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# Senior Sunset at Witter Field tonight for Class of 2021

Remember all those years of a Day on the Green when high school seniors had one last celebration together prior to graduation? It's happening again this year – and it's live and in real time

Tonight, Wednesday, June 9 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., high school seniors will have an event at Witter Field called Senior Sunset. Coordinated by Anne Callahan, the Spirit Committee Chair, it will include dinner from a food truck, a cornhole toss contest, and a time for everyone to sign yearbooks. Senior Sunset will also have the Mister Softee ice cream truck, underwritten by Adam Betta & Debbi DiMaggio.

# July 4 parade to begin on Highland Ave at noon

Small flotilla to wind its way through neighborhoods



Michael and Kim Gray and sons Austin (left) and Mason were presented with the Highland Cup as winners of the Best Entry in last year's July 4 "celebrate-in-place" decorating contest.

By Allyson Aleksey

Piedmont's July 4 parade, the city's most well-attended event for over 50 years, will continue in a non-traditional fashion this year. Instead of the parade tak-

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ing place on Highland Avenue, a small group of vehicles with Mayor Teddy Gray King will wind its way through many neighborhoods for an hour. The flotilla will be led by the Barrelhouse Jazz Band on the W.A. Rose flatbed truck.

The idea of a small parade moving through town avoids the usual gathering of large numbers of people on Highland Avenue but allows a semblance of a return to normalcy after more than a year of no public events due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **July 4 Decorating Contest**

The city encourages all residents to decorate their homes and cars based upon the 2021 parade theme, *Back to the Future*. To enter the competition, e-mail Parade Committee chair Carla Betts (carlabetts@hotmail.com) with your name, address, cell phone, email, and a description of your design, The deadline for all submissions is Thursday, July 1st at 5:00 p.m. Judges will visit each entry the day before the parade, July 3, between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

See July 4 Parade on page 29



One of the Griffin Structures projects is the renovation of the Marguerite Aquatics Complex in Mission Viejo. The \$11 million project was awarded the Aquatics International Dream Design Award from the California Park and Recreation Society.

# City Council hires construction manager for \$19 million pool

By Allyson Aleksey

Piedmont's City Council unanimously approved on June 7 an agreement with Griffin Structures as the project manager for the new Piedmont Pool, a \$19.5 million bond approved by voters in November 2020 as Measure UU. A contract of \$612,700, which includes a 10% contingency, was awarded.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued by the city on February 16 seeking a project management firm, or owner's representative services, that would be solely dedicated to oversight of the \$19.5 million bond from design development through construction. By March 19, four proposals were received, and all were reviewed independently by city staff and Howard Fuchs, an independent consultant. City staff reviewers included Public Works Director Daniel Gonzales, Recreation Director Chelle Putzer, Planning Director Kevin Jackson, City Engineer John Wanger, and Special Assistant to City Administrator Paul Benoit. The cost of the proposals ranged between \$500,000 to \$1 million.

"Of the four firms, it was the unanimous opinion of the review-

ers that Griffin Structures stood out. They seemed the most capable of meeting everything we've addressed in the RFP. Unlike the other firms, they have extensive experience in managing public aquatic design and construction," explained Benoit, Piedmont former City Administrator.

Griffin Structures, headquartered in Irvine in Southern California and with offices in Santa Clara, has managed design and construction for 15 aquatics facilities out of more than 50 recreation projects in the state. One of its local projects is the renovation of the pool at nearby Roberts Regional Park in the Oakland hills

Other projects include the Marguerite Aquatics Complex in Mission Viejo (pictured), the Rengstorff Park Aquatic Center in Mountain View, the San Bruno Recreation and Aquatics Center, the San Clemente Aquatics Center, and the Sports Park in Vista Hermosa.

Benoit noted that the company also has a qualified, full-time staff with in-house capabilities, and has communicated an understanding of the detriments of climate change. It is both knowledgeable and experienced in implementing "green technologies" in the design of facilities.

"One of the key aspects of [the Project Manager's] work will be to keep the project moving, on schedule and on budget," Benoit said. "Another aspect is community engagement. The project manager will work with [city staff] to provide regular updates that we can post online."

George Sanen will serve as Project Manager for Griffin Structures. Sanen has 34 years of experience in program and construction management of multi-million dollar recreational, aquatic, and community centers. He received a B.A. Public Administration from University of San Francisco. He also holds diplomas in Interior Architectural Design, Airport Planning and Design, Hotel Planning and Development, and Courthouse Design, all from Harvard University's Graduate School of Design.

Piedmont's city staff expects to host a series of public meetings throughout the implementation of the project to review the progress of the design and to solicit feedback from the community. Sanen will assist in communicating public comments, concerns and suggestions to the design team.

# Alameda County finally moves into Yellow Tier County positivity rate drops to 0.6 percent

By Barry Eitel

One week before most restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic are eliminated in California, Alameda County was moved into the Yellow Tier yesterday, Tuesday, June 8. The yellow tier is the least restrictive tier for reopening its economy.

Since March 30, Alameda County was in the orange tier, or moderate tier, the second-least restrictive tier. Due to decreasing case counts, the county was moved into the yellow tier, or minimal tier. In the yellow tier, almost all indoor and outdoor operations can resume with modifications, usually involving capacity restric-

tions and face coverings.

Alameda and Napa this week joined Marin, Monterey, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco and San Mateo counties in the yellow tier.

The positivity rate in Alameda County is 0.6 percent, a historic low for the pandemic. The positivity rate in census-designated low-income areas is 1.3 percent. The number of cases per 100,000 people is 1.5, a decrease from last week.

"The increasing number of residents who are fully vaccinated is directly reducing case rates and helping Alameda County to move into the Yellow Tier ahead of the June 15 transition," Alameda

County Health Officer Dr. Nicholas Moss said in a statement.

Next Tuesday, June 15, California will lift most COVID-19 restrictions, including capacity limits and physical distancing. The four-tier color-coded reopening system will be abandoned. Fully vaccinated people will not have to wear masks in most situations unless they are on public transit, an airplane, in a healthcare setting or working indoors around unvaccinated people, according to current state rules.

The masking guidance is based off guidelines updated in May by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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# PINION



# Teaching ideological race rhetoric is a bad idea

By Shirley Hooi

Editor:

"I will permit no man to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate him." - Booker T. Washington

As the school year comes to a close and Piedmont families begin their summer break routines, school is an afterthought to most.

During this upcoming summer break, a growing group of Piedmont parents, grandparents, residents and teachers will ponder what our children will face when returning to the classroom in a mere eight weeks. Will our children continue to be made to feel guilty or beneath themselves because of their skin color? Will our children be indoctrinated into Marxist-based race ideology? We hope that this is not the case.

Although I have had to deal with my children pondering whether or not their White father is a racist (while simultaneously straddling the line of being Chinese), it is shocking to hear stories from Bay Area public and private school parents of the effect that school honed race-based ideology has had on their families. From Asian families who feel that their children's academic successes will be in vain because of the color of their skin, to a White child accusing her White parents of being racists and the cause of societal breakdown.

As I continue to study Critical Race Theory (CRT), it frightens me that school leaders across the country would allow the demise of our future generation of children. As the rest of the world surpasses the US in K-12 educational achievements, the U.S. continues its downward spiral.

The Oregon Department of Education recently sent a newsletter to math educators in their state regarding a course associating math to white supremacy. The course highlights include links to white supremacy when the teacher has a greater focus on the student getting the math answer "right"; when students are required to show their work. "Good" math teaching is considered inequity to non-White

As a parent, this is unfathomable that a U.S. school district would advocate teachers to partake in a course that dumbs down U.S. students even further.

Our children are at a formative age, and we look to our school leaders to be guiding lights for them to be constructive members of society. Please teach our children to read, write and perform math. Please teach history as history should be taught. And please do not psychologically abuse our children by poisoning their minds with ideological race rhetoric.

Shirley Hooi is a Piedmont resident.



# Religion Corner

# The importance of humor as part of faith

By Rev. Scott Denman

In her book, No Joke, Ruth Wisse, a professor at Harvard University, speaks to the development of humor in the Jewish tradition. As a Jew she admitted to having great pride in telling a joke that "even made other Jews laugh".

'Four Europeans go hiking together and get terribly lost. First, they run out of food, then out of water. 'I'm so thirsty,' says the Englishman. 'I must have tea'. 'I'm so thirsty', says the Frenchman. 'I must have wine'. 'I'm so thirsty', says the German. 'I must have beer'. 'I'm so thirsty', says the Jew, 'I must have diabetes'."

Wisse argues that humor, in the Jewish tradition, was used to embrace their humanity, acknowledge their quirks but also to point to their strengths even to the point of defiance. She cites a quotation found in the Warsaw Ghetto during the holocaust. It read, "God forbid that this war should last as long as we are able to endure it." The statement is both humorous and also defiant. She argues that joking flourishes among those who sustain contrarieties, tolerate suspense and perhaps even relish insecurity. It sounds like how someone might describe faith.

Weiss also shares some of her favorite Yiddish proverbs: "Thou has chosen us from among the nations. Why did you have to pick on the Jews?" Another is "God will provide – if only He would provide until he provides." And another: "Pray to the Lord - and talk to the wall."

Given the profound role humor played in Judaism, and given that Jesus was a Jew, it makes me wonder when Christians started to wipe the smile off of Jesus' face. I have had people visit St. John's who are shocked that people laugh so much in church. I can't help but smile, for instance, when during his third resurrection appearance, Jesus yells from the shore to a group of tired fishermen who haven't been able to catch one fish. What does Jesus yell to them?

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The Post invites families to send us photos still on your camera or in a scrapbook for publication in the Where in the World Are We on the back page of the paper.

Otherwise we are left to ask, "Where in the World Are They?" Send photos as jpg. files to: news@piedmontpost.org, and be sure to include a brief description of the location where the photo was taken.

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The deadline for submitting news, photos and opinion items is Friday.



"The two most important things in my life were academics and sports. I had to do my schoolwork first."

> -Gabriel Luna b. 1982

American actor



# **Making transit bike-friendly**

By Nate Redinbo

About 40% of car trips last less than 2 miles. This shocking statistic helps explain why improving transportation, especially the "last mile" even slightly, could make a drastic difference in how we choose to move ourselves.

Transit isn't only an opportunity to reduce our car use, it is also a climate issue. Transportation is one of the largest causes of greenhouse gas emissions in California and the country as a whole. Making it easier to get from one place to another can make communities more enjoyable to travel, while at the same time improving air quality, safety, and health outcomes for all travelers.

California, home of some of the most recognizable highways in the country, has been pushing for ways to "green" state transportation options for years. In 2020, Governor Newsom finalized an executive order that mandates that all new vehicles sold in the state be electric by 2035. California is the fifth largest economy in the world, meaning this executive action may accelerate electric vehicle sales. Since 2008, the federal government has offered tax credits or rebates for electric vehicles, and California drivers are currently eligible for thousands of dollars in rebates, depending on eligibility. President Biden repeatedly talked about the need for more electric vehicles and chargers during his campaign. Transportation is increasingly being linked to other issues such as housing. When more housing is built close to urban centers, people generally have shorter commutes, meaning that building affordable housing can have a real effect on transportation.

Although the shift from gas powered cars to electric will reduce tailpipe emissions, it will require multiple transit solutions to significantly reduce emissions. Bicycling, walking, and public transit continue to offer some of the largest benefits to communities, especially lower income communities. Every \$1 invested in public transit generates \$5 in economic returns. Public transit is also markedly safer than driving-- taking public transit instead of driving reduces risk of a road accident by 90%. Despite all this, driving infrastructure improvements continue to receive a majority of public funding. The unfortunate reality is that cars take up the most space on roadways while transporting the smallest number of people. Cars emit more pollution, harm more people, and lead to worse health outcomes than the alternatives.

Regardless of whether a car is electric, or even autonomous, it still takes up the same space on a roadway. Moving towards a transportation future that moves more people will require policy makers and individuals to consider options beyond cars.

One opportunity lies in bicycling. A standard bicycle has a much smaller footprint than a car, meaning that the same amount of road can transport more people, albeit in a different manner. Commuting by bike offers riders benefits such as daily exercise, lower risks of cancer and heart disease, and better mental health outcomes.

Of course, bicycling is unat-

tainable for many people due to the distance of the commute, or the danger of roadways. Until biking is safer on more streets and more businesses provide resources for bike commuters, it seems unlikely that many people will make the switch.

Additionally, biking can be expensive. More purchasing options can help. Although there have been federal rebates for electric vehicles for over a decade, there is still no federal rebate for standard or electric bikes. Luckily, Piedmont falls under the purview of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD). If you sell your old car, you can earn a \$7,500 grant for an electric bike through the District. This grant is only offered in one of the state's 35 air control districts, and we are lucky to be living in it.

If biking sounds like an enticing option, take a few minutes and think about what would need to change for you to bike more often. Contact local government, regional bodies, and representatives. There are also bicycle groups in many Bay Area cities, including Oakland.

Bicycling can be a useful tool to reduce emissions and make communities more inviting and safer for all people. Change isn't likely to happen unless there are infrastructure changes, both in roadways and in what we expect from businesses and community members.

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# Allyson Aleksey named City Editor at *Piedmont Post*

Allyson Aleksey, the *Piedmont Post's* city reporter, has been named its new City Editor as of June 1. Since February 2020 she has been the principal reporter, covering City Hall, feature stories and a wide range of performing arts.

"We are pleased to welcome Allyson to a position offering more responsibility for the overall content of the paper each week. She has proven to be an excellent reporter and writer and has a wonderful appreciation and understanding of the community – what makes Piedmont unique," said publisher Gray Cathrall.

Aleksey grew up in Brooklyn, New York, and attended Dominican Academy on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. Upon graduating in 2012, she moved to New Orleans, Louisiana to pursue a Journalism degree at Loyola University, obtaining a B.A in Mass Communication with a minor in film studies in 2016.

While working toward her degree, she was an intern with New Orleans' then-only daily newspaper, the Times-Picayune. In 2016 she earned the Best in News Reporting award from the Society of Professional Journalists for her coverage of Covenant House's efforts in preventing homelessness and promoting community stewardship in New Orleans' 9th ward.

She also shadowed and covered the efforts of the Plessy & Ferguson Foundation in unveiling historic markers of closed public schools throughout Orleans Parish due to budget cuts and redirection of municipal funds. Both stories were published on Nola. com and printed in editions of the Times-Picayune.

After graduating she accepted an offer to teach 4th grade at Ridgewood Preparatory School, a private, non-denominational K-12 school in Metairie, a suburb of New Orleans. While stepping aside from journalism, she taught for three years and developed a



Photo by Jay Russell

Allyson Aleksey has been named City Editor of the *Piedmont Post*.

love for the field of education and an intense appreciation for educators

Before joining the Piedmont Post in 2020 she was the lead reporter and assistant editor of Beverly Hills Weekly. During her time there she covered everything from the crime beat, most notably the litigation of Police Chief Sandra Spagnoli and officers' accusations of sexual misconduct and racial bias, to the Metro purple line's extension onto Rodeo Drive and the many CEQA, public meetings, town halls and the litigation that followed.

Aleksey grew up in a home that consumed media daily in all its forms. Early mornings were dedicated to radio news, oftentimes New York City's 1010 WINS. In the evenings it was television news. In between, she was often spotted by professors and colleagues on the Lexington Avenue local 6 train with a newspaper on her way to class. When her father forgot to leave her the scraps of Daily News, New York Post, and New York Times issues, she would pick up a free Metro paper that was passed out at the Hunters College train sta-

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The Post has returned to print and is delivering the paper weekly to households throughout the city each Wednesday. For inquiries, call the *Piedmont Post* at 510-652-2051.





"It's serious... his wife's credit cards are maxed out."

# LOCAL ITEMS

# LWV hosts forum on criminal justice reform on June 22

By Allyson Aleksey

The Piedmont League of Women Voters will present a Zoom-based discussion on criminal justice reform with Piedmont resident Shanti Brien as guest speaker on June 22. An attorney and reform advocate, Brien will speak on what individuals and organizations do for criminal justice reform and racial justice. She will take questions from audience members.

The forum will be online through Zoom on Tuesday, June 22 at 4 p.m.

Brien's book Almost Innocent: From searching to saved in America's criminal justice system was published last month. It chronicles her experiences growing up in the central valley, becoming an attorney, and representing convicted individuals.

Brien said that she "reimagines the current criminal justice system as smaller, fairer, and more humane."

Brien is a member of the Muscogee Creek Nation, and a graduate of UC Berkeley and Stanford

Law School. As a former criminal defense lawyer, she co-founded Fogbreak Justice, an organization that collaborates with criminal justice professionals to reduce bias and build community trust to create equitable outcomes. She is also a writer and speaker on social justice issues in criminal law and policy.

As a Piedmont resident, she has served on the Public Safety Committee, is a member of the Piedmont Anti-Racism and Diversity Committee (PADC), and participates in the Piedmont Race and Equity Campaign

To join in the discussion, register at: https://www. lwvpiedmont.org/content. aspx?page\_id=4002&club\_ id=601389&item\_id=1441599. Registrants will receive an email with the Zoom link. This event is free and open to all. The talk will be recorded and can be viewed later on the League of Women Voters Piedmont You-Tube Channel: <a href="https://www.you-">https://www.you-</a> tube.com/channel/UC3v60XGmr13V\_9WaYj6qUJg/featured.

# Sign up to host July 4 block party

By Allyson Aleksey

The City of Piedmont has confirmed that block parties on Sunday, July 4 will be permitted this

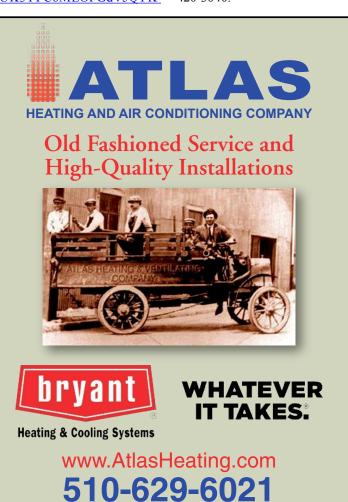
Residents who wish to host a July 4 block party must fill out a brief form and submit it to the city no later than Friday, June 25.

