spot for Imlig, who enjoyed outdoor activities, riding ATVs, and working on vehicles and equipment, according to his family.

Imlig was riding an ATV southbound at 10-15 mph near a 35-foot dune on Oceano Dunes' Sand Highway 12 just before 7:30 p.m. June 22 when a northbound ROV traveling 20-30 mph got airborne at the top of the dune, according to State Parks.

The ROV crashed side-by-side against Imlig's ATV and hit him directly in the helmet, State Parks said. Imlig was pronounced dead at the scene within minutes of the collision.

State Parks rangers conducted a DUI investigation at the scene and determined the driver of the ROV — identified as Oscar Renteria Corchado, 34, of Yuba City — was under the influence of alcohol and had been speeding.

Corchado was placed under arrest on suspicion of vehicular manslaughter and DUI causing serious injury. He has since been released from custody while local prosecutors review the case and decide whether to file charges.

Eric Dobroth, assistant district

attorney with the San Luis Obispo County DA's Office, told the Weekly on Monday that prosecutors were still awaiting final investigative details from State Parks officials, but based on the initial police report, he said, "I'm confident we'll file charges ... just trying to fine-tune the particulars."

Dobroth said a filing decision should be confirmed in the next several weeks.

### In other news

- Two teens jumped a fence at a nuclear reactor in Sunol last week, an Alameda County Sheriff's Office sergeant said.

The teen boys, both from Pleasanton, jumped a fence at the Vallecitos Nuclear Center at 6705 Vallecitos Road in Sunol at about 1:30 p.m. on July 10, according to sheriff's Sgt. Ray Kelly.

The sheriff's office responded along with the FBI and security from the facility's operator, GE Hitachi.

"They were just being kids," Kelly said. "They went over the fence, got into the Vallecitos property, they never got near any of the high-security area within the facility."

Kelly told the Weekly the boys were not cited for trespassing as GE Hitachi did not want to pursue a complaint.

"They were admonished not to do it again. We spoke with their parents. They are not bad kids ... It was a teachable moment," the sergeant added. "There was never a threat. I think they got a good learning lesson."

The 1,600-acre facility was the site

of a commercial power plant until 1963, when its main reactor was shut down. Since then it has been used as a research facility.

- A young man who worked as a swim instructor at The Wave in Dublin was arrested earlier this month on suspicion of possessing and distributing child pornography, authorities said on Tuesday.

James Terrence Happ, 18, was fired from his position at the city-owned waterpark on July 3, the same day as his arrest by Contra Costa County investigators, and Dublin Police Services have found no evidence of the illicit behavior occurring at The Wave, though they continue to investigate, according to Dublin city officials.

The investigation into Happ, who taught swimming at The Wave for the past three years, began after the Contra Costa County Sheriff's and District Attorney's offices received information about a person allegedly possessing and sharing child pornography.

Detectives executed search warrants at homes in Danville and Dublin on July 3 and found child pornography on electronic devices belonging to Happ, according to sheriff's spokesman Jimmy Lee.

The 18-year-old man was arrested and booked into the Martinez Detention Facility on suspicion of possessing child pornography, Lee said. Happ was later released from jail after posting bail.

Authorities continue to investigate the case. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Bay City News Service

## Patricia Jean Daniels

August 16, 1925 – June 25, 2019

Patricia Daniels passed away peacefully on June 25 at the age of 90.

Born in 1928 to Scottish immigrants, Alfred and Isabel Smart. She attended Fremont High, where she was senior class president. After graduation she attended Heald Bookkeeping School in Oakland.

Pat married her high school sweetheart, Gene and they soon moved from Oakland, settled in San Lorenzo and later moved to Pleasanton.

She leaves two children, Steve (Marty), Sue, two grandchildren, Nick and Emily (Brett), three great grandchildren, Ainsley, Avery and Zachary, sister Maybelle and three nieces. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gene, of 53 years.

Pat worked for Paco Pumps in Oakland for twenty-five years as a bookkeeper.

She loved fishing, reading, Christmas crab dinners and her family.

The family wishes to thank the employees at Creekview Assisted living, and the employees and Hospice team at Sunol Creek for helping guide her through the final years of her life.

No services are being held per her wishes. Donations may be made to her favorite charities the ASPCA, and St. Jude's Hospital, or to Hope Hospice.



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## Cone with a Cop

PPD officers serve ice cream, engage residents in fun setting

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Bringing new meaning to the motto "to protect and to serve," the Pleasanton Police Department held its fourth annual Cone with a Cop event in downtown last week, taking the time to engage with residents over ice cream treats.

Held at Pleasanton's historic Meadowlark Dairy, this year's Cone with a Cop on July 10 saw dozens of residents of all ages eating ice-cream, playing games or just hanging out with police officers who were distributing chocolate, orange, lemon and vanilla ice cream.

"The main goal of Cone with a Cop every year is just to create a greater connection with our community. There is nothing more that we love than getting to know the people that we serve," Pleasanton police spokeswoman Shannon Whitaker said, giving the Weekly the scoop on the program.

"Cone with a Cop is basically the epitome of everything that Pleasanton represents, community togetherness. The Pleasanton police department constantly talks about being better together and this is



RYAN J. DEGAN

Pleasanton PD explorer cadet Ruby Duncan joins Sadpuneet Pamma and Justin Lee for some sun and ice cream.

exactly what that is," she added.

Up to 20 officers, administrative staff, commander staff and explorers — Pleasanton police cadets — could be found sprinkled throughout the area, getting to know their community and enjoying the day.

"It's one of our most fun events. We got the whole family out here and the police officers get to help serve some ice cream,"

Meadowlark's owner, Jesse Takens, told the Weekly. "It's fun. We have a really great police department. They're all super nice (and) it's good for the kids."

