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Elegant Black and White Ball

Drivers For Survivors (DFS) Founder Sherry Higgs and the DFS Board invite the public to attend their fourth annual “Black and White Ball,” Saturday, April 7 at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton. This year’s fundraiser commemorates five years of serving the community.

Come join us for a festive evening of cocktails, dinner, and dancing.



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Docents reveal Coyote Hills’ treasures to kids & adults alike

BY VICTOR CARVELLAS

Coyote Hills is beautiful piece of land on the East Bay Shoreline with much to teach. Every year thousands of school children, as well as adults, come to this East Bay Regional Park to learn about the two most important aspects of this site: its natural history and its role in the lives of the first East Bay inhabitants, the Ohlone.

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High-caliber photography at juried exhibit

SUBMITTED BY ARATHI SATISH

The power of photography is extraordinary. By looking at a photograph, we remember incidents that have taken place and been forgotten. The photograph remains the same and never changes, although we are all changing constantly. It helps us to remember the past, observe the present, and maybe even predict the future. In order to see the way the world is viewed by local photographers, the Fremont Cultural Arts Council (FCAC) and the City of Fremont are sponsoring the 24th annual “Juried Photography Exhibit.”

The opening night reception will be held Saturday, March 24; photographs selected by judges will be on display on the second floor of the Fremont Main Library. As FCAC President Margaret Thornberry said, “When I spoke about the FCAC to the Niles Rotary Club recently, I included photos of some past winners of our annual Juried Photo Exhibit in the video presentation. I was gratified to hear an almost universal gasp when the photos were first shown... yes, our local photographer’s work is that good! While we invite everyone to the March 24th evening reception when the winners will be announced, I also invite everyone to take the time to stop by during the month the photos will be on display at the Fremont Main Library to really appreciate these outstanding images, and the stories they tell.”

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It's Time to Tee Off!

Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation hosts 33rd annual golf tournament

On Thursday, May 3, golf enthusiasts and friends of Washington Hospital will continue a longtime tradition that has raised \$2 million in support of health care services for the residents of Washington Township Health Care District. The Foundation reached the \$2 million mark last year with Rod Silveira and Professional Home Care Associates making a generous cash donation to help reach the tournament goal of \$100,000. The golfers will tee off at Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation's 33rd Annual Golf Tournament at

Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton, a 36-hole private facility, with two challenging golf courses and incredible views.

Since 1985, golfers of all abilities and experience levels have gathered for the annual tournament, enjoying a day on the links followed by an awards banquet in the evening. Non-golfers are welcome to support Washington Hospital by attending the reception and awards banquet in the beautiful ballroom at the country club.

Helen Kennedy, Foundation President, says, "Year after year, community members come to enjoy a great day of golf, but

they also come in support of the health care programs at Washington Hospital. Proceeds from this year's tournament will help fund surgical care. With innovations in surgical practice constantly advancing, the Foundation takes pride in helping underwrite the cost of new equipment that our surgeons need in the operating rooms. We appreciate our golfers and sponsors whose generosity allows us to make such a significant contribution to patient care."

In addition to the 18-hole golf tournament, golfers enjoy a putting contest, barbecue lunch, contest holes, refreshments,

cocktail reception and an awards banquet. During the banquet, a wide array of unique raffle and silent auction items will be offered. There will also be a live auction with incredible items including an opportunity to play in the Lexus Champions for Charity Golf Tournament!

The Foundation golf tournament is held in memory of longtime Fremont businessman Gene Angelo Pessagno, a founding member of Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation. Gene's widow, Laura, and her family have supported the golf tournament for 33 years. In addition, as a founding member of the Washington Hospital Service League, Laura has been an active volunteer at Washington Hospital for over 62 years!

"We are looking forward to a great day at Castlewood with friends and colleagues. In

response to many requests, the tournament is now on a Thursday; we hope this will generate additional sponsors and golfers," said Golf Tournament Chairman, Lamar Hinton. "Our dedicated volunteers work hard to create a memorable experience for every participant. We could not do this without them and we could not do it without all of our sponsors, especially our Gold Sponsors, Fremont Bank and Gonsalves & Kozachenko, for their generous support," Hinton emphasized.

There is still plenty of time to sign up for the tournament or become a tournament sponsor. For more information about Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation's 33rd Annual Golf Tournament, or to register as a participant or sponsor, please email foundation@whhs.com or call (510) 791-3428.



Players enjoy fun games and contests in addition to a round of golf.



Jan E. Henstorf, MD (right), is lucky winner of Laura Pessagno's handmade biscotti



Whack a Duck volunteers Fran Stone; Joan Bobrink; Washington Hospital Healthcare District First Vice President, Bernard Stewart, DDS; and Nancy Stewart.



Washington Hospital past Service League President, Debbie Jackson; Golf Tournament Chair, Lamar Hinton; Foundation Honorary Trustee, Marlene Weibel.

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	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
	3/20/18	3/21/18	3/22/18	3/23/18	3/24/18	3/25/18	3/26/18
12:00 PM - 12:30 AM	Respiratory Health	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes: Is There an App for That?	Nerve Compression Disorders of the Arm	Obesity: Understand the Causes, Consequences & Prevention	Mental Health Education Series: Anxiety Disorders	Your Concerns InHealth: Sun Protection	Women's Heart Health
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM		Urinary Incontinence in Women: What You Need to Know		Keeping Your Heart on the Right Beat			Digestive Health: What You Need to Know
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Colon Cancer: Prevention & Treatment	Diabetes Matters: Gastroparesis	Pain When You Walk? It Could Be PVD	Family Caregiver Series: Recognizing the Need to Transition to a Skilled Nursing Facility	Sports Medicine Program: Nutrition & Athletic Performance	Alzheimer's Disease	Family Caregiver Series: Advance Health Care Planning & POLST
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Family Caregiver Series: Understanding Health Care Benefits						Cognitive Assessment As You Age
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Community Based Senior Supportive Services	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting February 14, 2018	(Late Start) Diabetes Matters: Living with Diabetes	Get Back On Your Feet: New Treatment Options for Ankle Conditions	New Treatment Options for Chronic Sinusitis	Colon Cancer: Prevention & Treatment	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting March 14, 2018
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM							
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Skin Health: Skin Cancer & Fountain of Youth	Updated Treatments for Knee Pain & Arthritis	Colon Cancer: Prevention & Treatment	11th Annual Women's Health Conference: Patient's Playbook	Women's Heart Health	Voices InHealth: Radiation Safety	Get Your Child's Plate in Shape
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM							
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	(Late Start) Voices InHealth: Healthy Pregnancy	11th Annual Women's Health Conference: Meditation	Prostate Cancer: What You Need to Know	Deep Venous Thrombosis	Diabetes Matters: Mindless vs Mindful Eating	Mental Health Education Series: Crisis Intervention	(Late Start) Palliative Care Series: How Can This Help Me?
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM							How to Talk to Your Doctor
5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	The Patient's Playbook	Colon Cancer: Prevention & Treatment	Learn the Latest Treatment Options for GERD	Strategies to Help Lower Your Cholesterol and Blood Pressure	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting March 14, 2018	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting March 14, 2018	(Late Start) Mindful Healing
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Community Forum: Getting to the No-Mistake Zone	Your Concerns InHealth: Senior Scam Prevention					(Late Start) Balance & Falls Prevention
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Inside Washington Hospital: Advanced Treatment of Aneurysms	Raising Awareness About Stroke	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting February 14, 2018	Diabetes Matters: Hypoglycemia	Learn About the Signs & Symptoms of Sepsis	Symptoms of Thyroid Problems	(Late Start) Learn If You Are at Risk for Liver Disease
6:30 PM - 7:00 PM							Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting February 14, 2018
7:00 PM - 7:30 AM	Sports Medicine Program: Big Changes in Concussion Care: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You	Good Fats vs. Bad Fats	New to Medicare? What You Need to Know	Understanding Mental Health Disorders	Diabetes Matters: Type 1.5 Diabetes	Women's Heart Health	(Late Start) Early Detection & Prevention of Female Cancers
7:30 PM - 8:00 AM							11th Annual Women's Health Conference: Heart Health Nutrition
8:00 PM - 8:30 AM	(Late Start) Learn More About Kidney Disease	Kidney Transplants	Voices InHealth: New Surgical Options for Breast Cancer Treatment	Shingles	Don't Let Hip Pain Run You Down	(Late Start) Menopause: A Mind-Body Approach	Mental Health Education Series: Anxiety Disorders
8:30 PM - 9:00 AM							

Let's GO GREEN Together

Earth Day Celebration Offers Activities for All Ages Event Includes Medicine and Syringe Disposal, and Paper Shredding

Washington Hospital is inviting the community to celebrate Earth Day at its Let's Go Green Together event on Saturday, April 21. You will have the opportunity to talk to eco-experts and learn how to make environmentally friendly choices in your daily life at this fun-filled event that includes educational activities, informational booths, games and entertainment for the entire family.

Let's Go Green Together is free and open to the community. It will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Conrad E. Anderson, MD, Auditorium, 2500 Mowry Ave. (Washington West), in Fremont, and the surrounding parking lots. The annual Earth Day celebration is co-hosted by the City of Fremont.

"We recognize the connection between good health and a clean, healthy environment," said Paul Kelley, Washington Hospital's director of biomedical engineering and green initiatives. "Washington Hospital is

continually trying to find ways to reduce our footprint while protecting the health and safety of our patients. This event offers a fun opportunity for families to learn ways they can go green."

Climate Lab

The Mobile Climate Science Lab will be back this year. The exhibit offers hands-on demonstrations that show the effects of climate change.

"The climate lab was the most popular booth last year," Kelley said. "You can calculate your carbon footprint at Washington Hospital's booth."

The day will include an array of educational activities where participants can learn about recycling and waste reduction, home energy savings, local sustainability programs, eco-friendly gardening and composting, and healthy eating. A number of interactive activities will be available for kids, including a bike rodeo, Earth Day art, face-painting and

games, and eco-entertainment. There will also be food trucks on hand with a variety of dining options.

Bicycle valet parking will be available, making it easier for you to ride your bike – a more eco-friendly mode of transportation. You can even get a basic bicycle tuneup while you enjoy the event.

New this year will be a photography exhibit by Vishal Subramanian, a local wildlife photographer who is only 15 years old.

"He has captured some breathtaking images of local wildlife," Kelley said. "The quality of his work has even surprised some rangers because it's so good."

Medical Waste Drop-off

You can also drop off used syringes and needles (in approved containers), unused and unwanted medications, and mercury thermometers. In addition, document shredding will be provided so you can get

rid of old confidential documents. If you have eyeglasses you don't use anymore, organizers will be collecting those. They will be donated to the Lions Club sight program, which helps to prevent blindness and restore eyesight around the world.

"It's important to properly dispose of syringes, needles, medications and mercury thermometers," Kelley said. "We want to make it easy for people to get rid of those items in a way that is safe for them and the environment."

Washington Hospital is committed to practicing environmentally friendly health care, he added. He heads the Hospital's Green Team, which includes representatives from nearly every department who work together to explore and implement eco-friendly activities and initiatives.

Washington Hospital has been recognized for its environmental excellence by Practice Greenhealth, a national leader in empowering health care providers to increase their efficiency and environmental stewardship while improving patient safety. Last year the Hospital earned both the Greenhealth Partner for Change Award and Greening the OR Recognition Award.

Washington Hospital's booths will have information about the Hospital's green initiatives as well as tips for healthy eating with free food samples. There will also be an interactive Jeopardy-style game that can help you learn more about your impact on the environment.

"Washington Hospital has a progressive environmental program and we want to share it with the community," Kelley said. "We also hope participants walk away with some practical ideas for reducing their footprint."

For more information about Let's Go Green or Washington Hospital's Green Team, visit www.whhs.com/green.

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High-caliber photography at juried exhibit



Merit and/or cash awards will be given to selected entries as determined by the judges. In addition to the awards selected by the judges, visitors at the opening night reception will vote to select the winner of the "People's Choice Award." Light refreshments will be served; it's a great occasion to meet local artists and hear about their photography experiences.

Exhibit Chairman Gregory Smith, who has been heading this event for the past few years, stated, "This is an important cultural event in Fremont. It showcases that culture and the arts are thriving here. The photography show participants range from high school students to professional photographers, and they are from all walks of life. The only commonality among the photographers whose images have been selected for display in the show, is that they are all talented artists. Everyone should come to the opening reception."

Participation in the juried exhibit is open to Fremont residents, students, employees, members of FCAC or of the Fremont Photographic Society, and is very popular among local photographers. Submitted images were allowed to be manipulated with the stipulation that the image content must be the creation of the photographer, and the image must be primarily photographic in nature and acceptable for general viewing. A panel of three judges selected the photographs that will be displayed. This year, 100 images by 39 photographers will be displayed based on artistic merit, originality, difficulty, and technical aspects. Smith pointed out, "As usual, the caliber of the selected images and participating photographers is very high."

Visitors can also buy some prints on display. Title cards will indicate whether a specific photograph is available for sale. A master list of items available for purchase and their prices will be kept at the reference desk of the library. Interested visitors are given the photographer's contact information, and sales are between the photographer and the buyer. FCAC and the library are not parties to any sales. Any print sold will remain in the exhibit until the final day, Saturday, April 21.

For more information, visit www.fremontculturalartscouncil.org or contact Exhibit Chairman Gregory Smith at (510) 828-2893 or fcacphotoshop@gmail.com.

FCAC Juried Photography Exhibit
Saturday, Mar 24 – Saturday, Apr 21
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Opening Night Reception
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The Fremont/Newark/Union City Branch 59 of SIR – Sons In Retirement – holds monthly luncheon meetings featuring guest speakers and, twice annual, "sweetheart luncheons" when wives, daughters or significant others are invited.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday March 21, 2018, at the Fremont Elks' Lodge #2121, located at 38991 Farwell Drive in Fremont.

This month's guest speaker is from the City of Fremont Fire Department, Captain Steven Promes.

If you are a retired man you should join Fremont/Newark/Union City Branch 59 of SIR! Socializing is from 11:00am to 12:00pm, and there is time to look over an extensive library of books, sign up for activities, and meet new people or shoot the breeze with old friends. The formal meeting starts at 12:00pm with branch announcements, birthday wishes, a sing-a-long, and lunch, followed by an interesting and entertaining guest speaker. Meetings usually end about 1:30pm.

Activities run the gamut from golf, bowling, computers, wine tasting, bridge, bocce, and couples dining out, and more are being added as interest dictates.

SIR Branch 59 welcomes new members. Visit the website at www.sirbranch59.org or call Ron Brutvan at (510) 794-4019 or email sirbranch59@gmail.com for more information. Do it today!

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Saturday, Apr 7

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Fiddler on the Roof at Irvington Conservatory Theater

SUBMITTED BY MARTHA GARCIA

Join us for this beloved musical theater classic that tells the story of author Sholem Aleichem's Tevye the Milkman, who struggles against poverty, bigotry, and the changing conventions of a new century while remaining faithful to his personal relationship with God.

In this culturally and historically accurate depiction of the fictional Ukrainian Jewish settlement of Anatevka, we meet Tevye, his wife Golde, his five daughters, and the colorful inhabitants of his Shtetl, or village. We experience with them their joys and sorrows of surviving in early twentieth-century Czarist Russia, where their lives are 'as shaky as a fiddler on the roof!' Familiar songs include 'If I Were a Rich Man,' 'Matchmaker,' 'To Life,' and 'Sunrise, Sunset.'

The original 1964 musical was the creation of Broadway legends Jerome Robbins and Harold Prince, songwriters Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick, and book writer Joseph Stein. It won nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical, and was the first Broadway musical to surpass 3,000 performances. In 1971, it was adapted into an Oscar-winning film.

Irvington Conservatory Theater has been presenting award-winning theater for over four decades. Boasting professional sets and costumes, a live student orchestra, and a diverse cast of highly talented student performers, this timely and faithful rendition of a Broadway classic is sure to please people of all ages and faiths. The production is directed by Matthew Ballin, with vocal direction by Callie Garrett and choreography by Savannah Riddle. The roles of Tevye and Golde will be played respectively by Niko Le and Francesca Jensen.

Fiddler on the Roof
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PHOTOS BY THOMAS HSU**

Your presence and contribution send a powerful message of support for our mission, the cancer patients we serve, and their families.

The Newark Saxophone Quartet always provides an elegant atmosphere to the evening's cocktail hour, and a celebratory performance from Julie Bannerton will commemorate our five-year milestone. Guest of honor Toni E. Fogarty, Ph.D., MPH, will be honored as a major contributor and supporter.

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DFS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing free transportation service and supportive companionship for ambulatory cancer patients, from suspicious findings through completion of treatments.

This service is provided for ambulatory cancer patients living in Fremont, Newark, Union City, Hayward, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Castro Valley, Ashland and Cherryland going to all oncology-related medical appointments within a 60-mile radius of ZIP code 94538, freeing them to focus on their health and essential treatment. ABC 7 News spotlighted Drivers For Survivors on November 22, 2017 and a link to the story is on our site, www.driversforsurvivors.org.

Since its founding in 2012, DFS has provided over 13,000 rides and served over 360 ambulatory cancer patients. Our July 2017 service expansion was made possible by Measures B and BB tax dollars, Federal Transit Administration Section

5310 funds, and the many generous individuals, organizations, and businesses who care about our work. DFS also receives major support from yearly fundraisers, such as the Annual Holiday Pancake Breakfast and the Spring Gala.

For information and to purchase tickets or a table, please visit www.driversforsurvivors.org and click the "Upcoming Events" tab. Dress is black tie optional. For sponsorship packages and donation opportunities, please email sponsors@driversforsurvivors.org or call (510) 369-5770. We welcome auction items, baskets, and especially volunteers!

Wise Old Owl

BY PAT KITE

Yvonne asked me why owls are considered so smart. Since I have never owned an owl, or even an owl statuette, this is a very good question. The only owl I have ever been close to was a rescue at the OHS Wildlife Rehab Center in Newark. It stared down at me from its perch. It didn't say anything, but perhaps hoped I had a worm or something. It looked intelligent.

So, I turned to the Internet. Apparently, owls are less intelligent than pigeons. But, due to head size and eye placement, they look smart. Owl eyes are huge compared to its head. And the eyes are pointed forward, rather than placed toward the side as in many other birds. This allows the owl to focus front wise, in case some idjit brings it a worm or mouse. To look around, the owl must turn its head. This gives the appearance of scanning the area, making them look even more superior. However even if some inquiring soul brings it a

worm, the owl can't see it. They are farsighted, can't see close up. Put a worm onto a caregiver's gloved hand, it will poke around until it latches on. Distance is different. Owls have superb distance vision., including low light vision. Their hearing is super too. Some species can hear prey scurrying underneath three feet of snow.

There are about 220 different owl species, located just about worldwide. Here are some names: Puerto Rican Screech Owl, Japanese Scopo owl, African Grass Owl, Philippine eagle owl, Christmas Island Hawk Owl, Galapagos Short-eared owl, Common Barn Owl, Burrowing Owl, Madagascar Red Owl, etc. The littlest is the Elf Owl, just five-inches high.

It isn't easy to figure out why owls are considered so smart. In much of mythology, owls are negative omens. However, in ancient Greece, owls were associated with Athena, goddess of wisdom. She had an owl as a constant companion, and eventually this wisdom title

moved onto the bird itself. Perhaps this is why owls have their "wise old owl" reputation. A funny tale about owl omens: The Mongolian warlord Genghis Khan had to hide from his enemies. He hid in a small cove.

An owl roosted in the tree above him. Pursuers thought no man would dare hide there, so they looked elsewhere. Lucky.

Anyhow, I found this poem by E.H. Richards. "A wise old owl sat on an oak, The more he saw,

Pat Kite's Garden



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.

the less he spoke; The less he spoke, the more he heard; why aren't we all like that wise old bird?" Spring is springing, yay.

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The Fremont Garden Club meets the third Wednesday of each month, February - October, in members' homes & gardens, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Locations are posted on the Fremont Garden Clubs' web site at www.fremontgardenclub.org call Lynn at 510-604-8206

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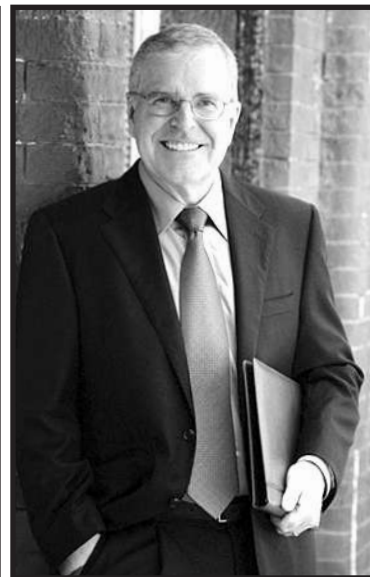
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Local youth receives Love Award



SUBMITTED BY
ALLYSSON McDONALD

Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Fremont honored Arnav Gupta, writer for Youth Radio, with a Courageous Love Award during the regular Sunday service March 4. This award is given annually in conjunction with the national Side with Love campaign, which promotes equality for marginalized communities. The Fremont based congregation uses the award to single out an individual

or organization that has exhibited courageous love and touched hearts in the past year.

Mission Peak UU's 2018 recipient is Fremont resident Arnav Gupta, a senior at College Prep High School in Oakland. Over the past three years Gupta has worked with the Berkeley-based non-profit media production company, Youth Radio, as a contributing writer. While there, he has researched and sent radio-based stories to various media outlets. Recently, he wrote a piece that was accepted by KQED Perspectives

about anonymous hate that takes place in high schools. That piece was heard by a member of the congregation who nominated Gupta for the award. About the piece Gupta says, "I felt I needed to voice my thoughts about anonymity and how it can unearth deep biases." In it he expresses the distrust he felt when discovering hidden racism.

Side with Love is an interfaith public advocacy campaign promoting respect for the inherent worth and dignity of every person. The campaign confronts issues of exclusion, oppression, and violence based on identity. With the goal of creating beloved community, it pursues social change through advocacy, public witness, and speaking out in solidarity with those whose lives are publicly demeaned. The core issues of focus include, but are not limited to: LGBTQ equity, immigrant justice, racial justice and intersectional movement building. More information is on the website <https://side-withlove.org/>

Mission Peak minister, Rev. J.D. Benson, said, "I am honored to be the Minister of a Congregation that wishes to recognize this young man's courage to shine a light into our shadowy spaces." Congregants at the morning service donated \$700 to the morning offering, to be split between Youth Radio and Gupta, to recognize the important role they have in our community.

East Bay student excels at poetry competition

SUBMITTED BY
VIOLET JUNO

Stephanie Bucuroaia, an 11th grader at Castro Valley High School, took first place in the 2018 Alameda County Poetry Out Loud competition on Feb. 14 in downtown Oakland.

During the competition, Bucuroaia recited "El Olvido" by Judith Ortiz Cofer and "Let Us Consider" by Russell Edson. "Community events like this are based on the Arts Commission's belief that the arts and creativity are an essential part of every successful and thriving community," said Arts



Commission Director Rachel Osajima. Alameda County Chief Deputy Auditor-Controller Melissa Wilk added, "The student participants awed the

judges and the audience with their inspired delivery of powerful poems."

Bucuroaia's next step was to represent Alameda County at the state finals in Sacramento, slated for March 18 and 19 at the Crest Theatre. The winner of that event will move on to represent the Golden State in the national finals, April 23-25 in Washington, D.C.

To find out the results of the 2018 California Poetry Out Loud State Finals visit the California Arts Council's Poetry Out Loud webpage at <https://tinyurl.com/PoetryOut-Loud2018>.

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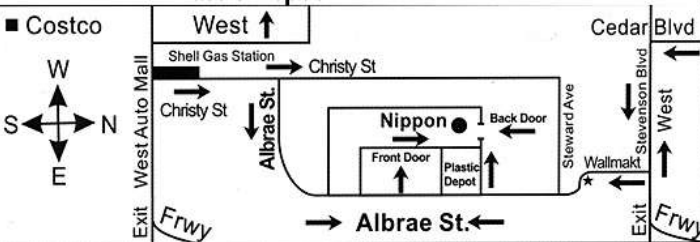
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Fremont housing is still not affordable

In 2017, the City of Fremont issued building permits for a total of 466 new housing units that will be affordable to people at the three lowest income levels. That's the good news, and it's a big step forward.

The bad news is that during the same one-year period, Fremont also issued building permits for 1,601 new housing units at the highest income level. In fact, Fremont has now issued more permits for 'market rate' housing than the State of California asked us to build for the entire period of 2014 to 2022. Clearly, something has to change.

Housing Element

These figures come from Fremont's latest Annual Progress Report on the implementation of the Housing Element, which is the City's overall, long-range plan to provide the types, sizes, locations, and affordability of housing units.

One of the key measures of how well we are meeting our Housing Element plan is the number of building permits issued for housing projects. This isn't a measure of how many housing units are being proposed or approved, nor is it a measure of how many units are actually under construction or ready for occupancy. Building permits are issued somewhere in the middle of the process when the developer is ready to begin construction. For example, many of the building permits issued in 2017 were for projects that were approved by previous city councils in 2016 or even earlier. One project—Mission Hills Square, which is under construction near Auto Mall Parkway and Interstate 680—was approved over ten years ago.

