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Irvington Fossils & Fluorescent Minerals highlight 'Gem & Mineral Show'

SUBMITTED BY MIKE TICE

The Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley (MGSCV) will be hosting its annual three-day show and sale on February 21, 22, and 23 at the Newark Pavilion. Anything and everything that has to do with gems and minerals – fossils, gemstones, jewelry and more – will be displayed for all to admire and purchase. Members will demonstrate a variety of lapidary skills and over 35 members and hobbyists will display everything from carved turquoise to petrified wood.

The Fluorescent Mineral Society will be showcasing rocks and minerals (and a scorpion) that glow under ultraviolet light. Back

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Carve your Cares away

Each one of us has the ability to create beautiful things. Even if you think you lack creativity, talent, or vision, surprise yourself by visiting the Fremont Wood Carvers Group (FWCG). Imagine being able to turn an ordinary block of firewood into an intricately carved eagle majestically perched on a branch, or a beautiful life-size cat to adorn your mantle. Anyone from 10 to 100 years old, from beginner to expert, can learn to carve amazing things out of wood.

FWCG opens its doors every Wednesday night for those who want to participate in this time-honored craft. As coordinator Vance

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Red Grammer in concert

SUBMITTED BY CAROL ZILLI

Considered "the best voice in children's music" by Parents' Magazine and whose album "Teaching Peace" was named by The All Music Guide as "one of the top five children's recordings of all time," Grammy Nominee Red Grammer continues to "Be Bop His Best" for children everywhere.

Music for Minors II (MFMII), the nonprofit organization that is sponsoring Red in concert on Saturday, March 1, completely agrees and once again provides this fun-filled family and community event. The concert is MFMII's main fundraiser for this their 26th year of service keeping music in local schools and will also feature approximately 200 of the children they serve, performing on stage with the artist.

Red Grammer's glorious voice, award-winning songwriting and thoughtful commitment to the

best in all of us endear him to parents and educators everywhere. But ultimately it is his irrepressible sense of play and genuine love and respect for children that make his songs of oneness, character, conflict resolution, and community so beloved by kids all across the globe.

Concert proceeds benefit the nonprofit's annual music training program for community volunteers who become music docents sharing weekly music lessons in children's classrooms in the Tri-City area and other nearby school districts since 1988, due to budgetary cutbacks in arts education.

Help support the MFMII mission of bringing music to many more children in need by attending the concert or becoming a sponsor of the event which can include purchasing tickets for underprivileged children, placing an ad in the concert program,

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**Mended Hearts
Offers Comfort
to Cardiac
Patients and
Their Families**

Washington Hospital
Group Meets
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and Support

Randy Catalano and his wife Diane are passionate about heart health. Both have undergone triple bypass surgeries and know how important it is to take good care of your heart. Now they dedicate themselves to helping other people with heart disease.

"Having major heart surgery is a life-changing event," Randy said. "We want to educate people so they can avoid serious heart problems and support those who have had heart surgery."

February is American Heart Health Month, a good time to focus on reducing your risk for heart disease, the leading cause of death for both men and women in the U.S. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 715,000 people have a heart attack each year and an estimated 600,000 people die from heart disease.

Diane had her triple bypass surgery in 2009 and a year later – almost to the day – Randy had his. It was a scary and difficult time for the Catalanos, but they are grateful for the care they received at Washington Hospital and now they want to give back.

Randy is president of the local chapter of Mended Hearts, a national nonprofit organi-

zation that provides support and education to heart disease patients and their loved ones. Diane is one of two certified Mended Hearts visitors at Washington Hospital.

"I was really scared when I had my surgery, so I know what other heart disease patients are going through," Diane said. "It's a tough time for both the family and patient."

Mended Hearts visitors are specially trained to talk with heart disease patients who are undergoing heart surgery or receiving angioplasty, as well as their families, friends, and caregivers. Diane volunteers three days a week at Washington Hospital, visiting patients before and after their procedures.

While the accredited visiting program is an important aspect of Mended Hearts, it also serves as a support group for people with heart disease and their caregivers.

Heart to Heart

The Mended Hearts support group gives people the opportunity to talk about their issues and concerns with others who



After undergoing the same heart procedure at Washington Hospital, Diane and Randy Catalano have dedicated themselves to helping other heart patients through the Mended Hearts program. To get involved with the local chapter of Mended Hearts, call (510) 494-7022.

understand what they are dealing with, as well as get their questions answered. Meetings include an educational component and often a guest speaker will discuss some aspect of heart disease such as medical advances, treatment options, and tips for healthy living.

The next meeting is February 11 and will include a presentation by Dr. Thirupathi Reddy, a local cardiologist who will talk about electrophysiology and the diagnosis and treatment of cardiac arrhythmia. The Mended Hearts annual potluck dinner will also be held during the February meeting.

The March meeting is scheduled for March 18, which is actually the third Tuesday of the month. Dr. Ash Jain, also a cardiologist, will talk about the clinical trial he is conducting on the world's first "bioresorbable" stents.

The new implants open the clogged artery and restore blood flow to the heart in the same way metallic stents do, but the new implant dissolves into the blood vessel over a period of several months, allowing the vessel to resume a more natural function and movement because it is free of a permanent metallic implant.

"It's an exciting new development that I think a lot of heart disease patients will want to hear about," Randy said. "We try to bring in speakers like Dr. Reddy and Dr. Jain who can provide members with critical information about the diagnosis and treatment of heart disease."

In addition to the meetings, members receive a monthly newsletter that Randy

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InHealth broadcasts on Comcast Channel 78 in Fremont, Newark and Union City and online at www.inhealth.tv



The full schedule of InHealth programs listed below can also be viewed in real time on the Washington Hospital website, www.whhs.com

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	
	2/11/14	2/12/14	2/13/14	2/14/14	2/15/14	2/16/14	2/17/14	
12:00 PM 12:00 AM	Diabetes Matters: Vacation or Travel Plans?	Important Immunizations for Healthy Adults	Minimally Invasive Hip Replacement	Living Well with Diabetes: Overcoming Challenges	Strengthen Your Back! Learn to Improve Your Back Fitness	Treatment Options for Knee Problems	Sideline by Back Pain? Get Back in the Game	
12:30 PM 12:30 AM								
1:00 PM 1:00 AM		Minimally Invasive Treatment for Common Gynecologic Conditions	Washington Women's Center: Cancer Genetic Counseling	Women's Health Conference: Age Appropriate Screenings	Voices InHealth: Healthy Pregnancy		Minimally Invasive Surgery for Lower Back Disorders	Get Your Child's Plate in Shape
1:30 PM 1:30 AM	Women's Health Conference: Aging Gracefully							
2:00 PM 2:00 AM	Strengthen Your Back! Learn to Improve Your Back Fitness	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting January 8th, 2014	Wound Care Update	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting January 8th, 2014	Don't Let Back Pain Sideline You	Turning 65? Get To Know Medicare	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting January 8th, 2014	
2:30 PM 2:30 AM								
3:00 PM 3:00 AM	Minimally Invasive Surgery for Lower Back Disorders		Community Based Senior Supportive Services?		Your Concerns InHealth: Senior Scam Prevention	Varicose Veins and Chronic Venous Disease		Kidney Transplants
3:30 PM 3:30 AM								
4:00 PM 4:00 AM	Cataracts and Diabetic Eye Condition	Raising Awareness About Stroke	Voices InHealth: The Greatest Gift of AI	Do You Suffer From Breathing Problems? Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease or Asthma?	Varicose Veins and Chronic Venous Disease	GERD & Your Risk of Esophageal Cancer		
4:30 PM 4:30 AM	Your Concerns InHealth: Vitamin Supplements							
5:00 PM 5:00 AM	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes Viewpoint	Varicose Veins and Chronic Venous Disease	Turning 65? Get To Know Medicare	Your Concerns InHealth: Vitamin Supplements	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting January 8th, 2014	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting January 8th, 2014	Diabetes Meal Planning: Strategies for Seasonal Success	
5:30 PM 5:30 AM								
6:00 PM 6:00 AM	Arthritis: Do I Have One of 100 Types?	Alzheimer's Disease?	Kidney Transplants	Disaster Preparedness	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting January 8th, 2014	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting January 8th, 2014	Kidney Transplants	
6:30 PM 6:30 AM								
7:00 PM 7:00 AM	Do You Have Sinus Problems?	Latest Treatments for Cerebral Aneurysm?	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting January 8th, 2014	Peripheral Vascular Disease: Leg Weakness, Symptoms and Treatment & Percutaneous (Under the Skin) Treatment	Diabetes Matters: Partnering with your Doctor to Improve Control	Get Back On Your Feet: New Treatment Options for Ankle Conditions	Diabetes Matters: Key To A Healthy Heart with Diabetes	
7:30 PM 7:30 AM								
8:00 PM 8:00 AM	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting January 8th, 2014	Learn About Nutrition for a Healthy Life	Diabetes Matters: Protecting Your Heart	Financial Scams: How to Protect Yourself	Living with Heart Failure	Minimally Invasive Surgery for Lower Back Disorders	Alzheimer's Disease	
8:30 PM 8:30 AM								
9:00 PM 9:00 AM		Arthritis: Do I Have One of 100 Types	Learn Exercises to Help Lower Your Blood Pressure and Slow Your Heart Rate		Diabetes Matters: Key To A Healthy Heart with Diabetes	Dietary Treatment to Treat Celiac Disease		
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10:00 PM 10:00 AM	Learn More About Kidney Disease	Your Concerns InHealth: Senior Scam Prevention	Learn Exercises to Help Lower Your Blood Pressure and Slow Your Heart Rate	Diabetes Matters: Key To A Healthy Heart with Diabetes	Dietary Treatment to Treat Celiac Disease			
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Washington Hospital's Food and Nutrition Services Department Nourishes Patients and Our Community

“Our department is about nourishment,” said Kimberlee Alvari, a registered dietitian and director of the Food and Nutrition Services Department at Washington Hospital. “For us, patients come first—that is our vision and the ethic of our entire Hospital. But, we also work to live up to the needs of all our stakeholders, including the community.”

Alvari and her staff are focused on giving patients, as well as the employees and visitors who frequent the Hospital's Café, the healthiest and the most excellent culinary experience possible. At the same time, they are keenly aware of the bigger picture.

“We think about all aspects of the food system—from the “field to the fork”—and this affects our actions as part of this Hospital and also as members of society and our community,” added Alvari. “In the past year, we’ve made a lot of progress in more closely aligning our work of nutrition with the need to be socially responsible. We want our actions to have a positive impact on the community, the economy and the environment.”

Socially responsible food purchasing

Last fall, Washington Hospital increased the amount of seasonal, organic and locally grown produce it serves patients by joining five other Bay Area hospitals in the Regional Produce Purchasing Project, also called the Farm Fresh Health Care project. This collaborative purchasing effort is possible because of new computer



Pictured left to right: Alfredo Macias, catering manager; Lorie Roffelsen, registered dietitian and Elvis Lavarrenda, food service production manager are working together to offer patients tastier and nourishing meals at Washington Hospital. Washington Hospital maintains its own urban garden for much of the year, providing additional fresh, organic foods for the Hospital's Café serving employees and visitors.

software in Food and Nutrition Services that can make real-time menu changes. The system enables the hospitals to purchase more fruits and vegetables from local family farms. As a result, Washington Hospital has further improved the quality of food it serves, while supporting sustainable stewardship of the land and investing in local commerce. (See sidebar.)

The Produce Purchasing Project is organized by San Francisco Bay Area Physicians for Social Responsibility (SFPSR) in partnership with Community Alliance with Family Partners. SFPSR coordinates Healthy Food in Health Care (HFHC), a nationwide program of Health Care Without Harm, which works to develop a sustainable food system through the purchasing power and expertise of the health care sector.

Alvari is a member of HFHC's San Francisco Bay Area Hospital Team. This group of 16 leaders from various local hospitals shares knowledge on food service operations and works to combine their purchasing power to create a healthier food system.

Last October, she was a guest lecturer at the Health Care Without Harm Conference at the University of California San Francisco. Her presentation, Managing the Triple Bottom Line . . . Challenges and Considerations in the Procurement Process, focused on managing the food supply chain for hospitals.

In the Hospital's Café

Washington Hospital maintains its own urban garden for much of the year, providing additional fresh, organic foods

for the Hospital's Café serving employees and visitors.

The Café has also been the site for nutrition education and information programs organized by the Food and Nutrition Department. While eating in the Café, Hospital employees and visitors learned from a wide variety of programs, such as “Apple Month,” “Buy Fresh, Buy Local,” “Think Pink Healthy Menu Month” and many more.

Nourishing the community

As part of its effort to reach out to the community, the Food and Nutrition Services Department supported the Alameda County Food Bank, which provides food to 240 nonprofit agencies in Alameda County. Last year the Department donated approximately 500 pounds of food and volunteer hours to help bag 23,000 pounds of oranges at the Bank.

The Department also provided education and information to help residents learn about better nutrition and apply their knowledge in their everyday lives. Free lectures and classes over the past year have included; of Healing Soups, Eating Clean, Yard to Table, Get Your Child's Plate in Shape, and more.

Department staff members shared nutrition information at many support groups and medical classes addressing a variety of health care services and conditions, including Cardiac Rehabilitation, Pulmonary Rehabilitation, lymphedema, arthritis, stroke, breast cancer, prenatal care and wound care.

Throughout the year, Department staff members actively promoted the cause of

better nutrition at fairs and events, such as Newark Memorial High School's Career Day, the Fremont Art and Wine Festival, Concert in the Park, and the Hospital's Children's Health Fair, Diabetes Health Fair, Think Pink event and Earth Day.

They also served as a resource for stories on a variety of nutrition-related topics that appeared in the Tri-City Voice. Subjects have included how sugary drinks contribute to the risk for Type 2 diabetes, following a gluten-free diet, healthy grilling and nutrition tips during the holidays.

Washington Hospital also supports the community by serving as a community training site for Registered Dietitian candidates at San Jose State University, Oakwood University and San Bernardino State University.

Learn more.

For more information about Washington Hospital, go to www.whhs.com. To learn more about the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility, visit www.sfbaypsr.org.

Healthy Eating Made Easier

Enjoying tasty, nourishing meals is an important element for all patients on the road to recovery. At Washington Hospital, the Food and Nutrition Services Department now uses an advanced new software program with real-time patient menus. The program makes it possible for patients to receive a restaurant-style menu at the bedside.

Meal orders are taken by food service representatives who visit patients or call them close to meal time. This allows patients to select the meal they want closer to the time they are served, rather than a day ahead, which is the usual practice at most hospitals.

The automated system also contributes to higher quality, fresher food, because the Hospital can instantaneously change patient menus to take advantage of local, seasonal produce.

Caring & Compassion: DAISY Award Honors Outstanding Nurses



Recent DAISY Award recipients from left to right: Charlene Masankay-Samson, R.N., Lalaine Memrido, R.N., and Jessica Garcia, R.N.

The DAISY Award is a nationwide program that rewards and celebrates the extraordinary clinical skills and compassionate care given by nurses everyday.

The DAISY Foundation was established in 2000 by the family of J. Patrick Barnes who died of complications of the autoimmune disease Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura (ITP) at the age of 33. DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System. During Pat's eight-week hospitalization, his family was awestruck by the care and compassion his nurses provided both to Pat and to his family.

Washington Hospital has been a proud participant in the DAISY Foundation since January 2005.

Each quarter, one of our Magnet Nurses is selected and awarded for his or her exemplary care and compassion by nurse administrators, peers, physicians, and patients and their families. However, we consider all of our Magnet Nurses “unsung heroes” of patient care.

Charlene Masankay-Samson, RN

Charlene has been a registered nurse at Washington Hospital since 2002 and in that time she has been promoted to a Staff Nurse III. Charlene is a strong patient advocate and epitomizes Washington Hospital's “Patient First Ethic.”

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Irvington Fossils & Fluorescent Minerals highlight 'Gem & Mineral Show'



again this year will be the popular geode splitter, where geodes purchased for a nominal fee are split for you as you watch. The childrens' spinning wheel, a perennial favorite, will also be back.

But the big excitement this year is on view thanks to Dr. Joyce Blueford and the Math Science Nucleus of Fremont. The main stage of the Pavilion will display the Irvington Fossils unearthed by "Boy Paleontologists" who were honored throughout the United States in the 1940s. This band of boys, ranging in age from seven to thirteen, unearthed one of the best preserved fossil sites in North America. Fossils from the Irvington District created such an international sensation that a section of geologic time, the "Irvingtonian Stage" within the Pleistocene Era, was named in their honor.

A beautiful 16-carat Australian Opal pendant created by Ed Rigor and valued at \$1,200 will be this year's raffle prize, and the popular auction of members' lapidary creations (such as the turquoise tree by Doc Buschke) will be held as a silent auction/raffle throughout the three day event.

For many attendees, many who return year after year, a primary attraction is the incredible array of lapidary and earth science items for sale. Finished jewelry, faceted stones and settings, beads and



supplies, cabochons and rough slabs, minerals, fossils, petrified wood, crystals, opals and much more are available. The ever-popular donated book sale is also back.

The Food Truck Mafia will be on site all three days, with a variety of trucks featuring a unique array of gourmet food items.

Established in 1948, the Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley has since become one of the most successful non-profit organizations of its kind in Northern California. MGSCV runs a well-equipped lapidary shop in Hayward where it holds educational workshops on lapidary techniques and jewelry arts for members of all ages and walks of life. In addition, club members have access to a library containing resources including books, videotapes, DVDs and gem and mineral-related research materials.

As a non-profit educational corporation, MGSCV and its 171 members are active participants in the community and local schools, helping to increase the knowledge and understanding of the sciences pertaining to minerals, gems, fossils, geology, and related subject matter. Year-round MGSCV club members volunteer in schools to teach children about geology and rocks. Classes on field trips with their teachers are treated to free tours at the show's Friday, February 21 session. Schools interested in attending this year's show are encouraged to contact info@mgscv.org for more information.

A three-day pass is \$6 at the door. Children under 13 are free with adult admission. For more information about the show, the Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley, or to get a \$1 off admission coupon, visit www.mgscv.org.

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Friday, Feb 21 - Sunday, Feb 23
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www.mgscv.org
Tickets: \$6

Think Fremont

Your Feedback Requested: Fremont Housing Element 2015-2023



What are the key housing issues facing the City of Fremont, and how should they be addressed?

These are questions we will consider as we update the City’s Housing Element for the planning period 2015 to 2023. The Housing Element is part of Fremont’s General Plan and outlines the policies and programs the City will implement to meet the housing needs of current and future Fremont residents. Our goal is to conserve the City’s existing housing stock as well as provide opportunities for new housing for a variety of income groups.

Unlike other elements of the General Plan, the Housing Element is subject to review and certification by the State Department of Housing and Community Development. State certification helps the City qualify for affordable housing funds and other grant funding opportunities for public projects. It also helps ensure the legal adequacy of the General Plan and demonstrates that the City is doing its fair share to address regional housing needs.

As we move forward with updating the City of Fremont Housing’s Element for the planning period 2015 to 2023, we’d love to hear your thoughts regarding Fremont’s housing issues. Please submit your

feedback at www.Fremont.gov/OpenCity-HallHousing.

And if you’d like to learn more about the Housing Element, please visit: www.Fremont.gov/HousingElement. To view the current 2007-2014 Housing Element, check out www.Fremont.gov/Current-HousingElement.

Fremont Celebrates Unity with Plans for a New Public Art Piece

Abstract Expressionist Sculptor Bruce Beasley Designs New Fremont Sculpture



The City of Fremont is pleased to announce that planning for a new public art sculpture called “Unity,” is under way. The sculpture is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2015.

In an effort to promote community access to art, integrate it into daily life and create community interest that will enrich the economic vitality and cultural vibrancy of the city, the Fremont Art Review Board recommended that a public art piece be placed at the corner of Stevenson Boulevard and Paseo Padre Parkway. Plans to build this public art piece have now begun.

The sculpture is currently being constructed by Bruce Beasley, a renowned abstract expressionist sculptor whose work can be found in the permanent collection of 30 art museums around the world, including the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the National Art Museum of China in Beijing and the Smithsonian Museum of American Art in Washington, DC.

The sculpture, which cost a total of \$205,700, will feature six stainless steel light-reflecting rings. According to Beasley, the art piece represents the synergy of Fremont –the total combination of the citizens, the elected government, the City staff, the businesses and the physical environment.

To learn more about Fremont’s art in public places, please visit www.Fremont.gov/ArtMap.

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Carve your cares away



Wood carvers Kathy O'Hare, Jack Tornio, Vance Hill, and George Darragan.

Hill proclaims, "Everyone is invited regardless of age. You don't have to have the tools or the knowhow to begin, just the willingness to try something new and discover your potential."

Begun approximately 25 years ago with a simple newspaper ad, FWCG has enjoyed a steady stream of members at their weekly gatherings, but are always willing to welcome others. They work with wood of all kinds and shapes, sometimes bought, sometimes found, but always transformed into art. No large power tools are used, just simple chisels and files combined with imagination and practice.

This is not a traditional class, but rather a group that is inspired by each other's expertise. "We learn from each other," says Hill. "We all work on our own individual projects, but those with more experience are always there to help out and pass on the knowledge to the less experienced. We all grow and benefit as a group, while at the same time enjoy each other's company and have a lot of fun in the process. Beginners need not buy tools or a bunch of wood before they come. They just need to bring themselves. We'll start them off with a small piece and show them the basics. Anyone can do it. Once they get the hang of it and want to move on, they can purchase their own tools in time."

"Wood carving is therapeutic; you lose yourself in your work and carve your cares away," says Kathy O'Hare who is working on her third life-size carousel horse. And as an added bonus, friendships are made and times shared beyond wood carving, though they are always rooted in the common art. Jack Tornio, who has carved countless works including an inspiring sculpture of the famous WW2 scene of soldiers raising the U.S. flag in Iwo Jima, adds, "The best thing about this is everyone getting together and having a good time. We sometimes just sit, talk, and laugh for hours."

There is no need to possess the talent of Michelangelo or be of a young age to take part. "When I started my first horse, I had no clue what I was doing," says O'Hare. "I just knew that I wanted a carousel horse more than anything, and I made it." George Darragan, who still considers himself a "newbie" though you couldn't tell by looking at the beautiful Mexican village scene he's carving out of a wood block, said, "My first piece was a scene from my village in Michoacan, Mexico. My compadre looked at it and said, 'hey that's our village!' It was then that I knew I was doing it right."

This summer, the Fremont Wood Carvers Group will have a booth at the Alameda County Fair. Patrons will be able to vote for their favorite item and winners will receive commemorative ribbons. Later this year, the Fremont Main Library has given FWCG members a chance to display their carved art pieces on the main floor. There will be plenty of room and time for new members to make some great pieces to display as well.

What's better than giving a gift that you made? Completing a project of this type is an expression of your own heart and soul; a legacy for generations to come. Find your innate talent by attending a Wednesday night get-together with the Fremont Wood Carvers Group. It's free and a guaranteed great time.

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Watercolor artists' national exhibit



SUBMITTED BY DIANE LEYS

The 44th California Watercolor Association's National Exhibition (CWA) will be held at Fremont's Olive Hyde Art Gallery, showcasing the work of 70 remarkable watercolor artists from throughout the United States.

Juror Elaine Daily Birnbaum looked beyond excellent skill in execution in making her selections for this showcase. "I looked for paintings that revealed something of the hand and mind of the artist, provided a unique perspective, told a compelling story, and/or pushed the envelope of creativity," she said.

View the work of Gold Award winner Kathleen Conover; Silver Award winner Susan Walsh Harper, who collects her first major award from the exhibition; Bronze Award winner Melanie Lacki; and recipient of this year's CWA Signature Award, John

Salminen. Denise Athanas received the Golden Artist Colors Award.

The California Watercolor Association is the largest regional water media organization in California. In addition to the National Exhibition, CWA sponsors educational programs, displays and other exhibitions, to increase the skills of its members, and to further the understanding and appreciation of water media art for its members and the general public.

The 2014 CWA National Exhibition will run from February 14 through March 16. A reception,

open to the public, will be held on Friday, February 21 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. During the reception, awards will be presented to the eighteen 2014 award-winning artists.

California Watercolor Association's National Exhibition
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writes and produces. It features information about Mended Hearts, upcoming speakers, and educational topics.

Members also receive a subscription to Heartbeat Magazine, published quarterly by the national organization. The local Mended Hearts chapter has nearly 75 members and is looking to increase its membership and the number of certified visitors.

“Visiting patients and their families is very rewarding,” Diane said. “Major heart surgery can be traumatic and it feels good to be able to provide some comfort and support. When they see me they see someone who has made it through to the other side. There is life after heart surgery.”

Randy added: “I really encourage anyone who is interested in learning more about heart disease and heart healthy living, or looking for some support, to get involved with Mended Hearts. It’s a great group of people.”

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Learn More

To learn about the Heart Program at Washington Hospital, visit www.whhs.com/heart.

If you are interested in joining the local chapter of Mended Hearts, or plan to attend the next meeting, please call (510) 494-7022. For information about the national Mended Hearts, visit www.mendedhearts.org.

Candle Lighters presentation luncheon

SUBMITTED BY JOELLA THOMPSON

Although trailers have moved off site, decorations have been put away, and bills have been paid, the Candle Lighters still had one final job to do before putting their 2013 ‘Camp Fear’ Ghost House to rest. That was done on January 25 at our Presentation Luncheon. Candle Lighters, with much pride, was able to fund the following proposals with monies earned through their work at the Ghost House.

Award recipients in this, our 44th year, are:

- Abode Services (\$8,730.56)
- Stellar Academy for Dyslexics (\$4,729.38)
- Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum, Inc. (\$7,976.00)
- Newark Memorial High School (\$5,070.00)
- Soroptimist International of the Tri-Cities/Fremont (\$698.42)
- Local Ecology and Agriculture Fremont - LEAF (\$3,663.89)
- Fremont Parks and Recreation Aqua Adventure Waterpark (\$9,000.00)
- Star Struck Theater (\$2,679.83)
- Mission San Jose High School (\$3,576.15)

In all, Candle Lighters presented Tri-City area recipients a total of \$46,124.23 to fund requested proposals selected by its membership in June.

At the luncheon, the election of the new board was voted on and approved. Newly elected board members for the 2014-2015 year are: Claire Douglas, President; Brigitte Wilkerson and Deanna Loder, Co-1st Vice Presidents (Site); Joella Thompson, 2nd Vice President (Publicity); Marguerite Meyer, 3rd Vice President (Sponsors); Sharon Candelario, Recording Secretary; Carol Hall, Corresponding Secretary; Lani Cortez, Treasurer; Judy Hammond, Communications; Flo Moscon, Membership; Patty Hitchcock and Patty Grant, Social; and Terri Schinkel, Parliamentarian.

The theme of our 45th year will be “Vampire Cruise Line.” Plans are already being made to create another family friendly, fun experience for the community to enjoy.

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Fremont Police Log

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA BOSQUES, FREMONT PD

Friday, January 31

Officers responded to the 46500 block of Fremont Blvd to investigate a commercial burglary. Unknown suspects entered the building through an unlocked rear door. Once inside, two projectors were taken.

Officers were dispatched to the 900 block of Sundance Drive for a suspicious male who was asking for someone who doesn't live in the area. The suspicious man quickly ran off and got into his vehicle. He was last seen headed in the direction of Paseo Padre Pkwy. Due to recent mail theft and possible identity theft activity, he may have been attempting to steal mail. No theft occurred during this incident, but Officer Gilfoy documented it. The suspicious male was described as a Hispanic male adult, 40 years of age, 5'10", 175 lbs., clean shaven, light colored pants and construction type shoes. He was driving in a dirty off-white ice cream type truck.

Saturday, February 1

Officers responded to the 2900 block of Villa Savona Ct. to take a stolen vehicle report. A silver 2005 Lexus ES330 4-door, with CA plates 5JJK465, was stolen sometime during the night.

Management of an apartment complex on the 38600 block of Lexington Ave called to report several trespassers inside a supposedly vacant apartment. Officers arrived and detained three inside the second floor apartment. During the interview, one of the suspects suddenly got up and fled out the back door. He jumped down to the first floor and then fled on foot through Washington High School. His true identity is not known at this time. The other two were warned for trespassing and released.

At 4:20 p.m., Officers responded to the Lucky's parking lot on the 35800 block of Fremont Blvd. to investigate a stolen vehicle. The vehicle was a tan 2013 Chevy Malibu 4-door. It's believed that the suspect(s) stole the victim's purse from inside the store and then used her keys to steal the vehicle. The vehicle was located by officers within 10 minutes via Onstar.

At 8 p.m., officers responded to the 100 block of "I" Street to investigate a stolen blue and white 2003 Suzuki GSXR motorcycle bearing license plate #16S4988. The owner last saw the vehicle at 9 a.m. in the morning.

Sunday, February 2

A \$2,500 check was stolen from the victim's mailbox and cashed at B of A in Warm Springs. Officer Cenicerros is investigating and following up on video surveillance.

At approximately 8:30 p.m.,

the owner of a vacant home on Kraffile Rd reported seeing flashlights inside the residence. The owner advised dispatch that the home had been vacant since December. Officers arrived and got a glimpse of a female through the garage window and discovered that the locks had been tampered with. Officers made numerous announcements and then breached the front door. A second round of announcements included the imminent deployment of a K9, which got their attention. A 46 year old adult female and a 39 year old adult male surrendered without incident and were arrested for trespassing.