Jesse is the third generation of Takens to own and operate Meadowlark Dairy — originally founded as a full dairy by Walter Briggs Sr. on 153 acres of land off Foothill Road in 1919. ■

**POLICE REPORT**

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

**July 13**

**Theft**

- 4:32 p.m., 8500 block of Clubhouse Drive; theft from auto
- 5:07 p.m., 8500 block of Clubhouse Drive; theft from auto
- 7:39 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

**Shoplifting**

- 11:30 a.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 1:29 p.m. on the 1200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 4:03 p.m. on the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 5:27 p.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 5:43 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 8:03 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

**Vandalism**

- 1:23 a.m. on the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue
- 7:37 p.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

**Alcohol violation**

- 4:03 a.m. on the 300 block of Main Street

**July 12**

**DUI**

- 11:42 p.m. on the 3800 block of Stanley Boulevard

**Drug violation**

- 7:23 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 8:18 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 11:35 p.m. on the 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard

**Trespass/prowling**

- 8:24 p.m. on the 6800 block of Payne Court

**Domestic battery**

- 7:59 p.m. at Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue

**Theft from auto**

- 7:04 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

**Vandalism**

- 11:12 a.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

**Fraud**

- 11:03 a.m. on the 5900 block of Gibraltar Drive

**July 11**

**Alcohol violation**

- 8:21 p.m. at Hopyard Road and Arthur Drive

**Drug violation**

- 12:05 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 5:37 p.m. at Valley and Bernal avenues
- 8:16 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

**Robbery**

- 8:16 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

**Theft**

- 9:50 a.m. at Foothill Road and Dublin Canyon Road; auto theft
- 2:23 p.m., 4400 block of Black Avenue; bicycle theft
- 3:42 p.m., 5700 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 4:12 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 4:27 p.m., 2800 block of Hopyard Road; shoplifting
- 6:37 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 7:31 p.m., 4800 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

**Vandalism**

- 2:28 p.m. on the 2300 block of Woodthrush Way

- 5:20 p.m. on the 4900 block of Blackbird Way

**July 10**

**Drug violation**

- 10:02 p.m. at Bonita Avenue and Linda Way
- 10:40 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 10:54 p.m. on the 4100 block of First Street

**Burglary**

- 9:30 a.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop
- 5:08 p.m. on the 6600 block of Koll Center Parkway

**Theft**

- 11:23 a.m., 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; auto theft

- 12:16 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

- 1:14 p.m., 4500 block of Chabot Drive; auto theft

**Vandalism**

- 10:47 p.m. on the 5100 block of Franklin Drive

**July 9**

**Trespass/prowling**

- 11:33 p.m. on the 3800 block of Old Santa Rita Road

**Drug violation**

- 7:40 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 9:13 p.m. at Stoneridge and Johnson drives

*Shawn Joseph Imlig*

*July 10, 1981 - June 22, 2019*

Shawn Joseph Imlig passed away on June 22, 2019, at the age of 37 in Oceano, California. Shawn succumbed to his injuries from a fatal off road vehicle accident.



Shawn was born July 10, 1981, in Livermore, California. Throughout his life he lived in Pleasanton, Livermore and Brentwood. He lost his father to cancer when he was in elementary school. This tragic incident greatly affected him and he struggled to overcome his loss. This incident also taught Shawn to live his life to the fullest, which he always did.

Shawn loved his family. In his early years, he enjoyed annual camping trips to Trinity, Millerton, and Bear Lake. He loved tailgating in the parking lot of the Oakland Coliseum and watching the Raiders play football. Shawn loved to spend time with his stepfather fishing in the delta. He really enjoyed the holidays at his Grandpa Jack's house. There was always a competition between the two of them to see who could antagonize each other the most.

Shawn also loved his friends. He would always lend a helping hand whenever needed. He loved spending time with them camping at Oceano Dunes RV Park. He also enjoyed spending time with them on the water in the delta or local lakes.

Shawn loved his man toys. He had multiple toys for every season. He loved working on them with family and friends while trying to modify or repair them.

Shawn was always a hard worker. He started working at a young age with his stepfather's landscaping business. He continued working for many other landscaping companies before becoming a heavy equipment operator. He excelled at this profession and was always proud of what he was working on. Every day he was excited about whatever piece of equipment he would be operating. This fascination of large trucks and equipment started about the time he could walk. At times, the backyard looked like a giant construction site with all of his toys. Shawn knew what every piece of equipment was and what role it played in construction.

Shawn is preceded in death by his father, Hans Imlig, and great-grandpa Jack Fiorio. He is survived by his mother, Lisa Fiorio; stepfather, Brian Fiorio; brother, Ryan Fiorio; grandparents, James and Gail Davis and Gary and Melinda Fiorio; and many more aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Shawn's life will be held on Aug. 4 from 1-4 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center located at 5353 Sunol Blvd.

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*Patsy Anne Lund*

*March 2, 1934 - July 6, 2019*

Patsy passed away on Saturday evening surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with lung cancer. Throughout the years, she has touched the lives of many with her leadership and optimism. Patsy was the rock for her family, and many others.



Patsy was born in Dubuque, Iowa. She and her family which included her mother, father and 4 siblings. Her siblings included 2 sisters, Elizabeth and Barbara, and her 2 brothers, Ed and Richard. They moved to the East Bay in 1944. In 1949 her father moved them all to Pleasanton. She later graduated from Amador High school and shortly after was hired at the Livermore Lawrence Laboratory.

In 1954, she married the love of her life, Victor Lund. They later had two sons. The eldest was Michael shortly followed by Jeffery. Patsy and Victor raised their two sons on a cattle ranch in Pleasanton when they eventually moved their cattle ranch near North Livermore. While also being a rancher's wife and a mom of two boys, she worked for the City of Pleasanton in the financial department. She worked there for 29 years! She retired in 1991 and started her career with Mary Kay where she received many awards for her accomplishments.

One of her many accomplishments included being president of the Alameda County Unit of Cattlewomen (then known as Cow Belles) from 1975 through 1976. One of her board members said it was a most productive term of office as three members of Patsy's board had one or more babies from 1975 to 1977. Patsy took on the responsibilities of many board of directors offices as well as serving to chair many of the activity committees of the organization. Patsy was instrumental in forming the Alameda County Cow Belles' mounted parade color guard, and she participated in many beef education demonstrations and presentation.

Patsy served as the president of the California CattleWomen from 1991 through 1992. During her term of office, California hosted the National Beef Cookoff. As Jean Barton, a long time California State officer said, "Patsy was a fierce advocate for the California Beef Industry at this time making sure that California needs were met." Jean stated that Patsy was a "gorgeous lady." Patsy believed that it was important for the beef industry that as many women as possible should be knowledgeable not only on the local level, but also on the state and national levels as well. Patsy and her husband, Vic were a wonderful couple working hard to better the California Beef Industry.

For 25 years, Patsy spent many hours volunteering at Valley Care Hospital. While at Valley Care she spent time on the committee and board. She made many friends there and was known by everyone. She was also very active with her church, Crosswinds. She dedicated lots of her time helping with Vacation Bible School and other children's events. Patsy and her husband also helped serve coffee and bagels before Sunday church, also staying after to clean.

Patsy is survived by her loving husband, Victor; devoted children, Michael Lund and Jeffery Lund. In addition are her grandchildren, Cassie Lund and Tyler Lund. She is also survived by her sister, Barbara Mills and Elizabeth Olivares. Patsy will be missed by so many people.

There will be a celebration of life to be posted on a later date for friends and family. Help us celebrate her beautiful life.

In lieu of flowers, please donations to Hope Hospice, The Junior livestock Auction Boosters, The Main-street Museum in Pleasanton and the American Cancer Society.

