One of the pillars of human strength, comfort and protection is faith in a higher power that protects and brings order to our lives. Each faith ascribes rituals and procedures to acknowledge universal truths and values. Prophets and learned scholars help lead the way toward a limited understanding of an infinite and omniscient presence.

This year, the Islamic faith entered the month of Ramadan – beginning in the ninth month of an ancient Arabic lunar calendar – at sunset on Friday, April 1. A period of introspection, prayer and fasting, Ramadan is a remembrance of when an honorable man, Muhammad, received revelations and sacred scripture of Allah through archangel Gabriel around 610 A.D. These words are collected into a holy book called the Quran.

During Ramadan, observing Muslims do not eat or drink from sunrise to sunset. In addition to Ta’leef Collective of Fremont celebrates a socially-distanced Iftar (sunset meal) in 2021.

SUBMITTED BY
MARY CATHERINE FRANTZ

Celebrate April Fool’s Day with captivating, colorful and sometimes confusing mind tricks. It’s no joke; “Mind Tricks” will be the subject of Chabot Space and Science Center’s First Friday on April 1, which happens to coincide with April Fool’s Day (a rare event that occurs once every 176 years). Learn about how your senses work together to understand the world around us while enjoying whimsical perception-bending fun!

Rare Visititation from the Earth Tourism Association Rotunda, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Welcome three-eyed friends from planet Chatalon, located 50,000 lightyears away. They’ll arrive with their guide J1M from the Earth Tourism Association (ETA) using advanced technology, like municipal space elevators, which our scientists are still trying to understand. Tours begin every 30 minutes.

Illusions in Space with NASA Studio 1, 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
See the universe in a different light and without pressure, challenge your perception with a NASA spin.

Asteroid or Potato?
Throughout the Center, 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.
In 2019 NASA’s New Horizon spacecraft imaged the asteroid Arrokoth located near Neptune and discovered that it continued on page 9

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Housing + Hope = Homekey

By David R. Newman

In January 2022, Fremont City Council voted unanimously to apply for $40.2 million in Homekey funding. If awarded, funding will be used to convert the Motel 6 on 46101 Research Avenue into 156 units of affordable housing. Construction would begin as soon as possible, with an anticipated completion date of March 2023, and the goal to fill all units by June 2023.

Fremont Mayor Lily Mei stated, “It’s crucial that we continue to advocate at the local level and beyond, for permanent stable affordable housing funding opportunities to help improve the homeless crisis that was declared in our city and provide the most basic necessity of shelter to our current unsheltered community members living in uninshabitable conditions.”

In 2019, the number of homeless people in Fremont was 688, as recorded by the annual Point-In-Time (PIT) Count, where volunteers go out to homeless camps. The 2022 data is still being analyzed, but most experts agree that numbers will continue on page 11
Baby Basics Seminar Offers Reassurance for New Parents

You’re a brand-new parent with your first baby. You’ve read the books and talked to your doctor and other parents (including your own) about what to expect and how to care for your new baby. But you still feel anxious—is the baby sleeping too long, not long enough; is he or she getting enough milk from breastfeeding? You’re nervous about bathing your newborn and what about the umbilical cord, you know what he or she has done but you still aren’t sure it looks quite right; when should you call the pediatrician?

Washington Hospital’s Health & Wellness seminar, “New Parents Boot Camp” is designed to answer many of these questions and to provide new parents with guidance in “baby basics,” according to Jessica Miller, a certified childbirth educator and certified lactation consultant at the Hospital.

Miller will discuss these and other newborn issues in an online presentation at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 3. The event will be live on Facebook and YouTube. Designed for first-time parents, the video will offer clear answers for the many questions new parents have in learning to care for their new family member. Miller explains, “This seminar will cover questions that often begin with, ‘is this normal?’ We hope to provide parents a taste of what to expect in new parents while also giving practical information.”

“Our goal is to simplify the early days for new parents,” Miller continues. Topics include selecting and installing the proper car seat for a newborn; bathing and diapering a newborn, caring for the umbilical cord and many other questions—including if a newborn is sleeping too much or too little—new parents are concerned about.

During the seminar, Miller will offer tips on remaining calm, understanding what the range of “normal behaviors” is and knowing when to call the pediatrician. She notes, “The goal is to give clear answers to common questions.” New parents, extended family members and other providers help by accessing the Facebook presentation and ask questions in a live setting. This seminar is offered by the Hospital’s Maternal Child Education Center which also preserves a number of other programs for parents. These include Preparing for Childbirth, Parent Baby Yoga, Breastfeeding, Becoming New Parents, Understanding Fatherhood and classes for grandparents. Currently, all classes are via Zoom. Parental Smart Start and a Birthing Center tour can be found on the website.

To view the May 3 seminar on Facebook, sign into your account and then go to facebook.com/WashingtonHopd. Watching from YouTube does not require an account. Simply go to YouT ube.com/whhsInHealth. If you miss the live event, it will be archived and available for viewing for 24 hours on the Washington Hospital YouTube page. YouT ube.com/whhsInHealth. Additional information is available in the Maternal Child Education Center by phone, 510.981.9501, or email, maternalchild_education@whhs.com.
Last month, Richard Barr, MD, was hiking up a mountain near Kapalua, in Maui. Though the views were spectacular, what was equally amazing for Richard was that he was doing the hike at all. “There is no way on earth I could have hiked up a mountain a year ago,” he comments.

Why? Because a year ago the relentless pain from his arthritic hip would have made any hike impossible – up a mountain in Maui, or in Garland Ranch near where he and his wife live in Carmel. Richard, 79, had been an avid hiker, biker and overall fitness enthusiast for his entire life. But over the past five years, the discomfort in his right hip had increased to a point where he had lost much of his mobility. The active lifestyle he enjoyed so much had essentially ended.

An Important Decision

A retired ophthalmologist, Richard’s medical colleagues advised him he would eventually need hip replacement surgery, but he tried to put it off for as long as possible. When the pain became unbearable, friends suggested he see orthopedic surgeon Alexander Sah, MD, who practices at Washington Hospital and is medical co-director of the Institute for Joint Restoration and Research (IJRR).

“I’m a physician, so I did my research on Dr. Sah the way I’d expect patients to have done research about me before having cataract surgery,” Richard recalls. “I knew there were two ways to do hip replacement surgery (posterior and anterior), and I was pleased to learn Dr. Sah chose the method that seems to enable faster recovery with less pain—the anterior approach.”

In addition to his clinical approach, Richard was impressed with Dr. Sah’s demeanor, his office staff, and his caring attitude. “He didn’t try to pressure me into having the surgery. In fact, he offered me steroid injections for the pain if I wanted to put off surgery for a while.”

The turning point was a compliment for Dr. Sah from an X-ray technician in Monterey who told Richard that though he sees patients from all over the region, he can recognize the images from Dr. Sah patients. According to Richard, “He told me they have great results.”

A Wonderful Experience

The surgery took place last June at Washington Hospital in Fremont. “I can’t say enough positive things about the entire experience. Everyone at the Hospital—the nurses, the therapists, the nursing assistants—was wonderful. Their focus was on success, both in the Hospital and when I went home.”

As an example, one of the occupational therapists was concerned about how Richard would navigate the two steps up to his house. She pulled out a portable replica of a two-step entryway and showed him how to get up and down using his walker, with his wife serving as his assistance.

