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VALLEY VIEWS



BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Musical interlude

Among the many things I miss about my husband Jim, who died in 2014, is his piano playing. It was a constant in our lives, beginning with when we began dating and he stunned me by sitting at our old family piano and belting out a grandiose concerto.

Throughout our 47 years of marriage, I loved hearing him work on his latest piece. He used to say, "Doesn't this drive you crazy?" as he played a passage over and over again. But it didn't. I always loved it. When our granddaughter Camille was old enough to toddle, he began to perform happy little dance tunes that would set her awlirl.

Perhaps Jim's greatest claim to piano fame is that he shared a teacher with Jon Nakamatsu, who is not only a world-renowned pianist but also is associated with the Bankhead Theater, even helping management choose the new Steinway. I was pleased to see that executive director Chris Carter included Nakamatsu in his series of "Beyond the Stage" interviews being posted at LivermoreArts.org.

In his interview, Jon tells the incredible story of how he was earning his living teaching German at St. Francis High School in Mountain View while traveling to piano competitions hoping to break into the rarefied world of concert pianists. He was 27 when he entered the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in 1997 playing Rachmaninoff's Third Piano Concerto. He won — and the rest is history, as he has performed ever since in esteemed venues throughout the world, including the Bankhead Theater.

Nakamatsu is unique in that he is the only Van Cliburn winner who was taught by a private piano teacher, Marina Derryberry, instead of being groomed at a prestigious music conservatory. Marina, who lived in Sunnyvale, also had two students who've enjoyed a lifetime of piano in their own homes — my husband and my son.

Marina was recommended to Jim by a music teacher at DeAnza College when we lived in Cupertino and he wanted to take lessons as an adult, which he did for a short time. When our son was 8, Marina agreed to teach him, too. She rarely took on children but already had one other young student about

whom she raved — Jon.

We stayed in touch with Marina after we moved to the East Bay, and we would return to Sunnyvale for Jon's public recitals. After he won the Van Cliburn in 1997, we attended his concert at the Leshner Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek where Marina was honored by the Music Teachers Association of California.

My son, who has lived in Berlin since 2000, contacted Jon when he performed there, and they enjoyed a long conversation over the phone. And Marina told us a story about Jon on one of his early appearances in Germany, when a man in the front row had a heart attack. Jon stopped the performance so the medical emergency could be handled, and the next morning he followed up with a call to the hospital.

And this is the man I saw in the Livermore Arts video — grounded in the real world — although I know from live performances and recordings that he soars with the angels when performing.

Nakamatsu returns to the Bankhead Theater to perform Feb. 8. Don't be dissuaded from attending if you aren't familiar with classical music.

"There's something to be said for just coming to the concert hall and experiencing something in a different way in a different space and really enjoying it because you don't know anything or have to know anything," he says in the interview. "That's kind of how I feel when I go to events of music that I don't really understand."

Reviews laud Jon for his charismatic performing style, so he is probably a good place to start enjoying the classics. Livermorearts.org also links to a brief clip of him winning the Van Cliburn competition.

Alas, I have no recordings of Jim playing his beloved Schubert or Brahms but I do have a few of him playing his original ditties while Camille dances and prances around the living room. For memories of his favorite classical pieces, I listen to Jon Nakamatsu recordings. ■

Editor's note: Dolores Fox Ciardelli is Tri-Valley Life editor for the Pleasanton Weekly. Her column, "Valley Views," appears on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

About the Cover

Members of the 91st Pacific Training Division execute a 13-gun salute at Dublin's Camp Parks for a building dedication in honor Spc. Jameson L. Lindskog, a Pleasanton resident and combat medic who was killed in Afghanistan in 2011. Photo by Ryan J. Degan. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn
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Lenny Hahn

Affectionate goofball

Well, when we go out, my dad Mike is all about finding shade and umbrellas for me, and he makes sure to bring water wherever we go. And when we're indoors, he leads me to cool tiles I can rest and relax on.



Freya Drucker

Friendly puppy

When it's really hot out, my parents leave me safely and comfortably at home with the air conditioner running. And if it's not too hot, they take me along but will often pick me up and carry me if they think the pavement might be hot.



Mitsu Maass

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My mom and dad keep me inside when it's really hot, and then either very early in the day or during the evening when it's cooler, they take me out for nice, cool walks. Also, when we go camping my parents set me up with my own personal hammock which is raised above the ground, so that I am well ventilated. Because long haired dogs like me can get very hot!



Chloe Young

Absolute sweetheart

My family puts cool, wet cloths on my belly and my feet. They really cool me down, and feel oh, so refreshing!

— Compiled by Nancy Lewis

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DIGEST

Sales tax goes up

The sales tax in Alameda County increased by 1% effective July 1 upon implementation of two tax measures approved by voters last year.

The new sales tax rate in Tri-Valley, as well as most other parts of the county, is now 10.25%. Some cities, which have their own local sales taxes like Alameda, Emeryville and Hayward, now have a tax rate of 10.75%.

The tax increase is the result of Measure C from March 2020 and Measure W from November 2020, which were both on ballots countywide.

Measure C raises sales tax by 0.5% to fund childcare, preschool and early education programs plus pediatric health care; it passed with 64.35% of the vote. Measure W, also 0.5%, funds essential county and social safety net services after passing with 50.09% of the vote.

The Alameda County Taxpayers' Association notes that as a result of its lawsuits challenging the tax increase, the county must keep the new tax revenues in escrow accounts and refund taxpayers if they win in court.

Textile recycling

Single-family home residents in the city of Dublin are now able to recycle their old clothing, shoes, bedding and towels without having to go anywhere.

Amador Valley Industries will now collect textiles from single-family residences as part of its recycling services. The first collection took place this week on residents' regular trash pick-up day at no additional fee.

Residents must notify AVI that they have textiles for collection at least seven days in advance, and place acceptable items curbside in a clear plastic bag before 6 a.m. on their regular trash collection day. Multi-family units must request a textile recycling pickup through their property manager.

Wednesday workshops

Kids and their families are invited to Valley Humane Society every Wednesday this July for free educational workshops.

The in-person series will be in the community room at Valley Humane Society's adoption center on 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton.

The Wednesday workshops are modeled for children aged 8 and older. The sessions run from 4-5 p.m. with a variety of topics for every session. Workshop topics include Pets 101 and making dog and cat toys. ■

PUSD eyes academic equity with grading practice overhaul

'Accurate, bias-resistant, and motivational' grading system would exclude attendance and extra credit

By JULIA BAUM

A proposal to overhaul grading practices at Pleasanton Unified School District became a broader discussion about ensuring both academic equity and accountability for secondary students at the Board of Trustees meeting last Thursday.

Professional development is the backbone of the equitable grading plan, which is intended to create "accurate, bias-resistant, and motivational" grading practices among secondary teachers at PUSD, according to a 24-page report presented at the June 24 meeting. Equitable grading practices are also shown to help reduce achievement disparities, grade inflation, grade deflation, and "statistically

significant increase in correlation between grades and standardized exam scores."

Oakland-based Crescendo Education Group CEO Joe Feldman explained the theory and framework for equitable grading that evening, as well as outcomes, and said forgiveness is a central theme in which "we no longer hold mistakes against students."

By tying grades to academic performance only instead of factors like attendance or extra credit — particularly most recent performance — Feldman said students and teachers at other schools have reported more motivation with the equity grading system.

"The mistakes they make at the

beginning hold their grade down, and when we use the most recent performance, we no longer hold them down," Feldman said.

Noting "intrinsic motivation is much more powerful" than extrinsic motivation, he added "there's lots of ways that teachers can give feedback" to encourage student participation in the classroom besides inflating letter grades.

"What we see over and over is that there is reduced grade inflation and reduced grade deflation," Feldman said. "Students aren't getting all the points for just doing stuff like bringing in the food for the potluck and just because they got their homework done on time everyday, even though they have

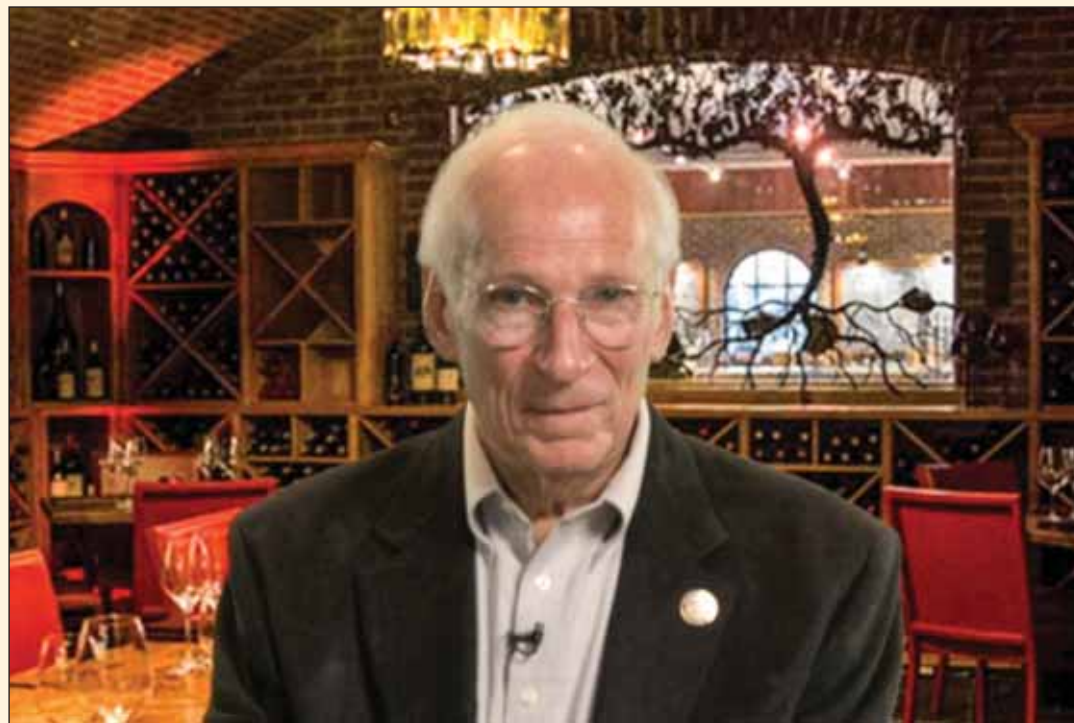
nothing to do with their learning."

Instead, Feldman said the district should be asking "how can we make our grades really clear about what they represent and what they don't, and help build the intrinsic motivation for students to do the things that will help them learn best.

One way to accomplish that is by "not averaging performance over time...and instead making the grade only reflective of the students academic performance at the end of their learning with rubrics and clarity and explicitness."

Feldman also recommended giving students opportunities for

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CIERRA BAILEY

Livermore Mayor Bob Woerner delivered his first State of the City speech virtually June 24, assuring the audience that the city is doing 'really well.'

Livermore mayor talks pandemic recovery, ongoing projects

Public safety and city finances also part of Woerner's first State of the City

By CIERRA BAILEY

Livermore Mayor Bob Woerner recently delivered his first State of the City speech to residents and community stakeholders, sharing where the city stands as it begins to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and the status of ongoing development projects, among other updates.

"Bottom line is, Livermore is

doing really well," Woerner said at the start of the June 24 virtual luncheon hosted by the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce with technology partner Amos Productions.

"We've come out of the pandemic in fairly good shape. We're prepared for emergencies. We're financially strong. We've got a resilient local economy, new

housing and construction, continued progress downtown, we're ready for the challenges ahead and we continue as an award-winning city," he added.

Woerner lauded the community for coming together and helping one another at the height of the pandemic, including local

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Livermore man dies in shooting

Few details public about city's third homicide of 2021

By JEREMY WALSH

A 53-year-old Livermore man was killed last week when he was fatally shot by somebody he knew during an early-morning fight, according to city police.

Only limited information about what took place was available as of press time Wednesday. The identities of the victim and shooter had not yet been released publicly.

The investigation began at about 2 a.m. July 1 when Livermore Police Department dispatch received a 911 call about shots fired in the 1100 block of North P Street. Officers arrived to find a man on the ground with gunshot wounds, police said last week.

Police officers attempted life-saving measures, as did paramedics when they arrived, but the man died at the scene.

"Based on the information we have so far, we know an altercation took place between two adult males who knew each other. During the altercation, one male accessed a handgun and shot the other male," police said.

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Quest Science Center breaks ground on new plaza in downtown Livermore

Under-construction Quest Plaza will represent first physical gathering space for nonprofit

By ANNA HSU

Quest Science Center held a groundbreaking ceremony at the location of its new Quest Plaza in Stockmen's Park in downtown Livermore earlier this summer.