The latest Housing Element Annual Progress Report shows

that Fremont has issued building permits for a total of 3,105 housing units since the start of 2014. Of those, a total of 2,573 units were designated as being affordable for people with Above Moderate Incomes, 0 units (yes, zero) were affordable for Moderate Incomes, 249 were for

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Low Incomes, and 283 were for Extremely Low and Very Low Incomes.

To encourage more affordable housing, Fremont implemented several new programs. They adopted a commercial linkage fee that requires new commercial developments pay a one-time fee based on the square footage to support affordable housing projects. This approach has been used by several other cities in the Bay Area.

Fremont also updated the regulations on accessory dwelling units to further clarify details about small living quarters that are located within, or next to, existing single-family houses to provide lower-cost housing for extended families or renters. Another program specifically encouraged more housing for seniors who may want to sell their existing, larger houses and move into smaller units.

What is Affordable

The concept of affordable

housing is confused by a lot of government definitions of 'income' and 'affordability.' Income is defined as the Area Median Income (AMI), which is adjusted every year and varies by the county and the number of people in a household. For example, the AMI for a household of five in Alameda County in 2017 was \$105,200 per year. Affordability is based on a percentage of the Area Median Income.

In order for a dwelling to be affordable, there must also be a limit on how much the price can increase every year. As a result, the only 'affordable' housing units are those that are owned and operated by non-profit housing organizations, or those that have title restrictions on future increases in price. The rest have no such controls and are considered to be 'market-rate' housing—even small, basic, initially low-priced units.

Time for a Change

Building and maintaining a supply of housing that is affordable to people with all levels of income is critical to the health and welfare of a city. Although recent California laws limit what cities can do to restrict the density, height, and type of housing, Fremont needs to consider other ways to provide housing that is affordable. This may include new restrictions and programs, or increased emphasis of old restrictions and programs.

One thing is clear: we have only so much land left in Fremont, and we cannot afford to fill it with nothing but high-priced housing.

The Housing Element Annual Report will be presented to the City Council on Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at 3300 Capitol Ave. Building A.

Fremont posts information on this subject on the Housing section of its website at www.fremont.gov

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Internship sparks student's passion to work in geriatrics

SUBMITTED BY JONNIE BANKS

Eden Health District, Castro Valley Eden Area Chamber of Commerce, Eden Area Regional Occupational Program (EdenROP) and Castro Valley High School, have joined forces to provide work-based learning Internships for local high school students. As a result, there is a very sharp high school student working the halls of Baywood Court Retirement Center this semester.

Jonathan Huang, a 16-year-old junior at Castro Valley High School with a 4.0 GPA, was leaning toward a medical career in pediatrics before he started his three-day a week internship two months ago. "But now I've found a purpose — a passion. It's heart-warming to be working with the residents here," said Huang. "It makes my day!"

Whether it's participating with seniors in their therapeutic art classes, a game of bocce ball, brain fitness exercises, or "sometimes just listening," it's apparent many of the 300 Baywood residents have managed to influence Huang's career direction. If you ask Huang now what medical field he might pursue, the answer is without hesitation, "geriatric nursing."

"This is our opportunity to mentor bright young people who are already focused on their roles in society," said Bruce Uldelf, Baywood's Executive Director. "I believe we have a responsibility to develop future generations to learn about this field. Retirement communities are the wave of the future — with the aging of "boomers," we're probably looking at more retirement communities than Starbuck coffee shops."

Students are thoroughly vetted before "Host Companies," like Baywood Court, provide them with a safe, educational work place. "They are interviewed, attend mandatory internship orientation classes, and are well prepared for what their real-world experience has to offer," explained Kim Hudson, Work Based Learning Program Director, Castro Valley Eden Area Chamber of Commerce.

More information about the EdenROP internship program is available by contacting Kim Hudson (510) 537-5300.

Got gloves? Join a community clean-up event

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

Volunteers from the Keep Hayward Clean and Green Task Force are bringing their monthly community clean-up and city beautification day to Ruus Park in South Hayward on Saturday, March 24. And they're looking for help from community members.

Participants are asked to bring gloves with them to help pull weeds, trim shrubs and tidy the park. Garbage bags and will be

provided. The clean-up event is set for 8:30 a.m. to noon at the park, 1451 Folsom Ave. Volunteers also will have a chance to participate in a free Easter egg hunt.

The event is open to children and adults, but volunteers younger than 18 must be accompanied by a participating adult. Volunteer pre-registrations must be made by 3 p.m. Thursday, March 22 by visiting the Hayward Beautiful website at www.hayward-ca.gov/hayward-beautiful. Same day registrations will be available at the event

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Hayward native serves aboard Navy warship in Norfolk

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Hayward, California, native and San Lorenzo High School graduate Petty Officer 3rd Class Edgardo Manzanilla is currently serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Mason. As a Navy logistics specialist, Manzanilla is responsible for supporting the crew with supplies. "My job has given me the motivation to finish all tasks I am faced with," Manzanilla said adding, "The best part about serving aboard a

small ship is getting to know my fellow shipmates."

More than 300 sailors serve aboard the ship; their jobs are highly specialized ranging from maintaining engines to handling weaponry along with a multitude of other assignments that keep the ship mission-ready at all times. Navy guided-missile destroyers like USS Mason are multi-mission ships that can operate independently or as part of a larger group of ships at sea. They are equipped with tomahawk missiles, torpedoes, guns and a phalanx close-in weapons system.

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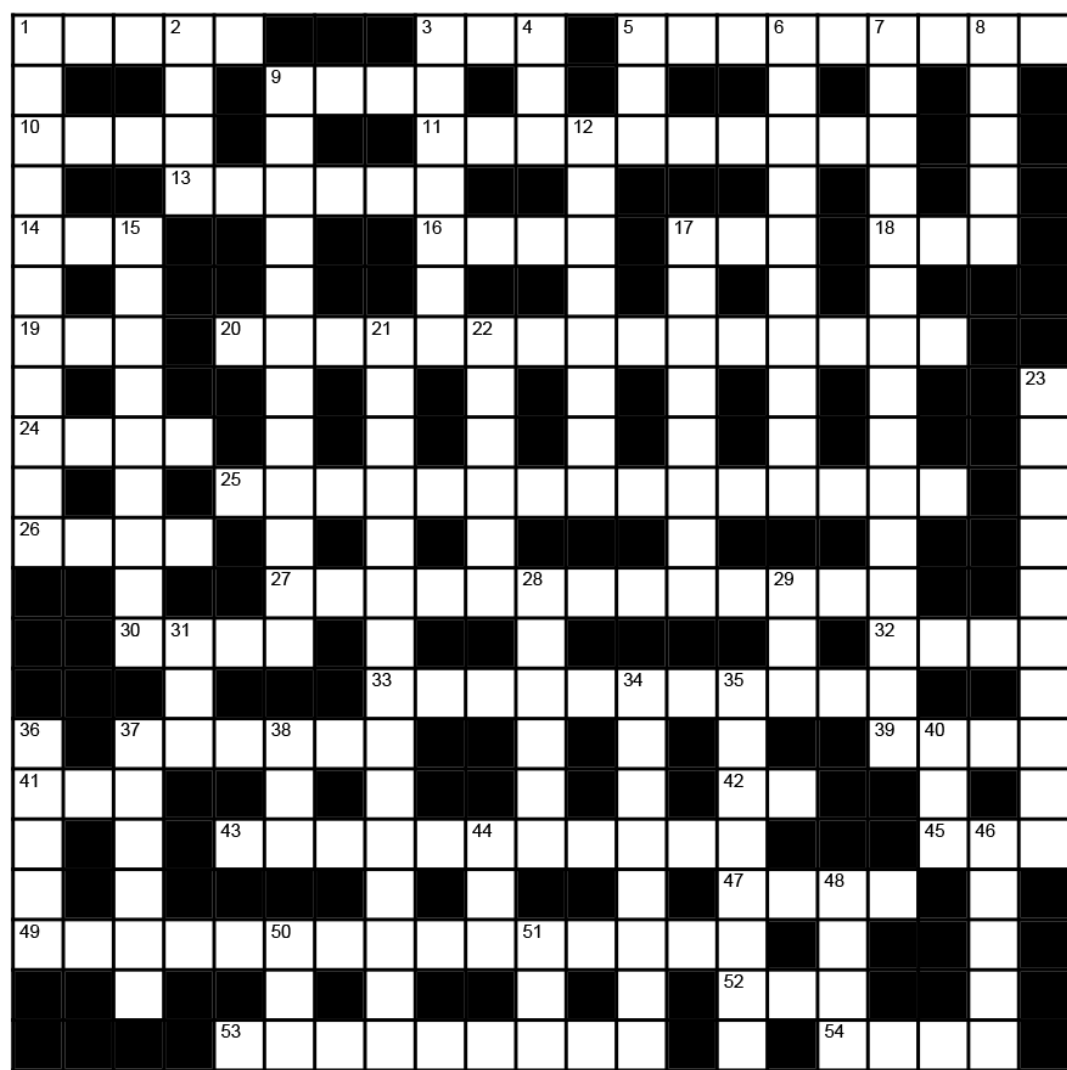
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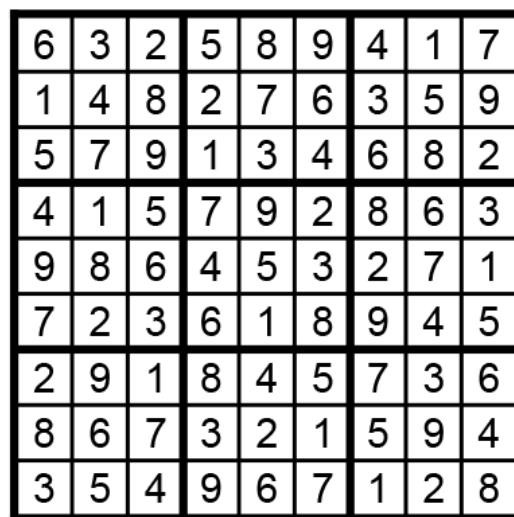
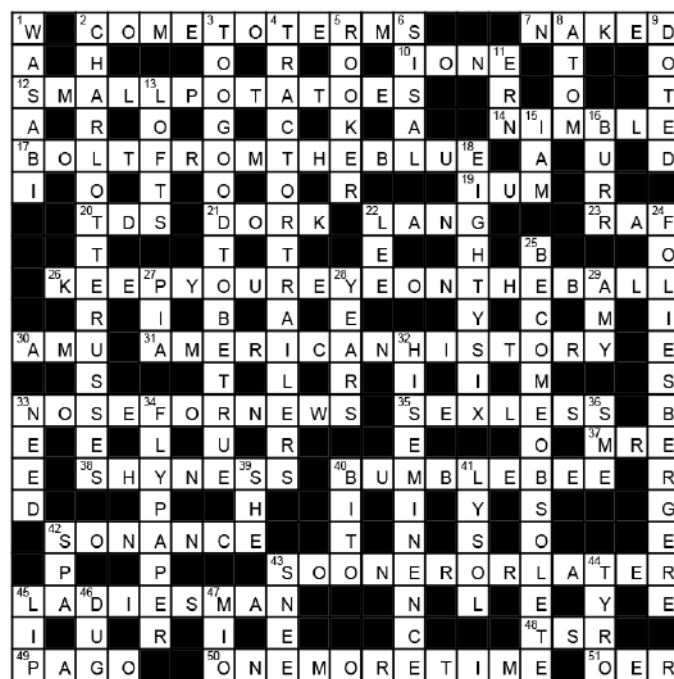
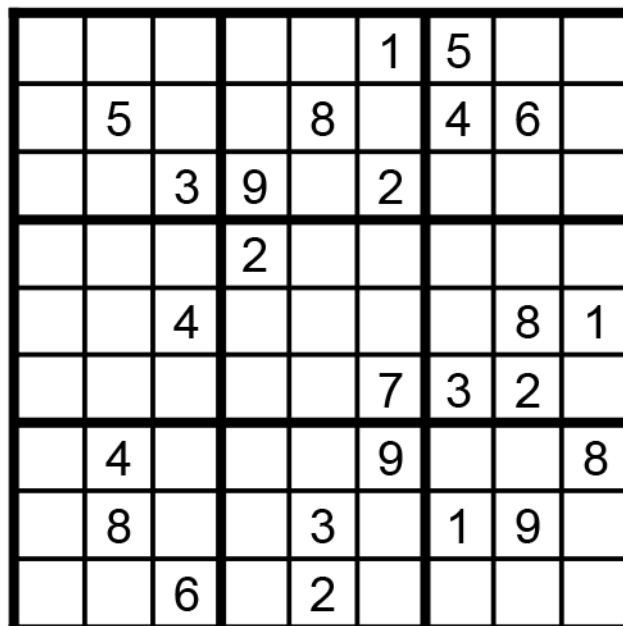
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| 3 "A jealous mistress": Emerson (3) | 42 Circle ratio (2) | 17 Used (8) |
| 5 Waters (9) | 43 Halloween correspondent? (11) | 21 High school subject (2 wds.) (8,7) |
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| 14 "For Me and My ___" (3) | 53 "Heavens to Betsy!" (2 wds.) (4,5) | 31 A foot wide? (3) |
| 16 Defrost (4) | 54 "Born Free" lioness (4) | 34 Leadfoot's likely locale (2 wds.) (4-4) |
| 17 Be nosy (3) | | 35 Played again (8) |
| 18 Black bird (3) | Down | 36 Leaking (5) |
| 19 Wine container (3) | 1 Breakfast staple (2 wds.) (6,5) | 37 Pushover (6) |
| 20 Relish (5 wds.) (3,1,6,3,2) | 2 O.K. Corral lawman (4) | 38 "I see!" (3) 40 Shrinks' org. (3) |
| 24 Like JFK (4) | 3 One who leads a Spartan lifestyle (7) | 44 ___ bit (3) |
| 25 Intermittently (4 wds.) (5,3,3,4) | 4 President pro ___ (3) | 46 "My Fair Lady" character (5) |
| 26 Sicilian city (4) | 5 "___ fallen ..." (3) | 48 Barely beat, with "out" (4) |
| 27 Borrow small amounts (3 wds.) (13) | 6 "It's true!" (4 wds.) (1,3,3,3) | 50 Tail: Prefix |
| 30 Fly, e.g. (4) | 7 Ready for battle (4 wds.) (5,2,3,5) | 51 "___ 'nuff!" (3) |
| 32 Grade sch. (4) | 8 Back, in a way (5) | |
| 33 "Elephants ___" (2 wds.) (5,6) | 9 Childbirth (2 wds.) (7,5) | |
| 37 Angel (6) | | |

Sudoku:

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



Tri-City Stargazer FOR WEEK: MARCH 21 – MARCH 28, 2018

For All Signs: Mercury, planet of communications, turns retrograde at 8:19 a.m. EST on March 22. For the few days before and after we can anticipate an unusual number of changes in schedule and appointments. Since Mercury also rules travel, we can also expect shifts in travel plans and shifts in the expected routines. Flurries of phone calls and reorganization of the calendar usually accompany Mercury retrogrades, which occur about three times per year

at irregular intervals. After the first few days things tend to settle for a couple of weeks. It is not, however, a good time to set long range plans in concrete, as they are often revised. Check your Sun sign and Ascending sign below for a message about how this Mercury retrograde is affecting you.

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20): Give attention to the lead paragraph. Mercury is turning retrograde in your sign and will be more likely to affect your daily affairs than many of the other signs. Don't even try to finalize anything while a retrograding Mercury is with you. You may even reverse decisions which you have recently made.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20): Memories from your life history may surface for examination at this time. Old friends or acquaintances who return for a short time could be the trigger for this life review. It is possible you may have a greater than normal need to reflect, to write, and otherwise give attention to your inner self. For that reason, circumstances will slow down in your outer life.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20): You are likely to find yourself thinking a lot about old friends and may want to get in touch with one or two of them. This is a time for nostalgia and reminiscence. Others are thinking about you, too, but you are a sign with more initiative than many, so pick up the telephone.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21): Mercury, has altered directions in your house of career and life direction. This is more of a tweaked change than a life change. However, if you happen to have applied for a job recently, you may find that you are changing your mind about that particular path. Now is the time to research the best possible choices, but don't take action yet.

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22): Mercury is changing directions in the territory which deals with education, publishing, travel, public speaking, the law, and philosophy. Any of these activities are subject to shifts, changes, or sudden deceleration due to lack of decision. Maybe the right solution just is not available yet. Have a sense of humor. This, too, shall pass.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22): Mercury is retrograding in the territory of taxes, debt, and joint resources. You will likely experience a need to go back and review financial history. Given this is tax time, be alert to the higher probability of making errors. You may make them, or alternatively, you may discover and correct them.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22): Because Mercury is retrograding in your 7th house, changes will be coming to you through others. A partner may change his or her mind about a previously made decision. Those of you engaged in any kind of contract or promise may feel the need to back off and rethink the situation. Those who are recently separated may want to try the relationship again.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21): This Mercury retrograde experience occurs in the territory of health, coworkers, tenants, employees, and pets. You may find it very hard to move forward with your diet and exercise program. It is a particularly good time to organize and sort closets, records, and files. Coworkers, tenants, and employees may be indecisive.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21): Mercury is turning retrograde in the territory that rules children, creative efforts, and love life. Anything on your radar screen that is related to these territories is subject to turnaround, review, deceleration, rethinking for a few

weeks. Maybe you'll want to check out a previous love interest.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19): The area of focus is related to property, family, and issues of security. You are likely reworking things in one of these territories. Family members may be erratic or indecisive, making it difficult to conclude open agendas. Have patience. Mercury turns direct on April 15.

Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18): The Mercury retrograde focus is specifically on communications, neighbors, siblings, and others who are in your daily environment. Concentrate as much as possible on clear

communications and double check what you think you heard. You may need to consider the needs of your vehicle now. Give it a checkup. Make repairs as needed.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20): The probability is high that you will discover some financial error made in the past that must be rectified soon. It may be as simple as finding a bill that was forgotten and left unpaid. Or it could be a little more complicated and involve a previous misunderstanding with a loved one.

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The View from Here

SUBMITTED BY LEAH VIRSIK

Adobe Art Gallery presents the upcoming exhibit, "The View from Here," on display Saturday, March 24 – Saturday, May 5. This open exhibit, featuring Bay Area artists, showcases the way artists see and gift us a with their unique perspective. A variety of two- and three-dimensional media including acrylic, watercolor, clay, and photography will be on view.

Participating artists include: Jim Aceves, Hollie Adamic, Julia Albo, Hetal Anjaria, Kay Athos, Shari Benson, Charles Bigelow, Carol Jones Brown, Artila Cziglenyi, Susan Deming, Molly Dolly, Patricia Doyne, Raymundo Enriquez, Sheila Fimreite, Phillip Garbutt, Richard Geiger, Nicholas Halatsis, Glenn Hemanes, Juanita Hemanes, Susan Howell, Jeff Ishikawa, Kathleen Kelly, Elizabeth Kennen, Nicole Leming, Alice Lin, Bev Lindsay, Anna Los Ojos, Arentino Lucero, Alli Macc, Carol Marlin, Fernando Molina, Al Murdach, Craig Pratt, Susan Quinn, Durba Sen, Joe Serrato, Ruchika Yami Sharma, Madeline Shelby, Young Shin, Bimal Shrestha, Kevin Street, Radha Syed, Rebecca Taff, John Thacker, Gerald Thompson, Winifred Thompson, Ain Veske and more.

Additionally, the A.B. Morris room will feature "The Portrait," recent acrylic paintings by artist Philip Denst. These snapshots of life were painted from his photographs in the Adobe Art Gallery's inaugural Artist-in-Residence Program.

A reception for the artists will be held Saturday, March 24. The public is invited, and admittance is free. The Adobe Art Gallery is a program and facility of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District. It is a public fine art gallery, committed to promoting and encouraging visual arts within the District.

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Several egg hunts throughout the day let kids of all ages take part in the fun. Look out for the 'special prize'

A morning of fun and games

eggs and be sure to bring your Easter basket to take home all your finds.

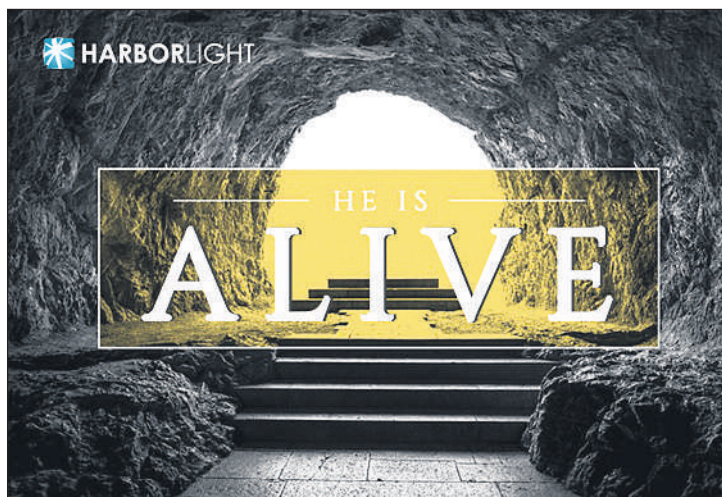
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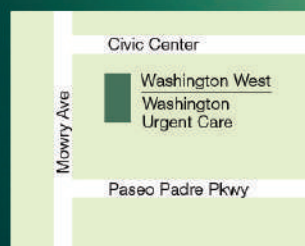
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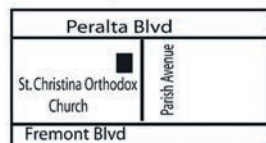
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Home & Garden

Plant outside the box

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY DANIEL O'DONNELL

Some of the most accomplished people in pop culture went on to have other



formidable achievements in their lives. The famous actor, director, and film producer Paul Newman started a multi-million-dollar food company that donates all profits to charity. Professional baseball player and former Oakland A's manager Tony La Russa started a rescue foundation (ARF) that has saved countless dogs and cats. These two people started world-changing organizations outside their chosen professions. An old tool box or pair of worn-out hiking boots are not going to save humanity, but they are a couple of the many objects that can have a second life as a planter after they can no longer

perform their original function.

There are many different shapes, sizes, and styles of pots and planters a person can purchase. They can be expensive and difficult to find ones that are original or add a personal flair to the garden. Almost any object can be made into a planter by being a little creative and following a few simple guidelines. The allure of making a planter is that it can be created from used objects significant to a person's career, hobbies, or passions. The planter is more meaningful in this case than what is planted in it.

A healthy, vibrant plant begins with good soil, whether it is in the

ground or a planter. Plant roots in the ground can utilize the soil better because they have more room to expand and have access to greater resources than plants growing in a container. Roots in a planter are in a confined space, have finite nutrients, faster soil temperature changes, and can dry out faster. A good potting soil mitigates these concerns.

A favorable potting soil can be purchased or made. The mix should contain lava rock, sand, or perlite for drainage, compost for water retention, nutrients, and beneficial microbial life, and loam or top soil for minerals and to provide a stable base for the roots to hold the plant upright. Potting soil bags are labeled, and plant specific recipes can be found online. The soil should be mixed with water to the consistency of a damp sponge when it is initially added to a planter to ensure that water will travel evenly throughout the soil.

A planter's size and depth will determine the type of plant that is appropriate for it. Creating a planter from an object that is not originally meant to be a planter can help limit plant choices. Succulents, grasses, and herbs are primarily shallow rooting and are safer choices. Bulbs, although short lived, can also make great seasonal choices.

Creating an interesting planter from worn objects is easy and should be fun. Practically anything that can hold soil can be used; it just takes imagination and a little work.

All custom planters need to have holes drilled in the bottom for drainage. The outdated practice of placing gravel in the bottom of a planter for drainage is no longer recommended. Gravel takes away room from an already limited space and water does not pass as quickly through the gravel

layer as the potting soil. This can lead to oversaturation of the soil where it meets the gravel, creating an optimal condition for many plant pathogens. A paper coffee filter is ideal for keeping soil from escaping out of any drainage holes.

Sometimes inspiration does not come easily. It might be hard to imagine an object as a planter initially, but its setting and plantings can dramatically change its attractiveness. Here are some inspiring pairings:

A cast iron bathtub will convey an 18th century cottage feeling when planted with English perennials.

Surprisingly, old rowboats or other types of boats are not hard to find. Thoughts drift away to the seashore when a boat planter is placed near water or on a bed of rocks to simulate water.

No one wants to give up their favorite pair of hiking boots, even when they cannot be cobbled back together. They will keep your spirits high when planted and placed on a rock in the garden.

Advances in organization have made tool storage in a portable metal box obsolete. A planted metal tool box will fix any anxiety about finding an amazing outdoor center piece.

Wheelbarrows were created to work in the garden. An old wheelbarrow planter will carry on the work of helping the garden look great.

An old bicycle with a basket planted with a handful of colorful flowers will take your garden into spring and beyond.

Creating a planter from an item that is old, broken, or worn out has positive benefits. Keeping it out of the landfill and having more plants around to support wildlife and create a healthier environment are important, as is showing the world your personality.

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Tiger Cubs visit Tri-City Voice

SUBMITTED BY MALINI KUMAR

Tiger Cub Scouts with Pack 269 in Fremont (Parkmont Elementary) visited Tri-City Voice March 14th to learn how newspapers help people communicate. As an exercise in communications, Tiger Cubs were asked to remember a complicated message with and without the help of a printed "newspaper." As a reward for accurate reporting, each scout was awarded with a bag of "golden" coins.