“After the surgery, I could tell almost immediately that the arthritis pain was gone,” he recalls. Yes, he had some pain from the surgery, but managed it with acetaminophen and an occasional prescription medication at night.

Back to Hiking, Biking and the World

Back at home, Richard used a walker to get around for a couple of weeks. But he didn’t let that stop him from going to the local mall and being up and about. “Dr. Sah called me several evenings after my surgery just to check on me and see if I was doing OK,” he says. And his care team was always available to answer questions.

Now, he’s grateful for the care he received that rendered him completely recovered. He and his wife are back to hiking, biking, working out and actively participating in the world about them. He has some advice for people considering surgery. “As we get older, we need to accept that there are some things we physically can’t do anymore. But there’s no need to allow your world to shrink if you can take steps to reverse damage or to maintain what you have.” Richard has certainly taken that path!

For more information about hip replacement surgery and the Institute for Joint Restoration and Research at Washington Hospital Healthcare System, visit whhs.com/IJRR.

Retired ophthalmologist Dr. Richard Barr credits hip replacement with new lease on life.
Fremont Art Association is pleased to have Neera Dave as the guest artist at its virtual General Meeting and Art Demo on Wednesday, April 6 at 1 p.m.

In her demo, "A Journey into Zentangle Art," Dave will share with us how to tap into our creative flow in producing beautiful, patterned images one pen stroke at a time. For Dave, the Zentangle method is an immersive experience not only in spurring our creativity but also in strengthening our focus and enhancing our sense of well-being.

Dave is a certified Zentangle trainer and artist. Her love for drawing and sketching all that fascinates her began at a very early age. When she ultimately left behind her banking career to accompany her husband wherever his business travels took them, Dave felt the yearning for a more artful life and began to paint. It was not until 2012 that Dave discovered Zentangle and was drawn to its meditative power. She found that it provided her great solace and strength, especially during the challenging period of her 14-year-old daughter’s cancer treatment and eventual recovery.

In 2017, Dave turned her daily passion into a career and began her journey as a certified Zentangle teacher. Today she enjoys transferring her knowledge to learners of all ages. Dave is especially passionate about Zentangle as a fun and engaging avenue in helping children with their concentration, motor skills, self-confidence and creative expression. She has taught the Zentangle method to hundreds of students at San Jose Elementary School in Fremont.

You may view Dave’s work at: www.neeradave.com. Participants must register in advance and will receive the Zoom link via email. All details may be found on: www.fremontartassociation.org/monthlymeetinganddemo.
Evacuation of Lake Elizabeth homeless residents

BY VEENA KOMMU

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Free COVID vaccine and testing clinic

SUBMITTED BY BAY AREA COMMUNITY HEALTH
Bay Area Community Health, in collaboration with Newark Unified School District and Newark Recreation and Community Services hosted a free COVID vaccination clinic to boost low vaccination rates, especially in Latino and African-American communities to northern Alameda County. In Alameda County, 67.5 percent of African-Americans and 68.4 percent of Latinos have been fully vaccinated compared to 74.8 percent of whites. Dr. Victor Salazar, medical director at Bay Area Community Health, will encourage people to get the vaccine. He believes that continued hesitancy, particularly among Latinos, comes from misinformation spread mainly through social media, and a lack of access to medical services. The free COVID vaccination and testing clinics are expected to work and without insurance will expand healthcare access for the communities that Bay Area Community Health serves. Dr. Salazar urges people to come in person for a conversation with doctors they trust about the risks and benefits of vaccines for themselves and their children. “For added vaccine confidence know the facts, they decide to get vaccinated,” he said. Vaccines will be available at Alameda County Fire Department Station 28 at 7550 Thornton Avenue in Newark on Saturday, April 2. Persons 12 and older can receive first, second or booster doses of the vaccine. The low-dose Pfizer vaccine will be available for children aged 5-11. Minors under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Masks will be required and the first 100 people getting a vaccination or to be tested will receive a free at-home rapid COVID test kit. Registration is highly recommended, but drop-in will be accepted until capacity is reached.

To register for an appointment in English, visit: https://tinyurl.com/2pbnj05, or to register for an appointment in Spanish: https://tinyurl.com/246448l4. For more information or help with registration, please call the Bay Area Community Health COVID hotline at (510) 662-0645.

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Alameda County Senior Meals Program milestone

SUBMITTED BY HELEN CHANG, SPECIFIC COMMUNITY SERVICES

Spectrum Community Services celebrated the 50th anniversary of Older Americans Act Nutrition Program with a week of volunteer service by senior officials and community leaders at some of its 12 congregate senior meal locations, and on some of its 90 mobile Meals on Wheels delivery routes in the Tri-Valley area.

On Monday, March 21, San Leandro Mayor Pauline Carter joined appointed city leaders, friends and families in an intense hour of volunteer service planting and distributing 4,700 hot meals to-go. At a meeting later that day the City of San Leandro declared this month “March for Meals.” Of the nearly 8,100 take-away hot meals distributed each month at senior centers throughout Alameda County, more than 800 are served in San Leandro.

Similarly, on Tuesday, Castro Valley city and community leaders helped prepare and distribute healthy meals to seniors at Kenneth C. Aitken Senior Center. With this show of support, they were helping to raise awareness for the growing number of older adults in Alameda County facing hunger and isolation, both serious problems that have been exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Also on Tuesday, Alameda County Board of Supervisors declared this month “March for Meals” with a proclamation honoring Spectrum Community Services and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the federal legislation that helps to partially fund community-based programs like Spectrum Community Services’ Meals on Wheels and Senior Meals.

Alameda County residents age 60+ can register for Senior Meals or Meals on Wheels by calling SpectrumCS.org or call (510) 801-6030. Spectrum is also seeking volunteers to help serve or deliver meals at various distribution sites.

Stratford School celebrates remodel

SUBMITTED BY KRISTINA AYNA

Officials from Stratford School, an independent private school with 26 campuses throughout California, recently announced a remodeling and update of their school in Milpitas, located at 25 Corning Avenue, the school serves students in grades five through twelfth.

Stratford School, and the City of Milpitas officials, including Vice Mayor Carmen Montano, attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony on March 25 on the campus. The two-story building now boasts 18 classrooms, a multipurpose room, a library, and plenty of outdoor space including two full fields, playground structures, and a basketball court.

From its inception in 1999 the goal of Stratford Schools has been to provide students with a challenging and enriched curriculum that encourages and motivates students to learn. For more information about their new Milpitas campus, and to schedule a tour, visit the Stratford School website at www.stratfordschool.com then select the “Find Your Campus” link from the navigation bar and type “milpitas-corning” into the search field and follow the prompts. For designs, call (408) 402-4255.
Tri-City Nonprofit Alliance

Vector Laboratories selects local city for corporate headquarters

By ASOK CHATTERJEE, BUSINESS REPORTER

Vector Laboratories is a globally known biotech company, whose marketed-total product portfolio provides the critical tools researchers need to precisely visualize and study tissues and cells, and to ultimately tackle today’s biggest health challenges. Their product catalog represents time tested tools and methods that are used by disease and therapeutic researchers globally to accelerate their lab processes and improve productivity. Vector Laboratories products have been referenced in more than 350 thousand scientific publications and are included in Standard Operating Procedures in laboratories worldwide.