The July 4 block party street closure application can be found by visiting <a href="https://docs.google.">https://docs.google.</a> com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbgxkh3nOJLhL3w2v6nYN a4aUK3YPC6MLOPGdV5QYK-

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In order for the city's Public Works Department to deliver street closure signs to neighborhoods, the city will need the time of the block party, the portion of the street to be closed, and contact information for the resident making the request. Current state COVID safety guidelines must be followed. Public Works Department staff will deliver barricades by Friday, July 2.

For more information call the Public Works Department at (510) 420-3040.



# **June 9 – June 13**

Wednesday, June 9

6 a.m. May 26 School Board meeting

11 a.m., 10:30 p.m. June 7 City Council meeting

2 p.m. May 19 Housing Advisory **Committee meeting** 

4:30 p.m. June 2 Park Commission meeting

6 p.m. May 19 Recreation **Commission meeting** 

7 p.m. School Board meeting -Live

> Thursday - Sunday, June 10 – 13

6 a.m., 9 p.m. June 9 School Board meeting

10 a.m., 5:30 p.m. June 7 City Council meeting

1:30 p.m.

May 19 Housing Advisory **Committee meeting** 

4 p.m. June 2 Park Commission meeting

Due to the COVID 19 emergency, live meetings are being held virtually and NOT at City Hall.

Please see the meeting agenda on how to view and participate in the meetings via internet, telephone, and other media.

For more information on future programming, call KCOM at City Hall at 510-420-3083.

# Celebrating 100 years of Scouting in Piedmont



Piedmont's Scout Council BSA is 100 years old and will be celebrating its Centennial throughout the year. Pick up a free yard sign at the council office at 10 Highland Way during business hours and join in the fun.

For more information, call the Scout office at 547-4493. #ScoutMeIn



By Jay Russell

QUESTION: Piedmont 8th and 12th graders will have graduation ceremonies at Witter Field this week. What will it feel like to finally be with classmates after more than one year of isolation?

Asked of residents, faculty and non-graduating students on June 4.



#### SHANNON FIERRO, Millennium High School Principal

I hope that it is a moment of closure for kids after a very hard year. I expect it to be a collective healing and celebration of what they've accomplished and all that there is to come in the next phase of their journeys.

**CORY SMEGAL, School Board President** Many students will be happy to experience an in-person graduation and joyful that the school year is ending and summer is here. Many may also feel sadness when they reflect upon the events and opportunities that they missed out on in the last year.



#### HILARY COOPER, School Board Member

If I were a graduate, I think I would be really excited to share graduation with my classmates. This year has been so tough and I have learned to appreciate moments in my life much more.

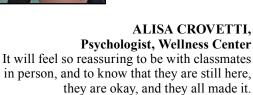
#### FLINT CHRISTENSEN, Piedmont High School faculty, Computer Science I imagine it would be like going to a class reunion without having had the chance yet to go to college or get a job.





## **BODHI BLOEMKER, 9th grade**

I think it will feel very nostalgic, kind of like things did before COVID. Even with masks on, just having everyone there will feel really good.





The Question Man asks a prescient question each week at an unannounced location.



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Valerie Lee Ow & Robbin H. Lee, PHS alums

vate social club housed in a his-

toric building located in a former

icehouse at 717 Battery Street.

It includes a central glass stair-

case, a restaurant, multiple bars,

a fitness center, a library, hotel

rooms, and several luxury pent-

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levue without ever stepping foot

in the building. The couple lives

in the Virgin Islands and made

the decision to purchase based on

great history. It felt so perfectly

suited to be a club, with its grand

rooms and real character," he

'I love the Bellevue Club's

Michael Birch told Oakland-

house suites.

videos and photos.

said.

# Bellevue Club being sold to The Battery in SF

Oakland's 92-year-old ladies' club to close June 16



The Bellevue Club at Lake Merritt in Oakland is being sold to The Battery, a private dining club in San Francisco.

By Allyson Aleksey

The Bellevue Club, the historic 92-year-old private social club on the shores of Lake Merritt in Oakland, is being sold to The Battery, a recently created social club in San Francisco. The sale is set to close on June 16, when The Bellevue Club will cease operation.

San Francisco Business Times reported that The Battery is paying approximately \$12 million for the historic 5-story building located on the shore of Lake Merritt. The Bellevue Club's 125 members have been informed of the sale, and the club's president Carole Levinson, a former Piedmont resident, told the Business Times that "it's time" to cease operations.

"After a year of nobody being able to be here. It's becoming really hard for us," Levinson said.

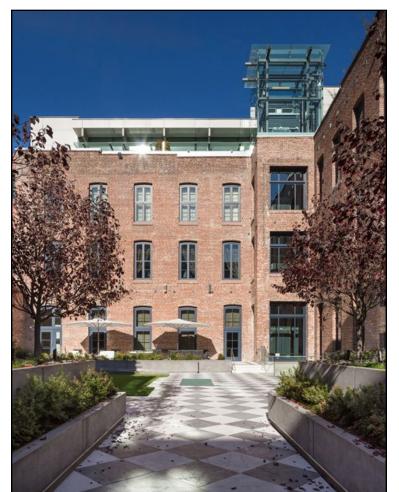
"The club has struggled to grow its membership for years," she confirmed. It was a private, members-only club since 1929, founded as the Women's Athletic Club of Alameda County. After two decades of being a women's-only social club, it began admitting men in the 1980s at the time the Lakeview Club was going out of business. The building was designed by the architec-

tural firm Roeth & Bangs and is listed on the National Register of Historical Resources and the California Register of Historical Resources. It is part of the Bellevue Staten Historic Preservation District.

In 2006, SF Gate reported that "Oakland's oldest and most exclusive social organization, the Bellevue Club on the shores of Lake Merritt, is dying," and cited dwindling membership and conflicts between club members and the board as catalysts for the club's potential demise. At that time, the membership and its 12-member board were diveded on "whether to develop or sell a portion of the property, or continue to identify and develop new revenue sources," adding that membership dues would not be enough to keep the club afloat.

The pandemic and subsequent industry closures put the final nail in the coffin. The club, which housed countless weddings, receptions, and memorable events for kids and families at Christmas, will be given a new life on June 16. The Battery has said it will continue to serve as a social

The Battery, created by husband-and-wife duo Michael and Xochi Birch in 2013, is also a pri-



The Battery, a recent private social club in the Barbary Coast area of

San Francisco.

# **PUSD** posts job listing for PR position

By Jay Russell

Piedmont School District posted a job listing on June 2 for a position titled Director of Communications and Community Relations. The district position for an experienced public relations person was created in response to the 1,159 responses to the Pandemic Response Survey conducted in March 2021.

To view the job listing go to Edjoin.org/Home/DistrictJob-Posting/1415070

The job listing requests 7-10 years of experience and a bachelor's degree in Public Relations, Communications, or equivalent experience. The district job requires 215 days of employment a year with a salary of \$117,000 -\$131,761 plus benefits.

The job description includes the following responsibilities, "Creating a strategic communications plan and infrastructure; researching, writing and disseminating information about district news, schools, current events and issues affecting Piedmont students, staff and parents; and for

providing multiple pathways for the community to provide feedback to District leaders.'

In prior years Piedmont School District has had individuals working as independent contractors doing public relations writing. It was understood that the individual was being paid approximately \$50,000 for year-round work on an as-needed basis.

Questions asked by residents of the newly created position

Will the person report directly to the Superintendent, to the school board?

Who will oversee the work being done?

The job indicates that the person will work closely with the new Director of Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI).

The two jobs are new to the school district and both individuals would be employees with annual salaries in excess of

The application deadline is June 18. For more information contact Kim Randlett in the District office at 594-2618.



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# **SCHOOLS**

# SUMMER THOUGHTS

# The family summer basket list

By Nina Meehan

Summer is here and this one has the potential to be at least slightly more normal than last summer. But I'm finding myself to be out of practice on the process of "doing." Any other parents out there feeling this way?

Like, the muscle that we used to use all the time to wrangle the kids to get out the door for a family activity is just out of shape and flabby. So, I'm trying out a new approach to summer. I'm calling it the Family Summer Basket List. Normally, this would be a Bucket List, but I find the concept of a "Bucket" list just too morbid right now. Let's fill our "Basket" instead.

A Summer Basket List is a list of ideas, activities, and projects that you brainstorm with your whole family to help shape the summer ahead. For our family, we are brainstorming in several categories: Nature, Arts/Entertainment, Cooking/Baking, Sports, Volunteering, and Building/Making.

In a family meeting, each person gets to add ideas one at a time to each category. We don't want to get overwhelmed with ideas, so for right now, we are limiting each family member to one idea per category. As you brainstorm, it's important to prompt kids to think about BIG ideas and mini ideas. After all, the Basket List wants to feel achievable, so if every item is as large as "Climb Half Dome," it will likely be setting you up for frustration.

Also, it sometimes helps to institute a one-item per person veto rule.

Once the ideas are brain-

Rapper Jinho "The Piper" Fer-

reira will perform via Zoom on

June 24 as part of Oakland Public

Library's series of summer events

for teens and youth. Ferreira will

share a story of growing up during

the crack epidemic and touring the

tually decided to go into law

enforcement in hopes of creating

reform from within. Along with

He will discuss why he even-

world with Flipsyde, his band.



It's time to start planning summer family activities.

stormed, write them out or have your kids write them out and make illustrations and put the list in a central spot where everyone can see it every day.

Take a look down the list and make sure that if any of the items take advance planning that you either veto it or take the steps now to schedule it and plan it. For instance, the trip to Disneyland is not going to magically happen without getting tickets, getting time off work, and making sure it's in the budget.

As weekends or free weekdays roll around, you now have the ultimate source to go to answer the ubiquitous question, "What are we doing today?"

Besides being practical, this list is also helping you our families this year...and not all of it has been positive. Hopefully, the Summer Basket List will start

Oakland Public Library begins summer

events June 24

Meet rapper Jinho "The Piper" Ferreira via Zoom

his studies in Black History, he

will discuss what he has learning

in terms of policing, racism and

social justice. KQED public radio

in San Francisco reported on his

journey from protesting police to

becoming a cop himself. Ferreira

told KQED that the turning point

for him came on New Year's

Day in 2009 with the shooting of

Oscar Grant by a police officer on

the platform of Oakland's Fruit-

to re-establish family habits, rituals and happy memories that can serve as the connective tissue for lasting and loving relationships.

Let us know what's on your Summer Basket List. Take a picture of your list and hashtag it #summerbasketlist

If you are looking for some live theatre as part of your list, check out Bay Area Children's Theatre's outdoor production of Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus, the Musical. The initial group of tickets sold out, but we are adding more.

Nina Meehan is CEO of Bay Area Children's Theatre, For more information visit: www.bactheatre.org



vale BART Station.

June 24, at 3:30 p.m.

<u>er-ferreira</u>.

Register for the Zoom event

by visiting <a href="https://oaklandlibrary.">https://oaklandlibrary.</a>

org/events/online-program/teens-

meet-rapper-writer-and-actor-pip-

receive three virtual raffle tickets

in Oakland Public Library's Teen

Summer Program. The Zoom

program begins on Thursday,

Those who register

# re-strengthen the "doing" muscle and reminding your kids of a different way of being together. We have all spent a lot of time with

# 23 to graduate from Millennium High

Millennium High School will have a graduation ceremony on Thursday, June 11 on Witter Field from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.. A total of 23 students will be honored as members of the senior class. They will receive diplomas on Friday, June 11, at 5 p.m. at Piedmont High School's graduation ceremony, also at Witter Field.

The Millennium graduation ceremony will include:

- Welcome address by MHS Principal Shannon Fierro
- Staff remarks by faculty member Nick Safir
- Student remarks by Blaise Harrison, Student Body President The school's Senior Awards include:
- Members of Honor Society
- Ken Yale Leadership Award
- Millennium Spirit Award
- Personal Achievement Award
- Community Contribution Award

# **Class of 2021**

Samson Bhatti Javier Blanco Elena Deuker Sophia Fox Mount Caroline Glaser Asa Goldberg-Berman Blaise Harrison Victoria Houston Nakilah Johnson Ang Lee Seth Margason-Banquer Josue Lopez-Flores

Evan Parker Anthony Rose-Strochlic Kian Roseborough Harmonee Ross Eamon Rudel Zachary Savage Alice Sigal Finn Smith Damarcus Thompson Alyssa Ultreras Elliot Vozenilek-Wolff

# **Ken Taylor at Havens** to retire in June

Ken Taylor, a revered fifth grade teacher at Havens School and for a short duration its Vice Principal, has announced that he will be retiring from the school district at the end of the school year in June. Havens colleagues are requesting parents to send photos for a farewell book to: SiowFang Tan at tsiowfang@yahoo.com.

# **School board small-group** discussions continue

By Jay Russell

Piedmont School Board members will host three more smallgroup discussions with community members at the Exedra in the center of town. Enrollment for each session is limited to eight people and two board members and/or Supt. Randy Booker. The discussions aim to increase transparency through discussions less structured than those at school board meetings.

Residents are invited to sign up in advance for a date and time at: Signupgenius.com/go/10c-084ba4ae2fa13-pusd.

"I've been really happy with the participation in our listening sessions. These sessions are providing the board with informal opportunities to talk with constituents about a wide variety of topics, from reopening to curriculum, and more," said School Board president Cory Smegal.

The sessions were announced

on Piedmont Ahead (Smore.com/ rim3f), the school district newsletter for updates on school information. "One of the key findings of the recent Pandemic Response Survey was that parents and staff seek more opportunities for engagement, sharing their opinions and participating in decision making," the article stated.

#### **FUTURE DISCUSSIONS** Tuesday, June 15, 10:00 a.m.

**Board Members Cory** Smegal, Amal Smith

Monday, June 21, 4:00 p.m. **Board Members Hilary** Cooper, Cory Smegal, Supt. Booker

Wednesday, June 30, 10:00 a.m. Board Members Cory Smegal, Amal Smith, Supt. Booker.

All meetings will be held outside at the Exedra on Magnolia & Highland Avenue. For more information, e-mail: schoolboard@piedmont.k12.ca.us.





# Piedmont High School to celebrate 220 members of Class of 2021

Graduation ceremony at Witter Field on Friday, June 11 at 5 p.m.

The graduation ceremony, led by PHS principal Adam Littlefield, will include the following speakers:

Valedictorians:

Thomas Chu Samuel Eisenbach Salutatorian:

Anthony Wong Senior Speakers:

Seth Elkins Sadie Tschider

Commencement Speaker:

Camille Lafayette
Presentation of Senior Class Gift:

Audrey Edel

# Class of 2021

**Emily Rose Adams** Benjamin Thomas Leybourne Aldridge Jake Carver Alering Eleanor Ingrid Andersen Jack Thomas Anderson Madeline Serena Ovenden Ashburn Katie Jane Ashton Lynnea Bao Caleb Lawrence Barna Parsa Rahim Bazargani Bridget Elizabeth Bentley Valentin Joseph Besch Luke Miller Biehn Sumson Bhatti Jonah Joseph Bloom Christian Matthew Booker Jordan Michael Bowers Emma Stephens Broening Nathan David Burge Brian Scott Cain Jr. Gian-Luc Michele Carr-Veramo

Nathan Daniel Casey

Athena Leah Chang

Liam Dyer Charron

Sawyer Craig Collins

Thomas Chu

Salem Steven Cavenaugh

Rowen Michael Connelly Jaden Ian Cook Samuel Cleveland Corcoran Carlyle William Corson V Jacob Paul Cota **Grace Caroline Davies** Lars Reindert Derr Caroline Rose Devine Sarah Elizabeth Dinetz Jack Thomas Dunlap Audrey Vivien Edel Michael Thomas Eifert Samuel Robert Eisenbach Seth Aaron Elkins Sophie Tin-ji Eng Robert Charles Epstein Zachary Gage Evans Dylan Fall Milo James Filler Grant Fitch Fisher Siavash Patrick Ford Sophia Fox Mount Claire Gilbert Fraser Maya Mary Galbreth Abigail Lauren Gallagher Helen Cherepy Gamez Gregory James Gately Lucia Elena Geddes Jasmine Michelle Ghaderi Zoe Ying Glassman Tant Nicolas Jacques Allen Goix Sophie Caroline Allen Goix Asa Goldberg-Berman Rafaella Toribio Gomes Dahlia Teresa Gonzalez Alexander Harry Gotto Cassia Elvira Gray Paxton Jeanne Johnson Grimmer Nathan Haws Guzdar Joseph Jo Iwaki Haggerty Sharon Lynn Halden Luke Jason Harris Blaise Harrison Jack Douglas Harrison Jake Christopher Hart

Luke Gresham Hawkins

Amy Zhi-Qian He

Luisa Cole

Heidi Mei Mei Helm

Sebastien Louis-Marc Combes

Joseph Ryan Hempeck Alden Ingalls Heske Bruce Alexander Hilton Eleanor E Hoffpauir Gavin Jacob Horne Victoria Houston Charlotte Roulette Hubbell Emma Elisabeth Villanueva Jahn Miranda Simone Jaramillo Nakilah Johnson Sasha Elizabeth Johnson Gwenyth Hayden Jones Sophie Lilvan Jorcino Justin Daniel Katter Amelia Florence Kelly Caitlin Wu Kennedy Jackson Wu Kennedy Jenna Yong En Kim Leah Alexandra Kjellen Maria Isabella Kjellen Akash Joseph Kothari Erin Renee Kovacs Calla Jordan Kra-Caskey Jacob B Kwong Noah A Kwong Maria Ramsey Kyser Athene Suying Laine La Jeunesse Erica Mai-Ly Lam John Henry Lambert Ang Lee Linus Jaejun Lee Malia Kim Lee Melodie Hutin Lee Asa James Levine Bennet Samuel Levinson Claire Corrigan Lichty Helena Rose Lowe Blake Zachary Hernan Luna Rohan Marangoly Edward Leon Marcus Amari Jashon Marshall

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Preston Sasha Schaefer Julian Richard Scherman Ismene Leopoldine Schirrecker Nathaniel Pearson Seevak Briggs Ryder Settlemier William Henry Shields Thomas Frank Smegal IV Eden Scottie Smith Sajan Bhatt Srivastava Sofia Madelene Stahl Spencer Jack Merit Stein Clara Grace Cook Stormer Connor McCord Stratman Olivia Violante Sully Sebastien Richard Suter Ternynck Zoe Bard Tahawi Lane Birusingh Tellegen Robert Jackson Temple Trevor Dixon Thayer Logan Marie Thiel Makenna Leigh Thiel Aya Hayashi Troyer Toshi Hayashi Troyer Sadie Layne Tschider Anjuli Zante O'Brien Turner Alyssa Ultreras Aaron Mitchell Valva James Hunter Valva Owen Alexander Ferrer Van Gelder Maxwell Parry Wagener Audrey Rose Wakefield Kathryn Betty Wen Nathaniel Clark Wilson Haydn Ellis Schwartz Wolfers Lindsey Elizabeth Wolin Anthony Tze Jeff Wong Kayla Caroline Wong Isabelle Ren Woodruff Madeira Ella Gene Wright Jonathan Shiow-Jiang Wu Valerie Wing Yee Xiong Jacob Marshall Yang Jeremy Sai-Kit Yiu Jackson Schuyler Youkstetter Thomas Watson Yu Benjamin Jun Lin Zhou

# 230 students to graduate from Piedmont Middle School

Benjamin Kessler Marshburn

Alexander Ethan McLaughlan

Julia Ruth Mascola

Madeleine Meaux

Adri Eileen McAuliffe

Thomas Patrick McNeil

Seamus Formel Meagher

The following eighth grade students, members of the Piedmont Middle School Class of 2021, will graduate in a celebration on Thursday, June 10, at 6:00 p.m. at Witter Field.