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Clockwise from top left: The Castlewood Country Club has formed committees to analyze the design and financial plans to renovate the clubhouse, with the members' grill among the sites in the building with ADA concerns. The bocce and tennis areas of the club are popular attractions for members. Golfers (from left) Debbie Joiner, Mai Guerdat, Mickie Hammel and Ronda Henstorf play the Valley Course. The iconic clubhouse entry overlooks the pool area.

# What's next for Castlewood?

Members, management exploring options to reinvigorate iconic country club

STORY BY TIM HUNT | PHOTOS BY MIKE SEDLAK

Voting in May, the majority of Castlewood Country Club members established they wanted the iconic club to remain independent into the future.

Now selected members and the Board of Directors are carefully working to develop the plan for remodeling the 1970s-vintage clubhouse so it will serve current and future members. There have been minimal changes to the facility over more than 40 years.

Members established the direction by two votes earlier this year:

1. Members voted 211-189 in March in favor of a more extensive remodel of the clubhouse instead of only addressing the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) issues. It means a \$200 per month increase in dues for 20 years because the club will have to borrow money for the renovations. Dues will not increase until a final plan is in place.

2. In May, members considered a takeover bid by the Bay Club as recommended by the board. Members defeated the proposal 250-211 with 461 of the 555 eligible voters casting their ballots.

For the last few years, the board has been focused on finding a solution to bringing the clubhouse up to ADA standards.

The clubhouse has three levels and no elevators or lifts. The lower level with the fitness center and locker rooms and the members dining room and banquet facilities are accessible, but the bathrooms are not accessible on the main floor. The members' grill on the south side is only served by two staircases. The renovation will add an elevator or lifts plus update restrooms to bring them into full compliance with the federal standards.

After the vote in May set the direction on the major upgrade, the board took a step back. To develop the two clubhouse options, directors had worked with an architectural firm and then obtained rough bids from contractors.

Instead of pushing ahead with those plans, directors invited members with expertise to join a select committee to develop a plan for the clubhouse. Not everyone who raised their hand was invited to join the committee.

Directors required interested members to submit resumes so they could select members with a variety of skill sets. They are being supported by a financial subcommittee that will develop the financing options as well as a membership and marketing committee. The remodel committee is meeting weekly and has reviewed all the previous work.

The committee essentially has been given a blank slate within the 45,000-square-foot clubhouse walls, explained Kathleen Butler, a director and the liaison to the committee. They will be considering how the space is currently allocated and what will serve new families better into the future. The budget is \$16 million.

"Let's face it, with that whole Bay Club issue there's been a lot of tension and a lot of discord. So, we want to bring everybody together. And we want to make sure that the members feel like they're a part of the future of this club," Butler said.

One given, she said, is the remodeled clubhouse will have a much larger and better equipped fitness center. What families want today is a club that serves the entire family and that means a full-service fitness center, plus other amenities. For instance, Blackhawk Country Club added a free-standing 9,100-square-foot fitness center in 2018 and has seen membership sales increase significantly.

General Manager John Vest, who is well-connected in the Bay Area country club scene, has been setting up meetings with other clubs such as Round Hill Country Club in Alamo that completed a two-year renovation last year. Round Hill expanded its fitness offerings, as will the Diablo Country Club outside Danville in its \$19 million upgrade that includes a new three-story building.

The Castlewood committee also will be taking a hard look at how much space is devoted to banquets and large events. The ballroom, which can be subdivided into smaller spaces, accommodates around 400 people for a banquet, plus it has the Del Pozo Lounge that serves it almost exclusively. Members have their own bars in both the grill and the dining room — those spaces total about 6,500 square feet, less than the size of the banquet room and the adjoining bar.

Butler said that when the club was built, the philosophy was separate spaces for everything. That's changed to building spaces that can be used for a variety of ways — a banquet one night and member dining the next.

### The Bay Club debate

Castlewood's Board of Directors recommended accepting the The Bay Club takeover.

It would have given all Castlewood members the Bay Club's top tier (\$30,000 list price) that included access to any of the Bay Area campuses. The company purchased the ClubSport portfolio of clubs last November including the original club in Pleasanton as well as Walnut Creek, Danville and Fremont in the East Bay. Adding an East Bay golf course would have significantly enhanced the offerings.

It would have valued the club at about \$16.7 million plus Bay Club had committed to investing at least \$20 million into the clubhouse, presumably with a reduced fitness offering given ClubSport Pleasanton is a few miles away. For Castlewood members who also belonged to ClubSport, it would mean a monthly saving and there would have been no quarterly food-and-beverage minimums and cart fees.

After a two-year waiting period, Castlewood members who wanted to sell their memberships would be added to a list with a sale taking place when a new member joined — one in, one out. Given Castlewood's rules that mandate \$10,000 return to the club in a sale, it had the opportunity for more cash for a selling member.

The key trade-offs were seen as loss of equity memberships, loss of control of the club, and much more competition for tee times resulted in a majority of members deciding to remain private and invest in the club.

Hugh Connors of Pleasanton joined Castlewood in 1969 after the fire that destroyed the original clubhouse. He remembers the debate back then about whether to build a smaller clubhouse just for members or building the larger space to attract outside events and keep dues to a minimum. When it came to the dues question, the outside events and space for it became the choice.

He said he was surprised that the Bay Club takeover was voted down. He will move to honorary status in October (no dues or assessments) and was concerned Bay Club would not honor that, so he opposed it. He said if the takeover included \$20,000 upfront instead of \$10,000, it may have changed his vote.

Connors pointed out that about 25% of Castlewood members were also members at ClubSport (now Bay Club) and then would have saved several hundred dollars monthly by eliminating one dues payment. He also thought that the final members meeting before the vote was stacked against The Bay Club and may have changed some minds. With the vote, members will now have control even though they will have problems with membership during the construction.

Other criticisms of the Bay Club proposal included the notion that Castlewood members were not getting a good business deal from Bay Club compared to what the two golf courses and clubhouse meant to Bay Club.

Those members wanted to preserve Castlewood's unique golf culture — for instance, no reserved starting times. Show up, put your name on the list and go off in the order you signed in. Club members also control how many outside events are held and other golf-related areas.

Supporters of the Bay Club bid cited reasons such as the company would have shouldered the financial burden of the ADA compliance (\$20 million).

The Bay Club takeover would have included access to

a state-of-the-art fitness facility on Johnson Drive in Pleasanton that offers fitness plus yoga, pilates, massage and classes that Castlewood does not have today. It also has daycare, important for young moms.

### Creating the remodel plan

For the remodeling committee, one key consideration will be the large event space. Vest pointed out that the event business has changed over the years.