Left to Right: [Tigers] Isaaq Tsaur, Dhruv Patel, Sai Chandramahanti, Zephaniah Hsu, [sibling] Veda Jadaprolu, and Den Chief Sunjay Muralitharan

THEATRE REVIEW

Antigone – the classic and modern Greek Tragedy

BY JANET GRANT
PHOTOS BY
CHRISTIAN PIZZIRANI

The rallying anthem, "Nevertheless, she persisted," is predominately echoed in Broadway West Theatre Company's, "Antigone." This superb new offering by Fremont's prodigious and long-running theater troupe, is Jean Anouilh's modern adaptation of Sophocles' classic Greek Tragedy of pitting the will of a girl against a king.

Written by Anouilh in 1942, when France was under German occupation, Antigone's rebellion under her tyrannical uncle resonated against the backdrop of France's resistance against Hitler and his atrocities. Although this adaptation of "Antigone" was written 76 years ago, Anouilh's epitome to resistance is quite relevant in today's sociopolitical climate.

The true measure of good theatre is when a production can take an old classic and make it pertinent and entertaining to a modern audience. Under the brilliant direction of John Rutski, Broadway West's talented cast and crew was able to deliver this

basic truth with thought-provoking and emotional potency.

Set against the stark backdrop of modern day Thebes, a civil war has ended with the sons of King Oedipus slaying each other over control of the throne. The new king, Creon, has just buried one of the sons with honors while decreeing the other one to rot, unburied, for his treason. In the face of certain death, Antigone rebels against her uncle in order to bury her brother and do what is morally just.

Angie Higgins delivers her bold and strong-willed Antigone with such pathos as to make her fatalistic journey to certain death an emotional rollercoaster ride for the audience. Her passionate and tense portrayal of extreme morality and ultimate sacrifice perfectly defines the term, Greek Tragedy.

In contrast to Antigone is King Creon, played masterfully by the talented Kyle Smith. Mr. Smith's despot is portrayed at times as a rather reluctant and sympathetic figure, especially as he tries to keep his niece from execution – though his logic to his motives belies a dark and sinister reality. Tyranny has no redeeming qualities even when

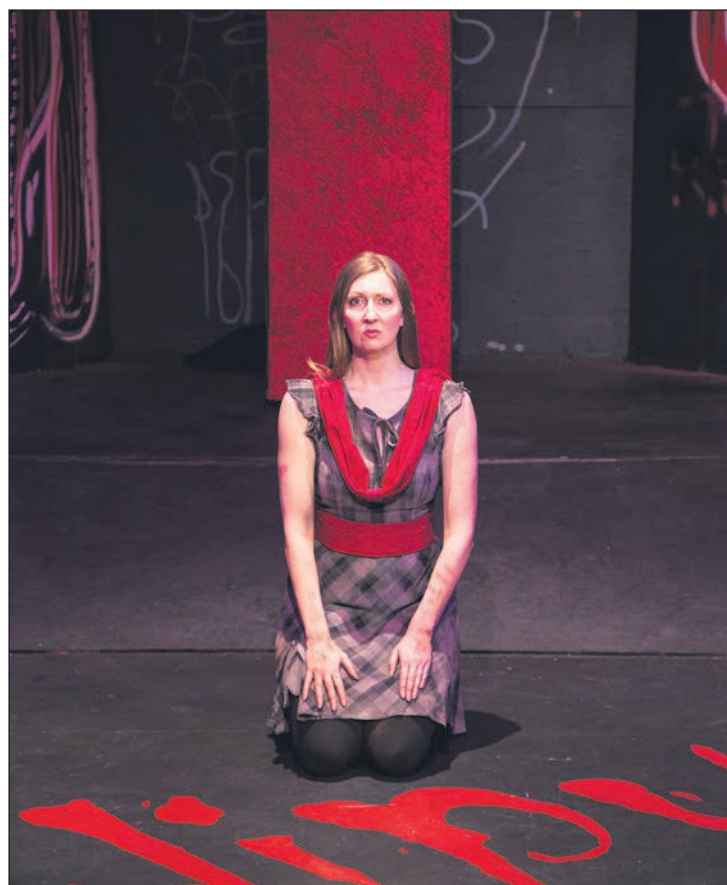
couched in familial affection.

Antigone is supported by equally strong performances by loyal sister, Rebecca Euchler as Ismene, noble and loving fiancé, James Allan as Haemon, and Paula Chenoweth, as the devoted and long-suffering Nurse.

Also integral to the play is Gary Laidlaw as the dispassionate Messenger, and of course, the portents of things to come – Greek Chorus members: Jim Woodbury (Chorus 1), Doll Piccotto (Chorus 2), and Samantha Rasler (Chorus 3).

Spencer Stevenson was also a real standout as the First Guard. His comical self-serving interests is an enjoyable respite and in stark contrast to the tense and emotional tenor of the play.

It began with the Greeks in 441 BC, when Sophocles' wrote his classic "Antigone," and first introduced a brave and stubborn heroine. Jean Anouilh took the theme further in his version of the classic protest play during one of history's darkest periods. Broadway West continues the resistance against oppression in its dynamic and intense new production of a classic but modern tragedy. Echoing the



immortal words of Maya Angelou, the audience resonates with the cast's words, "I am the dream and hope of the slave, I rise, I rise, I rise."

On a personal note, I was very saddened to hear of the closing of Broadway West Theatre Company after 22 seasons, with the upcoming May production. It has been a great pleasure reviewing this amazing Fremont treasure for the past eight years. I want to invite the entire Tri-City community to support the last

performances of this venerable theatre by seeing "Antigone" and its last production of the season coming up on May 11.

Antigone
Friday, March 16 – Saturday, April 14 - 8 p.m.
(Sunday matinees at 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.)
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19213 Almond Road	94546	740,000	3	1422	1949	02-09-18
4783 Audrey Drive	94546	750,000	3	1590	1954	02-14-18
4221 Beverly Place	94546	840,000	3	1650	1986	02-09-18
5128 Camino Alta Mira	94546	840,000	3	1486	1973	02-13-18
19052 Center Street	94546	919,000	4	2348	1955	02-07-18
3711 Cottage Court	94546	790,000	4	1152	1959	02-14-18
4431 James Avenue	94546	920,000	6	2730	1977	02-09-18
18124 Judy Street	94546	800,000	3	1396	1953	02-05-18
2966 Lake Chabot Lane	94546	653,000	2	1588	1979	02-15-18
19156 Parsons Avenue	94546	700,000	2	1036	1935	02-14-18
19559 Parsons Avenue	94546	765,000	3	1220	1946	02-09-18
5214 Reedley Way	94546	930,000	3	1618	1965	02-09-18
21452 Rizzo Avenue	94546	685,000	3	1104	1941	02-08-18
17054 Rolando Avenue	94546	740,000	3	1875	1942	02-06-18
19555 Buren Place	94552	975,000	3	1785	2002	02-14-18
22792 Princeton Place	94552	1,125,000	3	2082	1999	02-13-18

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35749 Ellmann Place	94536	945,000	3	1579	1971	02-08-18
4539 Glenn Street #13	94536	530,000	2	964	1972	02-14-18
38285 Granville Drive	94536	1,010,000	3	1543	1960	02-15-18
280 Lindero Terrace	94536	860,000	3	1240	1973	02-13-18
38793 Logan Drive	94536	875,000	3	1500	1960	02-09-18
4718 Nicolet Avenue	94536	1,000,000	3	1214	1955	02-06-18
5079 Brett Court	94538	830,000	4	1324	1962	02-07-18
4190 Carol Avenue	94538	1,290,000	3	1387	1956	02-13-18
3525 Cosmic Way	94538	950,000	4	2088	1970	02-06-18
4577 De Silva Street	94538	860,000	3	1356	1960	02-14-18
39033 Donner Way	94538	560,000	4	1521	1962	02-05-18
3978 Fossano Com.	94538	975,000	-	-	-	02-08-18
39029 Guardino Dr. #121	94538	465,000	1	693	1987	02-06-18
40784 Robin Street	94538	800,000	6	2151	1963	02-13-18
5655 Snowflake Com.	94538	657,000	2	850	1994	02-15-18
39382 Sutter Drive	94538	1,045,000	3	1322	1959	02-13-18
4973 Valpey Park Ave.	94538	1,087,000	3	1347	1962	02-15-18
774 Alston Court	94539	1,460,000	3	1547	1957	02-05-18
3321 Clearview Ter.	94539	2,350,000	4	3811	1998	02-13-18
41777 Marigold Drive	94539	1,705,000	4	1590	1960	02-06-18
2425 Monet Terrace	94539	1,020,000	3	1401	2012	02-15-18
534 Palo Verde Com.	94539	1,210,000	3	1458	2008	02-13-18
33905 Abercrombie Pl.	94555	1,650,000	6	2877	1976	02-08-18
3795 Goldfinch Ter.	94555	1,250,000	4	1853	1989	02-08-18
33135 Lake Champlain St.	94555	815,000	3	1060	1969	02-13-18
5333 Shattuck Avenue	94555	1,250,000	3	1812	1989	02-09-18

HAYWARD | TOTAL SALES: 32

Highest \$: 945,000 Median \$: 615,000
Lowest \$: 225,000 Average \$: 622,844

ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
958 Castlewood Way	94541	516,000	2	1270	1973	02-09-18
24747 Garwood Glen Dr.	94541	585,000	3	1620	1981	02-15-18
1140 Gilbert Street	94541	550,000	2	1298	1948	02-14-18
23010 Kingsford Way	94541	545,000	2	1179	2005	02-09-18
2677 Live Oak Terrace	94541	945,000	3	2580	2000	02-07-18
23977 Mayville Drive	94541	780,000	3	1953	1957	02-08-18
22633 Mossy Rock Drive	94541	685,000	3	1280	1978	02-09-18
1775 Panda Way #112	94541	420,000	2	900	1980	02-06-18
642 Paradise Boulevard	94541	540,000	2	854	1942	02-14-18
3076 Randall Way	94541	660,000	3	1374	1962	02-06-18
1283 Sandy Bridges Ct.	94541	520,000	3	1532	1988	02-15-18
617 Santana Drive	94541	728,000	3	1723	2016	02-13-18
753 Sunset Boulevard	94541	498,000	2	888	1994	02-09-18
22961 Sutro Street	94541	430,000	2	1012	1986	02-15-18
27150 Fielding Drive	94542	930,000	3	2247	1987	02-14-18
731 Alquire Parkway	94544	901,000	3	1840	1989	02-08-18
763 Beryl Place	94544	536,000	3	1080	1953	02-07-18
27825 Biscayne Avenue	94544	580,000	3	1325	1954	02-09-18
26549 Joshua Street	94544	640,000	3	1119	1981	02-07-18
216 Lexington Avenue	94544	685,000	4	1809	1951	02-13-18
24900 Pleasant Way	94544	225,000	4	1452	1953	02-08-18
326 Revere Avenue	94544	632,000	3	1031	1951	02-13-18
27787 Vasona Court #17	94544	425,000	1	759	1985	02-14-18
24419 Anna Street	94545	770,000	3	1781	1979	02-07-18
25385 Calaroga Avenue	94545	780,000	3	1482	1959	02-15-18

26716 Calaroga Avenue	94545	685,000	3	1354	1957	02-06-18
27847 Hummingbird Ct.	94545	520,000	3	1254	1971	02-14-18
26708 Peterman Avenue	94545	660,000	3	1238	1957	02-06-18
1281 Radcliff Lane	94545	600,000	3	1294	1957	02-13-18
2724 Sleepy Hollow Ave.	94545	695,000	3	1128	1956	02-13-18
1329 West Street	94545	650,000	3	1227	1955	02-14-18
21672 Knoll Way	94546	615,000	2	1726	1962	02-07-18

MILPITAS | TOTAL SALES: 17

Highest \$: 2,552,000 Median \$: 1,068,000
Lowest \$: 380,000 Average \$: 1,087,176

ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
524 Alvarez Common	95035	465,000	2	1300	2007	02-15-18
1619 Butano Drive	95035	1,355,000	4	1504	1968	02-21-18
1618 Calera Creek Heights Dr.	95035	2,552,000	3	4951	1987	02-15-18
1620 California Circle	95035	1,142,000	3	2318	2017	02-21-18
1626 California Circle	95035	1,177,000	3	2413	2017	02-23-18
1396 Coyote Creek Way	95035	933,000	2	1215	2013	02-22-18
436 Dempsey Rd. #136	95035	380,000	1	676	2007	02-22-18
476 Dempsey Rd. #277	95035	495,000	2	842	2007	02-16-18
360 Expedition Lane	95035	1,050,000	2	1512	2016	02-16-18
883 Fire Walk	95035	1,030,000	2	1353	2000	02-23-18
1319 Glacier Drive	95035	850,000	3	1176	1963	02-23-18
38 Moon Dance	95035	1,100,000	3	1528	2000	02-20-18
1587 Mt. Shasta Ave.	95035	1,450,000	4	1737	1966	02-20-18
521 Oroville Road	95035	1,010,000	2	1459	1983	02-22-18
1448 Pashote Court	95035	1,068,000	3	1198	1964	02-14-18
1343 Traughber Street	95035	1,215,000	4	1849	1978	02-15-18
210 Valmy Street	95035	1,210,000	3	1176	1955	02-23-18

NEWARK | TOTAL SALES: 4

Highest \$: 1,260,000 Median \$: 935,000
Lowest \$: 930,000 Average \$: 1,019,000

ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
7315 Carter Avenue	94560	935,000	3	2009	1999	02-09-18
7731 Inverness Drive	94560	951,000	4	1444	1968	02-13-18
6596 Normandy Drive	94560	930,000	3	1100	1961	02-15-18
8478 Persimmon Place	94560	1,260,000	4	1946	1973	02-14-18

SAN LEANDRO | TOTAL SALES: 18

Highest \$: 968,000 Median \$: 563,000
Lowest \$: 402,000 Average \$: 595,389

ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
1744 Astor Court	94577	968,000	4	2964	1987	02-14-18
255 Best Avenue	94577	750,000	2	1154	1924	02-09-18
840 Billings Boulevard	94577	565,000	2	1193	1943	02-14-18
359 Bristol Boulevard	94577	563,000	3	1451	1944	02-07-18
225 Castro Street	94577	402,000	2	1283	1967	02-14-18
227 Castro Street	94577	420,000	2	1236	1967	02-14-18
357 Castro Street	94577	600,000	2	990	1880	02-06-18
947 Durant Avenue	94577	490,000	3	1364	1946	02-14-18
2462 Fiji Way	94577	687,000	3	1129	1961	02-15-18
2432 Longview Drive	94577	900,000	3	2036	1961	02-15-18
485 Maud Avenue	94577	440,000	2	792	1920	02-06-18
1599 164th Avenue	94578	540,000	2	778	1952	02-13-18
2014 166th Avenue	94578	665,000	4	1558	1955	02-14-18
337 Caliente Circle	94578	402,000	2	1060	1980	02-09-18
1457 Plaza Drive	94578	530,000	2	1090	1946	02-13-18
997 Portola Drive	94578	670,000	3	1135	1955	02-06-18
15939 Selborne Drive	94578	600,000	3	1689	1951	02-09-18
766 Woodgate Drive	94579	525,000	-	1356	1973	02-06-18

SAN LORENZO | TOTAL SALES: 7

Highest \$: 740,000 Median \$: 583,000
Lowest \$: 530,000 Average \$: 611,000

ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
637 Empire Street	94580	573,000	3	1549	1951	02-14-18
17032 Via Alamitos	94580	651,000	3	1051	1947	02-15-18
621 Via Alamo	94580	620,000	3	1068	1948	02-15-18
15977 Via Del Sol	94580	530,000	3	1108	1944	02-14-18
16016 Via Descanso	94580	583,000	3	1000	1944	02-13-18
1408 Via Lucas	94580	740,000	4	1758	1951	02-05-18
17482 Via Melina	94580	580,000	3	1031	1952	02-06-18

UNION CITY | TOTAL SALES: 9

Highest \$: 1,300,000 Median \$: 880,000
Lowest \$: 500,000 Average \$: 891,778

ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
33705 14th Street	94587	650,000	5	1822	1914	02-14-18
33422 7th Street	94587	600,000	5	1572	1947	02-08-18
4260 Encinitas Way	94587	500,000	2	875	1972	02-15-18
4158 Glenwood Ter. #2	94587	815,000	3	1683	2001	02-13-18
35052 Hollyhock Street	94587	1,300,000	4	1550	1971	02-13-18
35955 Nickel Street	94587	1,261,000	3	2472	2005	02-15-18
34362 Perry Road	94587	940,000	4	2179	1975	02-06-18
33048 Soquel Street	94587	1,080,000	-	1901	1980	02-14-18
1780 Tulane Street	94587	880,000	3	1120	1960	02-15-18

Man uses bank robbery cash to buy engagement ring

Spring Career Fair

SUBMITTED BY CHABOT COLLEGE

The Career Technical Education programs and students of Chabot College would like to cordially invite interested persons to participate in our 2018 Spring Career Fair. We are seeking recruiters, HR departments, and businesses that are currently looking to fill various positions with-in the following sectors:

- Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering
- Business & Entrepreneurship
- Health & Bioscience
- Information Communication Technologies
- Law
- Public & Human Services
- Transportation & Logistics.

We are asking all that wish to participate to RSVP as soon as possible as space is limited and will be assigned by reservation. We are hoping that your company can participate and help Chabot College to provide this valuable resource to our students and the community.

For more information please contact Christina Read, Career Technical Education Manager at: cread@chabotcollege.edu, (510) 723-7174; or, Interim Outreach Specialist John LaBonte at jlabbonte@chabotcollege.edu, (510) 723-7457.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 3, 2018 to chabotcollegecareers@gmail.com. A parking pass will be provided to all attending once your company's RSVP is received.

Realtor luncheon to focus on home ownership

SUBMITTED BY WOMEN'S COUNCIL OF REALTORS

Darryl Freeman will be deliver a talk, "The New Face of Homeownership: Foreign National Buyers" at a luncheon meeting of the Women's Council of Realtors, Tri-Cities chapter. Those attending will learn how foreign national and traditional transactions differ and how to understand and overcome cultural differences in the real estate closing process. Also discussed will be how to gain perspective and understand the differences in direct and indirect communication and how these differences can drastically affect transactions.

Homeownership luncheon
Wednesday, March 21
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Fremont Bank Building
37611 Niles Blvd., Fremont
\$25 members; \$50 non-members
Reservations required
www.eventbrite.com

Hayward Area FILM FESTIVAL

SUBMITTED BY MARCESS OWINGS

Launched in 2015, the "Hayward Area Film Festival" is designed to give students the opportunity to tell their stories, develop their creativity, and further introduce them to the world of filmmaking. Early submission for the Hayward Area Student Film Festival is on Thursday, March 22, and the final submission is on Saturday, April 14. Showcase of the films and awards will be on Thursday, April 26. Submissions are open to interpretation within the following genres: Animation, Narrative, Documentary, Public Service Announcement (PSA), Experimental, and a Film Challenge.

For more information and to submit your film, visit <http://www.haywardareahistory.org/haywardareafilmfestival>, or call (510) 581-0223.

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Docents reveal Coyote Hills' treasures to kids & adults alike

The docent program at Coyote Hills is the backbone of the park's mission to perpetuate respect for the land and the people who called it home long before Europeans settled in the East Bay. Through activities and talks, volunteer docents lead programs to understand the local ecosystem, and its role in the lives of native peoples.

Throughout the year, docents, trained representatives of the park district, work with school kids in what are called "immersions." Five stations are set up around the visitor center where docents demonstrate Ohlone games, such as stick and hoop, staves, and crafts like string making. Learning about Ohlone culture is part of the curriculum for local elementary schools and the kids coming through the park for the cultural programs are usually third and fourth graders. Kindergarteners through second graders typically fill out the nature walks. Regardless of age, the park offers both a refreshing natural experience and an opportunity to learn.

Starting April 5 and running every Thursday for four weeks, volunteers can participate in training that educates them in the history and mission of the parks, as well as the particular activities that they will lead. Additionally, docents will learn how to interact with large groups and understand different learning styles in order to effectively interact with visiting classes. For people who have teaching experience, the transition to docent is easy, but for those who have never had the experience of being in front of a group, the docent training is a great way to learn a valuable skill.

Docents also learn how to combine a variety of teaching styles that engage kids who learn best by listening, and kids who learn best by doing. Many people who go through the program find that it is great training for other teaching situations they might encounter if they continue in natural history and cultural learning programs elsewhere. Some docents have gone on to be naturalists with the park district who develop programs and lead nature walks and events.

Docents can choose from a variety of activities: sitting with a display of caterpillars munching milkweed at the entrance to the butterfly vivarium, arranging a display of furs and bones of local mammals at the visitor center, or teaching animal tracking. It also might be leading games and activities on immersion days.

Activities go on all year long. A popular attraction is Kristina's Cart of Curiosities, featuring rotating displays ranging from natural history examples including skulls (replicas), furs, and



plant specimens, to Ohlone artifacts such as pottery, tools, and arrowheads.

The East Bay Regional Park District's (EBPRD) docent program has existed for around 35 years - Coyote Hills for 12 years. Docents who put in 25 hours or more during the year are eligible to attend an annual volunteer dinner; docents also receive a parking pass that exempts them from the Coyote Hills \$5 parking fee. Ongoing training, enrichment programs, and occasional field trips are open to docents. Recently Coyote Hills docents were invited by the docents of the Oakland Museum of California to an exclusive tour.

Coyote Hills turns 50 this year and is perhaps best known as the site of the annual Gathering of Ohlone Peoples, a tradition begun many years ago by EBRPD Cultural Resource Specialist Bev Ortiz. This is a time to remember traditional culture and reflect on the close bond between the land and its ancient inhabitants.

Park Naturalist Kristina Parkison was a docent at the Long Marine Lab in Santa Cruz some years ago. She learned to lead groups and deliver prepared information. "I had had no experience teaching, but being a docent prepared me for talking to groups and delivering informational talks," she says.

Parkison and co-workers Francis Mendoza and Dino Labiste lead training sessions - written materials and hands-on experience. Is there anything else, beside experience, satisfaction, and knowledge that a docent can expect to gain? Says Parkison with a smile: "People do get a special vest."

For more information, call (510) 544-3213 or email Docents.Coyotehills@ebparks.org.

Coyote Hills Docent Training
Thursdays, Apr 5 – Apr 26
10 a.m. – 12 noon

Coyote Hills Visitor Center
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd, Fremont
(510) 544-3213

Docents.Coyotehills@ebparks.org
www.ebparks.org/about/getinvolved/volunteer/docent
Free (trainees receive passes for free parking)

Sunol Glen School Memorial Walk

SUBMITTED BY RENE STILLWELL

Wednesday, March 14 marked one month since the tragic school shooting at a Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida. Many students at schools throughout the country walked out of classrooms at 10:00 a.m. to show solidarity with the 17 children and staff members who lost their lives.

Sunol Glen School joined the movement by holding an optional Memorial Walk to Sunol Community Park. Once at the park, seventh and eighth grade student volunteers planted 17 yellow daffodils representing peace and hope. After a moment of silence and quiet reflection, students each took a handful of wildflower seeds and spread them on either side of the pathway as they exited the park.

Superintendent and Principal Molleen Barnes said during the memorial, "Our hope is that the flowers will grow annually and this is a place where we can come to reflect and send out positive energy. Remembering that at our school we prioritize kindness and caring."

Visitors to the park can see the yellow daffodils along the path near the community garden.

Local rallies call for the end to gun violence

TRI-CITY VOICE REPORT

A flurry of activity on March 14th highlighted concerns of local residents about an epidemic of gun violence that has swept across the nation. The latest horrific act at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida is not an isolated incident, simply the latest of an expanding list of tragedies at a variety of venues. Local schools and civic organizations featured discussions and demonstrations to display solidarity with those mourning the recent loss of 17 lives, others injured and the trauma to families, friends and loved ones as well as victims of previous incidents.

Whether demands for serious political attention to what can be called an epidemic of gun violence will have an effect on national politics is yet to be seen, but the prevailing sentiment for action was evident by participants of all ages. Participants cited the need for visible and immediate action by those in power.

Toni Shellen of the Tri-City Alameda County Brady Campaign said, "We need lots of positive coverage to keep this in the

public eye and pressure Congress to pass responsible federal gun legislation. This epidemic of gun violence must end!"

Chanting the words "No more silence, end gun violence," a large group of Milpitas High School (MHS) students marched through the rain to the Police Station. Observing 17 minutes of silence in honor of the victims of the Parkland, Florida, school shooting last month, students shared their anger and frustration. "The US is the only developed country with a gun lobby. Do you know what a gun lobby does? It promotes fear. It promotes banning research and legislation that could control guns," said Hannah, a 16-year-old sophomore.

Daniel Bobay, Milpitas Unified School District's Board President who walked with the students, commented, "The students conducted themselves well. They got their voices heard. It's obviously a topic that's on everyone's mind, and we need to make sure schools are safe." Milpitas Mayor Rich Tran also walked with students, said, "It was important to show the youth that we support them." Milpitas Sister Cities Commissioner Michael Tsai recalled when

he was in fifth grade and the Columbine shooting happened; his school underwent a series of lockdown drills and various talks. "It feels like twenty years later, nothing has changed."

In Newark, Golden State Warriors Coach Steve Kerr joined forces with U.S. Representative Ro Khanna (CA-17) for a thought-provoking discussion on gun control Monday, March 12. Addressing a lively audience of students and members of the community at Newark Memorial High School, Kerr spoke of memories from when he was seven years old and witnessed protesters in action during the Vietnam War. "It was the young people who had to intervene to end the war in Vietnam," said

Kerr, gazing out at the faces of all the students around him.