# 8th Grade Students

Jordan Alemania Ethan Alering Ori Aloush Vincent Arbit Tommy Ashton Mei Assalian Emmet Asulin Bruno Banuelos Zachary Barber Lucy Barton Julia Baysinger Ethan Becker Zoe Beisner Enzo Bernales Alicia Bernales Valenzuela Aidan Bezian Gianluca Bini Eleanor Bleharski Joseph Blumberg Caitlin Boothby Christopher Borjon Lauren Brenner Noah Bruggemann Juliette Cabirol Jamie Cai Abigail Call Alexander Cantrill Annabeth Canty Hilchey Anna Caputo Sabrina Carling Connor Carrington Georgia Chamberlain Carr Lucas Chau Haylee Cheang Fiona Chen Samantha Cheunkarndee Max Chung Hudson Cole

Payton Cole Jasper Cross Tyler Dacanay W. Shafer Dando Elsebet Davis Willats Caetano de Figueiredo Tiago de Figueiredo Brendan Devine Juliana DeYoung Brandon Dicke Zenn Donatiello Beatriz Donohoe Balthazar Droga Larissa Edel Ryan Ehteshami Emma Eisemon Charles Elmquist Will Ferreira Ella Fleischer Tobian Fleischer Miya Fujimoto Dylan Galbreth Cora Gaylord Maeve Gaylord Alexander Gish Sophia Glass Emmett Glazer Baldwin Ishaia Goldberg-Berman Maxwell Goldfarb Eliana Goldstein Alma Goldstein Ruberto Chloe Graham Daniel Grasman Oliver Greenebaum Taran Griffis Ellen Gudiksen Aiden Haines Matthew Hammond Evie Handelsman Jacob Hanke Annika Hattan-Kutter Jackson Hazer Luella Helmy Sophie Hess Dylan Hickman Genevieve Hiller Noah Horpedahl

Henry Horsley Oliver Horsley Leo Hurwitz Alexandre Hutin Lee Peter Ichimaru Maile Imburg Hayden Jahn Kasper Jansson Junlin Jiang Ruby Johnson Olivia Kaltner Yotam Kariv Faizan Kashmiri Louis Kau Arman Kazemi Julius Keys Vaughn Khouri Jordan Kim Kalindi Kim Nia Kim Nicholas King Naomi Kottle Leila Kumar Sophie LaForte Markos Lagios Jack Langowski Eliza Lasocki Hammond Anna Lavin Sofia Lawrence Liam Leahy Bede Levin Catherine Lichens Nicolas Liebscher Zea Lindenbaum Johanna Lins Olive Litwin Eileen Liu Jackson Lommen Miguel Long Bosco Lorin Henry Louch Simeon Lovric Inaya Majid Lucas Malecki Harper Mand

Simon March-Cunningham

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Mackenzie Seto Nguyen Raiyaan Shah Sam Shelby Felix Shotton Miles Silver Ravi Silverberg Henry Smith Adan Sotelo Rose Stuart Reni Suhr Hannah Sullivan Sarah Sullivan Louisa Symkowick Caroline Taylor Sonja ten Grotenhuis William Tenney Kellen Thiel Juliana Thornborrow Hannah Toste Izabell Toth Olivia Toth nnabelle Trebotich William Tretola Kyra Trombi Victoria Van Gelder Isha Vedock Clea Villaluz Jordan Vo August von Metzsch Cary Ward Claire Warner Logan Watral Clare Weiss **Emily Williamson** Ryo Woltag Ava Wong Camila Work Charles Wright Angelina Wu Delia Wu Madeline Xiong Ella Yasar Coral Yeh Kaeli Yeung

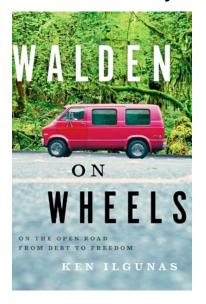
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# **Summer Reading**

# What are your neighbors reading this summer?



"My book recommendation is Walden on Wheels by Ken Ilgunas. I came across this book while plundering my roommate's bookshelf and found myself drawn in by the conversational writing style and premise. Ilgunas wrote this memoir about his various (mis)adventures for the 7 years after graduating from college. It is ostensibly about getting out of debt, but he also writes about travel, the purpose of writing and

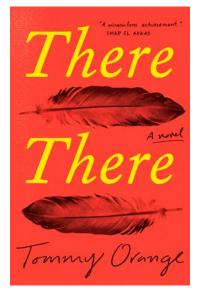
work, and numerous other topics. The book is both funny and meaningful, and I enjoyed his frank perspective on so many different places and people. If nothing else, I hope this book encourages people to try something new, and pursue something that brings them joy, as that is what life is all about!'

- Nate Redinbo

Piedmont Americorps Fellow

"Just finished Squeeze Me by Carl Hiaasen. I follow the author. This is his latest and greatest with some recurring characters and some hilarious new ones. Great vacation reading."

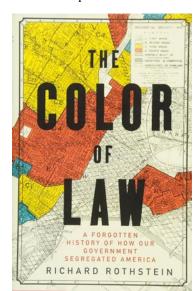
**George Rutherford UCSF** Epidemiologist



"I'm currently reading A Promised Land by Barack Obama and Beyond Your Bubble by Tania Israel. We are in such polarized times, and I have found both books interesting and relative to my professional and personal life. While I do recommend both books, the one recent read which made a real impression on me, and that I would recommend for a summer read, is There There by Tommy Orange. I came across it in a bookstore in Oregon, which was ironic because it is set primarily in Oakland. The book is so vivid and provided a new view

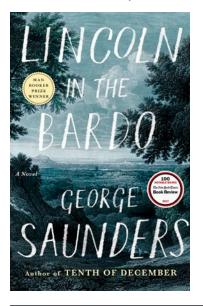
for me into contemporary life of Native Americans which is seldom heard."

**Jeremy Bowers** Piedmont Police Chief



"I will be reading *The Color of Law* by Richard Rothstein this summer. It has been recommended to me by many friends and professional associates. It has insights into our nation today, and how many social problems were created. I hope to use the information to inform discussions about new affordable housing opportunities.'

- Pierce Macdonald-Powell Senior Planner, City of Piedmont



Lincoln in the Bardo, by George Saunders. My sister-in-law Susan Conley, who has published several novels and a memoir, recommended it. And I never go wrong with Susan's recs! To me, George Saunders is one of the most innovative and interesting writers around. In this book, he humanizes Lincoln in the most incredible, imaginative ways, exploring Lincoln's grieving after the death of his son, and under the heavy toll of the Civil War, by imagining him with a wild cast of characters in "the bardo," a term from Tibetan buddhism for a place between death and rebirth. It's a deeply moving, funny, and philosophical romp, and speaks beautifully to parental love and the nature of being."

– Susan Miller-Davis

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# Calendar

By Jay Russell

#### **Great America**

4701 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara (408) 988-1776 Cagreatamerica.com Amusement Park

Paramount's Great America is now open for California residents. The amusement park has limited capacity, which means shorter lines for your favorite attractions, sure to make everyone laugh and scream. Older thrill-seeking kids will lose their breath on Drop Zone, Railblazer, and Top Gun. The wildest of guests can go all out at the bungeejumping Xtreme Skyflyer. There are attractions for younger kids, too, including

Peanuts' Snoopy-themed rides and games. New this year, Great America has a waterpark called South Bay Shores (separate admission required). The park is currently open Wednesday through Sunday, with discount tickets on weekdays.

#### **Pacific Pinball Museum**

1510 Webster Street, Alameda 769-1349 Pacificpinball.org

The Pacific Pinball Museum will reopen June 15 for pinball fans of all ages . The museum is an interactive museum offering a chronological and historical display of rare bagatelles and early games, to over 90 pinball machines from the 1940's to present day available to play. The museum has hand painted murals, vintage juke boxes and rotating exhibits. No reservations are required. It will be open every day except Mondays, from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., and open until 10:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

#### Cazadero Music Camp

385 Cazadero Hwy, Cazadero 527-7500 (Berkeley office) Cazadero.org Residential Band Camp

Cazadero Music Camp, the Grandaddy of California summer music camps, delivers the love of music in a nurturing, inspirational environment for young musicians ages 10-18. For over 60 years, Cazadero has provided kids with in-depth music education and summer camp fun. Set on 33 acres near the Russian River, the camp is in a grove of spectacular redwood trees. Cazadero Music Camp is a unique and affordable sleepaway camp less than 2 hours away. Call their Berkeley office for more information.

# Q-ZAR

2295 Willow Pass Rd, Concord 521-9663 Q-ZAR.com Laser Tag and Arcade

Q-ZAR Laser Tag is back. The laser tag arena has been a kid favorite for decades and is now open on weekends from noon to 8 p.m. for walk-in Laser Tag games. Private sessions may be booked for weekdays by appointment only. Waiver forms must be submitted online, and a printed receipt is required for admittance. No waiver forms may be filled out in store. O-ZAR also has dozens of retro and modern video games everyone in the family will get a kick out of. Step into

the black light arena and set the blasters to fun.

# Summer series of talks for high school students planned by Kaiser Permanente leaders

Piedmont residents Pamela Schwartz and Dr. Steve Sidney are creating a summer program of talks by Kaiser Permanente community health leaders and preventive health researchers targeted primarily to high school students.

Examples of community health topics that are being considered are Kaiser Permanente's efforts to address housing and food security. Possible health topics includes research-based guidelines for lifelong health and the health effects of vaping and of marijuana use. Schwartz and Sidney are planning a weekly series of talks over 6-8 weeks in July and August.

Schwartz serves as the Executive Director of Community Health for Kaiser Permanente and leads Kaiser Permanente's effort to address crucial social factors that affect people's health. Those include food security, housing, social isolation, digital divide, and financial security aimed at transforming health care.

Dr. Sidney is a senior research scientist and Director of Research Clinics at the Kaiser Permanente Division of Research. His research has focused on understanding the development of cardiovascular disease.

Interested parents and students are encouraged to contact Schwartz at <a href="mailto:Pamela.M.Schwartz@kp.org">Pamela.M.Schwartz@kp.org</a>, or Dr. Sidney at <a href="mailto:Steve.">Steve.</a> Sidney@kp.org, stating a preference of in-person or virtual meetings, and preference of days and times of meetings.

# **Piedmont School District** honors Pride month

By Jay Russell

The Piedmont School Board announced on May 26 that June 2021 would be proclaimed Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride Month (LGBTQ+). A rainbow flag will be flown at each school in the district throughout June to show support.

'This board is committed to acknowledging the fact that our LGBTQ+ youth still face harassment and violence in our community," said board member Hilary Cooper.

Follow up actions to the resolution include:

- · Building resources for community members to learn more about queer and trans history and contemporary issues.
- Investing in the projects of local Queer & Trans People of Color.
- Celebrating and uplifting Queer and Trans joy and art.
- Showing up for Queer and Trans activists who need resources and support.

The specific flag flown is the Queer Trans People of Color Pride Flag. The triangle in the corner is the trans flag colors and the black and brown stripes represent Black and Brown queer and trans people.



Miguel Casilla, Piedmont Middle School custodian, lowers the rainbow flag for Pride month. The flag will be flown on all Piedmont school campuses through the month of June.

# Oakland-Fukuoka Sister City to hold culinary fundraiser June 16 for summer scholarships

By Allyson Aleksey

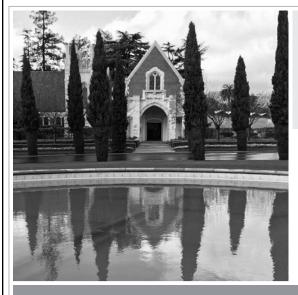
The Oakland-Fukuoka Sister City Association is holding a culinary fundraiser to celebrate the organization's 60th anniversary event on Wednesday, June 16, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. via Zoom

It is partnering with Daughter Thai Kitchen and Urban Legend Cellars in support of local restaurants and wineries, and to raise funds for the association's upcoming 60th anniversary. Oakland-Fukuoka Sister City Assn. provides summer scholarships for teenagers to help foster cultural awareness, understanding, and friendship between the people in Oakland and Fukuoka,

Ticket-holders will receive a prepared meal and wines to enjoy at home while watching Chef Kasem Saengsawang demonstrate the food, and winemakers Steve and Marilee Schaffer discussing their wine pairings. The meal kit features Mieng Kum Bites and Shrimp Pad Thai, a dish that can be easily prepared within 30 minutes. All elements are prepped and pre-cooked to reduce cooking time. Chef Saengsawang will

demonstrate step-by-step how to cook the meal. For the wine pairing, you may choose either a 2019 Vermentino and 2019 Rosato di Barbera, or both.

The deadline to sign up is Thursday, June 10. Tickets may be purchased via Eventbrite at: https://www. eventbrite.com/e/ofsca-fundraiser-a-culinary-libation-journey-through-the-east-bay-tickets-154282640531?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=esc-<u>b&utm-source=cp&utm-ter-</u>





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# **PPD Blue**

EXCERPTS FROM THE PIEDMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT LOG

May 28 - June 4

#### This Week by the Numbers

- 1 Catalytic converter theft Arrests
- Reports of gas-powered leaf blowers
- Auto burglaries
- Hit and run accidents
- Automatic license plate readers triggered by stolen vehicles or

#### Friday, May 28

12:08 p.m. Bonita Ave. Auto Burglary. License plate stolen off resident's car.

2:47 p.m. Oakland Ave. ALPR triggered by 2020 silver Mazda CX-7. Rental car from L.A. never

2:56 p.m. Wildwood Ave. Hit & Run. Report of FedEx truck hitting resident's motorcycle trailer, pushing trailer up onto front yard.

3:12 p.m. Valant Pl. Auto Burglary. Fastrak stolen from parked

9:49 p.m. Oakland Ave. Hit & Run. Report of a parked car being sideswiped.

#### Saturday, May 29

8:31 a.m. St. James Pl. Report of a gas-powered leaf blower. Resident notified of city ordinance.

10:05 a.m. Blair Ave. Auto Burglary. Catalytic converter stolen

10:56 a.m. Wildwood Ave. Report of trash thrown from small green sedan while driving.

8:19 p.m. Blair Ave. Abandoned bicycle found in ivy at Dracena Park.

#### Sunday, May 30

12:07 a.m. Ronada Ave. Arrest. DUI. Vehicle pulled over for emission violation, strikes curb when pulling over. Driver over legal B.A.C. level. Arrested for DUI, taken to Santa Rita jail.

4:06 a.m. Grand Ave. ALPR triggered by white Ford Econovan.

9:45 a.m. Grand Ave. Commercial Burglary. Report of packages stolen from Dental by Design. Dental moldings valued at \$1000 damaged beyond use. Video surveillance of 2 juvenile suspects submitted

4:17 p.m. Crocker Ave. Hit & Run. Report of silver Lexus side-

9:37 p.m. Vista Ave. Report of basketball being played after hours.

11:28 p.m. Grand Ave. Arrest. DUI. Vehicle pulled over for speeding. Driver fails DUI test, taken to Santa Rita jail.

#### Monday, May 31

4:39 a.m. Boulevard Way. ALPR triggered by 2013 grey Audi A5.

1:53 p.m. Estates Rd. Report of person in beige Mercedes driving slowly, hopping out of car and looking under a Prius. No damage to car.

#### Tuesday, June 1

7:35 a.m. St. James Rd. Report of gas-powered leaf blower.

3:25 p.m. Sharon Ave. Auto Burglary. Sunglasses, cash, 2 wallets stolen from Acura MDX. Value of loss: \$700

4:48 p.m. Highland Ave. Hit and Run. Resident reports someone hit and damaged bike rack on the back of his car.

#### Wednesday, June 2

10:03 p.m. Moraga Ave. ALPR triggered by car with stolen plates. Car pulled over, Plates were switched without owner's knowledge. No crime.

#### Thursday, June 3

8:06 a.m. Highland Ave. Dodge Ram 1500 rear-ended Honda Civic at crosswalk near police station. Parties exchange insurance information.

12:03 p.m. Kingston Ave. Report of a car with Oregon plates parked for several days. Car towed.

5:02 p.m. Grand Ave. ALPR triggered by black BMW.

#### Friday, June 4

12:06 a.m. Hagar Ave. Report of loud teenagers refusing to leave area.