Tuesday, February 4

At 7:25 a.m. officers responded to a residential burglary that had occurred on the 49000 block of Woodgrove Common sometime during the night. The unknown suspect(s) took a remote garage door opener and phone cords from a vehicle parked adjacent to the residence. The suspect then opened the garage door and ransacked a second vehicle parked in the garage, taking a pair of sunglasses. The door was closed, but the remote remains at large. There are no suspects at this time.

Officers responded to a residential burglary attempt on the 4100 block of Tamayo Street. The reporting party stated that someone attempted to force entry in their residence, by removing a window screen sometime during the afternoon. There was no loss.

Officers responded to a residential burglary on the 39100 block of Blacow Road. Sometime during the day, possibly at approximately 2:00 p.m. unknown suspects kicked in the front door of a residence. The home was ransacked and several items were removed from the house. A neighbor reported hearing a loud "boom" at approximately 2:00 p.m., but looked around and did not see anything suspicious. There are no leads or suspects identified at this time.

Wednesday, February 5

A large piece of laboratory equipment was stolen from a business on Mission Court sometime between December 2013 and January 2014. The equipment was valued at over \$60,000. C.S.O. Aguirre investigated the theft.

Officer T. Bobbitt responded to a suspicious circumstance call at the Parkmont Gardens on Paseo Padre Pkwy. During her investigation, she made contact at an apartment that was identified as possibly containing squatters. She contacted an adult male parolee and a female who was on probation in the apartment. The female had outstanding warrants and the male was a parolee at large, so both went to jail. During the search, Ofc. Bobbitt located numerous items that appeared to be stolen including computers, ID cards, checks, credit cards, and other personal items. Case is ongoing as of this writing while Ofc. Bobbitt and Ofc. K. Samayoa try to track

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Barns and shed we're burglarized at a property located on the 48400 block of Warm Springs Blvd.

Thursday, February 6

A work truck and a construction trailer were stolen while parked on Landon. Investigated by CSO Aguirre.

A female started her Lexus and went inside of her house to get her kids. When she returned to her vehicle, it was missing. Officer Sasser located the car parked at Motel 6 north and setup surveillance along with other units and Detectives. The suspect drove out of the lot and was able to slip by officers as he ran the light at Enea/ Fremont. Ofc Sasser terminated following the suspect as it continued onto n/b 880 and collided with numerous vehicles. The Lexus came to rest against the right shoulder barrier, just south of the Alameda Creek, and the suspect fled on foot in the eastbound direction. Witnesses and officers believed they had the suspect pinned down in the field just east of the freeway. K-9 OfcRomley volunteered to take a break from a class he was in and help out the shift. The anticipated search was broadcast over the PA system and the suspect showed himself and complied with the arrest. CHP ended up taking two vehicle crashes and our traffic unit documented the one in our City. The suspect was booked for stolen vehicle, evading, hit and run, and possession of burglary tools. Case taken by FTO Leopardi / Ofc Hernandez with assistance from numerous detectives and the entire traffic unit. Special thanks to UCPD who sent officers to assist with the perimeter.

Unknown suspects(s) entered into the victim's house on the 4500 block of Val Street, through the kitchen window. Loss was guns and electronics.

A female victim (home alone) on Corsica Place called when a male (no description) grabbed her ankle as she slept in her bed. She kicked the suspect and he fled into the backyard. Units flooded the area to no avail. Entry may have been made through an unlocked rear slider. Investigated by Ofc. Piol.

BART Police announce change to search policy

SUBMITTED BY BART DISTRICT

At the request of the officer, BART Police Chief Kenton Rainey released the name of the officer who fired the fatal shot in the January 21 tragic death of Sgt. Tommy Smith. Detective Michael Maes has requested that his role in the tragedy be made public in the interest of transparency.

Detective Maes is a 26 year veteran of law enforcement. He's been with the BART Police Department (B.P.D.) for 14 years and, prior to joining BART, Detective Maes worked for the Moraga Police Department as a patrol officer and detective for 12 years.

Detective Maes has an extensive background in criminal investigations and has received extra

training in conducting searches and executing arrest warrants. Detective Maes has also served as a BART Field Training Officer, an acting sergeant and rifle operator. Detective Maes is now on administrative leave.

Chief Rainey also announced a change to the B.P.D.'s policies on conducting residential parole searches, search warrants and Ramey arrest warrants. Effective immediately, all planned residential parole/probation searches, search warrants or Ramey warrants must have the written approval of the Deputy Chief for Patrol Operations or his designee before they are executed. The previous policy called for a manager to be on scene during the search. That requirement will remain in place in addition to the new requirement.

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Lalaine Membrido, RN

Lalaine is known for being a thorough, caring, compassionate registered nurse. She looks at all aspects of their care and makes sure that their emotional, spiritual and mental health are taken care of along with their clinical needs. Lalaine works with families and patients to make sure they receive the best of care always following procedure and protocol.

"I had one patient say to me: I know what to look for when a nurse is taking care of me and Lalaine always scrubs the hub for 15 seconds, she always double checks the chemo with another nurse and always checks my name band even though we know each other," says Brooks. "My lines are always labeled and she always answers my call light almost the minute I ring. "She is a keeper."

Jessica Garcia, RN

Jessica is respected among her peers for her ability to assist and mentor other nurses and always encouraging quality patient care. She is recognized for her willing and trusting nature and for being a compassionate nurse. Jessica always embraces new knowledge.

"Jessica is a patient advocate and patient safety is always her number one priority," says Siony Bondoc, RN, Night Shift Supervisor. "She is a reliable, positive and is able to handle difficult patient situations. Jessica truly promotes the Washington Hospital "Patient First Ethic."

Shannon Bushey named Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters

SUBMITTED BY GWENDOLYN MITCHELL

Interim Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey has been named Registrar, effective immediately. Bushey, a 23-year veteran with Santa Clara County, began her career with the former Department of Agriculture & Weights and Measures. For the past 18 years, she has worked for the Registrar of Voters (ROV) Office.

She has managed the Candidate and Public Services Division for 14 years overseeing candidate filings, qualifying candidates to appear on the ballot, explaining election laws, codes and regulations that apply to 80 state, county, municipal, school and special district jurisdictions. The elections span governing boards, initiatives, recalls, referendums and measures.

"Shannon has served as Interim Registrar over the past year and demonstrated her ability to lead the office," said County Executive Jeffrey V. Smith. "Her knowledge of California's voting requirements and Santa Clara County's voting system will serve her well as she continues providing leadership to the group."

Bushey has a Bachelor of Public Administration degree from National University. Her yearly salary, effective immediately, is \$168,814.88.



School district awarded grant

SUBMITTED BY JAN MARCH, Ed.D.

We are pleased to announce that the Fremont Unified School District has been approved for a grant from the Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit Program in the amount of \$26,000. Sixty- four community-based organizations applied for the grant and 16 were awarded.

The grant will provide leadership training for high school students currently enrolled at Robertson Continuation High School and use curriculum designed by Playbook – Power in Focus, a researched-based program that provides a platform for positive change and improving short-term decision-making through self-awareness and goal setting.

This program is available through Beyond the Locker, a non-profit whose president and founder, Tony Stewart, has been actively engaged with the Robertson students for the past three years. Mr. Stewart is a former NFL player and continues to work behind the scenes with the NFL through Power 180, a program designed to encourage more active play for youth.

Through support of the grant, students will focus on understanding the positive and negative events and influences of people in their past and receive assistance to help define their identity, values and vision for their future.

In an effort to expand the program, there will be an increase of physical activity for both Robertson and Walters Junior High School 7th grade students consisting of a series of physical drills. Prior to the drills, Walters' 7th graders will be provided a plat-

form for an assembly "kick off" whereby students will be introduced to commonly used language for increasing their physical and mental health. This language will be used to motivate them for the upcoming series of activities, and allow for an introduction of their future mentors from Robertson.

Walters Junior High 7th graders will be exposed to positive life targets, aspirations and athletics through a "mini-camp." The mini-camp is created to teach life skills through unique sports experiences. Current and former professional athletes will take students through sports drills that have been designed to help them live out life skills. Students are introduced to life skills that will help them in their long-term success.

During this experience, students are challenged in the areas of teamwork, self-awareness, leadership, character building and social-emotional challenges. Students are shown the benefits of staying fit both physically and mentally. They are encouraged and motivated by professional athletes and leaders of their community who attend the event.

The Robertson leadership class will be included and provide modeling and mentoring for the junior high students. On-going leadership opportunities and training will be provided to Robertson students who will return to Walters Junior High after the mini-camps to counsel and bond with 7th grade students.

This activity will be completed through a series of physical education activities and life skills training. A culmination activity will take place in June, recognizing students for leadership and physical fitness improvement.

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HINT: Overrunning alternator pulleys (OAPs) or overrunning alternator decouplers (OADs) can be tested on the vehicle with the belt attached.

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Auto Review

Honda Fit EV: The Agony and Ecstasy of Electric Motoring

BY STEVE SCHAEFER

The Honda Fit EV is a great example of everything that's wonderful — and not so great — about living with an electric car. I just spent a week with a Reflection Blue one and it took me on a real adventure.

Nobody can argue that electric cars aren't cleaner than gasoline burners. Of course, how much

trips to visit the grandkids or taking long vacation excursions.

The Fit EV drives very pleasantly, is well finished, and comes nicely equipped, but it's still Honda's cheapest car. You can buy the basic gas-powered Fit starting at \$16,215, while the price of my test car was \$37,415! The two versions look nearly identical, except for a chrome smile up front and EV badges on



cleaner depends on how the electricity you use was generated, but you aren't burning anything in the car itself — there isn't even a tailpipe. The EPA's green ratings for the Fit EV are a perfect 10 for Smog and Greenhouse Gas.

Electric motors are quiet and smooth. My tester made a little high-pitched whine as it gained momentum, but otherwise all I heard, even at freeway speeds, was a little hum from the tires and a minimal bit of wind noise.

Electricity is significantly less expensive than gasoline. My research showed that to go 30 miles in a gas version of the Fit would take one gallon of gas at \$4.00; an electric Fit would use about \$1.00 worth of electricity.

At this point, the biggest negative with electric cars, including the Fit, is range. Imagine if you had to fill your car's gas tank three gallons at a time — and it took hours to do it. With a 73-

the electric.

There are significant federal and state rebates that can take up to \$10,000 off the price of an EV, but it still costs a lot more than a gas-powered model. Good leasing deals are out there. Currently, you can lease a Fit EV for three years at \$259 a month, although availability is very limited.

The challenge of driving an EV is learning how to live care-



mile range like the Fit, you need a daily charge, if not twice a day, possibly at a public charger. Charging at home in reasonable time means installing a 220-volt charger in your garage; 110 volts is too slow.

If you plan to drive your EV only for commuting, and your daily mileage fits well within the car's range, then you can charge it up only at night. However, if you want to come home after work and use your electric car again, you may not be able to do it. Also, forget those 160-mile round

fully on your meager energy budget. The Fit's instrument panel has a Power/Charge gauge that shows you if you're using electricity or generating it. On the other side is a full/empty battery gauge, and between them, a digital estimated range display. If you're careful, you can accumulate lots of little trees there.

You can select Econ, Normal, or Sport mode on the left side of the steering column. For me, using Econ, the 100% full range was 73 miles. Pushing the Normal button dropped that to 62, and Sport



Over the past 21 years, Steve Schaefer has tested more than 1,000 cars and published a weekly story on every one. As a teenager, he visited car dealers' back lots to catch a glimpse of the new models as they first rolled off the transporter. He is a founding member of the Western Automotive Journalists. Contact Steve at sdsauto@sbcglobal.net.

slipped further to 56. These numbers vary tremendously depending on how you drive.

Econ reduces the heater function to nearly nothing. Switching to Normal restores climate function, and also makes the car much quicker off the line when you press the accelerator. Sport mode gives another boost to acceleration, but seems unnecessary otherwise.

I used two different charge companies — ChargePoint and Blink Networks. I spoke on the phone with representative from both, and now have memberships. You need to do this to get access to the growing, but still widely

spaced, charging networks, and cheaper rates, too. I received text messages from both companies telling me when the car was full — and also when the charger had been unplugged from the car (in case it was someone else!).

Despite some charging challenges, I enjoyed driving the Fit EV. It's stable and feels light and taut, although my driving was not on exciting roads. The motor's torque pulls you forward, and the expansive glass greenhouse and broad dash make it feel spacious inside. I played the audio system without any apparent impact on my electricity budget.

If you are willing to put up with the obvious issues of range and price, an EV may work for you. The Honda is nice to drive and handy to use, with its hatchback. If I owned one, I would be sure there was a charger at my workplace and install one in my garage. I would also have a reliable second car that burns gas available for longer trips.

11 Critical Home Inspection Traps to be Aware of Weeks Before Listing Your Home For Sale

East Bay, CA - According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether. In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you're looking for, and knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

To help homesellers deal with this issue before their homes are listed, a free report entitled "11 Things You Need to Know to Pass Your Home Inspection" has been compiled which explains the issues involved.

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Scholarship offered by American Business Women's Association

SUBMITTED BY BARBARA WOGSLAND

Pathfinder Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) is offering a \$2,000 scholarship, to one deserving area student, funded through the Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund (SBMEF).

Each year local chapters of ABWA provide this scholarship to female students who will be attending accredited U.S. colleges and universities which confer degrees at the baccalaureate level. Applicants must be citizens of the United States and California residents of Alameda, Santa Clara, Contra Costa, San Mateo or San Joaquin counties. Additionally, the student must be a college freshman, sophomore or senior in August 2014 with a GPA of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Scholarship is for a one-time issuance and is not renewable. The check for the award is issued to the educational institution and the student jointly with the funds to be used for tuition, books and fees

only. ABWA members and non members may apply. Only the first ten (10) complete eligible applications will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees who makes the selection. At least three eligible applications must be received to make the award.

Eligible women interested in applying for the scholarship should contact:

Barbara Wogsland at bwogsland@starstream.net

The application will be completed online and needs to include the following:

A short biographical section which includes career objectives, educational goals and any other pertinent information.

The applicant must submit an official transcript to: The Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund (SBMEF) 11050 Roe Ave., Suite 200, Overland Park, KS 66211.

Applicant must upload three (3) professional letters of Reference.

Applications must be completed by March 31, 2014 and the applicant will be notified in May 2014.

Fremont Bank donates to New Haven Schools Foundation



SUBMITTED BY HELEN KENNEDY

Fremont Bank donated \$10,000 to the New Haven Schools Foundation (NHSF) as part of a community effort to mark their 50th anniversary of doing business. The check was presented to the NHSF board at the January 29, 2014 board meeting.

"Fremont Bank was founded on the premise that the success of a business depends on the vitality of the community it serves and that it is as much the responsibility of a business as anyone else to make sure that community thrives. To that effect, one of the main core values when the Bank was founded in 1964 was to reinvest in the communities we serve. Fifty years later, that value is still at the core of Fremont Bank. So, to mark our 50th anniversary this year we decided to donate over \$1 million to over 150 nonprofits that have not only helped Fremont Bank be successful over the years but have also enriched our community with their services and pro-

grams. The New Haven Schools Foundation is a prime example of such nonprofits. It is with great pleasure Fremont Bank is giving \$10,000 to NHSF in celebration of our 50th anniversary—and most importantly in support of all the students, teachers and staff within New Haven Unified School District," according to Marie-Pascale Peterson, Director of Community Outreach, Fremont Bank.

"Fremont Bank has been a vital supporter of NHSF, and we are thrilled with this ongoing partnership. We deeply appreciate Fremont Bank's very generous donation as well as their understanding that community institutions, such as schools function best when individuals, businesses and nonprofits work together. The donation will help our foundation continue to fund student scholarships, provide mini-grants for teachers and support co-curricular programs in New Haven," exclaimed Rebecca Venable, NHSF President.

Call for "Women in Islam" Art entries

SUBMITTED BY NABEELA SAJJAD

Entries for the "Women in Islam" art exhibit are now being accepted. The exhibit is year-long and happens at local public libraries. Fremont Main Library will host the exhibit in June and July. Other venues are still being finalized at this time.

The theme has been selected to highlight the rights, status, and accomplishments of Muslim women through visual arts. The artists are required to compose their artwork without depiction of facial features and/or human forms. Abstract depictions and outlines of human forms are acceptable.

All mediums of fine arts, calligraphy, photographs, ceramics, quilting, mosaic, metal and woodwork, digital art, bead work, and any other unique ideas are welcome.

The deadline to submit artwork for consideration is March 22. Submission Fee: \$30 until March 15. After March 15, fee is \$40. Artwork should be submitted on March 15, from 11 a.m. – to 4 p.m. at the South Bay Islamic Association, 2345 Harris Way, San Jose.

To schedule later submissions, please call (510) 676-5357. Updated information can be accessed at the website: islamicartexhibit.com or email: islamicartexhibit@gmail.com.

Song Contest

SUBMITTED BY IVY WU

FUSS (Fremont United Student Store), a non-profit organization created to raise funds for Fremont Unified School District (FUSD), is honored to support the district by sponsoring a district song contest. The winner will receive a \$500 cash award.

Inspired by Oliveira Elementary School staff who, in honor of Oliveira's 50th Anniversary, composed a song, "S.O.A.R." which stands for Safety, Ownership, Attitude and Respect, FUSS invites FUSD students and staff to compose a song promoting awareness and appreciation among the 42 schools in our district. The submission deadline is April 30.

Entry Rules:

1. The song should express Fremont Unified School District's values of inspiring, educating, and challenging students.
 2. Song length must not exceed five minutes.
 3. Compositions can be an individual effort or a collaborative work among students/staff within Fremont School District.
 4. The entry must be participant's original work. It cannot be borrowed from copyrighted material, or include commercially pre-programmed MIDI or other files.
 5. Entrants should record and upload their song, including lyrics, to YouTube, submitting the link to events@fuss4schools.org
 6. Start your recording by introducing yourself (name, school, grade level, and name of your song) before singing.
 7. The use of composition and notation software is permitted for the purpose of creating music scores and arrangements.
 8. Music notation is optional; but the music composition and lyrics must be performed by vocalist(s).
 9. To record the song, make sure that there are no noises in the room, and the music is audible on the recording.
 10. Three finalists will be selected by FUSS judges and presented to the FUSD School Board to determine the winner.
- To register, go to: <http://www.fuss4schools.org/fusds-district-song-contest/>



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BUSINESS

Washington gridlock at a crossroads

BY TOM RAUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP), President Barack Obama and Congress stand at a junction. The road the U.S. has traveled for the past five years is beginning to come to an end. The Federal Reserve, which pumped \$3 trillion into the economy to keep the Great Recession from worsening, is withdrawing its financial lifeline amid signs of fresh economic growth. The U.S. gross domestic product is inching up and annual federal budget deficits are heading down.

How Washington policymakers respond to the improvements in the economy may even sow the seeds for more cooperation in Washington. But don't count on it. Finger-pointing still abounds between the Democrats who control the White House and the Senate and the Republicans who control the House of Representatives ahead of midterm elections later this year that will determine control of Congress for the remainder of Obama's presidency.

"The president's policies are not working," declares House Speaker John Boehner, a Republican. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat, counters: "We cannot have a country that's paralyzed because of a group of people – the group of people who are the tea party-driven Republicans in Congress."

"There are no winners here," suggests Obama, with just under three years to go to complete his economic legacy. "The American people are completely fed up with Washington."

An important indicator of the state of the economy came Friday, when the Labor Department reported that the U.S. jobless rate in January fell to a five-year low of 6.6 percent. But employers added just 113,000 jobs, a modest gain. The numbers were a slight improvement from the 6.7 percent rate of the month before and a lot lower than the 10 percent reached briefly in 2009. But that is still significantly higher than the 5 percent or lower unemployment rate that usually signifies a healthy economy.

Even as public confidence in the economy is improving, polls also show that Americans' approval of Congress is at or near record lows. More key fiscal battles are looming after self-inflicted wounds like last fall's government shutdown and repeated debt-limit crises over the past few years.

The federal government once again is about to bump into the limit on its borrowing authority, which is set by law. Last October's deal to end the 16-day partial government shutdown suspended the debt ceiling until Feb. 7. That's Friday. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew has urged Congress to act quickly to raise the debt limit, saying "at some point very soon," probably by month's end, he'll run out of delaying strategies, and the nation could default for the first time ever on some of its debt.

"This can and should be a breakthrough year for our economy," Lew told the Bipartisan Policy Center. "The table is now set for us to build on the economic progress that we have made over the last five years – and it is incumbent on Washington to be part of the solution, and to avoid the brinksmanship of recent years that has done so much to diminish economic momentum."

Some congressional Republicans are looking for concessions from the administration in exchange for their support on the debt limit increase.

Republicans constantly blame Obama and Democrats in Congress for a range of problems, beginning with the president's rocky rollout of his health care overhaul and expensive government programs. Democrats accuse Republicans of triggering the government shutdown and advocating hurtful spending cuts on social programs.

Both parties are mindful of the enormous public anger that the shutdown ignited and its damage to the economy. Many don't seem quite as eager to go to the mat again, especially on the fast-approaching debt ceiling.

Standard & Poor's called the October shutdown, which furloughed 800,000 federal workers, a \$24 billion drag on the U.S. economy. The bipartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates the shutdown, together with a cutback in government spending and higher taxes that took effect last year, subtracted 1.5 percentage points from last year's economic growth, extending the nation's long crawl out of the deep 2007-2009 recession.

"The single biggest impediment to a stronger economic recovery has been the years of dysfunction in Washington and the policies that have emerged," suggests Steven Rattner, a longtime Wall Street executive who was Obama's auto-bailout adviser in his first term.

Bullet train timeline unchanged despite setbacks

BY JULIET WILLIAMS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP), A new forecast from the California High-Speed Rail Authority slightly lowers the \$68 billion cost of the bullet train project but leaves the construction timeline the same despite protracted court battles. The updated business plan released Friday also estimates the system will have more riders taking shorter trips than previously forecast, bringing in less revenue. Its analyses of population, traffic and other factors show revenue could be anywhere from 5 percent to 10 percent lower than previously estimated, but the report says the system still will be able to operate without a public subsidy. The rail authority is required to update its business plan every two years. It's separate from a financing plan that was thrown out by a Sacramento County Superior Court judge in a case now on appeal.

LinkedIn to acquire Bright

SUBMITTED BY LINKEDIN NEWSDESK

LinkedIn, (NYSE:LKND), the world's largest professional network on the Internet with approximately 277 million members worldwide, announced it agreed to acquire Bright, a company that leverages data insights and matching technology to connect prospects and employers.

The transaction is valued at approximately \$120 million, subject to adjustment, and consists of approximately 73 percent stock and approximately 27 percent cash. The stock being issued in the transaction will be done so in a private placement. Subject to the completion of customary closing conditions, the acquisition is expected to close during the first quarter of 2014.

"What LinkedIn does best is connect talent with opportunity at massive scale," said Deep Nishar, SVP of Products and User Experience. "By leveraging Bright's data-driven matching technology, machine-learning algorithms and domain expertise, we can accelerate our efforts and build out the Economic Graph."

"We're excited to join LinkedIn because the company shares a similar vision and is equally obsessed about using data and algorithms to connect prospects and employers," said Eduardo Vivas, who founded Bright in February 2011.

Following closing, several members of Bright's team, including those from Engineering and Product, will join LinkedIn. Bright's users and Hiring Solutions customers will be able to access existing data on its website through February 28.

Parker Barrile, vice president of product for LinkedIn Talent Solutions, blogged about the acquisition on the LinkedIn blog. A SlideShare presentation outlining the deal and showcasing several of Bright's employment market analyses can be found on LinkedIn's SlideShare page and on the investor relations section of the LinkedIn website. Vivas blogged about the acquisition on the Bright blog.

Thank You

Thank you for putting the event on the Tri-City Voice Calendar! Three of the four groups had one adoption each - which is phenomenal. When the event used to be held in Dublin, oftentimes nobody got any adoptions at all or maybe just one, and there were many more groups participating. So, THANK YOU for helping get the word out. Just a reminder, it will be a once-a-month event.

What made it even sweeter was that the bunny adopted from the House Rabbit Society Rescue (Richmond) was in their system for three years! And, the Hayward Shelter bunny who got adopted was in the shelter system for over one year. The third bunny adopted was a fuzzy Lop and those can be more difficult to adopt out because they need tons of grooming.

Thank you as always - and a huge thank you from the rescues, Hayward Animal Shelter, and especially the lucky bunnies.

Christina Gin
Hayward Animal Shelter Volunteer

NSA gets under 30 percent of US phone data

By STEPHEN BRAUN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP), The National Security Agency collects less than 30 percent of calling data from Americans despite the agency's massive daily efforts to sweep up the bulk of U.S. phone records, two U.S. newspapers reported Friday.

Citing anonymous officials and sources, The Washington Post and The Wall Street Journal both said the NSA's phone data collection has had a steep drop-off since 2006. According to the newspapers, the government has been unable to keep pace since then with a national surge in cellphone usage and dwindling landline use by American consumers.

The Post said the NSA takes in less than 30 percent of all call data; the Journal said it is about or less than 20 percent. In either case, the figures are far below the amount of phone data collected in 2006, when the government extracted nearly all of U.S. calling records, both newspapers reported. NSA officials intend to press for court authorization to broaden their coverage of cellphone providers to return the government to near-total coverage of Americans' calling data, the newspapers said.

The lowered estimates for the sweep of government surveillance would be significant because federal judges, members of govern-

ment task forces and media accounts based on documents provided by NSA leaker Edward Snowden have all described the NSA's bulk metadata collection as sweeping in millions of records from American phone users. Lowered estimates could be cited by officials to alleviate privacy and civil liberties fears, but they could also raise questions about the government's rationale for the program — that the NSA's use of all Americans' phone records are critical in preventing potential terrorist plots.

National security officials have said that the collection of bulk data is essential to national security because it provides a massive pool of calling records and other metadata that NSA analysts can quickly search to pinpoint calling patterns showing evidence of potential terror threats. Congressional critics have pressed efforts to end the bulk phone data sweeps, and two panels of experts have urged President Barack Obama to end the program because they see little counter-terrorism advantages and say the program intrudes on personal liberties.

Obama has committed to ending government storage of phone records but still wants the NSA to have full access to the data. National security officials did not immediately comment on the new reports.

Civil liberties groups said they were not reassured by the reports, saying the government still intends to gather phone records

from all American users. ``To accept their legal reasoning is to accept that they will eventually collect everything, even if they're not doing so already," said Jameel Jaffer, deputy legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union.

Verizon and AT&T said last December that they would provide figures this year on data requested by the government in law enforcement and intelligence investigations. But the Journal reported last year that several major cellphone entities including Verizon Wireless and T-Mobile were not part of the NSA's bulk metadata collection. It is not clear why cellphone providers would not be covered by the NSA legal authority.

Intelligence officials are already moving to alter the structure of the phone surveillance program to conform to changes Obama ordered last month.

On Friday, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, or DNI, posted a government website appeal to private companies to develop ways for the government to continue its phone record searches without storing a massive inventory of phone data. The posting, on FedBizOpps.gov, said the DNI is "investigating whether existing commercially available capabilities can provide for a new approach to the government's telephony metadata collection program."

The Associated Press reported last

month that the DNI is already funding five research teams across the country in an effort to develop an encrypted search technique that could be used by the NSA to securely scan phone databanks held elsewhere.

In a related development, the secretive Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court in Washington on Thursday authorized two major changes in the phone collection program that Obama committed to in January. The court agreed to require judicial approval for each internal NSA search of telephone data for terrorist connections and it will narrow the numbers of American phone users whose records can be scanned during each search, the DNI reported.

In the first instance, the NSA now must provide judges with "reasonable, articulable suspicion" for each search of phone data for terrorist connections. That hurdle can be lifted during national emergencies. And the court ruling now scales back the NSA's use of a "three-hop" system in its searches — allowing the agency to scan the records of those in phone contact with a terror suspect and a second wave of people in touch with the first group, but no longer allowing searches of a third wave of phone contacts.

Associated Press writer Frederic J. Frommer contributed to this report.

CVS Pharmacy fined nearly \$700,000

SUBMITTED BY JOYIA EMARD

The California State Board of Pharmacy announced that CVS Pharmacy, which also owns Longs Drug Stores and operates 850 pharmacies in California, was recently fined \$658,500 for its pharmacists' failure to consult with patients on new or changed prescriptions as required by law.

The judgment, rendered in San Diego Superior Court, is a result of a joint action by the Board of Pharmacy, San Diego County District Attorney Consumer Protection Unit and Riverside and Alameda County District Attorney offices.

The civil complaint, filed under the state's unfair competition laws, alleges that CVS pharmacists throughout the state frequently failed to comply fully with state rules requiring personal pharmacist consultations when prescription drug patients receive new prescriptions or new dosages of existing prescriptions.

Stanley Weisser, Board of Pharmacy president, said the patient consultation rules are in place to ensure patients optimally understand how to take their medications. He said consultation also serves as a double-check to ensure everything about the medication is correct for the patient.

Weisser said studies have found that 46 percent of patients misunderstand one or more instructions on prescription labels.

"It's important that patients understand the proper use of their medications. A pharmacist obtains four years of post-graduate, specialized education in pharmacy and is the last health care professional a patient typically sees before initiating drug therapy. A consultation helps minimize or avoid medication errors, screens for drug interactions and ensures better compliance with therapy," Weisser said.

