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In Hayward, January is Restaurant Month!



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Indulge your senses and embark on a culinary journey through the Heart of the Bay during Hayward's inaugural Restaurant Month in January 2024!

Savor the diverse tapestry of flavors that define our vibrant community. Participating restaurants offer specially-created menu items and/or discounts to showcase the diverse culture and cuisine of this incredibly city.

A list of the fifteen participating restaurants, along with their locations and menus, is available on the Hayward city website. Options include: Metro Taquero,

Marley's Treats, Snappy's Café, Sushi Ichimoto, Buffalo Bills Brewery, Unique Ice Cream, and many more!

As an added bonus, purchase a \$100 Together for Hayward Gift Card between January 1 and January 26 to be entered into a weekly drawing where 16 lucky winners will receive a \$100 bonus card to spend in Hayward. All continued on page 7

Discover Hidden Treasures, Local Talent at City of Fremont's Olive Hyde Art Gallery



Luigino De Grandis, *Calm Water*

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The City of Fremont's historic Olive Hyde Art Gallery proudly presents its biennial "Hidden Treasures, Local Talent exhibition" featuring artwork in all mediums by artists local to Fremont and the Bay Area. Over 90 pieces by 44 artists will be showcased in this year's exhibition. Artwork will include watercolor, photography,

fiber, sculpture, paintings, poetry, and more!

Several new and upcoming local artists will be participating in this year's exhibition including students from Washington High School's Creative Writing Club of Fremont. Led by youth poet laureate Nitika Sathiya, the group will be giving an in-person poetry reading during the opening reception. The reception will be Friday, January 26 from

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The Ghosts of Mission Coffee

BY STEPHANIE GERTSCH

Even while Gael Stewart sits in the now-empty Mission Coffee Roasting Company, a few passers by peer in through the glass, as if hoping for a resurrection of the beloved shop. "You'd think by now, people would have figured it out," Stewart remarks. "But they still haven't. They want it to be open."

Known as "Fremont's Living Room," Mission Coffee Roasting Company has been a fixture on the corner of Washington and Mission Boulevards for the past 23 years. Gael and Don Stewart, hosted live concerts and served very good tea and coffee.

The idea had its inception in the early 90s. Don had just been laid off, and Gael, currently working

at a nonprofit, got the idea of starting a coffee shop from watching her college-age offspring at their barista jobs. According to Gael, it was "the classic 'Oh, I could run this better!'"

For two years, the Stewarts did research, developing relationships with shops such as Las Gatos Roasting Company and Willow Glen Coffee, and making trips to Seattle and Hawaii. "You can't just get this by osmosis," Gael Stewart explains. "You've got to learn." A contact gifted her a stack of books on coffee making—and two decades later she still had them in the back of the shop.

Mission Valley Coffee near Kimber was the predecessor. The location (which closed in 2005) boasted tea and coffee sides, as well as a conference

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Groundbreaking Procedure Renews Quality of Life for Local Males

Urologist to Present on Aquablation® for Enlarged Prostates

This is the first article in a two-part series on a transformative new procedure addressing enlarged prostates in men. See next week's follow-up article that tells the story of a Union City man who says Aquablation gave him a second chance at life.

One in two men between the ages of 51 and 60 have an enlarged prostate, or benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), and that number jumps to 80% of men over 70 years of age. The prostate is a small gland below the bladder in males. Symptoms of BPH, such as difficulty urinating, often have a negative impact on a man's life. If left untreated, BPH can lead to serious health concerns like urinary tract infections, blood in the urine, and bladder and kidney stones.

"Aquablation has been shown to offer significant benefits over traditional prostate treatment called transurethral resection of the prostate (TURP) and it will likely become the standard of treatment for BPH in the future," said Washington Township

Medical Foundation urologist Mark Saleh, MD. "Washington Hospital Healthcare System (WHHS) is very pleased to have Aquablation as part of its comprehensive urology services and is one of the only local health care facilities currently offering this innovative minimally invasive technology."

On Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 12 p.m. Dr. Saleh will present a live online seminar titled, "Aquablation: A Transformative BPH Treatment." To watch this presentation on Facebook, sign in to your account then go to Facebook.com/WashingtonHosp. Or you can watch it without an account at YouTube.com/whhsInHealth. If you cannot watch it live, the seminar will be available the following day on the WHHS YouTube channel.

Dr. Saleh was instrumental in bringing the AquaBeam Robotic System—the first FDA-cleared surgical robot utilizing automated tissue resection for the treatment of lower urinary tract symptoms (LUTS) due to BPH—to WHHS in September 2023. He is a leading local urologist with three decades of experience and currently serves as WHHS Chief of Staff.

"Aquablation has been shown to offer significant benefits over traditional prostate treatment." Mark Saleh, MD



Dr. Mark Saleh uses Aquablation to treat BPH.

"Men with LUTS due to BPH may have obstructive or irritative urinary problems, including the inability to urinate, difficulty starting, having to go frequently or immediately without warning, or the need to get up several times during the night," explained Dr. Saleh. "In addition to serious medical complications, these bothersome symptoms can have a debilitating effect on a man's lifestyle."