5:41 a.m. Hillside Ave. Multiple messages in roadway saying about sexual assault. Written in chal, officer washes them away ..

8:28 a.m. Hampton Ave. Vandalism. Window smash on 2021 Porsche Cayenne No theft.

# **PICKS OF** THE WEEK (2)

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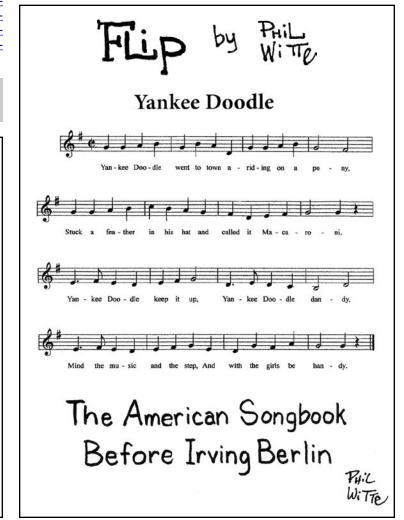
## Wednesday, June 2

3:58 p.m. Highland Ave. Complaint of ice cream truck playing music too loudly.

Maybe the cat did it?

## Thursday, June 3

9:36 a.m. Kingston Ave. Resident requests police to come out because someone wrote a note reading "Residential Parking Only," and someone stole her cat's food.



# **AMERICANS IN PARIS**

# La Bourse de Commerce: Paris has a new contemporary art museum

Nº 36 in a biweekly series

By Patricia Forsyth

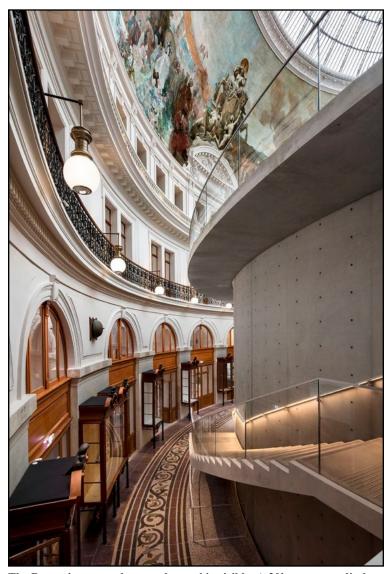
The Bourse de Commerce Pinault Collection has thrown open its doors to eager crowds, and the new contemporary art venue is earning rave reviews. The Bourse, located between the Louvre and Pompidou Center, is a well-known Les Halles landmark, and people are genuinely happy to see the hall back in service after laying fallow.

François Pinault, the second

richest mogul in France, says he has collected at least 10,000 pieces of contemporary art. He persisted for two decades to get Parisians interested in trying out more edgy art to infuse the city's museums and gallery scene. Now the timing is right. Paris was taking some heat, according to Artnet News about trailing behind London, Berlin, and New York City for trend-spotting. Pinault is the billionaire founder of the Kering-Group specializing in



An exact replica of *The Abduction of the Sabine Women* in pigmented wax. The original is a 16th century Giambologna's masterpiece. Candle wax is dripping from her shoulder. Created by Urs Fischer, b, 1973, Zurich, Switzerland.



The Bourse's copper dome and mural is visible. A 30' concrete cylinder encircles the Rotunda and supports the staircase and the upper floors.



The vestigial column on the north side of the Bourse remains of Catherine de' Medici's 16th century palace.



Artist Martial Raysse depicts the oddities and banality of people at a beach setting in "Ici Plage, comme ici bas," 2012. French, b. 1936.

luxury-brand acquisitions, and he says he began collecting in the 1960s. He now owns works from 587 artists, according to *Le Monde*. Contemporary art is defined as post-World War II, or more particularly dating to the 1960s. Contemporary art tends to be message-heavy with ideas and strong beliefs that are every bit as important as how skilled the execution is. Contemporary art materials and technique push the limits, and at least one artist

uses rubbish and recycled items held together by string, wire, fabric, and twigs, using paint, chalk, ink, clay or acrylic. Graffiti, too, is dubbed art when it hangs in a museum, though not yet at the Bourse. That feeling of fascination, perplexity, and wonder is the point. We are meant to come out of our comfort zone and slide off the bench for a closer look. The messages about prejudice, racism, and inequality are represented here, but contemporary

art is also free to be just funny, ironic, silly, cartoonish, and ordinary as dish soap.

Unlike masterpieces, it's not all good. So, if you decide to unbuckle your seat belt and see something completely new, the Bourse is the place to go.

The Bourse's first "go" as an art museum began as *Ouverture* drawing a parallel to an orchestral opening performance. From the entrance the visitor walks *See Americans in Paris on page 11* 



A pigmented wax likeness of artist Rudolf Stingel was created by his good friend Urs Fischer and is slowly melting. A visible lit candle is on his head.



Office swivel chair, headrest melting, by Urs Fischer.

# **AMERICANS IN PARIS**

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through Reception and pauses before a wall-to-wall canvas by Martial Raysee. The painting depicts dozens of bystanders in gatherings or oddly solo, everyone a curio to be picked out and examined. They are engaged or looking straight at you or turning away or leaving a littered beach that really is no beach at all. It's titled *plage*. Raysee is a founding member of Nouveau Réalisme and he figures significantly in France's contemporary art world.

The visitor is next drawn into the brightly lit white marble Rotunda and fastens upon the puzzles laid out by the trickster Swiss artist Urs Fischer. Our eyes are riveted to the center pedestal upon which a large marble statue is situated, a work so famous most people know it instantly. I went to read the placard and discovered that the artist created a marble-like sculpture, an exact replica in pigmented wax of the original marble sculpture, The Abduction of the Sabine Women. It is very-life like, except we notice her left arm had melted down her captor's bare back. The original was sculpted by Giambologna and resides at the loggia at Piazza della Signoria in Florence, across the courtyard from Michelangelo's David.

A strange assemblage of chairs is strewn about the expansive stone floor, and someone left behind a double-seat from a jet airliner. Other seats are casually positioned, and something is wrong. Every chair is somehow disfigured and there's a splatter on the floor that nobody has bothered to clean up. I noticed a human figure standing stock-still: he's tall with a nasty skull wound. His bashed skull was dripping from a candle skewered into his head.

It's art, and it's distinctly contemporary.

The show features the work of 32 artists on the ground level. Take the stairs up to see more galleries. Ouverture runs through December 31. Placards are in English and French.

The Bourse renovation was in tandem with its interior redesign to partition spaces into galleries arranged around the Rotunda. Two hundred years ago the site was an exchange for trading grain commodities. More recently, the Bourse de Commerce was the Paris stock exchange, but it closed in 1998 rather than ease into the digital era. Further back in history, Catherine de' Medici's palace stood here, and a vestigial column remains as an historical marker. The building's elegant circular design dates to the 18th century after it evolved from being a granary with a wooden roof. The present copper dome was placed over an iron skeletal structure and fitted with glass in 1813, a truly revolutionary engineering feat considering the building's sizeable span of 113,000 square feet. Thereby, the Bourse de Commerce began as the Paris stock exchange.

One significant enhancement was to adorn the cupola with a swashbuckling mural. A team of five famous French artists were pressed into action for the 1889 World Exposition, and today it's a celebration of emerging industries all over the globe. The murals, now cleaned and restored, function as a colorful backdrop; and both cupola and murals are heritage landmarks.

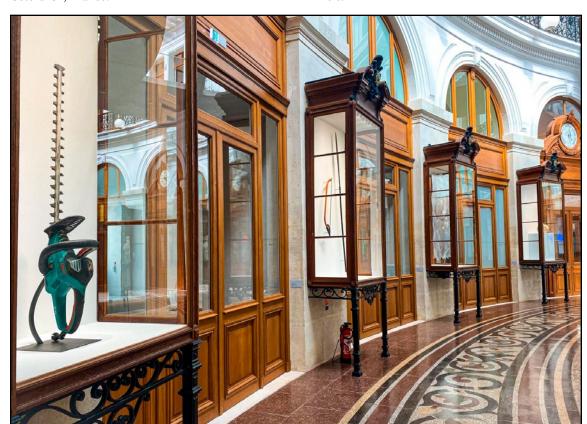
Pinault, who is age 84, had previously tried to build a museum in 2005 to publicly display his art collection on l'île Seguin, an island south of the Bois de Boulogne in the Seine, but he was



Crashed Moped 1993 by Bertrand Lavier, b. 1949, Côte-d'Or, France.



Constructed of salvaged bottle caps, broken records, rubber inner tube, rubber balls, and wire. Untiled, by David Hammons. American, b. 1943, Springfield,



Display cases surround the Rotunda. French sculptor Bertrand Lavier installed a piece in each cabinet.



Breakfast by Kerry James Marshall, American artist and professor, b. 1955 in Birmingham, Alabama.

Photographer Cindy Sherman, shown, b. 1954, Glen Ridge, New Jersey; in her "Untitled" series, ca. 1978. She is well-known for impersonating memorable characters by costuming herself.

rebuffed. He offered his collection to Venice. As a result, the Palazzo Grassi and Punta della Dogana were renovated. Not long after those successes, the city of Paris invited Pinault to display at the Bourse, and Pinault immediately accepted. A 50-year lease was put in place with the caveat that no construction or renovation be permanent, and that no demolition may occur to the origcylindrical standalone is a pragmatic compromise necessary to protect the original building.

Pinault agreed to pay a lump sum of \$18 million to the city of Paris and yearly fees of \$60,000. The renovation was designed by Japanese architect Tadao Ando who specializes in concrete structures and who renovated the Venetian palaces. Pinault wrote the checks to the tune of \$194 inal building. The gray concrete million. His net worth is \$53.6 gmail.com

billion, according to *Bloomberg* News. Kering is the parent company of Gucci, Saint Laurent, and Christie's auction house.

Patricia Forsyth and Michael Mathews decamped to Paris in September 2019 and are celebrating springtime in Paris. American tourists are welcome to visit France starting June 9. Send comments to <a href="mailto:pkf.empower@">pkf.empower@</a>



On the gallery walls hang the body of work created by Louise Lawler, American, b. 1947, Bronxville, New York. She created the Helms Amendment exhibition in 1989. Each photograph is an identical plastic-lab cup with the name of each of the 94 U.S. Senators who voted to oppose public funding to eradicate AIDS.

# **SPORTS**



Piedmont High honored its four seniors on the boys' basketball roster on Friday, June 4. Pictured are the families of Zac Evans (left), Luke Harris, Seamus Meagher, and Joe Haggerty.

# PHS boys' basketball team finishes 2021

By Jonathan Comeaux

The Piedmont High boys' basketball team finished its season with an 11-5 overall record, concluding an exhausting finish of nine games in 12 days to end its abbreviated season.

In their final game of the season, Friday, June 4, the Highlanders lost 76-70 to Bishop O'Dowd before a packed crowd at Binks Rawlings Gym. It was the only open attendance during the year.

The school honored its four seniors on the roster, Luke Harris, Seamus Meagher, Joe Haggerty, and Zac Evans. Luke Harris, a member of the school's 1,000-point club, helped lead the team to the school's first North Coast Section championship in March 2020.

"If there is a Mount Rushmore of Piedmont Basketball, Luke Harris would definitely be one of the faces up there. Not only statistically, but with his effort and fearlessness. He has set the example of what Piedmont Basketball is. He's one of the best kids I've



Luke Harris scored 18 points in his final appearance at Binks Rawlings

ever met in my life," said coach Ben Spencer.

Harris was a three-year starter after joining the varsity program as a sophomore under Mike Hudson. The team posted a 21-11 record before the championship season, when it was 24-6 under first-year coach Ben Spencer.

"It's been a heckuva journey. I've never thought I'd score this many points," said Harris, a guard. "I've made so many memories with my brothers; I wouldn't trade it for the world. The goal here was to shift the culture and establish us as a program that wins games. Teams want to play us; we're getting invited to tournaments, I think we really established ourselves as one of the best schools in the Bay Area,"

Next year the team will have JoJo Murphy as a team leader. After a rush of games to end a school year like no other, Murphy made some observations.

"It's hard to describe. Just being out there, going to the gym every day and being around the guys is the best feeling. I embrace every single moment of it. I am grateful we got the opportunity to play. I'm really going to miss Luke; we had a great ride," said

See **Boys'Basketball** on page 30

# PHS girls beat O'Dowd 66-55 to finish season



Staff Photos

Piedmont senior Kai Johnson played her final game in Binks Rawlings Gym on Friday, June 4, concluding a four-year career as a starter.

By Jonathan Comeaux

Piedmont's high-powered girls' basketball team closed out its shortened 2021 school year in a big way, upsetting rival Bishop O'Dowd 66-55 on Friday before a jubilant crowd at Binks Rawlings Gym.

The win marks only the second victory over the Dragons since it joined the Western Alameda County Conference in 2012. They last defeated O'Dowd in January 2019, and senior captain Kai Johnson was part of both. She's off to Weber State in Utah this fall.

"It's bittersweet. It's my family here,' she said. "But I'm looking forward to college; I'll come back next year to help out as much as I can," said Johnson, who was honored prior to the game as the team's only senior.

'It's been a crazy year with a lot of games and fewer practices, but the girls loved the chance to play so much. We beat O'Dowd a

handful of times before coming into the league, but since then it's only been a couple of times," added coach Bryan Gardere.

It was a big game for freshman Natalia Martinez, who led the scoring with 25 points. She's been a major part of the team's success this year.

"I knew that next year I would have a bigger role, so I wanted to get started early. When I joined the team, I really wanted to play against O'Dowd. I knew we had the chance to win. We have incredible players," said Martinez.

The combination of Martinez with sophomores Trinity Zamora and Maddie Hill make for dynamic speed, scoring ability from all angles, and quick hands-on defense. It all spells the foundation of a strong team when next season starts - a mere five months from now.

"It was a good year. We made it a good season and worked See Girls' Basketball on page 30



Piedmont freshman Natalia Martinez scored 25 points in the 66-55 win over Bishop O'Dowd.



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# PIEDMONT BASEBALL & SOFTBALL FOUNDATION



# **Caldecott Cup comes to Piedmont June 15-20**

The Piedmont Baseball Foundation is hosting its seventh annual Caldecott Cup, a baseball tournament for 8 & Under, and 9 & Under teams with games June 15-20 at Hampton Field and Witter Softball Field.

The tournament will include teams from Moraga, Orinda, and El Cerrito, in addition to Piedmont. Bake sale items will be available for purchase.

For more information, contact Tournament Director Melissa Jacobs at melissa@ thefootballgirl.com. For additional information, contact 8 & Under coach Adam Schwartz (adam@computercourage. com), and 9 & Under coach Tyler Brasfield; tyler.brasfield@live.com.





Piedmont's volleyball team: (front) Bree DeYoung (left), Tara Kothari, Eden Lorin, Sadie Town, Sophie Nevis; (back) coach Leslie Blakely, Lila Town, Ruby Shaffer, Izzy Grimmer, Shelby Cavenaugh, Ari Talwatte, Amelia Wire, Sophia Beck, Macy Liang-Jones.

# Volleyball team ends season with back-to-back wins

By Jonathan Comeaux

Piedmont's volleyball team concluded its season on a high note with a pair of wins in two days.

It beat Encinal 3-2 on Wednesday, June 2, and topped Berkeley by the same score on Thursday, June 3. Both matches were played at Binks Rawlings Gym in Piedmont.

The Highlanders powered past the Yellowjackets with a smooth 25-17 win in the first set, lost 25-20 in the second and 25-18 in the third, before winning the fourth set 25-19 and 15-8 in the final fifth set. Final scores against were not recorded



See <u>Volleyball</u> on page 30 Bree DeYoung with a block against Castro Valley.

# Boys' basketball team announces perpetual awards



Members of Piedmont's basketball team gather for an end-of-season awards banquet on Sunday, June 6. Pictured are Joe Haggerty (left), Spencer Settlemier, JoJo Murphy, Luke Harris, A.J. Harris, Raydan Holmes, Ben Barnes, and Mason Kimball.

By Jonathan Comeaux

Piedmont's boys' basketball team hosted its end-of-season banquet on Sunday, June 6, bestowing its half dozen perpetual awards to players after concluding its shortened 2021 season.

The team's Optimo Award for

Most Valuable Player was shared between senior Luke Harris and junior JoJo Murphy.

Sophomore A.J. Harris won the best offensive player award and junior Spencer Settlemier earned the best defensive player award.

The Rich Kitchens Award

for Most Improved Player went to senior Joe Haggerty. Raydan Holmes earned the Coach Lavdiiotis Ironman Award, renamed after former PHS coach Chris Lavdiotis last year. Mason Kimball and Ben Barnes were named the team's Most Inspirational

# School names Cain, Johnson as **Outstanding Senior athletes**

By Jonathan Comeaux

Football player Brian Cain and basketball team captain Kai Johnson were named Outstanding Senior Athletes by Piedmont High School at its annual Senior Awards event on June 1. The awards include athletic accomplishments, academics and student leadership.

#### Brian Cain, Football

Cain, a running back, was a two-year starter and also played baseball as a sophomore and

He was the workhorse for coach Jerome Johnson's offense, defense, and special teams. He helped lead the team to an undefeated season this year (5-0) after the team went 3-7 in 2019.

In 2021, Cain had 721 rushing yards on 122 attempts, averaging six yards per carry, and scoring 14 touchdowns. All that in a 5-game season, half the duration of a normal season.

He averaged 144 yards per game and would have been on pace for a 1,442-yard season.

He will be attending the University of Washington in Seattle.

#### Kai Johnson, Basketball

Johnson is a four-year starter under coach Bryan Gardere, bursting onto the scene in 2017. She's been a major part of a strong four-year run for the girls' basketball team, The team record



Photo by Todd Marshburn

**Brian Cain of the Piedmont** football team was named **Outstanding Senior Athlete by** the school at an awards event on June 1.

was 23-7 in 2017-28, 20-11 in 2018=119, and 15-3 this year.

This year's team would have received a top seeding the post-season, but the league ad North Coast Section did not have championship tournaments due to Covid.