Currently operating out of Burlingame, Vector Laboratories has a storied record of achievements during their 45 years of operation. At other high-profile companies are having the Bay Area, Vector Laboratories has chosen to develop its roots by investing in the new manufacturing facility in Newark. The company will grow to 80 employees in the Bay Area by the end of 2022.

“We are at the precipice of a bio-revolution, which we’ve seen coming since the company’s founding in 1976, and now accelerated by the pandemic. From academia to commercial businesses, our life science and diagnostics research technologies are being used for complex protein identification and characterization technology worldwide,” said Dr. Lisa Sellers, CEO of Vector Laboratories. “We are excited to join the vibrant community in Newark, and grow along with it.”

Newark life sciences companies have more than doubled in number since 2018 to a total of 35, and are continuing to grow. According to the Tri-City Nonprofit Alliance, which is hosting the event, Newark has more than 600 life sciences companies of 3 people and large companies of over 1,000 people are finding the perfect place to expand and thrive,” said Newark Mayor Al Nagy in a statement. “Newark’s amenities and community continue to attract investment, and we are so pleased that Vector Laboratories selected Newark as its new home.”

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Gravity may help bolster energy reserves

EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: What exactly is gravity energy storage and why are some environmentalists so bullish on it?

— James Hitchcox, New York, New York

Switzerland-based Energy Vault is one of the companies developing prototype gravity energy storage solutions that would someday replace batteries as a way to hold onto energy and dish it out as needed for use on days when intermittent renewables (solar, wind) aren’t cutting it in a post-fossil-fuel world.

Credit: None

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Gravity energy storage, whereby engineers harness the energy in gravitational forces by connecting the momentum generated by the electric grid, is a relatively new technology that could serve to revolutionize energy storage given its low carbon footprint and engineering simplicity. Pilot programs to test the technology and bring it to scale are already underway in Switzerland, Scotland and the United States. Environmentalists are bullish on it?

But in the end, fossil fuels will ultimately cost us more. Indeed, our addiction to fossil fuels has already resulted in air pollution, rising atmospheric temperatures, contaminated landscapes and even damaged human health. It may seem strange at first glance that gravity alone can generate so much energy for these simple mechanical operations generate a vast promise for new advancements in energy production that dwarf previous advancements. This innovative discovery may prove to be a sea change regarding the way we generate and store energy moving forward — if only we can build it out to scale.

ONLINE CONTACTS:
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Antioch, including the connecting trail between those spectacular poppy displays, though I haven’t been. Vargas Plateau off I-680 in Fremont often has Sunol Regional Wilderness south of I-680: check Indian Warrior blooms. at Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve in worth the effort. In general, Briones has lots of picnic area at the Bear Creek entrance to Briones Briones Crest Trail, starting near the Oak Grove recent hikes: wildflower trails in the regional parks, based on near its peak right now. Here are some likely Recreation Equipment, Inc. (REI). park district, Regional Parks Foundation, and speed limit for bikes is 15 miles per hour. supposed to give equestrians the right of way. The bells are loaners. The idea is for bicycle riders to take a bell, mount it on the handlebars, then return it to the rack at the end of the ride so another rider can use it. Lets hope that the sound of the bell will alert other trail users when a cyclist is approaching from behind, thus reducing the chance of an accident. Of course, if you don’t use a bell, you can always call out “on your left” or “on your right.” And remember the rules of the road: Bicycles are supposed to yield to pedestrians, and both are supposed to give equestrians the right of way. The spad limit for bikes is 15 miles per hour. The bicycle bell program is sponsored by the park district, Regional Parks Foundation, and Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI).

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Housing + Hope = Homekey

The program has secured over 6,000 permanent units for over 8,000 unhoused individuals, including seniors, as well as the LGBTQ+ youth, women with HIV, the disabled, families, and veterans. Bay Area sites include a Motel 6 in Pittsburg, an Extended Stay America in Milpitas, and projects in San Jose, Oakland, and Mountain View.

Each Homekey property is comprised of an experienced housing developer and managed by a service provider, who is also responsible for enforcing house rules, managing disputes and maintaining cleanliness. For Fremont’s Motel 6, Santa Monica-based nonprofit “Step Up” has been chosen. The housing developer will be able to provide a bed to each of its homeless residents until 2027.

Project Homekey is one of Governor Gavin Newsom’s strategies to stem the tide. It builds on the success of Project Roomkey, the state response to the Covid-19 pandemic, which provided temporary, non-congregate shelter for homeless, funded by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). The strategy is to repurpose existing housing, including hotels, motels and apartments.

“Project Roomkey was a great success, providing thousands of rooms during the pandemic,” said California Department of Social Services Director Kim Johnson in a press release. “Many of these individuals are transitioning to more stable housing.” Project Roomkey helped house over 42,000 people across California, with approximately 20% moving on to permanent housing.

The first round of Homekey funding came through the Bay Area Council, with a second in September 2021 ($45 billion).

California’s homeless tally is growing


Photo Credit: Department of Housing and Urban Development

Chamber honors Hayward heroes

SUBMITTED BY HAYWARD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

During its 78th Annual Awards Celebration gala, held March 26, the Hayward Chamber of Commerce honored four community heroes for their dedication and service to the community over the past year.

This year’s honorees were:

• Educator of the Year: The Luiz Garcia, principal of Longwood Elementary School
• Business Person of the Year: Aaron Ortiz, CEO of La Familia
• Firefighter of the Year: Anthony Conte
• Educator of the Year: Luis Garcia, principal of Longwood

“This year’s honorees are: a community leader, an experienced housing developer and a social services director. They follow in a tradition of past recipients who have selflessly served our community,” said Chamber President Kent Buggenhagen.

“Firefighter of the Year” Anthony Conte is an experienced housing developer and social services director. They know that if they mess up, it’s unlikely they will ever get a similar chance. They understand human beings. Conte declares. “It’s everything that’s horrible in human beings: fear that their new neighbors may be dangerous. Louis Chicoine, CEO of Abode Services, has seen this reaction time and time again over the course of his 29 years working with the unhoused. “It’s based on pure fear, hatred, and racism,” he declares. “It’s everything that’s horrible about human beings.” In practice, applications are referred to Homekey through nonprofits or chosen from the country’s Coordinated Entry System (CES). A mandatory list of unhoused ranked according to need. Says Chicoine, “The winner for affordable housing project is often determined through strategic partnerships and based on pure fear, hatred, and racism.”

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https://www.artinc.org/

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The pursuit of garden trivia

By Daniel O’Donnell

Jupiter’s is arguably the most popular trivia gamehowse, at least in the US and Canada, with an average of 1.9 million viewers per night. It may be hard to believe that a game based on trivia could be so popular. The definition of trivia according to Oxford Languages, the world’s leading publisher of dictionaries, is “short, moisture, or pieces of information of little importance or value.” So why does Jupiter have close to 10 million nightly viewers and a 30th season? If this question was asked on Jupiter, the answer could be “What is because trivia is interesting and discussion validates.”