Aquablation therapy is a robotic procedure that uses high pressure water to remove prostate tissue, thereby relieving LUTS. It is performed in a hospital under anesthesia and typically takes one hour, followed by an overnight stay for monitoring. Numerous clinical studies have found men who had Aquablation therapy have a very low rate of irreversible complications such as incontinence, and erectile or ejaculatory dysfunction.

During the seminar, Dr. Saleh will discuss signs, symptoms, and risk factors of

BPH and the significant impact it can have on men's lives. Among other surgical and noninvasive therapies, he will present on how Aquablation is performed and its benefits over TURP. While TURP has been the primary surgical treatment for BPH for many decades, it often results in permanent side effects.

If you or someone you know suffers from LUTS as a result of an abnormally large prostate, the first step is to see your primary care physician for a prostate exam. Usually, a prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test will be done to rule out prostate cancer. Oftentimes, medications can relieve LUTS without the need for surgical intervention. However, when surgery is indicated, Aquablation can be a viable option offering a good outcome.

Be sure to see Dr. Saleh's presentation on Aquablation, and for more information look online at Aquablation.com. To learn more about Dr. Saleh and his services, visit the Find a Doctor page on mywtmf.com.



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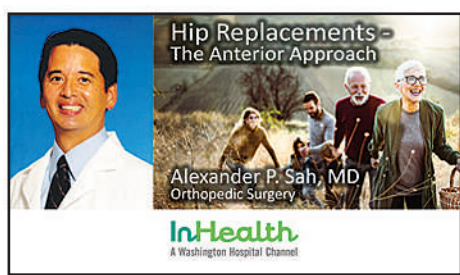
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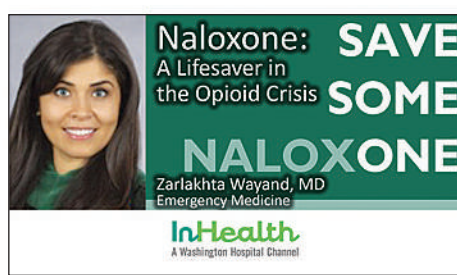
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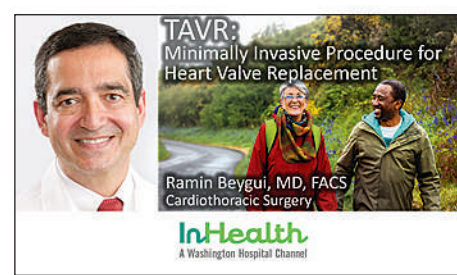
Hip replacements—The Anterior Approach

The anterior approach is a minimally invasive procedure for hip replacement. Dr. Alexander Sah will explain the muscle-sparing benefits of this approach.



Naloxone: A Lifesaver in the Opioid Crisis

Thursday, January 18, 2 p.m.
What is naloxone (Narcan) and how can it save lives? This seminar will explore the urgent need for naloxone in our communities and its remarkable ability to reverse opioid overdoses.



TAVR: Minimally Invasive Procedure for Heart Valve Replacement

Thursday, February 8, 2 p.m.
How can a valve in your heart be replaced without open-heart surgery? Join cardiothoracic surgeon, Ramin Beygui, MD, FACS, for a full explanation of the TAVR procedure and how it is changing lives.



Empowering Victims of Interpersonal Violence

Learn about the screening process for abuse stemming from domestic violence, human trafficking, or elder and child abuse. This presentation includes a special message from Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments (SAVE).



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Don't Let Hip Pain Win

The number of hip replacement surgeries performed at Washington Hospital increases each year. Dr. John T. Dearborn, who began the joint replacement program at WHHS, shares patient outcomes and the latest research and technologies to benefit patients.



New Year, Healthier You—If Not Now, When?

THIS IS THE THIRD ARTICLE IN A FOUR-PART SERIES ON WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH IN 2024

Setting Your Mind for the New Year

Local psychiatrist provides steps to improve behavioral health



A positive attitude is important for improved mental health.

For many people, New Year's Day represents a clean slate, a time to look back over the past year and look forward to the new one. It's a time to set goals, from improving overall physical health to finding a new job or starting a new hobby. If thoughtfully conceived, these resolutions can become habits that will be achieved in the new year.

Added Stress

But for people dealing with mental health issues, the new year can bring added stress. Setting goals is one way to combat that stress, according to Washington Township Medical Foundation (WTMF) psychiatrist Suselina Acosta-Goldstein, MD, whose focus includes psychiatry, medication management and psychotherapy.

"A lot of psychotherapy is goal setting," Dr. Acosta-Goldstein said. "But the goals must be reasonable, attainable, and

specific. Large blanket statement goals can be overwhelming, and then they become unachievable."

For that reason, Dr. Acosta-Goldstein suggested those planning to make changes in their lives need to break things down in their simplest terms and into specific goals. When goals are broken down into manageable pieces, they are more meaningful.

"For example, people say their goal is to 'be healthy,' but what does that mean? It can mean very different things to different people," she said. "Try to give three specific examples of what you can do this week to meet your goal. You can share your goal with someone—not only to help keep yourself accountable—but to brainstorm or to process them."

Positive Outlook

Facing a new year with the same old problems can be daunting.