California's Pharmacy Law regulation 1707.2, enforced by the Board of Pharmacy, requires that a pharmacist must provide oral consultation on all new prescriptions not previously dispensed to a patient; whenever the dosage, strength or written in-

structions change; or upon request.

Defendants Garfield Beach CVS, LLC, and Longs Drugs Stores, California, LLC, are California limited liability companies owned by parent company CVS Pharmacy, Inc., of Woonsocket, R.I.

The district attorney offices in San Diego, Alameda and Riverside counties worked with the Board of Pharmacy in undercover investigations of the consultation practices of a number of the major pharmacy chains in the state. The CVS enforcement action is just the first of several anticipated as a result of that investigation.

The Board of Pharmacy provided the district attorneys with copies of 22 citations it had issued to CVS between March 2008 and September 2012 showing a continuing pattern of violations of the consultation requirement.

Then, undercover investigations by the district attorneys in 2011 and 2012 in San Diego, Riverside and Alameda counties found a number of instances where CVS pharmacies did not offer or provide the required consultations or improper personnel offered consultations.

Under the terms of the judgment, which was entered without admission of liability, CVS is permanently enjoined to comply properly with California's standards for patient consultations, and must fully implement an internal compliance program that CVS had begun before it learned of the prosecutors' concerns.

In the stipulated final judgment, the CVS entities also agreed to pay agency investigative costs of \$97,500 and civil penalties totaling \$561,000.

Out of the judgment, the three district attorney offices will each receive \$19,166 for the cost of the investigation, plus \$187,000 each in civil penalties. The Board of Pharmacy will receive \$30,000 for investigation costs and the consumer Protection Prosecution Trust Fund will receive \$10,000.

The stipulated final judgment was signed by San Diego Superior Court Judge Lisa Schall on Dec. 12, 2013.

California leaders push for smartphone kill switch

By TERRY COLLINS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO (AP), Legislation unveiled Friday in California would require smartphones and other mobile devices to have a "kill switch" to render them inoperable if lost or stolen — a move that could be the first of its kind in the country.

State Sen. Mark Leno, San Francisco District Attorney George Gascon, and other elected and law enforcement officials said the bill, if passed, would require mobile devices sold in or shipped to California to have the anti-theft devices starting next year.

Leno and Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner, both Democrats, co-authored the bill to be introduced this spring. They joined Gascon, New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and other authorities who have been demanding that manufacturers create kill switches to combat surging smartphone theft across the country.

Leno called on the wireless industry to step up as smartphone robberies have surged to an all-time high in California.

"They have a choice. They can either be a part of the problem or part of the solution, especially when there is one readily available," Leno said.

Leno and Gascon said they believe the bill would be the first of its kind in the U.S. Gascon and Schneiderman have given manufacturers a June 2014 deadline to come up with solutions to curb the theft of smartphones.

CTIA-The Wireless Association, a trade group for wireless providers, says a permanent kill switch has serious risks, including potential vulnerability to hackers who could disable mobile devices and lock out not only individuals' phones but also phones used by entities such as the Department of Defense, Homeland Security and law enforcement.

The association has been working on a national stolen phone database that launched in November to remove any market for stolen smartphones.

"These 3G and 4G/LTE databases, which blacklist stolen phones and prevent them from being reactivated, are part of the solution," Michael Altschul, CTIA's

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PAT KITE

L. Patricia [Pat] Kite's several garden books include KISS Guide to Gardening, Gardening Wizardry for Kids, Raccoons, Ladybug Facts and Folklore and Silkworms. They may be found at Amazon.com and Alibris.com.

Yes, it is time to prune your roses. For many years I have exuberantly sliced and clobbered, and my many rose bushes seemed to do just fine. However, this year, I have been more diligent, doing a little bit each day.

First, open up the center of the rose bush by removing all branches and twigs that cruise through the middle. This gives good air circulation and sun permission. Eliminate all dead stuff including last century's leaves piled up in the middle.

Somebody recently asked me whether it is a good idea to leave those red or orange rose hips, i.e. seed containers, on the rose bush. No. Take them off. If the rose bush is busy with seed pregnancy, it is not strengthening its roots or limbs for the coming season.

In California, it is not necessary to prune very low. Knee height or higher is fine, depends

on the type of rose. Look along the remaining branches for little leaf buds. Some may even have started to teensy sprout already. Cut about one-fourth above an out-facing leaf bud. There will be several on a branch, so you can pick a height you want. Cut at a 45-degree angle with a curved cutter. The low part of the slant should be opposite the leaf bud. Out-facing leaf buds will give outward-bound side branches, which is what you want.

Pruning the climbers is a different agenda. Here your goal is often to get the plant to grow horizontally as well as tall. Try to train the branches in your chosen direction rather than hacking at them. Those long canes will carry flowers, the best bloom coming from two or three year old wood. I only have a few climbers and admit they are good arm-attack plants. A re-

minder: check with your doctor about a new tetanus booster. Some folk tell me this is not necessary, but other folk insist it is.

Since many readers insist on hearing a story, here we go again! According to a Romanian legend, the rose was once an exquisitely lovely princess who dazzled the sun with her beauty. The sun could not stop gazing at her, so for three days in a row he forgot to vanish in the evening. As a result, there was no night. To make sure this did not happen again, the rule of the Universe changed the lovely princess into a rose. This explains why a rose hangs her head and blushes whenever the sun shines on her.

Speaking of blushing, pink roses, so it was said, became so because Eve kissed a white rose in the Garden of Eden and it blushed with pleasure.

Tree planting training

BY FRANK ADDIEGO

In an attempt to beautify the City and enhance the environment, Milpitas' Green Tree Subcommittee will hold a series of tree-plantings in parks and recreational areas throughout the city. "This is kind of a pet project that was initiated after years of not having Arbor Day," said Community Advisory Commissioner Jacqueline Holland, "We passed the whole idea and it was up to me and the entire subcommittee to plan what this would look like."

On February 15, the subcommittee and volunteers will meet in Cardoza Park for a brief training session on how to plant and stake trees. "We're going to have arborists walking around," said Holland, who praised Milpitas' City Arborist Ed Mosqueta as a passionate environmentalist. "He hosts the training sessions personally."

"The council approved the tree planting program in June of last year" said Milpitas' acting Planning & Neighborhood Services Director Felix Reliford, during the January 21st city council meeting, "part of the grant requires that we have 100 volunteers. To date we have about 62/63 volunteers... we are confident that we are going to meet that number." As of February 1st, that number had climbed to 87.

The tree-planting is also one of many Milpitas events to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the City of Milpitas. "One of our commissioners identified that the City of Milpitas was no longer planting trees on a grant basis," said Commission Chair Samantha Beard. "About five years ago, we had a big tree-planting program, but because of redevelopment funds being diminished throughout the city, they had to cut that out; so the CAC supported this idea of wanting to beautify and green Milpitas," which led to a focus on adding more trees.

The subcommittee planted their first tree at the 60th anniversary celebration on January 26 at the Milpitas Civic Center Plaza. "The mayor and the city council planted that tree as a kick-off for us," Beard said.

The subcommittee specifically chose to plant Jacaranda trees not only because of their distinctive purple blossoms, but, according to Holland, "They are drought resistant. They don't suck up a lot of water." The subcommittee plans to plant Jacarandas around the city borders so that people driving in from neighboring cities will recognize that they are in Milpitas.

The February 15th event has attracted many sponsors including Safeway, Dixon Laundry, Calibur Productions, Knob Hill and Invest from the Ground Up, "Invest from the Ground Up is who we really have to thank for this event," said Beard, "we applied for 50 trees and they gave us 100."

In addition to improving environmental quality, the Community Advisory Committee is, according to Beard, "trying to get youth involved." High school students who participate in tree-planting events may receive a letter of recommendation and community service hours.

Those interested in signing up for the event or volunteering at future events are encouraged to contact CAC Commissioner Ray Maglalang at Raymag72@yahoo.com or (408) 506-8626.

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The Best Valentine's Day Gift

BY ANNE CHAN, PhD, MFT

It's that time of the year some people absolutely love and some absolutely hate. Everywhere you look, stores are decked with hot pinks, crimson reds, and hearts of all sizes. Yes, it's Valentine's Day again – the day of passion that some dread with a passion, wondering what perfect gift they can get for their loved ones.

I have a suggestion for an out-of-the box, but one-size-fits-all gift that is great for any relationship. Anyone can give this gift – it won't cost any money, you don't have to drive to a store to pick it up or even spend one second online to submit your order.

Before I reveal this gift, read the following scenario and see if it feels familiar to you:

Partner A: You said you'd call me if you were running late! How many times have I told you that I'd like you to call if you're going to be late?!!

Partner B: But my phone was dead – I forgot to charge it. What do you expect me to do – buy another battery so I can call you?

Partner A: You always have some lame excuse – I was waiting and waiting and you didn't even bother to call.

Partner B: Like I told you, my phone was dead – it's so typical of you to expect me to do something I can't do.

Partner A: How hard is it to call anyway? Couldn't you have called from your office phone? Why do you always have these dumb excuses?

Partner B: It's not a dumb excuse! Why can't you understand how busy I am and I couldn't call you.

Partner A: So I guess I'm not all that important for you – you're too BUSY to call me because it's not all that important, right?

Before you know it, this exchange becomes a full-fledged argument, peppered with yelling/name-calling/resenting/blaming/the silent treatment (pick your favorite arguing strategy). Sadly, something so little as a missed phone call can trigger an avalanche of anger, hurt, and pain that cascades into a major fight that might even last days.

If the above exchange feels familiar to you, know that it is common for couples to have these types of arguments, regardless of sexual orientation, age, and cultural backgrounds.

The good news is that there is something powerful that you can do that can calm an angry partner and prevent a fight from escalating (this technique works with friends and co-workers too). The secret is to listen, really listen to what your partner is saying. Do not give your point of view, do not give excuses, do not downplay what they are saying – just listen carefully to what they are saying, pay attention to what they are trying to communicate, and apologize for not being able to deliver what they needed.

For instance, in the above exchange, Partner A might have been worried or might have needed to feel reassured about being important. Understandably, Partner B got defensive, perhaps felt unappreciated and attacked, and then went on a blaming offensive. Had Partner B been attentive to Partner A's underlying needs, listened, and apologized, the whole exchange could have had a radically different result.

It is not easy to listen to a person's point of view, especially when that person is steaming mad and blaming you. But if you are able to withstand the onslaught and stay the course of listening without defending yourself or attacking your partner, you can create a means of communication that can lead to greater understanding and healing in your relationship.

Take a moment to ask yourself, "When was the last time I truly listened to my partner when he/she was upset at me?"

If it's been too long since you had a truly productive albeit difficult conversation, try listening without defending. This could well be the best Valentine's Day gift you can give. Remember, roses can fade, chocolates can go stale, but the gift of listening can last forever.

Anne Chan is a career counselor and licensed psychotherapist in Union City. She specializes in helping people find happiness in their careers, lives, and relationships. Her website is www.annechanconsulting.com

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SUBMITTED BY TINA FERNANDEZ

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SAVE's goal is to have at least one hot meal donated every week. If you're interested in participating, please contact Tina at (510) 574-2266 or tina@save-dv.org. For additional info, visit: <http://save-dv.org/emergency-shelter-meal-preparation/>. SAVE has a team of volunteer drivers who will pick up and deliver the meal from your location.

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Fairview Falcons flying high

SUBMITTED BY BRUCE ROBERTS

In sixth grade, my Baywood School softball team in Castro Valley traveled to Fairview School in Hayward. I remember making a great catch at shortstop, but Fairview won the game.

As a product of Hayward schools, I mentioned this briefly last week when speaking to an auditorium full of Fairview students about Made in Hayward, the pride project pushed by Hayward School Superintendent Stan Dobbs. Fairview's assembly was just one of similar events going on all over the district on January 24 as Hayward students and staff took the Made in Hayward pledge. Everyone was treated to a school district video, with local leaders such as Superintendent Dobbs and Mayor Mike Sweeney urging all to endorse this program.

Those reciting the Made in Hayward adult pledge vowed to provide the leadership necessary to give kids the preparation and access to college. The students pledged to do whatever was necessary to be prepared, to gain that access. What ties both pledges together is the dominant theme that Hayward schools can take determined students through a successful education leading to a successful career—all the way from pre-school through elementary, middle school, high school, junior college, college, and graduate school. At Cal-State East Bay, they can even achieve a Ph.D.

Thus, as the students loudly and proudly followed Principal John Melvin in saying the pledge aloud, the whole huge room rose to a crescendo at the last line: "I AM A MADE IN HAYWARD STUDENT AND I AM COLLEGE BOUND!"

Talk, of course, is cheap. There's much work to be done between pledging and achieving. But a program that generates such mental enthusiasm for education is a terrific place to start.

Bruce Roberts serves on the Hayward Education Foundation Board. He was born in Hayward, graduated from Hayward High in 1964, and received his B.A. and Reading Specialist Credential from Cal-State Hayward, recently retiring from teaching after 35 years.

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Violence prevention program targets at-risk youth

SUBMITTED BY FRANK ADDIEGO

In response to a growing threat of gang violence in Union City, the Human Relations Committee (HRC) created the Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention Program (YVIP) in 2007 to reach out to at-risk teenagers with counseling and employment opportunities. Its efforts received funding from tax dollars provided by Measure UU beginning in 2009, which will sunset in 2017.

Since the program was first conceived, the number of violent crimes and weapons incidents by offenders age 14-24 has fallen from 202 in 2008 to 105 in 2013; no homicides among youthful offenders in 2012.

The job of spreading the word about the program falls upon the street outreach team. “Basically, the street outreach team engages youth in their environment,” said outreach worker John Cabrera, “We literally go into the areas where they hang out and where drug deals go down.” According to Cabrera, the team offers employment as an incentive to become involved in their program.

When a client is ready to use the program, the case management team steps in. “My job is to let them know what resources are available,” said Sergio Abundis of the case management team, who tries to work with clients on clothes and other necessities for job interviews. “When I meet with them, I just focus on why they came to see us.” According to Abundis, the program managed to expand employment for at-risk youth even during the recent economic downturn.

YVIP deals with many other aspects of at-risk youth. According to Abundis, when a medical emergency involves a client, outreach is there for them. “Outreach usually goes to the E.R. to calm the nerves of the family,” he said.

At a February 5th meeting of HRC, the success of a client whom they helped secure a job at a firm doing much of the construction on the city’s BART station was discussed. The client’s wages increased substantially and he said during his graduation from the program that it was the first legal job he ever held.

At the same meeting, members discussed strategies for creating community awareness and a replacement for Measure UU. “Our target audience is the voters,” said Abundis. “When you talk to tax payers, they’re thinking, ‘how much am I paying?’ how much does this add to my property values?’ and, ‘why should I do this?’”

The Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention Advisory Committee meets the first Wednesday of every other month, and is scheduled for March 5, 2014 at the Ruggieri Senior Center, 33997 Alvarado-Niles Road. For more information, contact Patricia Abadesco at PatriciaA@ci.union-city.ca.us.

FUSS donates to Fremont Unified School District



SUBMITTED BY IVY WU

Fremont United Student Store (FUSS), a non-profit organization created to raise funds for Fremont Unified School District (FUSD), was proud to present a \$7,000 check to the Board, Superintendent and Staff of Fremont Unified School District on January 15, 2014. The donated funds were raised from events held in 2013 including FUSD’s

Got Talent Show and FUSD’s Got Artists Contest.

To help present the check were volunteers from the FUSS Team, and students (Iyesha Puri, Santhosh Paramasivan, Elisheba Dhillpe) who conducted the Speech & Debate Workshops; the Spring Test Prep Camp (Ajjit Narayanan, Akhil Ganti, Devi Nallakumar, Rohan Panuganti); and FUSD’s Excellence Music CD (Calvin Leung). Students

worked through their own initiative to organize these events and projects to benefit all students and schools in FUSD.

Part of the money will be given to schools that won the FUSD’s Got Talent Show and FUSD’s Got Artists Contest. Some funds will go to support Proposition 49 After School Programs held at Brier, Cabrillo and Grimmer elementary schools and at the Enrollment Center.

Ivory Coast pilots novel elephant rescue

BY ROBBIE COREY-BOULET
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAKAR, Senegal (AP).—After being tranquilized and loaded onto trucks with cranes, elephants that have been squeezed out of their traditional habitat in Ivory Coast are being relocated by conservationists in what is reportedly the first such operation attempted in Africa’s forests.

Ivory Coast is so enamored of elephants that its national soccer team is nicknamed after them. A tusker is prominently displayed on the national coat of arms. The country is even named after the ivory trade, underscoring how the giant mammals once proliferated in the West African nation.

Ivory Coast has not conducted a recent census to determine how many forest elephants are left in the country, but conservationists estimate there only are a few hundred. In Central Africa, their populations have been devastated by poaching in recent years.

The elephants being relocated were forced out of the Marahoue National Park by human migration possibly related to the West

African country’s 2010-11 post-election violence, according to the International Fund for Animal Welfare. This week, the group began tranquilizing elephants outside the western town of Daloa, then locking them in a crate for the 10-hour drive to Assagny National Park on the country’s southern coast.

The dozen or so elephants targeted for relocation moved near Daloa two years ago and began wreaking havoc, destroying crops and killing two people including a small boy who accidentally stumbled upon elephant calves, prompting their mother to attack, IFAW said.

One calf is among those to be tranquilized and moved, the organization said. People gathered around in the red-dirt village of Daloa on Monday to watch the spectacle of an elephant being loaded onto the back of a large red truck.

Forest elephants are smaller than the savannah elephants found in Africa’s eastern and southern regions. They have more oval-shaped ears and straighter tusks, and occupy dense forests stretching from Central African

Republic to Liberia.

Elephants are widely cherished as Ivory Coast’s national animal, and the government contacted the animal welfare organization for help to solve the problem without hunting the elephants down and contributing to the ongoing decline of forest elephant populations throughout the region, said Celine Sissler-Bienvenu, IFAW’s director for Francophone Africa.

“This relocation solves a major conservation problem by contributing to the safety and well-being of both the animals and humans,” Sissler-Bienvenu said. Similar projects have been undertaken for savannah elephants in southern Africa, but until this week relocation had not been attempted for the forest elephants of West and Central Africa, the Washington D.C.-based organization said.

Lack of visibility in the forests increases the risks as elephants become harder to find and approach safely, Sissler-Bienvenu said.

IFAW said relocating the 12 or so elephants around Daloa would take about a week and cost \$250,000.

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attending a family history workshop sponsored by the Alameda County Daughters of the Utah Pioneers that the only paper copies he currently keeps are certificates, historical records, and photographs. He is still gathering history from his 90-year-old parents: his father has been reluctant to talk about his World War II years, his great aunt Susan, who died at 101, told many



stories about her youth in Turkey Creek, Louisiana.

Fremont resident Barbara Pimentel, who attended the Daughters of the Utah Pioneer (DUP) workshop, and Ralph Sev-

erson, also of Fremont, both have ancestors from Flores, an island in the Azores. She and Severson have worked together before, but so far have not found any mutual relatives. The workshop helped her learn more about the new Family Search, and inspired her to work harder on family history.

Shelley Stroschein discovered a "happy surprise" at the DUP workshop. On the bookshelves was a book about her English ancestors who settled the Livermore Valley.

With about 60 computers available, the Oakland Family History Center has a number of specialists for different ethnicities and localities. Among these are African American, Chinese, Jewish, Laotian, Pacific Islanders and many others. There are 29 detailed websites alone for African American ancestry.

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Somehow, though, early this year, a piece showed up that would turn out to have a great emotional impact, although its creator is unknown. Alert workers realized its potential significance and made sure it got back to a proper home. It is a chalk portrait of Matthew Shepard, the 21-year-old who was murdered in an anti-gay hate crime in Wyoming in 1998. It was not tagged so no one is sure who turned it in, or where it was found – just somewhere in the BART system. It could have been on a train, in a station, turned in by an employee or a passenger.

“It was a really interesting item,” recalled Marie Haffner, one of the Lost and Found employees, officially called Transportation Administration Specialists, who first noticed the piece. “The name ‘Matthew Shepard – RIP’ was written on the bottom and I knew I remembered his story from somewhere ... I thought, isn't he the young man who was beaten and found hanging from the fence?”

The triptych-style artwork is about 2.5 by 3 feet in size, done in chalk on a thick stock paper, in shades of blue and gray. Because the portrait bore no ownership identification, Haffner got in touch with the Matthew Shepard Foundation in Denver, Colo., and arranged to have it sent there for display at the foundation's headquarters. “It arrived on Wednesday,” Robert House, programs and outreach manager for the foundation, said Friday. He said at the end of a staff meeting, the foundation's staff opened it up and were moved by the creator's vision of Matthew.

“This artwork is based on a photograph that was taken by one of Matt's high school friends, that has been seen a lot, and we use in many of our materials,” House said. “And this was a fresh interpretation. It puts Matt's face and unique smile right at the center.”

“There is a very small, indistinct signature,” of the artist who apparently created the work, House noted. However, employees of BART and the foundation could not make out the name. So the questions of who created the work, of what inspired the artist, what Shepard's story meant to them, remain unanswered.

House said he was pleased to receive the work because it's important that Shepard's legacy live on. “Our foundation exists to replace hate with understanding, compassion and acceptance, by telling the stories of how hate impacts everyone,” he said. “Just this past summer in New York City we saw a large increase in anti-gay hate crimes.”

If you have any information to add to the story of the artwork, you can find contacts for the Shepard Foundation on its website, <http://www.matthewshepard.org/>
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Wednesday, Jan 22 - Sunday, Mar 2

Cirque du Soleil: Amaluna \$
Wed - Sat: 8 p.m.
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Taylor Street Bridge
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(800) 450-1480
www.cirquedusoleil.com

Saturday, Jan 25 - Sunday, Apr 13

55" Images of Sea Level Rise
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Exhibit details the impact of rising bay waters
Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center
4901 Breakwater Ave., Hayward
(510) 670-7270
www.incredibletravelphotos.com/55inches

Sundays, Jan 26 thru Mar 23
The Happy Leader - Teen Leadership Program \$

2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Teens design a plan for personal & academic growth
India Community Center
525 Los Coches Street, Milpitas
408-934-1130
www.indiacc.org

Tuesday, Jan 28 - Saturday, Apr 12

Jamaica THEN & Cuba NOW
Mon: 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Tues & Thurs: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sat: 12 noon - 3 p.m.
Images of the Peace Corps
PhotoCentral
1099 E St., Hayward
(510) 881-6721
www.photocentral.org

Saturday, Feb 1 - Friday, Feb 28

Afro-American Cultural Display
11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Honoring black history month
Cultural Corner near Sears
New Park Mall
2086 Newpark Mall, Newark
(510) 794-5523

Saturday, Feb 1 - Friday, Feb 28

Jan Schafir Art Studio Exhibit
5 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Mixed media works
Mission Coffee Roasting House
151 Washington Blvd., Fremont
(510) 409-2826

Saturdays, Feb 1 thru Apr 19
Teen/Senior Computer and Gadget Help

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Teens teach seniors to use electronic devices
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
www.aclibrary.org

Tuesday, Feb 4 - Thursday, Mar 27

Artist's Guild of the East Bay: Jump into Spring
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Local artists display a variety of art mediums
Artist reception Friday, Feb 7
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Hayward City Hall
777 B St., Hayward
(510) 538-6777
hacmail@haywardarts.org

Thursday, Feb 6 - Sunday, Mar 2

"An Ideal Husband" \$
Thurs - Sat: 8 p.m. (Sat & Sun matinee: 2 p.m.)
Comedic tale about a politician & a past misdeed
Douglas Morrison Theatre
22311 N Third St., Hayward
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www.dmtonline.org

Friday, Feb 7 - Sunday, Apr 6
Children's Book Illustrator's Exhibit

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Variety of artist's works on display
Sun Gallery
1015 E St., Hayward
(510) 581-4050
www.sungallery.org

Thursday, Feb 14 - Sunday, Mar 16

California Watercolor Association Exhibit
12 noon - 5 p.m.
Over 70 artists display their works
Olive Hyde Art Gallery
123 Washington Blvd., Fremont
(510) 791-4357
www.olivehydeartguild.org

Tuesday, Feb 11

Cribbage Club
6:30 p.m.
Beginner's night
Round Table Pizza
37480 Fremont Blvd, Fremont
(510) 793-9393

Tuesday, Feb 11

Ten Investment Strategies for the Year Ahead
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Identify advantageous economic conditions
Fremont Main Library
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Tuesday, Feb 11

eBestseller Book Club - R
6:30 p.m.
Learn to use a Nook Tablet for reading
Castro Valley Librar
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley
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Tuesday, Feb 11

Cash for College Workshop
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Saturdays

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Year-round
Hayward City Plaza
777 B. St., Hayward
1-800-897-FARM
www.agriculturalinstitute.org

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Tuesdays

12 noon – 4 p.m.

Year-round
27200 Calaroga Ave., Hayward
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Wednesdays

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Year-round
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9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Sundays

8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Year-round
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800-949-FARM
www.pcfma.com

NEWARK:

Newark Farmers’ Market

Sundays

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Year-round
NewPark Mall
2086 NewPark Mall, Newark
1-800-897-FARM
www.agriculturalinstitute.org

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Saturdays

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Year-round
Fairmont and East 14th St., San
Leandro
(925) 465-4690
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10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Year-round
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Offices
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800-949-FARM
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Saturdays

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Year-round
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Smith and Watkins Streets,
Union City
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www.pcfma.com

Wednesday, Feb 12

Jazz Night

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Live music

Hilton Hotel
39900 Balentine Dr., Newark
(510) 490-8390

Wednesday, Feb 12

Ocean Planning Forum \$R

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Ocean resources & maritime trade
Aquarium of the Bay, Pier 39
The Embarcadero , San Francisco
(510) 768-8310
bpcstaff@bayplanningcoalition.org

Wednesday, Feb 12

Wednesday Walk

9:30 a.m.

4.5 mile slightly strenuous bayside tour

Coyote Hills Regional Park
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd.,
Fremont
(510) 544-3220
www.ebparks.org

Thursday, Feb 13

“Works in Progress” \$

7 p.m.

Share ideas & write new songs

Mudpuddle
34733 Niles Blvd., Fremont
(510) 794-9935
info@michaelmcnevin.com

Thursday, Feb 13

Falls Prevention

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Learn about home safety & medication management

Program for older adults
Newark Branch Library
6300 Civic Terrace Ave., Newark
(510) 795-2627

Friday, Feb 14-Sunday, Feb 16

SAVE Fundraiser \$

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Niles Café
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www.thenilescafe.com

Friday, Feb 14

Toddler Ramble \$

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Kids ages 1 - 3 explore the shore

Hayward Shoreline Interpretive
Center
4901 Breakwater Ave., Hayward
(510) 670-7270
www.haywardrec.org

Friday, Feb 14

The Supper Club \$R

6 p.m.

Enjoy a special meal for Valentine’s Day

Chabot Space & Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland
(510) 336-7300
www.chabotspace.org

Friday, Feb 14

6th Grade Valentine “Pinks & Love Stinks” Dance \$

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Music, dancing, food, games & prizes

Fremont Teen Center
39770 Paseo Padre Pkwy.,
Fremont
(510) 494-4344
azambrano@fremont.gov

Friday, Feb 14

Science Lecture for Children

4:30 p.m.

Especially for elementary age kids

Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
www.aclibrary.org

Friday, Feb 14

American Red Cross Blood Drive – R

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Call to schedule an appointment

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Union City Sports Center
31224 Union City Blvd.,
Union City
(800) 733-2767
www.americanredcross.org

Friday, Feb 14

El DeBarge Valentine’s Day Concert \$

7:30 p.m.

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San Leandro
(510) 614-7700
www.baltheatre.com

Tree planting training

Saturday, Feb 15

9 a.m.

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Cardoza Park
1356 Kennedy Dr., Milpitas
(Kennedy Drive at North Park
Victoria)
(408) 506-8626
Raymag72@yahoo.com

Saturday, Feb 15

Fremont Atheist Forum

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Thought provoking talks

Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
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Saturday, Feb 15

School-Age Storytime

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

For ages preschool – kindergarten

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Saturday, Feb 15

Nature Detectives: All About Snails \$

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Discover the exciting world of snails

Ages 3 – 5
Hayward Shoreline Interpretive
Center
4901 Breakwater Ave., Hayward
(510) 670-7270
www.haywardrec.org

Saturday, Feb 15

James Logan High School Crab Feed \$

5:30 p.m.

Benefit for the band & color guard

Union City Sports Center
31224 Union City Blvd.,
Union City
(510) 918-7555
www.longbandandcolorguard.org

Saturday, Feb 15

Healthy Heart Bike Ride

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

18 mile flat ride along Alameda Creek Trail

Niles Staging Area
Old Canyon Rd. in Niles Dis-
trict, Fremont
(510) 544-3220
www.ebparks.org

Saturday, Feb 15

Family Bird Walk – R

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Share nature time with your kids

Ages 5 – 10
SF Bay Wildlife Refuge
1 Marshlands Rd., Fremont
(510) 792-0222
http://donedwardsfamilybird.eve
nfbrite.com

Saturday, Feb 15

Valentino for Valentine’s Day \$

7:30 p.m.

“Blood and Sand,” “Tango Tangles,” & “Forgotten Sweeties”

Niles Essanay Theater
37417 Niles Blvd, Fremont
(510) 494-1411
www.nilesfilmmuseum.org

Saturday, Feb 15

Shoreline Trash Takers

12 noon - 1:30 p.m.