Quest Plaza will serve to be an open-air learning and community space, boasting 5,000 square feet and holding up to 100 people for various community events such as music events, summer camps and technology programs.

"It's very exciting to finally have a physical space under construction,"

said Alan Burnham, founder and CFO of Quest Science Center. "Not only does it give Quest a place to interact with the Tri-Valley community, but also to hold events where they can learn about science in a fun way."

Quest Science Center, formerly known as the Livermore Science and Society Center, is a nonprofit organization founded in 2018 by retirees from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and other community members. Their mission is to provide future

generations with engaging experiences in the science and technology field.

Quest Plaza will be the first physical gathering space for the organization and will feature a large shaded area, rotating displays, and a weather station.

The naming sponsor for Quest Plaza was announced last week to be the Fremont Bank Foundation.

"Supporting Quest Science Center right here in the heart of downtown Livermore is a natural extension of our ongoing commitment to the communities where we live and work," said Ken Jones, senior vice president of retail banking at Fremont Bank.

"The Quest Plaza gathering space offers youth a chance to be hands-on and collaborative as they learn more about science and technology while enjoying the outdoors. Fremont Bank Foundation encourages young people's education always," Jones added.

Other companies and organizations have also participated in



QUEST SCIENCE CENTER

Groundbreaking Ceremony featuring L-R: In Front: Quest CEO Monya Lane, Evelyn Klein, Mason Klein, Livermore Council Member Gina Bonanno, former Livermore Mayor John Marchand. In Back: Quest Board Member Rick Stulen, Livermore Mayor Bob Woerner, Quest Plaza Project Leader Chris Gates, Quest Board Member Vaughn Draggoo, Quest Founder Alan Burnham, La Roza Construction Owner Eric Klein.

sponsoring parts of Quest Plaza including Topcon Positioning and more found on their website. The city of Livermore as well as La Roza Construction have also been key supporters of the construction of the plaza.

While Quest Plaza is in progress, Quest Science Center has launched their free five-part community science series, "Science@Stockmen's Park," occurring through this summer until fall. With one part of the series happening on a Saturday of

each upcoming month, the next part of the series is "Science of Perception," occurring on July 17.

Along with the completion of Quest Plaza will be a brick naming program where supporters, families, organizations, and businesses can personalize bricks that will be installed on the walkways of the plaza.

"There's a feeling of excitement at Quest," Burnham said. "After three years, we're finally getting a place where we can welcome people." ■



QUEST SCIENCE CENTER

Graphic representation of Quest Plaza at Stockmen's Park.

Fire in Pleasanton contained after burning 16.4 acres in grasslands

Interim Chief Testa warns of 'serious fire conditions'

By GINA CHANNELL WILCOX

A brush fire reported in Pleasanton around 9 p.m. July 3 was contained after burning 16.4 acres. No structures were reported lost in the fire.

Although initially reported as being close to Callippe Preserve Golf Course, the fire was actually in the grasslands east of Sycamore Creek or Lund Ranch Road in Pleasanton, according

to Joe Testa, interim fire chief at Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

"Callippe wasn't involved," Testa said. "It was originally reported by people (as being) on

the west side of I-680. So, locating and accessing the actual fire location took a bit of time."

Cal Fire and Alameda County Fire also responded, which was contained around 11:30 p.m. the

same day. Testa said the cause is undetermined.

"A fire like this in dry grass serves as a good reminder how serious fire conditions are this year," Testa said. ■

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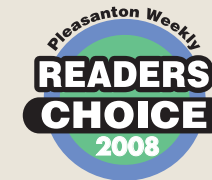
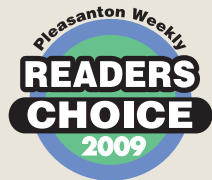
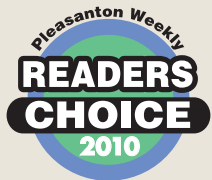
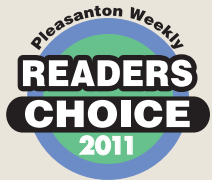
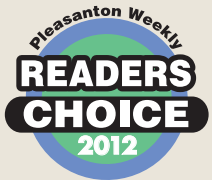
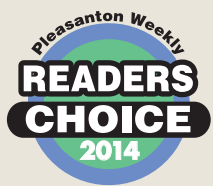
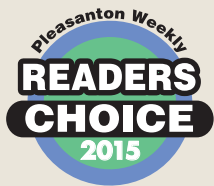
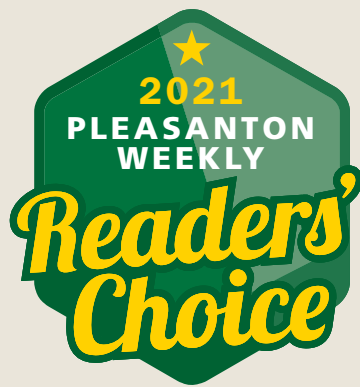
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Tri-Valley teen reflects on selling his EdTech company for six figures

‘The best ideas come from the issues that you run into yourself’

BY LEILA TOUATI

Calix Huang, a 16-year old entrepreneur based in the Tri-Valley, recently had his education technology company Hours acquired by Fiveable in a six-figure deal.

Founded by CEO Amanda DoAmaral and CXO Tân Ho, Fiveable is a website that offers support in high school Advanced Placement classes such as video lessons, live streams and other test prep resources. Fiveable welcomed Huang to its team as project manager for the studying platform Hours on May 7.

“The best ideas come from the issues that you run into yourself,” Huang said in an interview last week.

“I started Hours in October but I got the idea in May of 2020. I actually got it from a teammate

I was working with at the time who showed me this productivity technique that’s actually called ‘Hours’ — so the name comes from that productivity technique that’s not so well known,” Huang said.

The technique that Huang described was one-on-one studying where each person would describe what they wanted to get done in an hour. A timer would be set and once the hour was over, both participants would reflect on their work, what was completed and what was not finished.

Hours has multiplayer study rooms, chats, and other tools



Calix Huang

including time management for students to use while studying and working side-by-side in a virtual environment.

“The initial reason why I reached out to Fiveable was to partner with them because they have an incredible user acquisition, huge brand, they have incredible development so far and that seemed like a good opportunity to reach out,” Huang said.

“When I actually was able to get on a call with Amanda, she’s very understanding of all students and she knew that I was a student,” he said. “It wasn’t so much pitching Hours itself, but it was more about telling the story of how it kind of got started, where it is right now, what kind of impact we would make.”

After speaking with DoAmaral

about the acquisition of Hours, one of the topics that she and Huang wanted to grow was accessibility for high school students to grow and connect with each other.

The goal in the collaboration between Fiveable and Hours is primarily to connect students with each other — for students to identify with one another and work and support each other. High-schoolers have the opportunity to work directly with one another, and in a pandemic, virtual connections make all the difference.

In an announcement on Fiveable about the acquisition, DoAmaral stated that “with Calix leading the product strategy of Hours, we believe this will become the go to place for virtual studying because it’s built by students, for students.”


For Huang individually, he is

optimistic for the future and is currently looking into different industries. His motivation with Hours is that it helps people, and as an “engineer by trade,” he plans to create projects and continue his outreach.

“I’m (currently) working with Fiveable as project manager — working with Hours makes complete sense there and I’ve been able to take a lot of time nowadays to expand my horizons,” Huang said.

“Now I’m exploring new industries, with the help of Amanda I’m getting into Venture capital, and doing a lot of networking. I’m in a fellowship for On Deck, really entrepreneurial people under the age of 25, (and I) get to network with them, meet them and get to learn about them. The other things that I’m looking into doing are still super undecided,” he added. ■

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



HIGHLIGHTS

Planning Commission

Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Consistent with State and County Orders regarding the COVID-19 pandemic this will be a virtual meeting. Instructions on how to participate and offer comments will be available July 7, when the agenda is posted on the City’s website at: cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/cd/planning/commission/planning_agenda.asp

- **P21-0079 and PUD-140, Terry Townsend, 2207 Martin Avenue**
Applications for: 1) Minor Subdivision approval to subdivide an approximately 1.67-acre parcel into two parcels measuring approximately 21,794 square feet (Parcel A) and approximately 48,311 square feet (Parcel B); and 2) Planned Unit Development (PUD) development plan approval to retain the existing home and related improvements on Parcel B and construct a two-story home and related site improvements on Parcel A. Zoning is PUD-LDR (Planned Unit Development – Low Density Residential) District.
- **P21-0076 and PUD-141, Terry Townsend, 2215 Martin Avenue**
Applications for: 1) Minor Subdivision approval to subdivide an approximately 1.67-acre parcel into two parcels measuring approximately 21,986 square feet (Parcel 2) and approximately 49,951 square feet (Parcel 1); and 2) Planned Unit Development (PUD) development plan approval to retain the existing home and related improvements on Parcel 1 and construct a two-story home and related site improvements on Parcel 2. Zoning is PUD-LDR (Planned Unit Development – Low Density Residential) District.
- **PUD-114-01M, Guy Houston for Pleasant View Church of Christ, 11300 Dublin Canyon Road**
Public hearing to discuss applications for: (1) a Major Modification to Planned Unit Development (PUD-114), (2) Minor Subdivision, and (3) Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate a 9,792-square-foot church and 24,971-square-foot two-story multi-purpose building with gymnasium on a 4.3-acre portion of the 16-acre site located at 11300 Dublin Canyon Road. Zoning is PUD-RDR/A-OS (Planned Unit Development – Rural Density Residential/Agriculture and Open Space) District.

Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.

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Housing Commission

Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

- Overview of Affordable Rental Housing Development Opportunities and Challenges

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Livermore Lab names Rachelle Jeppson new chief financial officer

Jeppson previously served as the Lab’s deputy CFO/controller

BY CIERRA BAILEY

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) Director Kim Budil named Rachelle Jeppson the new Chief Financial Officer, responsible for overseeing the Lab’s \$2.6 billion annual budget.

“We look forward to benefiting from Rachelle’s financial expertise and strategic leadership skills on behalf of the Lab,” Budil said in a statement announcing Jeppson’s appointment.

Jeppson succeeds former CFO Chris Brannan, who has taken on a new position in the director’s office at LLNL, Lab officials said.

In her new role — which began on June 27 — Jeppson manages and leads a large staff



Rachelle Jeppson

of financial professionals covering accounting, budget and financial analysis. Her other duties include establishing and overseeing financial policies, procedures and controls; disbursement of funds; financial reporting; and compliance with federal financial requirements.

She also facilitates Lab financial communications with external agencies, including the preparation

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GRADING

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retakes and redos, as well as performative feedback, and even non-grade based feedback from teachers including verbal praise or recognition on the classroom wall can help motivate a student's performance.

"If you say to a student, 'I've never been more proud of some of the things you said today, that was some of the most interesting comments I've heard from you all year, keep it up,' that means more than 'I'll give you five points because you raised your hand and you answered a question,'" he added.

Board President Joan Laursen said she predicted "there are going to be people in our community who are like, 'well, we shouldn't have grades at all,'" and that a series of upcoming workshops in the fall are needed "to engage in those same types of conversations" with parents.

"Absolutely, that's a key component because they only know one system and when they start to learn about this one, they actually love it," Feldman replied. "But initially they get a little anxious, especially parents of students who have been successful, because you're suggesting that you're going to change the rules of the game that they learned how to play successfully."

Feldman continued, "But when you start explaining what this is, they like it more, too, because why would they want their students to have a B, if they don't know the content...and then they go to the next grade level and get crushed because they weren't prepared, so everyone wants more accurate reporting."

Trustee Kelly Mokashi asked about holding students accountable for turning in late work, and Feldman said that question "comes up all the time."

"You warp the accuracy of the grade if you take off (points) for it because then you'd have a student who handed in something on time that's at a B level and a student who handed in something a day late who is at the A level," Feldman said. "But because they hand in late, both students are getting a B. What does that even mean then, what is a B?"

Helping students "recognize

what the consequences are for handing in something late" is important but Feldman said "it may be under their control, and it may not be."

"Particularly during the pandemic, I think we became much more aware of how much grace that we should offer each other and our students, and that many times just because something is late doesn't mean it's their fault," he said. "The second thing is why would we want to penalize someone who wanted to learn longer than we allowed them?"

Without harming a student's grade for turning in something late, Feldman said they can still learn the consequences of turning in late assignments because "now you feel more pressure to hand in more things later because this work accumulates."

"If it's a time management problem, let's think about how to build time management skills, but to say we must give a consequence is just extrinsic motivation talking," Feldman said.