Johnson is the only female basketball player at Piedmont High to hold two victories over Bishop O'Dowd since PHS joined the Western Alameda County Conference in 2012.

She will attend Weber State in Ogden, Utah, where she intends to continue her basketball career.



Photo by Todd Marshburn

Kai Johnson, a four-year starter on the basketball team, was named Outstanding Female Senior athlete at the school's Senior Awards ceremony held on Tuesday, June 1,



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# PHS honors 14 athletes set to continue playing in college

By Jonathan Comeaux

Sports arrived late and left early in 2021 with three seasons compressed into one due to the impact of the Covid-10 pandemic. Sports began at Witter Field at the end of February, and the basketball teams were the last to compete, with games on June 4 – a week before graduation.

In an event put together quickly on Friday afternoon, June 4 by athletic director Bradley Smet, 14 PHS seniors who intend to play sports in college were honored at a recognition ceremony at the amphitheater on the school campus.

The seniors – Piedmont's Class of 2021 – put up with more than any typical high school student. Their junior seasons were cancelled, and this year there were no playoffs, no league or

North Coast Section championships. No league-winning banners were offered by the Western Alameda County Conference.

But the athletes met all obstacles and continued. To that end 14 Highlanders were honored on Friday after signing their letters of intent for their selected colleges.

Makenna Thiel heads to the UC Berkeley to play on the Bears' Pac 12 Championship tennis team. She concludes her PHS career as a North Coast Section Div. 1 doubles champion, WACC singles champion most recently, and finished her three years on the varsity with a record of 29-1.

Kai Johnson, a 4-year starter on the basketball team, will attend Weber State in Utah, the latest player coached by Bryan Gardere to play at the Division



Photos by Julie Reichle

Athletic Director Bradley Smet greets parents and guests at a ceremony in Piedmont High School's amphitheater on June 4 to recognize athletes who will be playing sports in college.



Four of Piedmont's athletes who will be competing in college: Kai Johnson, Rafaella Gomes, Anjuli Turner, and Luke Harris.

1 level. She scored over 1,000 points. Her teams went 23-7 as a freshman, 20-11 her sophomore season, 21-7 in 2020, and 15-3 in this year's curtailed season.

Luke Harris heads to Carlton College in Minnesota to play basketball. A 3-year starter, he scored over 1,000 points, and helped lead the team to the school's first North Coast Section title last year, one week before the pandemic closed schools and public events everywhere. The team went 21-11 in his sophomore year, 24-6 his junior year, and 11-5 this year.

Eric Olson's baseball team says farewell to a pair of starting pitchers, Cal Barna, who heads to the University of Hawaii, and Ben Levinson, who will play at Macalester College, his older brother's school. Infielder/Pitcher Aidan Mitchell, a 2-year starter, will play locally at Menlo College. Levinson is a four-year varsity member and three-year starting pitcher. Barna is a three-year starter, who converted from catcher to starting pitcher after his sophomore season.

For the boys' lacrosse program, defensive captain Alden Heske will take his talents to Kenyon College in Ohio, while middie Greg Gately heads to Connecticut College, where his father played lacrosse. Both were on the team when it won the North Coast Section championship in 2019.

Sadie Tschider, who ranks as the lacrosse team's all-time assist leader, will play at Smith College in Massachusetts. She helped lead the team to the North Coast

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# Honoring the Post's volunteer photographers

A collection of outtakes from the sports section

By Jonathan Comeaux

For several years, a mission of this writer has been to foster the *Post's* strong tradition of covering sports and the athletes. Every community requires cohesion and passion from volunteers, which makes the *Post's* sports section particularly special. The work of the *Post's* numerous photographers helps make it the best local prep sports page in the

Here you will see photos never published before.

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Football in the spring – who could have imagined? But Piedmont was undefeated in its shortened season after beating Kennedy 14-12 in the fifth and final game of the season on April 16.

Photo by Todd Marshburn



Photo by Steve Zirkelbach



Photo by Steve Zirkelbach

A close-up shot of freshman Breah Bell winning the 100-meter spring against San Leandro on March 23.

A glimpse of the exhaustion resulting from a meet at the WACC Track and Field Championships on April 17 at Hayward High. Pictured are Christian Taylor (left), Cooper Downing, and a gassed Berkeley High student.

# Honoring the Post's volunteer photographers



Photo by Mark Aikawa Mike Aikawa (16) is greeted at home plate after hitting a 2-run home to beat St. Joseph on April 3.



Photo by Jonathan Comeaux Softball star Chiarra Lundin slides in safely at home plate in a 13-3 win over St. Mary's on March 22.



Photo by Jonathan Comeaux

Senior tennis players s Makenna Thiel (center) and Audrey Edel, with teammate Bridgette McEfee (left) during Senior Night ceremonies on April 3.



Photo by Todd Marshburn

Lacrosse goalie Lindsay Kottle makes a critical save in Piedmont's 12-11 win against O'Dowd on April 19.



Berkeley on March 25, with doubles partner Kai Baudendistel in back.



Photo by Todd Marshburn Junior Conner Curtis unloads a shot against San Lorenzo in Piedmont's 5-1 soccer win on May 25.

JD Harrison is mobbed by Nate Guzdar and lacrosse teammates after scoring the winning goal in overtime against Bishop O'Dowd on May 12.



Frankie Broening, a student on the rise for the girls' water polo team.



Photo by Jonathan Comeaux

Antonio Rivera takes a shot on target against Alameda in Piedmont's 15-10 win against Alameda on May 29.

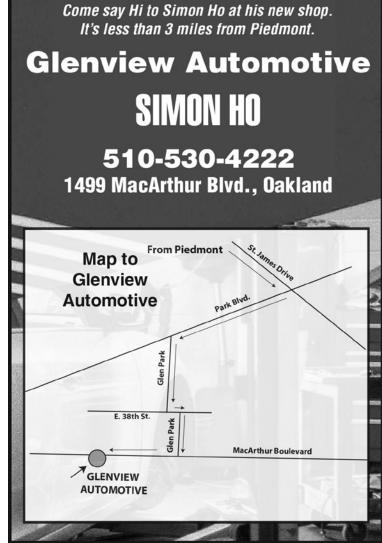


Photo by Jonathan Comeaux PHS basketball coach Ben Spencer watching his team against Campolindo on April 22. PHS lost 68-53.



Photo by Jonathan Comeaux

Natalia Martinez, a freshman, eyes a pass during a 70-43 win over St. Joseph' basketball team on April 29.



# Senior Class gets a Prom to remember

Class of 2021 marks 100th anniversary of Piedmont High School

By Anastasia Edel

On Saturday June 5th, Piedmont High School's graduating class of 2021 received the gift few expected at the beginning of the year: a senior prom extravaganza held in the stunning Oakland Rotunda. Starting at 6:30 p.m. throngs of young men and women began arriving in tuxedos and colorful gowns brightening a downtown that is slowly emerging from the grips of the pandemic.

Many seniors haven't seen each other for a year-and-a-half. Couped up in their homes by the Covid pandemic, they had "Zoomed" through their fall and winter semesters, their college tours, their AP exams. Most didn't expect to have a graduation ceremony, let alone a prom.

But on the last weekend of their senior year, the Class of 2021 marked the 100th anniversary of Piedmont High School, and it felt like magic. They mingled amidst the gold-trimmed columns of the Rotunda, took silly pictures in the Photo Booth, watched real art performers beneath Rotunda's glass dome and gambled at blackjack tables on the second tier – all with Casino Royale as the theme of the evening.

An elegant sit-down dinner awaited the students on the terrazzo floor at the base of the grand staircase, followed by dancing and general merriment. For the first time since March 2020, it felt like students were able to move beyond the pandemic and begin pursuing their dreams and their new independent lives.

To honor the Class of 2021, the Piedmont Post spoke to many about the prom, their high school experiences, and their college plans. Excerpts of those conversations are shown below.

# Sadie Tschider

Q. Did you expect to have a prom this year?

A. I didn't. This was a pleasant surprise; it's really something special. I am enjoying seeing my friends all dressed up and having a good time.

Q. What's your most memorable high school experience?

A. Performing in *Roe* for the PHS drama department and winning NCS in 2019 with women's lacrosse team.

Q. What are you most excited about going to college?

A: To start studying what I really love.

#### Kai Johnson

Q. Did you expect to have a prom this year?

A. No, not with the Covid. I am excited and loving it. It is nice to be with my friends and having it more normal than it has been in a long time.

Q. What are you most excited about going to college?

A. Spreading my wings. Being free. Being grown up.

#### **Greg Gately**

Q. Did you think you would have a prom?

A. I certainly didn't. I was hopeful, and now I am really happy.

Q. What's your most memorable high school experience?

A. Oh, I have so many. Recently it would have to be senior night against Bishop O'Dowd and scoring the game-winning goal in overtime, It was a picture-perfect night.

Q. What are you most excited about going to college?

A. Being part of the lacrosse team at the school where I was recruited.

# Sophie Goix

Q. How do you like the prom?

A. It's amazing. We have everything we would at a regular dance. I am super excited. Everyone really looks so good.

Q. What's your most memorable high school experience?

A. Mock Trial in my sophomore year, and so much fun with sports this year.

Q. What are you most excited about going to college?

A. To feel it's *your* choice from now on. I look forward to meeting new people but sustaining relationships with people you want to be friends with.



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Sadie Tschider (left) with Robert Epstein, Julia Mascola, Audrey Edel, and Greg Gately.



Photo by Inomas Broening

Piedmont seniors at the Prom Saturday night; (front) Sarah Dinetz (left), Audrey Wakefield, Zozo Tahawi, Harmonee Ross; (back) Harrison Miller, Emma Broening, Toshi Troyer, Nathan Casey, Alex Gotto, Claire Lichty, Meredith Roberts, Anjuli Turner, Alyssa Ultreras, Ang Lee, Sawyer Collins, Devon O'Shaughnessy, and Tommy Smegal.



Photo by Anastasia

JD Harrison and Sophie Goix

Photo by Anastasia

Dalia Gonzalez (left) and Isa Melani

## JD Harrison

Q. Did you think you would have a prom?

A. No, I didn't. This is awesome.

Q. What's your most memorable high school experience?
A. Going undefeated in foot-

ball this year.

Q. What are you most excited about going to college?

A. Meeting new people and making a lot of new connections.

# Luke Harris

Q. What do you think about the prom?

A. I didn't think we would have graduation, let alone prom. It's great to be able to have this nice event. I think the food has been great

Q. What's your most memorable high school experience?

A. Playing with the Piedmont basketball team.

Q. What are you most excited about going to college?

A. Meeting new people and

A. Meeting new people and making new memories.

# Lindsey Wolin

Q. What do you think about the prom?

A. I am really happy that we do have prom. This is amazing; there's so much room for every-

Q. What's your most memorable high school experience?

A. My last water polo game. Being with my teammates and people that I didn't really know before.

# Max Wagener

Q. What do you think about the prom?

A. I'm very glad we are having a prom. It's a beautiful venue.

Q. What's your most memorable high school experience?

A. Our NCS run during our junior year when we made it to the quarter finals of the NCS playoffs.

Q. What are you most excited about going to college?

A. Exploring new things and trying to better myself in the process.

# Lauren Nwokedi

Q. Did you think you would have prom?

A. Not at all. It was a big surprise. Everyone looks so nice. Seeing people together for the first time is great.

Q. What's your most memorable high school experience?

A. Being part of the basketball and track and field team.

## **Robert Epstein**

Q. How are you liking the prom so far?

A. It's great. I got my tie on. Everything is going well.

Q. What's your most memora-



Photo by Anastasia

Anjuli Turner

ble high school experience?

A. Going on races with the Piedmont mountain bike team and camping with them. And events like this when the whole

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# **Senior Prom**

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class gathers and dresses nicely, and you can talk.

Q. What are you most excited about going to college?

A. Seeing how I do as an adult and being able to choose what I want to do.

#### **Alex Gotto**

Q. Did you think you would have prom?

A. Honestly, no, but I'm glad it's happening. I also didn't expect it to be in a building this amazing.

Q. What's your most memorable high school experience?

A. I'm not sure actually. I kind of forgot what school is like, with a year-and-a-half sitting at home.

Q. What are you most excited about going to college?

A. I'm excited to live on my own and make my own decisions. Basically a fresh start, and that's really exciting.

#### Isa Melani

Q. What do you think of the prom?

A. Everyone looks so good, everyone brought their best game, their best outfits. I'm so excited to see everyone.

Q. What are you most excited about going to college?

A. Meeting new people, being able to drive my education towards my interests and my career.

#### **Edward Marcus**

Q. Did you think you would have a prom?

A. No! I'm excited about how it is all set up. It feels super nor-

Q. What's your most memorable high school experience?

A. Any of Mr. Savage's classes.

# Adri McAuliffe

Q. What do you think of the prom?

A. This venue is gorgeous. It's fun to see everybody. We haven't seen each other as a whole group in over a year. And we didn't even expect it.

Q. What's your most memorable high school experience?

A. Cross-country.

Q. What are you most excited about going to college?

A. Going back to Washington where I grew up and having a chance to run again.

#### **Brian Cain**

Q. Did you think about the

A. It's our last school hurrah and it feels like a blessing.

Q. What are you most excited about going to college?

A. All the new people. I lived in Piedmont all my life, so seeing fresh faces will be nice.

#### Julia Mascola

Q. Did you think you would have a prom?

A. I didn't expect vaccines to come out as early as they did, so I didn't expect we would be able to have prom this year. I'm super excited.

Q. What's your most memorable high school experience?

A. Being in Junior State all four years of high school.

#### Anjuli Turner

Q. Did you think you would have prom?

A. No. My sister didn't have it last year. I'm really amazed by the location, and I'm excited about the food.

Q. What's your most memorable high school experience?

A. Being on ASB.

Q. What are you most excited about going to college?

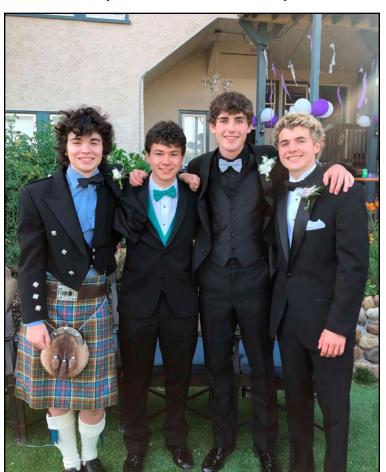
A. Being in the new area, meeting new people and being on a new soccer team.

# **Claire Lichty**

Q. What's your most memorable high school experience?

A. Going through the pandemic with this group of people.

Anastasia Edel is a Piedmont writer and social historian. She's the author of Russia: Putin's Playground, a concise guide to Russian history, politics, and culture. Her writing has appeared in the New York Review of Books, the New York Times, Project Syndicate, Quartz, and World Literature Today.



Alex Gotto, with Nathan Casey, Sawyer Collins, Harrison Miller (left to



Photo by Keiko Hayashi

Getting ready for the Senior Prom: Will Shields (left), Akash Kothari, Parsa Bazargani, Malia Lee, Aya Troyer, Ellie Andersen, Sophie Eng, Linus Lee, Noah Kwong, and Salem Cavenaugh.



**Audrey Edel and Greg Gately** 

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Nakilah Johnson

Photo by Anastasia Adri McAuliffe and Brian Cane Jr.

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Bridget Bentley (left) and Lindsay Wolin



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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

# **SF Opera explores Harlem** Renaissance in June 13 lecture

By Allyson Aleksey

San Francisco Opera has invited soprano Melissa Givens to present a lecture on June 13 to discuss opera's role in the Harlem Renaissance. The online event is part of an interactive lecture series and one of three programs celebrating African-American Music Appreciation Month.

A professor at Pomona College, Givens' exploration of the Harlem Renaissance focuses not on well-known figures like orchestra conductor and composer Duke Ellington and poet Langston Hughes, but rather on African-American opera singers and lesser-known figures of the creative movement. The stories of these opera singers and the Black opera companies that rose to prominence in New York City during this era are almost forgotten. Givens will shed light on what she describes as "the stages remembered only in obscure arti-



Soprano Melissa Givens will give a lecture on June 13 on opera in the Harlem Renaissance.

cles of Black history."

The online lecture will begin at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 13. To view the lecture, visit: https:// sfopera.com/about-us/pressroom/press-releases/DEC\_ events\_april-may-June/.

# Berkeley Symphony awarded diversity grant

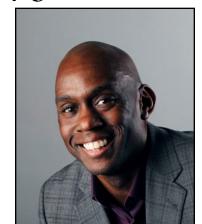
By Allyson Aleksey

Berkeley Symphony has been awarded a \$19,500 grant from the League of American Orchestras, with the purpose of strengthening their understanding of diversity, equity and inclusion.

Grants were given to 25 organizations nationwide, comprising the final round of The Catalyst Fund, the League's three-year, \$2.1 million grant-making program made possible by the Andrew Mellon Foundation and the Paul M. Angell Family Foundation. Other recipients include the New York Philharmonic, Los Angeles Chamber, and Cincinnati Symphony.

"This work is essential to Berkeley Symphony's ongoing commitment to honor, celebrate, and represent the community that we serve, and to further our mission for presenting a diverse spectrum of composers, artists and collaborators to our audience," said Music Director Joseph Young. "We would like to thank the League of American Orchestras for their generous support in funding this important project, and we look forward to our partnership with Elevated Diversity as we embark on [this] journey as an organization."

Starting this month, Berkeley Symphony will work with Elevated Diversity, a diversity,



**Berkeley Symphony Artistic** Director Joseph Young.

equity and inclusion consultancy and training organization based in California. The organization's mission is to help other organizations "create workplaces where diversity is viewed as a competitive strength and where inclusion is woven into the very fabric of our culture."

"We are beyond thrilled to have been selected to work with the Berkeley Symphony on this incredibly important initiative," said Elevated Diversity founder Rhonda Moret. "Being arts lovers ourselves, we find the project to be highly engaging and without experience and expertise working with other organizations in the arts space, we feel like we are the perfect group to ensure the effort a successful one."