When Castlewood opened the clubhouse in the 1970s, it's only competition as a large venue was the now-closed Sunol Golf Club off Interstate 680. Since then, competition has grown significantly with the Marriott Hotel in San Ramon, Pleasanton hotels, Casa Real and the Palm Event Center in Pleasanton, the Shriner's Center in Livermore — to say nothing of the Ruby Hill Country Club, the Poppy Ridge Golf Club and various wineries and the San Ramon Valley country clubs.

The club also has seen a dip in its wedding business, again because brides have many local options.

Considering the banquet room, one possibility is dividing it and reorienting it so diners can enjoy the wonderful views overlooking the valley from the east-side windows. The members' dining room and bar overlooks the first and 18th holes of the Hill Course.

Butler said she expects the remodel to include different dining options and perhaps a teen center and space for children's activities so parents can drop them off and go play tennis, golf or bocce ball.

Butler and the board expect the club will lose members during the planning and construction process. Membership has been dropping at about 5% a year from more than 800 in 2003 to the 555 eligible to vote in the May election. She said clubs routinely lose members during remodels.

Castlewood has an interim marketing director whom they praised for her ideas and will complement her with a member marketing and membership committee. Once plans are set and construction is underway, they likely will offer some special programs to attract new families.

Over the last 15 years, Castlewood added the fitness room in what formally was a billiards area, added two bocce courts, remodeled the Valley clubhouse and added a well-used driving range and practice area behind the 18th tee on the Valley Course. Looking ahead, Butler said once the clubhouse plans are set, they may well look at what other improvements would enhance the club such as the pool area and perhaps adding two more tennis courts (currently there are four) that would allow it to host official tournaments.

The current committee is moving ahead with an aggressive meeting schedule under-girded by the mission of whatever they do, doing it right for the future. Take the time necessary to get it right, she said.

Butler said she thought it would be 2021 before the renovated facility opens, which means a busy time to set conceptual plans, engage the architect for the drawings and then get construction bids and start work. ■



Top: The well-used driving range and practice area for the Valley Course are among the additions to Castlewood over the past 15 years.

Bottom: Club leaders are looking to reinvigorate the main banquet hall and event spaces to become more competitive with newer venues in the Tri-Valley.

### Another successful County Fair in Pleasanton

We said a fond farewell to the 2019 Alameda County Fair earlier this month, with the 107th year seeing a spike in attendance, new cultural events and increased consumption of classic fair food, specifically corn dogs and deep-fried Twinkies.

The fair concluded July 7 to cap an 18-day run full of thrilling rides, live horse racing, star-studded concerts, action sports, animals, cultural festivals and delicious fair foods.

Thousands of people turned out to watch the "Last Ride" of the Opening Day Cattle Drive on June 14. Crowds cheered on hundreds of cattle, cowboys and cowgirls, and fair entertainers as they tromped through Main Street in downtown Pleasanton for the final time.

This year's fair proved as popular as ever, with 454,276 people coming to the fairgrounds during the 18 days — marking an increase of 7.3% in attendance compared to the 2018 fair, according to totals just released by fair officials.

The beautiful weather this year might account for that increase. Brutal heat during summer days in Pleasanton can deter people from going to the fairgrounds, but almost every fair day this year saw comfortable temperatures.

Of course, the last cattle drive, big-name concerts and new cultural events also boosted turnout.

Fair-goers again chowed down



SAMANTHA LAUREY

A butterfly lands on Riley Phan inside the butterfly exhibit at the Alameda County Fair.

on their favorite fried foods by the thousands, consuming 35,320 corn dogs (an increase of 11.5% over last year), 33,684 funnel cakes and 784 deep-fried Twinkies — plus other fair staples like 12,872 barbecue turkey legs and 4,852 orders of cotton candy.

There was a small uptick in fine art sales, with sales of \$17,836 during the fair. Add that to the \$67,671.74 in small animal sales, which was up 15.9%, and \$716,391 in sales from the junior livestock auction.

The live horse racing was also a big draw, although attendance was a bit lower than 2018 with 49,483 people taking in Oak Tree at Pleasanton during the 15 days of racing this summer.

Attendees with a charitable

spirit came through once again with 27,000 pounds of food, which equates to 22,500 meals, donated to benefit the Alameda County Community Food Bank and 6,736 people donating clothing, an increase of 23% over 2018.

In a new pet food drive, attendees donated 19,813 pounds of pet food.

One unfortunate occurrence happened during the final week of the fair when an R-rated movie was inadvertently played on a screen outside the funhouse, and kids and parents got an eyeful of a sex scene. The kid-friendly pirate movie had been accidentally switched with a very adult pirate movie. But the fair staff quickly changed the film and the fun continued.

Speaking of the midway, the addition of the new Mega-Flip ride drew thrill seekers to the carnival as it thrust riders high in the air while spinning and twisting. The Sky Ride, a cross-grounds attraction offering a bird's eye view of the fair, was also a popular fair feature and saw increased riders this year.

Other highlights this year were:

- Concert-goers packed the amphitheater nightly for the Big O Tires Concert Series, which featured performances from Ashanti, Trace Adkins, Gin Blossoms, Sheila E. and Vince Neil of Mötley Crüe.

- The fair introduced several new cultural festivals to celebrate the deep multicultural roots of the Bay Area, including an Asian Pacific Celebration, Out at the Fair and Bollywood at the Fair.

- The Action Sports Arena came alive each weekend with featured shows like extreme rodeo, Arenacross Nationals, monster trucks and demolition derby.

- STEAM weekends featured fun, hands-on educational exhibits and activities for kids with themes like agriculture and horticulture, engineering, electronics and robots, Lego Festival, Robot Day, and environment and space.

"With the Last Ride of the Cattle Drive, the great concerts and all our new special features, every day offered something fun for everyone," said Jerome Hoban, CEO of the Alameda County Fair. "We are so grateful to all who came out and continue to make the fair a part of their summer tradition." ■

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## Books for Camp Fire survivors

Endeavor has been life-changing, Pleasanton organizer says

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

When Melissa Gianotti saw her friends in Paradise lose everything in the Camp Fire last November, it started her thinking.

"If I lost everything in a fire, books would be what I would want back — books I read to the kids," she realized.

Gianotti has a master's degree in library sciences and works as the librarian at Temple Isaiah in Lafayette and as a substitute librarian in Pleasanton.

"Books are kind of my life," she said.

Melissa and Dustin Gianotti moved to Pleasanton nine years ago and have two sons, Shane, 5, and Weston, 2. They met when they were attending Chico State, not far from Paradise, and still have friends in that area.

"When the fire happened, our good friends lost their home," Gianotti recalled. "They have two young daughters. We started by trying to find stuff for them."