Trustee Steve Maher said, "What I see is maybe even a step further. As an educator, I would look to see (if) maybe I'm not using correct strategies or maybe I'm not using the curriculum correctly, because why are students still not getting to the level of understanding that I would like. That takes kind of self-reflection and looking at oneself, and maybe changing how you're utilizing your lessons."

Maher added, "I would hope that this would evolve, not only with the grading, but also teachers looking at how they present their lessons. In elementary school, I do see it happening in many cases. I'm not sure about high school yet, but I think they would like to get there."

PUSD is currently planning a series of Equity Learning Design workshops that will kick off in September. During that time, secondary teachers will participate in action research, with each educator selecting an equitable grading practice to try and then later share the results. Individual half-hour coaching sessions will also be offered for teachers, who will be partnered with a teacher of the same or similar subject already experienced in equitable grading, as well as support and feedback. ■

HOMICIDE

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Police did not indicate whether the shooter had been arrested.

The investigation is ongoing and police are looking for tips. Anyone with information, including anonymous, can call Livermore PD at 925-371-4790.

This marked the city of Livermore's third non-vehicular homicide of 2021.

The first occurred on Jan. 4 when Edward Tsung Yung Young was fatally stabbed at his family's home on Geneve Court. His adult son Timothy Young was charged with murder for his father's death.

The other was the fatal shooting of Emilio Molina on May 7 at the Motel 6 on Lassen Road, a homicide police say was likely gang related. Phe Phan, 27, and Ronnie Ray Martinez Jr., 29, were arrested in the case. ■



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Zone 7 board approves increases for rebate programs

By JULIA BAUM

Zone 7 Water Agency customers can now get even more money back for swapping out their old laundry machines or grass lawns for water-friendly alternatives.

The agency's Board of Directors approved a rebate increase for high-efficiency clothes washers and water-efficient lawn conversions during its June meeting.

"With 2021 shaping up to become a significant drought year, we know we have to take action," Zone 7 Board President Olivia Sanwong said in a statement. "As

stewards of our water resources, Zone 7 wants to support our community and help make it easy to implement water efficient options at home."

The increases took effect on July 1, and now offer up to \$200 in rebates for customers of Zone 7 and their local water agency partners that purchase and install qualifying "Energy Star Most Efficient" label high-efficiency clothes washers.

Single-family homeowners will still have up to half of the cost covered to replace their lawn with drought-friendly landscaping by

rebates through the Water-Efficient Lawn Conversion Program, which are increasing from \$750 to \$2,000. Maximum rebates for a non-residential or multifamily property will also increase from \$4,500 up to a \$6,000 maximum rebate, covering up to 50% of the costs.

The Weather-Based Irrigation Controller or Smart Controller rebate remains unchanged and covers up to half of customer costs, with a \$75 maximum rebate for single-family homes, \$100 for multifamily units and \$3,000 for nonresidential properties.

The new rebate amounts are effective going forward and are not retroactive. Rebate programs are offered in cooperation with Zone 7's water retailers including the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, as well as the Dublin San Ramon Services District. A number of conservation rebate programs are also offered by Cal Water in the Livermore area.

To learn more about the rebate programs including terms and conditions, call 925-454-5066, email rebates@zone7water.com or visit www.Zone7water.com. ■

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Hively on the move

Pleasanton-based family support nonprofit Hively is relocating to a larger headquarters space in another part of the city.

Already moved out of its old office on Owens Drive, Hively is housed in temporary quarters until tenant improvements are completed next month at its new permanent headquarters at 7901 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 150.

"We made the move because we wanted a bigger space as we are looking to expand our services in the near future," said Hively office manager Valerie Arkin, who is also a member of the Pleasanton City Council. The nonprofit provides social services support for children and families in need in Alameda County.

Dublin Nissan

Community leaders and Nissan USA executives recently joined local owners-operators Inder and Jessie Dosanjh for the ceremonial groundbreaking of the new Dublin Nissan dealership.

The 31,840-square-foot facility will be located next to the Kaiser Permanente medical offices in eastern Dublin. The Dosanjh Team makes Dublin their home and headquarters, with other brands that include Chevrolet, Cadillac, Buick, GMC and Infiniti.

2040 Vision Plan

The Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group last month released its 2040 Vision Plan, a comprehensive study in partnership with the Bay Area Council Economic Institute with "key initiatives that are designed to foster strategic growth in a positive and collaborative culture" now and into the future in the region.

The process focused on top priorities including globally recognized innovation, connections and collaborations, equity and inclusion, balanced and diverse lifestyle, and epicenter of solutions.

Weekly blogger Tim Hunt highlighted the 2040 Vision Plan in his June 15 Tim Talk blog at pleasantonweekly.com, or see the plan at innovationtrivalley.org.

\$13.1M in financing

Amador Valley Industries LLC and its affiliates recently received approval from state agencies for tax-exempt note financing not to exceed \$13,085,000 to purchase additional California Air Resources Board-compliant vehicles, upgrade equipment and repay prior bond notes.

The proposal was initially endorsed by the California Pollution Control Financing Authority in April and then confirmed several weeks later by the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee.

"The borrower handles recyclables collection for the city of Dublin and just had their agreement extended for 15 years. They are going to purchase compressed natural gas (CNG)-fueled collection vehicles for use in their work for the city," a CPCFA spokesperson told the Weekly. ■

Bathroom byproduct will feed DSRSD water supply

By JULIA BAUM

Dublin San Ramon Services District's new temporary supplemental recycled water supply project not only aims to boost their irrigation water, but it also doesn't let anything go to waste — especially human waste.

Putting a new spin on the old adage "one man's trash is another man's treasure," DSRSD recently launched a program to divert one to two million pounds of sewage a day for three years from its sister agency Central Contra Costa Sanitary District to the Jeffrey G. Hansen Water Recycling Plant in

Pleasanton, according to a statement from DSRSD.

DSRSD plans to create more irrigation water for parks, school grounds, and golf courses in its service area, as well as those for Central San and East Bay Municipal Utility District, using the sewage waste as a temporary supply.

The previous five days leading up to the project's launch on June 21, officials said "our water recycling plant used every drop of sewage to make irrigation water. Sewage from Central San is a temporary supply during consecutive hot summer days, so we can make more

irrigation water when it is needed most."

Spokesperson Lea Blevins told the Weekly that the daily diversion "will help address peak summer recycled water irrigation demands typically during the months of July through September" for the district.

The two agencies "worked together to find a way to make use of this resource in the interim and to assure there would be no impact on the Central San system," according to Blevins, starting with building a manhole to allow a temporary bypass of flow during project construction, which took a couple of months.

Ombudsman Services rebrands as Empowered Aging

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Empowered Aging advocates for seniors and adults with disabilities. Ombudsman Services of Contra Costa, Solano and Alameda, a nonprofit organization that serves seniors, adults with disabilities and their families at facilities throughout the East Bay Area, has announced that it is rebranding and will now be known as Empowered Aging.

Staff said the rebranded title will provide an uplifting and inclusive name that reflects the organization's mission, which is to advocate for older adults and adults with disabilities while providing services to them.

"I'm very excited about this new chapter as Empowered Aging. It captures how far we've come and who we are today, and positions us for a successful new future," Nicole Howell, Executive Director of Empowered Aging, said in a statement.

"Changing our name to Empowered Aging allows us to embrace a number of our other programs like Friendly Visiting and Telephone Reassurance, Healthcare Career Pathway and elder abuse prevention, among others," Howell added. "Empowered Aging enables us to connect with a wider audience as we continue to expand our reach and

services even further."

Centered in Pleasant Hill and serving communities throughout the East Bay including in the Tri-Valley, Empowered Aging works to support older adults and adults with disabilities through advocacy, education and ensuring that adults stay connected to the activities they love in an environment that is free from neglect and abuse.

While the name focuses on its aging and senior services, officials said the group will still provide services to a number of different adults who may need assistance.

"If we've learned something

positive from the past year, it is that we are strongest when we take care of our most vulnerable citizens," California State Senator Steve Glazer said in a statement.

"They have adapted to meet changing needs, and now more than ever, they are a critical partner and an invaluable resource. Appropriately, Ombudsman Services is changing its name to Empowered Aging. This new name reflects the agency's growing focus on awareness, prevention, and innovation. I value their vital support services and congratulate them on the new identity," he added. ■

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Responders implementing real-time evacuation tool across Bay Area

Alameda County is latest to kick off 'know your zone' campaign

For firefighters in the Bay Area, no longer are the days of mapping out evacuation zones on a paper map as a wildfire grows, frantically trying to get information out to the public before it's too late.

Bay Area counties are beginning to adopt a third-party software system called Zonehaven, which sends out real-time evacuation information from responders to populations in pre-designated zones.

Alameda County is the latest to implement the program, kicking off a "know your zone" campaign late last month. Sonoma, Marin, Napa, Lake, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara and Contra Costa counties and San Francisco's Presidio also signed contracts with the service this year.

Evacuation plans are based off geography, traffic congestion, weather and other factors. During an emergency, residents can look at the map to gain insight on where a fire is headed, how fast it's moving and how to get out if need be.

Steve Sickler, head of field operations for Zonehaven, says it's been especially useful to help first

responders evacuate across multiple counties. In last year's CZU Lightning Complex Fire, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara and San Mateo counties used Zonehaven to evacuate more than 70,000 people in five days.

"It's a single platform that can be used across agencies and jurisdictions. So how that helped in the CZU fire, Cal Fire, local sheriff's deputies and police and local fire were all looking at our platform, looking at our website together, being on the radio or on cell-phones," Sickler said. "They were deciding together what zones need to be evacuated, and they did that in minutes, and once they did that, they agreed one person gets on the platform ... and it goes."

Jonathan Cox, deputy chief of Cal Fire's San Mateo County division, says the platform's integration with local mass notification systems, GPS services like Waze and social media has reduced the time it takes to get the word out to the public. Since last fall, the county has urged residents to "know their zone" by taking note of their zone number for the next

potential evacuation.

"Zonehaven was created as a direct result of the fires over the recent years. Without Zonehaven evacuation planning can take time and are sometimes difficult to communicate with the public," Cox said.

Sickler says counties began to implement the program from word of mouth as the first responder network is closely connected during the wildfire season. One fire official from Sonoma County gave Zonehaven's CEO a call during the Glass Fire for help, and within 24 hours the program created zones to work from based off of the county's pre-existing alert services.

"They started using the product right away to figure out how to evacuate the next group of people that need to be evacuated," Sickler said. "What's also interesting is Sonoma already had some zones, Napa already had a website, and we were able to bring in Sonoma zones and publish our evacuation alerts to other websites."

And as for funding, each county is either backed by federal homeland security grants, state money or

nonprofit assistance. For example, while Alameda County is using money from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Napa County relies on money from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and the Napa Valley Community Foundation.

Sickler says smaller counties depend more on non-profit funds this year than the larger counties, but the prices can be attainable as Zonehaven expenditures are implemented in county budgets.

"We try to keep our prices at a place where it's easy for people to implement because really, what we'd rather do is make less money and save more lives," Sickler said. "Our pricing is based on tiers and it's based on population. It's in the pennies per person annually, it's not in the dollars."

Now that the program is in place, the next step for fire officials is encouraging the public to utilize it. In the past, counties have seen only 20 to 30 % of residents signing up for local alerts from other services, according to Sickler.

"Make sure all your phone

numbers are in that system, so when it's an evacuation or warning, it's 'ready, set, go,'" Sickler said.

The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District looks forward to the collaborative efforts Zonehaven brought between local first responders, according to district spokesman Steve Hill.

"We are hopeful this project will result in considerable improvements in how fire and law agencies work together to plan and implement evacuations, especially in the wildfire-prone portions of our district," Hill said. "We're confident that the digitization of what is currently a much more manual process can deliver significant benefits for the communities we serve."

Oakland Fire Chief Reginald Freeman said that not only is he looking forward to Zonehaven bridging the gap between public safety agencies, but also between first responders and the community.

"Whether it's a fire, an earthquake, or another type of major emergency, it's critical that every Oakland resident knows their zone and is ready to easily receive and act on the information and guidance being provided by first responders," Freeman said.