Dr. Acosta-Goldstein noted just resolving to "get better" won't eliminate problems for people struggling with mental health issues. Depression and anxiety often go hand-in-hand, so focusing on too large a goal can be overwhelming and won't help people move forward. She does not focus on positive talk alone, but uses a multipronged approach to make every day better for her patients.

"To make positive changes, you have to look at the good, the bad, and the neutral so you can approach life in a balanced manner," she emphasized. "Self-care is important. You need to treat yourself well, but not at the expense of everything else in your life. It needs to be balanced with taking care of your emotions, your duties and the needs of the people you care about."

Therapy can offer a lifeline. It's not just people dealing with chronic mental health issues that can benefit from seeing a

psychiatrist. Therapy can also help people dealing with situational depression or anxiety. Choose something you can control, then set a goal, focus on it and work toward reaching it.

For people who are dealing with more significant things like diagnosable depression and anxiety, simply trying to be positive likely won't be enough.

"Some people need medication, some need therapy, some need both," Dr. Acosta-Goldstein said. "For some people that means adding something to their life, whether it's volunteer work or a new job, or removing something from their life like extracurricular activities, social obligations, or things they're not really invested in but feel obligated to do. It's OK to let go of friendships that don't serve you. It's OK to let go of job opportunities. It's OK to let go of being so hard on yourself."

Small Steps, Big Changes

Goals can be for small changes, or bigger ones. Some people want to make seminal changes in their lives all at the same: lose 100 pounds, quit drinking, quit smoking, be fully compliant with medication management. That might work for one day, but it's not sustainable and will ultimately lead to frustration. That will lead to increased anxiety and depression—a cycle that could be repeated over and over. The sustainable way to make big changes is to take small steps.

"Choose the thing that's most important, then work to make that happen," she said. "Once you've achieved success with that, the new goal becomes a habit. Spread out each step until you form a habit from each one, then move on to the next. The adage goes, 'It takes three weeks to develop a habit,' so don't beat

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"To make positive changes, you have to look at the good, the bad, and the neutral so you can approach life in a balanced manner." —Suselina Acosta-Goldstein, MD



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TAVR stands for transcatheter aortic valve replacement. It is a procedure to benefit patients with severe aortic stenosis.

Join renowned cardiothoracic surgeon, Dr. Beygui, for an explanation of what to expect from this procedure and how it can improve quality of life.



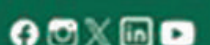
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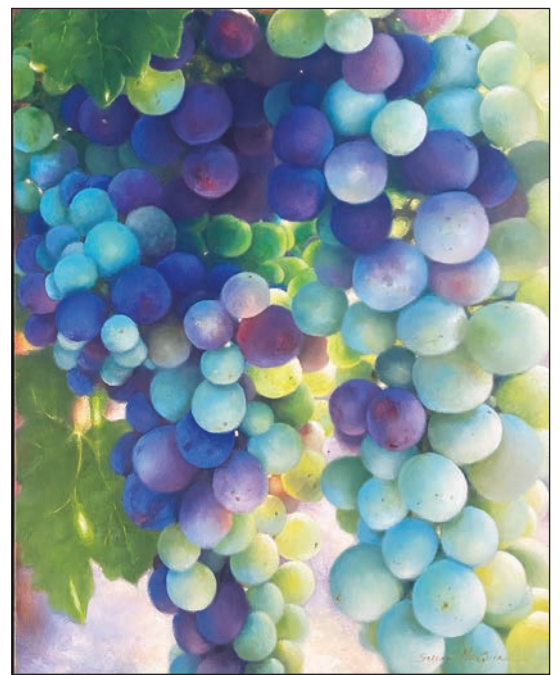
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7 p.m. - 9 p.m. and the reading will begin at 8 p.m. This is a free event open to all and membership is not required to attend. All are invited to celebrate and enjoy the night with fellow art enthusiasts.

Participating artists include: Rebecca Abraham, Vimal Advani, Rania Ahmad, Hetal Anjaria, Mel Beach, Nancy Benton, Grace Borchardt, Ann Boylan, Scott Capen, Allen Chan, Thomas Cory, Vanessa Cudmore, Luigino De Grandis, Adriane Dedic, Joan Clair Di Stefano, Randy Garber, Dmitry Grudsky, Glenn Hernandez, Jeff Ishikawa, Maureen Langenbach, Peter Langenbach, Brooke Mapelli, Julianna Martinez, Susan McGuire, Denise Oyama Miller, Jocelyn Munoz, Gail Noeth, Youngmi Angela Pak, Meghana Paranjpe, Preetha Perikkathara, Janine Pitta, Emelie Rogers, Sethu Sankar, Divya Dharshini Sankaran, Natalie Sapantay, Karina Sapkota, Nitika Sathiya, Arathi Satish, Durba Sen, Nimre Shahzada, Lynne Shephard, Lisa Stambaugh, Dan Strauss, Ella and Yang.



Susan McGuire, *Véraison*

Hidden Treasures, Local Talent

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Randy Garber, *Del Valle with Snow*



Denise Oyama Miller, *Koi Pond No. 2*

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Setting Your Mind for the New Year

yourself up if you don't have every goal mastered in a month. Give yourself time to fully focus on each step before you move on to the next."

Great Expectations

For some people, goal setting to change behavior is second nature. Other people struggle to articulate what they want and need to change in their lives. That can be

compounded when you add in mental or physical health challenges. It is especially challenging for people with well-meaning family or friends who offer advice.