Community Outreach Director of Never Again, Matt Deitsch, who also participated in the discussion, spoke of the importance of education. "Be the most educated in the debate," said Deitsch. "The biggest enemy in a democracy is lack of education. Be the smartest one in your environment, and you'll win every time." Deitsch, 20, is a graduate of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, where a mass school shooting happened over a month ago. Deitsch's younger brother and sister, both current students at the high school, survived.



Elks turn 150 but their values are timeless

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY
VICTOR CARVELLAS

Five years ago, Steve Kay was staring down cancer, his wife Jo Ann beside him every step of the way. "But you know who was supporting her?" says Kay. "The Elks."

Kay has just finished his one-year term as Exalted Ruler (think president) of Fremont Elks Lodge 2121. "My father was an Elk; my father-in-law was an Elk. When I was a kid, my cousin got Elk support to get the surgery he needed to walk." Seeing the good work Elks did, and having the family connection, it was no surprise that Kay became a member decades ago. When he had young kids, he truly appreciated the Elks' support of youth programs and sports.

This year the Elks celebrate their 150th anniversary. With more than 2,000 lodges across the country, and around a million members, the Elks National Foundation has recently passed the six-billion-dollar mark for charitable giving since its inception.

"I'd have to say that working with veterans has been the most rewarding of my experiences with the Elks," says Kay. "There is a line in the Elks pledge: 'So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.'"

The history of the Elks relations with veterans goes back to World War I when Elks funded and equipped the first two field hospitals in France and built both a 72-room community house in Camp Sherman, Ohio, and a 700-bed rehabilitation hospital in Boston.

After World War II, Elks Foundation loans to 40,000 returning veterans for college, rehabilitation, and vocational education were the precursor of the GI Bill. During the War, the Elks were the only civilian organization asked to help recruit construction workers for the military, a task that was completed three months ahead of schedule.

Whether donating blood, providing for soldiers' recreation with books and facilities, or



The Elks' commitment to youth is also reflected in the strong relationship the Order has with the Boy Scouts of America. Visitors to the Fremont Lodge's recent gala dinner celebrating 150 years of Elks would have seen a display of scrapbooks and memorabilia going back decades. There, a recent photograph shows a Scout troop at Space Center Houston during a trip made possible with Elks fundraising support.

Working with the Scouts is a high priority, as the organizations share so many values and goals. Elks that volunteer are eligible to receive a special award, the Boy Scouts' Marvin M. Lewis Award named for the Honorable Marvin M. Lewis, a former Grand Exalted Ruler. Established in 1998, it recognizes significant contributions to Scouting and the development of America's youth.

The Elks of today have come a long way from their roots as an actors' social club in New York in the late 1860s.

The son of a clergyman, Charles Algernon Vivian was a

25-year-old singer when he arrived in New York in 1867. A moderately successful variety performer, he attracted a number of fellow performers who lamented the closing of the bars on Sunday. They began meeting under Vivian's leadership and made sure the meetings were well-stocked. When a member died shortly before Christmas 1867, the group decided it ought to help the widow, an act which eventually led to framing the organization as a benevolent society, choosing the strong, peaceful, majestic elk as its mascot and namesake.

As much as the Elks do for the community, they are equally committed to providing fellowship for members. From karaoke to weekly darts tournaments, square dancing to car shows, the lodge has something for everyone. Wing Wednesdays are a big hit, and members look forward to special events like the St. Patrick's Day and Easter brunches.

It's arguable that nineteenth-century America had a particular view of women

and non-whites that influenced the early membership of the club; unfortunately, many of those biases persisted. Finally, in the 1970s, restrictions to membership on the basis of race and gender were abolished. Today, the Elks open their doors to everyone. "The Order," states the Membership page of the Fremont Elks website, "is a non-political, non-sectarian and strictly American fraternity. Proposal for membership in the Order is only by invitation of a member in good standing. To be accepted as a member, one must be an American citizen, believe in God, be of good moral character and be at least 21 years old." Kay adds, "We don't define God for anyone. It's the God that you believe in."

Civic-minded people who enjoy giving of their time and like socializing in a fun and friendly environment should visit <http://fremontelks.org/membership/> today.



Charter member and Past Exalted Ruler Victor Hernandez, and Past Exalted Ruler Steve Kay.

In today's social media world where online relations are often unfulfilling, people of all ages are rediscovering the joy of working alongside others to do good works for their communities. The list of Elks charitable activities is long: essays contest for scholarships, youth programs, drug awareness campaigns, providing clothes for victims of sexual abuse, fundraising on behalf of numerous charities, and much, much more.

Of the many areas the Elks support, veterans receive some of the greatest benefits. Recently, a grant from the Elks National Foundation paid for 36 baskets of supplies for veterans leaving the Palo Alto VA Hospital for new living situations. The "Welcome Home Baskets" included basic household items such as cleaning supplies, aluminum foil, and paper towels to give the vets a little jumpstart.

providing comfort and material support to veterans back home, the Elks have a strong bond with the men and women who protect our freedom.

Another popular Elks sponsored activity is the Hoop Shoot. In this free throw shooting competition, kids 8 to 13 compete at the Lodge, District, State, and Regional levels, leading all the way to a National Final. Winners receive medals and have their names inscribed in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame alongside greats of the game.

The idea behind the Hoop Shoot is that by instilling the values of persistence and patience, reinforced with practice and goal-setting, youngsters will transfer that skillset to their academic and, eventually, workplace environments.





Union City Compost Giveaway

Saturday, March 24 at 9 a.m.
Tri-CED, 33377 Western Ave.



Join Republic Services, Tri-CED Community Recycling, and the City of Union City at the Annual Compost Giveaway! It's our way of thanking Union City residents for properly recycling yard trimmings and food scraps each week in your organics cart.

Bring your most recent Union City customer newsletter to receive 2 FREE bags of compost. While supplies last!



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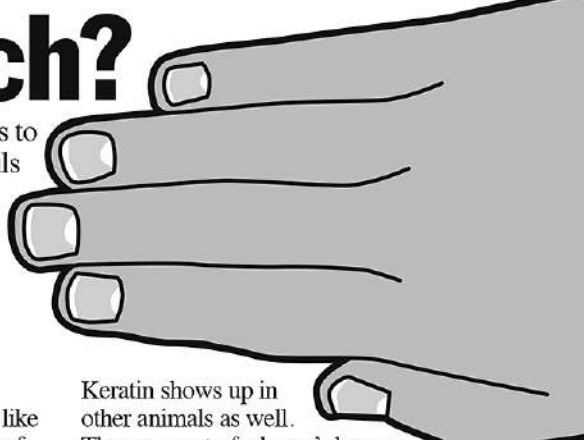
Got an itch?



Aren't you glad you have fingernails to help you scratch it? And your toenails come in handy to protect your toes when you stub them!

Hard as Nails!

Since fingernails and toenails are so hard, some people think they are bones. NOT TRUE! Fingernails and toenails are more like your hair than your bones. Both are made of **keratin** and that is what makes them tough.



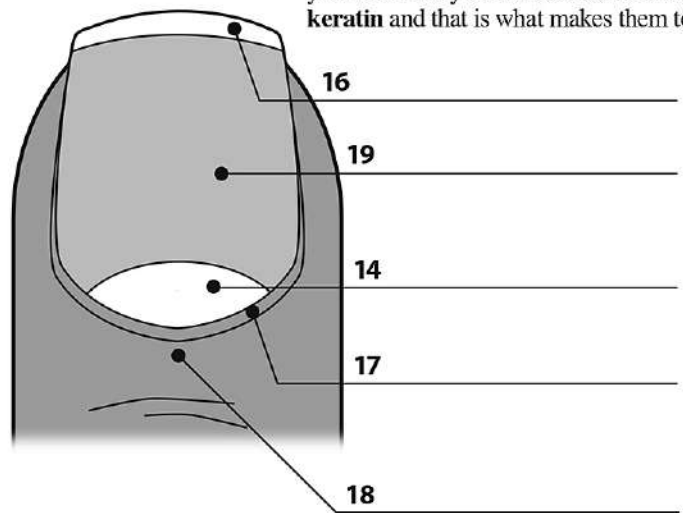
Keratin shows up in other animals as well. They are part of a horse's hooves, cats' claws, hair, porcupine quills, bird feathers and even a rhino's horn!

The hard surface of your nails helps to protect the tips of your fingers and toes. Your fingernails make it easier to scratch an itch or peel an orange.

Nails By the Numbers

Do the math to label the diagram of a fingernail.

- 21 - 7 = lunula
- 25 - 7 = mantle
- 23 - 4 = nail plate
- 22 - 5 = cuticle
- 24 - 8 = distal edge

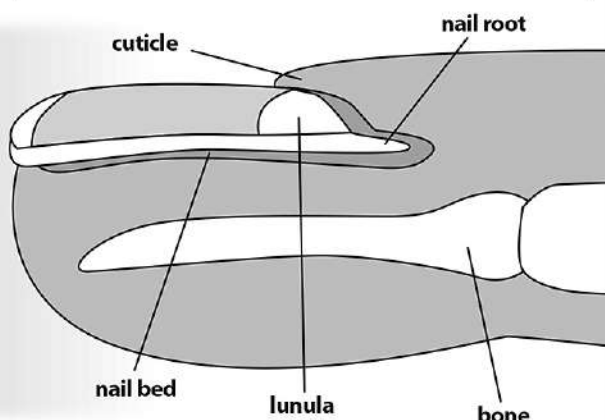


Why doesn't it hurt when I cut my nails?

The part of your nails that you can see is dead, so it doesn't hurt to cut them. If a nail rips away from the tender skin underneath, OW! That really hurts. That is why your fingers and toes need tough nails, to protect the sensitive skin underneath.

Nails start in the **nail root**, which is hidden under the **cuticle**. At the root of the nail, new cells grow. The new nail cells push the old nail cells along the nail bed.

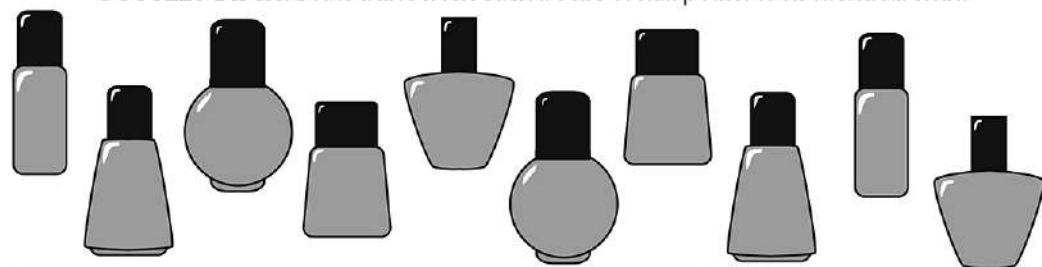
The **cuticle** is the tiny sliver of skin where your nail comes out from under your skin. Cuticles help to protect the new nail as it grows out from the nail root.



That pale half circle just above the cuticle is called the **lunula**. Use the code below to see what this Latin word means.

Legend: = E, = L, = N, = S, = I, = M, = O, = T

BOTTLE MATCH: Draw a line from each bottle of nail polish to its identical twin.



Standards Link: Observation: Find the differences between common objects.

Hand Print

Trace your hands on a piece of newspaper. Cut it out and ask your friends or family to write something on each hand that tells something special about YOU.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

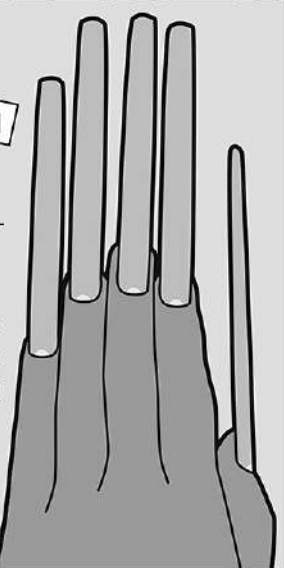
Replace the missing words.

LENGTH **GROW** **HAND** **INDIA**

The Uncut Story

Most people cut their nails as they grow. But Shridhar Chillal of _____ decided to let his nails grow on one _____. They grew and grew for years and years. He let the nails on his left hand _____ for 62 years! If you added up the _____ of each nail on his left hand, the length came to nearly 30 feet! His thumbnail was the longest at just about 6 feet 5 inches!

Source: Guinness Book of World Records



Kid Scoop Word Search

- SENSITIVE
- TOENAILS
- FEATHERS
- KERATIN
- CUTICLE
- SCRATCH
- HOOVES
- QUILLS
- LUNULA
- SLIVER
- CLAWS
- RIPS
- ROOT
- CATS
- SKIN

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

A	F	K	S	C	R	A	T	C	H
L	E	S	E	V	O	O	H	T	F
U	A	I	N	R	T	O	O	R	C
N	T	N	S	S	A	E	G	U	Q
U	H	S	I	T	N	T	T	U	S
L	E	W	T	A	E	I	I	K	S
A	R	A	I	C	C	L	I	N	P
N	S	L	V	L	L	N	A	I	I
L	S	C	E	S	L	I	V	E	R

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

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:

SENSITIVE

The adjective **sensitive** means quick to respond to slight changes.

Emily's elbow was a **sensitive** part of her body.

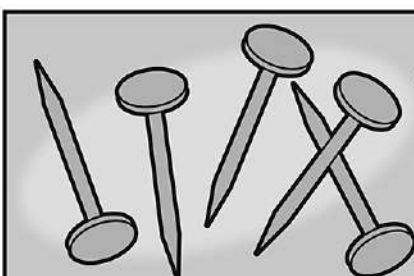
Try to use the word **sensitive** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Photo Finder

Look through today's newspaper for photos and drawings. In how many can you see fingernails or toenails? Count the number of each in today's newspaper.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



Which kind of nails do carpenters hate to hit?

ANSWER: Fingernails!

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RECOVERY THE RIGHT WAY Choosing a Post-Surgical Rehabilitation Provider

If you're planning for an upcoming surgery that will require skilled recovery care, it's important to take the time to research your options to identify the provider that is best equipped to meet your specific needs.

Once you've identified options for recovery providers, here are some questions to ask:

- **Is the facility licensed by the state and country?** Ask for proof of licensure to ensure that you are receiving quality treatment.
- **What is the staff-to-patient ratio?** Even if a provider has great staff, they will only be as helpful as their bandwidth allows.
- **How are staff credentialed?** Make sure your provider hires staff according to their abilities and training to ensure you'll receive top-notch care.
- **Are the types of therapy provided comprehensive for your needs?** Some providers specialize in certain types of care. Make sure your needs will be met by the facilities and staff.
- **What types of food are offered?** Will you have enough to eat, despite any dietary restrictions? Can your guests join you for meals?
- **How much privacy does each patient have?** Do you prefer more alone time, or a more social environment? Ask the potential provider to provide options for both scenarios.
- **Can visitors/caretakers find lodging nearby?** If out-of-town friends or relatives will be visiting during your recovery, ensure they will be accommodated.



- **Are television, Wi-Fi, and private telephones available and included?** Entertainment costs may sneak up on you. Make sure to ask about these and other "fine-line" fees that may creep onto your bill.
- **Are rooms clean and well maintained? Is the equipment current and in good working order? Is the environment quiet?** If possible, visit the provider in person to assess this criteria for yourself.

Keep in mind: Word of mouth is a powerful tool. For recommendations of post-surgical care providers in your community, ask friends, relatives, your doctor, and community members. If you're still unsure, consider asking the provider for testimonials from former patients.

Remember: The purpose of short-stay rehabilitation is to help you get back on your feet as quickly as possible. Make sure to choose a provider that is focused on making you feel respected, comfortable, and at ease.



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9 a.m. - 12 noon
Math and English assistance for adults
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Wednesday, Jan 24 - Friday, Apr 13

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Fri: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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Saturdays, Feb 3 thru Apr 14

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Tuesdays, Feb 13 - Apr 17

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Monday, Feb 22 - Friday, Apr 9

For the Love of Trees
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Images of spring
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Tuesday, Mar 20

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 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
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 Washington Township Newark Clinic
 6236 Thornton Ave., Newark
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 www.whhs.com/events

Wednesday, Mar 21

Women's Council of Realtors Luncheon \$R
 11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Motivational guest speaker and lunch
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 3:50 – 4:20 Mission Gateway Apts., 33155 Mission Blvd., UNION CITY
 4:50 – 5:30 Mariner Park, Regents Blvd. & Dorando Dr., UNION CITY
 5:40 – 6:20 Sea Breeze Park, Dyer St. & Carmel Way, UNION CITY

Wednesday, Mar 21
 1:00 – 4:30 Warm Springs Community Center, 47300 Fernald St., FREMONT
 6:00 – 6:30 Camellia Dr. & Camellia Ct., FREMONT

Thursday, Mar 22
 2:40 – 3:40 Bay School, 2001 Bockman Rd., SAN LORENZO

Monday, Mar 26
 1:30 – 2:00 Acacia Creek, 34400 Mission Blvd., UNION CITY
 2:45 – 3:45 Ardenwood School, 33955 Emilia Ln., FREMONT
 5:15 – 6:45 Forest Park School, Deep Creek Rd. & Maybird Circle, FREMONT

Tuesday, Mar 27
 4:30 – 5:20 Weibel School, 45135 South Grimmer Blvd., FREMONT
 5:50 – 6:40 Booster Park, Gable Dr. & McDuff Ave., FREMONT

Wednesday, Mar 28
 12:45 – 2:15 Glenmoor School, 4620 Mattos Dr., FREMONT
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 3:30 – 4:00 Friendly Village Park, 120 Dixon Landing Rd., MILPITAS

Wednesday, Mar 21

Free Seminar
 6:30 - 8 p.m.
New to Medicare: What you need to know
 Washington Township Nakamura Clinic
 33077 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City
 1-800-963-7070

Thursday, Mar 22

D'Estrella ASL Media Festival
 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Video installations, Deaf art, photography and more
 California School for the Deaf, Big Gym
 39350 Gallaudet Dr., Fremont (510) 794-3666
 www.csdeagles.com/

Saturday, Mar 22

Music at the Mission \$
 7:15 p.m.: Pre-Concert Events
 8 p.m.: Concert
The Mighty Danube: Chamber music of Hungary and Austria
 Old Mission San Jose
 43300 Mission Blvd., Fremont (510) 402-1724
 www.musicatmsj.org

Friday, Mar 23

Latino Business Roundtable Meeting
 8:30 a.m.
Networking, meet other small businesses
 Sherman L. Balch Pavilion - St. Rose Hospital
 27190 Calaroga Ave., Hayward

Friday, Mar 23

Unity Dinner \$R
 7 p.m.
Food, drinks and speakers
 India Community Center
 525 Los Coches Street, Milpitas (408) 934-1130
 www.indocommunity.us

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Pops Concert \$
 7:30 p.m.
Music and silent auction fundraiser
 American High School
 36300 Fremont Blvd., Fremont (510) 796-1776 ext. 57702
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Friday, Mar 23

Enchanted Bookshop (theatre production)
 7 p.m.
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Mission Peak Brass Band Concert \$
 8 p.m.
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 Smith Center
 43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont (510) 659-6031
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 7:00 p.m.
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Friday, Mar 23 – Sunday, Mar 25

A Celebration of American Music \$
 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.
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 Douglas Morrison Theatre
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Friday, Mar 23 - Wednesday, Mar 28

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 11:00 a.m. - 2nd-5th graders
 Newark Community Center and Park
 35501 Cedar Blvd, Newark (510) 578-4000

Saturday, Mar 24

Holi Mania
 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Food and colors for purchase
 Emerald Glen Park
 4201 Central Pkwy, Dublin (510) 875-5006
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Saturday, Mar 24

Women's History Month Celebration \$R
 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Fremont Adult School
 Multi-Purpose Room
 4700 Calaveras Ave, Fremont (510) 656-2348
 https://fremont-ca.aauw.net/

Saturday, Mar 24

Athletic Field Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony
 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
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 Mt. Eden High School
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 madein Hayward@husd.us
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Saturday, Mar 24

Live Music
 9 p.m.
Kaye Bohler
 Smoking Pig BBQ
 3340 Mowry Ave., Fremont (510) 713-1854
 www.smokingpigbbq.net

Saturday, Mar 24

Meek Mansion Open House
 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Tour historic home
 Meek Mansion
 17365 Boston Rd., Hayward (510) 581-0223
 www.haywardareahistory.org

Saturday, Mar 24

Webelos Adventure Into the Wild - R
 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Hike, learn about food chain, birds, wetlands. Earn naturalist badge in 2.5 hours
 SF Bay Wildlife Refuge - Don Edwards
 1 Marshlands Rd., Fremont (510) 792-0222
 https://donedwardswebelos.eventbrite.com

Saturday, Mar 24

Budding Birders
 1 - 3 p.m.
Discover birds w/playful activities. Ages 7+
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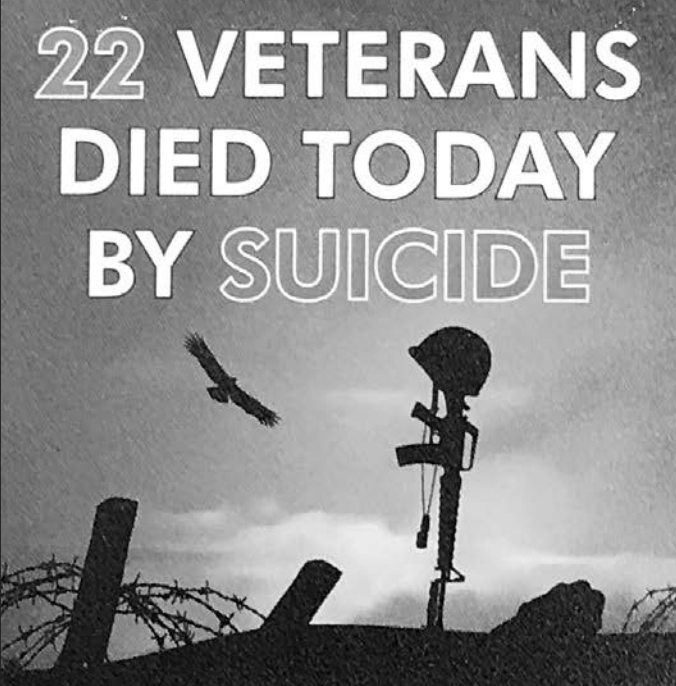
Saturday, Mar 24

Comedy Shorts Night \$
 8:30 p.m.
The Vagabond, Bromo and Juliet, Convict 13, Their Purple Moment
 Niles Essanay Theater
 37417 Niles Blvd, Fremont (510) 494-1411
 www.nilesfilmmuseum.org

Saturday, Mar 24


Keep Hayward Clean & Green
 8:30 - 12:00p.m.
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Sunday, Mar 25**Pond Party Hike**

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
3.5-mile moderate hike
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1895 Geary Rd., Sunol
(510) 544-3249
www.ebparks.org

Sunday, Mar 25**Ohlone Wind Orchestra \$**

2 p.m.
Hymns, Folksongs, and Dances
Smith Center
43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont
(510) 659-6031
www.smithcenter.com

Sunday, Mar 25**Sunday Stroll**

10 a.m. - 12 noon
3-mile loop. Families and dogs welcome. Bort Meadow Staging Area
Anthony Chabot Campground and Park
9999 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley
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www.ebparks.org

Sunday, Mar 25**Skills of the Past: Fire Making R**

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Learn fire making skills. Ages 16+
Sunol Regional Wilderness
1895 Geary Rd., Sunol
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www.ebparks.org

Sunday, Mar 25**Skills of the Past: Cordage Making R**

2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Learn various techniques using plant material to make cordage. Ages 9+
Sunol Regional Wilderness
1895 Geary Rd., Sunol
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Monday, Mar 26**Eden Garden Club Meeting**

9:30 a.m.
Discuss succulents in containers
Hayward-Castro Valley Moose Lodge
20835 Rutledge Rd., Castro Valley
(510) 723-6936
(510) 397-1268

Monday, Mar 26**Milpitas Rotary Club Meeting**

12 noon - 1:30 p.m.
Guest speaker Milpitas Rotary
Speech Contest Winner
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Monday, Mar 26**Outdoor Discoveries: Spring to Life R**

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Playful science for home school kids. Ages 4 - 8
Sunol Regional Wilderness
1895 Geary Rd., Sunol
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Monday, Mar 26**Traffic Safety: Fremont Police Department**

6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. and
7:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Crime Free lifestyles presentation
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1421
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Tuesday, Mar 27**Taste of San Leandro \$**

5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
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21st Amendment Brewery
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ZooMobile

With successful visits to Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, and Newark libraries in January, the ZooMobile continues to bring the zoo to you with additional programs through March. The Oakland Zoo's popular ZooMobile will share "Amazing Adaptations of Animals and Habitats" with a wonderful array of animals including snakes, parrots and more. Education specialists from the zoo will guide the audience through a safari with furry, and not so furry, friends.

ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED. CONTACT LIBRARIES DIRECTLY FOR MORE REQUIREMENTS. To learn more about the Oakland Zoo, visit www.oaklandzoo.org.



Friday, March 30
1:00 p.m.