Volunteers remove litter from shore

Hayward Shoreline Interpretive
Center
4901 Breakwater Ave., Hayward
(510) 670-7270

Saturday, Feb 15

Fabulous Fuchsia Event – R

10 a.m. - 12 noon

Learn how to care for your fuchsias

Dale Hardware
3700 Thornton Ave, Fremont
(510) 797-3700

Saturday, Feb 15

Musical Tribute to America’s Veterans

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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forms*

Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave.,
Castro Valley
(510) 667-7900
www.aclibrary.org

Saturday, Feb 15

Happily in Love... \$

12 noon & 3 p.m.

Valentine’s Day wine tasting train ride

Niles Canyon Railway
Niles Depot Station
37001 Mission Blvd., Fremont
(408) 249-2953
www.ncry.org

Saturday, Feb 15

Cowboy Coffee \$

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Learn to make coffee on the farm

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www.ebparks.org

Sunday, Feb 16
Remarkable Reptiles
11 a.m. - 12 noon
Kids learn about lizards & snakes
Hayward Shoreline Interpretive
Center
4901 Breakwater Ave., Hayward
(510) 670-7270

Sunday, Feb 16
Mewuk-Style Coiled Basketry \$R
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Learn the technique to create Indian basketry
Ages 18+
Coyote Hills Regional Park
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd.,
Fremont
(888) 327-2757
www.ebparks.org

Sunday, Feb 16
Story Hunters – R
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Learn about the history of refuge lands
SF Bay Wildlife Refuge
1 Marshlands Rd., Fremont
(510) 792-0222
<http://donedwardsstory.eventbrite.com>

Sunday, Feb 16
Good Morning Farm \$
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Help feed the farm animals
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd.,
Fremont
(510) 544-2797
www.ebparks.org

Sunday, Feb 16
Winter Wildlife Walk \$
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Search for untamed creatures in the park
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd.,
Fremont
(510) 544-2797
www.ebparks.org

Monday, Feb 17
Tot Swim \$
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Play & practice in the training pool
Ages 1 -5 with an adult
Hayward Plunge
24176 Mission Blvd., Hayward
(510) 581-4050

Tuesday, Feb 18
How to Prepare Seniors for Potential Disasters
12 noon - 1:30 p.m.
Lunch & presentation for health care providers
On Lok Lifeways Peralta Center
3683 Peralta Blvd, Fremont
(510) 828-2529
janice@onlok.org

Thursday, Feb 20
The Future’s so Bright We Gotta Wear Shades! \$R
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
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Hotel Escargot

SUBMITTED BY SANDY BOHNER

The Sunol Repertory Theatre proudly presents our 33rd season, 2014 production “Hotel Escargot” on March 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, and 29.

The story takes place at the French Riviera, where the annual Kantz France International Film Festival is about to begin. A hodgepodge of people come together at the elegant Hotel Escargot — a wretched hotel owner Wynona Elmsley, her down-trodden staff, a couple of bumbling jewel thieves hoping to profit from wealthy guests, an inept reporter from the Hollywood Celebrity Network, directors, producers, actors, investors and movie fans from all over the world.

As the reporter interviews world renowned film directors, we see “film clips” of their movies which are - well... let’s just say “artsy.” Meanwhile, an American producer, who doesn’t seem to care for

originality, pitches “Alamo II” to investor and Texas oil man Ricky Joe Derrick. In this sequel, the Texans win! Don’t like it? How about making another best-loved film of all time, “Gone with the Wind II”? Add a clueless police inspector, members of a royal family and Wynona trying to figure out which of her guests is really a reporter doing a write-up for the Elegant Hotels magazine, and we have one crazy time on the Riviera!

Hotel Escargot
Saturday, Mar 8 – Saturday, Mar 29
8 p.m.
Sunol Glen School Theatre
11601 Main St., Sunol
Tickets and info: www.sunol.net
\$15 Reserved Seating

Writers' Group

SUBMITTED BY SALLY THOMAS

A peer-supported writers’ group facilitated by Bay Area writer and community theatre artist Christine Baniewicz will give support to stay on track with your writing, whether fiction, non-fiction, or poetry. The Peer Writers’ Group will meet Tuesday evening, February 18 at the Hayward Main Library. Bring five to 10 copies of the piece you wish to share with the group.

Christine Baniewicz writes, composes, and leads applied theatre workshops around the world. She currently serves as an associate artist with the Los Angeles-based traveling theater arts nonprofit organization *ImaginAction*. As a member of the *ImaginAction* team in Northern Ireland, Baniewicz led creative writing workshops with the Pathways Alternative Education Program for youth in Belfast. Her original plays and incidental scores have been performed in the U.S., Northern Ireland, and occupied Palestine. She also writes for news blogs and print media.

Baniewicz lives in Oakland, teaches an after-school youth enrichment course with Oakland Leaf and leads community theatre projects with LGBTQ youth in Pittsburg, California, through the Center for Human Development’s Empowerment Program. Find out more about Baniewicz at: <http://imaginaction.org/artists/associate-artists/christine>.

Upcoming Peer Writers’ Group meetings:

Tuesday, February 18: 6 p.m.
Saturday, March 8: 2 p.m.
Tuesday, March 18: 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 12: 2 p.m.
Monday, April 28: 6 p.m.
Saturday, May 10: 2 p.m.

For more information about the group and meetings, call (510) 881-7700.

Peer Writers’ Group
Monday, Feb 3 – Saturday, May 10
Monday and Tuesdays: 6 p.m.
Saturdays: 2 p.m.
Hayward Public Library
835 C St., Hayward
(510) 881-7700
<http://www.library.hayward-ca.gov/>



Forks
Over
Knives

SUBMITTED BY SALLIE PINE

Join healthy eating specialist Joy Chen and Lisa Marie Wilson from Whole Foods Market Fremont for a free screening and discussion of *Forks Over Knives*.

The documentary will be shown on Monday, February 24 at the Fremont Main Library. Directed by independent filmmaker Lee Fulkerson, the film advocates a low-fat, whole-food, plant-based diet, as a means of combating a number of diseases including coronary disease, diabetes, obesity and cancer.

Forks Over Knives highlights the findings of Dr. T. Colin Campbell and Dr. Caldwell Esselstyn, whose research suggests “most, if not all, of the degenerative diseases that afflict us can be controlled, or even reversed, by rejecting our present menu of animal-based and processed foods.”

The Library will provide an ASL (American Sign Language) interpreter for any event with at least seven working days’ notice. Please call (510) 745-1401 or TTY 888-663-0660.

Forks Over Knives
Monday, Feb 24
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Fremont Main Library, Fukaya Room
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
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On March 17, 2013, a meteor the size of a small boulder traveling over 70 times the speed of a bullet crashed into the surface of the Moon. It created an explosion so bright that it could be seen from Earth—without a telescope! Scientists think that the force of the explosion was the same as about five tons of dynamite going off all at once.

The whole thing was captured on video, too! NASA uses telescopes here on Earth to watch the Moon for impacts. NASA has been doing this since 2005. The March 17th impact was the largest they have ever seen.

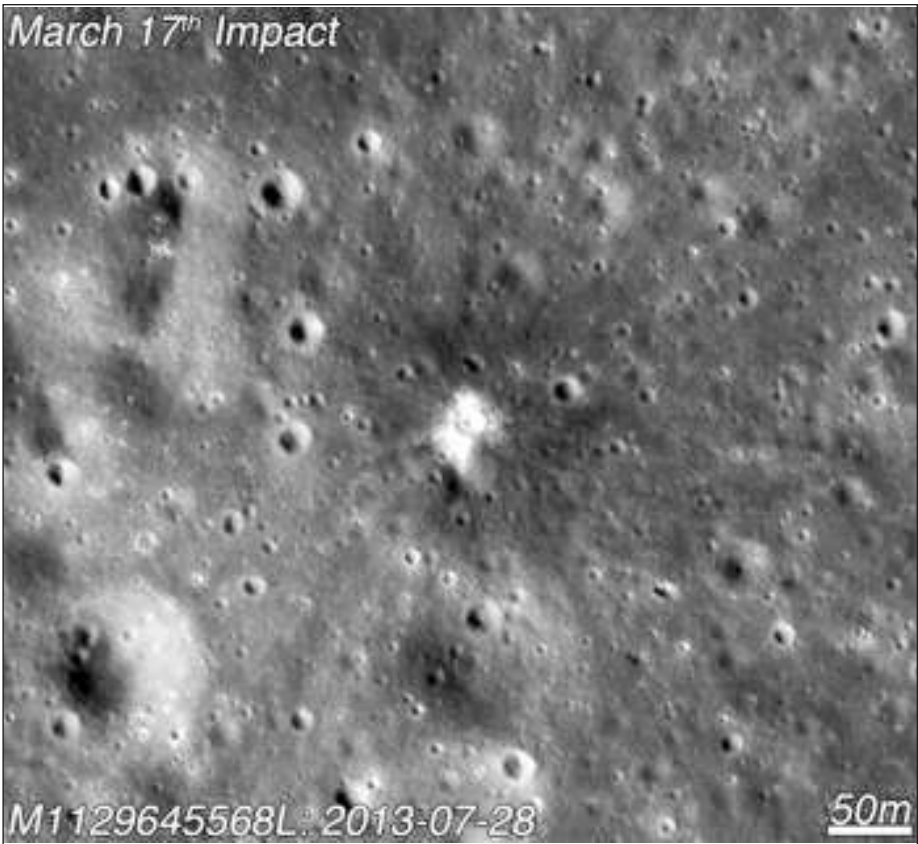
Scientists wanted to see what kind of damage this speeding rock caused. A couple of months later, NASA was able to use a spacecraft orbiting the Moon to zoom in on the area from the flash. They found a bright, white crater. It had to be the crater

Bright Flash on the Moon Leads to a New Crater

caused by the meteor. A picture from 2012 of the same place had no crater there!

The Moon has a rich history of getting hit by meteors. Its surface is covered with all kinds of craters from both big and small impacts. Early on in its history, billions of years ago, the solar system was full of objects crashing into each other. Without weather or many of the geologic processes on Earth to remove them, lots of the craters on the Moon's surface are visible from this ancient time.

But that doesn't mean that the Moon's surface stopped changing after its hectic early years. Thanks to space rocks still zipping around our solar system today, the Moon's surface is not frozen in time. In-



NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter took this before (Left, February 2012) and after (Right, July 2013) picture of the new crater created by the March 17th impact.

Credit: NASA/GSFC/Arizona State University.

stead, its ancient features are dotted with the scars of subsequent impacts that have occurred to this day. As you look at the Moon in the night sky, let its cratered surface be a reminder of the power and wonder of our busy stellar neighborhood.

To check out a video of the meteor hitting the moon and to learn more about this exciting event, check out:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYloGu-UZCFM>.

Want to learn more about meteors? Check out NASA's Space Place:
<http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/meteor-shower>.

First confirmed whooping cough death since 2010

SUBMITTED BY ANITA GORE

Pertussis, better known as whooping cough, has claimed the life of a Riverside County infant less than six months of age, according to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). It's the first confirmed death from the disease since 2010.

"This baby's death is a tragedy for the family, and for California as a community, and this is a preventable disease," said Dr. Ron Chapman, state health officer and director of CDPH. "Preventing deaths in infants by ensuring that all pregnant women get vaccinated is our primary goal in pertussis control. When pregnant women are vaccinated, the immunity they develop against pertussis is passed to their infants and helps protect infants until they are old enough to be vaccinated themselves. Young infants are at the greatest risk of severe or fatal pertussis."

Pertussis is cyclical with peaks in incidence every 3 to 5 years. California experienced a pertussis epidemic in 2010 when more than 9,100 cases, including 10 deaths were reported. That's more cases than had been reported in any year since the pre-vaccine era. After declining steadily from the peak in 2010, monthly case reports began increasing in mid-2013. Of the cases in 2013, 83 percent of reported pertussis cases were children less than 18 years of age. Of these pediatric cases, 12 percent were infants less than six months of age.

For infants, pertussis vaccinations typically start at two months of age, but adequate protection doesn't occur until about six months of age.

"This serves as a sad reminder that illnesses like whooping cough are still very much with us, and immunizations are the first line of defense," said Dr. Cameron Kaiser, public health officer for Riverside

County Department of Public Health. "We strongly encourage pregnant women to get vaccinated, all parents to vaccinate their children on time, and for adults to keep current with their booster shots to reduce the spread of the disease."

It's important that both children and adults are up-to-date on their immunizations. Booster shots for pertussis are critical because, unlike some other vaccine-preventable diseases like measles, neither the pertussis disease nor vaccine confers lifelong immunity.

To avoid the spread of pertussis, CDPH recommends that:

Pregnant women receive a pertussis vaccine booster during the third trimester of each pregnancy, even if they received it before.

Infants be vaccinated against pertussis as soon as possible. The first dose is recommended at two months of age. Young children need five doses of pertussis vaccine by kindergarten (ages 4-6).

California 7th grade students receive the pertussis vaccine booster as required.

Adults receive a pertussis vaccine booster, especially if they are in contact with infants or are healthcare workers who may have contact with infants or pregnant women.

The symptoms of pertussis vary by age. For children, a typical case of pertussis starts with a cough and runny nose for one to two weeks. The cough then worsens and children may have rapid coughing spells that end with a whooping sound. Young infants may not have typical pertussis symptoms and may have no apparent cough. Parents may describe episodes in which the infant's face turns red or purple. For adults, pertussis may simply be a cough illness that persists for several weeks.

More information about pertussis is available on the CDPH website, <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

Fremont forges sustainability vision

SUBMITTED BY CHERYL GOLDEN

Fremont has kicked off the New Year with sustainability at the forefront. Leading up to this, in November 2013, the City of Fremont embarked on its first-ever trade mission to India, establishing important connections in the cities of Bangalore, Chennai and Jaipur. The trade mission reflects the Fremont City Council's leadership in the areas of global connectivity and sustainability.

The trade mission was an overall success, but the delegation may have accomplished its most significant goal in Jaipur, Fremont's sister city of more than 20 years. There, the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory facilitated the City's signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to become part of the Lab's Sustainable Cities Partnership program, which aims to create greener, environmentally friendly cities.

Drawing inspiration from its trade mission to India, and in support of the City's Climate Action Plan, which the Council adopted in late 2012 to provide a roadmap for the City's sustainability efforts, Fremont is closely tracking the following four sustainability trends in the year ahead, all of which tie into development priorities and growing business sectors:

1. Kicking Up the Urban Vibe: More people, including young professionals, families, and empty nesters will choose

to live in walkable urban neighborhoods with access to transit, interesting public spaces, and stores/restaurants.

2. Greener Transportation: As traffic congestion increases and fossil fuel costs trend upward, the State of California and local governments are looking for ways to meet greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. The result is increased market-based alternatives to traditional internal combustion engine vehicles, as well as continued public investment in transit, including electric vehicles, car sharing and mass transit investment (BART, High Speed Rail, CalTrain).
3. Solar All the Way: As prices for solar decline, it is becoming a more viable energy source. Widespread availability of financing is also making it possible for businesses and consumers to purchase solar at no out-of-pocket cost and to finance their systems through utility savings. Solar adoption will continue to increase, along with other alternative energy sources, such as fuel cell and wind.
4. LED Technology Will Take the Lead: LED technology has reached a tipping point – quality has improved and prices have dropped so that LEDs now clearly provide a cost-effective, energy-savings alternative to traditional streetlights and are becoming more cost-competitive for indoor lighting as well.

For more information, visit www.thinksiliconvalley.com.

Newark Police Log

SUBMITTED BY NEWARK PD

Friday, January 31

At 12:34 p.m., Officer Arroyo issued both Lakshmi Bade of Fremont and Padmazathi Ramala of Fremont citations for petty theft from Macy's.

Saturday, February 1

Officer Khairy responded to Macy's for a shoplifter in custody. Updesh Jheeta was cited for petty theft at 2:16 p.m.

Officer Arroyo responded to the Courtyard Hotel at 3:26 p.m. on a stolen vehicle. A 2007 Chevy Express (large passenger van), Lic.#8J24152 was stolen.

Sunday, February 2

Officer Neithercutt investigated a stolen vehicle from a residence in the 35200 block of Lido Blvd. at 12:58 p.m. The victim reported his 1998 Nissan Sentra 4CTB370 was stolen from the front of his residence.

Monday, February 3

Officer Rodgers investigated a window smash auto burglary at 1:10 p.m. which occurred behind the Samraat Curry Hut (Indian Cafe) on Jarvis Ave. Loss was a lap-top.

Officer Mavrakis investigated a stolen vehicle from 37137 Hickory St. (World Pac) at 6:26 p.m. A white 1998 Acura Integra 2 door, CA lic.# 6EET074 was taken between 1400 and 1745 hours.

Tuesday, February 4:

At 8:01 a.m., Officer Warren investigated a report of a stolen vehicle from a residence in the 6000 block of Joaquin

Murieta Avenue. The vehicle was last seen at 2330 last night and is described as a Green 1993 Mercury Villager, CA plate # 6LBS642.

At 11:05 a.m., Officer Warren investigated a report of a stolen vehicle from a residence in the 37000 block of Spruce Street. The vehicle was last seen at 0600 this morning and is described as a Maroon 2003 Chevrolet Silverado, CA plate # 7B20369.

Officer Warren was dispatched to the Dodge/Jeep Dealership on Balentine Drive to investigate a report of identity theft. On January 24, 2014, an unknown Black Male Adult fraudulently purchased a vehicle after assuming the identity of a resident from the state of Texas. The victim in Texas caught the credit inquiry after running his credit report on an unrelated matter. He then contacted the dealership today and informed them, he did not purchase the vehicle in question nor did he give anyone permission to buy the used vehicle. Officer Warren is still investigating the stolen vehicle is described as a Red/Orange 2013 Chevrolet Camaro, CA plate # 7BGZ403.

Any person with any information concerning these incidents can contact the non-emergency line at (510) 578-4237. Information can also be left anonymously on the "silent witness" hotline at (510) 578-4000, extension 500.

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Olympians of (Social) Security

BY MARIAELENA LEMUS
SOCIAL SECURITY PUBLIC AFFAIRS
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While the eyes of the world focus on the XXII Winter Olympics in the resort town of Sochi, Russia this month, we'd like to bring your attention to another worthy focal point: internet safety.

February 11 is Safer Internet Day. If there were an Olympic event for safe Internet transactions, we believe the Social Security Administration would be in the running for a gold medal. We take Internet security seriously. After all, Security is our middle name.

What are some of the convenient, safe, and secure things you can do online at www.socialsecurity.gov?

You can get a personalized estimate of your future benefits using our Retirement Estimator. Apply for retirement or disability benefits. If you don't plan to retire but you want to apply only for Medicare at age

65, you can do it online. You can even establish and maintain a my Social Security account at any age to access all your personal Social Security information at any time convenient for you. All of these things can be done in minutes, and you don't have to worry about security issues. On Safer Internet Day and every day, your information is secure with us.

If you've experienced a safe, convenient service at our website, why not share the experience at our social media hub? Of course, you'll want to be careful not to post any personal identifying information, such as your Social Security number. But whether you want to spread the word about Safer Internet Day or share an experience you've had dealing with Social Security, we encourage you to join us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Pinterest. You'll find these connections, along with the ability to get email updates, view the photo blog, join webinars and more at our social media hub. Just visit www.socialsecurity.gov/socialmedia.

The next Olympic event is about to begin in Sochi. But remember that the Social Security Administration gets a gold medal when it comes to safe transactions on the Internet. Security is our middle name.

Social Security Q&A

Question:
I didn't enroll in Medicare Part B back when my Part A started a few years ago. Can I enroll now?

Answer:
Yes — but if you want to do it this year, you'll have to act soon. The general enrollment period for Medicare Part B, medical insurance, began January 1 and runs through March 31. Keep in mind that although there is no monthly premium for Medicare Part A, there will be a premium for your Medicare Part B. And in most cases, that premium goes up each 12-

month period you were eligible for it and elected not to enroll. To find out more about Medicare, visit www.medicare.gov or www.socialsecurity.gov and select the "Medicare" link.

Question:
Will my Medicare coverage change because of the Affordable Care Act?

Answer:
No, not at all. People who have Medicare coverage are not affected by the Affordable Care Act. Medicare is not a part of the Affordable Care Act's Health Insurance Marketplace. If you are a Medicare beneficiary, your Medicare benefits are not changing. You do not need to replace your Medicare coverage with Marketplace coverage. For more information about the Marketplace, visit www.healthcare.gov. For more information about Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D, visit www.medicare.gov. Or read our publication on Medicare at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

Hayward Police Log

SUBMITTED BY
SGT. ERIC MELENDEZ,
HAYWARD PD

Tuesday, January 28

A male forced entry into a residence on the 27000 block of Hayward Blvd and brandished a knife to a female resident. The woman's son intervened and forced the male out of the home. The male subject was located nearby and arrested at 9:41 a.m.

Wednesday, January 29

A male subject threw a brick into a window of a business and took a cash register at 3:03 a.m. This subject has been identified as being involved in several similar incidents in Hayward and neighboring cities in the area. This subject was stopped by a neighboring agency

and arrested. Investigators are linking him to numerous incidents.

Friday, January 31

At 12:29 a.m., there were three armed home invasion robberies at an apartment complex located on Austin Avenue. The four male subjects forced their way into multiple occupied apartments and took property from residents. The suspects also robbed a female in the parking lot of the complex while leaving.

A burglary to an occupied residence occurred at 12:29 p.m. in the 2400 block of Hibiscus Dr. A male kicked in the front door of the residence and began searching the house. When the male discovered a resident in a back bedroom they fled from the residence.

Saturday, February 1

A male subject was seen taking a

purse from a vehicle parked in a parking lot on the corner of Winton Ave and Jackson St. at 9 a.m. The male was seen running to an apartment complex and go into an apartment. When the police arrived the male decided to surrender and the property was recovered.

Sunday, February 2

A resident comes home and discovers two males trying to steal his vehicle parked in front of his house at 7:11 a.m. The resident confronts the males who flee. Officers searching the area discover the vehicle parked in front of a house near the scene. Officer contact the subjects in the residence and locate one of the males inside.

Sunday, February 9

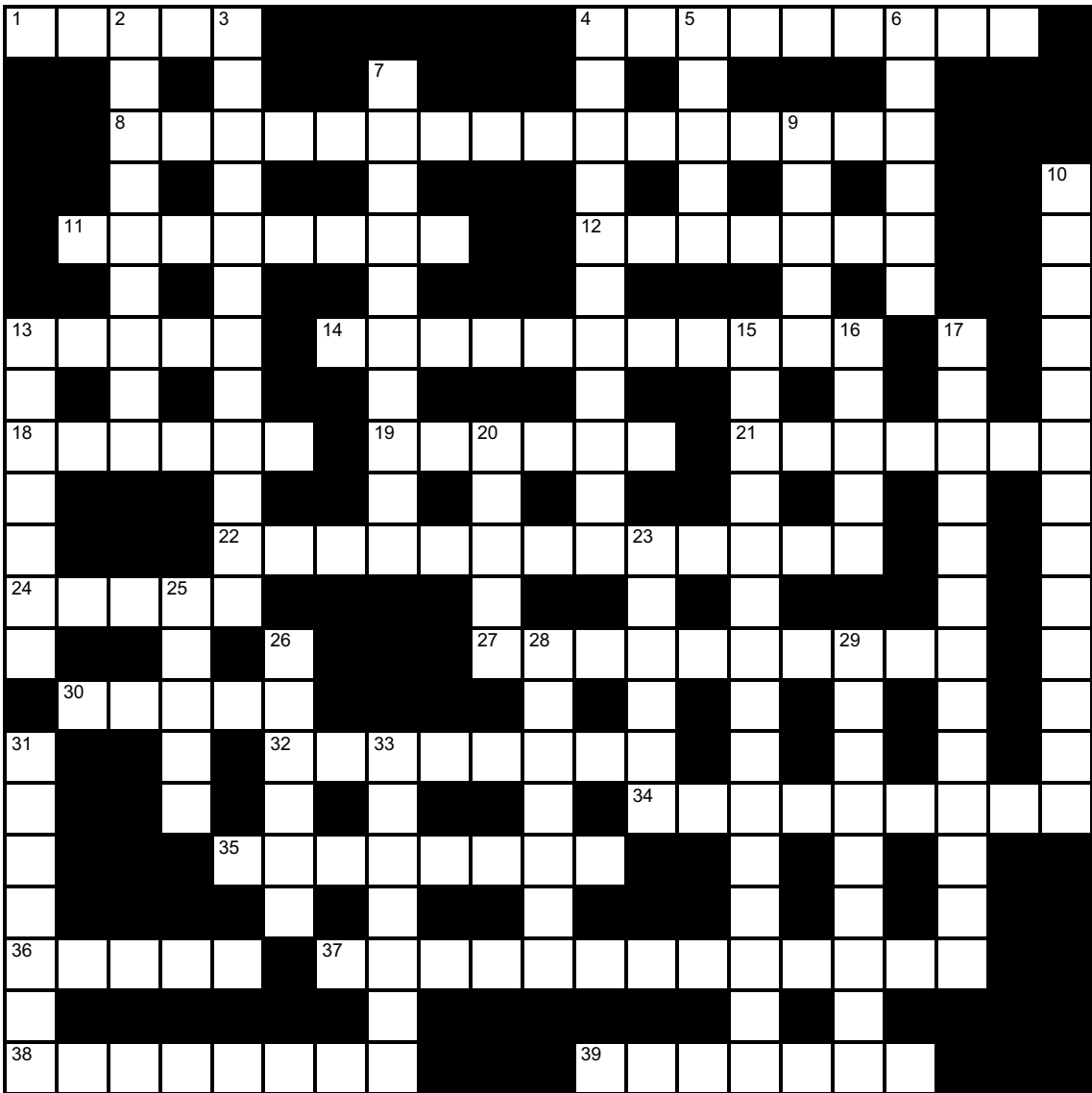
Hayward Police Department dispatch received a phone call at 5:28 p.m. regard-

ing a male who had been shot during a possible home invasion robbery. This incident happened at a single family residence in the 21000 block of Western Blvd. When police officers arrived they contacted the victim who told them that one male suspect, who was shot, was inside the residence. The victim also said that other involved suspects had fled from the location. Officers entered and found a deceased male inside who appeared to have been killed by gunfire.

At 5:47 p.m., Hayward Police Department Dispatch received a call from a local hospital indicating a vehicle had dropped off a female suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The female is believed to have been involved in the incident on Western Blvd but this is still under investigation.

Mind Twisters

Crossword Puzzle B 252



- Across
- 1 Stationed (5)

4 Get juice from lemon by ____ (9)

8 Burdens of obligation (16)

11 People from Land of the Sphynx (8)

12 Series of turns in a line (7)

13 "You there?" (5)

14 Dissimilarities (11)

18 Totaling (6)

19 Kind of wrestling (6)

21 Quantities or measure (7)

22 Unusually great (13)

24 Eminent (5)

27 Things that have been picked out (10)

30 Street musician, one from a band of carol-ers (5)

32 Bushy tailed rodent (8)
- 23 Trembling with cold or fear (9)

25 Special stress (8)

26 Express displeasure (5)

27 Favorable prospect or time (13)

28 Done without the knowledge of others (8)

29 E-mail (7)
- Down
- 2 Contended resolutely with task (9)

3 Discouraged by failure (12)

4 Land of the Alps (11)

5 By way of (5)

6 To be emphatic and firm (6)

7 Unknown territory (10)

9 Candidate's concern (5)

10 Grasping the subject matter (13)

13 Moving towards a direction (7)
- 15 Features (15)

16 Expressionless (5)

17 Discussions (13)

20 Opportunities, so to speak (5)

23 High marks (6)

25 Take up space (5)

26 Appropriate (6)

28 At a prior time (7)

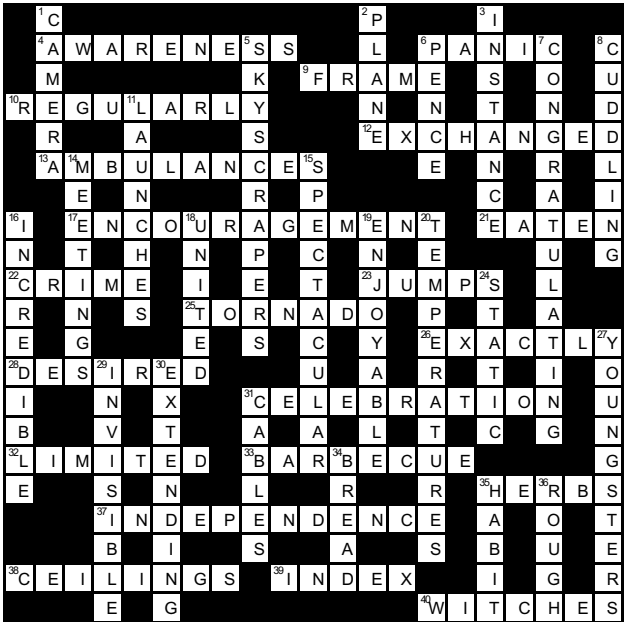
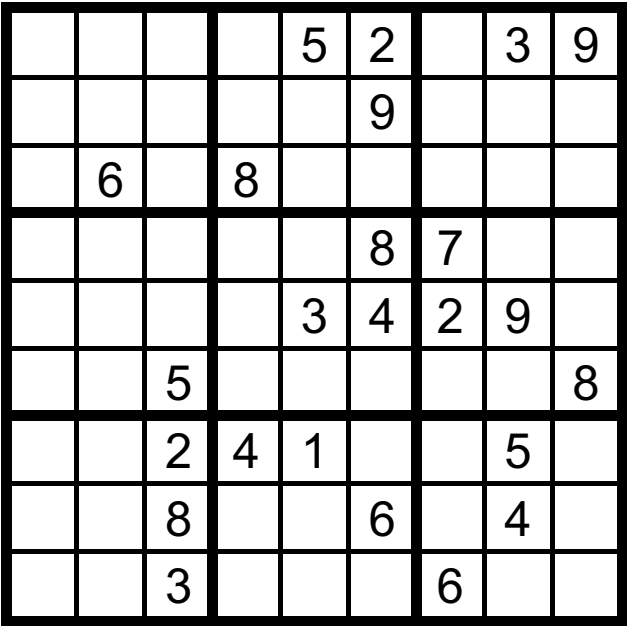
29 Watching and scrutinizing (9)

31 Wooded areas (7)

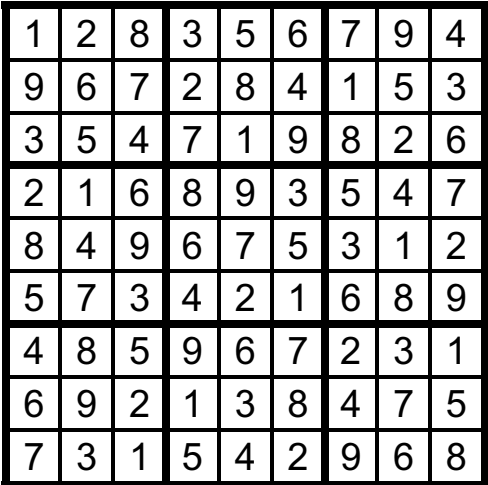
33 Ill-fated (7)

Sudoku:

Fill in the missing numbers (1 – 9 inclusive) so each row, column and 3x3 box contains all digits.