"People with comorbidities—having a number of medical or mental health conditions—often have trouble separating themselves from their illnesses,"

Dr. Acosta-Goldstein explained. "When a

loved one, or a friend, offers their opinion about what these people should be focusing on or what they should be doing to 'fix' their lives, it exacerbates the problem. No one wants to hear what they're feeling isn't 'normal,' or that they should be able to change what someone else feels is wrong. What is normal for one person may not be for another—it's an assumption that can derail attempts at real change."

Working with a therapist can be very helpful to find small behavioral changes to counteract those maladaptive expectations. Sometimes, just talking with someone in a similar situation can help. For example, a new mother may feel she's failing her child because she has no frame of reference as to what's normal and what's not in the first

few weeks of a baby's life. Her expectations may be founded on things she's read online or seen on television. As she worries, her anxiety grows, and along with it, her sense of failure. It isn't until she finally sees her obstetrician or the baby's pediatrician or talks with friends who have been through the same situation that she learns she's not alone and her situation is common—it's her expectations that were not achievable.

To learn more about Dr. Acosta-Goldstein and other WTMF providers, visit www.mywtmf.com. To learn more about Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at WTMF, visit mywtmf.com/psychiatry

Donations Still Needed

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Thank you to those who have given needed items for our homeless programs. We have received dozens of donations of

items that are already being distributed to our unhoused neighbors. Items like the hand knitted beanies donated by the Indo-American Seniors Association Fremont are helping people stay warm during this cold weather. There is a high demand for the items on the needs list during the colder months. We are still accepting donations for the following items:

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English Second Language Chat Program

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After the holiday break, the ESL (English as a Second Language) Tuesday Chat program at Fremont Main Library is resuming at 4 p.m., Tuesday, January 16, at Fukaya Room A.

This weekly ESL Tuesday Chat has been running for years. People from around the globe have improved their spoken English by chatting about everyday topics with native speakers. These tutors are caring and devoted, and the chat takes place in a friendly, welcoming setting.

Please note the following room change:

- Fukaya A, 1/16-1/30
- van Doorn, 2/6-4/30

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Puppy love

Household puppies can do the strangest things. Take Clayton and Carrie Law of Pittsburgh, PA. They put \$4,000 in cash in an envelope and put it on the kitchen counter to pay workers who were expected at their home. When they returned to the kitchen there was Cecil, their 7-year-old Goldendoodle puppy, chewing away at the envelope and the money. As Clayton put it to KDKA-TV, "He ate the money, he ate \$4,000." Mr. and Mrs. Law wasted no time; they gathered shredded cash on the floor, put together some of the bills but had to wait for Cecil to vomit and poop to get the bulk of the money—about \$3,550. See the story on YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=meEK9WZophk

Outdoor living room

Potholes can be fun? When an unknown resident of Grand Haven, MI planted a leather recliner in a pothole in a nearby road it didn't take a long time for someone to come along, steal it and put it up for sale online. A neighbor replaced it with another armchair. Soon, other nearby residents added other pieces of furniture, creating

what turned out to be an "outdoor living room" that went viral online. View the pothole on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=tWc1-tbDJ9g

Neither snow nor rain

According to the Postal Service, on average mail in the U.S. is delivered in a day or three. But sometimes it can take a bit longer, particularly when the address is incomplete. For example, a letter misaddressed to a family in DeKalb, Illinois in 1943 was finally delivered 80 years after it was posted. It took a dedicated post office employee to track down the George family now living in Portland, OR. The postman lived up to the motto that promises "the swift completion of their appointed rounds." See the story on UPI:

www.upi.com/Odd_News/2024/01/04/DeKalb-Illinois-Post-Office-long-lost-letter/1481704392733/

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The New Haven Schools Foundation (NHSF) is thrilled to present its highly anticipated annual fundraiser, 'Diamonds in Education' which supports student scholarship and teacher grant programs. The event will take place Saturday, January 20, and for 2024 we're returning to the Paradise Ballrooms in Fremont with live and silent auctions, casino games, and more.

To purchase tickets and VIP Tables and to bid on prizes go to: diamondsineducation.com.

Fatima Silva, NHSF Board Member and star of Reasonable Doubt on Discovery+ will emcee the event. Silva, a James Logan High School graduate, is a real-life trial attorney who also stars in the highly acclaimed true-crime docuseries.

The 2024 auction features the talents of Ellen Toscano, the Singing Auctioneer. Toscano, a Sonoma native, was a long-time performer in Beach Blanket Babylon. Her roles included the cheeky Pineapple Princess, the sultry Chiquita Banana as well as her favorite roles, Amy Winehouse and Sarah Palin.

Donations and auction pledges to NHSF continue to make a difference for the students and teachers of the New Haven Unified School District. NHSF

student scholarships are helping aspiring teens achieve their dreams of attending college and pursue careers in healthcare, teaching, science, and law enforcement. NHSF teacher grant programs have funded books, gardening supplies, music programs, emergency supplies, accelerated or special experience education programs and more.

NHSF will honor two long-time supporters of the Foundation at the Gala. The Tom Kitayama Business Award recognizes Republic Services, and the Guy Emanuele Service Award will be presented to Michael Ritchie.