Garden History:
Archaeological evidence points to fairs in the Near East 11,400 years ago as being the oldest domesticated crop. However, some of the latest archaeological evidence dates only agriculture back to 15,000 years ago in the Middle East. Regardless, ancient Egyptians were among the first peoples to practice agriculture on a large scale. The first potatoes were cultivated in the Andes of Peru. One of the largest economic crashes in history was due to inflated tulip prices in the Netherlands during the 1600s. Tulip bulbs were worth more than the value of the Netherlands during the 1600s. Tulip history was due to inflated tulip prices in history. Some say they were worth more than the value of the countries.

Tulip fever at one point. The first footnotes are cultivated in Peru about 7,000 years ago. The highest tomato ever grown weighed 10 pounds, 12.7 ounces. China is the world’s largest producer of tomato.

Tree statistics:
The tallest tree in the world by volume is a Giant Sequoia known as General Sherman, coming in at 35,000 cubic feet. The Arbol del Tule in Oaxaca, Mexico has the largest trunk diameter of 30.8 feet. Thinnest Manzanita is a Bamboo tree in Australia, India, It has the largest tree canopy in the world, covering more than 4.7 acres. The largest single organism in the world, and previous tree, is an entire forest in Utah that sprouted from a single Quaking Aspen seed. Called Pando, it weighs over 13,227,735 pounds.

Garden wildlife:
Bullfrog or Rolly Pollies are crustaceans related to shrimp and lobsters. Earwig or pinch bug mothers are deeply devoted and care for their young. Crows remember human faces and communicate their opinions to other crows. Turtles are the first land plants to be grown and monitored across the US and Canada through the Tropicosphere program. Some were in space as long as six years and are still viable. Researchers in California are using gene-editing to make smaller tomato plants for growing in space.

Tomato trivia:
2,000-year-old tomato seeds taken from an ancient tomb in China were sprouted into four-hearing plants. Tomatoes native to Peru but entered the US from Europe. Thomas Jefferson is largely credited with their acceptance. The Guinness World Record for the research of the world around us in no test devoid of value. Anything that helps people appreciate the plants of the world is worth knowing.

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Aries the Ram  
(March 21-April 20):  
This is the perfect time to make a commitment to new ways of doing things. You've considered many plans, higher education, legal matters and speeches. Meanwhile, with Jupiter at the top of your chart, you look older and wiser. Since Jupiter arrives, you're more tired than usual, which means you need more sleep. Meanwhile, you are distance. It's all about survival, and testing strategies and deciding who to keep close and who to keep at a distance. You're making plans, and your focus on home, family, and your private life continues. For you – and not be a burden.

Taurus the Bull  
(April 21-May 20):  
Because you're in a sensitive frame of mind, this is a great week for research and soul-searching. Get ready now for Friday's New Moon, which is the perfect time to make serious goals for your future. You're grounded and in touch with your reality. Your ambitions are aroused and you want to do exactly what is necessary. Eliminate the superfluous because it drains your energy. Passionate, focused, and ready for battle, New Moon is the perfect time to make a commitment to new ways of doing things. Your ambitions are aroused and you want to do exactly what is necessary. Eliminate the superfluous because it drains your energy.

Cancer the Crab  
(June 21-July 21):  
The Sun is still in the top of your chart, curing you of a lasting fear. Home, parents, and other people you share your living quarters with are important. You look great now, even if you don't do anything special. This happens once a year and it's definitely an advantage for you! Now is the time to ask for permission before you act.

Leo the Lion  
(July 22-August 22):  
You want a change of pace that is stimulating and entertaining. This week you can make goals or better define the boundaries and responsibilities of your closest relationships. If you want to initiate new rules or new ways of doing things, this discussion on Friday at the time of the New Moon. In addition, you're thinking about your closest relationships, you can also make long-range plans for the future this week. You will be traveling much more in 2023. This will also be a year of publishing opportunities.

Virgo the Virgin  
(August 23-September 22):  
Because you are ambitious, this is a busy and demanding week. You will work hard, so the potential is for great things. You feel kind toward others. You're making plans, and your focus on home, family, and your private life continues. For you – and not be a burden. You have all the skills to make this happen for your career because Friday's New Moon is the perfect time to make a

Crossword Puzzle  
(Thursday, March 31, 2022):  

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## Ohlone announces new head coach

**SUBMITTED BY OHLONE COLLEGE**

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**Credit: California State East Bay**

Secondary bill is back in the Senate for final approval, building standards violation, fire sprinkler requirements.

Seeking to undo obstacles to the construction of accessory dwelling units (ADUs), the Senate is back in session to pass legislation that will allow homeowners to construct ADUs. The measure would permanently eliminate fire sprinkler requirements in both the ADU and the home. ADUs are small buildings that add to the home. ADUs allow homeowners to build additional housing units in their homes.

Speaker of the Senate Kevin de León, D-Los Angeles, said the measure will help homeowners contribute to reducing our housing shortage. California has seen significant growth in recent years in both ADU construction and to help homeowners contribute to reducing our housing shortage. California has seen significant growth in recent years in both ADU construction and to help homeowners contribute to reducing our housing shortage. The legislation also includes provisions that will provide grant funding to homeowners who meet certain requirements.

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Annual Juried Photography Exhibit Winners

Submitted by Arathi Satish

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Julie Gilson, President, Fremont Cultural Arts Council, said, “We couldn’t do this event without the Fremont Main Library and its staff, Fremont Photographic Society, as well as support from Alameda County Arts Commission and a grant program.”

Rajeev Shankar, Exhibit Chairman, pointed out, “Winning photographers came and talked about how they adapted to Covid and modified their photography. One example was a travel photographer who turned to nature and bird photography and won prizes with that.”

Douglas Lennon, who judged the photographs, particularly loved the work of students. “This is the second year that FCAC has had a separate category for students and it is an excellent idea. The work was of high quality, but more importantly, the students are thinking deeply about their work. This was particularly apparent when the winners talked about their photographs at the awards ceremony.”

In the Student Category, first prize went to Veda Jadaprolu for Light at the End of the Tunnel, second to Aakarsh Gopisetty for Isolation, and third to Nivedita Shome for The Pollinator. Honorable Mentions were awarded to Aakarsh Gopisetty, Diksha Haran, Juan Milan Alvarado, Rucha Kelkarani and Vida Jadaprolu.

In the Open Category, first prize went to Siddharth Chhajed for The Betrayal of Evil, Sancha Carter for A Mountain with Love. Honourable Mentions were awarded to Edbord Wilson, Frederic Amin, Gregory Simon, Jerry Horn and Paul Kosterg. The Alvin Docktor Nature Award was given to Jyeshern Cheng for Special Delivery—mid-air handoff. The President’s Choice award went to Knuti VanHoven for Blue Mosque and People’s Choice went to Christine Wilson for Creek Love Birds. This year’s special category Best of Fremont went to Jyeshern Cheng for Mission Hills.

Veda Jadaprolu, who took a couple of winning photographs in the student category, said, “Ever since I was in elementary school, I would take pictures of almost everything I saw that caught my eye. We often overlook the most fascinating aspects of life by only concentrating on what others deem pretty and appealing.”

All photographs purchased must remain in the exhibit until the end of the show. Sales are between the photographer and buyer.