Residents in the Bay Area can visit community.zonehaven.com to see what zone they're in and sign up for emergency alerts. ■

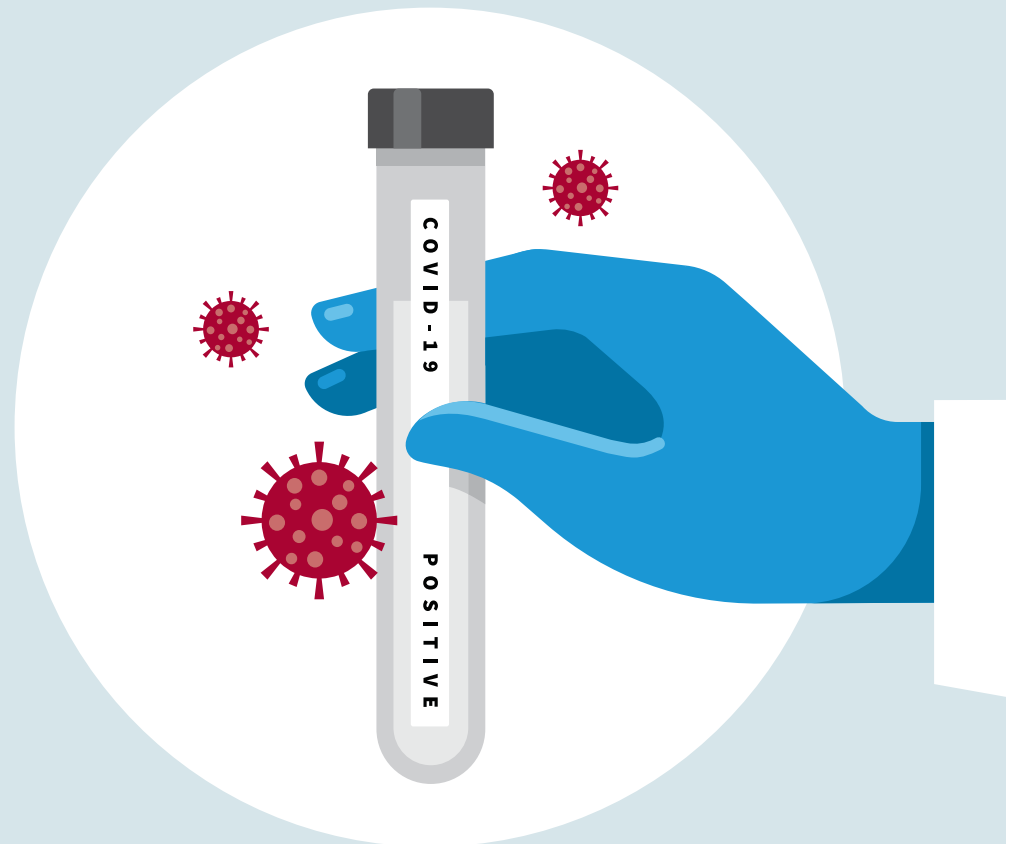
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government agencies, businesses, nonprofits and residents.

“I really want to acknowledge, most importantly, the cooperation from all the members of our community who had to sacrifice and reflect and readjust so much of their daily lives. Let’s keep that cooperative spirit as we start getting back to our more normal lives,” he said.

Woerner cited establishing a new cybersecurity division among the city’s public safety initiatives. The action follows a cyberattack that shut down email, phones and computers at Livermore City Hall in late 2019.

“This is one of the areas that we were talking about getting going on but now we’re doing it quite seriously,” he said.

While explaining how the city’s general fund is spent, Woerner showed a graph illustrating where money is distributed. The chart

showed that the top three expenditures are police (31%), fire (18%) and community development (15%).

“Public safety is important, always will be important — it’s the No.1 reason that city government exists, frankly,” Woerner said while pointing out that police and fire together make up approximately half of the budget.

Among other topics Woerner addressed were the local economy’s recovery and the return of community events throughout the city and wine country. He spotlighted several new and expanding businesses, including an Amazon delivery hub and Monarch Tractor as well as new retail stores and restaurants like Ace Hardware, Bar Quiote and Wingen Bakery, among others. He also mentioned some businesses that are slated to open soon like Da Boccery, a new entertainment and restaurant venue at the former site of Campo di Bocce.

Woerner described a number of completed, ongoing and proposed

projects in Livermore, some of which have been met with opposition, including the proposed KaiserAir development project at Livermore Municipal Airport.

Using a chart projected onto the screen, Woerner explained that although no changes in operations have occurred at the airport, noise complaints have largely increased in the midst of conversations about possible expansion.

“Physically, nothing has changed but the perception — just because we’re talking about the airport — has increased complaints by a factor of 10,” Woerner said.

Another contentious project that Woerner addressed is the recently approved Eden Housing affordable housing development that will provide 130 homes for low-income families and the local workforce at the southeast corner of the Railroad Avenue and L Street intersection.

“I really want to emphasize, this is filling the commitment we made 17 years ago to build housing on the site when the land was purchased

using affordable housing funds,” Woerner said.

The development has been embroiled in a community debate with supporters eager for the project to move forward and opponents urging the city to consider an alternative plan. Following the City Council’s unanimous approval of the plan, community group Save Livermore Downtown has filed a lawsuit against the city to challenge the decision.

While highlighting other new residential projects, Woerner discussed the current challenge facing the Legacy at Livermore downtown housing and retail development, which is on pause temporarily after developer Legacy Partners announced last month that Katerra — the contractor for the development — filed for bankruptcy. Although construction has been halted, the project is fully bonded and Legacy Partners is working with the bonding company to resolve contractual and legal issues before restarting.

Looking toward the future,

Woerner outlined the goals and priorities for fiscal years 2021-23 adopted by the City Council, which include asset management, updating the General Plan, continuing with the downtown plan, continuing to address homelessness and modernizing internal processes.

Woerner closed out his speech by uplifting the city’s recent All-America City Award achievement and sharing the positive results of the 2020 National Citizen Survey. He also highlighted that Livermore was ranked in the top 25% of the safest cities in the state by Safewise for the third consecutive year.

A complete recording of the State of the City address is available at www.tri-valleytv.org. It will also be broadcasting on TV30 throughout the month of July at the following times: Sundays: 5 p.m., 10 p.m.; Mondays: 11 a.m., 9:30 p.m.; Tuesdays: 11 a.m., 9:30 p.m.; Wednesdays: 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays: 11 a.m., 9:30 p.m.; and Fridays: 4:30, 7:30 p.m. ■

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of budget submissions and other funding requests. Additionally, she serves as treasurer of Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC, which manages the Laboratory for the U.S. Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration.

“The Laboratory is an amazing place with a history of service to the nation spanning seven decades and it is an honor to be selected to serve as its CFO,” Jeppson said. She added, “Innovation and collaboration are key to LLN’s success and I look forward to working

with the dedicated team in the office of the Chief Financial Officer and our colleagues throughout the Laboratory in supporting our mission.”

Jeppson previously served as the Lab’s deputy CFO/controller where she was a senior member of the CFO team, leading the financial accounting operations for the Lab. In this capacity, she was the primary point of contact for the analysis and interpretation of financial contractual requirements and policy.

Jeppson has an extensive background in accounting and finance. She has a bachelor’s degree in business administration, accounting

from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. From February 2010 to June 2017, she was the Laboratory controller at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, where she led the financial accounting operations including royalty accounting, accounts payable, payroll, travel, conference services and financial controls and compliance.

From February 2009 to January 2010, she was the director of Ethics & Compliance for the University of California, Office of the President. Prior to her UC assignment, she held various positions within the CFO directorate at LLNL. ■

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HONORING SPC. LINDSKOG

Camp Parks dedicates new medical training facility in memory of late Pleasanton soldier

STORY AND PHOTOS BY RYAN J. DEGAN

Parks Reserve Forces Training Area in Dublin has dedicated its new medical training facility as the Spc. Jameson L. Lindskog Army Reserve Center, in remembrance of the Pleasanton native and Army combat medic who was killed in action while serving in Afghanistan in 2011.

Located within the central base area, the facility unveiled last week will be utilized by the Regional Training Site Medical area at Camp Parks to train current and future military medical professionals.

"It's a great day to honor a great soldier," Maj. Gen. Jonathan Woodson, commanding general of Army Reserve Medical Command, said during a dedication ceremony on June 29.

"To his family, both present and remote, on behalf of senior leaders in the Department of Defense, I want to thank you for the patriotism, service, sacrifice of specialist Lindskog," Woodson said. "He is as Abraham Lincoln once said: 'He gave his last full measure of devotion to this country on the

battlefield.' You can not give more to your nation."

The building that will help train future military medical personnel has been dedicated to Lindskog, who was killed in action on March 29, 2011 while deployed to Afghanistan with the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). The 23-year-old Pleasanton native was severely wounded while caring for an Afghan National Army soldier after his unit was attacked by enemy forces in Afghanistan's Kunar Province. Despite this mortal injury, Lindskog was still able to provide care and advice to his comrades.

Camp Parks officials noted that Lindskog was posthumously awarded the Silver Star Medal for his acts of heroism.

In honor of Lindskog making the ultimate sacrifice while serving his country, the Camp Parks medical training building named in his honor will be used to prepare future soldiers and military medical personnel on how they can serve their country by saving the lives of their fellow soldiers as well as civilians.

"The facilities in this building will play a big role in ensuring readiness of doctors, nurses, combat medics and other medical specialists, to make sure that they are combat ready to serve when the nation calls," Woodson said.

"It will be one of the advanced simulation centers used to train, retrain and sustain critical medical



FILE PHOTO

Spc. Jameson L. Lindskog was killed in action on March 29, 2011 while on deployment in Afghanistan.

skills. It is here that medics will be held to the high army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and courage that Spc. Lindskog demonstrated in action," he added.

The Lindskog Reserve Center has a medical training center equipped with six simulation training rooms,

each of which has equipment that will help prepare medical service members for work in the field.

With hospital beds, simulated patients and bio-medical equipment, the training center also allows training in role 1 (immediate small unit care) to role 3 care (more specialized care such as specialist



Maj. Gen. Jonathan Woodson praised Spc. Lindskog for his dedication to the service and thanked his family for raising such an exemplary individual.



A special ceremony was held to commemorate the dedication, which was attended by a collection of local and military leaders.



The Spc. Jameson L. Lindskog Army Reserve Center will be used to train future military medical personnel and is equipped with a display in honor of Lindskog's memory.



The 191st Army Band (pictured), popularly known as the "Band of the West," can often be found performing at ceremonies.



Lindskog's father, Curtis Lindskog (center), was among the distinguished guests who attended the dedication ceremony.

surgical and preventive medicine).

Training regimens include CPR courses for adults and infants, certain surgical procedures and even lifelike re-enactments of what treating a wounded person in the field may look like, with fake blood, mannequins and smoke included.

Sections includes training for emergency medical technicians (EMTs), intensive care units (ICUs), pharmacy, X-ray and lab work.

"It's here in this building, soldiers are going to train with cutting edge technology to enhance the Army's medical response, as we get after providing the best healthcare available to our young men and women who are out serving this nation," said Brig. Gen. Joseph A. Marsiglia, commanding general, Medical Readiness and Training Command.

"At Army Reserve medical training centers, the center of gravity are these (Regional Training Site-Medical sites); they are ready today for saving tomorrow," Marsiglia added.

The dedication ceremony for

the building was held on June 29 and included a 13-gun salute from three World War II era howitzer artillery pieces.

A group of military and local civilian leaders were on hand to mark the occasion, including Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez and Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown.

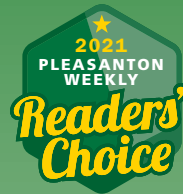
"A decade ago, Pleasanton lost one of its bravest residents ... It was a tremendous loss for his family and for our Pleasanton community," Brown said.

"With this dedication of the medical training facility today, Spc. Jameson Lindskog's legacy of serving others will continue to remind each of us of his sacrifice and his bravery. As a mother myself, I realize that time will never heal the pain of losing a child, but I hope that the Lindskog family can find comfort in knowing that Jameson's legacy will live on for future generations," she added.

"Pleasanton will never forget his service or the ultimate sacrifice that specialist Lindskog gave for us." ■



As the Band of the Wild West, performed at the dedication. Stationed at Camp Parks, performs throughout the Bay Area.