Many auction items are up for bid. Online bidding is also available for all but live auction prizes.

Auction Items:

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Featured event details:

Celebrity event emcee, Fatima Silva
Singing Auctioneer, Ellen Toscano

Live and Fund-a-Need auctions to fund programs in our classrooms and scholarships for graduating seniors

Casino Games by Aces Up
Music and dancing

"Financial support is making a real difference for the students and teachers of New Haven Unified School District. These programs are why fundraising events like the gala are so important," commented John Shockley, NHSF President.

Diamonds in Education sponsors and supporters include Fremont Bank, Republic Services, TriCed Community Recycling, Subru Bhat, Albert and Marsha Badella, IBEW Local 595, Alameda County, Washington Hospital Healthcare System, Washington Township Medical Foundation, and Masonic Homes.

Diamonds in Education Gala

Saturday, Jan 20

Cocktails: 6 p.m.

Buffet: 7 p.m.

Paradise Ballroom


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<https://nhsfoundation.org/>

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New Haven Schools Foundation Announces 2024 Diamonds in Education Gala



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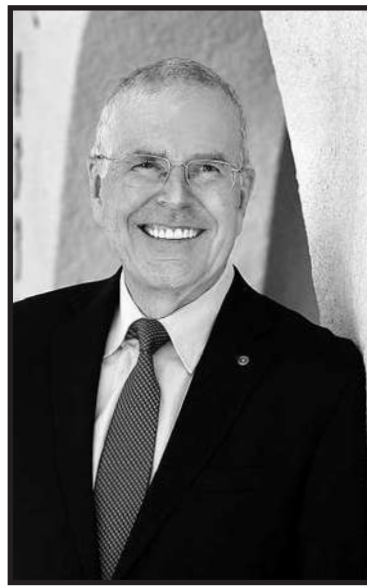
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5 Morning Habits Everyone Should Be Doing

By MICHAEL NORDINE

Even if you aren't a morning person, you still have a morning routine. It could be as simple as sipping a cup of coffee or enjoying a hot shower when you wake up, or as complicated as an hour-long workout followed by a very specific breakfast. Either way, we've all formed certain bleary-eyed habits by now. Some are more conducive to feeling good for the rest of the day than others, of course, and these five habits will go a long way toward making your mornings more enjoyable and productive.

Skip the Snooze Button

As tempting as it can be to get a few more minutes of sleep, there's something to be said for waking up as soon as your alarm goes off. That's easier said than done for many of us, but hitting the snooze button once can easily turn into hitting it two or three times, giving you less time to start your morning routine without actually helping you feel more rested. Waking up and falling back asleep every five or 10 minutes isn't exactly restful, and having to rush through the shower, breakfast, and everything else you do before starting your day.

Start a Dream Journal

While it may be all but impossible to understand the exact meaning of a given dream, especially if you're the type of

person who has especially strange and/or vivid ones, it's possible to track patterns over time. Unless you're keeping a dream journal, you'll probably forget most of the details that could shed some light on what's going on in your unconscious mind. Plenty of sleep experts recommend starting a dream journal, both as a way of centering yourself in the morning and coming to a better understanding of what's truly going on up there.

Eat the Frog

According to a famous quote attributed to (but probably not actually spoken by) Mark Twain, "If the first thing you do each morning is to eat a live frog, you can go through the day with the satisfaction of knowing that that is probably the worst thing that is going to happen to you all day long." Put in simpler (and less gross) terms, get your most difficult task out of the way as early as possible so that it doesn't hang over your head all day and you know, even on an off day, that you accomplished something. What that task is is up to you — if you work from home and are prone to being sedentary, maybe it simply means working out shortly after waking up rather than waiting until the evening. The truly important thing is to start your day with a feeling of accomplishment rather than procrastinating for as long as possible.

Play a Brain Game

The morning is, in many ways, a time of transition — from sleep to wakefulness, from yesterday to today. How you make that transition sets the tone for the rest of the day, and for some that effort is hampered by the usual brain fog that comes from still feeling half-asleep. A great way to clear that fog is with a brain game: sudoku, Wordle, a crossword, or anything else mentally stimulating that will get the gears turning and help you wake up.

Meditate

If you've never meditated before, it can sound like a strange practice. How do you actually think about nothing, and doesn't it seem certain people enjoy telling others about it more than they actually enjoy doing it? But meditation is popular the world over for a reason, and first thing in the morning is an especially good time for it. If caffeine doesn't have much of an effect on you and you'd like to be more alert and energized when you wake up, try a quick meditation and see how much better you feel — you might be pleasantly surprised by the results.

Michael Nordine is senior writer and editor at Optimism Media. A native Angeleno, he lives in Denver with two cats but wishes he lived in Tokyo.

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In Hayward, January is Restaurant Month!



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Marley's Treats



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Fremont Creates 2024



FREMONT CREATES

SUBMITTED BY
PHYLLIS WOOD FOR
FREMONT CREATES

April is Arts, Culture & Creativity Month! Fremont Creates was organized to celebrate this statewide proclamation, and our Fremont Creates 2024 calendar is filling up! April is only three months away, and our Artists and Culture Keepers are planning a variety of informative, entertaining, and participatory programs to share with the Fremont Community.

