

Valor: Coast Guard hosts the 2017 Games of Valor

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participated in cycling, a biathlon — a sport that involves rifle sharpshooting — swimming and a paratriathlon. Monday witnessed field event competitions and the closing ceremony.

At the conclusion of each sporting event, the top-performing athletes were awarded with Valor Games medals. However, it was evident that none of the athletes present were doing this for the medals. Instead, the Valor Games symbolizes the strength through community that invigorates and empowers these veterans not only through

their individual competitions, but also through the baby steps in returning to a civilian lifestyle.

U.S. Coast Guard Captain Simone Adair, who has been an annual participant in the Valor Games, said she was gracious for the once-a-year opportunity to reunite as, "All of my friends are here and we inspire each other." Army Veteran Shanda Taylor-Bond also shares the same sentiments as she tells the courageous story of bouncing back and reclaiming her life through her family's unwavering support and through the endearing relationships she built from the veteran com-

munity.

The Far West Wheelchair Athletic Association organized the games. The association has provided sport and recreation opportunities to individuals with physi-

cal disabilities for more than 40 years. Funding from major corporate sponsors and a grant from the Department of Veteran Affairs were critical to the success of the games.

Crossing Shuttle to End

Sun Staff Reports

The Estuary Crossing Shuttle, which the City launched six years ago, will end Friday, June 30. The shuttle served students attending both the College of Alameda and Laney College.

The service also provide another option for bicyclists who travel between the West End and Oakland.

AC Transit bus lines 19 and 36 now provide more frequent service, for more hours of the day than the shuttle. The Estuary Crossing Shuttle only provides a weekday commute-hour service, while lines 19 and 26 provide weekend service.

Staff is encouraging AC Transit to install three-bike racks on all buses serving Alameda. They also hope to convince the service to allow bicyclists to ride for free through the tubes on the short trip between Alameda and Oakland.

"In the longer-term, the City is evaluating options for a water shuttle, a bicycle-pedestrian bridge, and improved tube crossings," the City stated.

Current shuttle riders are encouraged to use 511.org to find a new transportation option. They can learn more about the change at www.EstuaryXINGshuttle.org.

Fire Burns Apartment

Sun Staff Reports

At 6:19 p.m. on Friday, June 3, the Alameda Fire Department responded to an apartment fire on the 500 block of Pacific Avenue.

When crews arrived, they found smoke coming from a second-story apartment. Firefighters forced entry and pulled pre-connected hose lines into the apartment.

They quickly extinguished the

fire, confining it to one unit. Fire damage was limited to the kitchen and living room. However, heat and smoke significantly damaged the rest of the apartment. There were no injuries. A total of 18 firefighters responded.

The cause was determined to be accidental. The Red Cross responded to assist the displaced tenants.



Courtesy photograph

Rotary Scholarship winners take time for the camera. Pictured in the front row from left to right are Cammie Young, Madelyn LaFollette, Stephanie Sanchez and Corine Tan. In the back row from left to right are Junlin Chen, Jason Chen, Terry Chau and Harris Terovic,

Rotary Awards Scholarships

Sun Staff Reports

On Tuesday, May 30, Alameda Rotary Club awarded \$27,500 in scholarships at a celebration honoring the winners from all the Alameda high schools

The academic winners with their current high schools and colleges they will attend this fall include:

★ From Alameda High School: Jason Chen, UC Berkeley; Corine Tan, UCLA; Haris Terovic, UC Davis

★ From Alameda Science and Technology Institute: Terry Chau, UC Berkeley; Junlin Chen, UC Davis; Cammie Young, UC Berkeley

★ From Encinal High School: Robert Alexander, Rice University; Cindy Huynh, UC San Diego; Kaitlyn Le, UC Berkeley; Elizabeth Onibokun, UCLA; Cody Yu, UC Berkeley; Tiffany Wong, Yale;

★ From Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School: Madelyn LaFollette, University of San Francisco

Evelyn Ivy from Encinal High School, Taylor Mendez from Island High School and Stephanie Sanchez from Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School each won an art scholarship.

Local: Ruth Belikove

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Ruthie made a new and full life for herself in Alameda, with many new and old friends, nights in San Francisco at the Ballet or Opera and afternoons fostering arts appreciation in her grandchildren, all while charming neighbors and strangers alike. She was extremely invested in her community, and co-founded Live@The Library for the Alameda Public Library, where her legacy and love of music and education will live on through this innovative and engaging concert series.

Ruthie was an amazing ballroom dancer who competed in (and won) both local and regional ballroom dancing competitions with her partner, 35 years her junior! She became an inveterate collector of Native American weavings, pottery, art and jewelry, and was well known for her extensive collection.

Ruthie was the proud grandmother of six: Sasha Talcott, Adam Talcott, Blair Feehan, Molly Feehan, Thomas Belikove and Natasha Belikove, and great-grandmother of Kennedy Wilson and Jordan Wilson

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to either the Alameda County Foster Children Association or the Belikove Memorial Fund, Jewish Community Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County.

Local: James Taylor

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James Taylor worked for Safeway and Albertsons for 32 years, participated actively with the 4H-Club, loved bowling and was a passionate A's and Raider's fan. As an active community member, his dedication and heartfelt efforts in Alameda made a lasting difference in the lives of many. Husband, father, son, brother, manager, coach, volunteer, neighbor and friend to all.

J.T. will be greatly missed. He is survived by his mother, Madeline Taylor, brothers and sisters (Victor, Robin, Shirley, Bill, Gary and Linda), wife, Monica and children, Lauren and Tyler.

Contributions to the family can be made at <https://www.gofundme.com/james-taylor-family-fund?r=64359>

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