San Leandro Library
300 Estudillo Ave, San Leandro
(510) 577-3971

<https://www.sanleandro.org/depts/library>

Art submissions sought for gallery show

**SUBMITTED BY
OLIVE HYDE ART GALLERY**

To celebrate the diverse, artistic talents in the Bay Area, the Hidden Treasures, Local Talent exhibition is accepting submissions from artists for its bi-annual open call show at Olive Hyde Art Gallery in Fremont. New and experienced artists from throughout the Bay Area and California are welcome to submit their works, reflecting art in all media. All submitted works must be ready to install and shipping fees to the gallery are the responsibility of the artist. Submission deadline is Friday, April 6.

When submitting artwork, artists must include the following information:

- Artist biography, resume, and/or an artist statement.
- A list of images, including title, dimensions, year, and

medium. Work must be from 2014 or later. Submissions may include any form of 2D and/or 3D artwork.

- Up to five images in JPEG format. (Image must be at least 300 dpi in order to be considered.)

All materials must be submitted via email to: <mailto:olivehydecorator@fremont.gov>.

Artists whose work is accepted will be notified by email by Monday, April 16. A \$30 entry fee for artwork accepted into the show is due between noon and 2 p.m. on Art Delivery Day, April 29.

The artwork will be exhibited May 11 through June 9 at Olive Hyde Gallery, 123 Washington Blvd. Fremont. An opening reception is set for 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 18 at the gallery. For gallery information, call (510) 791-4357.

Celebration of American Music

SUBMITTED BY BOB MILLER

The Morrisson Theatre Chorus (MTC), under the musical direction of César Cancino, will present its "Spring Concert: A Celebration of American Music" on Friday, March 23 – Sunday, March 25. The spring concert will feature a selection of works from the stage and the movies.

Music Director César Cancino enjoys a musically diverse career as pianist, musical director, and conductor. He attended the San Francisco Conservatory of Music then studied piano with Alain Naudé, a pupil of the great Dinu Lipatti. For many years, he was the musical director/pianist for Teatro Zinzanni in San Francisco, and for several years he toured with singer/songwriter Joan Baez as her musical director and pianist. Cancino was the musical director/pianist for "Life Without Makeup," a play starring the legendary Rita Moreno at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre. He is also a recipient of the Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle award for "Outstanding Musical Director." Cancino has performed throughout North America,

Europe, and Australia, and local credits include the Rrazz Room (San Francisco), Diablo Theatre Company, Martinez Opera, Monterey County Symphony, Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, 42nd St. Moon, and the Douglas Morrisson Theatre.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for adult H.A.R.D. residents, \$15 for under 30/over 60, and \$12 for youth/students. The Box Office is open Tuesday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and can be reached at (510) 881-6777. Information is also available at www.dmtonline.org.

**Spring Concert:
A Celebration of American Music
Friday, Mar 23 – Sunday, Mar 25
Friday & Saturday, Mar 23 & 24: 8 p.m.
Sunday, Mar 25: 2 p.m.**

**Douglas Morrisson Theatre
22311 N. Third St, Hayward
(510) 881-6777
www.dmtonline.org
Tickets: \$12 – \$18**

Newark Winds

*play Disney, Broadway, and more***SUBMITTED BY DAVE SMITH**

On Saturday, March 31, the Newark Symphonic Winds will present our Annual Spring Concert under the superb direction of Mr. Richard Wong. The concert begins at 7 p.m. at the Newark Memorial High School Theatre. As always, admission is free, but donations are welcome! Please plan to arrive early to get the best seating, as the theatre always fills up. No tickets or reservations necessary.

This year's Spring Concert features some fabulous music, including:

- Excerpts from Disney's 'Aladdin,' featuring Arabian Nights, A Friend Like Me, Prince Ali, and A Whole New World
- Africa: A really cool number featuring our percussion section and woodwinds
- All Shook Up - Elvis is in the building! You'll hear Jailhouse Rock, Love Me Tender, C'mon Everybody, and I Can't Help Falling in Love with You
- Excerpts from Disney's 'Brave,' including Touch the Sky, Noble Maiden Fair, The Games, and Merida's Home

- Irish Washerwoman - The Spring Concert may be two weeks after St. Patrick's Day, but this will get your toes a-tapping!
- Music from the hit movie 'LaLa Land,' featuring Another Day of Sun, Mia and Sebastian's Theme, City of Stars, and Audition

- Excerpts from Disney's 'Moana,' featuring Where You Are, How Far I'll Go, You're Welcome, and We Know the Way. Hawaii anyone?

- Excerpts from Phantom of the Opera and West Side Story

The Newark Wind Symphony looks forward to seeing everyone at the concert and knows that the evening's selections will put a smile on everyone's faces and a song in everyone's heart. Give yourself a treat and experience live symphonic music with the whole family.

**Newark Winds Spring Concert
Saturday, Mar 31
7 p.m.**

**Newark Memorial High School Theatre
39375 Cedar Blvd, Newark**

**Free – Donations welcome
No tickets or reservations needed**

Comedy Gold Part Deux

SUBMITTED BY KARIN RICHEY

Stand-up comedy in Castro Valley? Yep! If you missed our first sold out comedy show, here's your second chance! "Comedy Gold Part Deux" is happening Saturday, March 24 at Castro Valley's Smalltown Space.

Enjoy beer on tap along with wine and delicious small bites as you LOL to a hilarious line up of five Bay Area comics. These hilarious local pros frequently perform at Bay Area comedy clubs such as Tommy T's, Cobbs and more, and will be joining us for one night only! Your comics for the evening will be Geneva Rust-Orta, Dominique Gelin, Torio Van Grol, Nicole Calasich, and Chris Riggins.

This show may have adult content, so it is recommended for ages 18 and up.

Tickets are just \$10 and all proceeds go to start up, nonprofit community theatre Plethos Productions. Seating is very limited so get yours today! Information and tickets are available at <http://plethos.org/>.

**Comedy Gold Part Deux
Saturday, Mar 24
7 p.m.**

**Smalltown Space
22222 Redwood Rd, Castro Valley
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<http://plethos.org/>
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Savor an array of culinary fare from Horatio's, Tsuru Sushi, Boulevard Burger, The Englander Sports Pub & Restaurant, The Vine Wine & Tapas, PINX Catering, Marina Restaurant, Roderick's and more when Leadership San Leandro hosts "The Taste of San Leandro" on Tuesday, March 27. Sample pours from our town's craft beer "cluster"—21st Amendment Brewery, Cleophus Quealy Beer Company, and Drakes Brewing Company—and local wineries such as Frog's Tooth Vineyards and Garré Vineyard & Winery.

There will be entertainment and networking, and don't forget to bring your wallet for the silent auction and raffle! Proceeds from the event go to support Leadership San Leandro, a program based on the belief that our city's most valuable resource is its people. The program is open to a diverse cross-section of individuals with a desire to educate themselves with vital community information along with reinforcing their leadership skills and ownership in the community. Leadership San Leandro is a professional development, networking and outreach program of the Chamber of Commerce. Led by an Executive Leadership Coach, participants receive training throughout the program on leadership strategies. They also take tours of local in-



stitutions and businesses and hear directly from government and business leaders about their roles, experiences, and professional growth. The guest presenters represent a diverse cross-section of the community, ranging from elected officials to high-tech innovators, traffic engineers to police detectives, communications experts to entrepreneurs. Tickets are \$40 per person and includes all food and drink. Tickets are limited; purchase in advance at

bit.ly/Taste_SL2018. For more information, contact (510) 317-1400 or leadershipsl@sanleandrochamber.com.

Taste of San Leandro
Tuesday, Mar 27
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
21st Amendment Brewery
2010 Williams St, San Leandro
(510) 317-1400
<http://sanleandrochamber.com/>
Tickets: \$40

Medicinal Purposes

SUBMITTED BY BRASK CONCERTS

Medicinal Purposes is a musical group made up of the duo "Cowgirl" Pearl Olson and Scott Kerry Guthrie. Both are writers of well-crafted songs both heartfelt and humorous, and together they have a unique blend of blues, folk, and country rock that sets them apart from everyone else. They can soar with delicate harmonies and then rip it up with some raucous rockabilly. "The duo Medicinal Purposes came to our attention because of Maria Muldaur's producer, John Jacob, a friend of ours," said con-

cert organizer Wayne Brask. "John said you have to hear this duo I just recorded. When we had the chance to hear them live, they were playing a split bill with the Carolyn Sills group who we booked at the show. We saw them perform, liked (really liked) them and booked them as well," said Brask. The songs of Medicinal Purposes are about life, love, and BBQ; just a bunch of fun. Guthrie has a gruff barroom voice, they have good harmony, electric guitar and upright bass work. The duo comes out of the Midwest, where they have performed for years, but just joined up about a year ago.



"That's What I'm Talkin' About" is their first CD together and it is a keeper. So, get ahead of the curve and see Medicinal Purposes when they perform at Fremont's Mission Coffee on Saturday, March 24. "Scott and Pearl are the real deal... this is organic, raw music from the soul; well some of it is, some is just good toe-tapping fun," says Brask.

Medicinal Purposes
Saturday, Mar 24
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Mission Coffee Roasting Co.
151 Washington Blvd, Fremont
(510) 623-6920
www.braskhouseconcerts.com
www.fremontcoffee.com
www.medicinalpurposesduo.com
Tickets: \$15 at the door

SPORTS

Hart named as East Bay Head Women's Soccer Coach

**SUBMITTED BY
STEVE CONNOLLY**

Cal State East Bay Director of Athletics Jason Carmichael announced March 15th, the hiring of Robin Hart as the eighth head coach of the CSUEB women's soccer program. Hart joins the Pioneers after spending the 2017-18 season as the head coach at Menlo College in Atherton, Calif.

"I am thrilled to welcome Robin as our new women's soccer head," Carmichael said. "She comes highly recommended by several administrators within the CCAA. More importantly, I was encouraged by her clarity of vision in describing how she wants to move the program forward. I am very excited to add her to our Pioneer team."

"I am thrilled to join CSUEB and the women's soccer family," Hart said. "I would like to thank Jason Carmichael and Ken Parsons for this tremendous opportunity to lead this program. I cannot wait to hit the ground running with the team and be a positive addition to the department and the campus community."

A veteran of the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA), Hart spent two seasons as the top assistant coach at Sonoma State prior to taking the head position at Menlo. During her tenure in Rohnert Park, the Seawolves posted a 26-6-6 record, captured the 2015 CCAA regular season championship, and made back-to-back NCAA tournament appearances.

In addition to extensive coaching experience in the CCAA, Hart also enjoyed a standout collegiate career as a student-athlete. She spent her last two seasons with SF State after transferring from Cal State Bakersfield and captured All-CCAA honors both years. As a senior in 2008, Hart led the team in goals and points, captaining the Gators to an appearance in the CCAA championship game and a berth in the NCAA tournament. That season, she was a First Team All-West Region and CoSIDA Academic All-District honoree, SF State's Most Outstanding Student-Athlete, and a recipient of the CCAA's prestigious Dr. Hal Charnovsky award.



Hart earned her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from SF State in 2009 and her master's degree in coaching and athletic administration from Concordia-Irvine in 2017. The San Francisco native holds a United Soccer Coaches Premier License and a United State Soccer Federation National C License.

Hart takes the reigns from CSUEB alumnae Amy Gerace, who retired in January after 17 years as head coach of the Pioneers. Cal State East Bay posted a 4-12-2 record in 2016, finishing in last place in the CCAA.

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Robert Turbin second Alumni game

**SUBMITTED AND PHOTOS BY
MIKE HEIGHTCHEW**

In its second year, the Robert Turbin Alumni Game and Festival at his alma mater, Irvington High School (Fremont), on March 10th was a big success. The day started with long lines waiting for the "meet and greet" with special guest Russell Wilson, star quarterback of the Seattle Seahawks and host Robert Turbin, running back of the Indianapolis Colts. Both were busy signing autographs as people of all ages waited for that special autograph.

Following the autograph session, the festival got underway with food, live music, face painting and much more. An alumni game included past Irvington coaches and players and was a thriller right down to last 46 seconds as the Alumni team hit a 3-point shot to win, 49-48; Irvington Varsity fought hard, came close, but were unable to claim bragging rights this year. Fremont Mayor Lily Mei presented the Alumni Game Trophy to finish the evening; all proceeds from the event go to Runnin4u Foundation.



Mt. Eden High to debut athletic fields

SUBMITTED BY
DIONICIA RAMOS

Mt. Eden High School will debut new athletic fields at its community ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, March 24. The event is open to the public and will be a family-friendly celebration. Students, staff, and local representatives will be on hand to thank Hayward residents for their support of public schools.

In November of 2014, Hayward voters approved Measure L by a vote of 77 percent. The vote authorized the issuance of \$229M in bonding authority for the construction, modernization,

and upgrades of schools. Several projects across the district are in different phases of design and construction as a result of this funding. These include a new elementary school, athletic fields at two of the district's other high schools, and new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) buildings that will support an interdisciplinary project-based curriculum in partnership with Cal State East Bay.

Saturday's two-hour event will provide the public an opportunity for the first glimpse at the finished facilities. In addition to the new football field, the project completed new locker rooms for school athletes,



bleachers, a six-lane track, and snack bar. This free event will include fun for the entire family and allow the community to learn more about how the completed space will serve the

school's student population as well as the public.

Athletic Fields Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony
Saturday, Mar 24

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Mt. Eden High School
2300 Panama St, Hayward
madein Hayward@husd.us
www.husd.us
Free

Warriors win big



Baseball

SUBMITTED BY EMILY BEAN

It was a great day for Fremont Christian School (FCS) baseball on Wednesday, March 14. The Warriors met the Irvington High School Vikings (Fremont) and left the field with an 11-4 victory. Ramon B. got the win on the mound, but also stole the show at the plate! He was three for five with a Grand Slam over the fence. John S. had two hits including a double, as did catcher Branden H.

Nick L. continued his hot hitting with two more hits, and Carlo C. had a big hit in the fifth inning. Bubba G. finished the game on the mound pitching two and two-thirds, giving up no earned runs and striking out seven.

FCS's next baseball game will be at home on Wednesday, March 21, versus the Redwood Christian Eagles (San Lorenzo).

Occupational program leader honored for work in education

SUBMITTED BY
ALLISON ALDINGER

During a recent educational conference in Sacramento, Dr. Jacki Sprague, from Mission Valley Regional Occupational Program (MVROP) in Fremont, was honored as the Administrator of the Year by the California Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE).

As MVROP Program Coordinator, Sprague has worked hard to ensure teachers, students, and valued educational and community relationships are supported. She also has diligently pursued integration of state academic and career technical standards and collaborated with local community colleges to form dual-credit courses that provide learning opportunities for students in the Fremont, Newark, and New Haven Unified School Districts

The March 6 conference was attended by middle school,

secondary, and postsecondary teachers, counselors, administrators, and industry partners. This award recognizes administrative career technical education (CTE) professionals at the school, district, county, state, or federal level who have demonstrated leadership in ensuring teacher and student success and have made significant contributions toward innovative, unique and effective CTE programs.

Established in 1969, MVROP is a regional occupational program serving students in the Tri-City area by helping them prepare for successful business, medical, and technical careers. Through a partnership with Fremont, New Haven, and Newark Unified School Districts, CTE classes are provided to nearly 4,000 students (high school and adult) each year.

For details about MVROP, visit: www.mvrop.org



Dr. Jacki Sprague receives an award at ACTE conference.

Jr. High Cougars do well at Harvest Park Tournament

Wrestling

SUBMITTED BY
TIMOTHY HESS

Newark Jr. High Cougars were among the top competitors at the Northern California Tournament of Champions at Harvest Park in Pleasanton on March 17th. Congratulations to ALL participants, including our top three placers:

AJ Ortiz 1st
Bruno Vasto-Oliveira 1st



Joshua Limtiaco 2nd
Evan Gallegos 2nd
Joaquin Rodriguez 3rd
Juan Chavez 3rd

UC California to hike non-resident tuitions

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The University of California's governing board has approved a tuition increase for out-of-state undergraduate students of 3.5 percent, or \$978 a year, starting in the 2018-19 school year.

The Board of Regents voted 12-3 in favor of the increase on March 15 and will decide in May whether to raise tuition for California residents. The vote increases supplemental tuition for out-of-state undergraduate students to nearly \$29,000, up from about \$28,000.

The supplemental tuition is an extra cost that out-of-state students pay on top of \$12,630 in "system-wide tuition and fees." The increase will bring tuition and fees for out-of-state undergraduates to nearly \$42,000 next year.

The university said the increase will generate nearly \$35 million and help compensate for lower than expected state funding at a time of record-high enrollment.

California bill looks to preserve net-neutrality rules

BY JONATHAN J. COOPER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A California lawmaker has introduced legislation that looks to maintain net-neutrality rules recently scuttled by the Federal Communications Commission, setting up a likely showdown with influential internet companies and, if his bill passes, with the Trump administration in court.

On March 13 Sen. Scott Wiener released the details of a plan aiming to maintain a level playing field on the internet. His bill would prohibit internet providers from blocking or slowing data based on its content or from favoring websites or video streams from companies that pay extra. "No one wants broadband providers to decide what websites we're allowed to access," said Wiener, a San Francisco Democrat. "We all want to make that decision for ourselves."

The FCC in December repealed rules enacted during the Obama administration meant to prevent Comcast, AT&T and other broadband companies from exercising more control over what people watch and see over the internet.

Some fear that, absent the rules, internet providers could create "fast lanes" and "slow lanes" on the internet to favor their own sites and apps or make it harder for consumers to see content from their competitors. That could limit consumer choice or shut out upstart companies that can't

afford to buy access to the fast lane, critics worry.

Wiener's bill would require online data to be treated the same. It also would make it illegal to specify favored content that would not count against a monthly data cap. Internet companies, which argue that net-neutrality rules discourage investment in broadband networks, is likely to mount an aggressive fight against Wiener's bill.

"Broadband providers support an open internet with bright line net neutrality rules, but we simply cannot have 50 different state regulations governing our internet — consumers expect and demand a single, consistent, common-sense approach," said Sally Aman, a spokeswoman for USTelecom, an industry group. She went on to say that Congress should enact bipartisan legislation that spells out the rules for the internet.

California would likely face a lawsuit if Wiener's bill passes the Legislature and is signed into law. The FCC specifically barred states from enacting their own net-neutrality rules, but Wiener said the federal agency lacks that authority and the state has the legal right to protect the interests of consumers in California.

"The bill ensures that ISPs like Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon can't use their power over the on-ramps to the internet to interfere with the free markets that depend on the internet," Barbara van Schewick, a Stanford Law School professor and director of the school's Center for Internet and Society, said in a statement.

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

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Castro Valley Unified School Board
2nd/4th Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
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(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

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2nd/4th Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.
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www.husd.k12.ca.us

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www.musd.org
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1st/3rd Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.
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Union City
(510) 471-1100
www.nhusd.k12.ca.us

Newark Unified School District
1st/3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.
5715 Musick Ave., Newark
(510) 818-4103
www.newarkunified.org

San Leandro Unified School Board
1st/3rd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.
835 E. 14th St., San Leandro
(510) 667-3500
www.sanleandro.k12.ca.us

San Lorenzo Unified School Board
1st/3rd Tuesday @ 7:30 p.m.
15510 Usher St., San Lorenzo
(510) 317-4600
www.slzsd.org

Sunol Glen Unified School Board
2nd Tuesday @ 5:30 p.m.
11601 Main Street, Sunol
(925) 862-2026
www.sunol.k12.ca.us

Government Briefs

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Fremont City Council

March 13, 2018

Consent Calendar:

- Amend agreement to operate the City's Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program with Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley, Inc. in the amount of \$200,000.

- Award contract to FE Controls for Animal Shelter remodel in the amount of \$762,871.65
- Award contract for on-call tree trimming, maintenance and general groundwork with Brightview, Imhof, Professional Tree Care and West Coast Arborists. The total service cost will not exceed \$1,000,000 (four agreements for up to \$250,000 annually) for the initial two (2) year agreement period.

- Authorize purchase of 14 police patrol motorcycles from Long Beach BMW to replace existing fleet of Harley Davidson motorcycles in an amount not-to-exceed \$453,000.

Ceremonial Items:

- Proclaim March 2018 as American Red Cross Month. Greg Portillo from the Government Relations Team of the Board of Directors and Fremont External Relations

Liaison Andrea Gorman accepted the proclamation.

Public Communications:

- None

Scheduled Items:

- Consider an appeal of Planning Commission approval permitting construction of a Stealth Wireless Telecommunication Facility at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, 41933 Blacow Road. The 54-foot tall freestanding stealth wireless facility is designed to resemble a church bell tower. The appeal of the Planning Commission's decision to the City Council was filed by the Parkgate Homeowners Association. Irvington Residents Against Tower Encroachment (I.R.A.T.E.) objected citing the following: 1) No significant gap in coverage, 2) Tower is intrusive and blocks views, 3) Alternate site analysis not complete, 4) Question future capacity needs, 5) Inaccurate data, 6) Effect on home values, 7) Location restrictions of Fremont Municipal Code, 8) Aesthetics, 9) Resident opposition. City staff recommended denial of appeal.

APPEAL PASSED 3-2 (Nay: Jones, Bonaccorsi)

Mayor Lily Mei	Aye
Vice Mayor Vinnie Bacon	Aye
Rick Jones	Aye, 1 Nay
Raj Salwan	Aye
David Bonaccorsi	Aye, 1 Nay

Union City City Council

March 13, 2018

Presentations and Proclamations:

- Recognize March as American Red Cross Month.

- Recognize March as Women's History Month and March 8 as International Women's Day

Consent:

- Appoint Joseph Pritchard to the Senior Citizen Commission.

- Appropriate \$18,000 for sports center preschool play area improvements.

- Change order of \$715,000 in for H Street Green Street improvements.

- Appropriate \$150,000 from the Special Parks Fund to the Kennedy Youth Center

- Remodeling project for landscaping and irrigation improvements required due to PG&E utilities relocation.

- Approve the replacement of computing equipment for Economic Development

Department, Public Works Department, Police Department, Youth and Family Services, Administrative Services and City Manager's Office and approve lease purchase agreement with HP Financial Services for equipment from Portola Systems in an amount not to exceed \$318,329.

- Approve revisions to fiscal year 2017/18 fund 2260 Union Landing Property Based Improvement District budget.

- Adopt a resolution to authorize the city manager to execute a listing agreement with JK Brokers to negotiate the sale of a vacant residential lot on 11th Street.

Public Hearings:

- Accept the annual element progress report on the implementation of the housing element for 2017.

Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci	Aye
Vice Mayor Lorrin Ellis	Aye
Emily Duncan	Aye
Pat Gacoscos	Aye
Gary Singh	Aye (Absent during Consent)

TAKES FROM SILICON VALLEY EAST

Vets to Tech Program Expands

SUBMITTED BY
SEAN McMENAMIN

Last week, Lawrence Livermore National Lab and the City of Fremont partnered with Nationwide Boiler, Inc., Lam Research and other East Bay employers to launch a pilot called Vets2Tech Week. The event aimed to 'pre-recruit' veterans into appropriate college programs, educate them on required skills, and provide information about work opportunities with local employers.

The cohort of twelve veterans from Ohlone, DVC, Laney, and Las Positas colleges visited six employers in the East Bay during the week of March 5 to explore careers in the semiconductor, defense, construction, research, and manufacturing industries. Since these veteran students are local, they can often qualify for part-time jobs in their field of interest while attending college.

With the widening talent gap in manufacturing and technology industries, programs like these are extremely beneficial. Not only do they connect veterans with employment opportunities in manufacturing and technical careers nationwide, but they also educate employers on the tangible and intangible benefits of hiring veterans.

Beth McCormick of Lawrence Livermore National Lab spearheaded the award-winning Vets to Tech program three years ago, said, "The Vet2Tech week gave veterans the opportunity to compare work environments at six different employers in the East Bay. The veterans that visited the National Lab met lab employees with military backgrounds. The employees expressed how much we value the leadership skills veterans bring to the job. When paired with the right education, these individuals have tremendous potential to achieve."

The veterans that participated in the Vets2Tech Week gained insights into:

- The variety of tech jobs, from machinists to engineers, that exist in the community

- Training and education requirements for each job

- How military experience can add value for employers

- Career options and salary ranges

- Summer internships and part-time opportunities available to students

- Networking opportunities with veterans working with local companies

Nationwide Boiler hosted a veteran student from Las Positas College, who enjoyed learning about the company and walked away feeling hopeful about a civilian career opportunity in this field.

"Lam was happy to participate in Vets2Tech Week," said Steve Lanza, a VP of Human Resources at Lam Research. "Each company had existing programs and decided to join forces for a more impactful outreach event. At Lam, the students toured our lab, received information on how to transition to the workforce and heard from fellow veterans who are Lam employees."

Dan Hempsmeyer, a first-year engineering student at Ohlone College and U.S. Marine, visited Lam Research and shared, "Vets2Tech is great because it gets us here in person to talk to other veterans who have taken the same path. I think it's effective to show us the possibilities."

Another attendee, Melissa Santo Domingo, is an engineering student at Ohlone College and a former nurse in the U.S. Army Reserves who left a business degree program at DeVry to pursue cybersecurity. She said by participating in the event, it gave her more insight on what it would be like to work at the company she visited and how to apply.

Veterans are a resilient, adaptable, and flexible workforce; therefore, they are well matched for today's tech jobs. During their service, most veterans have gained immense experience learning on their feet, building discipline, and valuing teamwork, all of which are highly-valued skills that employers are looking for.