For more information, visit www.fremontculturalarts.org or contact Exhibit Chairman Rajeev Shankar at (510) 399-3049 or fcacphotoshow2022@gmail.com.
Continuing Events

Tuesday, February 8 – Sunday, April 3
Climate Change Art
All - 7-12 noon – 6 p.m.
Tues - Thurs: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sat: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sun: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Gallery Wall (30 ft)
Carroll Valley Library
5600 Northridge Ave, Carroll Valley
www.eparks.org (509) 667-7900

Thursday, January 20 – Saturday, April 2
Invisible Cloud Virtual Exhibit: 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
In-Print Exhibit: 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Gallery Hours: Thurs – Sun, 12 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Traditional Asian techniques with contemporary presence
Ohio State Gallery
125 Washington Blvd, Fremont
(510) 595-4557
www.ohiostategallery.org

Friday, March 4 – Saturday, April 16
Painting through the Pandemic: Artwork as a Relief
Du - Sat: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Duents are on Art from San Jose Gallery members and new artists
San Jose Gallery
105 E St, Hayward
(510) 840-4545
http://www.sanjosegallery.org

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Reception: 4/1, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Opening reception: Featuring the artwork of 80 artists
Adkins Art Center
20595 San Miguel Ave, Castro Valley
https://www.artincc.org

Saturdays & Sundays, February 12 – April 17
Niles Canyon Railway Train Rides
Departures from Sunol Depot at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
$25 for adults
$15 for seniors (62+) and children (3-12)
6 Kikkar Road, Sunol
https://www.nilers.com

Saturday, March 12 – Sunday, April 10
Villainy in the Vineyard
Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 2 p.m.
Friday: 4:30 & 8:30 p.m.
Remy Syrdal, cast to keep her family's small vineyard alive
San Leandro Museum/Historic 320 West Estudillo Ave, San Leandro
(510) 851-2973
www.sanleandro.org
Tickets: $20 general, $15 seniors & under 12

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Fremont Cultural Art Center Juried Photo Exhibit
During library hours
Photos in the theme “In the Name of Peace”
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd, Fremont
(510) 599-3049
fparks2022@gmail.com
https://freemontculturalarts.org/2022/

Saturday, March 26 – May 1
Wildflower Walk
10 a.m.
Enjoy the beauty of spring on this guided outdoor excursion
San Vito Visitor Center
1895 Geary Rd, Sunol
www.eparks.org

Sunday, February 13 – Saturday, April 17
Dee Gallery Annual Juried Art Exhibit
Gallery: Open Sundays from 12 noon – 3 p.m.
Attraction of various media and style by 80 artists
Dee Gallery Church box parking lot
875 S. Park Victoria Dr, Milpitas
Dee@DeeVictoria.org

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 10
Healthcare Network on Clubhouse
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Free, safe conversation, and friendly space
https://clubhouse.com/club/healthcare-network

Thursday, March 31 – Sunday, April 3
Animal Feeding
9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Check out big birds and small creatures
Adkins Historic Farm
5600 Adorned Blvd, Fremont
www.eparks.org

Friday, April 1 & Sunday, April 3
Blade the Kids
10:30 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.
Travel back in time on the train
Adkins Historic Farm
5600 Adorned Blvd, Fremont
www.eparks.org

Friday, April 1
First Friday: Mind Tricks
6 p.m. – 10 p.m.
A night where nothing is what it seems!
Chabot Space and Science Center
Blast Off! Rail Road Station Blvd, Oakland
(510) 336-7300
https://chabot.org
Tickets: $15 adults, $10 kids/seniors and $5 members

Friday, April 1 – Sunday, April 3
Patton House Tours
11 a.m. – 17:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.
Tour the beautiful Patton House Museum
Adkins Historic Farm
5600 Adorned Blvd, Fremont
www.eparks.org

Saturday, April 2
Free Covid Vaccines and Home Test Giveaway
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
BACH Health offering vaccines to kids and adults
First 100 gets free home test kits
Fire Station 759 Vinton Ave, Newark
https://tinyurl.com/2p8m6cy5

Saturday, April 2
Ecoproxy Workshop E
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Join Youth Pasture Laura Ma in completing poop
Carroll Valley Library
3600 Northridge Ave, Carroll Valley
www.asbury.org

Saturday, April 2 – Sunday, April 3
Nectar Garden Exploration
11 a.m. – 12 noon
Discover native pollinators and plants
Carmel Valley Vista Center
1400 Passport Ranch Rd., Fremont
www.eparks.org

Saturday, April 2
Bird Walk – Wildflowers and Birds
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Learn about the beauty of spring from experts
Agg’s 73
San Vito Visitor Center
1895 Geary Rd, Sunol
www.eparks.org

Saturday, April 2
Flower Families
2:00 p.m.
Discover patterns of behavior, migration, and habitat
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Saturday, April 2
Vineyard Tabletop Games
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Play old-fashioned games of ball and hop, wipe, or Jacob’s Ladder
Adkins Historic Farm
5600 Adorned Blvd, Fremont
www.eparks.org

Saturday, April 2 – Sunday, April 3
Access Gridding
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Find food sources for the native Ohlone people
Mission San Jose
43536 Mission Blvd, Fremont
(510) 617-1797
https://missionsanjos.com/
REPORTER/WRITER WANTED

- Proficient in English language and grammar
- Proven writing and editing skills
- Excellent driving record

Time Commitment:
- 10-20 hours per week
- Some weekend and evening hours

DUTIES:
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Send resume and one 300-500 word writing sample to:
tricityvoice@aol.com
Subject: Reporter/Editor Application

AMERICAN’S SMASHING BADMINTON GAME

BY ANGELA XIONG

On Tuesday, March 22, American High School Eagles (Fremont) went head-to-head against Mission San Jose High School Warriors (Fremont) in their fifth badminton game of the season. Mission San Jose Badminton, which holds a reputation of being one of the best high school badminton teams in the Bay Area after having won the Northern Coast Section Team Championships (NCS) seventeen times, quickly established fast-paced and challenging matches against American High School.

The badminton meet consisted of multiple matches being played at once including boys and girls singles, boys and girls doubles, and mixed doubles. While some matches were extremely fast-paced and physically demanding, others were nuanced, consisting of strategic drops and smashes. Both teams played skillfully resulting in very balanced matches with close results. The Warriors dominated the boys and girls double categories with Warriors’ boys doubles winning three out of three matches and girls doubles winning two of three matches. On the other hand, the Eagles offset these results by winning three out of the four boys singles matches, and all four girls singles matches.

In the last girls singles match, both teams and the audience were on the edge of their seats awaiting the results of the final match that would determine the winning team. Every point resulted in roaring cheers from the teammates of each respective player. After multiple tense rallies and two ties, the third and final game broke the tie resulting in Americans’ victory with a final score of 9-8.

“Going into the game, I told my team that the game against Mission would be very tough because Mission has been at the top for a decade or so. We gave pep talks before the game, but I think the game today went very well and I hope my team will stay consistent with our performance throughout the season” said senior captain Akhilesh Nidamanuri.

MISSION VALLEY TRACK AND FIELD

SUBMITTED BY LEE WEBB

Mission Valley Track and Field Club is now holding practices at James Logan High School. Anyone from ages five and above are welcome to join and explore the multiple events track and field has to offer. With trainers for distance, sprints, jumps and throws, athletes have the chance to discover their talents and abilities.