She was able to collect a lot by talking to friends, and it occurred to her: "We don't have a whole lot of money, but we can still affect change."

As she met more fire survivors in



ANNA VINN

Melissa Gianotti refills a free little library in Paradise that survived the fire.

Butte County, she set out to replace their books. She reached out via Facebook, where "Books for Butte" now has 1,300 members.

A core group of five women runs the endeavor with Gianotti acting as administrator, and 32,000 books have been given out, including at two giveaway events in Chico.

But mostly the books are mailed directly to fire survivors who have made requests, which run the

gamut from children's classics and chapter books to cookbooks to history, poetry, fantasy and thrillers.

"They fill out forms to request books," Gianotti explained. "I have a master list, a record of every book people want. Through that, we have replaced about 5,000 books from across the country."

The senders pay the mailing costs using special book rates, and some have even been mailed from Europe. For the list of requested books, email [booksforbutte@gmail.com](mailto:booksforbutte@gmail.com).

As word spread, many folks delivered books directly to Gianotti, so she decided to do a book giveaway in January.

"I convinced my friend who is a principal in Chico to let us use the gym," Gianotti said with a laugh. "We used another friend's garage for storage."

"People stepped forward and became a community of helpers," she added. "At that first giveaway, about 15,000 books went to around 500 survivors."

The Camp Fire, which began Nov. 8, has been the most destructive — and the deadliest — wildfire in California. It covered 240 square miles, obliterated almost 19,000 structures, and was responsible for 86 deaths. Gianotti returns to Butte County every few weeks and takes people from the Bay Area with her to view the damage.

"They are floored by what they see," she said. "It still looks very much like a war zone."

Sarah Yang, a Girl Scout in Pleasanton, contacted Gianotti looking for a way to earn her silver badge. Yang and her family became involved, and she made two free little libraries to go in the burn zone.

"They came as a family and volunteered at our last book giveaway," Gianotti said. "It was a powerful experience for her being from Pleasanton and experiencing what



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Young Noah and Ava Vrbeta enjoy new books in their hotel room, where they have been staying since the fire in November.

people were going through and helping them first hand."

About 2,000 people are living in Paradise now, many in campers, RVs and even tents — the town had a population over 26,000 before the wildfire.

"The high school, which survived, and the elementary school are totally equipped with books at this point," Gianotti said. "It's the people — they not just want something to read but want a connection to the past, a memory associated with what they had."

Recipients have told her their children read much more now, partly because they don't have a lot of other things to do. Adults read for escape, some even by lantern light.

A second giveaway Memorial Day weekend distributed 12,000 books.

"Our last giveaway was crazy and hectic," Gianotti said. "But it's not about the numbers; it's about what I see beyond the books."

Among the helpers she spotted a young woman in her late teens whose father had died in the fire. She survived by getting into a creek and remaining there for hours and is now living with a friend.

"This girl volunteered all day in the young adult section, she was laughing and helping people find books," Gianotti said. "I had people

tell me it was the first time they'd laughed and smiled since the fire. We've created a community.

"That part has been life-changing," she continued. "And having my son be part of that has been life-changing. I believe raising your kids to be kind and giving is just as important as academics.

"When he literally hands a book to another child — that is powerful for me."

Paradise is working to replace the entire water system, she said, because all the town's water is toxic, including the creek. That project is estimated at 18 months and full revival of the town is expected to take at least 10 years.

"There are no words for what it looks like or for what people are going through," Gianotti said. "The PTSD is extreme. Every person I talk to says, 'I thought I was going to die, I was running for my life.' Half the people I talk to lost pets."

"My next big project is to try to get a ton of books for self-help, PTSD and anxiety," she said. "When I find one of those books, I get about 15 people who want one."

Those are the only books she is currently personally accepting. But the giving continues through the mail as thousands of books find new owners to cherish them and help them move forward. ■

## Taste Our Terroir

Events celebrate Livermore Valley wines

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Taste Our Terroir Weekend — the Livermore Valley's premier food and wine affair — returns next week (July 25-28) to celebrate and educate wine lovers at nine events.

The long weekend of events kicks off with a food and wine pairing from 6-9 p.m. next Thursday (July 25) at Casa Real in Pleasanton. Seventeen Livermore Valley winemakers have partnered with Bay Area chefs to compete; judges are Ethan Fletcher of Diablo Magazine, wine and travel writer Jill Robinson and Mike Dunne of Dunne on Wine.

Guests will be able to taste all of the pairings, bid on luxurious silent auction items, enjoy decadent desserts and vote in the People's Choice competition.

General admission tickets are \$95 at [www.LVwine.org](http://www.LVwine.org). VIP tickets at \$130 include a sparkling wine reception at 4:30 p.m.

Other events are as follows:

• Friday, July 26 — "Wente Lunch in the Garden," a tour of the sustainable garden and a three-course lunch; 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; \$105.

— "Behind the Bubbles," a behind-the-scenes look at how Page

Mill Winery makes its Blanc de Blanc; 5-7 p.m.; \$55.

• Saturday, July 27 — "Secrets of a Sommelier," an interactive, blind tasting experience at McGrail Vineyards; 1:30-3:30 p.m.; \$60.

— "Paella Dinner," family-style dinner, at Darcie Kent Vineyards, with a variety of wines and a Salsa dance; 6-9 p.m., \$80.

— "Port-a-Palooza," the history of port and how it is made, at Rios Lovell Estate Winery with port samples paired with cheeses and chocolates; 7-9 p.m., \$35.

• Sunday, July 28 — "Falconry Fly, and Wine," meet falconer and Embodied Wines owner Kimmie Orani Spears and enjoy a flight demonstration while sipping wines at el Sol Winery; 10 a.m. to noon; \$40.

— "Pink Party Rosé Brunch," at Retzlaff Vineyards; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; \$65.

— "Vertical Tasting of Livermore Valley Award Winning Wines," at 3 Steves Winery, guided by winemakers, taste nine award-winning wines; 12:30-2:30 p.m.; \$60.

Attendance at the events is limited. Tickets are on sale now at [www.LVwine.org](http://www.LVwine.org). ■



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# Local 'Daughter' attends D.C. gathering

Founded in 1890, DAR remains an active service organization

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Cindi Newbold, of the Pleasanton Jose Maria Amador Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was among thousands of members from across the country who attended its 128th Continental Congress in late June in the nation's capital.

"As our more than 4,000 dedicated DAR members gather in one place, their energy produces inspiration, creative breakthroughs and true camaraderie," DAR president general Ann T. Dillon said.

The local DAR chapter received the Silver Award for American

Spirit at the weeklong convention.

Newbold joined DAR in 2013 after years of researching her genealogy revealed ancestors dating back to the American Revolution and beyond.