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Fabulous Properties 509 Main St., Pleasanton, 519-8226, fabulousproperties.net	 HALL OF FAME: Best Real Estate Team
Gay Nineties Pizza 288 Main St., Pleasanton, 846-2520, gayninetiespizza.com	Best Pizza
Gene's Fine Foods 2803 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton, 846-8220, genesfinefoods.net	Best Specialty Food Store
Gina Piper - Elation Real Estate 127 Spring St. #230, Pleasanton, 200-0202, elationre.com	Best Real Estate Agent
Girlfriends Boutique 549 Main St., Pleasanton, 484-9111, facebook.com/girlfriendsboutiquepleasanton	Best Clothing Store
Healthy Necessity Massage 610 Main St., Ste. E, Pleasanton, 413-2629, healthynecessity.com	Best Massage
Hired Hands Homecare 240 Spring St., Pleasanton, 621-7650, hiredhandshomecare.com	Best Home Healthcare
Image Salon & Day Spa 3037 Hopyard Rd., Ste. D, Pleasanton, 484-3650, theimagesalonspa.com	Best Day Spa & Best Hair Salon for Women
MD Laser Spa 531 Main St., Pleasanton, 846-2772, mdlaserspa.com	Best Medical Spa
Meadowlark Dairy 57 W. Neal St., Pleasanton, 846-2261, meadowlarkdairy.com	Best Ice Cream / Frozen Yogurt
New Thai Bistro 4301 D Valley Ave., Pleasanton, 425-7333, newthaibistro.com	Best Thai Restaurant
Outer Visions Landscape Design Pleasanton, 462-1484, outervisionsdesign.com	 HALL OF FAME: Best Landscaping Service
Paws of Pleasanton Animal Hospital 3128 Santa Rita Rd., Ste. B, Pleasanton, 380-1888, pawsofpleasanton.com	Best Veterinarian
Porky's Pizza Palace 2911 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton, 417-1600, porkypizzapalace.com	Best Sports Bar
Precision Auto Repair 164 Wyoming St., Ste. A, Pleasanton, 462-7440, precisionautorepair.com	Best Auto Repair
Primrose Bakery 350 Main St., Ste. D, Pleasanton, 249-1261, primrosebakery.com	 HALL OF FAME: Best Bakery / Dessert
Savior Plumbing 5750 Sonoma Dr., Unit A, Pleasanton, 461-8549, saviorplumbing.com	Best Plumber
Sidetrack Bar & Grill 30 W. Angela St., Pleasanton, 399-6789, sidetrackeats.com	Best American Food Restaurant
Spinal Health Chiropractic 2340 Santa Rita Rd., #3, Pleasanton, 484-2558, drspuller.com	Best Chiropractic Office
Strizzi's 649 Main St., Pleasanton, 484-9600, strizzis.com	Best Seafood Restaurant
Valley EyeCare Center 5575 W. Las Positas Blvd. #240, Pleasanton, 460-5000, valleyeyecarecenter.com	Best Optometrist
Venema Homes Real Estate Team 660 Main St., Pleasanton, 640-0401, venemahomes.com	Best Real Estate Team
Virtue Painting 326 Lone Oak Dr., Pleasanton, 918-1797, virtuepaintinginc.com	Best House Painters
Window-ology 4225 Stanley Blvd., Pleasanton, 462-1207, window-ology.com	Best Window Treatments

Online Fair competitions prove popular

Some works to be displayed at Alameda County Fair in October

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI | CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

The 2021 Alameda County Fair is being held Oct. 22-31 but its fine arts, gardening and hobby competitions took place online in June.

Judging was done by a team of artists both local and out of state, said Marketing Manager Tiffany Cadrette, who noted that adult entries totaled 1,667.

"Select Best of Show winners will be displayed during the Fall Fair in October," she said.

The watercolor painting, "Hidden Away," by Jeff Ishikawa, won first place in Aqua Media and was judged Best of Show in Adult Fine Art: Painting and Drawing. Ishikawa, who lives in Fremont, said it portrays a suburban creek in the neighborhood behind Mission San Jose High School, which his daughter attended.

"We would ride our bikes out there and once I stopped and took some pictures," he recalled.

Ishikawa also received a second-place award in watercolors for "Neighborhood Colors."

He began painting in high school but majored in graphic design with a concentration in illustration in college as a better way to make a living. But since 2016 he has been painting a lot, he said, and now displays his work throughout the country.

Livestock auction

This year's Livestock Show is July 5-10, and the 4-H and FAA Livestock Auction is taking place from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, July 11. Bids can be made online or in person at the fairgrounds. Parking and admission are free; enter Gate 12, which opens at 7:30 a.m.

For the auction brochure or live auction link, or to register as a buyer, visit alamedacountyfair.com/junior-livestock-auction.

"The first show I got in was in Pleasanton, the Fresh Arts exhibit in the Harrington Gallery," he recalled. "I thought it was a good local venue to show my work."

Most of his works are landscapes, he said, but he also enjoys creating slice of life narratives and still lifes.

In the pastel category of Fine Arts, Linda Garbarino's "Pleasanton Cattle Drive" received a Judge's Favorite award. Garbarino, a Pleasanton artist, said she enjoys entering the fair competitions.

"The thing I like best about entering my art work in the fair is the opportunity for broad visibility by fellow artists and art lovers from many cities who find something in your art that speaks to them," she



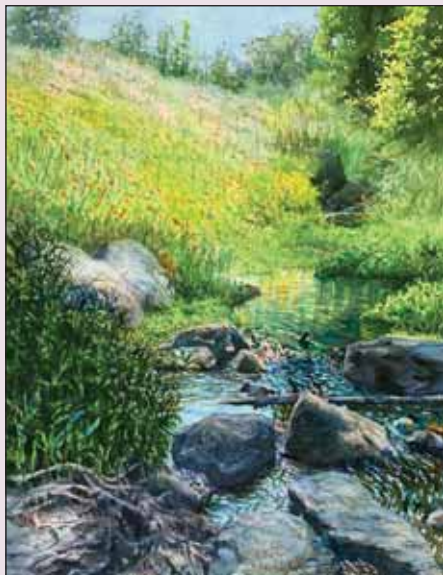
explained. "The visitors to the art exhibit often leave wonderful messages to artists about their entries. And in some cases visitors happily purchase art to enhance their homes and their lives."

"Thankful" by Dublin photographer Vanessa Thomas received first place in the category of "Photography alternative process/mixed media."

Adult hobby collection were an eclectic mix, ranging from first-place

winner "Many Faces of Shakespeare" by Phillip Rayher to a simple fun grouping of "Bananas in Pajamas."

All of the entries can be viewed on links through AlamedaCountyFair.com. ■



Clockwise, "Hidden Away," a watercolor by Jeff Ishikawa, won Best of Show for painting and drawing. "Many Faces of Shakespeare" by Phillip Rayher won first place in Adult Hobby Collections. "Well of Pastel" by Andrew Miller won Best of Show in Floral Designs. Top, "Pleasanton Cattle Drive," a pastel by Linda Garbarino, received a Judge's Favorite award.



Livermore Shakespeare Festival presenting live staged reading

‘Kindertransport’ is story of Jewish children sent from Germany just before WWII

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Members of Livermore Shakespeare Festival (LSF) will reopen the doors to their downtown studio later this month for a staged reading of Diane Samuel’s “Kindertransport,” a play about the Jewish children who were transported to safety in the United Kingdom prior to the outbreak of World War II.

The reading, at 7 p.m., Thursday, July 22, will be directed by Bay Area director/actor/playwright Jennifer Le Blanc; cultural advisor is Larry Lagin, president of East Bay Holocaust Education Center.

“Kindertransport” follows the story of fictional Eva Schlessinger, who is transported away from her

parents in Germany to live with a foster family in England, with events based on real life stories of Kindertransport children. The play was first performed by the Soho Theatre Company at the Cockpit Theatre in London in April 1993 and at New York City’s Manhattan Theatre Club in 1994.

Before the Livermore performance, a short presentation will be given by Lisa Mason Waldroup, a retired Contra Costa librarian who is the daughter of Holocaust survivors. Her mother Doris Mason, born Doris Franzelore Goldschmidt in Germany in 1930, was one of the 10,000 children who were on the Kindertransport in 1939. Waldroup is co-chairwoman

of the Northern California Kindertransport Association.

The staged reading marks the first collaboration between Livermore Shakespeare Festival and the newly formed East Bay Holocaust Education Center, which was created to educate people of all faiths about the Holocaust and to honor its victims. Its mission is to promote a spirit of universal tolerance and peace, using the lessons of the Holocaust to serve as a reminder that genocide can happen at any time, at any place.

The play was chosen by a group of residents led by Livermore Shakespeare Festival’s resident director Michael Wayne Rice and Larry Lagin. The group read five

Holocaust-based scripts together this past winter, several of which they hope to produce in partnership in the future.

“We also will be sponsoring a local Zoom reading group this summer to read Meg Waite Clayton’s Kindertransport book, ‘The Last Train to London,’” Lagin said.

The staged reading of “Kindertransport” will take place at the Shakespeare’s Associates Inc. downtown studio space at 2172 Railroad Ave. Due to COVID safety regulations, space is limited and only 50 tickets will be sold to the live event; those at the live presentation must be fully vaccinated.

The presentation and performance will also be livestreamed and virtual tickets will be available. The recorded performance and presentation will be available to purchase and view until July 29.

Tickets for the live event are \$25; tickets for the virtual livestream are \$15; and a link to view the pre-recorded program from July 25-29 will be available for purchase for \$10 through July 27.

For tickets and more information, visit Livermore Shakes.org/life-sparc or call 443-BARD (443-2273). “Kindertransport” is the final installation in Livermore Shakespeare Festival’s LifeSPARC series that began in April. ■

Taste Our Terroir is back

Livermore Valley wineries offering four days of food and wine events

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Winetasting events are back, with Livermore Valley wineries offering their popular Taste Our Terroir food and wine affair from Thursday, July 22, to Sunday, July 25.

The wineries are presenting 11 events including winemaker dinners, an electric bike tour, a winemaker concert, a blind tasting seminar and two virtual tastings.

The food and wine pairing competition that traditionally kicks off the Taste Our Terroir weekend is planned to return in 2022. But this year, in-person events are planned as well as a couple of virtual events.

Thursday, July 22

- New Paths in Livermore Valley (virtual event). 5-6:30 p.m. Wine critic and writer Mary Orlin will moderate this virtual wine tasting and panel discussion of winemakers exploring diversity within the world of Livermore Valley wine. Each ticket includes two bottles of wine. \$65
- West Side Wineries Winemaker Dinner at Las Positas Vineyards. 6-9 p.m. An intimate, four-course dinner featuring beautiful wines paired with a delectable meal. \$149
- Fire and Folklore at McGrail Vineyards. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Gather around firepits for a fun night of

Terroir?

The French term “terroir” expresses “a sense of place,” the way local conditions of land, climate, culture and technique combine to create wine attributes specific to a region.

wine, s’mores, acoustic music and winemaker tales. \$49

Friday, July 23

- Femmes of Franc at Rosa Fierro Cellars. Noon-2 p.m. Three winemakers will lead guests through six Cabernet Francs of Livermore Valley from the barrel to the bottle. Small bites will be included. \$60
- Major Mixes: The secret world of wine blending and beyond (virtual event). 5-6:30 p.m. Learn all about the magic of mixing up incredible wines. \$65
- Winemaker Dinner at Murrieta’s Well. 6-8:30 p.m. Uncork an extraordinary evening of wine and food in the historic barrel room for insights into the viticulture and growing season. \$175

Saturday, July 24

- Bike the Vines & Wine All You Want! 9 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Tour Livermore Valley Wine Country on an

electric Pedego bike, to include wine and honey tasting, snacks and a picnic lunch, finishing with wine tastings and dessert pairings. \$199

Sunday, July 25

- Yoga & Wine Tasting at Bent Creek Winery. 10 a.m.-noon. An hour of relaxing yoga breathing and stretches outdoors, followed by a tasting of five wines as guests gaze into the beautiful vineyard. \$25
- Curds & Wine at Las Positas Vineyards. Session 1: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Session 2: 2:30-4 p.m. This pairing experience will feature wines made from estate-grown grapes and cheeses from the best local creameries in California, guided through each perfect pairing. \$75
- Brunch Bites & Flight Pairing



COURTESY LIVERMORE VALLEY WINE COUNTRY

Heather McGrail of McGrail Vineyards pours at Taste Our Terroir, which is being held again in late July.

at Garré Winery. Noon-1:30 p.m. Enjoy four award-winning wines with a beautifully paired brunch, curated by Executive Chef Abe from Garré Cafe. \$55

- Secrets of a Sommelier at Omega Road Winery. Noon-2 p.m. Learn to taste like a pro, find the right words

to describe the taste, and create the perfect pairing or pick the best bottle for any occasion. Guests will explore the idea of terroir and learn about grape-specific characteristics. \$75.

For more details or to buy tickets, visit www.LVwine.org. ■



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Veterans honored July 4 with Quilts of Valor

On Independence Day, residents, families and friends gathered at Stoneridge Creek senior living community in Pleasanton at 10 a.m. to thank veterans for their service by presenting them with Quilts of Valor made by members of Amador Valley Quilters. The first Quilts of Valor ceremony at Stoneridge Creek was held in 2015, and since that time, residents have created dozens of quilts to honor those who have served in the Armed Forces. Seven veterans were honored this year, and helping to present the quilts were widows of veterans who were not recognized last year due to the pandemic.