The club is a community based non-profit group serving Union City and the surrounding areas. Its goal is to “Promote Life Skills Through the Sport of Track and Field.” Formed in 1983, it has had over 550 All-American Athletes, and multiple national records and champions come through the program.

Mission Valley Track and Field
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
James Logan High School
1800 H St, Union City
(510) 304-7172
missionvalleymiscellaneous.com
Fourth Annual Robert J. Turbin Charity Basketball Game

By Angela Xiong

On Saturday, March 26, the fourth annual Robert J. Turbin Charity Basketball Game took place at Irvington High School (Fremont). The charity event is named after Robert Turbin, a star football player for the Seattle Seahawks, and an alumnus of Irvington High School where he played for the school’s basketball and football teams.

The event kicked off with a spirited pre-game festival consisting of games including Mini Golf, Ping Pong, and giant Jenga. Between 1-3 p.m., attendees participated in a variety of fun activities such as shooting basketballs, playing football, a raffle, food from vendors, and more.

The game tipped off at around 4:30 p.m., when the Varsity Vikings team went head-to-head against the All-Star Alumni team for the game champions and trophy that accompanied it. From the start, the audience’s loud cheers quickly established the game’s lively atmosphere.

The Alumni team immediately dominated the court, ending the first half with a score of 31-17. From fast passes to multiple half-court shots, the game was an intense competition with neither team backing down.

Half-time and time-outs were filled with entertaining activities including mascot musical chairs in which the Irvington Viking mascot, game-sponsor Chick-fil-a mascot, and Irvington students competed for a gift card prize. Other activities included a basketball shooting contest between two raffle winners, Turbin tournament trivia, and performances by the Irvington Cheerleading team.

Accompanied by musical performer Preston Pohl’s energetic songs, the game carried on with the same enthusiasm and high morale in the second half. As the third quarter started, the Alumni team continued to widen their lead with strong offense and harmonious teamwork.

However, the Vikings relentless optimism and unwavering spirit allowed them to put up a tough fight against the team of seasoned basketball players and professional athletes. In the end, the Alumni team prevailed with a final score of 66-39. “The game means a lot. It gives us an opportunity to bring the community together in so many different ways. There are outside people coming in and enjoying the festival and coming to the game but there is [also] the aspect of the alumni team coming back and having the opportunity to give back to the same community that they were raised in as well, so it is really special and means a lot to everybody that is involved,” said Robert Turbin.

All proceeds will be donated to the Irvington Athletic Department and the Turbin’s Runnin4U Foundation committed to raising awareness for Cerebral Palsy and Multiple Sclerosis.
The Love Songs of W.E.B. Du Bois’ wins book critics award

BY Hillel Italie
AP National Writer


The origin of April Fool’s Day is a bit murky. Whether the moniker is a nod to the advent of spring and a new year following the vernal equinox, confusion about the calendar change from the Julian to the Gregorian system in 1582, or pranksters playing jokes on the unwary, the prank is a staple of April 1.

April 1, allowing those who jumped in with laughter and lighthearted reprieve from the trials and tribulations of today. NO FOOLIN’!

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Presentations:
- Proclaiming March as Music Month
- Award of Appreciation to Associate Planner Joseph Baldino and Community Preservation Manager Mohammad Seifi

Public Comment:
- Resident requested information on the second quarter of 2022 Homekey Project Calendar.
- Audience of approval.
- Approval of March 10, 2022 special meeting agenda.
- Adopt an ordinance admitting Fremont Social Host Ordinance; to the Newark Social Host Ordinance to increase penalties to illegal use of furnaces.
- Adopt a resolution confirming the continued existence of a local entity due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Adopt a resolution finding that there is a proclaimed state of emergency; authorizing community information meetings to be conducted electronically.

Other Business:
- Informal economic impact assessment report generated by Anne Sneller and Michael Cohen.
- Overview of the 2022-2024 capital improvement plan.
- City Council Matters
- City Council members recognized the work of the March 29 meeting in honor of Women’s History Month.
- Mayor Alan Nagy App Mike Bass
- Mayor Vanessa Hammer App Luz Fuentes
- District 5 Council Member Gallo

Meeting will be held and shared with the NHUSD Board of Trustees at a special board meeting on 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 12. During that meeting, the Board of Trustees will receive and discuss multiple options, consider community feedback, and hold a public hearing for additional community input. They may also take action at this meeting to approve recommendations to retire unused assets that will be reallocated for the Alameda County Board of Education.

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Fremont Police Log

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County tax measure coming to end

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Residents are advised to check websites for special meetings, cancellations, committees, agendas and vote results.

City Councils

Fremont City Council
1st Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.
3420 Alvarado Niles Rd., Fremont
(510) 944-2800
www.fremont.gov

Hayward City Council
1st/3rd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.
777 B Street, Hayward
(510) 284-4300
www.ci.hayward.ca.us

Milpitas City Council
2nd/4th Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.
435 East Galen Blvd., Milpitas
(408) 584-4300
www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov

Newark City Council
2nd/4th Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
37011 Main Street, Newark
(510) 674-4200
www.newark.org

San Leandro City Council
1st/3rd Monday @ 7:00 p.m.
835 16th Street, San Leandro
(510) 577-3366
www.ci.sanleandro.ca.us

Union City Council
2nd/4th Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.
24000 Civic Center Drive, Union City
(510) 373-1300
www.unioncity.ca.us

Santa Clara Water Company
2nd/4th Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
600 Park Avenue, Santa Clara
(408) 265-2607, ext. 2727
www.sccwater.org

Union Sanitary District
2nd/4th Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
50725 Redwood Street, Newark
(510) 477-7503
www.usdwatershed.org

Water/Sewer

Alameda Water District
2nd Thursday @ 4:00 p.m.
45851 Greenhaven Avenue, Hayward
(510) 668-4200
www.awd.org

East Bay Municipal Utility District
2nd Thursday @ 7:15 p.m.
175 11th Street, Oakland
(510) 443-2483
www.embud.org

Santa Clara Water Company
2nd/4th Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
600 Park Avenue, Santa Clara
(408) 265-2607, ext. 2727
www.sccwater.org

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2nd/4th Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
50725 Redwood Street, Newark
(510) 477-7503
www.usdwatershed.org

School Districts

Castro Valley Unified School District
2nd/4th Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
4400 Alma Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 317-4600
www.cv.k12.ca.us

Fremont Unified School District
2nd/4th Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.
4320 Alvarado Niles Rd., Fremont
(510) 657-2310
www.fremont.k12.ca.us

Hayward Unified School District
2nd/4th Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
24411 Arroyo Street, Hayward
(510) 784-2400
www.hayward.k12.ca.us

Milpitas Unified School District
2nd/4th Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
1301 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas
(408) 653-2002, ext. 4013
www.musd.org

New Haven Unified School District
2nd/4th Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
34200 Alvarado Niles Rd., Fremont
(510) 471-1100

San Leandro Unified School District
2nd/4th Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
5777 B Street, San Leandro
(510) 618-6135
www.slsd.org

San Lorenzo Unified School District
2nd/4th Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
3730 E. 162nd Avenue, San Lorenzo
(510) 677-4000
www.slusd.org

Sunol Glen Unified School District
2nd/4th Tuesday @ 7:30 p.m.
11800 Sunol Bypass Drive, Sunol
(510) 786-2226
www.sunolk12.org

Public input in school trustee elections

Search tool and follow the link to Community Information meetings presented at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 29 at the Educational Services Center on Alvarado Niles Road in Union City. The meeting will also be streamed online at Zoom. To get the Zoom link visit the NHUSD website at www.nhunited.org, then find the meeting under the Community Information section.