"It's definitely wonderful being part of a group where people have similar passions, not only knowing their heritage but wanting to preserve it and to find such pride in it," Newbold said in an interview with the Weekly in 2014.

At the opening night ceremony, the DAR honored Alex Trebek in absentia with its Americanism Award. The evening featured

a performance by Dean Malissa, a leading portrayer of George Washington.

Other national awards were handed out during the week for excellence in historic preservation, education and patriotism. On National Defense Night, the DAR honored military personnel and veterans, and welcomed Lt. Gen. Nadja West, Surgeon General of the U.S. Army.

The DAR donates hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to preservation, education and patriotic endeavors, as well as millions of hours of volunteer services,



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Cindi Newbold of the Pleasanton chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, shown outside the DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., attends its 128th Continental Congress.

Dillon noted.

"The reports presented at Continental Congress offered irrefutable proof that the DAR remains a relevant, vital and multifaceted

force in cities and towns across the country," she said.

To learn more about the local chapter, contact Debbie Janes at [jmadar.regent@gmail.com](mailto:jmadar.regent@gmail.com). ■

# Food for the body, mind and spirit

Holistic chef publishes seventh book of recipes and inspiration

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Enlightened chef Parisa Z. Ambwani says being a cook means learning about spices.

"Food around the world is the same — basically chicken or meat or vegetable — basically it is the same," said the Danville chef-philosopher. "But putting it together to make food, adding spices and herbs from a different country, makes your food different."

But her food philosophy goes beyond being tasty. She believes well-prepared delicious food made with the right ingredients is important to keep body, mind and spirit in a state of harmony.

"Food is medicine," she said. "Besides that, it is spirituality and meditation."

Ambwani has published her seventh book, "Enlightened Home-Chef II," which contains 150 recipes she created, for a total of more than 1,000 international recipes in all her volumes.

"I hope these books, of the holistic journey celebrating the culinary world, contribute to the robust flavor of our food, enhance our metabolism, and give us a prolonged healthier life," she said.

"Enlightened Home-Chef II" has recipes for everything from appetizers and side dishes to beverages, pickles and relishes, main dishes (including lobsters) and vegetarian fare to pizza. It includes 23 pages of tips on cooking and nutrition.

Her goal, she said, is to teach people about the beauty of food and how to benefit from the use of herbs and spices.

"This book is an extension of my other books," she said.

The books end with tracts on meditation, values and humanity, which she defines as "the beauty of love and security of freedom on earth."



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Parisa Z. Ambwani with "Enlightened Home-Chef II," her seventh book sharing nutritious recipes and philosophy.

"The sound of humanity — human-unity — implies encouraging global people of all religions, cultures and traditional backgrounds to join in celebration of unity while practicing such love and enlightened freedom for peace through experiencing holistic journey of good faith on this God-given glorious serene planet," she wrote.

Ambwani has developed her thinking along with her recipes for natural, healthy living in a lifetime that began in Iran where she learned cooking from her mother and philosophy from her father.

"I have joyfully worked on my series of seven books for more than 30 years," she said.


"Enlightened Home-Chef II" sells for \$34.95 and is available at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Learn more about all of Ambwani's books at [www.enlightenedrecipes.com](http://www.enlightenedrecipes.com). ■



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## Legendary folk sound

The New Christy Minstrels return to the Bankhead Theater with their Grammy Award-winning folk music at 8 p.m. next Friday (July 26). Their vocals, lighthearted style and rich harmonies forged a fresh folk sound in the 1960s when their original hits, including "Green, Green" and "Today," climbed up the charts. Tickets range from \$20 to \$55. Call 373-6800, visit [lvpac.org](http://lvpac.org), or go to the box office, 2400 First St., Livermore.




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## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

### Foothill field renovations cutting it close for football season

Construction schedule gives Falcons one day of wiggle room

The Foothill High School football program, which has been fighting an uphill battle with participation numbers in recent years, now faces a big battle with dates.

The Falcons' field — comprised of an artificial/synthetic grass surface — has been in bad need of replacement the last few years to the point that it was an embarrassment and borderline unsafe the last two seasons.

The replacement is finally coming, but the project is set to start this week with a proposed competition date of Aug. 22. To old school people in town, that might seem like plenty of time before the season starts (formerly after Labor Day), but these are not the old days.

The Falcons' first game is set for Aug. 23, which means even a one-day delay (and you know how construction projects are about running on time) and the home game will be lost.

Foothill head coach Greg Haubner has already been in talks with opening week opponent San Leandro about possibly moving the game. It doesn't get better from there as the next two games against Heritage and Petaluma are also scheduled for Foothill.

A decent delay and three home games are gone, which totally stinks for any seniors on the squad. In this day, the chance of getting student fans to road games, except for Amador Valley, are slim. Part of the passion of high school sports is playing in front of your classmates, and three games may be in jeopardy.

In addition, the gate and snack bar revenue from home games helps fund athletics and that will be lost as well.

Foothill Booster Club president Derek Perez — who is working overtime trying to get the project done and had tons of praise heaped upon him by Haubner — is confident the project will be finished in time for opening night, but you have a feeling that Perez, as well as anyone associated with the Foothill program, are keeping their fingers crossed.

I don't think it needed to come to this as construction should have started back in early June, but every time there was a change in the plans, Perez and his group had to wait to get the approval of the Pleasanton Unified School District before proceeding.

For the PUSD, prompt response is not a strong point.

But the possible loss of home games is just part of the problem. How about practice space?

Amador faced the same dilemma a couple of years back when the Dons had their field being replaced and they needed to scramble for somewhere to practice. After being booted off the beautiful Patelco Fields off Bernal, the Dons finally ended up at the Ken Mercer Sports Park.

The Falcons and coach Haubner asked the city permission to use Patelco, even early in the morning before soccer teams were out there, and were denied as well.

Foothill was willing to run practices at 6 a.m. but were shot down. That makes no sense to me as how

is helping our local high school teams on city fields not something that should be accommodated?

It's one thing if the local high school athletic programs want to use the facility because they think it would be cool, but another thing when it's because there is a lack of practice fields at their respective schools.

Having grown up in Pleasanton, it used to be a city where everyone worked together to give the kids in the town the best opportunities. I realize that ship has sailed in some respects, but I have a hard time believing there isn't something that could be done to help the Falcons team.