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Tri-City Stargazer FEBRUARY 12 – FEBRUARY 18, 2013 BY VIVIAN CAROL

For All Signs: As I have written in my annual column, from Jan through mid-July, we have a series of retrogrades that impede general progress. It feels almost like the cosmos are playing some sort of joke. From December 21, 2013 until January 30, we had Venus, goddess of love, retrograde. No sooner does she turn direct, but then February 6th brought us a new Mercury retrograde that continues through February 28th. But (ha-ha), here comes Mars turning retrograde on March the 1st through May 19th. And we must consider the pre-shadow and after-shadow energies that are felt as each planet slows

to its point of turning in the opposite direction. The whole thing makes me think of our stymied Congress. Every potential move forward is met by an opposing force. An amusing cosmic joke of the first order might occur in which Congress somehow moves forward and makes progress with all these retrogrades. Maybe that would stop their objections. Wouldn't that be a kick?

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20): This is a goal-oriented week and you may feel some underlying anxiety about outcomes. Maybe a shallow case of nervous jitters will be helpful. The truth is that both the Sun and Mercury (retrograding) are on your side and will help you to meet new people as well as improve current relationships.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20): You have been through a whirlwind of intensity. That takes energy whether or not it appears so. Take a break this week. You need a breather. Don't allow yourself to be drawn back into the fray. Declare your independence (at least for now).

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20): Your ruling planet, Mercury, has moved backward into Aquarius for a four week stint. Interests in publishing, the law, philosophy, and travel may resurface in your life for a time. As is often the case with Mercury, you may be required to perform a "re-do" in any of these areas. Your mind is more capable of dealing with theories than feelings.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21): You are in a jovial

mood, but take care that you don't promise way beyond what you can deliver. Circumstances will flow favorably between you and your children or maybe even a lover. Follow the yellow brick road for the present. It is leading you in the right direction.

Leo the Lion (July 22-Aug 22): You will be one very busy Lion this week. Your attitude of peace will make all the difference in a major change occurring in your job and/or physical health. You can smooth a potential disaster into a simple problem to be solved as long as everyone cooperates. Your leadership skills are tested and it is likely you will be the King of the Forest.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22): Whatever your good health routines, you may feel the need to go back and start over. If you are searching for something, check your desk, files, and any place that you normally keep records. Clean out old paper accumulations. You know, the stacks of stuff that you never seem to get finished. It will clear your mind and help you feel restored.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22): New Year's res-

olutions concerning health and fitness are going well. Keep it up! Your reflexes are on target, too. You will prevail in almost any competition. This is a good time to make adjustments in your life routines so that they will reflect what you really want to accomplish. You can easily stay on target with your goals now.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21): Give special attention to intuitive hunches this week, particularly if they seem to fall into your mind unbidden. Try to distinguish the differences between true intuition (knowing without obvious cause) and the wishes or wants of your small ego self. Be still and listen to your thoughts carefully.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21): This is a time in which your exuberance and enthusiasm may carry you farther than you really intended to go. You will certainly have more energy to do whatever you choose, but take care that you don't promise way more than you can deliver. Your warm and generous heart will have a heyday.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19): The Goats

have been involved with the major T-square for a matter of three years now. The stress at all times is heavy. This week, a seemingly minor situation enters your picture and may cause something akin to a meltdown. Of course you will hide it because you can't allow others to see you out of control. Take a couple of mental health days. You are overcooked.

Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18): You may be surprised to find that your attitude about a purchase you have been considering has changed. Somehow you begin to see through your practical mind. It is the idealistic dreamer in you that was drawn toward it in the first

place. Let it go for now. You'll feel settled about it next month.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20): During this week your creative mind is really active. Do what you can to clear the decks of chatter and circus while you concentrate on producing this artistic work. It can be in any type of media, such as writing, drawing, painting, poetry and/or music. Don't put your product or yourself down. You have a knack for dipping into the collective unconscious and expressing what it wants to say.

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OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

At a recent Fremont City Council meeting, ex-Mayor Gus Morrison asked council members to consider dealing with an inequity that has been a taboo topic for years... mayor/councilmember roles and compensation. The rapid growth and immense geographical area of Fremont has dictated significant and complex decisions by our elected representatives. Fremont - and its environs - is no longer a tranquil, sleepy and quiet corner of the world. The Southeast Bay is vibrant, prosperous and dynamic, an essential component of the West Coast economy. Its time for Fremont's leadership to transition from part-time functionaries operating UNDER the control of its staff to a professional group, tasked with the responsibility of effective leadership OF their staff.

This change is significant, but necessary. At the least, mayoral responsibilities should include hands-on control that does not waiver due to the financial constraints of holding a "day job." The mayor and council, elected by a city of over 220,000 people and 90 square miles has a tremendous work load and its duties should reflect the will of its constituents on a full-time basis. If we, the people, elect our leaders with confidence that they are capable and will represent our best

Does compensation equal value?

interests, they should be given the tools and support to do this to the best of their ability. Not only will a change in government that adequately reflects this through its structure and salary create a more realistic framework for our leaders, it will attract a wider pool of qualified candidates for office as well.

Morrison noted that now is the time to discuss this change since any resolution can be set in the future, minimizing financial incentives for current councilmembers. A mayor's blue ribbon panel composed of a cross-section of the electorate should be convened as soon as possible to examine our present form of government and determine why Fremont remains the sole large city in the state with a part time, poorly paid mayor and council. The argument that this system has worked when Fremont was a rural/suburban community is not relevant to a future Fremont with enormous decisions ahead that will impact its own future as well as that of its neighbors.

One of the worst kept secrets in most organizations is employee salary and compensation. Due to the perception of an innate equation between economic reward and personal value, everyone is curious about how they are valued and how they fit in the compensation ladder. The reality is that a disconnection can occur between value and financial compensation; periodic review is necessary to correct inequities. Although some do little with relatively light duties manage to live in luxury and wealth, it is not a necessary axiom that others who toil much harder and shoulder significant responsibility, should find themselves on the lower rungs of the compensation ladder. Social and economic impacts can be debated by experts and consultants but in some situations, basic inequities can be corrected. One of these is the compensation for Fremont's elected representatives. They are asked to read and understand voluminous reports and represent the

city at a myriad of commissions, boards and gatherings while either living on retirement or spousal income or holding a "real" job.

Working environments are especially vulnerable to perceived inequities. Although value and responsibility are primary determinants of economic reward, this is often open to interpretation. The validity of salaries and other compensation can be a function of geography, training, knowledge and... serendipity. In the public sector, however, the public has the ability to examine and change the work environment and compensation structure for its elected employees. There may be other compensation issues to debate in the public sector, but Fremont can and should correct this mayor/council imbalance now.

According to a study by Mr. Morrison, it is imperative that citizens of Fremont reexamine how we value our elected representatives. Morrison's study noted that Fremont's City Manager (\$273,486) is paid ten times the rate of the mayor (\$27,000) and fifteen times that of City Council members (\$18,000). I may have disagreements with elected officials, but they have campaigned for and accepted the burden of making difficult decisions. Do we really think our elected leaders are worth so little in relationship to staff?

William Marshak
PUBLISHER

PG&E warns of scam emails and calls

SUBMITTED BY TAMAR SARKISSIAN

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has learned of an email scam targeting residents across the United States. The utility has received calls from people, both within its service area and outside of it, reporting that they have received suspicious emails that appeared to be bills sent by PG&E. This is similar to email and phone scams that have been happening recently throughout the country involving several utilities.

"It's unacceptable that someone is trying to take advantage of our customers and others," said Helen Burt, senior vice president and Chief Customer Officer for PG&E. "We take our customers' security very seriously and under no circumstances would we email anyone to request that they provide personal information without first logging into My Energy or calling us."

If a customer receives one of these emails requesting information about their account, they

should delete and take the following precautions: Do not respond to the request Do not click on any links in the email Do not open any attachments Do not provide any personal information Report these contacts to CorporateSecurity@pge.com

PG&E is investigating the situation along with the appropriate authorities. There has been no security breach and the information referenced in the email message is not legitimate.

PG&E offers the following tips to help protect customers from potential scams:

PG&E's Credit Department will not ask for personal information or a credit card number over the phone. Anyone who has received such a phone call and provided credit card or checking account information should report it immediately to the credit card company or bank and law enforcement.

Customers with concerns about the legitimacy of a call about a past due bill, service re-

quest or request for personal information are encouraged to call PG&E at 1 (800) 743-5000.

Customers should always ask to see identification before allowing anyone claiming to be a PG&E representative inside their home. PG&E employees always carry their identification and are willing to show it to you.

If a person claiming to be a PG&E employee has identification and you still feel uncomfortable, call PG&E's customer service line at 1 (800) 743-5000 to verify an appointment and/or PG&E's presence in the community. If you feel threatened in any way, notify local law enforcement immediately.

Customers who have an appointment with PG&E will receive an automated call back within 48 hours prior to a scheduled visit, or a personal call from a PG&E gas service representative prior to a scheduled visit.

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Friday, January 31

Officers investigated a stolen vehicle in the area of Union Landing at around 2 p.m. The stolen vehicle was equipped with a "Lo-Jack" tracking system. The "Lo-Jack" system allows law enforcement to track stolen vehicles based on installed GPS software. Officers ultimately located the vehicle abandoned in the Costco parking lot, on Hesperian Boulevard. A witness in the area reported seeing the suspects in the Costco parking lot. The suspects were seen driving a red, newer model, two-door Honda Accord. The driver of the associated Honda was described as a white male, about 30 years old, with tattoos on his lower left arm. A

second male (believed to be the driver of the stolen vehicle) was described as a white male, about 30 years old, approximately 6 feet tall, with a thin build, wearing baseball gloves. The associated Honda also had a Hispanic female slouched down in the back passenger seat. Anyone with additional information about the case is encouraged to call one of the numbers listed below.

Five vehicles parked in the TGI Friday parking lot were vandalized. An unknown suspect used a sharp object to damage tires on five parked vehicles. The incident occurred Friday night to Saturday morning, between 11 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

At 9:10 p.m., Major Crimes Task Force Officers Gannam and Holt attempted to contact suspect Richard Partida in the area of 11th Street and G Street. Mr.

Partida fled on foot as he saw Detectives Holt and Gannam approaching. Mr. Partida discarded a loaded .38 caliber revolver and about half an ounce of methamphetamine. Detectives Holt and Gannam were able to catch and arrest Mr. Partida after a short foot chase.

Saturday, February 1

Officers responded to investigate a "road rage" incident at 7:30 p.m. The incident involved at least three (3) motorcycle riders from the motorcycle club "Heavy Hitters". Apparently, the motorcyclists got into an argument with the driver of a Chevrolet Suburban while on Dyer Street near Alvarado Boulevard. During the incident, the Chevrolet Suburban struck an uninvolved vehicle causing a non-injury collision. The motorcyclists, Chevrolet Suburban, and

(newly involved) Honda all entered the Union Landing Shopping Center after the collision. The motorcycle riders followed the driver of the Suburban through the Krispy Kreme parking lot, where they dismounted, and began threatening the driver. One motorcyclist "slashed" a tire on the Suburban with a very large knife. The motorcyclist proceeded to cause a serious laceration to his own thumb, while in the process of slashing the Suburban's tire. Afraid for his safety, the driver of the Suburban fled the area by driving out of the parking lot. The driver intentionally collided with multiple parked vehicles and a few of the parked motorcycles as he fled the scene. Responding officers documented the collisions and contacted all involved persons. The case is now being forwarded to the District

Attorney's Office for review and possible criminal charges.

Tuesday, February 4

Major Crimes Task Force Officers Gannam and Holt arrested suspect Lawrence Velasquez in the City of San Leandro at 7 p.m. Mr. Velasquez was being sought after by local law enforcement for vehicle theft. Mr. Velasquez was in possession of a loaded firearm when he was arrested. Officers recovered a Colt 1911 (.45 Caliber), semiautomatic firearm with a bullet loaded in the chamber.

Anyone with information on local crime or any of the listed incidents should contact the Investigations Division at 510-675-5247. Those wishing to remain anonymous can contact the tips line by calling 510-675-5207 or email **Tips@union-city.org**.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. HG14712360
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda
Petition of: Makarand Narendra Vichare & Madhuri Makarand Vichare for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Makarand Narendra Vichare & Madhuri Makarand Vichare filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Abhimanyu Makarand Vichare to Dev Makarand Vichare
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: April 4, 2014, Time: 8:45 a.m., Dept.: 504
The address of the court is 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, California 94544
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Tri-City Voice
Date: February 3, 2014
Winifred Y. Smith
Judge of the Superior Court
2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4/14

CNS-2585911#

SUMMONS (Family Law)
CITACION (Derecho familiar)
CASE NUMBER (NÚMERO DE CASO):
D359788

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name) *AVISO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre):* Arturo Cairel III
You are being sued, *Lo están demandando*.
Petitioner's name is *Nombre del demandante*: Yvette Karich
You have **30 calendar days** after this *Summons and Petition* are served on you to file a *Response* (form FL-120 or FL-123) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you.

If you do not file your *Response* on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form.
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NOTICE: The restraining orders on page 2 are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. These orders are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.
AVISO: Las órdenes de restricción que figuran en la página 2 valen para ambos cónyuges o pareja de hecho hasta que se despidia la petición, se emita un fallo o la corte dé otras órdenes. Cualquier autoridad de la ley que haya recibido o visto una copia de estas órdenes puede hacerlas acatar en cualquier lugar de California.

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AVISO: Si se emite un fallo u orden de manutención, la corte puede ordenar que usted pague parte de, o todas las cuotas y costos de la corte previamente exentas a petición de usted o de la otra parte. Si esto ocurre, la parte ordenada a pagar estas cuotas debe recibir un aviso y la oportunidad de solicitar una audiencia para anular la orden de pagar las cuotas exentas.

1. The name and address of the party are (El nombre y dirección de la corte son): COUNTY OF VENTURA, 800 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA 93009
2. The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney, are (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son): Yvette Karich, 131 MacAdemia Lane, Simi Valley, CA 93065; 925-223-7222
Date (Fecha): Nov. 13, 2013
SI/PATTI GILLAM, Deputy (Asistente)
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1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18/14

CNS-2581691#

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. HG14710579
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.
Petition of: Jagadeesh Kandaswamy on behalf of minor Harish Kandaswamy for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Jagadeesh Kandaswamy filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Harish Jagadeesh to Harish Kandaswamy
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant

the petition without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing:
Date: 03-14-2014, Time: 8:45 a.m., Dept.: 504
The address of the court is 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Whats Happenings Tri City Voice
Date: Jan. 17, 2014
WINIFRED Y. SMITH
Judge of the Superior Court
1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18/14

CNS-2580723#

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. HG14709629
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda
Petition of: Karamjit Singh Aggarwal for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Karamjit Singh Aggarwal filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Karamjit Singh Aggarwal to Papu Kumar
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 03/14/2014, Time: 8:45 AM, Dept.: 504
The address of the court is 24405 Amador St., Hayward, CA 94544
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: What's Happening Tri-City Voice
Date: Jan 10, 2014
WINIFRED Y. SMITH
Judge of the Superior Court
1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11/14

CNS-2577205#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAMESFICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 487625
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Herbal Etc., 45401 Research Ave. Suite 226, Fremont, CA 94539, County of Alameda.

Registrant(s):
Recruitopia Corporation, CA, 630 Navajo Way, Fremont, CA 94589.
Business conducted by: Corporation
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Rajan Barma, Vice President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on February 5, 2014.

NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4/14

CNS-2586399#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 487488
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Master Business Management, 120 Mahogany Ln., Union City, Alameda, CA 94587, County of Alameda, P O Box 15580, Fremont, CA 94537

Registrant(s):
Master Business LLC, CA, 120 Mahogany Ln., Union City, Alameda, CA 94587
Business conducted by: a limited liability company
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/1/14

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Jill Halme, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 31, 2014
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4/14

CNS-2584799#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 487176
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Cemneo, 1320 Decoto Rd. Ste. 110, Union City, CA 94587, County of Alameda.
31923 Chicoine Ave., Hayward, CA 94544.
Registrant(s):
Heston Systems, Inc., CA, 31923 Chicoine Ave., Hayward, CA 94544.
Business conducted by: a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares

as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Jamie Heston, President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 23, 2014.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25/14

CNS-2584042#

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT
OF USE OF FICTITIOUS
BUSINESS NAME

File No. 454577
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **ESA Company, 40824 Townsend Terrace, Fremont, CA 94538**
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County Clerk's office on Aug./03/2011 in the County of Alameda.
Hui Ying Hu Wong, 40824 Townsend Terrace, Fremont, CA 94538
This business was conducted by: an individual
S/ Hui Ying Hu Wong
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 15, 2014.
2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25/14

CNS-2583425#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 487062
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Scott Capen Photography, 4104 Tawny Terr, Fremont, CA 94536, County of Alameda
39270 Paseo Padre Parkway #238, Fremont, CA 94536

Registrant(s):
Scott Matthew Capen, 4104 Tawny Terr, Fremont, CA 94536
Business conducted by: An Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/6/14

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Scott M. Capen, President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 21, 2014
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25/14

CNS-2582534#

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT
OF USE OF FICTITIOUS
BUSINESS NAME

File No. 486934
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **Mocama's, 925 B St., Hayward, CA 94541**.
The fictitious business name statement for the Partnership was filed on 03-18-13 in the County of Alameda.
Farid Cazares-Garcia, 38850 Bell St. #2, Fremont, CA 94536.
Francisco Moreno, 20057 Topaz Ct., Castro Valley, CA 94546.
This business was conducted by:
S/ Farid Cazares-Garcia
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 13, 2014.
1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18/14

CNS-2580277#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 486934
Fictitious Business Name(s): **Ajooni By Jeannie Nahal, 4218 Tehama Ave., Fremont, CA 94538**, County of Alameda

Registrant(s):
Jiwandeep Nahal, 4218 Tehama Ave., Fremont, CA 94538
Business conducted by: an individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Jiwandeep Nahal

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 16, 2014
NOTICE: In accordance with Section 17920(a), a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Section 17920(b), where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18/14

CNS-2579361#

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT
OF USE OF FICTITIOUS
BUSINESS NAME

File No. 4869574
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **Chang Sheng Moving Company, 39371 Drake Way, Fremont, CA 94538**
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on Sep. 13, 2012 in the County of Alameda.
Raachang Yang, 39371 Drake Way, Fremont, CA 94538
This business was conducted by:

S/ Baochang Yang
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 15, 2014.
1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11/14

CNS-2578792#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 486699
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Danishzone Furniture, 33404 Western Ave., Union City, CA 94587, County of Alameda
Yuqi Xie, 43638 Skye Rd., Fremont, CA 94539
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on n/a
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
/s/ Yuqi Xie

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 9, 2014
NOTICE: In accordance with Section 17920(a), a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Section 17920(b), where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11/14

CNS-2578226#

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF UNION CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the City of Union City for the purpose of considering the following project applications:

Site Development
Review (SD-13-004)

The property owner, Hung and Lin Leung Trust, is applying for Site Development Review, SD-13-004, to rebuild a portion of a fire-damaged shopping center and upgrade the existing façade of the remaining portions of the building. The project scope also includes the installation of new trash enclosures on the rear of the building and minor parking lot upgrades to accommodate Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. The project site is located at 31845-31887 Alvarado Blvd. (APN: 483-0076-012-02 & 483-0076-004-02), which is located in the Community Commission (CC) Zoning District. The City Council reviewed the project at its October 22, 2013 meeting and referred the application back to the Planning Commission based on the property owner's request to revise the project design to reduce construction costs. The Planning Commission reviewed the project at its February 6, 2014 meeting and recommended approval to the City Council with some modifications to the project.

Notice is also given that this project is considered exempt under Section 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities, of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments prior to, and may testify at, the Public Hearing. Details regarding the Public Hearing are listed below. For further information, contact Carmela Campbell, Planning Manager, at (510) 675-5316.

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Said hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City.

The City Council meeting packet, which includes the meeting agenda and project staff report, can be accessed on-line on the City's Agendas and Minutes webpage which is located at <http://www.unioncity.org/gov/agendas.htm>. Meeting packets are generally available on-line the Friday before the meeting.

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**JOAN MALLOY
Economic & Community Development
Director**
2/11/14

CNS-2586640#

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
DOROTHY LEE REESE
CASE NO. RP12644992

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Dorothy Lee Reese
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Mark Piccolotti in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.
The Petition for Probate requests that Jennifer Keystone be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the

petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on April 1, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept. 201 located at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704-1109.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner: Teresa L. Green, Campbell Law Offices, 1970 Broadway, Suite 625, Oakland, CA 94612, Telephone: 510-832-0742
2/4, 2/11, 2/18/14

CNS-2583682#

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
WILFORD OLAN REESE
CASE NO. RP12644986

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Wilford Olan Reese
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Mark Piccolotti in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.
The Petition for Probate requests that Jennifer Keystone be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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2/4, 2/11, 2/18/14

CNS-2583393#

PUBLIC AUCTION/SALES

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that personal property in the following units will be sold at public auction: on the **20th day of February, 2014** at or after **10:30 am** pursuant to the California Self-Storage Facility Act. The sale will be conducted at: **U-Haul Moving & Storage of Thornton, 4833 Thornton Ave. Fremont, CA 94536**. The items to be sold are generally described as follows: clothing, furniture, and / or other household items stored by the following people:

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Robert Leyton B261 11/26/13
Wei Ren C104 11/20/13
Sibyl Cupt C165 12/2/13
2/4, 2/11/14

CNS-2583734#

Internet community helps crack grandma's code

BY AMY FORLITI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS (AP), When a brain tumor took away Dorothy Holm's ability to speak, she picked up index cards and began filling them, edge to edge, with seemingly random, indecipherable sequences of letters. Her grandchildren saw her scribbling and thought she was leaving them a code — but it was one the preteens couldn't crack.

Eighteen years later, the puzzle has been solved after one of Holm's granddaughters posted images of a card online. In just 13 minutes, a MetaFilter.com user figured out that as Dorothy Holm was dying, she was writing out prayers.

"It was kind of relieving to have an answer, even if we don't know what every single word says," Janna Holm, who posted the card, said. "It's nice to know that they were prayers, and kind of gave some insight into what she was thinking and what she was focused on in her last couple weeks."

Holm said Wednesday that her grandmother, who lived in Shakopee, was diagnosed with lung cancer that metastasized and formed a brain tumor. She died in 1996 when Janna was 11. In her final weeks, she wrote line after line of capital letters on roughly 20 index cards, sparking her grandkids' curiosity.

Holm said she, her brother and two cousins — then ranging

in age from 8 to 12 — spent a few months trying to figure out what the letters stood for, but failed.

Holm's father recently found one of the cards, and Holm, who loves puzzles, decided to delve into the project once again. She asked for help Monday on MetaFilter.com, a community blog, thinking her grandmother may have been trying to remember lyrics, and that each letter stood for a word in a song.

"This is a crazy long shot, but I've seen Mefites pull off some pretty impressive code-breaking before!" she posted.

In the image she posted, the letters fill the front of the card top to bottom. There is some repetition, strokes that look like backward

commas and lines that look like stanza breaks. The back of the card contains fewer lines, marked with the numerals 1 and 2.

In minutes, MetaFilter members were on the case. One user — looking at the back of the card — thought about religion and realized that each letter stood for a word in the Lord's Prayer.

"AGH, YES! OFWAIH-HBTN ... Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name," the user wrote.

With that, more MetaFilter members worked on the front of the card. Holm guessed it might be a personal prayer. Using her own deductions and comments from the website, Holm compiled a prayer in which her grand-

mother was giving thanks, and praying that her loved ones would be safe, happy and healthy.

Holm said she's not sure why her grandmother used a code, but perhaps, as her memory was fading, she used it as a "cheat sheet" to help recall prayers.

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Men’s Soccer

James Logan vs. Washington
SUBMITTED BY JAMES WILLIAMS

Washington 2, Logan 0
February 5, 2014

1st Half Scoring:
WASH: Jonathan Goncalves 22:00

2nd Half Scoring:
WASH: Jonathan Goncalves 53:00

JL Goalie: Andres Marquez, 80 Min, 2 GA, 3 Saves
WASH Goalie: Austing Gratsy, 80 Min, 0 GA, 5 saves

JL Shots: 10, WASH Shots: 4

JL Record: 9-6-5 (6-3-2)

Men’s Soccer

James Logan 6, Irvington 1
February 7, 2014

1st Half Scoring:
JL: Evander Olivares (Justyn Raygoza) 14:00, Jason Jattan (Justyn Raygoza) 22:00, Fabian Ruiz Mejia (Evander Olivares) 31:00

2nd Half Scoring:
JL: Jason Jattan (Justyn Raygoza) 43:00, Jason Jattan (Justyn Raygoza) 51:00, Jason Jattan (Fabian Ruiz Mejia) 57:00
IRV: Geoffrey Sasaki 80:00

JL Goalie: Andres Marquez, 1 GA, 80 min, 2 saves
IRV Goalie: Brennan Sage, 6 GA, 3 Saves, 80 min

JL Record: 10 - 6 - 5

Men’s Soccer

James Logan vs. Newark Memorial
SUBMITTED BY JAMES WILLIAMS

James Logan 1, Newark Memorial 1
January 31, 2014

1st Half Scoring:
JL: Rufus Wollo (Evander Olivares) 21:00

2nd Half Scoring:
NWK: Zahiem Fazel (Juan Juarequi) 80:00

JL Goalie: Andres Marquez, 80 min, 1 GA, 5 Saves
NWK Goalie: Luke Lombana, 80 Min, 1 GA, 5 Saves

JL Record: 9 - 5 - 4 (6 - 2 - 2)

SPORTS

Men’s Basketball

Pioneer
Basketball
Report

SUBMITTED BY
STEVE CONNOLLY

Comeback falls short

The Cal State East Bay men’s basketball team nearly erased an 18-point second-half deficit Thursday, February 6th at Humboldt State, but ultimately fell short, losing 84-80 at Lumberjack Arena. Four players scored in double figures for the Pioneers (7-14, 4-11 CCAA), who shot the ball well as a team. East Bay is still in search of its first road victory in the CCAA, however.

The Pioneers made 46.2 percent of their field goals, 47.6 percent (10-21) of their three-pointers, and a remarkable 88 percent (22-25) of their free throws. It just wasn’t quite enough to overcome a hot Jacks team that posted a 53.4 team field goal percentage, scored 36 points in the paint, and out-rebounded the Pioneers 31 to 27.

“Humboldt made timely plays throughout the game, and we couldn’t quite get over the hump,” said head coach Gus Argenal. “This group has battled at an extremely high level every game, but we need consistent focus on the defensive end.”

Gabe Kindred paced the Pioneers with 20 points to go along with four steals, four assists, and four rebounds. The senior helped initiate East Bay’s late comeback by forcing turnovers and getting to the free throw line down the stretch. He finished 5-for-11 from the floor and 9-for-10 from the stripe, posting his team-leading eighth 20-point game of the season.

Fellow Oakland native Jarred Jourdan was a consistent scoring threat for East Bay as well, notching 19 points one game after scoring a season high of 20 at

CSUDH. Jourdan was 6-for-14 shooting with three assists and three boards, and he had his best free-throw shooting game this season, making 6-of-7.

Nick Grieves went 3-for-6 from long distance and scored 15 points, 13 of which came in the second half. The junior was a perfect 4-for-4 at the line in 25 minutes off the bench. Also giving the Pioneers quality bench minutes was Donavon Jackson, who had a hot hand in his 26 minutes. Jackson scored 13 points on 5-for-6 shooting, including 3-for-3 on triples.