Nationwide Boiler is proud to have been a partner on this unique model where employers have joined forces to help veterans gain work in tech. Considering the many benefits of Vets to Tech program, it's no surprise that the partners have already begun planning for a larger event later this year.

Ohlone College Board Meeting

March 14, 2018

Ceremonial Items:

- Declare March 31 as Cesar E. Chavez Day.

Staff Reports:

Report from Faculty Senate President Brenda Ahnholz: Ohlone college Newark campus hosted a "Ted X" event with 10 keynote speakers. The Faculty Senate approved Ohlone college's first LGBTQ studies course.

- Report from Associated Students President Martin H. Kludjian, Jr.: ASOC allocated

- money for on-campus events (i.e. high school theatre festival and the national math competition), whether to arm sworn officers and the need to connect students with campus police officers.

- Tri-Cities Career Center launched an Ohlone college career link and app to connect students, alumni and the public to jobs and internships. Over 200 professionals and students attended the 3rd Annual Women in Engineering Mentoring Dinner. Trustee Cox was a keynote speaker at the dinner. There's a new Ohlone college security app called the "Rave Guardian." The app will have a virtual

assistant and a texting feature for police tips.

Consent Agenda:

- Minute Approval for February 14, 2018 meeting and February 28, 2018 workshop. Trustee Shah Abstained.

Discussion and Actions:

- First reading of Board Policy changes to rely primarily on the Faculty Senate to make decisions on degree and certificate requirements and faculty professional development activities. The nepotism policy for personnel decisions would include discipline and immediate family members would include stepchildren.

- A decision to arm sworn officers on campus was referred to the Board of Trustees from the President. Public comment supported the request to arm officers.

Richard Watters	Aye
Greg Bonaccorsi	Aye
Teresa Cox	Aye
Jan Giovannini-Hill	Aye
Vivien Larsen	Aye
Garrett Yee (via phone)	Aye
Ishan Shah	Aye, 1 Abstention
Miguel Fuentes	Aye

Traffic safety presentation

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF FREMONT

The Fremont Police Department is hosting its first Crime Free Lifestyles presentation. During this presentation, community members will have the opportunity to meet Traffic Motor Officers and discuss traffic safety in your community. There are two sessions planned on Monday, March 26 at the Fremont Main Library. This presentation is free and applicable for all ages.

**Traffic Safety
Monday, Mar 26
6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.
7:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd, Fremont**

For more information: (510) 790-6689

**mleon@fremont.gov, or http://www.fremontpolice.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=107
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WILLIAM MARSHAK

Losing a community treasure

Broadway West has announced that it will close after 21 years of theatrical service to the greater Tri-City area. Not only is this a great loss to the fine arts community, but a reminder that the balance between creative expression and technology is fragile. Our government has focused on technological advances, touting this as the road to success. But without celebration of the human spirit epitomized by fine arts such as theatre, aspirations for the future along with lessons and reminders of our past would be lost.

Consider the advances of immediate generations inspired by imagination, emotion and spirit. For example, a stirring, hopeful message was given by President John F. Kennedy at Rice University in 1962 in response to technological advances by the Soviet Union when it launched the Sputnik 1 satellite and successfully sent and returned Yuri Gagarin from space.

President Kennedy exhorted and rallied the nation through imagery, hope and imagination, cornerstones of artistic endeavors. A famous line from his speech "We choose to go to the Moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard" epitomizes the strength, imagination and perseverance of our people. These are strengths of the fine arts – to evoke strong feelings and passion. Without it, many technological advances would not exist.

Arts and science are partners in human endeavors. Each lends substance to the other and, without them, miraculous advances of past decades would have faltered. Those of us who live in the greater Tri-City area are fortunate to have inherited not only technological drive but a rich cultural web, fashioned from a plethora of peoples, cultures and creeds. It is distressing to witness closure of a local treasured resource but hopefully, the Broadway West legacy will inspire others to fill the gap and provide inspirational, thoughtful, joyous and entertaining, quality fare for our residents.

In the meantime, let's give thanks to the hard work and commitment of those at Broadway West who have organized, produced and performed for us. As with many artistic endeavors, much was done as a labor of love without significant financial reward. A consequence of this is

a fiscal shortfall that requires a community effort to remedy. In order to compensate season ticket holders, keep doors open through a final performance and end on a high note in June, Broadway West needs your help.

Visit Broadway West's GoFundMe page at:
https://www.gofundme.com/broadway-westclosure?pc=em_db_co2876_v1&rcid=61b47cd0ca134d729e7d27282e20217a

For information about the performance schedule of Antigone (through April 14th), especially relevant in today's political climate, and a future presentation, visit:
www.broadwaywest.org

To Paula Chenoweth, Mary Galde and all those who have given and continue to offer their hearts to the performing and fine arts of the greater Tri-Cities, Tri-City Voice offers a rousing "Thank You, Bravo and Well Done!"

William Marshak
PUBLISHER

Alex Evans is Swalwell's new Chief of Staff

SUBMITTED BY JOSH RICHMAN

Rep. Eric Swalwell (CA-15) today announced that Alex Evans will join his office as Chief of Staff, overseeing all operations at the Congressman's Washington and East Bay offices effective April 2. He will be based in the Washington office. Previously, Evans was founder and president of EMC Research, a full-service public opinion and market research company. EMC conducts research for corporations, political campaigns, and public agencies and entities, and Evans is a renowned authority with more than 30 years of experience who frequently guest-lectures at universities across the nation.

"Alex's knowledge of and ties to the Bay Area, along with his deep policy know-how and logistical skills, will help my team fulfill its mission to serve the 15th Congressional District's constituents and the rest of the nation with precision and heart," Swalwell said. "Alex has big shoes to



fill—his predecessor, Ricky Le, was my first hire upon coming to Congress, and a trusted advisor and friend who built and led a

strong office—but I know Alex is up to the challenge."

Evans also served as a Richmond City Council member from 1995 to 2001, and as a Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District director from 2012 to 2016. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Berkeley, and a master's degree in public policy from the University of Michigan.

"I'm excited and humbled by this opportunity to work for Congressman Swalwell, the 15th District, and the American people at this critical time in our history," Evans said.

Le departed in February to accept a position with the Information Technology Industry Council.

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Obituary

James Joseph Vincent

March 14, 1958 – October 12, 2017

Resident of Fremont

Loving son, husband, brother and uncle, James Joseph Vincent passed away on October 13, 2017 after a brief illness, with his family by his side.

James "Jim" was born on March 14, 1958 in San Luis Obispo, California. He graduated from Washington High School in Fremont, California in 1976, where he participated in numerous sports in the Mission Valley Athletic League, including football, cross-country, and track. He also played baseball for many years in the Niles-Centerville Little League.

James graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in 1980, with a degree in Business Administration. He spent his career in banking and accounting. In 2002, he was

honored to be a torch-bearer for the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. He loved traveling, and watching local professional team sports.

James is survived by his spouse and love of his life, Susan Vincent, his mother Joan Vincent, his sister Lori Vincent Weathers and his brother-in-law Dennis Weathers, his niece Tess Weathers, and his nephew Casey Weathers, as well as many friends. He was a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Fremont, California. A celebration of his life will be held in the near future.

Donations may be made in his honor to Catholic Relief Services at <http://www.crs.org>

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Flood protection bill passes Senate committee

SUBMITTED BY JEFF BARBOSA

A bill by Senator Bob Wieckowski (D-Fremont) to improve flood protection, restore ecosystems and enhance recreation along the southern San Francisco Bay unanimously passed the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee today. SB 881 now heads to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"This bill has bipartisan support because it will provide access to funding needed to increase flood protection for businesses and residents in the South Bay," said Wieckowski, chair of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee. "This region is home to a large employment base for Silicon Valley and for thousands of local residents. It will help us adapt to California's changing climate and address sea level rise in the Bay Area."

SB 881 would add the Shoreline Project to the list of flood control projects that can receive state flood control subvention reimbursements. The Shoreline Project combines the environmental restoration of wetlands with traditional levee construction to protect properties in San Jose, Alviso, Sunnyvale, Mountain View and Palo Alto from the risk of rising seas and high tides. The area includes the NASA/Ames Research Center, Google, Cisco, a number of other well-known businesses, three wastewater facilities and thousands of residents.

"We are pleased to see the bipartisan support received in today's committee vote," said Richard P. Santos, Chair of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors. "SB 881, together with federal, state, and water district funding, shows the state's support through local investment and will enable the Shoreline project to provide vital protection improvements to South Bay communities from flooding and sea level rise, while also providing environmental and recreational benefits."

The reimbursement funds would allow the Santa Clara Valley Water District to be eligible to receive payment for the state's share of federally authorized projects being done in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Shoreline Project was authorized for federal funding by the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation "WIIN" Act, signed by President Obama in 2016.

The project includes building a 4-mile levee along the shoreline and restoring about 2,900 acres of former salt-production ponds to tidal marsh habitat. Completion of parts of the San Francisco Bay Trail is also part of the project.

Senator Wieckowski's district stretches from southern Alameda County to parts of Santa Clara County.

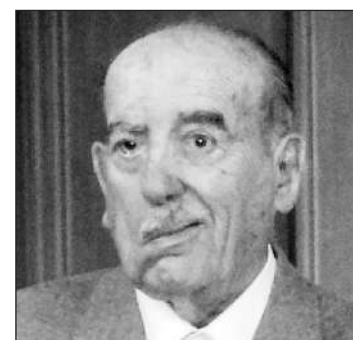
Obituary

Robert Eugene Oliveira

Robert Eugene Oliveira, entered peacefully into rest March 14, 2018 at Kaiser Hospital in Fremont, CA. Born September 12, 1927 in Niles, CA, he was 90 years old.

He retired after working over 30 years for the Fremont Unified School District. He loved gardening and fishing and could build and fix anything, but most of all he will be remembered for being a good man.

Beloved husband of Virginia Oliveira, loving father of Gary Oliveira (Carolyn) and Randy Oliveira (Sharon), grandfather of Robbie (Stacey),



Jeff and Greg and great grandfather of Daisy, Angel and Larry. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

At Robert's request private family services will be held.

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the Alameda County Library

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Obituary

Carmella “Emily” Wood

February 25, 1927 – March 14, 2018

Resident of Fremont

Carmella (Emily) Wood of Fremont, entered into rest on March 14, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Harry Wood, her parents Michael and Maria Tiberio, her sister Josephine. Loving mother of Virginia and Jerry Holmes, Donna and John Hageman Sr, and Christine and Glenn Orr. Grandmother of 10 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren.

Born February 25, 1927 in Chicago, Ill, age 91 years. In her early years, she taught accordion. Later, she worked alongside her husband, for over 25 years, at their spice business, Creative Spices.

Visitation Monday, March 19 6PM, funeral service 6:30PM at



Fremont Chapel of the Rose 1940 Peralta Blvd. Fremont. A private burial will be held at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Hayward.

Fremont Chapel of the Rose
510-797-1900

Obituary

Coronado (Cody) Chua



Coronado (Cody) Chua, age 74, passed away at Washington Hospital in Fremont, in the presence of his loving family on Friday, March 9, 2018. He earned a Customs Administration at the Philippine Maritime Institute and became a licensed Customs Broker. He owned a few businesses in the Philippines: a trucking business at the port in Manila, a water delivery business, a rental property in Parañaque, a small auto mechanic shop, and a fish pond in Laguna. Cody was a master mechanic and was equally at home building or repairing boats and cars. Cody last worked

in Environmental Services at Crestwood Manor in Fremont, where he made lifelong friendships with many coworkers and patients. Some of Cody's favorite pastimes involved socializing with his many friends and helping them with various projects. Cody loved to be active with his hands and had a very sharp mind. He loved crossword puzzles and always had one in his hand wherever he went. He loved word games, such as Scrabble, and he would almost always win. He loved to listen to oldies music (mainly 70's and 80's), but he also had a great love of classical music since his mother was a well-trained pianist and his brother was a professional violinist. He is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years, Lulu; sons, Allen and Mike; daughters, Lillian, Carmina, Katrina, and Angelica; and, eight (8) grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, March 20 at 10am at St. James Apostle Church, 34700 Fremont Blvd, Fremont.

Obituary

Donna Buum

April 6, 1930 - March 10, 2018

Former Resident of Fremont

Donna Jean Buum, of Fremont, CA, passed away on March 10, 2018 in Aptos, CA. Donna was born in Wisconsin on April 6, 1930 and eventually moved to Iowa during her junior high years. After high school she met the love of her life, Bob Buum. They started their story together when they married in 1950 and soon added four children to the family. Eventually their journey together took them to California where they became residents of Fremont in 1962. Bob established his teaching and coaching career at Irvington High School while Donna successfully managed the many family obligations within the home.

She was actively engaged and a strong supporter of her children throughout their years. She was, and always will remain, a powerful influence in both her children and grandchildren lives. Donna was an active member of her church family, Evangelical Free (now Bridges Community Church), in Fremont. Her love for music provided her with various opportunities to participate in several women chorus groups. Her favorite pastime was anything involved with the arts and theater. That love for music inspired her to learn and eventually become a phenomenal pianist. Donna

worked for the City of Newark for 14 years until her retirement.

Donna Buum is preceded in death by Bob Buum. She is survived by Benny Buum, Bradley Buum, Beth Martin, and Brenda Buum Jacobs and their families, which include her 9 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Donna will be deeply missed by all who were privileged to know her. Her laughter and sense of humor was infectious. She had an endearing smile and caring heart, ready to lend her assistance where needed, whatever the situation. That smile was present to her very last hours; amazing love, amazing strength. She is now Home with her Heavenly Father and reunited with Bob.

We love you Mom, Grandma, Donna!

We will be celebrating Donna's life at 10:30 AM on Saturday, April 7, at Bridges Community Church, 505 Driscoll Rd., Fremont, CA. In honor of what would have been her 88th Birthday, feel free to wear your favorite color (her favorite was green!).

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Affordable housing project breaks ground in Fremont

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF FREMONT

Earlier this month, the City of Fremont celebrated the groundbreaking for Stevenson Terrace, a new affordable housing project built in partnership with MidPen Housing. Stevenson Terrace, located

on a 2.3-acre site at Stevenson Boulevard and Stevenson Place, will include 80 affordable housing units for limited income families in Fremont. The project is estimated to be complete in 2019.

If you are interested in receiving application information when the units become available,

please sign up for the City's Affordable Housing Interest List (<http://www.fremont.gov/AffordableHousingInterest>). To view the income requirements for affordable housing in Fremont, visit the City's Area Median Income Housing webpage (<http://www.fremont.gov/Area-MedianIncome>).

Non-profits receive funds to feed those in need

SUBMITTED BY NANNETTE MIRANDA

The Save Mart Companies C.A.R.E.S. Foundation and Lucky Supermarkets are pleased to announce that nine organizations throughout California received grants. Two are located in the East Bay.

The Oakland non-profit Covenant House received \$5000. The Save Mart Companies developed a relationship with Covenant House because of its ties with the Warriors, who, helped this non-profit back in 2015. The Save Mart Companies is the parent company of Lucky Supermarkets, and Lucky is the Official Grocer of the Golden State Warriors. This grant will



Isabel Morales, Head Clerk, Lucky Supermarket, Mowry Ave.; John Nguyen-Cleary, City of Fremont; Alex Moore, Lucky Store Manager, Mowry Ave

help feed homeless youth at Covenant House's YEAH! center in Berkeley, an overnight shelter that accommodates 30 young people, who are fed a fresh, fully-cooked dinner and breakfast, thanks in part to this funding.

Fremont's Family Resource Center also received \$5000. The city of Fremont is a first-time recipient of a C.A.R.E.S. grant, which will feed the homeless staying at the Winter Warming Center. The funding comes in the form of gift cards good at any Lucky Supermarkets store. The food budget is one of the shelter's biggest expenses, and the gift cards should be able to feed around two hundred people.

C.A.R.E.S. stands for Community, Arts, Recreation, Education, and Sports. It focuses on improving lives through supporting these activities. The Save Mart Companies C.A.R.E.S. Foundation has donated more than \$200,000 this year to more than forty organizations in California and Northern Nevada. For more information, please visit www.TheSaveMartCompanies.com, under the Community tab.



Noelle Russell of Covenant House; Tom Hui, Store Manager of Lucky Supermarket, Lake Merritt

Supervisor Cortese Column for March

SUBMITTED BY OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR DAVE CORTESE

I'm happy to announce that we are organizing our third Pilgrimage to La Paz in Keene, California, to visit the Cesar E. Chavez National Monument on Monday, April 23, 2018. The date of our trip is significant. It will mark the 25th anniversary of Cesar Chavez's death. The visit to his burial site is a fitting tribute to the civil rights leader who, with Dolores Huerta, organized the United Farm Workers Union.

We're still working out the details, but you can visit our Pilgrimage to La Paz web page (<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/d3/Pages/pilgrimage.aspx>). It is a free event and open to all. Last year, we visited the memorial garden where Cesar Chavez is buried, an exhibit hall with photos and artifacts, and we strolled along the outdoor paths that surround the area. Also, on the grounds is the 17,000-square-foot Villa La Paz Conference and Education Center. There also will be a Catholic Memorial Mass at the Cesar Chavez gravesite presided over by Father John Pedigo of the Diocese of San Jose.

Register Now for Bus Trip for Education

Registration is open for our 16th annual Bus Trip for Education, which will be on May 15, 2018. Our annual visit to Sacramento connects public education advocates with State Legislators who make decisions about our schools and how they are funded. Visit <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/d3/events/sac/Pages/Sacramento-Bus-Trip.aspx> to find our Bus Trip Registration Page on the District 3 website.

Libraries to offer passport services

SUBMITTED BY ERIK SANJURJO

Just in time for summer vacation planning, the Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) is adding passport services to the long list of reasons to visit the library. Starting Monday, April 2 at the Milpitas Library and Tuesday, April 3 at the Cupertino Library, new passport acceptance facility offices will be open to the public during specified hours.

The new Passport Acceptance Facilities will assist patrons in obtaining first-time passports for adults and children, renewals for passports issued before the applicant was 16 years of age, renewals for expired passports issued more than 15 years ago, replacements for lost, stolen, or damaged passports, and provide passport photo services. A SCCLD library card is not required for the passport services.

“Our libraries provide high value to the community,” said County Supervisor and library Joint Powers Authority board member,

Joe Simitian. “Bringing passport services to the Cupertino and Milpitas libraries is just another example of how we are always focused on providing important and relevant services to our residents.”

To book an appointment, go to www.sccld.org/passport and select a time and location. Service at the Milpitas Library, will be available from 1 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Service at the Cupertino library will be available from 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Once submitted, passport applications typically take between four to six weeks to be processed, with the option of paying a \$60 expedite fee to cut that time down by two weeks. Passports will be mailed directly to the applicant by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs.

Creative Art students shine



**SUBMITTED BY
WINDA I. SHIMIZU**

John O'Lague Galleria at Hayward City Hall presents "Art IS Education Exhibition" featuring works by students of the Hayward Unified School District (HUSD).

"In honor of Art IS Education, we as adults get to visualize the creativeness of the younger generation. We get to see how the children interpret the world around them, and how their truth is reflected through these works. This exhibition



benefits youth and families alike, and it is our pleasure to have these works on display at Hayward City Hall in the John O'Lague Galleria," said Heather Reyes, President of Hayward Arts Council's Board of Directors.

One hundred students will be exhibiting a variety of media including ceramics, photography, pastels, oils, graphite, sculpture, metal, acrylics, and mixed media.

performance by the Hayward High School band, recognitions, tour of the gallery, refreshments, and meeting these talented artists.

Mt. Eden High, Tennyson High, Hayward High; Ochoa Middle School; Eldridge, Bowman, Faith Ringgold, Harder, and Burbank Elementary Schools are among the participating schools in the exhibit.

"The arts are an essential part of developing students to become creative, collaborative critical thinkers. I strongly encourage everyone in the community to come out to support our upcoming artists," stated Geoff Landreau, Mt. Eden High School art teacher.

"Art IS Education Exhibition" is a collaboration with HUSD, the City of Hayward, and the Alameda County Arts Commission, and sponsored by the Hayward Arts Council, which encourages interest and participation in visual and performing arts. Come and experience the talent of our students!

Visit www.haywardartscouncil.org, call (510) 538-2787 or email hac@haywardartscouncil.org for more exhibits and events.

Art IS Education Exhibition
Friday, Mar 23 – Friday,
May 25
Monday – Friday,
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Artists' Reception
Friday, Mar 23
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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"Art IS Education Exhibition" will be on display from Friday, March 23 through Friday, May 25. An artists' reception on March 23 at the City Hall Rotunda will include a



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Wednesday, March 28, 2018
6 pm – 7:30 pm
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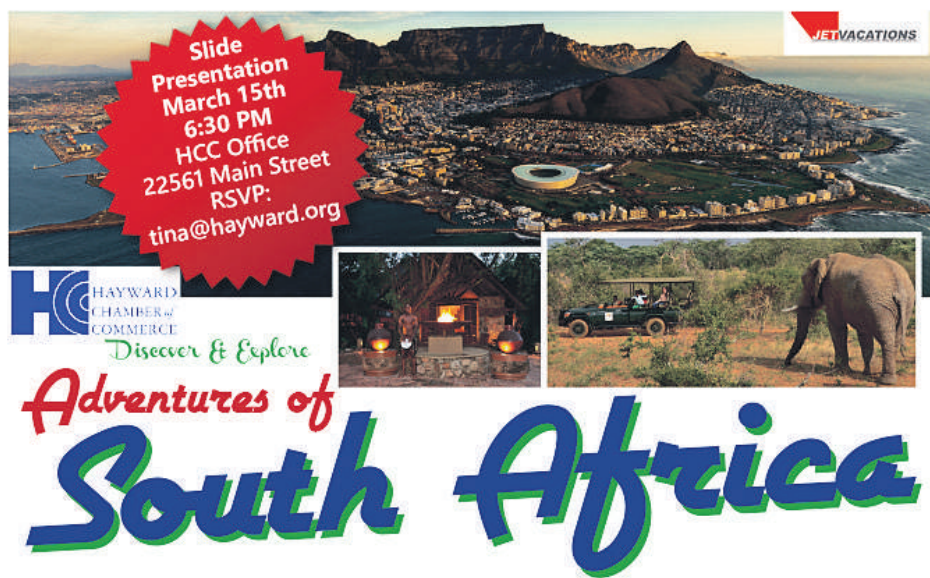
Chef Lisa brings more than 10 years experience in the cooking industry, including co-developing the plant-based diet program for Kaiser Permanente and winning the 2013 Vegan Iron Chef Award. Her belief in a plant-based diet helped her lose more than 125 pounds, restoring her health and vitality.

Limited seating. Registration is required. Call (510) 538-2035 to register.

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Credit card skimmers nabbed by police

**SUBMITTED BY
GENEVA BOSQUES,
FREMONT PD**

Four Southern California men were recently arrested in connection with a debit card skimming operation in the Bay Area, according to the Fremont Police Department.

Police investigators believe the men might be tied to a larger international criminal ring. Locally, the investigation started on Jan. 14 when a Fremont Police Department Patrol Officer saw a suspect, later identified as Iurii Osetskyi, of Studio City, make multiple transactions at a Wells Fargo ATM located in Fremont on Mowry Avenue. The officer contacted Osetskyi and ultimately arrested him after discovering that he had approximately \$3,800 in twenty-dollar bills and more than 25 gift cards in his possession but no ATM card. Each card was wrapped in an

amount of money with the corresponding ATM transaction receipt.

Later the same night, a man identified as Denys Osetskyi contacted the Fremont Police Department to report his brother "Iurii" missing. Dispatch told Denys they would send an officer to take a missing person report. Officers contacted Denys at a local motel and detained him pending a search warrant for the motel room and the brothers' vehicle. That search resulted in multiple recovered cards, cash and electronics that led to the identification of an additional three suspects who are still outstanding. Evidence discovered indicates that Iurii, Denys and the other suspects all traveled from the Los Angeles County area to the Bay Area to use the cloned debit cards in the same region where they were originally skimmed.

The gift cards were later discovered to have recorded on

them the debit card number and PIN of multiple victims from around the Bay Area but predominantly from the town of Crockett in Contra Costa County. It is suspected the victims' cards were possibly compromised when used as payment at a gas station's gas pumps.

On February 27, Fremont Police Department plain clothes detectives saw two suspicious vehicles, a Land Rover with no license plates and a Toyota Tundra registered out of Los Angeles County. Detectives stopped the Land Rover which was being driven by Vasily Polyak of Montebello, California. It was discovered that Polyak is a relative of one of the suspects from the Osetskyi case. A search of the Land Rover uncovered more than nine blue tooth enabled gas pump skimming devices, cloned debit cards and components to build additional skimming devices.

Detectives later saw Polyak

being picked up at a shopping center near the police department by a person in a Mercedes. Suspecting the driver of the Mercedes to be involved in skimming activities Detectives stopped and detain the driver and Polyak. The driver, identified by police as Artak Harutyunyan, of North Hollywood, had a felony searchable probation out of Los Angeles County for skimming and ID theft related crimes. Artak claimed to be staying in Sacramento and only came to Fremont to pick up Polyak. Detectives searched Artak's vehicle and determined that he was really staying at a nearby motel. A search of that motel room led to the recovery of additional skimming devices, cash and more than 125 cloned debit cards. Harutyunyan was arrested and booked at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin.