Here's hoping things work out with the field, as well as finding adequate practice space. ■

*Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly. To contact Miller or submit local high school sports scores, game highlights and photographs for his weekly Pleasanton Preps column, email him at [acesmag@aol.com](mailto:acesmag@aol.com).*

## Employment

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### UPCOMING MEETING

#### Planning Commission

Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal

- **P19-0092, Nicole Raymer:** Application for Design Review approval to construct an approximately 4,300-square-foot, single-story residence with an approximately 825 square-foot attached garage at 6 Winding Oaks Drive.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 560333  
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Valley Pregnancy Center  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 560334  
The following person doing business as: Valley Pregnancy Center, 5776 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite 200, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Valley Crisis Pregnancy Center, Inc., 5776 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite 200, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by Valley Crisis Pregnancy Center, Inc., a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein September 30, 2003. Signature of

Registrant: James J. Sievers, III, Board of Directors Chairman. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 17, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 2019).

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File No.: 560639  
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### 997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: HG19025541 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Venkata Lakshmi Peddada-West filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows: Venkata Lakshmi Peddada-West to Bhoomika Jaji. 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 30, 2019, 11:00 a.m., Dept.: 17 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, 1221 Oak Street, 3rd Floor, Oakland, CA 94612. 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: July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2019. Wynne S. Carvill JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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# Calendar

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## Theatre

**'SHREK: THE MUSICAL, JR.'** — CITY OF PLEASANTON SUMMER DRAMA CAMPS The City of Pleasanton Summer Drama Camps presents "Shrek the Musical, Jr." at 2 p.m. today and Saturday at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org) for more information.

## Concerts

**MICHAEL BECK BAND** At 7 p.m. today, the Michael Beck Band is bringing country music to Concert in the Park at Delucchi Park on First Street.

## Community Groups

**TOASTMASTERS: CHAMBER CHATTERS** Need to practice public speaking? Want to improve your communication and leadership skills? Experience Toastmasters. We meet from 12 to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Ave. Visit [toastmasters.org](http://toastmasters.org) for more information.

## Health & Wellness

**LIFESTYLE MODIFICATIONS TO DECREASE CANCER RECURRENCE RISK AND DECREASE RISK OF CANCER** Registration check in for this free event is at 9:45 a.m. and the program will end at noon on Saturday, July 20, at Alain Pinel Realtors, 900 Main St., Suite 101. If you enjoyed Dr. Natalie Marshall's talk and would like to hear more from her please RSVP to this Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation's community education event. Space is limited.

## Support Groups

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) TRI-VALLEY CONNECTION SUPPORT GROUP** From

## TAKE US ALONG



**A papal paper:** Kevin and Yvonne Greenlee read the Weekly while waiting patiently for Pope Francis to appear at the Vatican on Palm Sunday. During their travels through Italy, they also visited the ancient city of Assisi as well as the tomb of Saint Francis, the namesake for the city of San Francisco.

## PET OF THE WEEK



TRI-VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE

### Loving Raider

Raider is still waiting for his forever home. He is a gentle and loving adult Husky mix abandoned by his family, left in a backyard. He is so affectionate and just adores belly rubs and leisurely walks with the volunteers at the shelter. Raider would be best as an only pet. He is neutered, microchipped and up-to-date on shots. Raider is located at the East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive in Dublin. To learn more, call 803-7040.

## Volunteers

**FEED TRI-VALLEY FOOD DRIVE** Hunger affects more than 700 households in the Tri-Valley. In a single month, local food providers will supply 25,000 meals for food-insecure families and individuals. This summer, take part in the movement to end local hunger by supporting Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore food providers and pantries during the Annual Feed Tri-Valley Food Drive. All are invited to donate food and grocery store gift cards at designated drop-off locations in the Tri-Valley between July 7 and July 21. Gift cards are encouraged. For a complete list of drop-off locations, visit [ptownlife.org/feedtrivalley](http://ptownlife.org/feedtrivalley). For more information about Feed Tri-Valley, please contact Nicole Thomas at [pytsupervisor@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:pytsupervisor@cityofpleasantonca.gov).

**FREE RESTRAINING ORDER CLINIC** From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of every month, at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza Dublin, get help in getting a domestic violence restraining order. Tri-Valley Haven staff and volunteers will assist you in completing the forms and documentation needed to petition the family court for a protective order. No appointments necessary, just drop-in. This a free, confidential service. For more information about the services provided, please call Tri-Valley Haven at 449-5847 ext. 2606.

**TRI-VALLEY HAVEN SEEKING CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS** In keeping with our mission of creating homes that are safe from abuse, Tri-Valley Haven, 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore, is seeking childcare volunteers to support survivors of domestic violence, hunger and sexual assault. Get involved by providing supervision for children of survivors while their parents receive much-needed counseling services, life skills training and case management. The Haven is currently in need of volunteers for Tuesday and Friday evenings. Childcare shifts are one hour long. Volunteer applications can be found at [trivalleyhaven.org](http://trivalleyhaven.org). Please contact Fatima at 667-2711 or [fatima@trivalleyhaven.org](mailto:fatima@trivalleyhaven.org) for more information.

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DUBLIN

**7101 Mei Fong Ct \$1,575,000**  
Sun 1-4 5 BD/5.5 BA  
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PLEASANTON

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Sat/Sun 1-4 2 BD/2 BA  
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Sat/Sun 1-4 3 BD/2 BA  
Tim McGuire 462.7653

**7434 Stonedale Dr \$979,000**  
Sat 2-4 3 BD/2.5 BA  
Cindy Gee 963.1984

**1975 Foxswallow Cr \$1,250,000**  
Sat/Sun 12-4 4 BD/2 BA  
Louis & Margene Rivara 998.1798/200.6917

**20 Golf Rd Call for price**  
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Peter McDowell 209.0343

**1577 Harvest Rd \$990,000**  
Sat 1-4 4 BD/2 BA  
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**1789 Orchard Way \$1,185,000**  
Sun 1-4 4 BD/2 BA  
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**2373 Sandpiper Way \$1,139,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 4 BD/2 BA  
Tim McGuire 462.7653

**3427 Byron Ct \$1,235,000**  
Sun 2-4 5 BD/2.5 BA  
Joyce Jones 998.3398

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**8213 Regency Dr Call for price**  
Sat/Sun 2-4 5 BD/3.5 BA  
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**8303 Regency Dr \$2,388,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 5 BD/3.5 BA  
Cindy Gee 963.1984

**5756 Dalton Creek Way \$1,988,888**  
Sun 1-4 6 BD/4 BA  
Mark Lafferty 216.6203

**1759 Spumante Place \$3,248,888**  
Sun 1-4 5BD/4.5BA  
Uwe Maercz/Sonali Sethna 360.8758/525.2569

SAN RAMON

**1129 Rosamund Dr \$1,700,000**  
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SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (May 28-June 6)

Total sales reported: 40  
Lowest sale reported: \$500,000  
Highest sale reported: \$2,750,000  
Average sales reported: \$1,197,000

Dublin (May 28-June 6)

Total sales reported: 47  
Lowest sale reported: \$560,000  
Highest sale reported: \$1,540,000  
Average sales reported: \$918,617