For artists (visual, performance, musical, literary) who are interested in learning more about the celebration throughout the month of April, join us on Thursday, January 18, at Artist Walk in Centerville from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. We will be providing information on how you can participate and will answer any questions you have. Artist Walk is located at 3888 Artist Walk Common (Post St. off of Thornton Ave., across from Dale Hardware). Parking is available on Post St. and within Artist Walk Apartment Complex. Look for balloons to direct you to the meeting room.

We invite those who would like to be a sponsor of Fremont Creates to join us. Visit our website at <https://FremontCreates.com/> to view our calendar of events, access the participation application, and view our sponsorship opportunities.

And finally, SAVE THE DATE: April 27 for the Fremont Creates 2024 ACCM (Arts Culture & Creativity Month) Grand Finale at the Downtown Event Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A special thank you to our current sponsors:

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Fremont Creates information session

Thursday, Jan 18
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Artist Walk

3888 Artist Walk Common
Post St. off Thornton Ave.,
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Black History Month Showcase

SUBMITTED BY ERIN EWING

In honor of Black History Month 2024's theme, "African Americans and the Arts," Union City Community & Recreation Services is celebrating The Art of Hip Hop with a special showcase on Saturday, February 17.

All artists and mediums are encouraged to submit! The event will include both visual art and performance art. The submission deadline for performers is January 19, and for artists the deadline is February 2.

Black History Month Showcase
Saturday, Feb 17
3 p.m. - 9 p.m.



Studio 11
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<https://www.unioncity.org/589/Arts-Culture-Studio-11>
Artist submission deadline:
February 2
Performer submission deadline:
January 19

Networking for the Shy and Introverted Part I

BY ANNE CHAN, PHD, MFT

Happy New Year to you, Tri-City Voice readers! If your New Year's resolution is to land a better job, make more friends, find a partner, or be more successful and fulfilled in your career, you will have to meet new people and do some networking. The importance of networking cannot be overstated—numerous studies have shown that networking is vital to professional advancement and career satisfaction. However, if you have social anxiety, the very thought of networking may make your stomach turn. So how can a shy, anxious, or introverted person network?

First, know that you are not alone in feeling an aversion to networking. Many dislike networking because they do not know what to say, feel like they are being fake, or believe they are out of practice from the pandemic shutdown. A significant percentage also suffer from social anxiety, which causes psychological, emotional, and physical symptoms such as embarrassment, fear of rejection, sweatiness, dry mouth, shallow breathing, rapid heart rate, nausea, and feeling at a loss for words.

Studies have shown that younger people (teenagers to late

20s) are especially likely to experience social anxiety symptoms. Almost a third of this age group report having social anxiety. In addition, a National Institutes of Health study found that at least 10% of adults in the United States suffer from social anxiety.

The good news is that there are many things you can do to overcome your shyness or social anxiety and learn to be a great networker. Of course, it does take time and effort. Here are some key strategies to implement before you start:

Know Your Purpose

Before you do anything, think deeply about your life values. Perhaps you want a meaningful job in this industry. Or you want to be a person who lives courageously. Or perhaps you value giving your all. Identify your core values and understand how networking ties into them. This will help you be clear about your purpose as well as your motivation to network.

Identify Positive Reasons for Networking Beyond Benefitting Yourself

Networking becomes more meaningful if you know that you aren't going to an event just for yourself. Find higher purpose for your presence. Perhaps you are

there to represent your company or to express the voice of a minority group. Having a higher purpose can help you get over shyness.

Watch Your Self-Talk

When you think about networking, you might have an automatic negative reaction and feel like it's fake or too difficult. Try to adopt a growth mindset—seeing experiences like networking as opportunities rather than negative events. Make a note to yourself when you say or think something negative about networking. Instead of automatically saying "Ugh! I can't do it," try telling yourself that this is a growth and learning opportunity.

Prep Your Brain

Those with social anxiety tend to ruminate on worst-case scenarios. However, we rarely think of the most likely or positive outcomes. If we fill our mind with encouraging scenarios, these images will help us gain confidence for the real event. This is training our brain muscles to stay calm rather than go immediately into panic mode. You can visualize yourself at the networking event, perhaps saying hello to the person at the door, or introducing yourself to a friendly-looking person. Imagine

that each interaction goes smoothly and that people respond kindly to your enthusiasm and approachability.

Prep What to Say

It isn't easy to walk into a roomful of strangers and know what to say. Few of us have this ability, so please be kind to yourself. This is totally normal! I recommend that you write out things to say for different scenarios. A sample introduction script could be sweet and simple like: "Hi! I'm Sam. I work at XYZ company. I'm here because I wanted to . . . What brings you here today?" Practice saying these things. This will help your brain get comfortable saying these words. Do not worry that practicing will make you sound rehearsed. Quite the opposite—practicing will help you feel less awkward, and you will sound smoother. This tip is especially helpful for those going to an event where the language spoken is not in their native tongue. If this is your situation, do not worry about using flawless grammar or having a perfect accent. Aim simply to communicate in a friendly way. Most native speakers are pleased when someone attempts to speak their language.