Suspects in both cases have possible ties to a transnational criminal organization with roots

in the greater Los Angeles County area.

Iurii Osetskyi, 29, of Studio City and Denys Osetski, 37 of Valley Village, were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy, identity theft, computer intrusion.

Polyak, 27, and Harutyunyan, 49, were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy, identity theft, computer intrusion, possession of skimming devices.

Police are asking gas station managers and employees at Bay Area gas stations to please check their station's pumps regularly and to report suspected tampering. These suspects are known to have been in several Bay Area cities in Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Contra Costa, and San Francisco counties.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to please contact General Crimes - Fraud Detective Adam Foster at (510) 790-6900 or via email at Afoster@fremont.gov.

Fremont Police Log

**SUBMITTED BY GENEVA BOSQUES,
FREMONT PD**

Saturday, March 10

At 11:26 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 43500 block of Christy Street to investigate an in-progress armed robbery. Three suspects wearing masks and bright colored jackets entered a retail store armed with guns and a stun-gun type device. The suspects demanded patrons drop to the floor during the robbery. Something caused the suspects to flee the area before they took anything. They left in a van and drove eastbound on Auto Mall Parkway. The van was later found unoccupied in Fremont and a records check showed it was reported stolen out of Antioch. The first suspect was described as a black man in his 20s, about 6-feet-tall, wearing a yellow rain suit, dark sweatshirt with a black mask and armed with a gun. The second suspect was described as an unknown race man in his 20s with a slim build, wearing a bright orange vest, blue jeans and white shoes, and armed with a gun. The third suspect was described as an unknown race male, with a medium build, wearing a dark colored sweatshirt and jeans, carrying a stun-gun type device and black bag.

Sunday, March 11

Officers responded to a 911 call about a fight between two females in the area of Bonde Way and Maple Street. As officers were responding, it was determined the incident was a strong-arm robbery. Officer

Gallagher contacted the suspect about a block away who was still in possession of the stolen property. The 53-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of robbery and at booked at Santa Rita Jail.

An Uber driver arrived to pick up a passenger in the area of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario and had a gun pointed at him. The driver sped away in the car and called 911. The suspect was standing next to a blue 2-door car which was last seen driving westbound on Lake Ontario. The suspect was described as black man in his 20s; a black female adult was in the car's driver seat. The case was investigated by Officer Wilson.

Monday, March 12

Fremont Police and Fire Department personnel responded to an ACE commuter train that collided with a truck on the tracks between Stevenson and Automall Parkway. The driver of the truck was pronounced dead on scene and no passengers on the ACE train were reported to be injured. The collision investigation is being conducted by Union Pacific Railroad.

Police responded to a report of a home invasion robbery in the 4600 block of Rousillon Avenue. A husband and wife arrived home from work and parked their vehicle, occupied by their young sleeping child, in the garage. While the garage was still open, three suspects approached them. Two of the men were armed with handguns. The suspects demanded their wallet, phone and keys. The suspects then ordered the victims into the residence. The male victim was pistol whipped to the face several times. The suspects ransacked the residence and then fled on foot in an unknown direction.

The victims estimated the suspects were in the residence for approximately 10 to 15 minutes. Taken was the victim's wallet, iPhone, keys to their vehicle and home, jewelry, and laptop computers. The child was left sleeping in the vehicle the entire time and was uninjured. The suspects were described as either three black or Hispanic male adults. All were wearing dark clothing and no vehicle was seen.

Tuesday, March 13

A caller reported a vehicle appeared to have crashed into a fence with unknown injuries to occupants. Arriving officers found the vehicle unattended but noticed a person nearby that may have been associated with the vehicle. Officer Miller and Field Training Officer Harvey contacted the adult male, who approached officers while leaving his backpack on the ground. Officers determined the man was under the influence and a subsequent search of his backpack revealed a loaded firearm. The 30-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of carrying a loaded firearm, possessing a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, and being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Thursday, March 15

During the course of an auto burglary ring investigation, a Fremont undercover officer was involved in a shooting shortly after 9 p.m. near Bayfair Mall in San Leandro. One suspect was injured and taken to a hospital for treatment. A second suspect, believed to be armed, fled on foot. No officers were injured. San Leandro Police Department is handling the investigation.

BART Police Log

**SUBMITTED BY
LES MENSINGER**

Saturday, March 10

At 5:14 p.m. Officers responded to a report of a male and female in a dispute at the Union City station. Officers determined that the male, identified by police as Cedric Hart, 55, of San Francisco, was in violation of a restraining order against the female. Record checks showed that the female, identified by police as Marla Armstrong, 51, of San Francisco, had a no-bail arrest warrant for parole violation. Both parties were at Santa Rita Jail.

Sunday, March 11

At 10:22 a.m. a man identified by police as Virgilio Herdon was arrested at the South Hayward station on suspicion of brandishing a deadly weapon and making criminal threats. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Tuesday, March 13

At 12:11 p.m. a suspect identified by police as Alex Woods, 25, of Hayward, was arrested at the Hayward station on suspicion of theft, possession of burglary tools, and probation violation.

At 4:50 p.m. a suspect identified by police as Charimmony Sok, 30, of Oakland, was placed under arrest at the Castro Valley station on suspicion of bike theft.

At 5:11 p.m. a suspect identified by police as Caelan Spence, 20, of San Francisco, was placed under arrest at the Fremont station for a \$100,000 warrant and booked into jail.

Thursday, March 15

At 9:18 a.m. a suspect, identified by police as Serafin Saavedra, 56, of San Francisco, was arrested at the Hayward station for an outside agency misdemeanor warrant.

Friday, March 16

At 12:52 a.m. a victim reported he was in his vehicle in the parking lot at the Warm Springs/South Fremont station when a woman approached and forcibly pulled him out of the vehicle, entered the vehicle and tried to drive away. The victim was able to reach inside the vehicle and pull the keys out of the ignition. The suspect exited the vehicle and was last seen walking through the lot. The suspect was described as a black female, 5-feet-6-inches-tall, wearing a black hoodie and green bag with white stripes. The victim sustained a minor injury to his hand. Responding officers searched the area, but the suspect was not located.

Police officer applications being accepted

**SUBMITTED BY
UNION CITY PD**

Applications for numerous positions, including police officer trainees, police recruit II and lateral police officers, are being accepted by the Union City Police Department. The deadline to apply for entry-level police officer trainee positions is 5 p.m. Friday, March 30. Full job descriptions, salary information and application materials are available by visiting the Union City Human Resources webpage at <https://www.unioncity.org/187/Human-Resources>.

Regularly updated employment information is available by calling the city's 24-hour job hotline at (510) 675-5339.

Newark Police Log

**SUBMITTED BY CAPTAIN CHOMNAN LOTH, NEWARK PD
Friday, March 9**

At 2:22 p.m. Officer Herbert investigated a grand theft at Bengal Tiger Foods, 5438 Central Avenue. The loss is clothing, jewelry and food items.

At 7 p.m. Officer R. Johnson issued a citation to a 32-year-old Modesto woman for unauthorized handicapped placard use at NewPark Mall. The placard was seized for evidence.

Saturday, March 10

At 3:22 a.m. Officer Slavazza conducted a traffic enforcement stop on a vehicle weaving between lanes of traffic on the 36300 block of Cedar Boulevard. Slavazza determined the driver, a 38-year-old Redwood City man was driving under the influence of alcohol. The suspect was booked into Fremont Jail.

Sunday, March 11

At 8:41 a.m. Officer Jackman investigated a burglary at The Salvation Army, 36700 Newark Boulevard. The loss is instruments and musical equipment.

Monday, March 12

At 8:58 a.m. Officer R. Johnson seized the license plates off a vehicle for false registration during a traffic stop on Blacow Road at Autumn Gold Court. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

At 10:40 a.m. Officer Mapes recovered a 2001 Toyota Tundra that was reported stolen out of Hayward on the 35700 Block of Lundy Drive. The registered owner was notified, and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

Tuesday, March 13

At 1:25 p.m. Community Service Officer Verandes seized the license plates off a vehicle on the 39000 block of Cedar Boulevard for expired registration. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Wednesday, March 14

At 1:01 a.m. Officer Hunter recovered a Chevrolet Silverado reported stolen out of Fremont on Jarvis Avenue at Lido Boulevard. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

At 1:49 a.m. Officer Cervantes recovered Honda Civic reported stolen out of Hayward on Sunset Avenue. The registered owner was notified, and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

Indecent exposure suspect arrested

**SUBMITTED BY
SGT. MATTHEW MILLER,
MILPITAS PD**

Just after 1 p.m. on Monday, March 5, Milpitas police officers responded to a report of a suspicious man seen masturbating inside a vehicle near the 1000

Block of North Abbott Avenue. Arriving officers found a man that matched the description and detained him inside a parked red 2005 Toyota Scion. While searching the vehicle, officers found adult pornographic material, sexual paraphernalia and a briefcase containing suspected

child pornography.

The suspect, identified by police as Curtis Dale Vanmill, 59, of Scotts Valley, was arrested and booked into the Santa Clara County Jail on suspicion of indecent exposure and possession of child pornography.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF FREMONT HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (HARB) OF THE CITY OF FREMONT WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS...

STANDARDS/CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE OF POSTWAR DEVELOPMENT (1945-1970) - Citywide - PLN2018-00236 - To consider the adoption of standards and criteria for evaluating post-1955 buildings...

NOTICE

If you challenge the decision of the Historical Architectural Review Board in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice...

INGRID RADEMAKER FREMONT HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD



CNS-3111559#

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF FREMONT ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF FREMONT WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS...

WEST COAST SELF-STORAGE - 45968 Warm Springs Boulevard - PLN2018-00037 - To consider a Zoning Administrator Permit and Discretionary Design Review Permit...

KOT DA VINCI - 39275 Mission Boulevard, Suite 101 - PLN2018-00102 - To consider a Zoning Administrator Permit for a new cultural educational service...

FREMONT USED CAR DEALERSHIP - 46560 Fremont Boulevard, Suite 419 - PLN2018-00170 - To consider a Zoning Administrator Permit to allow the establishment of an indoor by-apPOINTment-only used car dealership...

NOTICE

If you challenge the decision of the Zoning Administrator in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice...

KRISTIE WHEELER ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



CNS-3111560#

BULK SALES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (DIVISION 6 OF THE COMMERCIAL CODE)

(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described. (2) The name and business address of the seller are: SUPERDREAM INC, 1773 DECOTO RD, UNION CITY, CA 94587...

CNS-311187#

CIVIL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Superior Court of California, County of Alameda Petition of Medina Esmati for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Medina Esmati filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Medina Esmati to Medina Fagrzada. 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.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Superior Court of California, County of Alameda Petition of Vaibhaviben Ashokkumar Patel for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Vaibhaviben Ashokkumar Patel filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Superior Court of California, County of Alameda Petition of Jonathan L. Mendoza for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Jonathan L. Mendoza filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Superior Court of California, County of Alameda Petition of Arcenio Nestor Alexandre (AKA Nestor Arcenio Alexandre) for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Arcenio Nestor Alexandre (AKA Nestor Arcenio Alexandre) filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

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against you. The Complaint which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within twenty (20) days of receiving this Summons, which is increased to forty-five (45) days if you are the State of Wisconsin, an agency, an officer, employee, or agent of the State of Wisconsin, an insurance company, or if any cause of action included herein is founded in tort or sixty (60) days if you are the United States of America, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the Statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is: Kenosha County Courthouse, 912 56th Street, Kenosha, WI 53140, and to Howard, Solochek & Weber, S.C., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is: 1800 E. Howard Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53207, and telephone number is 414-272-0760. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

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the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12-1995. 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].)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 5416691-2 Fictitious Business Name(s): 1) PETES PIPES & ROOTER CLEANING 2) PETE THE PLUMBER, 43201 MONTROSE AVE., FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 541452-53 Fictitious Business Name(s): 1. Bradford Productions, 2. Moonshine Star Co., 17600 Madison Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546, County of Alameda

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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Shout out to your community

Our readers can post information including:

- Activities**
- Announcements**
- For sale**
- Garage sales**
- Group meetings**
- Lost and found**

For the extremely low cost of \$10 for up to 10 weeks, your message will reach thousands of friends and neighbors every TUESDAY in the TCv printed version and continuously online.

TCV has the right to reject any posting to the Community Bulletin Board. Payment must be received in advance.

Payment is for one posting only. Any change will be considered a new posting and incur a new fee.

The "NO" List:

- No commercial announcements, services or sales
- No personal services (escort services, dating services, etc.)
- No sale items over \$100 value
- No automobile or real estate sales
- No animal sales (non-profit humane organization adoptions accepted)
- No P.O. boxes unless physical address is verified by TCv

FREE AIRPLANE RIDES FOR KIDS AGES 8-17

Young Eagles
Hayward Airport
Various Saturdays
www.vaa29.org
Email for more information
youngeagles29@aol.com

Free English Adult Classes

Beginning to intermediate conversation, pronunciation, listening, reading
Tues. 10am -11:30am
South Bay Community Church
47385 Warm Springs Blvd. Fremont
510-912-1698
email: esisbcc@gmail.com

<p>Let's Do Lunch! Volunteer for LIFE ElderCare – Meals on Wheels Mon – Fri, 10:30-12:30 Choose your day(s) Call Tammy 510-574-2086 tduran@fremont.gov www.LifeElderCare.org</p>	<p>Soiree Seniors For People Over 60 Many Activities Potluck Dinners, Dancing, TGIF's, Birthdays and more Call Nancy for information (510) 397-1191</p>	<p>FREMONT COIN CLUB Established 1971 Meets 2nd & 4th Tues 7pm At the Fremont Elks Lodge 38991 Farwell Dr., Fremont All are welcome, come join us www.fremontcoinclub.org 510-792-1511</p>	<p>FREE AIRPLANE RIDES FOR KIDS AGES 8-17 Young Eagles Hayward Airport Various Saturdays www.vaa29.org Email for more information youngeagles29@aol.com</p>	<p>Free English Adult Classes Beginning to intermediate conversation, pronunciation, listening, reading Tues. 10am -11:30am South Bay Community Church 47385 Warm Springs Blvd. Fremont 510-912-1698 email: esisbcc@gmail.com</p>
<p>League of Women Voters Fremont-Newark-Union City www.lwvfnc.org Free meetings to inform the public about local, regional and statewide policy issues. Participate in non-partisan in-depth, discussions with guest speakers at our meetings. All sites are wheelchair accessible</p>	<p>TRI-CITY DEMOCRATIC FORUM MEETING Every Third Wednesday 7:00 pm Chandni Restaurant 5748 Mowry School Rd Newark, CA 94560 http://www.tricitydems.com/</p>	<p>Tri-City Society of Model Engineers The TCSME located in Niles Plaza is currently looking for new members to help build & operate an N Scale HO layout focused on Fremont & surrounding areas. We meet Fridays 7:30-9:30pm. Please visit our web site: www.nilesdepot.org</p>	<p>FREE AIRPLANE RIDES FOR KIDS AGES 8-17 Young Eagles Hayward Airport Various Saturdays www.vaa29.org Email for more information youngeagles29@aol.com</p>	<p>Free English Adult Classes Beginning to intermediate conversation, pronunciation, listening, reading Tues. 10am -11:30am South Bay Community Church 47385 Warm Springs Blvd. Fremont 510-912-1698 email: esisbcc@gmail.com</p>
<p>Make a senior's life a bit easier Volunteer for LIFE ElderCare – VIP Rides Drive seniors to appts/errands Flexible weekday scheduling Call Valerie 510-574-2096 vdraeseke@fremont.gov www.LifeElderCare.org</p>	<p>American Assoc. of University Women Fremont Branch Advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. to join or for more information: fremont-ca.aauw.net</p>	<p>ABWA-Pathfinder Chap. American Business Women's Assoc. provides opportunities for women personally & professionally thru leadership, education, networking Dinner Meetings: 3rd Wednesday each month. DoubleTree 39900 Balentine Dr, Newark (Fremont): 6:30-9:00 pm Call Harriet 510-793-7465 www.abwa-pathfinder.org</p>	<p>Teen Bicycle Repair Shop Basic Repairs - Brakes, Gears & Tune Ups! Learn how to build a Bicycle. Volunteer as a workshop repair person. We appreciate Donations! Larry Ordzco Teen Workshop 33623 Mission Blvd., Union City 510-675-5482</p>	<p>Teen Bicycle Repair Shop Basic Repairs - Brakes, Gears & Tune Ups! Learn how to build a Bicycle. Volunteer as a workshop repair person. We appreciate Donations! Larry Ordzco Teen Workshop 33623 Mission Blvd., Union City 510-675-5482</p>
<p>Fremont Cribbage Club teaches cribbage to new players & tournament cribbage to all players of any skill level every Tues. 6:15pm at Round Table Pizza 37480 Fremont Blvd., Centerville Email: Accgr43@gmail.com American Cribbage Congress www.cribbage.org</p>	<p>Is food a problem? Try Overeaters Anonymous Mon 7 PM & Wed 7 PM St. James Episcopal Church 37051 Cabrillo Terr., Fremont Sat 10:30 AM No dues or fees All are welcome! First Presbyterian Church 35450 Newark Blvd., Newark www.oasaco.org</p>	<p>Supporting the Fremont Symphony Orchestra for 50 years! FREMONT SYMPHONY GUILD To learn more about this group of music-lovers call 510-673-0085 or email blgorsuch@att.net</p>	<p>A-1 Comm. Housing Svcs 1st Time Home Buyers Workshop Learn the process of homeownership Down Payment Assistance Every 3rd Sat. 10am-1pm 22693 Hesperian Blvd. #150 Hayward, CA 94541 Register: www.a1chs.org Call: 510-674-9227</p>	<p>Celebrate Re-naming UC Teen Workshop to Larry Orozco Teen Workshop Family Friends, Pot Luck, Music & Stories DJ Jose & DJ Extremo - Ollin Anahvac Tradional Aztec Dance Group 33623 Mission Blvd. Union City 510-675-5495</p>
<p>FREMONT STAMP CLUB SINCE 1978 Meets 2nd Thurs. each month 7pm Cultural Arts Center 3375 Country Dr., Fremont Everyone is welcome. Beginners to Advanced. For questions or more information: www.fremontstampclub.org/ or call Dave: 510-487-5288</p>	<p>Do you get nervous when you have to speak in public? Newark Toastmasters can help Learn this skill and more in a supportive atmosphere It's FREE to attend Tue 7am - 8:10am @ Newark Library, 6300 Civic Terrace Ave 510-402-8318 or 510-796-3562 www.1118.toastmastersclubs.org</p>	<p>F.U.N. (Fremont, Union City, Newark) PROGRESSIVES Join us for pizza and politics Bronco Billy's Pizza 41200 Blacow Road Fremont Most meetings 6pm - third Sun of the month. For Info Visit our website: www.funprogressives.com Contact us at: funprogressives@gmail.com</p>	<p>Free weekly ESL Classes for Adults Beginning to Intermediate Levels Conversation, Vocabulary, Listening, Reading South Bay Community Church 47385 Warm Springs Blvd Info: eslsbcc@gmail.com or 510-912-1698</p>	<p>Flea Market Sat, April 14 9am-3pm Hayward Veterans Bldg. 22737 Main St. Hayward Hosted by AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY For more info contact Elizabeth Parshall 510-749-9733 Email: qnlizbeth@juno.com</p>
<p>Shinn House Mission Peak Heritage Foundation 1269 Peralta Blvd. Fremont Docents & Volunteers needed for Various Activities throughout the year. Free professional Docent Training. Please contact: Joan Serafino 510-795-0891</p>	<p>FREMONT PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP Fremont Senior Center 40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont Meets 7pm Fourth Monday except in May, Aug & Dec Join us for speakers and discussions with members Call Bob Dickerson 510-552-1232 Barbara Degregorio 510-693-2884 d.degregorio@comcast.net</p>	<p>Fremont Garden Club Join enthusiasts from Tri-City area Meets Feb. - Oct. 3rd Wednesday of the month at various locations Social time: 6:15 pm Presentation: 7-8:30 pm Annual dues: \$30 indi, \$50 couples Call Lynn: 510-604-8206 www.fremontgardenclub.org</p>	<p>SONS OF ITALY Social Club for Italians And Friends 1st Friday of month (No meetings July/Aug/Dec) 5:30 social hour 6:30 potluck dinner (\$5) Newark Pavilion - Bld. 2 (Thornton Blvd. & Cherry Blvd., Newark) Info: Gina 510-943-7403 www.giuseppemazzini.org</p>	<p>Fremont Area Writers Like to write? Meet other writers? Get tips from speakers? Join us from 2-4pm every fourth Saturday except in July & December www.cwc-fremontareawriters.org</p>
<p>TRI-CITIES WOMEN'S CLUB Meets on the third Tuesday Elk's Club on Farwell Drive 9:15 – Cards & Games 11:45 – Lunch 1:00 – Program & Meeting Group meeting monthly/bimonthly; marathon bridge, walking group, lunch bunch, rummikub group, pinochle group, bocce ball & book club. For more info, call 510-656-0162</p>	<p>St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store 3777 Decoto Road Fremont DONATIONS: Tues. - Sun. 10AM- 4:30 PM Clean, lightly used clothing. House-hold & furniture. No electronics or e-waste. VOLUNTEERS: Individuals & groups! COMMUNITY SPACE Call for info 510-792-3711 Fremont@svdp-alameda.org</p>	<p>Afro-American Cultural & Historical Society, Inc. Sharing ur culture and history in the Tri-Cities and surrounding area Meetings: Third Saturday Except Dec & Feb 5:30pm Newark Library 510-793-8181 www.aachstricity.org We welcome all new members</p>	<p>Students Looking for Scholarship Money? Enter Newark Optimist Essay Contest Topic: "Can Society Function Without Respect?" to enter: www.optimist.org January 26, 2018 Deadline Mail to: Newark Optimist Club PO Box 402 Newark CA 94560</p>	<p>Fremont Youth Symphony Orchestra Apply online for Audition http://fremontsymphony.org New Season starts on 9/11/17 Monday Rehearsals, 4pm-7pm First United Methodist Church 2950 Washington Blvd, Fremont youth@fremontsymphony.org or call (510) 936-0570</p>
<p>Scholarships for Women Our Fremont PEO chapter sponsors scholarships for women entering college, earning another degree, or returning to school after 2+ years. Low interest education loans. Apply online for these: www.peocalifornia.org wordsmitt65@gmail.com for more info</p>	<p>Are You Troubled By Someone's Drinking? Al-Anon and Alateen are here to help. Al-Anon has but one purpose: to help families of alcoholics. We share our experience, strength, and hope. www.ncwsa.org for a meeting near you, or call 510-276-2270, or email Easyduz@gmail.com</p>	<p>Are you or a loved one struggling with mental health challenges? You are not alone. NAMI – The National Alliance on Mental Illness offers Free, confidential classes and support groups We can help. Call Kathryn at (408) 422-3831 Leave message</p>	<p>MY SISTERS CLOSET FLEA MKT FOE Aux 1139 will hold it Saturday, March 31 2018 8am-3pm Tables \$24 pd in Advance -Mar-24 21406 Foothill Blvd, Hayward Benefits Local Charities Call 510-584-1568 Clothes, Knick Knacks, books, tools, etc</p>	<p>2018 Walk to Cure Arthritis - Tri-Valley Saturday, May 19th at LifeStyleRx 1119 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore Registration 9:00 a.m. Walk begins at 10:00 a.m. 1 or 3 mile options, Post-Walk BBQ, Expo, Raffle Prizes, Kids Zone, Canine Corner www.walktocurearthritis.org/TriValley or Call (415) 356-5484</p>
<p>Men's Prostate Group Join us for monthly support group We discuss treatment options, medical break-throughs, and have informed speakers. Meet at 6:30pm 2nd Tuesday of the month St. Rose Hospital, Room B2, 27190 Calaroga Ave. Hayward. Call Lonnie Silva for info 510-783-5121</p>	<p>FREE QUALITY INCOME TAX PREPARATION By IRS-Certified Tax Preparers \$54,000 or less annual household income. Other restrictions may apply. Tri-City Volunteers Use Thrift Store entrance 37350 Joseph St, Fremont Mondays - thru April 16. 10am – 2pm Drop-off service (basic returns only) 510.574.2020</p>	<p>FREE QUALITY INCOME TAX PREPARATION By IRS-Certified Tax Preparers \$54,000 or less annual household income. Other restrictions may apply. New Haven Adult School 600 G St, Union City Saturdays - thru April 14. 10am – 1:30pm (Closed Mar 10) Walk-in and self-prep services available 510.574.2020</p>	<p>Pac Christi A non-violent peace movement with study and action Free meetings the 1st & 3rd Thursday each month 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (510) 862-2953 marykatesherbs@gmail.com</p>	<p>Native Plant Sale Sunday, May 6 10am-5pm Lorenzo High Enviro club 50 East Leweling San Lorenzo Bargains-Most plants \$5 Over 60 native plants species 500 + student grown plants East Bay MUD Talks, rebates Garden Talks by experts Bringbackthenatives.net</p>
<p>SparkPoint Financial Services for Low-Income Residents FREE financial coaching & services SparkPoint Info Session 3rd Thursday, 6-7pm City of Fremont Family Resource Center 39155 Liberty St, Rm #A120, Fremont To register, call 574-2020 Fremont.gov/SparkPointFRC</p>	<p>Fremont Family Resource Center 24 agencies help Tri-City residents with employment, counseling, childcare subsidies, housing, legal, public benefits, health insurance, a drop-in childcare center & more. M-F 8-5. 39155 Liberty St, Fremont 510.574.2000 or Fremont.gov/FRC</p>	<p>FREE QUALITY INCOME TAX PREPARATION By IRS-Certified Tax Preparers \$54,000 or less annual household income. Other restrictions may apply. Family Resource Center 39155 Liberty St, Rm #H830 Fremont Open now thru April 13. Wed & Thurs: 4pm - 8pm Fri: 10am - 1pm 510.574.2020</p>	<p>Pac Christi A non-violent peace movement with study and action Free meetings the 1st & 3rd Thursday each month 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (510) 862-2953 marykatesherbs@gmail.com</p>	<p>Native Plant Sale Sunday, May 6 10am-5pm Lorenzo High Enviro club 50 East Leweling San Lorenzo Bargains-Most plants \$5 Over 60 native plants species 500 + student grown plants East Bay MUD Talks, rebates Garden Talks by experts Bringbackthenatives.net</p>

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Supervisors Haggerty and Valle came to Fremont last January to “listen to you,” and Mayor Lily Mei was in attendance. The county presented a microbrewery ordinance which they have been crafting for 18 months, to allow tasting rooms by right. An overflow crowd of more than 100 turned out, concerned about a large development in the hills east of the city and the safety of our public roads.