Jacari Whitfield added six points and a team-high five assists. Freshman center Kyle Frakes scored five points and led all players with five rebounds. Ryan Hebebrand, East Bay’s other frontcourt starter, grabbed three boards.

Senior Kenneth Farr II was also active on the glass, notching three rebounds in just three minutes of court time. The Pioneers were without senior Mark Samuels, who missed his second straight game with an injury.

Humboldt State led 39-36 at the break as both teams shot over 50 percent in the first half. The Jacks then came out and scored the first seven points of the second half to take a double-digit lead. The home team eventually stretched its lead to 17 points with eight minutes left to play, and things looked grim for East Bay.

However, back-to-back three-pointers by Jackson gave the Pioneers some life, and they rattled off a 16-2 scoring run to cut their deficit to three. East Bay couldn’t manage to get any closer, though, as the Jacks had an answer for every Pioneer bucket in the final three minutes.

East Bay Stymied by Nation’s Top-Ranked Defense

The Cal State East Bay men’s basketball team was bested on the road on Saturday, February 8th by No. 18 Cal Poly Pomona, 73-53. The Pioneers (7-15, 4-12, CCAA) shot 32.1 percent as a team against a Bronco squad that leads the nation in scoring de-

fense, allowing just 58.5 points per game.

East Bay is still in search of its first win in an opponent’s gym this season. Pomona (16-4, 14-2 CCAA), meanwhile, rights the ship following an upset loss to Cal State Monterey Bay on Thursday that snapped a 13-game winning streak.

“When you play against the top teams in the CCAA, you have to have a focus and edge that’s consistent for 40 minutes,” said head coach Gus Argenal after the game. “Coach Kamansky’s team wins regularly because of their stellar defense, and tonight was no different. We played hard in the first half, but missed key rebounds and assignments. I loved that we bounced back and played a more complete second half.”

The Pioneers trailed 34-18 at halftime after shooting just 20 percent in the first 20 minutes collectively (6-for-30). They played the Broncos nearly even after the break, posting a 46.2 field percentage and almost doubling their first-half point total with 35 in the second half.

Gabe Kindred and Jarred Jourdan were the team’s top scorers with nine points each, although the pair combined to shoot 5-for-18 from the floor. This marks the first game all season that not a single East Bay player scored in double figures.

Ryan Hebebrand notched seven points and led all players with 11 rebounds in a team-high 30 minutes. It’s the second 11-board game in as many Saturdays for the senior from Livermore.

Kenneth Farr II got his first start of the season and the second of his four-year career, finishing with two rebounds and a block before fouling out.

Freshman Aaron Cameron was effective for the Pioneers off the bench, setting career highs in minutes played (14), points (7), and rebounds (4). Junior Nick Grieves also posted seven points, going 3-for-12 from the field.

Senior Donavon Jackson and freshman Kyle Frakes both scored six points with Jackson dishing out two assists and Frakes grabbing five rebounds.

Invitational tournament hosts top grapplers

Wrestling

SUBMITTED BY
MIKE HEIGHTCHEW

The Mission San Jose Invitational wrestling tournament got under way on February 7th and 8th with a large field of 46 teams with many high-ranked wrestlers and teams. The tournament quickly turned into a battle to stay close to one of highest ranked teams in the state, Clovis High School, a powerhouse in every weight class. James Logan’s Colts stayed in the running until the very end of the tournament, finishing with 153.5 points, ahead of another powerful team, the De La Salle Trojans.

Colt Clayton Hartwell took the championship in the 195 weight class with an impressive

performance. Matt Weiss of Clovis also had great matches, moving into the championship match

by beating Antonio Baldazo of Pittsburg with an impressive takedown. Other Mission Valley Athletic League (MVAL) stars of the match included Jared Luty of American (2nd place – 113 wt. class), Jacob Donato (champion – 120 wt. class) and Jacob Macalooloy of Logan (champion 138 wt. class). Clovis won the tournament with a combined score of 366.5.

Local team scores:

James Logan	#2	166.5
American	#14	50
Mission San Jose	#27	37
Irvington	#31	28
Newark Memorial	#37	23

Women's Basketball

Pioneer Women's Report

SUBMITTED BY
SCOTT CHISHOLM

Terrance sets program record in loss to Humboldt State

On her record setting night senior Brianna Terrance made a corner 3-pointer to give the visiting Pioneers the lead with 2:37 left in regulation. It was the final three points for Cal State East Bay in dropping a 71-64 California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) contest to Humboldt State on February 6th. Terrance became East Bay's all-time leader in field goals made with 375 following her 5-for-15 effort against the Jacks. She scored 12 of her 14 points in the second half with her first bucket out of halftime setting the record. "Brianna) has made such great progress over her career at East Bay. Her off-season work ethic in her sophomore and junior years is truly paying off," said Head Coach Suzy Barcomb. Terrance was one of two key cogs to propel the Pioneer come-

back as she and teammate Stephanie Lopez combined for 24 of the team's 36 second half points. Lopez did most of her damage at the free throw line going 8-for-9 in the period during a 10-for-11 night overall. The Pioneers trailed by as many as 12 in the second half before getting on the comeback trail. After pulling to within four points, Terrance knocked down a pair of free throws with 3:02 left followed by the go-ahead triple to put East Bay out front for the first time in nearly 30 minutes of game action. Humboldt State (11-8, 8-7 CCAA) retook the lead on its ensuing possession as Kersey Wilcox scored two of her team-high 20 points. It was the eventual game-winning basket as East Bay finished out the final two minutes of regulation shooting 0-for-6 from the field, including 0-for-3 from downtown, and committed a turnover. "We ran into a hot team playing on their floor, and took a loss. We need to grind out games, rather than trying to outscore teams," Barcomb said following the team's third straight loss. HSU's Wilcox led her squad with 20 points, five assists, and three steals. Megan Shields and Amanda Kunst combined for 31 points and 16 rebounds in the win. "Kersey (Wilcox) killed us most of the night. She played very well and led her team,"

praised Coach Barcomb. In the first matchup this season she was held to just three points and four assists as East Bay cruised to a 17-point win. Lopez went toe-to-toe with Wilcox posting 20 points, five assists, and a career-high five steals. Tori Breshers poured in 16 points to follow up her career-high 20 point effort against Dominguez Hills. "Stephanie (Lopez) was equally as impressive in tonight's game. Tori (Breshers) stepped in incredibly well to help fill the void in the middle," stated Coach Barcomb. The Pioneers were forced to play short-handed as the injured Danielle Peacon was an encouraging teammate from the bench. Peacon went for 12 points and 10 rebounds in the 61-44 East Bay victory over Humboldt State back on Jan. 4. Humboldt State snaps a streak of four straight losses to Cal State East Bay. It is the Jacks first win over the Pioneers since Dec. 3, 2011. **Pioneers furious comeback forces OT, falls short** Cal State East Bay's road trip ended in dramatic fashion on February 8th as women's basketball fell in overtime 75-70 to No. 16 ranked Cal Poly Pomona at Kellogg Gym. The Broncos scored all 14 overtime points at

the free throw line and closed out the game on a 14-4 scoring run for the win. Trailing 60-53 with only 1:39 remaining in regulation Stephanie Lopez knocked down a 3-pointer and eventually scored the game-tying basket with five seconds left. An errant Cal Poly Pomona (17-3, 14-2 CCAA) inbounds pass gave the visiting Pioneers possession tied at 61-61. A Brianna Terrance 3-point shot fell off target as the teams headed to overtime. Terrance took and made the Pioneers first two shots to take a 66-61 lead. She would score all nine of CSUEB's overtime points and finished with a game-high 24 points. "The comeback to send the game into overtime was remarkable. The fact that Pomona shot 46 free throws to our 19 is also remarkable, said East Bay Head Coach Suzy Barcomb. "That's challenging to overcome to say the very least." Free throws, and consequently foul trouble for the Pioneers, arguably played the biggest factors in Saturday's result. Cal Poly Pomona (17-3, 14-2 CCAA) knocked down 37-of-46 (.804) free throws while Cal State East Bay went just 9-for-19 (.474). All five Pioneer starters were charged with at least four personal fouls with three fouling out of the game. "We are shorthanded and undersized. Injuries are all part of

the season and how a team responds shows their true character. Tonight I liked our character," praised Barcomb. A lackluster team shooting performance never allowed the host Broncos to stay within a comfortable margin, never trailing by more than five points. Despite taking 31 more field goal attempts East Bay shot just 27-of-79 (.342) overall. Lopez and Micah Walker each shot 6-for-15 from the floor and combined for 31 points and 12 assists. Tori Breshers was effective on both ends of the court finishing with 10 points, five rebounds, and career-high four blocked shots. Rachel Finnegan's hustle netted her eight rebounds and three assists. CPP's Ariel Marsh was on the court for 44-of-45 minutes and led a group of five players with her game-high 21 points. She went 4-of-11 from three and 9-for-12 at the foul line and was one of three Broncos to sink at least eight free throws. Jada Blackwell finished with 14 points and 13 rebounds to complete her double-double. Ashley Lovett was one board shy with 11 points and nine rebounds. Cal State East Bay (12-11, 9-7 CCAA) is tied for fifth place in the CCAA standings with six regular season games remaining. The Pioneers are one game in front of Humboldt State, UC San Diego, and San Francisco State.

Mission Warriors gain respect on gridiron



Xavier Cabral-Artero

Ben Torrez

SUBMITTED BY MIKE HEIGHTCHEW
PHOTO BY MIKE HEIGHTCHEW

January 5, 2014 was a proud moment at Mission San Jose High School (MSJHS) as two students of the football program were honored. Xavier Cabral-Artero, an outstanding defensive player and kicker made 40 solo and 76 total tackles and Running Back Ben Torrez and standout defensive player with 39 solo tackles (both with high GPAs), received football and academic scholarships from Presentation College in Aderdeen, SD. Xavier will be the first member of his family to go to college. In a ceremony before a supportive crowd of parents and students, MSJHS Head Coach Samual Baugh told the crowd that not only is the school very proud of what these young men have accomplished on the gridiron, but their success academically as well. The coaching staff at MSJHS sees this as a great step toward building a powerful football program and gaining respect on the field; it will help change attitudes toward success in the classroom and on the football field. This recognition of MSJHS scholar athletes is a sign that the Warrior football program is working providing more opportunities for young athletes.

Coach Samuel Baugh said, "Yes, we are here to build a football program, but a big part of what we do is change the lives of players." The world of high school sports is changing; no longer are college scouts just showing up at games with a pad and paper; they use a variety of tools including the Internet. Players can be judged in a variety of ways including use of records and video highlights. Even if offers are made from lesser known schools, it could be a perfect match for a young athlete. That is what happened in this case and the MSJHS football staff is proud of their program; the results speak for themselves.

Xavier Cabral-Artero
First Team MVAL: All-League Defense Linemen Leads NCS in Nose Guard position with 76 tackles Fourth in CIF: tackles at Nose Guard position Outstanding kicker

Ben Torrez
Second Team MVAL: Linebacker AND Strong Safety 55 tackles 17th in NCS: Tackles as Strong Safety MVAL All-League Running Back: 475 yards and a 5-yard per carry average (longest carry of the year against James Logan High School – 85 yards)

Women's Water Polo

Pioneers winless on day one of Triton Invite
SUBMITTED BY SCOTT CHISHOLM

Cal State East Bay women's water polo suffered a pair of defeats to top-15 nationally ranked opponents on Saturday, February 8th at the Triton Invitational hosted by UC San Diego. The Pioneers fell 21-4 to No. 5 UC Irvine to open the two-day tournament, and suffered a 12-5 setback to No. 15 UC Davis. East Bay senior Sara Hudyn scored three goals in each of the team's games to lead the team. Taylor Cross netted a pair against the Aggies, and Ka'iliponi McGee scored against the Anteaters.

Men's Basketball

James Logan vs. J.F. Kennedy
SUBMITTED BY COACH CHRISTOPHER FORTENBERRY

Logan 66, Kennedy 74
February 5, 2014

Logan (9 - 12, 6 - 3 MVAL)
Harris 3, Keyro 2, Schaper 8, Rodriguez 2, Ayson 2, Webster-Butler 4, Godfrey 18, Leno 27.
Total: 66

Kennedy (4 - 17, 2 - 7 MVAL)
Mirzada 1, S. Singh 4, McKissick 23, Dsa 7, Odell 13, Bindernp 4, Bennett 6, Gill 8, Reed 8
Total: 74

Logan	15	12	17	22 - 66
Kennedy 19	19	16	20 - 74	

3-pt goals: McKissick 1, Dsa 1, Reed 2.
Foul Outs: Leno
Technical Fouls: NONE

JV Logan (7 - 14, 4 – 5 MVAL)
Logan 64, Kennedy 47

Frosh Logan (9 - 12, 7 - 2 MVAL)
Logan 59, Kennedy 42



Newark Police return Siberian Husky

SUBMITTED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

On January 31 a Newark resident noticed transient Robert Maldonado walking what he described as a "Beautiful Husky" dog and suspected something was wrong since he had never seen Maldonado with such a nice dog in the past. It turns out that the dog had gotten out of his yard earlier in the day and the owners had called NPD dispatch asking if NPD could call them if their dog Chloe was located. They described their dog as a 6 year old female Husky. Later in the day Officer Matt Warren learned that Robert Maldonado was trying to sell the dog. Matt is very passionate about dogs and could not believe someone would try and sell another family's pet. He located Maldonado on Blackwood Dr. and arrested him for four misdemeanor warrants and misappropriation of lost property (Chloe). Maldonado was booked at Santa Rita Jail and the dog is once again home with its family. We would like to thank the observant resident for calling us and helping reunite Chloe with her family.

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Rotary Club of Fremont We meet Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. at Spin-a-Yarn Restuaruant 45915 Warm Springs Blvd. Fremont, 510-656-9141 Service through Fun http://the/ fremontrotaryclub.org Please come visit our club We wlecome new members	Friendship Force of San Francisco Bay Area Experience a country and its culture with local hosts and promote global goodwill. Clubs in 56 countries. Visit Australia in Feb. Host French in Sept. Monthly programs & socials. www.ffsfba.org www.thefriendshipforce.org Call 510-794-6844 or 793-0857	KIWANIS CLUB OF FREMONT We meet Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. Fremont/Newark Hilton 39900 Balentine Drive, Newark www.kiwanisfremont.org Contact Elise Balgley at (510) 693-4524	Fremont Area Writers Want to write? Meet other writers? Join us from 2-4 p.m. every fourth Saturday except July and December. Rm. 223 at DeVry University, 6600 Dumbarton Circle, Fremont Call Carol at (510) 565-0619 www.cwc-fremontareawriters.org Help with Math & Reading You can make a difference by helping Newark children with Math and reading. If you can give one hour a week, you can give a life-long gift of learning to a child. Contact 510-797-2703 dia_aarp_4486@yahoo.com		
Dawn Breakers Lions Club Our Motto is: WE SERVE Meetings -1st & 3rd Thursdays 6:45am-8am El Patio Restaurant 37311 Fremont, Blvd., Fremont We welcome Men & Women with desire to serve our community 510-371-4065 for Free Brochure	Afro-American Cultural & Historical Society, Inc. Meetings: Third Saturday 5:30pm in member homes Call: 510-793-8181 for location Email: contact@aachisi.com See web for Speical Events www.aachis.com We welcome all new members Celebrating 40th anniversary	Interested in Portuguese Culture and Traditions? PFSA (Portuguese Fraternal Society of America) Promotes youth scholarships, community charities, and cultural events. All are welcome. Contact 510-483-7676 www.mypfsa.org			
The League of Women Voters invites you to visit our website at www.lwvfnc.org You'll find valuable information about your community and voter issues. Keep up to date & learn about our Tri-City area monthly programs. Our programs are non-partisan and free to the public.	NARFE National Assoc of Active and Retired Federal Employees Meet 4th Friday of Month Fremont Senior Center Central Park @ Noon All current or retired Federal Employees are welcome. Call Ellen 510-656-7973				
Hayward Demos Democratic Club Monthly meetings-learn about current issues from experts, speak with officials. Annual special events such as Fall Festival, Pot-lucks and more Meetings open to all registered Democrats. For information www.haywarddemos.org	AARP Newark Meetings Newark Senior Center 7401 Enterprise Drive., Newark last Monday of each month at 10:00 am. All seniors (50+) are welcome to attend Contact 510-402-8318 http://aarp-newark-california-webs.com/	The Union City Historical Museum 3841 Smith St. Union City Open Thurs.-Sat 10am-4pm Visit our Museum. You'll find valuable information about our community, past history and current happenings. www.unioncitymuseum.com Call Myrla 510-378-6376	Unity of Fremont A Positive Path for Spiritual Living 12:30 pm Sunday Service 1351 Driscoll Rd (at Christian Science Church), Fremont 510-797-5234 www.unityoffremont.org “The Church of the Daily Word”	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Caring, Sharing, Serving God 38801 Blacow Rd., Fremont Sun Worship:8:45am 11:00am Child-care provided.Education for all ages: 10:00am. Nacho Sunday: First Sunday of every month. (510)793-6285 www.holytrinityfremont.org	
Bring Your Heart to Hospice Hold a hand, lend an ear, be a hospice volunteer. Vitas Innovative Hospice Care Call Alicia Schwemer at 408/964/6800 or Visit Vitas.com/Volunteers	Tri-City Volunteers Food Bank Invigorate your spirit & volunteer. Drop ins welcome Mon - Fri. Work off your Traffic violation by giving back to the community in need. Students 14 years & older welcome. Email Erin: ewright@tri-Cityvolunteer.org		EXPERIENCE OUR NEW SACRED SPACE Come be inspired by our newly remodeled sanctuary & celebrate its rededication. No charge on 1/11/14 at 7pm for havdallah & party. Ages 21 & up, cocktail attire suggested. Family oriented celebration 1/12/14 at 9:30. For more details: 510-656-7141 www.bethtorah-fremont.org	Messiah Lutheran Church Church Service - Sunday 10 a.m. Bible Study - Sunday 9 a.m. Sunday School 2nd & 4th Sunday each month @ 11:15am and community events 25400 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward Phone: (510) 782-6727 www.MessiahHayward.org	
Celebrate Recovery Free yourself from any hurt, hang-up or habit Join us at 33450 9th street Union City Thursdays 7pm -9pm or call anytime 510-586-5747 or 510-520-2769	SparkPoint Financial Services FREE financial services and coaching for low-income people who want to improve their finances. SparkPoint Info Session 3rd Thursday, 6-7pm City of Fremont Family Resource Center To reserve a seat: 574-2020 Fremont.gov/SparkPointFRC	Troubled by someone's drinking? Help is Here! Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups A no cost program of support for people suffering from effects of alcoholism in a friend or loved one. Call 276-2270 for meeting information email: Easyduz@gmail.com www.ncwsa.org You are not alone.	Create & Design Websites At Ohlone College Enroll in CS 162:HTML5 This class starts on Wed. 1/29/14 in the Fremont Campus, room HH-117, 6:30-9:30pm Contact 510-659-6080 510-402-8318 https://webadvisor.ohlone.edu	FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFERS CHINESE IMMERSION K THRU 6TH GRADE Immerse your child in Mandarin with a diverse group of students. The benefits of a dual language will last a lifetime. Call 24/7 (510) 857-1038	
SAVE (Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments) Domestic Violence Support Group (Drop In & FREE) Tuesday & Thursday at 1900 Mowry (4th floor in the conference room) 6:45-8:45 pm & Friday 9:15-11:00 am. 510574-2262 Hotline 510-794-6055	SAVE (Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments) FREE Restraining Order Clinic (Domestic Violence) Tues. Hayward Police 1-4 pm Wed. Fremont Police 9 am - 1 pm Thurs. San Leandro Police 9 am - noon Office (510) 574-2250 24/7 Hotline (510) 794-6055 www.save-dv.org	MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT Free courses and presentations in Alameda County for caregivers of someone with a serious mental illness and those with a mental illness. For more information,call (510)969-MIS9 (6479) or email to info@NAMLacs.org www.NAMLacs.org	50th Year Class Reunion Washington High School Class of 64' & Friends September 26 & 27, 2014 Spin A Yarn Steakhouse,Fremont Contact Joan Martin Graham billjoan3@pacbell.net	Tri-City Ecology Center Your local environmental leader! Eco-Grants available to Residents & Organizations of the Tri-City area working on Environmental projects. www.tricityecology.org Office open Thursdays, 11am-2pm 3375 Country Dr., Fremont 510-783-6222	
	FREE AIRPLANE RIDES FOR KIDS AGES 8-17 Young Eagles Hayward Airport various Saturdays www.vaa29.org Please call with questions (510) 703-1466 youngeagles29@aol.com	Maitri Immigration Program Free Assistance and Referrals for Domestic Violence Survivors. Provide Services in Hindi, Punjabi, Bangla, Tamil and many other South Asian languages. Crisis line: 888-8-Maitri Please call for screening.	New DimensionChorus Men’s 4 Part Vocal Harmony In the “Barbershop” style Thursdays at 7pm Calvary Luther Church 12500 Via Magdalena SanLorenzo Contact: ncchorus@Yahoo.com 510-332-2489	Little Lamb Preschool Open House Saturday, March 15 1pm-4pm. Drop in and visit the class rooms ad meet the teachers. Registration information will be available. Free ice cream sundaes. Everyone invited!	
FREE QUALITY TAX PREPARATION \$52,000 or less household income Other restrictions may apply Fremont Family Resource Center 39155 Liberty St, Fremont, CA Open: Jan 22 - Apr 14, 2014 Mon & Wed: 4 pm - 8 pm Friday: 10 am - 1 pm Closed 2/17/14 - President's Day Call 510-574-2020 for more info	FREE QUALITY TAX PREPARATION By IRS-Certified Tax Preparers \$52,000 or less household income Other restrictions may apply Saturdays: Feb 1 to Mar 15, 2014 10 am – 2 pm (Closed Mar 8th) At Newark Library 6300 Civic Terrace Avenue Newark, CA 94560 Call 510-574-2020 for more info	FREE QUALITY TAX PREPARATION Certified Volunteer Tax Preparers \$52,000 or less household income Other restrictions may apply Saturdays: Feb 1 to Apr 5, 2014 10 am – 2 pm (Closed Mar 8th) At Union City Library 34007 Alvarado-Niles Road Union City, CA 94587 Call 510-574-2020 for more info	FREE QUALITY TAX PREPARATION By IRS-Certified Tax Preparers \$52,000 or less household income Other restrictions may apply Saturdays: Feb 1 to Apr 5, 2014 10 am – 2 pm (Closed Mar 8th) At Holly Community Center 31600 Alvarado-Niles Road Union City, CA 94587 Call 510-574-2020 for more info	Premier Soccer Development Program Tryout for U11 & U14 Boys PSDP is designed to identify and develop talented, committed youth soccer players Call 510-516-3031 or Email TCPSPDP@gmail.com Signup now by Visiting http://tcpsdp.wix.com/psdp	

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Candidate’s Forum Congressional District 17 Senate District 10 February 1st at Berryess Branch of SJ Public Library 6pm-8pm Sponsored by the Berryessa North San Jose Democratic Club. For more info BNSJDemocrats@yahoo.com	Berryessa-North San Jose Democratic Club Meet 3rd Thursday 7pm-9pm Berryessa Denny’s For more info BNSJDemocrats@yahoo.com or see our Facebook page	Mission San Jose High Booster Club Annual Crab & Pasta Feed-All you can Eat - Public Invited Sat. March 8 6pm-10pm Mission SJ High Main Gym 41717 Palm Ave., Fremont Tickets \$45 msjhsrabfeed@hotmail.com Proceeds: Athletics, & Arts	American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Fremont www.relayforlife.org/fremontca Honoring cancer survivors, pro- moting healthy living & raising money to help end cancer. Meetings 6:30pm 3rd Tuesday at Anderson Auditorium Washington West, 2500 Mowry ashley.clemens@cancer.org	Help with Home Repairs from Alameda County No cost or favorable, low inter- est loans are available for home remodeling for qualified home- owners in Fremont, Union City, Sunol and Newark. Call (510)670-5399 for an applica- tion and more information. http://www.acgov.org/cda/nps/
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The Bookworm

The Bookworm is Terri Schlichenmeyer. Terri has been reading since she was 3 years old and she never goes anywhere without a book. She lives on a hill in Wisconsin with two dogs and 11,000 books.

“The XX Factor: How the Rise of Working Women Has Created a Far Less Equal World” by Alison Wolf

Your mother worked for as long as you can remember. Whether inside the house or out, for money or motherhood, she worked – hard. She might not have had prestige. Maybe she was a cog in a wheel in a factory in a corporation. Or she might’ve pulled 24-hour days without ever leaving home.

Money also rears its ugly head in the rearing of those children. Because elite women return to work sooner, they often rely on paid nannies to help with the kids. This, and the “outsourcing” of other domestic tasks like cooking and cleaning, Wolf indicates, has created a class of workers that she calls “servants.”

Servants, as you’d expect, are not “elite.”

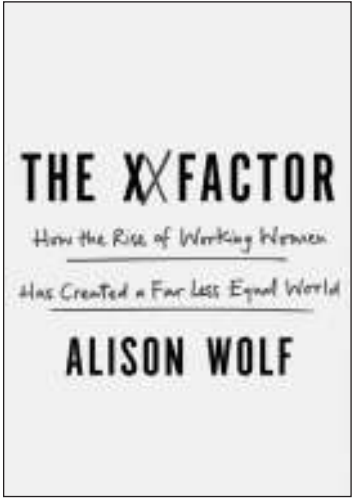
And even with this new “class” of workers helping at home, women still assume the larger share of domestic chores. This inequality between men and women endures (though Wolf indicates that this gap is narrowing), but that’s not the bigger issue: the inequality between elite women and lower-income women continues to widen. This leaves us, in part, with a dearth of educated workers in certain essential (but un-flashy) careers, lingering inequality, and “not much sisterhood.”

I really wanted to like this book. Alas, I didn’t much.

“The XX Factor” is, first of all, not very engaging. No, it’s downright staid, and only occasionally interesting – perhaps because it felt repetitive to me. Author Alison Wolf drives her points home with a sledgehammer, which isn’t needed for the educated reader for whom she’s reaching.

What’s worse is the controversy. Wolf makes too many over-generalizations in this book. She claims that working women often “behave... like men,” and I’m afraid dedicated legions of teachers and nurses may feel insulted here. I also had to question if a chapter on sex, strippers, and prostitution was truly warranted in a book on today’s modern workplace.

Overall, there are a few points well-made, but this book is a struggle. Unless you want to delve into statistics and controversy, I believe “The XX Factor” is a book you can cross off your reading list.
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395 pages



Maybe she still works, and so do you. But who’s better off? Read the new book “The XX Factor” by Alison Wolf, and you might be surprised...

For much of the last century, women’s lives were relatively the same: once they married, they quit work and focused on home and hearth because that was what society expected. Today’s women, though, have “become a class apart,” says Wolf. Their gender “does not define their fate...”

But then again, some women – the “highly educated” ones, the “elite” – have surely defined the fates of their poorer sisters, in both work and family. One “key difference” between the two classes of women, Wolf says, is in childbearing.

Today’s elite women have fewer children than their less-educated counterparts, partly because they’re eager to (or must) return to work quicker. There’s also “overwhelming evidence that money affects the birth rate”: poorer families are larger, earlier, while highly-educated women statistically have babies later in life – or they’re “not having babies at all.”

Mardi Gras Masquerade

SUBMITTED BY CHRIS VALUCKAS

Join us for a night of mystery and adventure and an evening of dinner, dancing, cocktails (cash bar), casino games, and silent auction. Have a magical night with friends and loved ones! All proceeds will go directly to support programs at the Ruggieri Senior Center in Union City.

Mardi Gras Masquerade
Saturday, Mar 8
5 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Ruggieri Senior Center
33997 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City
(510) 675-5495

\$25 per person/\$45 per couple
\$30 at the door

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Drought – A Message to Our Community

On Friday, January 31, we were informed by the California Department of Water Resources that we would receive 0% of our yearly allocation from the State Water Project. While this represents a significant portion of our total water supply, the Tri-City area is not in danger of running out of water during the coming year.

Over the years, investments by our customers have allowed ACWD to develop a diverse water supply portfolio. This means we are not dependent on just one source of water. Although we may not receive any water from the State Water Project this year, there will be water available to us through:

- San Francisco’s Hetch Hetchy system;
- Local runoff stored in the groundwater basin beneath the Tri-City area;

- The Newark Desalination Facility.
- Although these other supplies will be greatly reduced because of the dry conditions, they will help to see us through the drought so long as each household and business in the Tri-City area reduces their water use by 20%.

You are an integral part of the water supply equation for the duration of this drought. Your conservation efforts will help to keep the water flowing through what is sure to be an exceptionally dry summer and fall.

Walt Wadlow
General Manager, Alameda
County Water District

New Haven District funding meetings scheduled

SUBMITTED BY NEW HAVEN UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT

A series of meetings have been scheduled to offer the New Haven community an opportunity to learn how the state’s new Local Control Funding Formula and Local Control Accountability Plan will affect public education. They are being held at all District schools to make it as convenient as possible for attendees.

Thursday, February 13
Decoto School for Independent Study
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19
Searles Elementary
2:30 p.m.
Pioneer Elementary
3:30 p.m.
Eastin Elementary
5:30 p.m.
Alvarado Elementary
6:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 20
James Logan High
5:00 p.m.
Conley-Caraballo High
6:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 27
Alvarado Middle
6:00 p.m.