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# Music at Menlo festival opens live on July 16

9 main concerts in three weekends

By Allyson Aleksey

Music at Menlo returns this summer with a mix of in-person and digital performances, to begin on July 16.

Music@Menlo is an internationally acclaimed chamber music festival founded by David Finckel and Wu Han. Inaugurated in 2003 at Menlo School, the festival features concerts, lectures, and a training program for aspiring professional musicians.

This year's events will be smaller in size than its 18 previous seasons but will continue to include a star-studded lineup of musicians. The festival will include a mix of live and digitally-streamed performances between July 16 and August 1.

The 2021 season, entitled "Gather," will take place in and around the festival's new home, the \$40 million Spieker Center for the Arts. The festival will follow state guidelines on capacity limits, but it is not yet known how much of the center's 384-seat capacity will be used.

Main concerts and events will be as usual, but more condensed. Featured concerts will be performed at 4 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the Spieker Center, and then repeated at 6



Patrick Castillo, New York Philharmonic's VP of Artistic Planning, composed music to be performed to open Music@Menlo's 2021 season.

p.m. outdoors. Concerts will run for approximately an hour without intermission. There will be nine main concerts grouped over three weekends:

I-III. Coming Together, July 16-18 IV-VI. Modern Romance, July 24–25 VII-IX. Take Five, July 30 – August 1

The season-opening concert on July 16 begins with the world premiere of Patrick Castillo's Gather, a new work commissioned for the festival's new home at Spieker Center. Castillo has held a variety of positions with the festival since its inception and was recently named the New York Philharmonic's Vice President of Artistic Planning.

"I was honored to be asked by David and Wu Han to create a new piece to celebrate the opening of Music at Menlo's new concert hall. For the occasion, I composed a paean to our sacred ritual of coming together around a shared love of music," Castillo said. "Little did I know at the time how starved we would be for that ritual by the time of the piece's first hearing."

Tickets will go on sale on June 15. To purchase tickets and for more information, visit: https://

# Live concerts return to **SF Symphony this summer**

Free July 4 concert at Sigmund Stern Grove



This summer, audience capacity in Davies Symphony Hall will be 50% or 1,371 seats.

By Allyson Aleksey

beginning July 2, to include live concerts in Davies Symphony Hall and outdoor performances at Sigmund Stern Grove and also Frost Amphitheater at Stanford University in Palo Alto.

The summer music will include a free July 4 concert at Sigmund Stern Grove and outdoor performances in Palo Alto from July 2 through August 13. Performances will be conducted by the symphony's Music Director Esa-Pekka Salonen, as well as guest conductors Edwin Outwater, Michael Morgan, Lina Gonzalez-Granados, and Xian Zhang. Featured soloists include pianists Aaron Diehl and George LI, cellist Pablo Ferrandez, and

San Francisco Symphony musicians Mark Inouye, (Principal San Francisco Symphony has Trumpet) and Cary Bell (Princi-

Each week's program will be presented twice, first at Davies Symphony Hall, and the following evening at Frost Amphitheater. One repeat performance will take place at Stern Grove Festival on July 4.

The summer season kicks off with conductor Outwater and pianist Diehl, on July 2 and July 4.

'The San Francisco Symphony is overjoyed to present a summer full of live performances at Davies Symphony Hall and two of the Bay Area's most beloved and iconic outdoor music venues, both of which have longstanding relationships with the symphony,' Symphony CEO Mark Hanson said. "Experiencing live concerts

together connects and inspires us and, after such a challenging year, we are delighted to share the joy of symphonic music with Bay Area audiences this summer."

Audience capacity currently permitted in Davies Symphony Hall is 50% or 1,371 seats. All attendees must present a vaccination card or confirmation of a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of the event. There will be a designated vaccination-only zone on the orchestra level with limited social distancing. Seating capacity at Frost is limited to 1,660 (20% of capacity). Stern Grove Festival will have a reduced capacity of 1,567 audience members or 15% of total venue capacity.

For more information, and to secure tickets for upcoming live events, visit: www.sfsymphony.org.

# READ IT IN THE POST

# Mendocino Music Festival returns live July 16-25

Concerts moved to Cotton Auditorium in Fort Bragg

By Allyson Aleksey

Mendocino Music Festival will return for live, in-person concerts, beginning July 16 and running through July 25.

The festival was established in 1986 by Allan Pollack, Susan Waterfall and Walter Green, former principal bassoonist of San Francisco Symphony. The festival features a blend of genres with orchestral concerts, Big Band, chamber music ensembles, dance, blues, jazz, world, folk, and bluegrass. Daytime events include lectures and recitals at the Piano Series, a performance by participants in the Emerging Artists Program, and small concerts in intimate venues throughout the historic town of Mendocino.

This year, concerts will take place at the Cotton Auditorium in Fort Bragg. Traditionally, the festival takes place outdoors. The decision to move to the Cotton Auditorium provides for bet-



Mendocino Music Festival will move from its tent on a bluff in Mendocino to the Cotton Auditorium in nearby Fort Bragg.

ter sound, comfort, and ease of implementing COVID-19 safety procedures. Patrons must be vaccinated, masked, and socially distanced. The auditorium will limit capacity to 265 guests.

All musicians, staff, and volunteers will be vaccinated.

For ticketing information and the current line-up of events, visit: <a href="https://mendocinomusic.org/about/ticketing-faq/">https://mendocinomusic.org/about/ticketing-faq/</a>.

# Cal Shakes announces guest events at Bruns Amphitheater

Berkeley Symphony, West Edge Opera to perform at Orinda venue

By Allyson Aleksey

California Shakespeare Theater (Cal Shakes) has announced that it will be sharing the Bruns

Amphitheater in Orinda this summer with other arts organizations. Berkeley Symphony, West Edge Opera, Destiny Arts and Bandloop are among the organizations who will perform or host events there.

"Many of our performances take place not in the relative anonymity of a dark theater, but under the sun. It's a thing we've come to love and now miss dearly," said Cal Shakes Artistic Director Eric Ting. "We have thought long and hard about how Cal Shakes might return in meaningful service of a more resilient community. We have chosen to share our beloved Bruns Amphitheater for our 2021 season – a Season of Shared Light.

Cal Shakes will produce one play, Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale*, rather than three or four for its summer season. Cal Shakes will also continue to offer online and in-person programming including Shakespeare In-Depth with Philippa Kelly and other educational opportunities.

Performance dates for *The Winter's Tale* are still being finalized, according to Ting.

Check the Cal Shakes website (https://calshakes.org/announcing-our-2021-season-of-shared-light/) for updates on its summer season.



Bruns Amphitheater will serve as a shared space for an array of Bay Area arts organizations this summer.

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# Cabrillo Festival returns virtually July 31-August 8



Composer Gabriela Lena Frank

By Allyson Aleksey

The Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music, America's longest-running festival of new orchestral music and headquartered in Santa Cruz, returns this summer with an all-virtual season over two weekends.

Season highlights include world premieres by composers Gabriela Lena Frank, Sean Shepherd, and Jake Heggie. The festival's virtual concerts are completely free to the public and feature dance, photography, videography, animation, and other art forms. Guest artists will include the St. Lawrence String Quartet, mezzo-soprano Sasha Cooke, violinist Benjamin Beilman. The award-winning Cabrillo Festival Orchestra will be led by Cristian Macelaru.

The virtual festival will take place the weekends of July 31-August 1, and August 7-8. To see the performances, visit: https://cabrillomusic.org/.

# Piedmont Children's Choir summer camp openings

By Allyson Aleksey

The award-winning Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir has announced that it still has a few openings for its summer camp. The in-person day camp, to be held this year at Chabot Space and Science Center in the Oakland hills, serves as an introductory choir camp for children ages 4 through 8.

Camp Constellation - New Voices is a half day camp from Monday to Friday, July 12-16. It will feature musical games, docent-led nature hikes, stargazing, and singing, with an optional overnight stay for one night for training and department levels.

Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir summer camps are required for students in the Performing Department, and are highly recommended for students in the Training Department. Camp Joyful Voices, the training department level summer camp, is currently full.

To sign up for Camp Constellation, visit <a href="https://www.pied-montchoirs.org/camp">https://www.pied-montchoirs.org/camp</a>, or call Piedmont Choirs at 547-4441.





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# The Musical Gourmet

# European concerts and mixed cuisine



A typical breakafast buffet at Hotel Metropoli in Genoa, Italy.

By Joseph Gold

#### The art of airport dining

Airport food used to be pretty bad, if you could even get it. That all began to change this century. My concert tours have enabled me to experience both the good and the bad. Luck is a high stakes player here. The first really good food I had in an airport was in 1997 in the tiny airport in Ashland, Oregon. It was the best seafood gumbo I ever ate.

You can also eat well in Houston. The Gulfstream Restaurant had an excellent and huge buffet, but then you'd expect that in Texas.

If you like roast duck, go to Munich. It has been my habit to go to the Airbrau Restaurant in the international terminal where the duck is always excellent. They even brew their own beer in-house. This summer while in Munich, the Koefte Restaurant was recommended. I was greeted warmly and efficiently in the Bavarian manner. My duck arrived in about a minute, with a portion (a quarter of a duck) large enough to easily feed two people. My duck was firm and pink, albeit rather dry, on a smooth but salty sauce. It was accompanied by tangy red cabbage, a potato dumpling and cranberry sauce.

The waiter stressed that Munich is beer country, "the best in the world." he claimed.

Thus, a creamy-smooth lager was the obvious beverage.

For something light, I would suggest a smoked salmon salad. It is always dependable and many restaurants have it on the menu.

# Hidden Treasure In Genoa

Genoa is the sister city of San Francisco and the birthplace of both Columbus and the musical genius Paganini. Curiously but sadly, it is not high on the tourist agenda like Venice. Both cities blossomed as commercial powerhouses at about the same time. However, while Venice wears its opulence on the outside, the wealth of Genoa needs close examination.

It is a prosperous city with many great art museums. In fact, the private art collections are more impressive than the public museums. Friends of mine



For breakfast at the Hotel Metropoli guests are treated to a cup of cappucino and freshly made panetone.

were present when the Queen of England expressed these sentiments, observing that Genoa's art exceeded that of Windsor Palace.

As any gourmet knows, Venice is a backwater port when it comes to cuisine. Frozen food reigns king. Compare this with the brilliance of Ligurian specialties such as pesto, gnocchi, panettone, focaccia and fresh fish. One of my favorites is farinata. Good restaurants abound, all with fresh seasonal excellence.

My friend in Genoa recommended Hotel Metropoli in the area just off of elegant Corso Garribaldi. Part of the Best Western chain, I knew what to expect from a corporate hotel. The room was as expected, but the breakfast was world class. I entered the breakfast room and was wide-eyed.

The buffet was spread out on many tables. Everywhere were regional and artisanal specialties, all beautifully displayed. The tables were filled with ricotta and marmalade custom made for Metropoli, and all manner of fresh bakery goods. Outstanding were the panettone, which was feather light and filled with aromatic dried fruit, and the famous focaccia, at its peak when taken immediately from the oven.

Metropoli owner/manager Gianluca Faziola watches over his house with loving care. The breakfast alone is worth a stop in

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# **MOVIES FOR KIDS**

# Firehouse Dog – kids will love this

By Chris Honore'

Firehouse Dog is an engaging dog-finds-new-master story that morphs into a kiddie detective mystery.

The tale begins with high-living Hollywood stunt dog Rexxx, owned by Trey Falconer (Dash Mihok), getting ready to skydive as the cameras roll. But due to a malfunction, Trey watches as Rexxx falls from the plane, certain the pooch will not survive. But of course, he does, landing in the middle of a truck carrying a load of tomatoes. Rexxx, looking around, hasn't a clue where he is, but manages to find shelter in an abandoned warehouse.

Meanwhile we are introduced to 12-year-old Shane Farley (Josh Hutcherson), who is visiting his dad, Connor Farley (Bruce Greenwood), the chief of Firehouse 55/Rescue 26, also called "Dogpatch" because it is in need of serious repair — as is the neighborhood. But instead of renovating the House, the city manager is considering shutting down 55 for good.

Shane, as it turns out, is mourning the death of his uncle, Captain Marc Farley (Randy Triggs) who, along with the House dog, Blue, was lost in a recent fire. As it happens, Shane was cutting school that day and was admonished by his dad. While hanging out at 55, an alarm comes in, and the firefighters spring into action, climbing onboard their aging fire engine. Shane goes along for the ride, and they all head off to what is a warehouse fire.

Yes, the warehouse that is burning is the one where Rexxx has found refuge. And while the firefighters are getting ready to put out the blaze, Shane spots a dog that's up on the roof. Shane manages to rescue Rexxx, gets him safely down, and sees that he is wearing a dog collar that was part of his movie costume. It reads "Dewey," so Shane assumes is Rexxx's name.

So Dewey it is.

As dogs go, Shane is unimpressed with Dewey, but takes him back to the firehouse and his dad tells him to post lost dog flyers around the neighborhood. The dog's owner must be looking for him he says.

To Shane's surprise, he learns



A scene from Firehouse Dog.

that Dewey has unexpected skill sets, like being able to ride a skateboard, and perform rescues. So, Station 55 adopts him as their firehouse mascot.

And thus begins the adventure of Dewey and Shane. To keep things interesting, there is an arsonist setting fires whose identity is unknown. It becomes Shane's mission to discover who it might be.

As well, Rexxx's owner, Trey, spots one of the flyers and things get complicated. Where does Dewey really belong? Is he really

a Hollywood stunt dog with all the amenities (Trey tempts him with a trio of poodles), or is he meant to stay at Dogpatch?

Lots of exciting stuff happens along the way that will appeal to kids and make them fans of Rexxx/Dewey, who turns out to be an extraordinary dog. Meanwhile, there's a mystery to be solved.

Firehouse Dog. Live Action feature. Directed by Todd Holland. Starring Josh Hutcherson, Bruce Greenwood, and Dash Mihok. 1 hr., 51 min. Rated PG.



Bruce Greenwood and Josh Hutcherson star in Firehouse Dog.

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# Troop 15 Scouts head to Marin for an overnight trip

On the weekend of May 22, a group of 42 Piedmont Scouts from Troop 15 and eight parents trekked four miles from a trailhead on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. to Camp Tamarancho, a Scout ranch in the hills above Fairfax in Marin County, for an overnight camping trip.

Scouts gazed at the beauty of the natural setting but also endured the challenge of the trail by carrying all camping and cooking gear.

"It was cool to see that the first-year scouts persevered. We took rest breaks and stopped for lunch along the trail," said Patrol Leader Nate Woodley.

After setting up their campsites, they convened at a large field to play Capture the Flag. Four teams of 12 scouts matched wits and speed to compete in the classic camp game.



Troop 15 Scouts begin a four-mile trek uphill on a fire road.



Piedmont Scouts and parents from Troop 15 prepare for a recent overnight trip to Camp Tamarancho near Fairfax in Marin County.



Assistant Scoutmaster Eric Downing, Scoutmaster Glenn Tripp, and parent Axel Geddes on the trail into Camp Tamarancho.



Senior Patrol Leader John Gross-Whitaker and his staff rest upon arrival at camp.



The Handyman Clan originally from Beach School: Julian Procos (left), Maddox Ma, Nate Woodley, Jason Shum, Gabriel Barbosa-Topete, Jonah Kim, and James High III



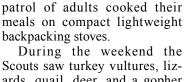
Troop 15's Panda Patrol – 7th graders originally from Crocker Highlands School: Phoenix Ehrhart Mount (left), Enzo Dehlen-Giulio, Logan Deakin, Ben Rogers, Liam Bridgeman, and Zade McDonald



The Stump Patrol, 6th graders who originally attended Beach School: Callum Louch (left), Ryan Wendel, Davey Ackerman, Thalay Visessonchoke, Danny King, and Corbin Breeden.



Scouts in the Ranger Patrol who once attended Wildwood, Havens, and Urban Montessori School: Alex Chin, Colin Tulloch, Adam Slemmer, Randolph St. James, and Trenton Downing.



Six scout patrols and one

Scouts saw turkey vultures, lizards, quail, deer, and a gopher snake. The weather was pleasant, so most slept out under the stars. The following day, scouts reassembled their backpacks, then hiked back through redwood ravines to the highway.

Troop 15's next adventure is river rafting with camping on June 12 - 13. Summer Camp near Emigrant Gap will take place the week of July 11-17. To cap off the summer, a backpacking trek in the high Sierra is scheduled for late July or early August.

Parents of boys and girls ages 10-1/2 to 17 with an interest in scouting are encouraged to contact Troop 15 Scoutmaster Glen Tripp (Glen@Galileo-Learning.com) for more information.



Dragon Patrol leader Siddharth Bhatia explains to 7th-graders the importance of patience in preparing meals.



After setting up camp, scouts matched wits and speed in a game of Capture the Flag.



Scouts head downhill on the trail back to the parking lot.

# **FEATURES**

# Captain Cal and sisters reunited after slight medical mishap

Mountain lion cubs rescued in Calif. fire happy in new life in Ohio zoo

By Allyson Aleksey

Captain Cal, the mountain lion cub rescued from the destructive California wildfire season last year by firefighters, has recovered from a minor medical ailment and was reunited at the Columbus Zoo in Ohio with his sisters Goldie and Poppy last week, according to zookeeper Erin Bauer.

Captain Cal, Goldie, and Poppy became local social media sensations as Oakland Zoo recorded and shared the careful rehabilitation and recovery of the three orphaned cubs late last summer. Cal and his non-related sisters Goldie and Poppy were all rescued orphans from the destructive lightning complex fire. Oakland Zoo was unable to keep the three cubs permanently but found a perfectly suitable home for them at Columbus Zoo in Ohio, where they were transported in December last year.

The three cubs greatly enjoyed their new enclosures, but being

West Coast natives, the biggest adjustment was the introduction to snow and the cold midwestern winters.

"It took them some time to get used to cold," said Bauer. "On Christmas morning [last year], the cubs got to see their first snow. I worked that day and was so excited that it was a white Christmas. Jen [another zookeeper] and I let them into the snow for the first time, it was magical to see."