Set SMART goals for the event

SMART is an acronym for goals that are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Bound. Don't reach for an unattainable goal like "I will have a

meaningful conversation with 100 people in one evening." Instead, aim for goals that are doable, yet will give you a sense of accomplishment. A SMART networking goal could be "I will introduce myself to five people and get their business cards."

Practice, Practice, Practice

You can practice networking with folks whom you are likely not to see ever again, e.g. on BART or waiting at the checkout line. Knowing that you will never see them again will help take the pressure off.

The above are strategies to do before you embark on an actual networking event. You wouldn't run a marathon without training. Similarly, I recommend that you prepare and practice for at least a couple of weeks before launching into networking. Next time, I will provide tips to help with shyness and anxiety during a networking event. Stay tuned!

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Preparing for the upcoming March 5th Primary Election



SUBMITTED BY
JO A.S. LOSS, PRESIDENT,
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The League of Women Voters Eden Area wants to share ways for you to prepare for the upcoming Primary Election. It is earlier this year than before and ballots will be mailed on February 5, so it is time to start becoming an educated voter.

The League of Women Voters California has published an Easy Voter Guide. It can be downloaded from [https://lwvc.org/easy-voter-guide-primary-](https://lwvc.org/easy-voter-guide-primary-2024/)

2024/. The guide contains information on how to register and vote. It reviews how to vote for a Presidential candidate on March 5th. The guide also tells you all about Proposition 1: Mental Health Care and Addiction Treatment Reform & Bonds to Build Places for Treatment and Housing.

The Easy Voter Guide is available in Spanish, English, Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese.

VOTE411 is also now available for you to learn more about the votes you will make in March. VOTE411 is an unbiased online guide to elections covering federal, state, and local races in California. www.VOTE411.org.



Courtesy of the LWVUS website

To use VOTE411, you enter your address, and you will see your full, personalized ballot. You will hear directly from the candidates about their positions on critical issues, and their vision for their communities. Local Leagues have prepared specific questions that apply to that position to give you detailed information on the candidates' knowledge and plans. This allows you to compare candidates side by side before making your selections.

There will be clear explanations of ballot measures and their funders. In addition, VOTE411 will allow you to check where, when, and how to vote, including your polling place. There will be an option for you to keep track of your choices to make voting easier.

The new VOTE411 platform is user-friendly and mobile-responsive. It will offer a variety of features tailored to the unique needs of California voters. VOTE411 will be accessible across all devices and will continue the League's rich history of providing voters with non-partisan, factual, and trusted electoral information.

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Tickets include two drink tickets for beer, wine, or non-alcoholic beverages, and a charcuterie board.

**Thursday, January 25
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Chabot Space and Science
Center
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland
(510) 336-7300
<https://chabot.space.org>
Tickets: \$40
Adults 21+**

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Congratulations! You have done it again, Father Anthony.

Even at the planning stages of the renovation project for our St. Joseph Church of Fremont, you had already encountered several concerns from the parishioners and from the city's Building Regulatory Board. Fortunately, with God's blessing and guidance, together with the strong support of our very own Bishop Michael Barber, Monsignor Manny Simas, community groups, and our parishioners' prayers, your leadership took this project above and beyond the expectations of everyone, leaders, parishioners, and non-parishioners alike.

The renovation project went smoothly, with only minor hiccups, from its time of conception in June 2023 until its completion six months later just in time for the anticipatory celebration of the nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The dedication of the renovated St. Joseph Church and

altar was honored with a solemn mass on December 23, 2023 with Bishop Michael Barber and our own parish priest, Father Anthony Huong Le as principle concelebrants. All attendees—including parishioners, community members, family, friends and visitors totaling almost 1,000 people—were enraptured with the reinvigoration of our parish church. They were so jubilant to have witnessed and participated in the divine dedication mass as well as the community celebration of the beautiful and spiritual renovated House of God.

Once again, Thank You and Congratulations, Fr. Anthony! Your esteemed and revered leadership have elevated our parish church to be widely known, and a more inspiring and blessed place to worship God.

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Fremont**

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FOG Republic Day of India Celebration



SUBMITTED BY RITU MAHESHWARI

Celebrate the 75th Republic Day of India, the "Celebration of Democracy" on Saturday, January 27 at Bishop Elementary School in Sunnyvale. Get a flavor of India with vibrant cultural performances, patriotic songs, and flag hoisting with invited dignitaries. Dr. Srikar Reddy, the Consul General of India is the chief guest at the event.

This celebration is being organized by Federation of Indo-Americans (FIA) of Northern California, Festival of Globe (FOG), and Fremont Hindu Temple.


FOG Republic Day of India Celebration
Saturday, Jan 27
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Bishop Elementary School
450 N Sunnyvale Ave., Sunnyvale
Purchase tickets at Sulekha.com,
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Entry: \$5

Study floral arrangements (and starting a business) with Raquel

SUBMITTED BY WENDY SPELLMAN

For those aspiring to dive into the captivating world of floristry, look no further! Meet Raquel, a Fremont local with roots in the Tri-City area. Raquel has transformed a passion for gardening and the arts into a thriving flower shop on Mission Blvd., in the Niles area. Specializing in custom hand-tied bouquets, sympathy





arrangements, and creating for weddings and corporate events, their creativity shines through.