PEDEGO LIVERMORE

This year’s Taste Our Terroir includes a tour of Livermore Valley Wine Country on an electric Pedego bike from 9 a.m.-2:15 p.m., Saturday, July 24.

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Ex-Dublin prison guard charged with sexually abusing inmates

A former corrections officer at the all-female Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin has been charged with sexually abusing two inmates in custody, the U.S. Department of Justice announced last week.

Ross Klinger, 36, of Riverside was charged with one count of sexual abuse of a ward, in violation of U.S.C. Section 2243(b), according to a complaint filed by Acting U.S. Attorney Stephanie Hinds in the U.S. District Court on June 25.

DOJ officials said in a statement that Klinger “knowingly had sexual intercourse with at least one inmate

... under his custodial, supervisory, or disciplinary authority,” and was also sexually involved with another inmate.

The complaint alleges that Klinger had repeated sexual relations with one of the victims in a storage warehouse at FCI Dublin between April and October 2020.

After transferring to a different Bureau of Prisons facility in San Diego, Hinds alleged Klinger remained in contact with the victim via email and video chats, and used the alias “Juan Garcia.” Klinger also visited the victim’s family and gave money to her mother, as well as the other victim and their family, according to prosecutors.

“As a correctional officer, Klinger had disciplinary authority over inmates incarcerated at FCI Dublin,” officials said. “He received training that inappropriate relationships with inmates, including

sexual or financial involvement, were prohibited.”

According to officials, Klinger also had sexual intercourse with a second inmate in a storage container at FCI Dublin while another inmate was on lookout. The victim was released to a halfway house but Hinds alleged Klinger stayed in contact via text message and social media, and even visited the victim at the halfway house, where they had sexual intercourse and Klinger proposed with a diamond ring.

Hinds also alleged Klinger “told both inmates that he wanted to father their children and that he made plans to marry them,” and gave both victims, and occasionally their families, “either money, gifts, or both.”

Officials from both the DOJ and FBI roundly condemned the allegations on Wednesday as “a disturbing deviation from the

responsibilities of correctional officers,” and said “such an abuse of power will not be tolerated.”

“Prison officials are given great power over incarcerated individuals and are entrusted to use that power to ensure the care, safety, and control of the people placed under the government’s supervision,” Hinds said. “The abuse of these powers echoes through the entire criminal justice system and threatens to compromise the public’s trust in the system’s legitimacy.”

FBI Special Agent in Charge Craig Fair said Klinger “took advantage of his role as an officer, entrusted to supervise inmates on behalf of the government, and instead displayed an egregious abuse of power.”

“The FBI will continue to work with our partners to investigate such violations of the law and hold those responsible accountable,” Fair said.

After being arrested, Klinger made an initial appearance in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California on June 30. Klinger has not been scheduled yet for his first appearance in the Northern District of California court. It was not immediately clear whether he is represented by an attorney.

If convicted, Klinger faces a maximum statutory sentence of 15 years imprisonment, a three-year term of supervised release and \$250,000 fine.

—Julia Baum

In other news

• Activists and law enforcement alike are denouncing an Alameda County sheriff’s sergeant who played a Taylor Swift song during a conversation with activists to attempt to keep the video from being posted online.

The incident took place outside a courthouse in Oakland on June 29 while members of the Oakland-based Anti Police-Terror Project and Justice for Steven Taylor Coalition gathered to listen to the pre-trial hearing of Jason Fletcher, a former San Leandro police officer who in April 2020 used a Taser stun gun and then fatally shot Taylor, 33, in a Walmart while Taylor was experiencing a mental health crisis. Fletcher has been charged with felony manslaughter in Alameda County.

In the video, APTP policy director James Burch is speaking with the sergeant, whose badge identifies him as D. Shelby of the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office. According to Burch, the sergeant had approached the group to ask them to move a set of banners. The group had already moved the banners once, Burch said, and he was attempting to understand why they were being asked to move them again.

Midway through the conversation, the sergeant pulled out a cellphone

and began playing a song by Taylor Swift.

“You can record all you want, I just know it can’t be posted on YouTube,” the sergeant can be heard saying.

Later in the video, when Burch stated that the sergeant was playing music to keep the video from being posted online, the sergeant replied, “That’s correct.”

Under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, copyright owners like Swift can submit complaints to YouTube to get videos with their copyrighted content taken down. YouTube also employs a system called Content ID that can automatically block uploads that match other copyrighted works.

Given the innocuous topic of the conversation, Burch said he couldn’t understand why the sergeant would try to keep the video from being posted online, but said the move “speaks volumes about how they perceive their relationship with the People of Oakland.”

As of last Friday, the video by the APTP — which has been posted to YouTube — has accumulated over 195,000 views. Burch said the account has not received any Content ID or DMCA claims on the video.

This isn’t the first time California police have been accused of playing copyrighted music to keep videos from being posted online, but according to the APTP, it is the first time a law enforcement official has been recorded admitting to doing so.

In February, Los Angeles-based activist Sennett Devermont claimed a Beverly Hills police sergeant played copyrighted music while Devermont was live-streaming on Instagram to keep the video from being posted on social media. Other social media platforms like Instagram also employ policies governing the use of copyrighted music.

“It’s my hope that this encounter will discourage law enforcement officers from this tactic or any other tactic that attempts to utilize DMCA copyright or any other social media-related technicalities to prevent us from providing the people with transparency,” Burch said.

According to Alameda County sheriff’s spokesman Sgt. Ray Kelly, the video has been referred to the office’s internal affairs bureau for investigation. In a statement, Kelly said it was “not approved behavior” and “will not happen again.”

Even with an internal investigation, Burch said public pressure is still necessary to hold the sergeant and the sheriff’s office accountable.

“We know that the people will always do a better job holding law enforcement accountable,” Burch said. “The only accountability measure I trust when it comes to law enforcement is the power of people pressure.”

—Bay City News Service

Cheryl Rae Alecksen Benson

September 13, 1947 - June 16, 2021

Our beautiful and beloved Momma, Cheryl Rae Alecksen Benson, left us here on Earth and rejoined the love of her life on Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

When you hear the stories of someone dying of a broken heart, that is exactly what she did. She lived an incredible and fulfilled life but inevitably after the recent passing of her husband of 51 years, John Anthony Benson, her heart was never the same.

She is survived by her devoted daughters, Sydne Benson Roth and Jordon Benson (both residing in Pleasanton); her three hippity-hoppity’s, Holland Roth (12), Brooklyn Benson (8), and Tyson Roth (6); her youngest sister (of 5 siblings), Beth Bloom; John’s surviving sisters, Antonet O’Toole and Anna Benson, and many more important extended family members and close friends.

Cheryl was born in Manitowoc, WI, to Vernon and Ruth Alecksen. She was the third of six siblings. After graduating high school, she hopped on an Amtrak train for a two-week California visit to her cousins in San Jose, and never returned. She met John while he was working at Lucky’s as a cashier. He took her number off of her check and their incredible love story began. They married in December 1968. He was in the Marine Reserves. She was a stewardess for United Airlines. They lived in San Diego and Daly City. They had many fun years of travels — cross country on their Honda CB750 and throughout Europe for 6 months. In 1974 they left Daly City and moved to Pleasanton to open The Hungry Hunter (on Hopyard Road when it was nothing but cows). She was a cocktail waitress and he was the manager. She became pregnant with Sydne shortly thereafter. Two years later, John started his freelance photography business and she had their second daughter, Jordon. They moved onto Second Street in 1980 where she resided

until 2020, when she then moved only a ½ mile away so she could stay close by to her community and her girls.

She built a beautiful, warm and loving home and life for her family. Her kindness radiated wherever she went. She had many jobs but of her most passionate was being Momma/Grandma Tinkerpot/Lala Rae, wife, and working at Towne Center Books for 15 years. She loved

fresh flowers and was an avid reader. You could find her reading either in front of the fireplace or in the afternoon sunshine on the side porch — her “perch”. She loved with all of her heart and made sure you knew; with her sweet and thoughtful notes, either by mail or on Post-its. She made sure everyone that came into her home felt “at home”. She was a wonderful cook and made everything “with love”. She loved being barefoot. She was a hippy at heart. She was silly, funny and

witty. She was devoted, thoughtful and kind. Her favorite colors were pink and yellow. She looked forward to doing the ‘Word Jumble’ every morning. She made birthdays extra special, and loved ‘taking the whole month’ to celebrate hers. She was active in racquetball at the then ‘Tennis Town’ and did aerobics at the Pleasanton Veterans Hall for many years. She adored and appreciated her downtown Pleasanton community until the end.

She cherished her family and close friends dearly. Her most important things in life were her husband, two girls and three grandbabies. She will be missed more than words can express. A huge hole is left in our hearts but we are whole knowing she is reunited with “her John” and they will be carefree and at peace together for Eternity!

A Celebration of Life is being planned for September 2021, in Pleasanton, so we can celebrate her incredible life, as she loved doing so very much.



PAID OBITUARY

• The Alameda County Superior Court lifted its mask requirement for fully vaccinated people effective last week, bringing the court in line with the state's most recent face covering guidance.

People who enter Alameda County Superior Court who are not at least two weeks past their final COVID-19 vaccination or who decline to self-attest to their vaccination status will still be required to keep wearing a mask, the court announced.

Prospective jurors will be able to attest their vaccination status at the court's jury services office in their respective reporting courthouse, but will be required to wear a face covering until they do so.

People will be prohibited from entering any court facility if they

have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days, are not fully vaccinated and have had close contact with a coronavirus-positive person in the previous 14 days or if they have shown symptoms in the previous 24 hours.

Court visitors will also be encouraged to give others space but will no longer be required to maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet.

Court officials expect to reopen more courtrooms for in-person legal hearings in the coming weeks, but virtual court appearances are still encouraged for the time being.

Updated information about the court's health and safety protocols can be found at <http://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov>. ■

—Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

June 30

Trespassing/Prowling

■ 7:12 a.m. on the 4100 block of Mohr Avenue

Warrant arrest

■ 11:02 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Drug violation

■ 12:40 p.m. on the 6100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Theft

■ 2:55 p.m. on the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 9:07 p.m. on the 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard; theft from auto

Graffiti

■ 4:27 p.m. on the 600 block of Main Street

June 29

Theft

■ 8:46 a.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from auto

■ 10:56 a.m. on the 7700 block of Oak Creek Circle

■ 1:14 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; shoplifting

■ 1:27 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

■ 9:11 p.m. on the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road; auto theft

Fraud

■ 10:49 a.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop

Verbal threats

■ 10:56 a.m. on the 7700 block of Oak Street Court

Assault/Battery

■ 9:43 p.m. on Santa Rita Road/West Las Positas Boulevard

June 28

Burglary

■ 1:10 p.m. on the 000 block of Happy Valley Road

Verbal threats

■ 8:52 p.m. on the 4100 block of Cristobal Way

Warrant arrest

■ 9:39 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

June 27

DUI

■ 2:48 a.m. on the 3100 block of Bernal Avenue

■ 7:51 p.m. on Valley Avenue/Paseo Santa Cruz

Burglary

■ 7:36 a.m. on the 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard

June 26

Vandalism

■ 2:22 a.m. on the 4400 block of Seminole Way

Warrant arrest

■ 9:01 a.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Auto theft

■ 8:54 p.m. on the 300 block of Main Street

Doris Anne Slater

April 10, 1936 – April 20, 2021

A public celebration of the completed life of Doris Slater will be held at 11:00 a.m. on July 23, 2021 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, California.

The connection between Doris and her music cannot be overstated. As early as a teen-ager, she was the go-to soprano soloist in church choirs at First English Lutheran Church (St. Paul's Lutheran) in Cheyenne, Wyoming. For many years, she was also a frequently requested soloist at Schrader Funeral Home. Later at Evergreen Lutheran Church in Evergreen, Colorado, she either sang in or directed the adult choir over a 20 year period. Doris sang for many years with Denver's Classic Chorale, was a founding member of The Evergreen Chorale in 1972, and appeared in several musicals with The Evergreen Players. Since moving to the Tri-Valley area of California in 1983, she sang with the Valley Concert Chorale for 25 years and had prominent roles in many musicals including The Mikado. In addition she served two terms as president of VCC. She also had the talent to sing with the San Francisco Symphony Chorus for one season.

Doris was well-known, and will be missed, by both staff and patrons of Peet's Coffeebar on Valley Avenue in Pleasanton. Her congenial manner and infectious smile made her many friends.