A meeting also will be held at Cesar Chavez Middle School; date and time to be announced.

The Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) was designed to correct historical inequities in school funding and increase flexibility, to provide additional resources for schools serving low-income students, English learners and foster youth, increase the level of local decision-making and align budget and accountability plans.

The Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) calls for annual goals in eight state priority areas (student achievement, student engagement, other student outcomes, school climate, parental involvement, basic services, course access and implementation of Common Core Standards) and requires districts to identify specific actions to be taken to achieve the goals, specifically for ethnic/racial subgroups, socio-economically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities and foster youth.

Interested parties are invited to attend a meeting at any school site. Attendees who would like to get further involved can sign up on the District website (www.nhusd.k12.ca.us) to participate as LCFF/LCAP Advisory Committee Members.

\$70 million buried by Alameda County

SUBMITTED BY JEFF BECERRA

Most of us say that recycling is important, but are we good at it? StopWaste spent the past year taking a look at garbage carts to find out. A report being mailed this week shows that residents and businesses in Alameda County dumped as much as \$70 million of recyclable and compostable items in the garbage last year. The report is part of a new Benchmark Service from StopWaste, a public agency responsible for reducing waste in Alameda County.

“Let’s face it, we’re still burying too many valuable resources in landfills,” said Gary Wolff, P.E., Ph.D., StopWaste Executive Director. “More recycling would capture valuable resources already in our communities, stimulating the local economy and creating jobs.” Our goal for Alameda County is that by 2020, less than 10 percent of what’s in garbage containers will be recyclable or compostable.

The Benchmark Service tracks progress towards that goal, and has three components: Random, anonymous measurements of how much garbage, recyclable and compostable material is in garbage containers in Alameda County

Analysis of those measurements
Reports sent directly to garbage service account holders describing what was found.
The first reports are now being sent to Alameda County residents and businesses. The data in the reports show how much garbage, recyclable and compostable material (as a percentage by weight) was in residential garbage containers, and some categories of business garbage containers, in 2013. On average, residential garbage carts in Alameda County contain 32 percent “good stuff” (recyclable and compostable material) by weight, an improvement from 60 percent in 2008. School garbage containers contain about 55 percent “good stuff.”

Consistent with the data collected in 2008, the biggest potential for improvement is with organics recycling. “If we could make just one change, it would be to recycle all our food scraps in the green bin, all the time,” said Alameda County Waste Management Authority (dba StopWaste) Board President Don Biddle. “This would reduce greenhouse gases and help create compost that’s used to grow food and beautify urban landscapes.” For tips on how to recycle better, residents and businesses can visit www.StopWaste.org.



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Proof It!



Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the article below. Circle all 7 errors. Then, rewrite the article correctly on the lines below.

The Winter Olympics

Sochi, Russia is home to the XXII Olympic Winter Games

Sochi, on the Black Sea coast, is said to be a meeting point between sea and mountains.

Most of the 98 events in 15 winter sports will take place in Sochi with the skiing and snowboarding in the winter resort town of Krasnaya Polyana. 65 nations will take part in the Games.




Meet the Mascots

For the very first time, the Olympic mascots were chosen by the general public during a voting show on live television.



The Hare

The Hare loves all sports. She's a very busy creature who studies hard and gets good grades at the Forest Academy. She loves to sing and dance and she amazes her friends by the number of things she is able to do.



The Leopard

The Leopard is a mountain climber and rescuer. He rescues those in need and has saved people from avalanches. He lives high in a tree on the highest peak in the snowy Caucasus Mountains. The Leopard is a snowboarder who is cheerful and loves to dance.

Torch Travel

As with every Olympic Games, the torch journey begins at Mount Olympus in Greece. The journey to the opening ceremony of the Sochi games will be the longest torch relay ever covering 40,000 miles and including 83 Russian cities. It reached Europe's highest mountain, Mount Elbrus in the Caucasus mountain range and the depths of Siberia's Lake Baikal.



The torch was taken to the North Pole via an icebreaker ship and was also taken into space where Russian cosmonauts Oleg Kotov and Sergey Ryzhansky passed it at an outlet of the International Space Station.

Olympic Slogan

Each Olympics has a national slogan and this year's Russian slogan is intended to reflect the diversity of Russia's national character.

HOT. COOL. YOURS.

To show the intensity of competition and the passion of both sportsmen and spectators.

To reflect the winter climate on the shores of the Black Sea.

To indicate personal involvement and foster a sense of shared pride.

The Polar Bear

He lives on an ice shelf beyond the Arctic Circle. His snow shower, his bed, his computer and his weight lifting equipment are all made out of snow and ice. He is good at skiing, speed-skating and curling but his favorite sport is bobsleigh. During the long Arctic winter he enjoys bobsleigh competitions with other bears and fur seals.



Our Classroom Slogan:

Design a classroom slogan that represents elements important to your class. Have your class vote for the slogan they think best represents your shared goals.

Extra! Extra! Logo Language

Organizations have logos designed to represent them. Look through today's paper to find:

- Logos that use words and images
- Logos that use only an image or symbol

Standards Link: Understand the use of symbols in visual media.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

OLYMPIC PICTOGRAMS

At the Olympic Games, a picture is worth a thousand words. A **pictogram**, or picture symbol, will be used at the games to help people from all over the world understand what is happening.

Match each pictogram to the sport it represents.

Downhill Skiing
Bobsleigh (or Bobsled)
Curling
Cross Country Skiing
Biathlon



Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

CAUCASUS
CURLING
OLYMPUS
LEOPARD
MASCOTS
NATIONS
RUSSIA
WINTER
SOCHI
BLACK
DANCE
RELAY
SPACE
HARE
SHIP

S	T	O	C	S	A	M	T	H	E
N	K	W	O	L	Y	M	P	U	S
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I	C	U	R	L	I	N	G	A	A
O	Y	S	M	P	B	T	C	L	P
N	I	S	P	A	C	E	C	E	O
S	H	I	P	H	A	R	E	R	E
S	C	A	U	C	A	S	U	S	L

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **DIVERSITY**

The noun **diversity** means a variety of something or a difference or assortment.

Different languages in our town reflect the **diversity** in the population.

Try to use the word **diversity** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

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Sports Page Search

Sports reports are often packed with adjectives to describe the exciting action. Choose an article in the sports section and count the adjectives you find. Can you replace each adjective with a different adjective?

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify adjectives in writing.

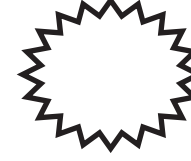
What does an athlete need most to be a great hockey player?



ANSWER: Good ice sight.

Write On! Medal Winner

If you could compete in an Olympic event, what would it be? Describe what it would be like to be an Olympic athlete winning a gold medal.



Are you a writer?

Do you like to write about interesting topics? Are you a whiz with words and like to share your thoughts with others? Can you find something fascinating about lots of things around you?

If so, maybe writing for the Tri-City Voice is in your future. We are looking for disciplined writers and reporters who will accept an assignment and weave an interesting and accurate story that readers will enjoy. Applicants must be proficient in the English language (spelling and grammar) and possess the ability to work within deadlines.

If you are interested, submit a writing sample of at least 500 words along with a resume to tricityvoice@aol.com or fax to (510) 796-2462.

Government Briefs

City Council summaries do not include all business transacted at the noted meetings. These outlines represent selected topics and actions. For a full description of agendas, decisions and discussion, please consult the website of the city of interest: Fremont (www.fremont.gov), Hayward (www.hayward-ca.gov), Milpitas (www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov), Newark (www.ci.newark.ca.us), Union City (www.ci.union-city.ca.us).

City Council/Public Agency MEETINGS

Readers are advised to check websites for special meetings, cancellations, minutes, agendas and webcasts

CITY COUNCILS

Fremont City Council
1st/2nd/3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.
City Hall, Bldg A
3300 Capitol Ave., Fremont
(510) 284-4000
www.fremont.gov

Hayward City Council
1st/3rd/4th Tuesday @ 7 p.m.
City Hall, second floor
777 B Street, Hayward
(510) 583-4000
www.ci.hayward.ca.us

Milpitas City Council
1st/3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.
455 East Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas
(408) 586-3001
www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov

Newark City Council
2nd/4th Thursday @ 7:30 p.m.
City Hall, 6th Floor
37101 Newark Blvd., Newark
(510) 578-4266
www.ci.newark.ca.us

San Leandro City Council
1st/3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.
835 East 14th St., San Leandro
(510) 577-3366
www.sanleandro.org

Union City City Council
2nd/4th Tuesday @ 7 p.m.
City Hall
34009 Alvarado-Niles Rd., Union City
(510) 471-3232
www.ci.union-city.ca.us

WATER/SEWER

Alameda County Water District
2nd Thursday @ 6:00 p.m.
43885 S. Grimmer Blvd., Fremont
(510) 668-4200
www.acwd.org

East Bay Municipal Utility District
2nd/4th Tuesday @ 1:15 p.m.
375 11th St., Oakland
(866) 403-2683
www.ebmud.com

Santa Clara Valley Water District
2nd/4th Tuesday @ 6:00 p.m.
5700 Almaden Expwy., San Jose
(408) 265-2607, ext. 2277
www.valleywater.org

Union Sanitary District
2nd/4th Monday @ 7:00 p.m.
5072 Benson Rd., Union City
(510) 477-7503
www.unionsanitary.com

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Castro Valley Unified School Board
2nd/4th Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
4400 Alma Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 537-3000
www.cv.k12.ca.us

Fremont Unified School Board
2nd/4th Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.
4210 Technology Dr., Fremont
(510) 657-2350
www.fremont.k12.ca.us

Hayward Unified School Board
2nd/4th Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.
24411 Amador Street, Hayward
(510) 784-2600
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Fremont City Council

February 4, 2014

Mayor Harrison noted that Robert Turbin, graduate of Irvington High School, is a member of the world champion Seattle Seahawks and Kristie Yamaguchi, featured on the over of USA Today weekly, will attend Sochi Olympics to represent the Olympics Figure Skating Association.

Consent:

Approve closeout of completed capital projects and partial defunding of selected projects for reuse.

Award a construction contract for Central Park Picnic Area renovations to Green Valley Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$974,066.35.

Approve property entry agreement with ACWD to conduct riparian restoration work at Sabercat Creek.

Amend Master Service Agreement with Cornerstone Management, Inc. increasing funding by \$75,000 to a total of \$150,000 for Warm Springs Specific Plan project.

Approve abandonment of park land at Stevenson Place and Stevenson Boulevard and include land at Stevenson Boulevard and Paseo Padre Parkway as Citywide Park.

Adopt an Urgency Ordinance amending effective date of 2013 Electrical and Green Building Codes.

Ceremonial Items:

Honor Starling Santa Cruz for heroic actions preventing a violent crime. A female student was carjacked and directed to drive her car at knifepoint. When able to escape the car, the student was aided by Ms. Santa Cruz who gave shelter and called 9-1-1 and activated her home alarms to scare the perpetrator away. Due to her actions, the suspect was quickly identified.

Oral Communications:

Possible Music Museum
Yellow and Red Light Cameras – In memory of Roger Jones
Use of Irvington BART Station funds for intra-city transit
Recognition of Life Eldercare and Meals on Wheels
Water Quality

Council Referrals:

Approve reappointment of Patricia Lacy to Patterson House Advisory Board

Mayor Bill Harrison	Aye
Vice Mayor Vinnie Bacon	Aye
Anu Natarajan	Aye
Suzanne Lee Chan	Aye
Raj Salwan	Aye

Hayward City Council

February 4, 2014

Work Session:

Review of second quarter (Oct/Nov/Dec) progress of police department priorities. December had a positive outcome in part due to reserve officer efforts at Tennyson Area Corridor and Southland Mall during holidays. Social media outreach communicated with residents. Graduated class of Spanish Community Academy – 41 Spanish Speakers. Used “hot spot” policing – high visibility has a positive impact. Traffic concerns addressed including control within “loop.” HPD is committed to preventative programs including increased presence of school resource officers. Junior Giants program will continue this year.

Consent:

Adopt ordinance adding form-based code relating to Mission Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan. (Northern segment – Jones, Salinas Abstain)

Adopt zoning ordinance definitions relating to transitional and supportive housing. (Northern segment – Jones, Salinas Abstain)

Mayor Michael Sweeney	Aye
Barbara Halliday	Aye
Greg Jones	Aye (two abstentions)
Al Mendall	Aye
Marvin Peixoto	Aye
Mark Salinas (Mayor pro tem)	Aye (two abstention)
Francisco Zermeno	Aye

‘2-1-1 Day’ celebrates Human Service Number

SUBMITTED BY MITCHELL REITMAN, MSW, MA

Tuesday, February 11 is 2-1-1 Day, in recognition of the free, user-friendly phone number that serves 90 percent of America’s population, and connects some 16 million people a year to critical resources, information and services.

“In Alameda County, 2-1-1 received over 104,000 calls for help last year and provided over 176,000 referrals”, said Barbara Bernstein, Executive Director of Eden I&R (Information & Referral). About half of the callers requested assistance with low income and affordable housing. People called for help to meet other basic needs, like heating or utility assistance, emergency help, or to find the closest food bank. But they also called for everyday information, to find out where to take their child for developmental screening, or how to locate job training or to find free tax filing support.

“Without 2-1-1, callers can make an average of eight phone calls to different numbers before finding the services they need,” Ms. Bernstein said. “2-1-1 cuts through the red tape to save providers time and money, while helping Alameda County residents connect with the resources they’re looking for.”

2-1-1 was launched by United Way almost 20 years ago as a free way to connect people to essential resources. Today, 2-1-1 serves more than 283 million Americans — more than 90 percent of our population — in all 50 states, plus Washington DC and Puerto Rico. In 2012 (most recent data available, almost 16 million people called 2-1-1 in the U.S. about job training, employment, food pantries, help for an aging parent, addiction prevention programs, affordable housing options, support groups and volunteer opportunities. After a disaster, when many land lines aren’t working, people call 2-1-1 to search out water, food, shelter, and disaster aid.

TAKES FROM SILICON VALLEY EAST SOTU suggests Fremont is a microcosm of the “New Energy Economy”

BY CHRISTINA BRIGGS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Last week’s State of the Union Address tackled many complex issues, but the focus on climate change and the green economy really struck a chord with us. There was a strong emphasis on the need for a diversified energy strategy and, as we have covered in previous blog posts, Fremont has established itself as a model in sustainability and the “new energy economy.”

We were particularly pleased to hear strong support for the solar industry, which is alive and well in Fremont, despite the broader industry challenges it’s faced. Boston-based energy reporter Martin LaMonica’s article on GreenBiz.Com summarizes this portion of the speech. Here’s why we think Fremont is, in fact, a microcosm of the new energy economy.

Industry Breadth: Fremont’s a hub for energy companies, including Tesla (Electric Vehicles), Gridscape Solutions (EV charger software), Delta Products (solar, EV chargers), Solaria (solar), Centrosolar (solar), Petersen-Dean (installation), DragonFly Systems (solar), Oorja Protonics (fuel cells), Leyden (batteries), Imergy (storage), Alchemy Power (wind), and many more.

Workforce: There are local training programs for the solar industry available (Unitek, Ohlone College, Mission Valley ROP).

Streamlined Permitting: An over-the-counter process for solar installations under 10kW is in progress.

Best Practices:

- Participation in American Solar Transformation Initiative, a DOE-funded effort to spur adoption of best practices by cities. Fremont has been featured in DOE publications for its solar programs.

- Participation in RREP (group solar purchase) for City facilities.

- Plan for possible micro-grid in the Warm Springs/South Fremont Community Plan.

We are a town of innovators, and we want to reflect that same spirit as a City. So we remain steadfast in our support for clean tech, knowing it’s not only the right thing to do for our planet, but it’s one of our highest prospects for economic growth.



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Milpitas City Council Meeting February 4, 2014

Presentations & Proclamations:

Recognition of the Nelson family for outdoor Christmas decorations

Proclaim February Black History Month.

Consent:

Consider approval of \$3,600 to Milpitas Library third annual essay contest and related budget request.

Receive financial status report for the six months ending December 31, 2013. The revised projection stands at \$62,655,557.

Receive city’s investment portfolio status report for quarter ending December 31, 2013. Total earnings for 2013 are at \$581,255.54

Approve Amendment to contract with Jarvis, Fay, Doporto & Gibson raising the not-to-exceed amount of compensation to \$137,450.

Public Hearing:

Hold a public hearing and consider certification of development improvements, general plan amendments and certification of final environmental impact report for upcoming Pacific Mall to be located at McCarthy Ranch.

New Business:

Approve mid-year appropriations for operating budget in the amount of \$279,500 for FY 2013-14.

Mayor José Esteves:	Aye
Vice-Mayor Althea Polanski:	Aye
Debbie Indihar-Giordano:	Aye
Armando Gomez:	Aye
Carmen Montano:	Aye

But 2-1-1 does more than connect people with help. It also takes the “pulse” of American communities. Calls to 2-1-1 Centers in many communities spiked before the recession was declared in 2009, for example. And in 2010, a national survey found 90 percent of 2-1-1 Centers were getting pleas for help from people who’d never sought any help from food pantries, public assistance or rent and utility help before. Many communities analyze 2-1-1 data as one social indicator of local needs and economic stability.

So what happens with a 2-1-1 call? When you dial 2-1-1 (for free), the call is routed to the local 2-1-1 Center. It’s answered by a trained information and referral specialist, who discerns your need, then searches a comprehensive database of relevant human service referrals. The 2-1-1 specialist explains how to access those services. In the case of a worker who has recently been laid off or whose hours have been reduced, the 2-1-1 specialist may share information about unemployment benefits, job search options, food stamps, food pantries, mortgage or rent help, utility assistance, counseling and other available resources.

To learn more about Eden I&R’s services, go to 211alameda-county.org.

HOME SALES REPORT

CASTRO VALLEY			TOTAL SALES: 11				
Highest \$:		760,000	Median \$:		500,000		
Lowest \$:		435,000	Average \$:		545,636		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
17575 Almond Road	94546	\$435,000	0	1527	1948	12-30-13	
3689 Christensen Lane	94546	\$760,000	3	1992	1995	12-31-13	
4256 Circle Avenue	94546	\$660,000	7	4056	1953	01-06-14	
1740 Crescent Avenue	94546	\$440,000	3	1666	1959	01-06-14	
19553 Eagle Street	94546	\$640,000	3	1855	1955	12-31-13	
3443 Lenard Drive	94546	\$585,000	3	1289	1956	01-02-14	
4034 Meadowview Drive	94546	\$520,000	3	1124	1952	12-23-13	
21867 Orange Avenue	94546	\$490,000	2	1199	1943	12-31-13	
20147 Stanton Avenue	94546	\$500,000	2	1228	1950	12-23-13	
2532 Watson Street	94546	\$472,000	0	1471	-	01-03-14	
4529 Old Dublin Road	94552	\$500,000	5	2648	2002	12-30-13	
FREMONT			TOTAL SALES: 35				
Highest \$:		1,650,000	Median \$:		590,000		
Lowest \$:		280,000	Average \$:		628,186		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
4546 Alameda Drive	94536	\$665,000	3	1799	1962	01-06-14	
37890 Argyle Road	94536	\$705,500	4	2036	1965	12-31-13	
4622 Balboa Way	94536	\$299,000	2	910	1969	12-31-13	
3655 Birchwood Terrace #113	94536	\$375,000	2	990	1984	01-02-14	
3514 Birchwood Terrace #303	94536	\$372,000	2	988	1984	12-30-13	
4832 El Poco Common	94536	\$387,000	3	1126	1971	12-26-13	
4836 El Poco Common	94536	\$370,000	2	1066	1971	01-03-14	
287 Grau Drive	94536	\$590,000	3	1439	1985	01-06-14	
4329 Norris Road	94536	\$850,000	3	2388	1959	01-07-14	
36016 Soapberry Common	94536	\$500,000	2	1392	2007	01-03-14	
38010 Stenhammer Drive	94536	\$535,000	2	841	1947	01-02-14	
41165 Alline Street	94538	\$770,000	3	1251	1959	01-03-14	
4431 Amador Road	94538	\$630,000	3	999	1961	12-31-13	
40151 Blanchard Street	94538	\$550,000	3	1148	1958	01-03-14	
4645 Pardee Avenue	94538	\$607,500	4	1453	1963	01-02-14	
4787 Porter Street	94538	\$505,000	3	1151	1959	01-02-14	
5532 Roosevelt Place	94538	\$480,000	3	1232	1966	01-03-14	
43716 Abeloe Terrace	94539	\$836,000	3	1428	1987	01-06-14	
48284 Arcadian Street	94539	\$735,000	3	1574	1963	12-30-13	
111 Boston Fern Common	94539	\$725,000	3	1824	2008	12-30-13	
3028 Bruce Drive	94539	\$1,008,000	3	1522	1958	01-03-14	
375 Camphor Avenue	94539	\$900,000	4	1752	1962	01-07-14	
205 East Warren Common	94539	\$388,000	2	878	1982	01-02-14	
47129 Male Terrace #81	94539	\$410,000	2	894	1987	01-07-14	
47651 Mardis Street	94539	\$800,000	3	1234	1961	01-03-14	
164 Montevideo Circle	94539	\$1,215,000	3	2064	1992	12-31-13	
47066 Palo Amarillo Drive	94539	\$1,650,000	4	3102	1978	12-30-13	
40189 Santa Teresa Common	94539	\$562,000	2	1199	1970	01-06-14	
330 Sequim Common	94539	\$280,000	1	827	1985	01-03-14	
302 Stacey Common #11	94539	\$420,000	2	894	1987	12-30-13	
35 Via Malaga	94539	\$648,000	3	1188	1971	01-07-14	
4364 Jessica Circle	94555	\$660,000	2	1253	1980	01-02-14	
4371 Jessica Circle	94555	\$625,000	3	1380	1980	01-03-14	
33149 Lake Oneida Street	94555	\$540,000	4	1444	1969	12-31-13	
3625 Warwick Road	94555	\$393,500	3	1451	1978	01-03-14	
HAYWARD			TOTAL SALES: 38				
Highest \$:		790,000	Median \$:		388,000		
Lowest \$:		222,000	Average \$:		421,233		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
1318 B Street #308	94541	\$222,000	2	1081	1984	12-31-13	
21279 Birch Street	94541	\$478,000	4	1734	1942	12-24-13	
22139 Castille Lane #53	94541	\$305,000	2	1171	1982	01-07-14	
1309 D Street	94541	\$330,000	2	928	1946	12-31-13	
23068 Eddy Street	94541	\$515,000	3	1238	1954	12-31-13	
459 Ginger Avenue	94541	\$423,000	3	1051	1951	01-06-14	
23733 Glenbrook Lane	94541	\$480,000	4	2154	1991	01-03-14	
23026 Kingsford Way	94541	\$388,000	3	1381	2005	01-03-14	
685 MacAbee Way	94541	\$375,000	2	1227	2011	12-31-13	
3186 Madsen Street	94541	\$604,000	3	2664	2009	12-30-13	
1119 Martin Luther King Drive	94541	\$521,500	0	0	-	12-30-13	
22187 Princeton Street	94541	\$450,000	4	2645	1946	12-30-13	
265 Sullivan Way	94541	\$505,000	4	1999	2011	12-31-13	
3572 Oakes Drive	94542	\$790,000	4	3189	1976	12-31-13	
2401 St. Helena Drive #1	94542	\$238,500	1	787	1984	12-27-13	
4000 Star Ridge Road	94542	\$657,500	3	1717	1950	01-02-14	
2714 Tribune Avenue	94542	\$675,000	5	2924	1991	01-03-14	
282 Berry Avenue	94544	\$394,000	3	1114	1953	12-24-13	
692 Berry Avenue	94544	\$450,000	3	988	1920	12-31-13	
328 Brookdale Way	94544	\$712,000	5	2471	1999	12-31-13	
431 Glade Street	94544	\$390,000	3	1112	1950	12-31-13	
715 Heath Court #187	94544	\$296,000	2	878	1988	01-03-14	
317 Orchard Avenue	94544	\$290,000	2	1006	1917	12-31-13	
26232 Regal Avenue	94544	\$380,000	3	1059	1952	01-03-14	
918 West Tennyson Road #1099	94544	\$267,500	2	1015	1990	01-03-14	
27718 Del Norte Court	94545	\$255,000	3	1254	1970	01-02-14	
27644 Loyola Avenue	94545	\$345,000	3	1128	1957	01-06-14	
543 Ravenna Way	94545	\$360,000	3	1349	2008	01-06-14	
1280 Stanhope Lane #243	94545	\$225,000	2	1007	1989	01-07-14	
21100 Gary Drive #220	94546	\$315,000	2	1056	1981	01-03-14	
MILPITAS			TOTAL SALES: 11				
Highest \$:		836,000	Median \$:		602,500		
Lowest \$:		475,000	Average \$:		629,455		
1320 Cirolero Street	95035	\$625,000	3	1054	1977	01-10-14	
852 Horcajo Street	95035	\$740,000	3	1497	1971	01-10-14	
1525 Kennedy Drive	95035	\$500,000	3	1296	1978	01-16-14	
322 Laguna Drive	95035	\$795,000	4	1773	1978	01-10-14	
1613 Lee Way	95035	\$597,500	0	0	-	01-16-14	
1617 Lee Way	95035	\$602,500	0	0	-	01-14-14	
1697 Lee Way	95035	\$563,000	0	0	-	01-14-14	
1016 Luz Del Sol Loop	95035	\$655,000	3	1738	2007	01-14-14	
1718 Mt. Rainier Avenue	95035	\$836,000	4	1727	1965	01-16-14	
800 South Abel Street #102	95035	\$535,000	2	1309	2007	01-16-14	
17 Terfidia Lane	95035	\$475,000	2	1104	1989	01-16-14	
NEWARK			TOTAL SALES: 5				
Highest \$:		625,000	Median \$:		337,000		
Lowest \$:		325,000	Average \$:		446,800		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
5971 Central Avenue	94560	375,000	3	1447	1980	12-20-13	
6270 Jarvis Avenue	94560	530,000	3	1503	1987	12-20-13	
6318 Joaquin Murieta Avenue #403N	94560	320,000	2	905	1982	12-24-13	
6300 Joaquin Murieta Avenue #B9	94560	340,000	2	1112	1982	12-27-13	
6330 Joaquin Murieta Avenue #B9	94560	279,500	2	1112	1982	12-20-13	
36758 Olive Street	94560	375,000	2	928	1947	12-24-13	
36912 Papaya Street	94560	660,000	3	1893	1994	12-24-13	
39927 Parada Street #A	94560	360,000	2	1301	-	12-27-13	
6345 Potrero Drive	94560	569,000	2	1627	1990	12-24-13	
36318 Tunbridge Drive	94560	756,000	4	2444	1995	12-20-13	
SAN LEANDRO			TOTAL SALES: 15				
Highest \$:		685,000	Median \$:		365,000		
Lowest \$:		220,000	Average \$:		375,833		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
2365 Cherry Street	94577	\$361,500	3	892	1920	12-31-13	
400 Davis Street #105	94577	\$366,000	2	2145	1982	01-03-14	
2045 Evergreen Avenue	94577	\$520,000	3	1606	1959	01-03-14	

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California leaders push for smartphone kill switch

senior vice president and general counsel, said in a statement. “Yet we need more international carriers and countries to participate to help remove the aftermarket abroad for these trafficked devices.”

Almost one in three U.S. robberies involve phone theft, according to the Federal Communications Commission. Lost and stolen mobile devices – mostly smartphones – cost consumers more than \$30 billion in 2012, the agency said in a study.

In San Francisco alone, about 60 percent of all robberies involve the theft of a mobile device, Police

Chief Greg Suhr said. In nearby Oakland, such thefts amount to about 75 percent of robberies, Mayor Jean Quan added.

“We’re in California, the technological hub of the world,” Suhr said. “I can’t imagine someone would vote against” the proposed kill switch law.

Gascon said the industry makes an estimated \$7.8 billion selling theft and loss insurance on mobile devices but must take action to end the victimization of its customers.

“This is one of the areas in the criminal justice system where a

technological solution can make a tremendous difference, so there’s absolutely no argument other than profit,” Gascon said.

In 2013, about 136 million smartphones were sold in the U.S., according to International Data Corp., a Massachusetts-based researcher. More than 1 billion smartphones were sold worldwide last year, accounting for \$330 billion in sales, IDC said. That’s up from 725 million in 2012.

Last year, Samsung Electronics, the world’s largest mobile phone manufacturer, proposed

installing a kill switch in its devices. But the company told Gascon’s office the biggest U.S. carriers rejected the idea.

A Samsung statement issued Friday said the company doesn’t think legislation is necessary and it would keep working with Gascon, other officials and its wireless carrier partners to stop smartphone theft.

Apple Inc., the maker of the popular iPhone, said the “Activation Lock” feature of its iOS 7 software released in the fall is designed to prevent thieves from turning off the Find My iPhone application,

which allows owners to track their phone on a map, delete its data, and remotely lock the device so it cannot be reactivated.

“This can help you keep your device secure, even if it is in the wrong hands, and can improve your chances of recovering it,” Apple spokeswoman Trudy Muller said Friday without commenting specifically about the proposed legislation.

Gascon has praised Apple for its effort but reiterated Friday that it is still too early to tell how effective its solution will be.

Parents’ white lies are a time-honored tradition

BY LEANNE ITALIE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP), Generally speaking, mom Shannon McCormick loves fruits and vegetables and wants to pass that on to her 4-year-old, but her resolve is tested when she encounters her plump, red nemesis: the tomato.