Fremont Residents in the audience were well-informed and expressed suspicion about development in the hills. The proposed ordinance is a crafty brew, but it has malodorous implications. The city would maintain the rural roads, while the county would reap the tax revenue. A 12,000-sq. ft.

“agricultural barn” constructed at the end of Morrison Canyon Road is classified as Utility/Storage, not Assembly/Gathering. It has in-floor radiant heating, two walk-in refrigerators, an elevator, ADA-compliant restrooms, panic hardware on emergency exits for large crowds, a large parking lot, and a 2,000-sq. ft. patio-deck. The banquet hall will hold hundreds, impacting road safety and traffic volume. According to court filings by the developer, Vargas and Morrison Canyon Roads are “narrow, dangerous and substandard.” The court action filed in 2008 delayed the opening of Vargas Plateau Regional Park until 2016.

The 2015 Grand Jury reported on permitting irregularities, involving the

developer and the Chief of Staff for Supervisor Haggerty. Agri-tourism should not be sited on unsafe roads and the development at Vargas Plateau would flout both city Measure T (the Hill Area Initiative) and Measure D (the East County Area Plan). Large gatherings at the “agricultural barn” would be incompatible with agricultural zoning—and overburden our local roads.

The people of Fremont spoke to the county supervisors loudly and clearly in January 2018. We won't put up with stealth development in our hills. Tell your county and city officials that you vote to protect road safety and agricultural lands.

wm. yragui
Mission Peak Conservancy

A crafty brew

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Transportation in Union City

As the Mayor of Union City, I have been honored to serve my community as a public servant for 30 years. As a prior Redevelopment Advisory Committee member and Planning Commissioner, I was at the forefront of developing and advocating for transportation policies that benefit Union City and this region. It has always been my goal to improve access to transit, pursue additional transit options that connect to Union City BART and overall, ensure the successful build-out of the Station District, a transit-oriented community that connects jobs, housing, and transit. Additionally, since becoming mayor in 2012, I have fought to keep Dumbarton Rail a priority project for the region.

An article published on February 26, 2018 titled “Union City looks to divert \$75 million in public transit funds for new \$320 million road” in the San Jose Mercury News neglected to inform the public on basic facts about the East-West Connector project. There are three key points that were not conveyed, yet are critical in people's comprehensive understanding of this project.

First, the Station District was envisioned 20 years ago in partnership with BART, Dumbarton Rail, ACE, Capitol Corridor and transportation planning agencies from three counties. We are proud to have transformed more than 90 acres of vacant, underutilized, and environmentally contaminated land with a negative land value into a thriving pedestrian and transit-oriented community that generates significant property tax to fund schools and county services.

Union City secured \$160 million in funding to construct the BART improvements, infrastructure for the Station District, and the construction of affordable housing. This work has included a new BART east entrance to provide direct access to the new housing, extensive remodeling with new elevators, escalators, a widened passenger platform, solar

collectors over bus facilities that power the BART Station, and other passenger amenities. The Station District, winner of numerous awards, has 1,700 new housing units built or entitled and 1.2 million square feet of planned office space – all at Union City BART. There are an additional 80 acres of underutilized land awaiting development.

Second, a road to Union City BART has been approved twice by Alameda County voters. It is an integral component of Union City's Station District and has been a part of city and regional planning for 30 years.

Third, construction of the East-West Connector will provide a crucial second access point to the Station District for fire trucks to protect the high-density housing and offices, direct commuter bus access to BART, and improved bicycle access for the community with easy access to regional parks and trails. Building the East-West Connector does not mean that we stop working to bring ACE, Capital Corridor, and Dumbarton Rail to Union City. Union City took the lead to certify the EIR on rail track improvements needed to connect Union City BART.

I am strongly committed to continuing my work with my colleagues at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Alameda County Transportation Commission, SamTrans, and business partners on the peninsula to secure the funding to construct Dumbarton Rail and to connect directly with Union City BART.

Several myths have recently been published in newspapers and organizational newsletters, on various news sites and on social media concerning the East-West Connector. I highly encourage readers to go to <https://www.unioncity.org/385/East-West-Connector-Fact-or-Fiction> to learn about the truths behind this important project.

Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci
Union City

Charter school employs independent learning

SUBMITTED BY KORI ARCHIBALD

In 1998, two passionate Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) teachers envisioned a new educational model: a non-classroom-based system that would provide every student a personalized educational plan to account for individual strengths

and weaknesses. The goal would be to produce creative, lifelong, self-motivated thinkers and learners.

FUSD's Circle of Independent Learning (COIL) is the result of that vision, an independent study charter school bringing together credentialed teachers, staff, parents, students, and community members working cooperatively. On-site classes include science labs, math, French, music, art, mock trials, robotics, leadership, career exploration, and more. Educational field trips allow students and parents together to experience our community's

offerings while reinforcing homework-based lessons.

The state-funded COIL program is sponsored by FUSD and managed by a Governance Council of parents, community members, and teachers who follow Federal and California State Charter-School and Independent Study guidelines. Accreditation comes from the Accrediting Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

If you are interested in learning more about our program, we invite you to check out our website at www.coilk12.net

Quirk honors Chief Boykins at Woman of the Year Ceremony



Chief Boykins poses with Assemblymember Brian Dahle (Republican Leader), Assemblymember Eloise Gómez Reyes, Assemblymember Susan Eggman (Chair, Women's Caucus) and Speaker Anthony Rendon on the Assembly Floor as she receives her Woman of the Year recognition

SUBMITTED BY TOMASA DUEÑAS

The California Legislature celebrated Women's History Month by honoring women who have contributed to their community. Assemblymember Bill Quirk (D-Hayward) chose to honor Chief Sheryl Boykins at this year's Woman of the Year Ceremony. Chief Boykins spent 28 years working for the

Hayward Police Department. She joined the California State University, East Bay Police Department as Chief in 2013.

“I am humbled and honored to be the recipient of this award, and because I am so deeply aware of its significance. I will let young ladies and mature women know that their dreams and success are possible and within their reach. They need only to believe and to be believed,” said Chief Boykins.

“Chief Boykins is an exemplary public servant and serves as a role model to women and girls. Her job requires her to think on her feet, operate proactively, and deal with high-stress situations—all of which she does with her motto in mind: ‘I want people to see the department as one of us not one of them,’” said Assemblymember Quirk about his honoree.



Chief Boykins (center) is joined by her daughter, Andrea Pierce, and Union City Police Chief Darryl McAllister during the Women of the Year luncheon celebration.

A Hometown Recipe for Hope

SUBMITTED BY LEADERSHIP FREMONT CLASS OF 2018

Each night, 4,100 individuals live in their own homes instead of on the streets, due to the efforts of Abode Services. Since 2010, Abode has placed 7,232 people in secure permanent housing. Leadership Fremont, a nine-month program of the Fremont Chamber of Commerce to develop local leaders with the skills to address community needs, is partnering with Abode Services to complete a community service project that will benefit Fremont.

The Leadership Class of 2018 has decided to focus its efforts on an urgent need at Abode's Sunrise Village facility. Sunrise Village, the only shelter of its kind in the Bay Area specially designed to house homeless families and single adults in an efficient and dignified manner, needs an upgrade of its kitchen facilities. Leadership Fremont's goal is to replace dated equipment in the Sunrise Village commercial kitchen that serves three meals a day to approximately 63 individuals on any given day.

Our goal, with your generous support, is to raise \$40,900. Excess funds will be used to purchase food and kitchen supplies. Join us by making a charitable contribution to nurture the health and well-being of the children and adults at Sunrise Village. To donate online, visit: abodeservices.org or gofundme.com/FLA2018-ABODE. Checks can be mailed to Abode Services, 40849 Fremont Boulevard, Fremont CA 94538. Please make your check out to “Abode Services” and put “Leadership Fremont 2018” in the memo line. All donations are tax-deductible.

We are proud to say that we are currently halfway to our goal. Thank you to all who have donated, and to our corporate sponsors: Washington Hospital for a Platinum sponsorship, Cargill for a Silver sponsorship, and Kaiser Permanente for a Bronze sponsorship.

Thank you for your support!

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Park It

BY NED MACKAY

New trailhead at Pleasanton Ridge

A new trailhead has opened at Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park, giving visitors access to the north end of the long, linear parkland without the need for an extended hike or ride. The new Castlewood trailhead is located close to the intersection of Foothill Road and Old Foothill Road, west of Pleasanton's Alviso Adobe Community Park.

The project is a joint partnership between East Bay Regional Park District and the city of Pleasanton. It was made possible when the Park District purchased the 231-acre Castleridge property in 2014 for \$2.2 million. Funding came from a \$1 million grant through the Alameda County Altamont Landfill and Resource Facility Open Space Advisory Committee, with matching funds from the Park District's Measure WW.

The site has street parking for up to 50 vehicles, a drinking water fountain, accessible restroom, and gated access serving two neighboring communities.

Pleasanton Ridge is a long, narrow park extending north along a ridgeline from the town of Sunol almost all the way to Interstate 680. It has miles of hiking, equestrian and cycling trails, panoramic views of the Livermore and Sunol valleys, abundant wildlife, and beautiful wildflower displays in the spring. Maps of the park can be downloaded from the Park District web site, www.ebparks.org.

Naturalist Dino Labiste will lead a program at Coyote Hills Regional Park in Fremont on how ancient cultures made fire without matches. It's from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 25, and includes hands-on activities and demonstrations. The minimum age for participants is 16 years.

We visit the hardware store for string and rope, but ancient cultures had to make it themselves. Dino will show how,

during a program from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. the same day. Dino will demonstrate gathering, preparing, extracting and plying plant materials to produce cordage, and the group will practice the leg rolling method of processing plant fibers. The program is for ages nine and older.

Both programs are free, but registration is required. To register, call (888) 327-2757 and select option 2. For fire making, refer to program 19927. For cordage, the number is 19934. Both meet at the front entrance of the visitor center.

Coyote Hills is at the end of Patterson Ranch Road off Paseo Padre Parkway. There's a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle. For information, call (510) 544-3220.

The interpretive staff at Crab Cove Visitor Center in Alameda will celebrate the arrival of spring with a 'Splash Into Spring and Egg Scramble' from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 24. Sponsors are the Park District, Alameda Recreation and Parks, and Alameda Rotary.

It's a full day of family

activities, starting with crafts and games from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. around the visitor center lawn. The egg hunt is at 11:30 a.m. The bay will be highlighted from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Old Wharf Classroom. From 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. it's Family Nature Fun, and the fish get fed from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Crab Cove is at the end of McKay Avenue off Alameda's Central Avenue. There's more parking in the Crown Beach lot at the intersection of Shore Line and Otis Drives. If it rains, the event will be postponed until March 31. Call (510) 544-3187.

Las Trampas Regional Wilderness in San Ramon consists of two ridges with a canyon between them. Plants and animals that live along the canyon's creek are the theme of a naturalist-led walk from 8 to 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 25.

Meet at the parking lot at the north end of Bollinger Canyon Road off Crow Canyon Road in San Ramon. Call (510) 544-3249 for information.

Secrets of spring birds will be revealed during a program from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, March 24 at Contra Loma Regional Park in Antioch, led by naturalist Kevin Dixon. This is the season when birds are finding food, singing and looking for mates.

Contra Loma is at the end of Frederickson Lane off Golf Course Road. Meet at the main parking lot. There's a \$5 parking fee per vehicle. For information, call (888) 327-2757, ext. 2755.

The land that is now Big Break Regional Shoreline used to be an asparagus farm. The park's interpretive staff will lead a walk from 2 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, in search of the green stalks.

Big Break is at 69 Big Break Road off Main Street in Oakley. Call (888) 327-2757, ext. 3050.

This is just a sample. There's lots more going on in the regional parks. Check out the web site, www.ebparks.org

Glenmoor student super speller



Le with her teacher, Nora Prescott, and Glenmoor Principal, Brian Benevides

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN GILMORE

Congratulations to Glenmoor Elementary School 5th-grader, Vivian Le, who took first place among elementary schoolers in the 2018 Alameda County Spelling Bee on March 10. Correctly spelling 'Magnanimous' earned Le a spot in the California State Spelling Bee in May.

East Bay students advance to state spelling bee

SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE SMITH McDONALD

A quartet of talented spellers representing all corners of Alameda County have advanced to the California State Spelling Bee after outstanding performances at the annual Alameda County Elementary and Junior High Spelling Bees. This annual event, hosted by the Core Learning Department of the Alameda County Office of Education, took place at Canyon Middle School on Saturday, March 10.

Fifty-three participated in the annual competition, representing 10 Alameda County districts. Students in elementary (grades 4-6) and junior high (grades 7-8) competed for the top two spots in each division and the opportunity to move on to the state elementary and junior high school spelling bees in May.

Elementary Spelling Bee winners:

- 1st place: Vivian Le, fifth grade, Glenmoor Elementary (Fremont Unified School District)
- 2nd place: Olayenni Elenitoba-Johnson, fifth grade, Snow Elementary (Newark Unified School District)
- 3rd place: Saskia Lee, fifth grade, Crocker Highlands Elementary (Oakland Unified School District)
- 4th place: Adriana Argyriou, fifth grade, Haight Elementary (Alameda Unified School District)

Vivian Le and Olayenni Elenitoba will represent Alameda County at the State Elementary Spelling Bee on May 12 at the San Joaquin County Office of Education in Stockton.

Junior High Spelling Bee winners:

- 1st place: Anisha Rao, seventh grade, Fallon Middle School (Dublin Unified School District)
- 2nd place: Hazel Pruius, eighth grade, Lincoln Middle School (Alameda Unified School District)
- 3rd place: Isabel Enriquez, eighth grade, Canyon Middle School (Castro Valley Unified School District)
- 4th place: Lily Engelsjerd, seventh, Joe Mitchell Middle School (Livermore Unified School District)

Anisha Rao and Hazel Pruius will represent Alameda County at the State Junior High Spelling Bee on May 5 at Miller Creek Middle School in San Rafael.

Toys R Us closure will have a ripple effect

BY ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
ASSOCIATED PRESS RETAIL WRITER

The demise of Toys R Us will have a ripple effect on everything from toy makers to consumers to landlords.

The 70-year-old retailer is headed toward shuttering its U.S. operations, jeopardizing the jobs of some 30,000 employees while spelling the end for a chain known to generations of children and parents for its sprawling stores and Geoffrey the giraffe mascot.

The closing of the company's 740 U.S. stores over the coming months will finalize the downfall of the chain that succumbed to heavy debt and relentless trends that undercut its business, from online shopping to mobile games. And it will force toy makers and landlords who depended on the chain to scramble for alternatives.

CEO David Brandon told employees on March 14 that the company's plan is to liquidate all of its U.S. stores, according to an audio recording of the meeting obtained by The Associated Press.

Brandon said Toys R Us will try to bundle its Canadian business, with about 200 stores, and find a buyer. The company's U.S. online store would still be running for the next couple of weeks in case there's a buyer for it. Workers in the U.S. will get paid for the next 60 days if they show up for work, but after that all benefits and pay will be cut, Brandon told employees at the meeting, according to the recording. Some workers will be asked to stay longer to help with the liquidation.

It's likely to also liquidate its businesses in Australia, France, Poland, Portugal and Spain, according to the recording. It's already shuttering its business in the United Kingdom. That would leave it with stores in Canada, central Europe and Asia, where it could find buyers for those assets.

Toys R Us Asia Ltd. has more than 400 retail outlets in Brunei, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand. It is a Hong Kong-based joint venture with the Fung Group, which owns a 15 percent stake. It also controls Asian sourcing giant Li & Fung, a major supplier to Western retailers like Wal-Mart.

When Toys R Us initially announced it was filing for bankruptcy protection last year, the Asian venture said it was not affected and operated as a separate legal entity independent of other Toys R Us businesses around the world.

In Hong Kong, where Toys R Us has 15 stores, parents said there were few other choices in a retail market dominated by a few big players. "If you want something like a mainstream toy shop, then Toys R Us is the only place you can go," said Ching-yng Choi, whose home and office are both within walking distance of Toys R Us shops. "Basically either it's Toys R Us or you go to specialized and very expensive toy shops that sell, for example, wooden toys that come from very far away countries like in Europe," she said.

Toys R Us had about 60,000 full-time and part-time employees worldwide last year. Brandon said on the recording that the company would be filing liquidation papers and there would be a bankruptcy court hearing on March 15. "We

worked as hard and as long as we could to turn over every rock," Brandon told employees.

The company's troubles have affected toy makers Mattel and Hasbro, which are big suppliers to the chain. But the likely liquidation will have a bigger impact on smaller toy makers that rely more on the chain for sales. Many have been trying to diversify in recent months as they fretted about the chain's survival.

Toys R Us has been hurt by the shift to mobile devices taking up more play time. But steep sales declines over the holidays and thereafter were the deciding factor, said Jim Silver, editor-in-chief of toy review site TTPM.com.

The company didn't do enough to emphasize that it was reorganizing but not going out of business, Silver said. That misperception led customers to its stores because they didn't think they would be able to return gifts.

Now, the \$11 billion in sales still happening at Toys R Us each year will disperse to other retailers like Amazon and discounters, analysts say. Other chains, seeing that Toys R Us was vulnerable, got more aggressive. J.C. Penney opened toy sections last fall in all 875 stores. Target and Walmart have been expanding their toy selections. Even Party City is building up its toy offerings.

Toys R Us had dominated the toy store business in the 1980s and early 1990s, when it was one of the first of the "category killers" — a store totally devoted to one thing. Its scale gave it leverage with toy sellers and it disrupted general merchandise stores and mom-and-pop shops. Children sang along with commercials about "the biggest toy store there is."

But the company lost ground to discounters like Target and Walmart, and then to Amazon, as even nostalgic parents sought deals elsewhere. GlobalData Retail estimates that nearly 14 percent of toy sales were made online in 2016, more than double the level five years ago. Toys R Us still has hundreds of stores, and analysts estimate it still sells about 20 percent of the toys bought in the United States.

It wasn't able to compete with a growing Amazon: The toy seller said in bankruptcy filings that Amazon's low prices were hard to match. And it said its Babies R Us chain lost customers to the online retailer's convenient subscription service, which let parents receive diapers and baby formula at their doorstep automatically. Toys R Us blamed its "old technology" for not offering its own subscriptions.

But the company's biggest albatross was that it struggled with massive debt since private-equity firms Bain Capital, KKR & Co. and Vornado Realty Trust took it private in a \$6.6 billion leveraged buyout in 2005. Weak sales prevented them from taking the company public again. With such debt levels, Toys R Us did not have the financial flexibility to invest in its business. The company closed its flagship store in Manhattan's Times Square, a huge tourist destination that featured its own Ferris wheel, about two years ago.

AP Retail Writer Joseph Pisani contributed to this report in New York. AP Business Writer Kelvin Chan contributed from Hong Kong.



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Athletes of the Month

This month's Tri-City Voice Male and Female Student Athletes of the Month come from the Dons of Arroyo High School in San Lorenzo. Andrew Waranoff is the Athletic Director at Arroyo.

Nikko Echalas



Male student athlete is Nikko Echalas, an 18-year-old junior who plays on the Dons varsity basketball team for head coach Mike Budge. Echalas was born in San Francisco and has lived in San Leandro his whole life.

He started playing basketball at age two after watching his older sister play the game and played CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) basketball for St. Felicitas before high school. During the off season, he works on his craft and this off season plans on playing AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) ball for Team Superstar and summer league for Arroyo. He used to play baseball and volleyball in elementary school but not anymore.

Strongest part of Echala's game is offense, scoring and passing; short term memory to move on to the next play needs work. Also, basketball is a

two-way sport - playing defense is just as important. He usually plays point guard but can also execute two guard plays as well.

Echallas has two siblings. Sister, Yzabello, 19, is in her second year of college and played four years of varsity basketball and volleyball in high school. Younger brother, Lucas, 10, just started playing basketball. Father, Angel, was a boxer growing up and also played other sports such as basketball. Mother, Marigrace, played volleyball and coached at Echallas' old school for about four years.

After high school, Echallas wants to go to a four-year college and play basketball at the next level. Not sure what his major will be or what schools at this time. Math and science are his favorite high school subjects.

Favorite food is chicken strips with French fries and he likes a variety of music.

His parents are his role models. They sacrifice and do so much for him that he would not be the person he is without them. Favorite athletes are Steph Curry of the Warriors and Kobe Bryant, formerly of the Lakers.

In his spare time, he likes to hang out with friends, play video games like 2k and use his phone to watch you tube videos on basketball or watch Netflix and movies.

Superstition: If he does something different before a game and has a good game, he will do the same thing before the next game.



Vanessa Jones



Female player of the month is 18-year-old senior, Vanessa Jones, a member of Arroyo's varsity girls soccer team coached by Andrew Waranoff. Jones was born in Walnut Creek and started playing soccer when she was four years old. She played club soccer for ten years with California Northstars before joining California Magic, her current team, coached by Haris Obic, when she was a freshman at Arroyo.

She learned how to swim when she was three and was part of a competitive swim team for 7-8 years. At age eleven she played a year of softball and was a member of her middle school basketball team in sixth grade. She has played varsity soccer at Arroyo for four years and has been on the State Olympic Development Program Team those same four years.

Jones is an all-round great player but her coaches love her leadership and communication skills. She also has a wicked slide tackle. She has



played full back, center back, holding mid, attacking mid and forward. She likes center back, but from holding

mid she can create a lot of plays for her team.

Her parents are Chris and

Mike Jones. Neither of them played much competitive sports growing up. However, her younger sister, Vickie, 13, is a promising soccer player with a lot of potential. She will be a freshman at Arroyo next fall.

Also, next fall, Jones will be playing soccer for Division 1, Eastern Washington University having recently signed her National Letter of Intent. She wants to major in pre-med and minor in African Studies. Her favorite high school subjects are sign language, Developmental Psychology of Children (DPC) and AP Stats.

Jones says she just became a vegan and loves veggie burgers. Favorite music is 90's and new school hip hop and R&B. Top three movies are Dirty Dancing, She's the Man and The Waterboy.

When younger, her favorite soccer player was former Cal and USA forward Alex Morgan. Now it is USA holding mid Julie Ertz. She also likes Chelsea, England and Brazilian center back David Lutz.

When not grinding, with her spare time, Jones likes to go to the movies, stay in bed and watch Netflix, hang out with friends and go shopping.

Jones says she is intense during pregame warm-ups but likes to be relaxed before and after the warm-ups. Before taking free kicks during a game, she always fixes her shin guards. To Jones, soccer is not a hobby, but a lifestyle. She will always give up social time to grind in a sport and soccer is a sport in which she can grind!

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Strum with Heart at the Senior Center

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Every first and third Tuesday at 3:15 p.m., the Fremont Senior Center is alive with the strumming of the Comfort and Joy Ukulele Outreach. Currently, they are perfecting their spring performance playlist, which includes musical eras and styles from 'Home on the Range' to 'Sweet Caroline.' Players at all levels of musical ability and experience are welcome; the only requirement for joining is knowledge of the basic ukulele chords. Instruction is not provided.

Two friends, Kathleen Rudy Johnson of Fremont and Linda McEntyre of Castro Valley, co-founded Comfort and Joy in 2015. Both had brothers undergoing treatment simultaneously at UCSF Medical Center. With a deep belief in the healing properties of music, and inspired by their desire to help their brothers, the two decided to work on bringing ukulele music to people who are ill or confined with limited access to live music.

At a ukulele jam one night at Bronco Billy's Pizza, Johnson announced the formation of a ukulele group focused on playing at hospitals, rehabilitation centers, retirement homes, and other facilities. She soon recruited eight musicians. One member who was active at the Senior Center arranged for the group to practice there. Today there are 28 members, including five who sing but do not play the ukulele.

Their first performance was at the Senior Center's 2016 Fourth of July celebration. The group has since expanded its regular performances to include the Fremont main library, several retirement facilities in Fremont, and the Sorensdale Recreation Center for the developmentally disabled in Hayward. They have also performed in several other locations including the Dominican center in Mission San Jose.

"Linda and I greatly enjoy the fellowship of other musicians, the challenges of developing our skills, and the joy of sharing our music with our community," says Johnson.

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