Helping others was something for which Doris could always find time. She spent many hours in supporting organizations such as the Battered Women's Alternative, currently known as STAND from 1984 to 2006. She was honored as Volunteer of the Year in 1998.

A broken leg at 14 years of age, incurred while sliding into third base, didn't stop her from her from continuing to play softball. From 1954-1956 she was a member of the People's Sporting Goods team of Cheyenne that won three consecutive Wyoming State ASA softball championships (fast pitch). Doris played second base alongside of her mother at first base, until her mother sustained a career-ending knee injury midway through the 1956 season.

Doris Anne Deines was born April 10, 1936, in Fort Collins, Colorado, to Richard Deines and Martha (Brunz) Deines. Her parents were first generation Volga Germans whose families emigrated from Russia in the early 20th century. Family, both immediate and extended, played an important part in her early years. She was close to many of her more than 50 first cousins, approximately half of whom survive her. Both parents preceded her in death, as did her sister-in-law, Inez (Lopez) Deines.

The family moved from Fort Collins to Cheyenne in 1945, where her father began his 32-year career as a fireman/engineer on the Union Pacific Railroad. By the time she was 17 years old, had traveled from coast to coast. She always liked to travel, and subsequent

trips took her to places as far away as Portugal, Italy, France and New Zealand.

She was an honor student throughout all of her school career, beginning with her elementary years in Fort Collins. She transferred to Johnson School in Cheyenne in the third grade, and then was among the first class of fourth graders to attend the new Hebard Elementary School a few blocks away. A proud "South Sider", she attended Johnson Junior High School through 1951. She completed her high school graduation requirements before the second semester of her senior year, and was already working full-time as a stenographer at Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company by the time she graduated from Cheyenne High School in May of 1954. Doris continued to work at the phone company into 1957. In May of 1956, she married Ronald M. Slater, whom she later divorced.

Doris had (in some cases all too briefly) a number of four-legged friends along the way including, but not necessarily limited to Freckles, Punky, Herkimer, Snoopy, Little Tyke, Bambi, Tippy, Cinder, Elsie, Sophie, Lucas, Boris, Chester, Elwood, Daisy, Tanner, Taya, Ohms, Jenny, Sam, Spud, Snow Pea, Rufus, Cosmo, Charley, Lucy, Bailey, Ivy, Chessie and Haley.

Doris is survived by her daughter, Jeanie Slater of Pleasanton, California; her three sons, Ron Slater (Nancy) of Fremont, California, Mark Slater (Dyan del Gaudio) of Manitou Springs, Colorado, and David Slater (Laura Schwartz) of Fort Collins; grandsons Bradley Slater of Placerville, California, Aaron Slater of Fremont, and Rowan Slater of Fort Collins; granddaughter Luna Slater of Fort Collins; brothers Rick Deines (Dixie) of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Tony Deines of Denver, Colorado; niece Kelly Deines (Mike Cassidy) of Minneapolis, Minnesota; nephews Tim Deines (Donna Cervelli) of Lansing, Michigan; Mike Deines (Angela) of Topeka, Kansas and Chris Deines (Debbie) of Thornton, Colorado; grand-nieces Caroline Cassidy of Minneapolis and Zadie Deines of Lansing; and grand-nephews Peter Cassidy of Minneapolis, Julian Deines of Lansing, and Owen Deines of Topeka.

In lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged to the following organizations. Please specify in memory of Doris Slater.

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PAID OBITUARY

60th Anniversary

Dennis and Sylvia Glafkides Celebrate 60 Years of Marriage

Dennis and Sylvia Glafkides, residents of Pleasanton since 1968, are happily celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. The two met in San Francisco in 1959 and married on July 8, 1961. They set down roots in Pleasanton where they raised their three children, Audrey, Carolyn and Denaki. Together they enjoy spending time with their 7 grandchildren.

Dennis retired from his practice of medicine in 2017 after serving his community for 50 years. Sylvia was active in 4H as the rabbit leader and donated her time serving the residents at the Pleasanton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. The two are enjoying their retirement years at Pleasanton's Stoneridge Creek Retirement Community.



BY KATE DUGGAN

If we want to maintain local control, then do something about housing

Blaming the state is a deflection for not coming up with any locally controlled solutions. If Pleasanton got a blank check for development and infrastructure from the state tomorrow, strong opposition for any new housing would remain.

Local governments have had control and could come up with creative solutions for housing. It is simply a choice not to.



In fact, locally controlled restrictions for housing and development have only increased and exploratory proposals are rejected. Downtown is off-limits. East Pleasanton is off-limits. Single-family neighborhoods are off-limits. Any solution is a 'no' even before coming to a vote.

Because of the constant opposition to build any size unit in

Pleasanton, our city is now obligated to accommodate more estimated units than our neighboring cities. Dublin, Livermore and San Ramon all have lower draft regional housing obligations than Pleasanton does. Dublin needs 3,719 units. San Ramon needs 5,111. And Livermore, with a much higher population, only has a target of 4,570 compared to Pleasanton at 5,965.

We can argue about what the accurate RHNA numbers should be. But it will never be zero. Cities that are innovative with housing solutions open their eligibility to receive funding, and most importantly, avoid costly litigation.

My first house in Pleasanton was a single-lot home with an ADU above our garage. And on each corner in our neighborhood, we had deed-restricted, below-market duplexes. Down the street, there were hundreds of units for senior housing and apartments to rent. It

was quiet and safe.

My neighbors were teachers, single parents, title officers, bartenders, and retail managers. We rented out our ADU to a preschool teacher. Did this neighborhood ruin the character of our city? No. Did we have any issues selling the house because of being surrounded by duplexes? No. This is still a highly desirable area where any available property is off the market in days.

Is our school district overflowing? Again, no. Enrollment has fallen so much that construction of a new school had to be canceled. COVID had some impact, but this started years before the pandemic. This began since young families with young children cannot afford to live here.

Let's remember that schools are funded by headcount. When enrollment drops, so do district headcount and jobs. Or we could turn into Cupertino, where that district may be forced to close some schools entirely after losing 13% of their students over the past few years.

The layering of restrictions that have increased in Pleasanton over the years around zoning, density, fees, etc. have added up, and the result is only large, above-market

homes are the options that can be developed and sold.

These local control measures squeeze out market-rate options. It squeezes out families with incomes of \$60,000 to \$120,000 a year, who have high enough income that disqualifies them from below-market housing. This squeezes out teachers, paralegals, trades people, police officers and other hard-working professionals that I enjoy as neighbors and who we should want to live here.

It would be more inspiring to see City Council leadership come up with solutions to help others, rather than align with only those in a certain socio-economic status. Claiming that "life will be destroyed as we know it" because people need a home is a tired and misguided old trope. ■

Editor's note: Kate Duggan has lived in Pleasanton with her family since 2003.

She is currently a member of the East Bay Community Energy Community Advisory Board and vice chair of the Pleasanton Housing Commission.

Duggan submitted this opinion piece as a rebuttal to the Guest Opinion that Vice Mayor Julie Testa wrote in the Weekly's June 25 edition. Duggan reiterated that views stated here are her own, and do not represent the commission.

LETTERS

DC as the 51st state

No taxation without representation. It's one of the key reasons why America fought for its independence. So why do we continue to tax Washington, D.C. residents without giving them proper representation in Congress?

The population of D.C. is comparable to the populations of entire states like Alaska, Wyoming, North Dakota and Vermont. Each of those states gets two senators apiece and a voting House member to advocate for their needs in Congress.

But because of its status as a district, D.C. has no senators and its one representative in the House is prevented from voting. Yet, residents of the District still live, work,

serve in the military and on juries — and yes, pay federal taxes.

Denying hundreds of thousands of Americans a voice in our democracy goes against what this country claims it stands for. But we can easily change this by making Washington, D.C. the 51st state. And it's not as difficult to do as it sounds! Statehood for the District can become a reality by making its way through Congress like any other bill — and that bill has already passed the House.

Adding D.C. as the 51st state would be a huge win in giving full congressional representation to hundreds of thousands of Americans. That's why I'm urging my senators and my community to support D.C. statehood.

—Nikki McIntosh

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Send resume and clips that show a variety of work to Jeremy Walsh, Editor, jwalsh@pleasantonweekly.com, by 8 a.m. July 11. No calls please. EOE.

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Pleasanton's Arioto ready to compete for USA Softball at Olympics

'I am so honored to represent the USA ... Now it's time to bring home the gold!'

It takes more than just talent to make it to the highest levels of achievement of any athletes' respective sport.

There are thousands and thousands of people across the United States that have amazing athletic tools, but that doesn't guarantee them to be successful.

There must be not just physical strength, but mental strength as well. This can be found in the resolve of an athlete, as well as the ability to deal with and overcome challenges.

Valerie Arioto, the 2007 Foothill graduate, has faced adversity in her stellar athletic career and met it straight on and knocked it out of the way.

The now 32-year-old is arguably the top athlete to ever come out of the East Bay Athletic League and is now in Japan with Team USA, ready to represent the United States in softball at the Olympic Games.

It was the way she handled and rebounded from adversity that finds her finally realizing her dream of playing in the Olympics.

As one of the top players in the world when she came out of Cal, there was no doubt the talent was there for Arioto to get to the Olympics, but there was one big problem.

Softball was taken out of the Olympics in 2008, leaving Arioto and the rest of her incredibly talented U.S. teammates with no Olympics.

In 2016, it was decided to bring softball back in 2020, so Arioto, along with many players in her age group, saw a light at the end of the tunnel.

"The excitement for this Olympics has been building and I have been patiently waiting while softball has been out of the Olympics since 2008," Arioto said on the eve of the team's departure to Japan.

COVID-19 forced the games to be postponed a year and even as little as a month ago, there were questions as to whether the Olympics in Tokyo would take place.

Recently the decision was made to proceed with the games, and the goal will be realized.

"I am grateful to even have this opportunity with how devastating this past year has been," Arioto said. "But I have continued to work and keep that standard of excellence



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Valerie Arioto, a 2007 Foothill High School graduate, is representing the USA in softball at the Olympic Games.

throughout."

While staying relevant and in world-class condition awaiting the possibility of playing in the Olympics took perseverance in a big way, it was nowhere near the adversity she faced in college while playing for Cal.

At one point she suffered a horrific broken leg injury that kept her from playing for the Bears in 2011. I remember talking with her several times throughout the year, and there was never a question as to if she would make it back.

The conversation always centered around how good she would be when she did take the field again.

The answer — very good.

In the 2012 senior season, Arioto finished with career bests in average (.365), RBIs (60), and home runs (23). Then there was the pitching, where she went 20-3 in the circle with an ERA of 1.32.

She finished as a three-time All-American at Cal and was the Pac-12 Player of the Year her senior season.

Following Cal, Arioto took her game to the next level on the international scene.

She was part of the gold medal-winning USA team in the WBSC World Championships in 2016 and

2017. Arioto also won gold medals in the 2011, 2015, 2017 and 2019 Pan-Am games and is a four-time gold medalist in the World Cup of Softball.

The U.S. Women's Olympic Team kicks off exhibition matchups today with a doubleheader against Iyo Bank Vertz followed by three more doubleheaders scheduled for next Sunday through Tuesday against Toyota Terriers and Hitachi Sundiva.

Fans across the globe will have the opportunity to follow along with each game via live stats. A full schedule and link to live stats can be found at USASoftball.com. You can also find links to the Olympic schedule as well.

Know one thing — Arioto will be ready to go.

"It's finally here and I can't wait to get to Japan to continue this journey," Arioto said, before leaving the States with her teammates. "I am so honored to represent the USA. Thank you to my family and everyone who has supported me along the way. Now it's time to bring home the gold!" ■

Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly. To contact him about his "Pleasanton Preps" column, email acesmag@aol.com.

Employment

Senior Network Engineer

Senior Network Engineer, Workday, Inc., Pleasanton, CA. Develop infrastructure architectural solutions for infrastructure projects. To apply, please mail resume to ATTN: Jessica Thurston, 6110 Stoneridge Mall Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94588. Please refer to Job # 20637.445.

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Movies

SUMMER MOVIE SERIES AT EMERALD PARK Movies begin around 8:45. July 9, Abominable. Visit dublin.ca.gov/1917/Summer-Concert-Series. 4201 Central Pkwy.

TRAVEL WITHOUT LEAVING TOWN Magnificent masterpieces tell the story of Spain and of an entire continent in, *The Prado: A Collection of Wonders*, a visual celebration of the 200th anniversary of Madrid's Prado Museum, hosted by Academy Award winner Jeremy Irons. 3 p.m., July 11. Tickets \$10-15. Visit livermorearts.org. Bankhead Theater, 2400 1st St, Livermore.