#### **Remembering Jessie**

After exploring and get acclimated to their new habitat in the Columbus Zoo's North America region, the staff introduced Goldie, Captain Cal and Poppy to the Zoo's resident cougar, Jessie. Jessie was mostly blind, so their care team provided the opportunity for both Jessie and the cubs to explore each other, giving them the chance to become familiar.

It wasn't long before staff observed that Goldie, the "bold-



Jessie, nicknamed the "Queen of the [Columbus] Zoo's North America region," passed away on June 7 at the age of 17. In her final months, she acted as a surrogate mother to the three orphaned mountain lion cubs that came from Oakland Zoo.

est of the three," would playfully approach Jessie to paw at her, with her sister Poppy never far behind. Captain Cal, they noted, was more introverted; he would often be seen "shyly peering out at Jessie from behind a Spruce tree while she napped in her den."

"Jessie lost her brother last year, so we wanted to introduce [the cubs] to her so she had some companionship," explained Bauer.

Jessie passed away on June 7 at age 17 - one year beyond the median life expectancy of cougars in human care facilities. Jessie, like the three cubs from California, was brought to Columbus Zoo as a wildfire rescue. In her senior years, she suffered from bilateral corneal degeneration, kidney disease, and spinal arthritis.

The Columbus Zoo staff affectionally called Jessie the "Queen of the Zoo's North American region," and for good reason; she enjoyed interactions with her keepers and was known to greet them with a "loud meow."

"She was a "wonderful mother to cougar cubs Captain Cal, Goldie and Poppy," added Bauer.

"Jessie had a profound impact on the cubs as they grew and developed when they first arrived at Columbus Zoo," the zoo wrote in a press release. Because the three cubs were orphaned, they

See <u>Captain Cal</u> on page 32



Cal was brought to the Oakland Zoo with severe burns and weighing only 3 pounds. He required round-theclock care in the first few weeks in Oakland.



Cal was in recovery on and off for two months, but is now healthy and thriving, Zookeeper Bauer said.



Now, Captain Cal weighs a robust 80 pounds.



Goldie and Poppy, the female mountain lion cubs known as "black nose" and "pink nose" before being renamed by the staff at the Columbus Zoo in Ohio, where they now reside.





# Walking on Wednesday

# Walking on Wednesday group follows the No. 10 line



Photo by Dick Carter

Pictured on the stairs at Ramona Avenue on June 2 are members of Walking on Wednesdays: Alicia Rivera (left), Brenda Ferrero, Susan Martin, Albert Chen, Cat Gustafson, Bob Gustafson, Larry Olsen, Jim Kuo, Harriette Louie, Noemi Alvarado, Nancy Olsen, and Sarah Johnson. Not shown: Nancy DeRoche and K-9 friend Chili.

By Dick Carter

The Piedmont Recreation Department's Walking on Wednesdays group assembled at the Exedra on Wednesday morning June 2 with 14 walkers and one K-9 best friend. On hand were Brenda Ferrero, Susan Martin, Albert Chen, Bob Gustafson, Cat Gustafson, Larry Olsen, Jim Kuo, Harriette Louie, Nancy Olsen, Dick Carter, Nancy DeRoche with K-9 friend Chili; as well as Alicia Rivera, Noemi Alvarado, and Sarah Johnson who were walking for the first time this year.

On previous walks the group had talked about the Key Route in the early 20th century. It became the Key System Transit Company in 1924, and the group had not walked the northeastern portion of the Number 10 line that went into Piedmont.

Drawing on one of Gail Lombardi's History of Piedmont articles from a recent issue of the Post, the walkers learned that Francis Marion "Borax" Smith developed this streetcar transportation system between 1903 and 1912. There were three lines in Piedmont and the Number 10 was the longest. It went up and down Highland Avenue from Piedmont Avenue all the way to what is now Crocker Park.

On Highland the line didn't go all the way to Moraga Avenue. Instead, it turned at Park Way and went along it down to Pleasant Valley Road. This is the reason that Highland Avenue is four lanes starting at Park Way, but only two lanes from Park Way to Moraga. There needed to

be enough room on Highland for both the trains and cars. When the Key System ceased operations in the 1950s the right-of-way land that was used for the trains became available for usually mid-century modern homes to be built on it. The walkers thought it would be interesting to walk this portion of the Number 10 line and look for the infill homes built on its land.

The group headed down Highland to Park Way. Along the way they noticed a TV antenna on the top of one of the homes that is now a bit of history too. At Park Way they also noticed the two large, attractive, white pillars on the uphill side of the street. The group assumed they were built to mark the entrance to that neighborhood when the land was first developed. (And they were correct.)

The walkers went down the Park Way past Dracena Avenue, where Nancy DeRoche peeled off with her dog Chili to give him an off-the-leash run in Dracena Park. Nancy explained that this was important to Chili and that she would find the group a little later during the walk. The group went a short distance further and found a 107-foot set of stairs that took them up to Ramona Avenue, where they took a group photo.

The Number 10 line ran between Park, Ramona, and along Arroyo Avenue. The walkers went down Ramona past Estrella and Monticello Avenues to a 106-foot path that took them up to Arroyo. A little further down Arroyo they noted that at York Drive a C Train once merged there into the Number

10 line. Additionally, the group was surprised to be greeted there by one of its past years' regular walkers, Charlene Louie. She was doing some gardening outside her home. Charlene pointed out a line of homes along Arroyo that were built on Key system land.

The walkers went up to Pleasant Valley and saw where the trains continued to Piedmont Avenue on undeveloped land along Brandon Street that now has tall pine trees. The group also took the opportunity to walk to and from the seldom visited Parkside Drive, cul-de-sac off Grand Avenue at Arroyo.

On the return to their starting point, the group went up Ronada Avenue to Monticello Avenue. Along the way, Nancy DeRoche and Chili reunited with the group. They noted that the homes along the north side of Moraga by the cemetery were the homes built on the original Blair Park land after it closed in the early twentieth century. From Moraga the group took Bonita Avenue back to the Exedra.

It had been an enjoyable hour and a half walk with interesting history, beautiful streets, hidden paths, usual sites, and, best of all, new and previous walking group friends. The Walking on Wednesdays group meets every Wednesday at the Exedra (Highland & Magnolia Avenues) at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to join the group and there is no charge. New walkers and their friendly K-9 best friends are especially welcome. Registration with the Piedmont Recreation is required by contacting John Wilk at jwilk@piedmont.ca.gov.

# Jane Reed water color exhibit at Piedmont Gardens

Piedmont water colorist Jane Reed will have an art exhibit at Piedmont Gardens during the month of June. It is located at 110 41st Street a half block from Piedmont Avenue in Oakland. For hours and more information, call Piedmont Gardens at 597-6700.



# **Pickleball Courts Schedule**

Pickleball Courts Hours, effective January 11, 2021.

#### Saturdays/Sundays:

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# Planning Your Finances

# **Discuss financial goals** with your family

June is Effective Communications Month. And it's a good idea to recognize the importance of good communications because it plays a role in almost every aspect of living – including your finances. You'll want to clearly communicate your financial goals to your loved ones - and you'll want to hear theirs, too.

Let's look at some of the communications you might have with family members:

#### Your spouse

You and your spouse may have different thoughts about a range of financial topics – how much to save, how much to spend, the level of debt with which you're comfortable and so on. Try to reach some type of consensus on these issues. However, in regard to investing, you don't necessarily have to act in unison all the time. You each may have different investment styles - one of you may be more aggressive, willing to take on more risk in exchange for potentially higher returns, while the other would rather invest with an eye toward mitigating risk, even it means accepting a lower return. Of course, there's nothing stopping each of you from pursuing your individual investment strategies in your own accounts - IRA, 401(k) and so on. Still, if you are going to work toward common goals - especially toward a shared vision of your retirement lifestyle - you each may want to compromise in your investment choices. And this accommodation is even more necessary in your joint accounts.

#### Your parents

If you may be involved with your parents' financial plans some day – which is highly likely - you should know in advance what to expect. This may not be the easiest conversation to have, but it's an important one. So, for example, ask your parents if they have a durable power of attorney, which allows them to designate someone to manage their financial affairs if they become physically or mentally incapacitated. You might also inquire if they have protected themselves against the potentially enormous costs of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay. If not, you might suggest that they contact a financial advisor, who can offer solutions. Once you begin communicating about these issues, you may well want to go further into your parents' estate plans to determine what other arrangements, if any, they have made. If it seems that their plans are not fully developed, you may want to encourage them to contact an attorney specializing in estate planning,

#### · Your grown children

Just as you talk to your parents about their estate plans, you'll want to discuss the same topic with your own grown children. Let them know who you have named as a durable power of attorney, what's in your last will and testament and whether you've established a living trust. If you're already working with a financial advisor and an estate planning professional, make sure your children know how to contact these individuals. Of course, you don't have to confine your communications to estate plans - if you want to help your children financially, such as loaning them money for a down payment on a home, let them know.

By talking with your loved ones about key financial matters, everyone benefits. So, keep those lines of communication

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6. Michael's or Target or Amazon might have a kit to make all of this a lot easier which is what my mom did when she made my paw print. And you could buy one kit for each dog.

Anything is paw-sible when you're ready for messy fun. -Abby

## Dear Abby:

On these crazy hot days, how do we know if the pavement is too hot for our puppies?

Can it truly hurt their paws?

NO Hot Hounds,

-Silvia and Bentley the hound

## **Dear Silvia and Bentley:**

Well, if you think the pavement might be too hot, it probably is. But an easy way to test it is to take your foot out of your shoe and put it on the pavement. If it feels too hot for your sole, it's too hot for Bentley. But that doesn't mean you can't walk Bentley and that he needs to stay inside.

Just move onto the grass and head to the shady sections of the dog parks. Most of the trails in Piedmont Park are heavily shaded. So are large sections of Dracena Park, and Siblev's trails are primarily dirt which is much cooler on the paws. But you're smart to beware. If you head to Walnut Creek or Concord, the pavement is often too hot and could definitely do paw

No hot dogs except the yummy ones! That's what I tell my mom.

-Abby

*E-mail your comments, ideas* and dog thoughts on any pet topic to Melanie Johnston at MSJ312@aol.com.

# Dear Abby

A pet column compiled by Piedmont pets



# How to beat the summer heat

By Abby, a Bernese Mountain Dog

Dear Abby:

We are confused. Can dogs get COVID-19 or not? I'm not sure what to think. What's the latest research?

Ugh.

-Karen, Harry and Wally the Flat-Coated Retriever

# Dear Karen, Harry and

Recent experimental research shows that many mammals, including cats, dogs, bank voles, ferrets, fruit bats, hamsters, mink, pigs, rabbits, raccoon dogs, tree shrews, and white-tailed deer can be infected with the virus. Still, if dogs do get infected, the ACE receptors that dogs have do not permit the virus to enter their system the same way as humans. Consequently, they do not suffer the way humans do.

At least right now, scientists say you really don't have to worry about Wally catching COVID-19.

Truly lucky dogs, woof! -Abby

Dear Abby:

As summer approaches, any fun projects to do with the kids and maybe the dogs too?

All ideas are welcome! Dog tired,

-Allie, Turk the Golden, Xena the Lab and 3 kids from

## Dear Allie, Turk, Xena and kids:

Here's one idea that might be messy but I hope fun, or at least a cause for giggles on a foggy morning. Make a plaster of Paris paw print of Turk and Xena's front paws to be hung on their dog house for decades. You'll need: newspaper, measuring cups, 4 cups of plaster of Paris, 2 cups cold water, 7 cups plastic container, mixing spoon you can throw away, 9x9inches disposable aluminum cake pan, spatula, Turk and Xena.

- 1. Stir plaster of Paris and water in plastic container well until the mix is like pancake batter. Use newspaper in case any spills.
- 2. Pour the mix into the aluminum pan and smooth it out, flat. Let it rest for an hour to
- 3. When 60 minutes is up, place Turk's or Xena's paw onto the mixture and press down about 1/2-3/4 inch. Never completely submerge the paw into the plaster of Paris and remove and rinse the paw immediately with cold water. Plaster of Paris gets hot when it dries so you don't want that to happen to Turk's or Xena's paw.
- 5. Allow the plaster of Paris to dry for 24 hours and then hang them high enough where Turk and Xena will not chew on them.

# **How to reach City officials**

Elected and appointed officials in Piedmont are directly available to residents by phone and by e-mail.

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# **OBITUARY**

# Lifelong Piedmont resident Mary Jane Betts dies at 90

Mary Jane Betts, a lifelong Piedmont resident, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on May 4, 2021. She was 90.

Born on June 1, 1930 in Oakland, she was the daughter of Margaret and O.J. Gallagher. A lifelong resident of Piedmont, she attended Frank C. Havens Grammar School and Piedmont Junior and Senior High School. Following high school, she attended UC Berkeley where she met the love of her life, William Michael (Bill) Betts III. Bill and Mary were married at Corpus Christi Church in 1950 and spent 66 years together until Bill's passing in 2016.

Mary was a lifelong learner. If you wanted to know what was going on in the world, you just had to ask her. Current events in the nation and the world were her specialty. She was a prodigious reader and would clip and send articles from newspapers to her family and friends.

In addition to raising her family, Mary was a volunteer extraordinaire. Her volunteer career began with helping to raise money for Children's Hospital in Oakland. Her work continued at the hospital with development of the outpatient playroom followed by serving as a member of the Board of Directors. She was a member of the hospital volunteer support, with active participation in the Magnolia Branch, Cedar Junior, and Rowan Branch of the hospital. She was twice named Woman of the Year by the Branches

When the Oakland Museum was created, Mary organized the first art history Docent Program. She served the museum as a docent in its History department, Natural Science department, and Art department with a special interest in sculpture. She was also a member of the Woman's Board of the museum.

She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, the Oakland Junior League and Hoe and Hope Garden Club. Yet with all these volunteer activities she found time to volunteer at her children's schools. Mary also helped her husband with Betts Spring Company, the family business which dates back to 1868.

In 1988 at age 60, Mary felt plete, so she returned to the Univived by 8 grandchildren and 21 94611.



Piedmont native Mary Jane Betts passed away on May 4 at age 90.

versity of California at Berkeley to complete her degree in art history. She was a proud member of the class of 1990. It was one of the accomplishments that made her family most proud of her.

Mary enjoyed playing golf and tennis but most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family in Piedmont and Carmel Valley. She was the family cheerleader and made everyone feel important. More than anything Mary was most happy surrounded by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. In addition to her family, her favorite activities included watching Jeopardy, walking on the beach, playing with her beloved dog Barbie and working in the garden. She hosted many memorable parties at her home especially on St. Patrick's Day, her husband's birthday.

The most memorable St. Patrick's Day celebration was in 1990 when Bill surprised her with a party to honor her graduation from Cal. He invited the Cal Straw Hat marching band to play for the guests. Mary loved Cal and always enjoyed attending and watching Cal football games. Her favorite saying was, "Go Bears!"

Mary lived a long and memorable life and leaves a legacy to be followed by all her family.

Mary was most proud of her family. She and Bill raised three children, Mimi Devany (Don), Margie Mordaunt (Mike) and Michael Betts (Cheri). She is surgreat grandchildren. She loved visits and time spent with her extended family.

Her 8 grandchildren will miss her greatly: Joe Devany (Heather); Katie Thrasher (Joe); John Devany (Natalie); Michael Mordaunt (Malea); Molly Hummel (Kipp); Carolyn Fleming (Dan); Bill Betts (Lizzie) and Catherine Vastine (Tim).

Mary will be fondly remembered by her sisters Peggy and Sheila, brother-in-law Ed, nieces and nephews, her grandchildren and great grandchildren and many friends. Mary was predeceased by her parents, her brother Jack Gallagher, her brother-inlaw Paul Guess and her husband Bill Betts.

A special thanks to Dr. Dean Nickles for all the care provided to Mary over many years. During her last years, Mary was assisted with loving care by Talli and Pauline, her caregivers. Her family is eternally grateful to these wonderful women and all the help they provided to Mary and the family. They will always be considered part of Mary's extended family.

Mary will be put to rest beside her beloved husband at Mountain View Cemetery and will be honored in a private family ceremony in Piedmont. The family suggests that memorial donations be made to the Piedmont Beautification Foundation, Piedmont City Hall, 120 Vista Ave, Piedmont, CA

# **Wednesday Evening Meditation Group is online**

The Wednesday Evening Piedmont Meditation Group has moved online using Zoom web conferencing during the Covid-19 shelter-in-place order. The group meets every Wednesday evening from 7:30-8:15 p.m., and everyone age 12 and older is welcome. No experience meditating is necessary. This is a secular (non-religious) group, and there is no lecture, solicitation or obligation.

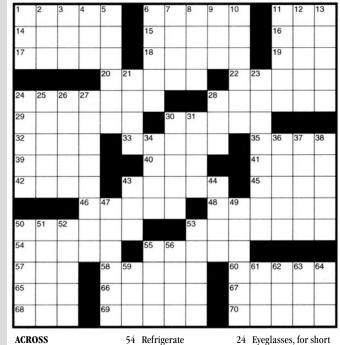
Mark Herrick, a long-time Piedmont resident, is host of the weekly meditations. "With the high stress and anxiety of the shelter-in-place order, it's easy to get cut-off and isolated from each other. It's helpful to have a place to connect with people sharing a bit of quiet, peaceful time to rest and recharge," Herrick said.

For more information contact him at: <a href="mailto:herrickmark@icloud.com">herrickmark@icloud.com</a> or (415) 706-2000.

# **Sudoku Puzzle**

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# **Crossword Puzzle**



55 Bogs down

57 It's charged!

58 Get away from

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60 Kind of pool

66 Ahead of time

67 Author Jong

68 Crafty

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DOWN

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Big bird

Impair

Tyrant

Exit 40-cup brewer

Moth or ant

First lady?