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Account Executive
Resp. for advanced network appliances & rugged industrial computers mfg.
Project management.
Job site: Fremont, CA.
Send resume to Lanner Electronics USA Inc.
47790 Westinghouse Dr.,
Fremont, CA 94539.
Bonifacio (Bud) Martin

Bonifacio (Bud) Martin of Fremont, passed away peacefully at his home on March 21, 2022. He was born on February 11, 1931. He grew up, was married to his beloved wife Marie Perry, and lived in San Leandro until 1961. He was a barber for many years, then started working in the nursery industry. He eventually owned the Sunol Nursery, Callejo Nursery, for many years. Gardening and growing plants was his passion. Bud was a loving and loyal husband and father. He was caring, kind, funny, stubborn, and loved to be with family and friends. He truly embraced and enjoyed his life. He was quite an inspiration to all.

Bud is survived by his daughter Denise and husband, Dale Lin, his son, Steven Martin, grandchildren, Adam, Damien, Dyllen, Brya, Jona, Stephen, Jonathan, Jackie and Maggie, and his great grandchildren, David, Olivia, Amelia, and Delilah. He was preceded in death by his wife Marie and son, David.

Funeral services will be held on April 15th at 10:00 AM at Berg Poppo-Sheehy-Sheehy of the Angels, 40482 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA. Burial will follow at 12:00 PM at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 26300 M谨慎 County Line.

Bonifacio Martin was known for his love of plants. He owned the Sunol Nursery and was involved in several aspects of the nursery industry. He was a dedicated family man and enjoyed spending time with his family. He was loved by all who knew him. His legacy lives on through his family and friends. He will be missed by all.
Thursday morning, March 3, 2022

Dr. Robert Carl Bubeck
December 26, 1939 – March 3, 2022

In Loving Memory Of
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December 26, 1939 – March 3, 2022


Robert was preceded in death by his wife Sandra L. Bubeck, his sister Anna Marie Bubeck, his brothers Charles Bubeck (Patti), and Richard Bubeck. He is survived by his beloved daughter Jerin Healy, his son Michael “Mike” Healy (Sandra), his sisters Dianne, Rusty, Wes, and Wes, his daughter-in-law Louise, his son Christopher Healy, and his grandchildren. He was also survived by his nieces and nephews. We will greatly miss his kind and gentle ways.

Robert was a man of God, with a love he received from God; he learned the best gift he could give was to love all those with a better place with a God who welcomes us with open arms. He was a truck driver by trade, a rest stop when he saw the opportunity to help ignite a Mass will be celebrated for him at Holy Spirit Church, Fremont.

A Mass will be celebrated for him of-the-road, wherever he was stopped to eat; he would make the out on the road, wherever he was. His children, Jerin Healy, and his mother, Louise, his son Michael “Mike” Healy, and his kind and gentle ways.

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California lawmakers propose extending eviction protections by Adam Beam Associated Press

Hundreds of thousands of California renters facing eviction next month could get another three months of protection under a bill that legislation leaders endorsed on March 24.

The federal government sent billions of dollars to the states to help people who fell behind on their rent payments during the pandemic. The California program will pay for 100% of people's unpaid rent as long as they meet certain income requirements.

State law says tenants cannot be evicted as long as they have an application pending for rental assistance. But that law is set to expire on March 31. Meanwhile, so many people have applied for assistance that it is taking state officials longer than they thought to hand out the money.

As of March 22, just over 275,000 people had applications still pending, according to the California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency. That number doesn't include assistance programs operated by local governments. State officials won't be able to approve those applications by March 31. Starting April 1, anyone who has applied rent can be evicted if they meet certain income requirements.

At the last minute, state lawmakers have decided to intervene. On March 22, two lawmakers introduced a bill that would extend eviction protections for people with pending applications through the end of June. Landlords can't take public hearings on the bill before sending it to Gov. Gavin Newsom on March 31.

The state has an extended eviction protections multiple times during the pandemic, always over the objections of landlords who say they are being squashed by, in some cases, going more than a year without receiving rent payments. Last year, Newsom said the chances of extending protections again were “very slim.” His office did respond to a request on March 24.

The bill is expected to move quickly through the Legislature. On March 25, the Legislature's top two leaders -- Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon and Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins, both Democrats -- issued a joint statement saying the bill “will receive quick action.”

“We made a commitment to those who are in line and they should be treated fairly and not to have the process end. If it's approved, it can go into effect all the months that I'm behind,” she said during a news conference organized by housing advocates, urging for an extension. “If it's not approved, if it gets approved, I'm not going to sleep all the months that I'm behind.”

California's eviction program will stop taking new applications on April 1, so the proposed law would only protect those who have applied for assistance by that date.

It would be cruel, wasteful, and unfair to subject these Californians to eviction or the loss of rental income when they have been nothing asked of them, and of their emergency managers. As of March 31, Assemblymember Matt Rambaldi, a Democrat from Concord who authored the bill along with Assemblymember Buffy Wicks.

So far, California paid out nearly $2.5 billion in rental assistance to over 234,000 households, or an average of $10,898 per household. State officials say $8.4 billion has been paid out in returns through the end of June. Landlords can take public hearings on the bill before sending it to Gov. Gavin Newsom on March 31.

It's unclear if Newsom will sign it. The state has not yet vetted the legislation but it is expected to do so at the last moment.

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Wednesday, February 16

At 11:14 p.m. officer responded to a report about a burglary in the 6400 block of Robinson Ave. The suspect, identified as a 29-year-old Newark man, initially fled the scene but was located nearby. He was arrested on suspicion of burglary and held in Santa Rita Jail.

Tuesday, February 22

At 12:14 a.m. Officer Sarro identified a 36-year-old Newark man, who was arrested on suspicion of vandalism, identified as a 36-year-old Newark man, was quickly detained by officers. The suspect, identified as a 36-year-old Newark man, who was arrested on suspicion of vandalism, was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Monday, February 19

At 3:42 a.m. Officer Arroyo responded to a report about a shoplifter in the 1900 block of New Park Mall Road. The 44-year-old Berkeley man was found to be in possession of controlled substances and drug paraphernalia. A record check showed outstanding felony and misdemeanor warrants. He was arrested and booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Monday, February 19

At 7:45 p.m. Officer Cervantes responded to a report about a burglar in progress in the 4600 block of Robinson Ave. The suspect, identified as a 29-year-old Newark man, initially fled the scene but was located nearby. He was arrested on suspicion of burglary and held in Santa Rita Jail.

Friday, February 25

At 10:25 p.m. Officer Heller spotted a vehicle being driven recklessly in the area of Spruce Street and Mayhews Landing Road on suspicion of driving drug paraphernalia and on an outstanding warrant. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Sunday, March 6

At 12:07 a.m. officer responded to a report about a person with a firearm in the 3900 block of Larkspur St. Upon arrival, officers detained a 29-year-old Newark man and determined the weapon was a airsoft gun. The man was arrested on an outstanding warrant and for disregarding a court order. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail. The airsoft gun was turned over for destruction. The airsoft gun was booking into the Santa Clara County Main Jail.