“Tomatoes are my kryptonite. I hate them. My daughter loves them and I don’t want to even suggest that they’re anything less than delicious,” said McCormick, in Columbus, Ohio.

That’s why she choked down an evil chunk when her child stabbed it with a fork and held it to her lips a few months back.

“I just sat there and looked at her and thought, ‘Well I just have to do this,’” McCormick recalled. “I swallowed it whole.”

Kids, parents are people, too. Remember that when you’re older and learn of all the little things yours hid from you for the greater good or their pleasure alone. Absent serious crimes and misdemeanors, you’ll live to tell about it. Consider such moments great family stories and decide for yourselves whether you want to carry on the time-honored tradition of hidden vices and small deceptions in parenting.

“I’ve been hiding Twinkies under the front car seat since my first kid was in diapers,” said Genevieve West, a stay-at-home mom of three in Portland, Ore. “Now that she’s 12, my husband and I hide all evidence of our Starbucks trips or Thai takeout so we don’t suffer her wrath.”

Fast food was also a problem for Katrina Olson in Urbana, Ill.

“My husband abhors it, so when our girls were toddlers and wanted to go to McDonald’s, we told them it was closed for cleaning on Tuesdays or Thursdays, or whatever day it happened to be. It worked for several years,” she said.

Her girls are now 10 and 12 and their parents have other secrets. One involves Whiskers the cat. Or rather, the gender of Whiskers the cat.

When the sisters were about 18 months old and 3, they picked out Whiskers at a shelter. The family had to wait three days before picking HIM up once he was neutered. That’s when Olson’s oldest stated her preference for a girl pet.

“My husband and I discussed it and decided we would just tell them it was a girl, so Whiskers has spent most of his life wearing girl doll clothes and pink bows. When the girls accompanied me to a vet appointment, I called ahead and requested that they refer to Whiskers as a ‘her,’” Olson said.

Fast forward about seven years, when her oldest was flipping through a cat care book that got her thinking something was amiss.

“She tells me she thinks Whiskers is a boy. I feign ignorance,” mom said. “She’s almost 13 and I still haven’t told her the truth.”

Elisabeth Wilkins in Portland, Maine, is the editor of Empowering-parents.com, dedicated to helping parents change kids’ questionable be-

havior. But Wilkins is also something else: a third-generation chocolate hider, on the matriarchal side.

“My brother and I would find it in the coat closet or the back of the freezer,” she said. “My aunt had a very sensitive nose and was able to sniff it out.”

Her son is now 11 and inherited that sensitive chocolate nose. At 4 or 5, Wilkins relied on the old “mommy’s vegetables” response when he caught a whiff of the dark stuff on her breath.

“I’d say, ‘Oh, I just had some broccoli,’ or I’d say an onion and he’d go, ‘Ew’ and walk away,” Wilkins laughed.

She and her husband aren’t so strict as to never allow their offspring a bite of chocolate. She just wasn’t sure she wanted to reveal exactly how obsessed she was – and she wanted to reserve the good stuff for herself.

“Sometimes I go into the bedroom and shut the door for, like, a half-hour and have a little bit of chocolate, then I’ll go rinse my mouth out. Seriously. You feel responsible. You don’t want to teach them bad habits. You don’t want to teach them your bad habits,” she said.

Eli Federman in Miami Beach, Fla., understands. He’s the senior vice president and co-founder of an online startup that offers flash sales on electronics, but he and his wife quickly realized that handing over an iPad to their daughter before she hit her second birthday was a mistake.

“She was always attracted to the iPhone. When she was around 1 we bought her the mini iPad. We thought because of the kids games that are on there, and because of the learning apps, she could interact,” he said. And interact she did.

“It just got so out of control. Even when she went to sleep she would request it. She’d be in the crib shaking the crib going, ‘iPad, iPad, iPad.’ She refused to go to sleep without it. There was no moderation. We were, like, we have to get rid of this, but we wanted it for ourselves, so we lock it in the chemical cabinet and wait to use it when she’s sleeping or we’re out or something,” he said.

Writer Laura Hedgecock of Farmington Hills, Mich., blogs about family and the importance of sharing memories. She also comes from a long line of treat stashers.

When she buys Girl Scout cookies, she keeps a box for herself and savors it for days, whereas her two teen sons scarf their share in a couple of hours. But they’re on to her.

“I hide chocolate in my underwear drawer,” she said. “In their opinions, no craving is worth delving into that territory!”

But there’s more going on, Hedgecock said. Growing up, she “stayed out of the marshmallows that Mom hid in the electric skillet, or just took one, and left alone the Hershey bar Dad had at the bottom of the magazine rack by his recliner.”

It’s not about the hiding, she said: “It’s about respecting what is special to someone else.”

Milpitas will appeal lower court decision

SUBMITTED BY RACHELLE CURRIE

The City Council for the City of Milpitas has directed that an appeal be filed challenging a Superior Court Judge’s decision in the case of City of Milpitas v. City of San Jose. The case is about the expansion of the Newby Island landfill to allow the height of the landfill to nearly double. Milpitas claimed San Jose conducted insufficient environmental analysis to allow this expansion and filed suit on that ground. The Court decided in San Jose’s favor, ruling that Milpitas did not exhaust its administrative remedies and was incorrect in claiming that existing uses cannot be moved without further environmental review.

The City of Milpitas takes the position that the Superior Court decision is clearly incorrect and not supported by law or the Court record. Milpitas made every effort to advise San Jose of the basis of its claims and was scrupulous in exhausting its remedies. Further, contrary to case law, the Court incorrectly ruled that existing uses at the landfill could be moved without environmental analysis. Finally, the Court failed to recognize that the environmental analysis was inadequate with regard to odor problems caused by the landfill.

“We are very surprised by the Court’s decision,” said City Attorney Michael Ogaz, “particularly by the lack of thoughtful consideration of the impacts this project will have on the citizens of Milpitas. We believe the decision is clearly erroneous and the City will appeal to have the errors corrected.”

Officer involved shooting

SUBMITTED BY SGT. ERIC MELENDEZ,
HAYWARD PD

On the evening of Tuesday February 4, 2014 the Hayward Police Department responded to a multi unit apartment complex at 21000 block of Foothill Blvd at the request of an another police agency. The agency requested that we check on the welfare of female living in an apartment that had made several 911 calls to their dispatch center.

Two Hayward Police Officers arrived and made contact with the female. While speaking with the female at her apartment, she displayed a handgun in a threatening manner. Officers retreated to the parking lot of the complex while giving commands for the female to drop the weapon.

The female advanced towards the Officers and refused to obey Officers repeated commands for her to drop the weapon. When the female failed to drop her weapon, one officer fearing for his life and his fellow officer’s life, fired his duty weapon at the female.

Emergency medical personnel were dispatched to the scene and the female was im-

mediately transported to a local hospital. The female succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The Hayward Police Department Investigations Bureau will be conducting an investigation into the shooting in collaboration with the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office.

The name of the victim is Ariel Levy she was an unmarried 62 year old female who had lived with her adult son in the complex. Ms Levy had been distraught about the recent arrest of her son for narcotics and assault weapons violations by the Pleasanton Police Department. Hayward Police had assisted Pleasanton PD in stopping her son the week prior during which he was arrested. On the night of the shooting Ms Levy had contacted both agencies and stated she felt she had been mistreated by the police.

A search warrant was served on Ms Levy’s apartment after the shooting. Investigators recovered a handwritten note by Ms Levy indicating that she wanted to end her life over her recent family problems.

San Leandro Police Log

SUBMITTED BY LT. RANDALL BRANDT, SAN LEANDRO PD

Monday, January 20

At approximately 2:40 a.m., one of our patrol officers made a traffic enforcement stop in the 1800 block of Merced Street. The vehicle did not have any license plates and our officer determined the vehicle had been reported stolen to the Oakland PD. The driver Oscar Martinez, who resides in Union City, was arrested for possessing a stolen vehicle

Tuesday, January 21

Patrol officers were dispatched to a possible hazard in the 15000 block of Endicott Street at 12:10 a.m. They arrived and discovered a power line had been creating sparks near a residence. Upon further investigation, they determined someone had illegally tampered with the power supply to a nearby residence. The investigation led to the discovery of two marijuana cultivation houses and over 1500 illegally grown marijuana plants. The second residence was in the 14900 block of Crosby Street. Sonny Chen, who resides in San Leandro, was arrested for the incident.

At approximately 12:00 p.m., one of our patrol officers was driving on Millstream Drive, near Inlet Court. He ran a computer registration check on a vehicle that was in the area. The computer check revealed the vehicle had reported stolen to the Alameda County Sheriff’s Department on January 20, 2014. Our officer arrested Robert Green, who resides in Oakland for possessing the stolen vehicle.

Please contact the San Leandro Police Department’s Criminal Investigations Division with any information regarding this case at 510-577-3230 or contact the Anonymous Tip Line at 510-577-3278.

Citizens can also send an anonymous tip to San Leandro Police Department by texting the word SLPD and their tip to 847411. Anonymous web tips can be submitted from the Police Department’s website at <http://www.sanleandro.org/depts/pd/at.asp>

For crime prevention tips please go to the Police Department’s website at <http://www.sanleandro.org/depts/pd> or contact PSA Sandy Colwell at 510-577-3248

What's in a name? Answer lies in pioneers' minds

**AP WIRE SERVICE
BY DAVID ROOKHUYZEN
CAPITAL JOURNAL**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP), A rose by another other name would still smell as sweet, and South Dakota would still retain its frontier character even if the plains weren't stacked with towns named Eureka, Volga and Iroquois or counties called Bon Homme, Brule and Butte.

But the nomenclature used for the state's rivers, towns and counties are a window into the thinking of the early pioneers. They reveal rapidly expanding railroads, legislators both patriotic and political and hopeful settlers who first came together on the lonesome prairie, the Capital Journal reported (<http://bit.ly/1edvUwV>).

RIVERS

Janet Gritzner, a cultural geographer who works with geographic information systems at South Dakota State University, said there is a good reason naming places is so important. Identifying features and locations is a way for people to orient themselves, even if they don't have a map.

"If you are crossing a river, you would want to know its name so you know where it is, even without a map," she said.

Of course, even arriving at one name for a river is not especially easy.

Lewis and Clark mention what is known today as the Vermillion River several times in their journals, but refer to it as the "Whitestone" in 1804 and the "Redstone" in 1806. Sources conflict if the original Native American name of "Wa se spa" means White Paint or Red Paint. The current Sioux names of "knic-knic" or "killa Kalick" mean red timber or red wood for the willows along its banks. The name Vermillion probably comes from French trappers who came through the area, perhaps as a translation of the Native American name.

The James River is the English translation of "Riviere aux Jacque," the name French fur trader Jean Trudeau gave it in 1794. It's mentioned by Lewis and Clark in their journals and called both the "Jacque" and "Sacque" in early accounts. The early territorial legislature tried to dub it the "Dakota River," but the name never took.

TOWNS

In her 1973 book "South Dakota Geographic Names" author Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve breaks down the naming patterns for the more than 500 incorporated towns and unorganized communities that existed in the state.

The majority, 158, were named for prominent pioneer families such as Lemmon, Langford and Bovee. The next highest category was towns named for geographic features such as Sioux Falls, Dell Rapids and White Lake, of which there were 98.

There were 68 towns named for railroad officials or their friends and family, such as Armour. Another 48 carry foreign names such as Bristol or Tolstoy. Communities such as Akaska, Oacoma and Oglala

are among the 44 communities that bear Native American names.

Towns in the eastern U.S. such as Amherst, Watertown or Bath have 36 namesakes on the South Dakota plains. An equal number of towns were named after important political or military figures, such as Norbeck and Custer.

Only two communities, Jefferson and Monroe, have the distinction of being named for presidents.

There were also dozens of communities named after animals, such as Beaver; mining, such as Tinton; ideals, such as Faith, or farming, such as Haydraw.

Gritzner points out that most town names in eastern South Dakota are closely linked to the railroad. Any place where the line went through was almost always named after someone in management or their close relatives and friends.

"In fact, they applied the names before anyone was there," she said.

For example, Blunt was named for John E. Blunt, chief engineer of the North Western Railroad. Harrold got its name from Harrold R. McCullough, another official with the same company.

Alexander Mitchell, president of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Company, came away as one of the big winners when it came to namesakes. Not only did he give Mitchell its identifier, but Aberdeen was designated for the Scottish city where he was born and Alexandria was named in his honor.

Citizens of Aberdeen will also recognize him as the namesake of the Alexander Mitchell Public Library.

Gritzner said, in her opinion, the less-populated West River, which wasn't platted by the railroads, tends to have more organic and interesting names.

That's where you find names such as Deadwood, so called because the gulch where it sits was full of fallen timber when settlers first arrived. Spearfish is named after the creek that runs through it, but accounts differ as to whether the Native American tribes actually went spear fishing there or whether an early settler said it would be a good place to spear some fish.

After a name was suggested, it was the U.S. Post Office Department that made a city designation official. If there were duplication or a name were found to be unsatisfactory, there would be a back and forth until an agreed upon name could be found, Gritzner said.

This is the case with Columbia, which was originally called Richmond after the city in Illinois when it was settled in 1879. However, there was already a Richmond in the Dakota Territory, so the post office gave a list of possible substitutes. The current town name was picked because of the popularity at the time of the patriotic song "Hail Columbia."

The town of Arlington took a more convoluted road before arriving at its current name. It was founded in 1880 as Nordland, named by the Dakota Central Railroad for the high number of Norwegian settlers in the area. The Western Town

Lot Company objected to the name because it gave the impression the town was a Norwegian settlement. So in 1884 the county commission selected the name Denver, which the city approved.

However, the Post Office Department rejected the name Denver and in 1885 substituted the named Arlington, after the city in Virginia. This led to a period of time when the city was named Arlington, but had the Nordland post office and Denver railroad station.

Then there were cities named almost by accident, such as the future state capital of Pierre. Its current name is derived from Fort Pierre, its sister city across the Missouri River. The oldest continuous white settlement in South Dakota, Fort Pierre is named for an actual fort established by the fur trader Pierre Chouteau Jr.

But Sneve claims Pierre originally was called "Mato," the Lakota word for bear. However, when early settler John Hilger and his brother, Anson, consigned a load of goods to be sent there they put the destination as "Pierre - on the opposite side of the river from Fort Pierre." The name apparently stuck.

In his 1914 memoirs, Hilger claimed the town was for some time called "East Pierre" because it was east of Fort Pierre and east of Whiskey Gulch.

COUNTIES

While the names of most of South Dakota's cities belonged to the railroads, the counties were in the hands of the legislators.

When statehood was being considered, there was a flurry of activity to have counties ready for the transition. Sneve wrote "when it came to thinking up names for the new political units, the legislature evidently adopted the you-scratch-my-back-and-I'll-scratch-yours attitude, for the list of counties reads like a legislative roll call."

It even inspired a contemporary couplet of "Many a legislator's bid to fame / is a county born to bear his name."

More than 70 counties were originally proposed and more than half were named for prominent politicians. That included 25 named for territorial legislators, regardless of whether they had actually been there.

Such is the case of Brown County, which was named for Alfred Brown, a Canadian native who moved to the Dakota Territory in 1874. While working in the Legislature in 1879, he earned the nickname "Consolidation Brown" for his leading role in combining and creating new counties. When his work was done there was one unnamed county left, and his colleagues urged him to name it after himself.

Four counties, including Edmunds, were named for territorial governors, and another four for territorial secretaries, as is the case for McCook County. Two congressional delegates, such as John Todd, and five judges, such as Dighton Corson, received similar honors.

A patriotic theme can also be found in the southeastern part of the state, areas settled during or just after the Civil War. One of the best examples is Union County, named for the American union of states.

Clay County was named for Henry Clay, a U.S. secretary of state, speaker of the House of Representatives and architect of the Missouri Compromise of 1820. Douglas County gets its name from Illinois Sen. Stephen A. Douglas, who debated Abraham Lincoln in 1858.

There was even a bill passed by the territorial Legislature during its 1864-1865 session to change the names of Todd, Bon Homme and Charles Mix counties to Jackson, Jefferson and Franklin. While the changes were passed by the body, they did not reach the governor before the last day of the session and they were never made official.

Even those counties not named for politicians still have intriguing back stories. Haakon County was named after King Haakon VII of Norway, but an Irishman was the one who arranged it. Hugh J. McMahon, who ranched near Philip, suggested the name to influence Scandinavian settlers to vote for the county's creation and select Philip as its seat.

Aurora County was named for the Roman goddess of the dawn. It's said the name arose from a literary club founded by six wives of the early settlers, where they thought it was a good name because the free homestead land would bring the dawn of a new era.

Oddly enough, the city of Aurora's name probably doesn't have the same origin. Sneve said it's more likely named after Aurora, Ill., the home town of Mrs. W.R. Stowe of Brookings.

Gritzner said modern South Dakotans shouldn't be too hard on the legislators for naming so much after themselves.

"You have to consider the amount of naming that had to be done in a few years," Gritzner said.

MODERN TOPONYMS

In sharp contrast to the almost haphazard way names were attached in the past, firm rules and a precise methodology exist today for appending monikers.

Gritzner, who is involved with the Council on Geographic Name Authorities, said modern toponyms – a geographer's term for place names – must conform to certain formats, such as not containing hyphens or apostrophes.

Places must also have an English generic term appended to it such as river, lake, canyon or mountain. That includes features named in other languages, regardless if the foreign term already includes a generic descriptor.

Proposed names are also required to have some history or acceptance in a given area. But the biggest difference between naming in the 1800s and now is, with the exception of Antarctica, nothing can be named after someone who is currently living.

It's a good thing there are official rules, Gritzner said, because there are still plenty of buttes, creeks, hills and the occasional new city to label.

"There are still lots of things to be named for future generations," she said.

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Fan injured by hotdog suing Kan. City Royals

**BY BILL DRAPER
ASSOCIATED PRESS**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP), If it had been a foul ball or broken bat that struck John Coomer in the eye as he watched a Kansas City Royals game, it's unlikely the courts would have forced the team to pay for the surgeries and suffering he's endured.

But because it was a hot dog thrown by the team mascot – behind the back, no less – he just may have a case.

The Missouri Supreme Court is weighing whether the "baseball rule" – a legal standard that protects teams from being sued over fan injuries caused by events on the field, court or rink – should also apply to injuries caused by mascots or the other personnel that teams employ to engage fans and justify steep ticket prices. Because the case could set a legal precedent, it could change how teams in other cities and sports approach interacting with fans at their games.

Coomer, of Overland Park, Kan., says he was injured at a September 2009 Royals game when the team's lion mascot, Sluggerrrr, threw a 4-ounce, foil-wrapped

wiener into the stands that struck his eye. He had to have two surgeries – one to repair a detached retina and the other to remove a cataract that developed and implant an artificial lens. Coomer's vision is worse now than before he was hurt and he has paid roughly \$4,800 in medical costs, said his attorney, Robert Tormohlen.

Coomer, 53, declined to discuss the case. His lawsuit seeks an award of "over \$20,000" from the team, but the actual amount he is seeking is likely much greater. Tormohlen declined to discuss the actual amount.

The Jackson County jurors who first heard the case two years ago sided with the Royals, saying Coomer was completely at fault for his injury because he wasn't aware of what was going on around him. An appeals court overturned that decision in January, however, ruling that while being struck by a baseball is an inherent risk fans assume at games, being hit with a hotdog isn't.

The state Supreme Court heard oral arguments last month, but didn't indicate when it might issue its ruling.

Few cases had addressed the level of legal duty, or obligation, a mascot owes to

fans, so Coomer's case is being closely watched by teams throughout the country, said Tormohlen.

"If a jury finds that the activity at issue is an inherent and unavoidable risk, the Royals owe no duty to their spectators," Tormohlen said. "No case has extended the no-duty rule to the activities of a mascot."

The Royals, whose spokesman declined to comment on the case while it is pending, have argued that the hotdog toss has been a popular fan attraction at Kauffman Stadium since 2000 and is as much part of the game experience as strikeouts and home runs.

From mascot races and T-shirt cannons to free Wi-Fi and stadium sushi stands, teams have been doing everything they can to convince fans that the live experience is worth the high ticket and concession prices and is better than watching games on television.

"You have this competition with teams engaged in pushing the envelope trying to make the experience at the event better than what you can experience at home," said Jordan Kobritz, a professor in the Sports Management Department at SUNY Cortland. "You also have the fan mentality in which risk today is more tolerable than it's been in our history."

A ruling in Coomer's favor, or one that at least assigns partial blame to the mascot, could force teams to rethink their promotions, or at least take additional measures to keep spectators safe, Kobritz said.

Bob Jarvis, a sports law professor at Nova Southeastern University in Florida, said a 1997 California case set an important precedent when a state appeals court ruled that mascots are not an essential part of a baseball game. In that case, a minor league baseball team's dinosaur brushed against a fan, distracting him right before he was struck by a ball that broke several bones in his face. The court said mascot antics aren't essential or integral to the playing of a game.

Furthermore, not all courts have treated the baseball rule as sacrosanct. Earlier this year, the Idaho Supreme Court allowed a fan who lost an eye to a foul ball at a minor league baseball game to proceed with his lawsuit against the team. The court said that since baseball fan injuries are so rare in Idaho, there didn't seem to be a compelling reason for the court to step in.

In the Kansas City case, a ruling in the Royals' favor would indicate that mascots are, indeed, an essential part of the game experience, Jarvis said. If that happens, the Kansas City case would likely supplant Lowe's as the one attorneys look at when deciding whether to file a lawsuit on behalf of an injured fan.

"If you could get a court to go the other way and say in-game entertainment is a natural part of playing baseball in the U.S. in the 21st century, that would be a tremendous precedent that could cut off future lawsuits," Jarvis said.

The Conversation

A movement in hospice to get people talking

SUBMITTED BY ALAMEDA COUNTY HEALTH CARE SERVICES AGENCY

A "senior tsunami" threatens to overwhelm the healthcare system. Baby-boomers, born between 1946 and 1964, will create an unprecedented demand for palliative and end-of-life care services over the next 30-40 years. Many professionals say it is happening now. Neither the private nor public sector has the capacity to cope.

The over-60 age group will grow by 170 percent by 2030. The average life span has increased by 30 years in the last century. Seventy-nine percent of people receiving long-term care live at home and not in institutions. Sixteen million families will care for their children and/or disabled family members and aging parents, too. Longevity is accompanied

not promote any preference for end-of-life care but guides and encourages people to consider, communicate and document their critical care preferences using an Advance Health Care Directive (AHCD) and/or the Physicians Order for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) long before a medical crisis occurs.

According to the 2012 California Healthcare Foundation Survey, 60 percent of people agree it is "extremely important" not to burden their family with tough decisions but 56 percent have not communicated their end-of-life wishes.

Seventy percent of interviewees say they would prefer to die at home but 70 percent of all deaths occur in a hospital, nursing home or long-term care facility.

Eighty percent of respondents feel they would want to discuss end-of-life care with their doctor, if



by fears of insufficient and/or unwanted treatment at the end of life. People are not dying in the manner they would choose.

The Alameda County Health Care Services Agency wishes to implement systems to deal with end-of-life care before the senior tsunami begins. The Agency's hospice project, Getting the Most Out

"Without an opportunity to discuss wishes and concerns, people are likely to hand over... critical care decisions to clinicians and surrogates who may be poorly equipped to make those decisions," - Ellen Goodman

of Life (GMOL), is a partnership with for-profit and non-profit palliative care and hospice providers serving County residents. The coalition aims to engage families in low-cost and free services concerning end-of-life care and planning for the future. A secondary goal is to increase awareness and use of hospice services by the elderly, terminally ill and medically frail and to explore ways to augment service delivery in a culturally-sensitive manner.

GMOL, facilitated by Alameda County Hospice Services Coordinator Marilyn Ababio, has launched The Conversation campaign to promote discussion about end-of-life care issues. In America, it is never easy to discuss or deal with death but not talking about it does not make it easier. Not having a plan can make matters more difficult when loved ones pass.

The Conversation is about what matters to you, not what is the matter with you. The campaign does

seriously ill, but only seven percent have had this conversation. Also, 92 percent reported their doctors had never broached the subject of end-of-life medical treatment.

"Without an opportunity to discuss wishes and concerns, people are likely to hand over these often critical care decisions to clinicians and surrogates who may be poorly equipped to make those decisions," says Ellen Goodman, Founder of theconversationproject.org.

Alameda County is offering free Conversation Starter Facilitator training on Tuesday, March 6, 2014 (4:30-7:00 p.m.) at Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, 2nd Floor, 1000 San Leandro Blvd., San Leandro. Register by sending contact details to alameda.gmol@gmail.com. Free on-site training for groups of 15, or more, can be scheduled by contacting Marilyn.Ababio@acgov.org.

On National Healthcare Decisions Day (April 16, 2014), multiple events will occur throughout the County, celebrating our volunteers and supporters and further engaging the public on advance care planning topics. Scheduled events include an Expo and program at the Henry J. Kaiser Center, Oakland and Death Café at Suju's, Fremont.

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THEATRE REVIEW

New adaptation a Wilde-ly successful debut

By JULIE GRABOWSKI
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Mr. Wilde goes to Washington in Scott Munson's new adaptation of "An Ideal Husband" enjoying its world premiere at Hayward's Douglas Morrisson Theatre. Despite your open-minded or skeptical stance on dabbling with a beloved writer's work, Munson's Americanized version holds fast to Oscar Wilde's original vision while giving it a modern and relatable pop that is nothing short of impressive and terrifically well done.

The story moves from 1895 London and the politics of parliament amid the titled Victorian upper class, across the pond to 1959 Washington, D.C., and a group of "Rockefeller Republicans."

Rosalind Cheveley, a woman her schoolmate Laura Chiltern remembers as "a liar and a tramp," breezes into the political party Laura and her husband are hosting with the express desire to meet Secretary Robert Chiltern. Heralded as the "Ideal Husband," a man above reproach, Robert is blasted with blackmail by Mrs. Cheveley, who is armed with knowledge and proof of a past misdeed that will crumble his world, especially his wife's worshipful opinion of him. Robert's good friend Tom urges him to stand up to Mrs.

Cheveley and tell Laura the truth, and, aware of something amiss but not knowing all the details, Laura also pushes him to not give in. "Circumstances should never change who we are," she declares. What is the best course of action when either way you stand to lose?

"An Ideal Husband" examines the danger of power, knowledge, and corruptibility in politics as well as the folly of searching for perfection in others and putting those we love on a pedestal. What do we do when faced with their inevitable weaknesses and errors? "There's gotta be something between the altar and the mud," Tom tells Laura. In-



stead of having "ideal" be the goal, we should instead strive for being real, and believe that truth, honor, and love should always lead the way.

Susan Evans directs a sharp, fluid, and engaging production that works on every level. While Munson alters the language, speech patterns, and cultural references to fit the relocation to America, not an ounce of Wilde's wit, playfulness, and delicious social eye is sacrificed. Munson's additions meld seamlessly into Wilde's standing text creating a smooth and natural collaboration.

The cast is excellent and confidently carries the show without a hitch. Teddy Spencer as Congressman Thomas Goring has undeniable allure from beginning to end as the aimless man who declares himself to be "too young to have a purpose." He wears the casual wit and charm of his character like a second skin and is great



fun to watch. Cynthia Lagodzinski seems to be channeling Kim Cattrall in her role of Rosalind Cheveley and to very successful effect. Lagodzinski has a sultry and confident bite that creates great presence and makes Mrs. Cheveley so fun to love/hate.

Myers Clark's Roosevelt is the most entertaining butler you've ever seen and completely justifies Munson's addition of the character. Developed far beyond announcing guests and serving drinks, he is a "moral commentator on the actions of the show" according to Munson. Clark is sharp and vivacious; he wisecracks, sings, makes fun of, and is a pure delight.

Daria Hepps is pristine and regal as "the perfect woman" Laura Chiltern, also bringing humanity and sympathy to Laura's high love and standards. Celia Maurice is a little gem as the snobby, condescending Mrs. Markby. Her facial expressions and delivery are priceless.

Craig Souza (Robert Chiltern), Kendall Tieck (Governor Goring), and Brooke Silva (Tammy Chiltern) are well-cast and spot on in their roles. Alicia von Kugelgen (Mrs. Marchmont) and Beebe Reisman (Mrs. Basildon) have one of the great moments in the show performing "When Autumn Leaves Begin to Fall" accompanied by Tina Rutsch (Freddy Nanjac) on ukulele. Rutsch is a bright and memorable spark as the French cultural attaché and definitely leaves her mark.

The set design by Michael Locher is crisp and sleek, predominately white with

a touch of groovy thrown in. The back main wall is papered in a large '60s pattern while the house wall is comprised of rotating panels - white for the Chiltern house, colorful geometric print for Tom's bachelor pad - which serve as doors to other rooms... cool. Daisy Neske-Dickerson also makes a great contribution with her injection of color and fashion by way of beautiful costumes.

"An Ideal Husband" shows great bravery, inventiveness, and enthusiasm from Susan Evans, most definitely Scott Munson, and all who contributed to getting it on the stage. The daunting task paid off! Whether a Wilde purist, divergent thinker, or just a theatre goer who loves a good show, this production is for you.

A special post-play discussion will be held after the Saturday, February 22 matinee. Tickets are \$29 for adults, \$26 for seniors 60 and up, and \$21 for students/juniors and TBA members with ID. Discounts are available for KQED members and groups of 10 or more. Call (510) 881-6777 or order online at www.dmtonline.org.

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