Gather together

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- Find the sum
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- 16 A Gabor
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- 19 Shiny metal 20 Tough question
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- 24 They follow us 28 Downcast
- 29 Woman's dress size 30 Dress style
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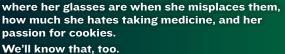
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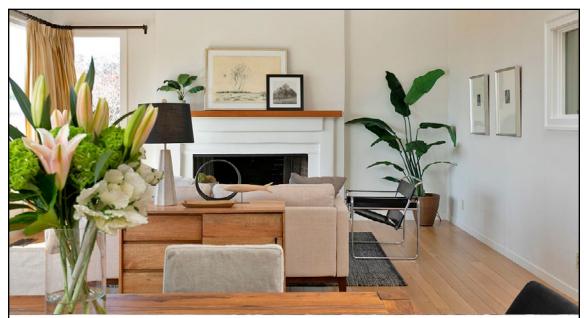
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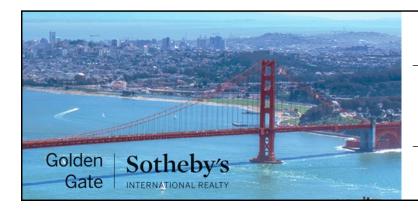
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# COVID NEWS

# Calif. to require masks at work unless everyone in room is fully vaccinated

79% of Piedmont residents fully vaccinated

By Barry Eitel

Masks must be worn in Californian workplaces unless everyone in a room is fully vaccinated against COVID-19, the state's workplace safety agency ruled on Thursday, June 3 after a lengthy public hearing.

The ruling from Cal/OSHA seemingly runs counter to plans by Gov. Gavin Newsom to allow fully vaccinated people to go maskless in almost all situations starting next Tuesday, June 15. According to statements made this week to the Associated Press, Newsom does not appear inclined to overrule the agency.

The Cal/OSHA ruling has created confusion because it is not clear if employers can inquire about an employee's vaccination status. Some business organizations have loudly criticized the decision as unnecessary, while others, including some labor groups, have argued that the mask requirements are needed to protect workers.

The decision comes as the rate of unvaccinated people getting their jab in California has dipped, although Newsom has launched a \$116.5 million initiative to boost this rate.

To incentive Californians toward total vaccination, Newsom in May unveiled the "Vax for the Win" program that will award millions of dollars to vaccinated Californians in a lottery. Any California resident, including those under the age of 18, who has received at least one dose will be eligible to win \$50,000 or \$1.5 million. On Friday, June 4, 15 people won \$50,000 each, including an Alameda County resident. Another 15 will win \$50,000 this Friday, June 11 and 10 people will be awarded \$1.5 million on June 15.

The next 2 million Californians to get fully vaccinated will receive a \$50 gift card.

In the Bay Area, experts

believe certain areas are approaching "herd immunity." Herd immunity is a point when enough people are immune to a disease, either through vaccination or previous infection, that its spread is reduced. While initial estimates suggested that COVID-19 herd immunity could be reached when 60 to 70 percent of a population is immune, although now many experts believe immunity might need to be as high as 90 to 95

Epidemiologists at University of California, San Francisco said this week that San Francisco could be a few weeks away from becoming the first major city in California to reach herd immunity. As of Monday, June 7, San Francisco reported that 79 percent of residents had received at least one dose of vaccine and 68 percent are fully vaccinated.

However, true herd immunity would require increased immunity rates across the entire Northern California region.

Vaccination in Piedmont has even outpaced San Francisco as well as all other municipalities in Alameda County.

In Piedmont, as of June 6 an estimated 9,115 residents ages 12 and older – over 98 percent of the vaccine eligible population – are at least partially vaccinated. Alameda County Public Health Department reported that 7,322 Piedmonters, almost 79 percent of the City's eligible population, are now fully vacci-

In Oakland, 75 percent of the eligible population is partially vaccinated and 59 percent is fully vaccinated.

Three vaccines are available in the United States. Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require two doses administered several weeks apart. A vaccine produced by Johnson & Johnson requires only one dose. Pfizer is approved for children as young as 12, while the other two vaccines are approved for those age 18 and older.

Over 1.89 million doses of vaccine have been administered in Alameda County. Over 77 percent of the county's population ages 12 and older, almost 1.1 million people, are partially vaccinated. Over 62 percent of eligible people in the county, over 881,000 people, are fully vaccinated.

Pfizer received emergency approval for children ages 12 to 15 on May 13. Since then, over 38,700 kids in this age group have received their first dose of vaccine. This amounts to over 47 percent of this demographic in the county.

A "real world" study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that the vaccines are immensely effective. The CDC study analyzed Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, finding that they reduced the risk of COVID-19 infection by 91 percent for fully vaccinated people and 81 percent for partially vaccinated people. Furthermore, the study showed that fully and partially vaccinated people had a roughly 60 percent lower risk of experiencing COVID-19 symptoms than the unvaccinated.

Although they are extremely rare, serious breakthrough cases have been recorded in California. Last week, a fully vaccinated woman with underlying health conditions in Napa County died of COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccines are available for free to all Alameda County residents ages 12 and older. Appointments are not required at many vaccination locations in Oakland and elsewhere in the county. As of press time, same-day appointments were available at several locations in Oakland and Berkeley.

Alameda County links to available vaccine appointments at covid-19.acgov.org/vaccines

The Alameda County Public Health Department revised this figure due to the county adopting definitions from the state.

The state defines a COVID-19 fatality as one where COVID-19 was a contributing factor to a person's death. Alameda County's old measuring system was broader. As an example, the county said that if a person had COVID-19 but died in a car collision, the old definition would have defined that situation as a COVID-19 death.

As of press time, the California Department of Public Health reported that there have been 3,691,660 total cases of COVID-19 in California. There have been 62,479 deaths due to the disease statewide. The state positivity rate is 0.7 percent.

# **Getting fully vaccinated** as a teenager

Teenagers as young as 12 began receiving the COVID-19 vaccine on May 13 in Alameda

After receiving her first dose of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine in Oakland on May 16, Simran Titan, a freshman at Piedmont High School, celebrated getting her second shot and being fully vaccinated on Sunday morning, June 6.

Sharing the moment with her is a cardboard cutout of Dr. Anthony Fauci.



Simran Titan receives her second Covid vaccination under the watchful eye of Dr. Anthony Fauci.

# July 4 Parade

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On July 4, the judges will announce the winners of the parade' principal awards, the Highland Cup, Highland Saucer, and Highland Spoon.

The Cup was the parade's first commissioned work of art, a whimsical two-handled metal trophy 33 inches tall and mounted on a steel coil. The trophy was created for the Piedmont parade by Berkeley-based sculptor Michael Christian in 2003. Oakland-based artist Aaron Geman was commissioned to create a complementary saucer modeled after a section of a giant Monterey pine tree that fell during a winter storm in Pied-

mont Park. Finally, the Highland Spoon was created by Oakland metal artist Alex Nolan to round out the cup-saucer-spoon set, The Spoon trophy was unveiled in 2015 in honor of the parade's 50th anniversary.

Awards will be given out in categories:

- The Highland Cup
- (Best Entry)
- Highland Saucer (Most Patriotic)
- Highland Spoon (Best Team Entry)
- Best Car in Place
- Most Artistic Award
- Best Spirit Award Best Theme Award

# **Religion Corner**

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"Try the other side of the

If you can't see the humor in that, I don't know what to tell

I bring this up because now, more than ever, we could use a little laughter. Scientists tell us that laughter is like steroids for the immune system. As a spiritual doctor of sorts, one of the questions I like to ask folks is, "When was the last time you had a good laugh?"

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi said Laughter is the highest state. Author Anne Lamont describes laughter as "carbonated holiness". But I will leave you with a challenge or a warning from Charlie Chaplain who said, "A day without laughter is a wasted day".

May we not waste this day. May we not waste this week. May we not waste this life. If Jews can defiantly write humor on the walls of a Warsaw ghetto during the holocaust, perhaps we can use laughter to defy fear in the face of this pandemic.

And may God forbid that this pandemic should last as long as we are able to endure it.

The Rev. Scott Denman is Rector at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1707 Gouldin Road in Montclair.

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# Yellow Tier

People are considered fully vaccinated if it has been two weeks since their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or their one dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Moss urged anyone who is unvaccinated to get their free vaccine as soon as possible.

While we are moving away from the tier system, only 53 percent of Alameda County residents are fully vaccinated and COVID-19 is still a very real threat to unvaccinated individuals," he continued. "We urge all residents to continue using COVID-19 safety precautions to protect vulnerable residents including young children who are not yet eligible for vaccine."

Because the new rules do not go into effect for several days, the county said that everyone should continue to wear masks in indoor public settings until the new state guidance changes on June 15.

Across Alameda County, the total caseload is 89,201, an increase of roughly 200 in the past seven days. There have been 27,806 cases recorded in Oakland and 13,788 cases in Hayward.

Three new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Piedmont across the past seven days. The total number of Piedmont cases since the pandemic began is 188.

The total number of COVID-19 fatalities countywide is 1,270.

# Boys' Basketball

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#### 6-point loss to O'Dowd

The Dragons got out to a 23-14 lead by the end of the first quarter, but Piedmont rallied to jump ahead 36-34 by halftime. O'Dowd shifted momentum to claim a 54-49 lead going into the fourth quarter and maintained a lead through the fourth to end it 76-70.

Bishop O'Dowd did well to quickly face-guard Harris at midcourt and force the ball out of his hands. It enabled the floor to open up for Murphy, who scored 27 points. Harris still did well to make his way to the basket with 18 points.

In the second quarter the Highlanders gained the lead at 29-28 after a 12-5 scoring run. PHS went into halftime two points ahead, 36-34, thanks to 15 points by Murphy and nine by A.J. Harris.

But O'Dowd's start player Jarin Edwards scored with ease inside with 13 of BOD's 20 points in the third quarter to regain the lead, 47-46 with 1:35 left in the third quarter.

The Highlanders couldn't

close the gap in the final going.

Final stats include: Murphy's 27 points, four rebounds, three assists and one steal. Luke Harris had 18, three boards, four assists, and two steals in his final game. A.J. Harris put up 12 points, nine rebounds, one steal. Raydan Holmes had three, Seamus Meagher had two.

# Athlete of the Year & Season Roundup next week

See next week's Post for our annual roundup of all PHS sports and our awards for Athlete of the Year, Sophomore of the Year, and Freshman of the Year.



Staff Photo

The stands were packed in Binks Rawlings Gym on Friday, June 4. It was the first time this year the high allowed open attendance for an indoor sport.

# **College Athletes**

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Section championship also in 2019 and was named as the *Post's* Sophomore of the Year.

The football team's sack leader from last season, Andy Melian, signed with Kenyon College. He is a three-year varsity player and a member of the lacrosse team.

Max Wagener, a three-year starter and the leading scorer for the water polo team for the past two years, will attend the University of Redlands in Southern California.

Gavin Horne from the track and field team will head to Pitzer College. Going to the Sagehens' soccer program is Anjuli Turner. Rafaella Gomes, a fencer, will compete for UC San Diego next year.



Photo by Julie Reichle

PH baseball coach Eric Olson (left) praises three seniors who intend to play baseball in college: Ben Levinson (left), Cal Barna, and Aidan Mitchell.

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# Girls' Basketball

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through the obstacles. We're going to come back stronger, so just be ready for us," said Zamora with a wide smile.

"Our roster's looking pretty good. Since we ended the year on such a high note, I think we're going to bring really good energy going into next season," added Hill.

#### 66-55 Win Recap

The Highlanders pounced on the Dragons quickly to lead 21-11 by the end of the first quarter. O'Dowd cut the deficit to six points, 30-24, by halftime, and the lead remained at six through the third, 48-42, before finishing strong with a 66-55 victory.

Martinez, a freshman, came up big, leading all scorers with 25 points. She scored 11 points in the first quarter to set the tone for the evening.

In the third quarter the Dragons battled back to the game at 30-30 with 5:45 remaining, but Piedmont

went on a nine-point scoring run and never looked back. Martinez kick-started the rally

with a quick layup, followed by a pair of free throws by Johnson. Martinez scored another easy bucket, and Johnson capped off the 9-0 run with a 3-pointer.

In the fourth, O'Dowd couldn't chip away at the lead. The closest it got was 58-54, but the Highlanders went on another scoring run with 2:55 left. Zamora assisted Hill for a three-pointer to make it 61-54.

Martinez scored 25 points; Hill had 14 points; Zamora scored 12; Johnson had 10, Hannah Govert hit a 3-pointer, while Brie Sotelo had two.

# Athlete of the Year and Season roundup next week

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Maddie Hill scored 14 points against the Dragons.

# Volleyball

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During the season they lost the season opener with San Leandro 3-1 on May 1 at home and lost to the same team 3-1 on May 4. A 3-0 loss to O'Dowd on May 6 was followed by a 3-0 to Alameda on May 10, then a 3-2 loss at Berkeley on May 13, and a 3-1 loss to Castro Valley on May 18. They lost a third time to San Leandro, 3-0, on May 20, lost 3-0 to Alameda on May 24; and 3-0 to

Bishop O'Dowd on May 25.

The team has no seniors, so all players will be eligible to return the fall season later this year.

Returning players include Bree DeYoung, Tara Kothari, Eden Lorin, Sadie Town, Sophie Nevis, Lila Town, Ruby Shaffer, Izzy Grimmer, Shelby Cavenaugh, Ari Talwatte, Amelia Wire, Sophia Beck, and Macy Liang-Jones.



Photos by Kim DeYoung

Sophie Nevis goes up for a spike, with Bree DeYoung in back.

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# **Bouquets to Art continues at** de Young Museum through June 13

By Allyson Aleksey

Bouquets to Art celebrates its 37th year at the de Young Museum with an exhibit now through June 13.

For one week, more than 100 floral designers converge at the de

Young to showcase arrangements inspired by the museum's paintings, sculptures, and architecture. Bouquets to Art is one of the Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco's most popular and well-attended events every year. The event is presented by the volunteer mem-

For the first time, Bouquets to Art includes a "virtual visit." This 360-degree tour provides a closer look at each floral arrangement and design in the galleries. The virtual tour is free for museum members and \$10 for general public ticket holders.

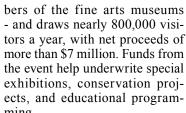
Bouquets will be presented in dialogue with collection highlights in the Africa and Oceania galleries. The event will also feature a large-scale aerial art piece in Wilsey Court.

Tickets to the on-site event are sold out. Members-only viewing hours will be available today, June 9, and June 10 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The general public is welcome to attend June 10 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., and June 11 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Valerie Lee Ow, co-owner of J. Miller Flowers on Piedmont Avenue, is an exhibitor for the 22nd year. She said that she has always been drawn to a particular artist, but this year chose a blank canvas – a white hallway in the museum

"I am very excited to have a blank canvas in the de Young Museum," she said. "I am coming out of a quarantine cocoon and into the public arena, hopefully with a focus on beauty and rich iewel tones of color. I just want to create a vision that brings joy and smiles to the Bouquets to Art audience," she said.

For more information and full programming, visit <a href="https://">https://</a> deyoung.famsf.org/bouquets-to-



# No longer cubs

independent cougars.

Captain Cal, Goldie, and Poppy are no longer mountain lion cubs; they are now fullgrown healthy cougars. Goldie and Poppy weigh approximately 60 pounds, Bauer said, and Captain Cal - who was brought to Oakland Zoo at a 3.7 pounds - has grown to a healthy 80 pounds.

Captain Cal

lacked fundamental big cat

skills that their mothers would

have taught them. Jessie served

as their surrogate mother, and

Columbus Zoo staff noted that,

because of Jessie's guidance,

they have been doing well as

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But though they are big cats, they still have kitten-like tendencies. Captain Cal recently gave Columbus Zoo veterinary staff a scare when his curiosity led to a medical emergency.

'Kittens do get into lots of trouble," Bauer said. "There was a stick in his enclosure, and [veterinary staff] discovered a blockage. Luckily, there wasn't any major intestinal damage, but [it called] for major abdominal surgery."

The blockage was discovered after Cal, Goldie and Poppy underwent spay and neuter procedures in March. In addition, a few of Captain Cal's paw pads were not healing well, and Columbus Zoo made the decision to remove some hind digits.

"A few of his toes were not healing correctly, so it was better to remove them and have his body adapt to having less toes," Bauer said, but added that this in no way hinders his big cat capabilities.

He was in recovery on and off for about two months, and Bauer said that throughout that time, zookeeper staff stayed with Cal "round-the-clock, 24 hours a day."

"It was a lot of work, a lot of overtime, but all of us wouldn't have changed it for the world, because we got to spend time with him and really got to know him and his sisters," she said.

Now the three are back together again. Columbus Zoo Animal Care described the reunion on May 9 as "heartwarming, with lots of high-pitched calls and whistles.'



Goldie and Poppy have grown into big, healthy cougars, now about 60 pounds each, and slightly smaller than their brother Cal.

A floral arrangement titled "2021 Summer Joy" by J. Miller Flowers will be part of this year's Bouquets to art exhibit at the DeYoung Museum June 9-13.

# 2021 Calendar of Events

June 9 - June 23

Meetings are conducted virtually with Zoom technology and may be viewed on KCOM (Channel 27) and on the City's website: <u>piedmont.ca.gov</u>.

Wednesday, June 9 7 p.m School Board meeting	Virtual meeting via Zoom
Thursday, June 10 3:00 p.m Millennium High School Graduation	
Friday, June 11 5:00 p.m Piedmont High School Graduation	Witter Field
Monday, June 14 5:30 p.m. Planning Commission	Virtual meeting via Zoom
Tuesday, June 15 5 p.m Housing Advisory Committee	Virtual meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, June 16 7:30 p.m. Recreation Commission	Virtual meeting via Zoom
Monday, June 21 6 p.m City Council	Virtual meeting via Zoom
Tuesday, June 22 4 p.m. LWV Discussion with Shanti Brien	Virtual meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, June 23 7 p.m. ....... School Board meeting ....... Virtual meeting via Zoom

# Where in the World Are We?



August Collins' fourth grade class at Havens had a virtual field trip of Yosemite last Fall, but he decided he really wanted to wanted to visit in person. He is pictured with the Post on the Mist Trail at Vernal Falls in May this year.

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