Saturday, March 19

At 1:16 p.m. officers responded to a report about a burglar in progress in the 200 block of New Park Mall. The 48-year-old Berkeley man was found to be in possession of controlled substances and drug paraphernalia. A record check showed outstanding felony and misdemeanor warrants. He was arrested and booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Monday, March 21

At 6:50 p.m. officer Cervantes responded to a report about a burglary in progress in the 4600 block of Robinson Ave. The suspect, identified as a 29-year-old Newark man, initially fled the scene but was located nearby. He was arrested on suspicion of burglary and held in Santa Rita Jail.

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PUBLI C NOTICES

CITY OF FREMONT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

OUTDOOR COMMERCIAL PATIO ORDINANCE (PLN22-00315)

To consider an ordinance amending Title 12, Chapter 12.25 (Encroachments to Streets and Sidewalks) and Title 16, Chapters 16.23 (Parking) and 16.100 (Special Provisions Applying to Miscellaneous Uses), to allow outdoor commercial patios on City-owned and private property and a finding that the amendments are exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per, such as a separate and independent basis. (1) CEQA Guidelines Section 15051(3)(l). In that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed amendments will have the potential for creating a significant adverse effect on the environment. If we are not subject to CEQA review, and (2) CEQA Guidelines Section 15163, as the proposed amendments are consistent with the general plan for which an EIR was previously prepared and certified, and none of the circumstances necessitating preparation of a subsequent EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 are present.

APPLICANT: City of Fremont

PUBLIC HEARING: Notice is hereby given that the Fremont Planning Commission will consider recommending approval of amendments to City Council and making a General Plan Continuity Finding for service land on Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m. This public hearing will not be held in person. A public accessible location will not be provided for the public hearing. The City has deemed it necessary in the interest of public health to limit the attendance of public assemblies to prevent or mitigate the effects of Coronavirus COVID-19. Accordingly, said public meeting will be held via teleconferencing and made accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to impede and promote social distancing pursuant with Government Code Section 44303 (ADMINISTRATIVE BILL 561). Information on how to participate in the meeting by teleconference will be made available on the meeting agenda posted online at www.fremont.gov/AgendaCenter. City/Council at at three days prior to the meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Any questions or comments on the project should be submitted to:

Courtyard Pal, Associate Planner
Location: 36500 Liberty Street, Fremont
Mailbox: PO Box 5006, Fremont, CA 94537-5006
Phone: (510) 494-4332
E-mail: email@fremont.gov

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FREMONT WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2022 AT 7:00 PM, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE CHAMBER, 35000 Mission Boulevard, Fremont, CA 94538, or the City Hall Board Room, 35000 Mission Boulevard, Fremont, CA 94538, as the location of the hearing may be changed to another location. The Planning Commission will consider the following matters: OUTDOOR COMMERCIAL PATIO ORDINANCE – 39550 Liberty Street – PLN2022-00315

CIVIL

CIVIL ACTION

The plaintiff may take an appeal from an order granting or denying a new trial, a temporary restraining order, or a preliminary injunction, but only in the following circumstances: (a) when an appeal is authorized by statute, or (b) when the plaintiff is a party in interest in an action involving a property interest and a preliminary determination is made of the controlling issues of the action. (See Code of Civil Procedure section 906.)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

NOTE: Pursuant to Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after the date on which it was filed in the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17913, any change in the facts set forth in the statement of a person who registers a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another person is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000). A registrant who declares falsely any material matter pursuant to this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000). (See Sections 17913 and 17920 of the Business and Professions Code.)

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the fictitious business name(s) listed above on the date of this statement.

/JORGE PALLAS, NOTARY

JOSE L. PALLAS, NOTARY
Study: SUVs, pickups more likely to hit walkers than cars

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press Auto Writer

Denser of bigger vehicles such as pickup trucks and SUVs are more likely to hit pedestrians while making turns than drivers of cars, according to a new study.

The research released March 17 by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety points to the increasing popularity of larger vehicles as a possible factor in rising pedestrian deaths on U.S. roads. The authors also questioned whether wider pillars holding up roofs of the larger vehicles prevent drivers from spotting people walking near the corners of vehicles.

“The link between these vehicle types and certain common pedestrian crashes points to another way that the increase in SUVs on the roads might be changing the crash picture,” said Jon Coxworth, a study author and vice president of research for the institute.

Although the study noted previous research showing blind spots caused by the “A-pillar” between the windshield and the cab, the authors said their study model included only the front of the vehicles.

In 2020, the last year for which complete statistics are available, 6,519 pedestrians were killed in the U.S., according to government data. That’s up 9% since 2019, and a 4% increase from 2019, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said.

Over the same time period, SUV and pickup truck sales have skyrocketed. In 2019, pickup trucks, SUVs and vans accounted for 47% of all U.S. new vehicle sales, according to Motorintelligence.com. Last year, light trucks were more than three-quarters of new vehicle sales.

Not all SUVs and pickup trucks have the blind spots, though. Compact SUVs, for instance, are now the largest part of the U.S. market.

The study also found that the larger vehicles were more likely to hit pedestrians who were involved in crashes made by drivers whose vehicles were standing, walking or running near the edge of the roadway. Researchers studied federal crash statistics in which pedestrians were killed, as well as all pedestrian crashes reported to police in North Carolina from 2010 through 2018.

The North Carolina statistics showed that pick-ups were 42% more likely than cars to hit pedestrians while making left turns.

SUVs were 23% more likely to hit people than cars. There was no significant difference in the right-turn crash rates for the different types of vehicles, the study showed.

Outside of intersections, pickup trucks were 80% more likely than cars to hit a pedestrian along the road. SUVs were 61% more likely, and minivans were 45% more likely to hit people than cars. IHS said. Trucks, SUVs and vans typically have thicker “A-pillars” than cars because of federal safety standards that protect occupants in rollover crashes, the IHS said. The pillar types are wider because they have to withstand the higher weights of the bigger vehicles.

And the pillars are not the only things creating blind spots in the bigger vehicles. Consumer Reports found last year that high hoods also obstruct driver views of pedestrians crossing in front of the vehicles. “To see over that hood, you’re going to be looking further down the road,” said Jennifer Stockburger, director of operations for the Traffic Safety Administration.

The magazine and website found that pickup truck hoods hug the ground. “With the bed, we all understand that,” she said. “Increasing the size of the A-Pillar is not the only way to increase the strength.” IHS, which is funded by auto insurance companies, monitors vehicle safety.

Stockburger said the industry could also examine sight lines on the bigger vehicles, as well as add automatic emergency braking systems that act like airbags. Most autonomous sensors increase and visibility and regulatory braking standard equipment on nearly all of new models by September of this year. In addition, federal safety regulators are proposing to make the systems mandatory on all new vehicles.

For people who don’t have cars, Newsom wants them to pay for their bus or train fares for three months. His proposal would give $370 million to transit agencies and $250 million to rail operations, according to The Sacramento Bee. Regular gas will be sold for $5.88 per gallon in California, highest in the nation and about 2 more than a year ago, according to AAA.
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