Livermore (May 28-June 6)

Total sales reported: 54  
Lowest sale reported: \$335,000  
Highest sale reported: \$1,450,000  
Average sales reported: \$812,907

San Ramon (May 28-June 6)

Total sales reported: 60  
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**24 Centennial Way, San Ramon**  
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SOLD

**5982 Via Del Cielo, Pleasanton**  
5 Bed | 3 Bath | 3,200± SqFt | 11,210± SqFt lot  
Sold for \$1,630,000



SOLD

**39 Silver Oaks Court, Pleasanton**  
5 Bed | 6.5 Bath | 6,400± SqFt | 4-car garage  
Sold for \$4,150,000



SOLD

**1584 Foothill Road, Pleasanton**  
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**Marjorie Wallace**

**4304 W Ruby Hill Drive – Pleasanton – \$2,799,000**  
Spectacular home in Ruby Hill with breathtaking panoramic views of Mt. Diablo, vineyards and the hills. Recently completed updates include new Master bathroom featuring oversized shower with designer custom tiles & fixtures and a dream walk-in closet with custom cabinetry. This beautiful home embodies the Ruby Hill Lifestyle!



**Open Sat 2-4PM**

**Cindy Gee**

**8303 Regency Drive – Pleasanton – \$2,388,000**  
Experience Resort style living at this wonderful executive home located in the heart of Laguna Oaks. Features the most amazing resort like backyard including sparkling pool with swim-up bar, a cove area, waterfalls and a beach! Close to award winning schools, shopping, BART & historic Downtown Pleasanton.



**Gina Piper**

**53 Golf Road – Pleasanton – \$2,278,000**  
Gorgeous & meticulously maintained home nestled on one of Castlewood's most desired streets. The unique, functional floor plan features three bedrooms & a Jack-and-Jill style bathroom on the ground floor. The spacious master feels like a private sanctuary! Short drive to downtown Pleasanton, 580,680 and the ACE train.



**Open Sun 1-4PM**

**Cindy Gee**

**1129 Rosamund Drive – San Ramon – \$1,700,000**  
Gorgeous Executive home! Lovely views of Mt. Diablo and the valley below from 2 covered patios including lovely stamped concrete areas and a Balcony off the Master bedroom with views! Huge kitchen with large granite island, open to the large great room, and lovely dining room. Close to schools, shopping & much more!



**Open Sat 2-4PM**

**Cindy Gee**

**7434 Stonedale Drive – Pleasanton – \$979,000**  
This home has been updated with lovely woodgrain laminate flooring, quartz counters, breakfast bar with quartz waterfall in the gourmet kitchen, gas stove, ss appliances, new cabinets, state of the art fireplace w/ heat regulator, all bathrooms updated with quartz counters and tile floors. The spacious backyard is very private with pavers, trees and views!



**Linda Newton**

**5315 Sandra Way – Livermore – \$840,000**  
Wonderful home with open floor plan, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, front patio, tastefully updated remodeled kitchen. Solar is owned! Great corner lot with wonderful curb appeal and close to schools, parks and in a desirable Livermore neighborhood!



**Gina Piper**

**943 Del Norte Drive – Livermore – \$719,000**  
Totally remodeled and meticulously maintained 3 bed, 2 bath home nestled on a 7,528 sq ft lot in Summerset. The convenient location provides easy access to highways, is within walking distance to the elementary school and within a short drive or bike ride to bustling downtown Livermore, several world class golf courses and local wineries!



**Rosie Yandell**

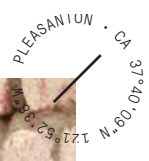
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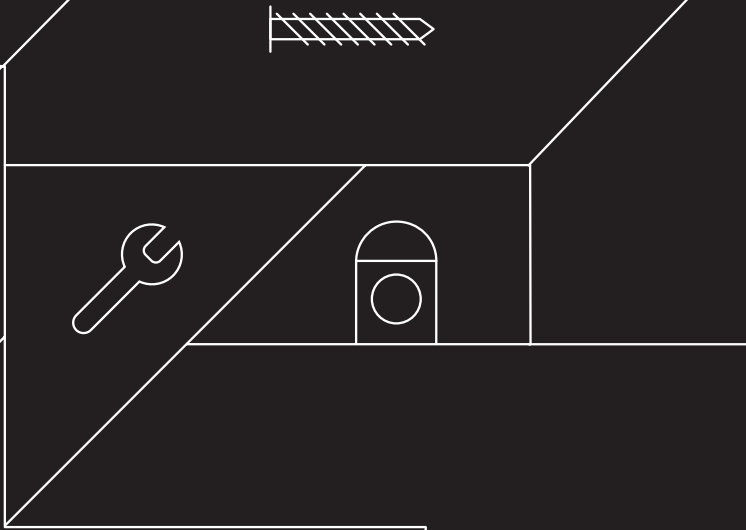
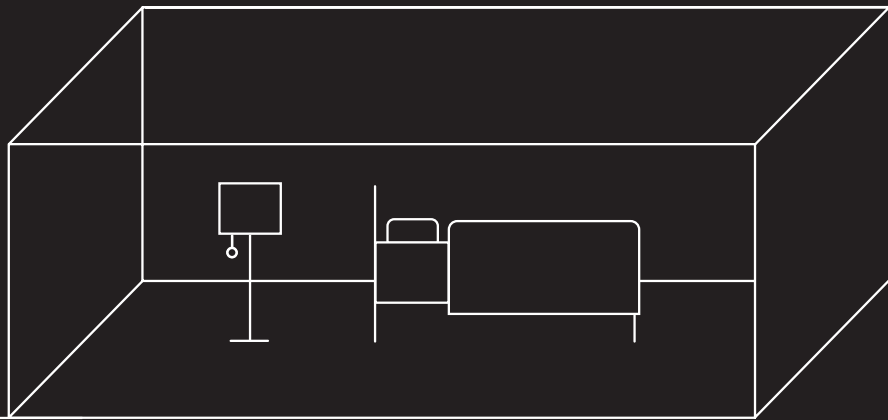
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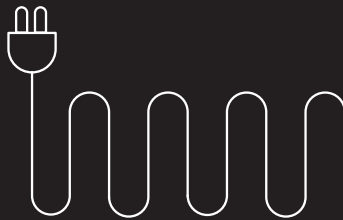
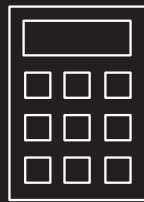
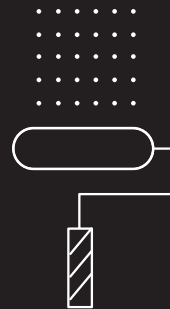
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