LIVE FROM LONDON'S WEST END-ENCORE SCREENINGS One of Broadway's most classic and beloved tales, *42nd Street* tells the story of Peggy Sawyer, a talented young performer with stars in her eyes and big dreams of a show business career. Filmed in 2018 at London's Theatre Royal and directed by the original author of the show, this was the largest-ever production of the musical. 8 p.m., July 16. Tickets \$10-15. Visit livermorearts.org.

CLASSIC CAR SHOW & MOVIE NIGHT Callippe Preserve presents Classic Car Show & Movie Night. 5 p.m., Classic Car Show, 8:30 p.m., Cannonball Run. Dinner, drinks, and concessions available. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. July 17. Visit playcallippe.com. 8500 Clubhouse Dr., Pleasanton.

FAMILY FUN FILM SERIES An inexpensive way for the entire family to enjoy some beloved movies of the past decades. 7 p.m., July 21, *The Goonies*. All tickets \$5. Bankhead Theater, 2400 1st St.

Theater

FIREHOUSE ARTS CENTER The curtain has risen once again on the Firehouse Arts Center stage, as indoor shows have returned to the theater. Beginning on July 6, the theater will operate at full capacity for indoor shows, allowing larger audiences to experience and enjoy live performances. Additionally, the Firehouse's Harrington Art Gallery will also begin permitting attendance at full capacity. For more information visit firehousearts.org. 4444 Railroad Ave.

Concerts

FREE SHAKESPEARE CONCERT In celebration of the re-opening of California, Shakespeare's Associates, Inc. is producing concerts for all ages in Stockmen's Park. The headliner is Crawdad Republic with performances from local youth groups. Admission is free but reserved VIP tickets are available for purchase. 4 p.m., July 10. Visit livermoreshakes.org.

LIVERMORE LIBRARY HOSTS VIRTUAL JAZZ CONCERT The Livermore Public Library will host a live virtual jazz concert by the Dave Rocha Trio. 4 p.m., July 12. Visit us02web.zoom.us/j/82585172086.

PACIFIC CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Pacific Chamber Orchestra Presents *Renewal!* Beethoven Symphony #6 & Pastoral, Symphony #5 at the Bankhead Theater. 3 p.m., July 18. Tickets \$65. Visit livermorearts.org.

OPERA IN THE VINEYARD Opera in the Vineyard returns to Retzlaff. Bring your own picnic and purchase wines on site. Limited

seating. Reservations close July 20. Visit livermorevalleyopera.com.

Talks & Lectures

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society Presents Jacqui Stevens, whose topic is *Blogging: Installment Plan for Publishing Your Family's Story*. 7-8:30, July 12. Visit l-ags.org.

ADVENTURES WITH THERAPY DOGS Join Therapy Dog Handler Pat Wheeler as she recounts her fascinating story of the impact and life-changing differences therapy dogs make in people's lives. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., July 13. Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Rd, Livermore. Visit larpd.org/Activity-Guide.

Fundraisers

SUNFLOWER SHOWCASE The Sunflower Showcase, a visual and performing arts fundraiser event at the Bankhead Theater, will provide vital funds to support the mission and vision of Sunflower Hill, a residential community for adults with developmental disabilities. The event will be emceed by local comedian, Regina Stoops, and feature a performance by America's Got Talent Season 14 Winner, Kodi Lee. Tickets on sale now for the July 23 event. Visit sunflowerhill.org.

PLEASANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF OUTING The Pleasanton Chamber Golf Outing 2021 returns on the first Friday in October at Callippe Preserve Golf Course. This is the Chamber's one true fundraising event of the year. This event is a fun-filled afternoon of golf, great food, drink and fantastic prizes, with lots of great networking. Oct. 1. Visit pleasanton.org.

PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY/J. SAMPAT

Meet Cookie

Got milk? Make life a little sweeter with a pint-sized companion. Cookie is a 5-year-old small mixed breed dog; with her polite manners, she is ready to join you for tea time or a coffee break. Whatever your choice of beverage, you'll be glad you paired it with this 10-pound tail wagger. To apply to adopt Cookie, email info@valleyhumane.org. Valley Humane Society coordinates adoptions by appointment only.

Trivia

VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT Livermore Shakespeare Festival presents a Virtual Trivia Night. Sign up as a team (up to 10 people) or as an individual. 90 minutes of brain bending fun and engagement. \$10 per person, 6 p.m., July 15. Visit livermoreshakes.org.

Museums & Exhibits

ART EXHIBIT AND OPENING RECEPTION AT BLACKHAWK GALLERY The Alamo Danville Artists Society will host the opening of Blackhawk Gallery's new Exhibit 'Renaissance' which features thirty Blackhawk Gallery member artists. The exhibit will be on view Wednesday through Sunday from Saturday July 10 - Oct. 10, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. The Exhibit is free and open to the public. Contact 648-8023. 3416 Blackhawk Plaza Cir.

MUSEUM ON MAIN PRESENTS STITCHING CALIFORNIA Stitching California: Fiber Artists Interpret the State's, People, Life, and Land, a new traveling exhibition

appearing at Pleasanton's Museum on Main. Visit museumonmain.org. Now through Aug. 14, 603 Main St.

Seniors

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE The AARP Smart Driver course is the nation's first refresher course specifically designed for drivers age 50 and older. In many states, drivers may benefit from a discount on their auto insurance premium upon completing the course and learn something new along the way. Visit aarpdriversafety.org.

PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER NOW OPEN The Pleasanton Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30a.m.-2:30 p.m. In-person Programs include wood carving, woodshop, knitting, mind your memory, name that tune, chair yoga and more. Visit pleasantonfun.com. 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Health

PLEASANTON LIBRARY HOSTS VA MOBILE MEDICAL OUTREACH Pleasanton Library will host the VA Palo Alto Mobile Medical Outreach team to facilitate examinations, consultations and referrals for enrolled veterans. Veterans uncertain of their benefit eligibility are encouraged to visit as requirements have changed and VA healthcare may complement current medical coverage. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., July 12. 400 Old Bernal Ave.

Government

PLEASANTON PLANNING COMMISSION Planning Commission meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, currently held virtually. The next meeting is scheduled for July 14. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

LIVERMORE CITY COUNCIL The Livermore City Council meets the second and fourth Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., July 12. For more information visit cityoflivermore.net.

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

Lynn T. Gunney Strategic Communications FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 579743

The following person doing business as: Lynn T. Gunney Strategic Communications, 2727 Calle de la Loma, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Lynn T. Gunney, 2727 Calle de la Loma, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Lynn T. Gunney, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Lynn T. Gunney, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 4, 2021 (Pleasanton Weekly, June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 2021.)

NSN Inc. DBA The UPS Store #3145 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 579654

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Porcellano Way, Dublin, CA 94568, CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by NSN Inc., a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein December 1, 2020. Signature of Registrant: Neeraj Tandon, Treasurer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 3, 2021. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 2021.)

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TAKE US ALONG



48 states down, two to go: The merry band of bikers — Mike Oliviera, Wayland Wagner, Bud Early, Gary Cose, Ralph Hughes — featured in the Pleasanton Weekly who started their trip May 18 to see 50 states in 50 days reached Maine, the further northern and eastern state, on June 9 and made a left turn to start heading home. They arrived in Pleasanton on Sunday, June 27, before heading for Alaska and Hawaii this month.

Real Estate

OPEN HOME GUIDE AND REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (April 12-16)

Total sales reported: 23
Lowest sale reported: \$410,000
Highest sale reported: \$4,850,000
Average sales reported: \$1,575,000

Livermore (April 12-16)

Total sales reported: 28
Lowest sale reported: \$262,500
Highest sale reported: \$1,800,000
Average sales reported: \$995,000

Dublin (April 12-16)

Total sales reported: 21
Lowest sale reported: \$450,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,700,000
Average sales reported: \$795,000

San Ramon (June 1-4)

Total sales reported: 31
Lowest sale reported: \$478,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,815,000
Average sales reported: \$1,525,000

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during April 12-16 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin and June 1-4 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 9472 Blessing Drive** Marceau Trust to S. Ropp for \$4,850,000
5328 Brookside Court Gogineni Family Trust to P. & A. Somani for \$1,101,000
1547 Calle Enrique Capuano Family Trust to J. Lee for \$856,500
4340 Campinia Place K. Young to S. & V. Datla for \$2,305,000
4159 Crisfield Lane M. & H. Ahn to Y. & K. Wang for \$1,575,000
823 Division Street E. Jin to A. Calvey for \$410,000
3912 Grand Canyon Court Avery Property Management LLC to M. & S. Shaikh for \$1,265,000
850 Gray Fox Circle J. & P. Segundo to Calvey Trust for \$3,350,000
2476 Heatherlark Circle K. Balasubramanyam to T. & D. Brown for \$1,200,000
1051 Hopkins Way P. & S. Polansky to A. & P. Chioppo for \$2,130,000
1015 Lamb Court Nalagan Family Trust to M. & S. Garg for \$1,200,000
2986 Liberty Drive M. & V. Gomez to S. & S. Achayath for \$1,300,000
534 Montori Court B. & S. Black to S. & G. Nirula for \$2,150,000
4210 Remillard Court S. & A. Kundra to Sinha Family Trust for \$3,075,000
3244 Royalton Court Kiotovich Trust to K. & R. Pavlushchenko for \$1,620,000
503 San Gabriel Court Torres Living Trust to C. & C. Lin for \$1,700,000
4491 Sandalwood Drive J. & M. Hoyman to S. & S. Jang for \$1,585,000
4073 Stanley Boulevard Bottarini Trust to N. & W. Cliff for \$1,575,000
1521 Trimmingham Drive Lupo Family Trust to M. Zhang for \$469,000
1931 Valdosta Court M. Bheemanathi to K. & A. Likhar for \$1,540,000
6036 Via De Los Cerros A. Welsh to N. & A. Kozlow for \$1,300,000
1695 Via Di Salerno Freeman Family Trust to S. & A. Jhalani for \$4,000,000
3881 Vine Street P. Katz to S. Park for \$655,000

Livermore

- 635 Andrews Street** V. & T. Pham to T. & T. Wu for \$743,000
868 Arbor Court J. & J. Reed to M. & F. Engert for \$864,000
5475 Arlene Way J. Vanscyoc to M. & J. Guzman for \$918,000
5883 Arlene Way Pearce Family Trust to A. Bains for \$1,332,000
1129 Bordeaux Street Barsnick Living Trust to F. & J. Fan for \$1,300,000
574 Brighton Way D. Mordick to F. & V. Diaz for \$980,000
1696 Calle Del Rey Dunn Trust to S. & J. Dy for \$910,000
1733 Carnation Circle R. Dewitt to Lebsack Trust for \$960,000

- 5262 Charlotte Way** N. & J. Douma to G. & P. Chandrasekaran for \$1,020,000
689 Colusa Way Hj Home Investments Inc to M. & B. Patino for \$1,050,000
496 El Caminito E. Denoncourt to T. & B. Costa for \$950,000
1619 El Dorado Court Van Lehn Living Trust to C. Sok for \$883,000
4153 Gilbert Lane Henry Living Trust to N. & S. Rameja for \$1,535,000
164 Heligan Lane #13 B. & A. Shukla to D. & D. Sidhu for \$675,000
152 Heligan Lane #6 D. Balasubramaniyan to J. Belen for \$755,000
1633 Juniper Street R. Sutter to M. & M. Bombon for \$900,000
366 Martin Avenue D. & J. Livesay to K. & C. Kelley for \$920,000
11535 Mines Road Damkroger Trust to M. & K. Lee for \$1,800,000
4772 Nicol Common #105 J. Turcotte to Coffin Family Trust for \$262,500
64 Obsidian Way Powell Trust to P. & M. Puso for \$1,623,000
470 Pomona Court Orluck Living Trust to B. & M. Holland for \$1,050,000
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1424 Spring Valley Common R. Srirangasai to Y. Shen for \$600,000
1527 Spring Valley Common T. & J. Vassalo to R. & R. Radillo for \$602,000
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- 4659 Brannigan Street** E. & D. Managan to A. & H. Bedi for \$935,000
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3550 Capoterra Way #1 S. & J. Patel to R. & N. Yadav for \$662,500

Source: California REsource

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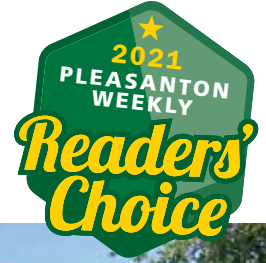
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