Now, Raquel is excited to share her wealth of knowledge in flowers and events with budding enthusiasts. On Thursday, January 25, Raquel will host a workshop at Olive Hyde Art Gallery to talk both about floristry and her experience turning her passion into a flourishing business.

Raquel's journey began with majoring in Hospitality at Cal State University East Bay, where she honed her skills during an internship at The Fairmont San Francisco Banquets Department. Post-graduation, Raquel ventured into banquet management and later explored the realm of wedding coordination for two years. However, it was in corporate event planning that she discovered her true passion. Throughout her extensive years in the Hospitality industry, Raquel's love for flowers flourished. Balancing part-time floral arrangements, her passion blossomed into the establishment

Floral Arrangements with Raquel
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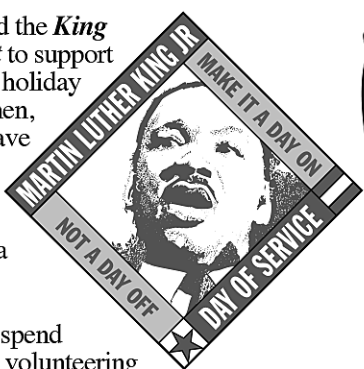
Martin Luther King, Jr. DAY OF SERVICE

"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve."
— MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Service was at the heart of Martin Luther King's philosophy. He urged Americans to take action to improve the lives of others.

In 1994, Congress passed the *King Holiday and Service Act* to support efforts to make the King holiday a day of service. Since then, millions of Americans have honored the memory of Dr. King by making Martin Luther King Day as a "day on" instead of a "day off."

People across the nation spend Martin Luther King Day volunteering to make their communities better places. Some will plant community gardens, clean up parks or beaches, and others will read to children or the elderly.



Take a look at this list of MLK, Jr. Day Service ideas. Then look at each picture. Number the project you think each kid chose in the circles.

1. Clearing an elderly neighbor's sidewalk.
2. Collecting canned goods for a food bank.
3. Help coach a younger child's team.
4. Help a neighbor with some yardwork.
5. Play a game at the senior center.



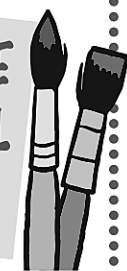
School Sign Painter

Write in the missing vowels to complete these signs.

SCH__L
CL__N UP D__Y
TH__S M__ND__Y!

USE THE
R__CYCL__ AND
C__MP__ST__B__NS!

H__LP M__KE
OUR SCH__L
B__TT__FUL



Many communities have a place that helps volunteers find ways to help others. Write the letter that comes after each letter of the alphabet on the spaces at right to find a place you can call to see how you can be of service to your community.

V
_ _ _
U N K T M S D D Q
_ _ _
B D M S D Q

Service Starts at Home

Sometimes the best place to be of service is in your own home. Make a list of five things you could do on Martin Luther King Day to help your mom, dad, a grandparent, brother, sister or neighbor.

TASK	COMPLETED
Empty the dishwasher for mom	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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Extra! Extra! Helping Others

- Look through the newspaper to find:
- An organization that helps others
 - A person helping others
 - Adjectives about helping
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day events

Standards Link: Civics: Know how various American holidays reflect values, principles and beliefs of Americans.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Trash Bag Team

These students helped with a park clean up. How many bags of trash did each student fill? Use the clues to complete the chart.

- The 4 students filled a total of 15 bags.
- No one filled more than 7 bags.
- None of the students filled the same number of bags.
- Cassidy filled 5 bags.
- Owen filled 3 less than Cassidy.
- Sam filled the most bags.

Students	Bags
CASSIDY	
OWEN	
BODIE	
SAM	
TOTAL	15



Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Use a variety of strategies to solve problems.

Double Double Word Search

- ACTION
CLUES
GARDENS
GREAT
HELPING
HOLIDAY
HOME
IDEAS
KING
PROJECT
MEMORY
DAY
READ
SERVICE
STUDENTS

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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T B G H N O I T A E
U C X T O R Y A D L
D V L S L M T A I P
E T W U E P E V L I
N A V M E R K I O N
T E O J P S V K H G
S R T S A E D I N J
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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **VOLUNTEER**

The verb **volunteer** means to work or help someone for no pay.

The fourth grade students **volunteer** to read to the kindergarten students.

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

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Problems in the News

Reading your local newspaper is a great way to learn how to help your community. Look through today's newspaper and find one or more problems in your community. Is there something you could do to help?

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.



Why was the broom late?

ANSWER: It overslept.

Write On!

Make a Difference

Write about how you make a difference in someone's life within your family, your school, or in your community.



The Fremont CONNECTION



Tri-City Area Public Agencies Invite Comments on the 2024 Tri-City Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Help Your Community Be Hazard-Ready!



Floods, earthquake, wildfires, and severe weather are just a few of the hazards that could affect the Tri-City area. While natural hazards such as these cannot be eliminated, communities can reduce risk through mitigation.

In 2023, the cities of Fremont, Newark, Union City, and the Alameda County Water and Union Sanitary Districts partnered to develop a new Tri-City Multi-jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) as an update to their previous plans. A Hazard Mitigation Plan is a foundational, long-term strategy to reduce the risk of natural disasters to communities – by assessing risk, and identifying potential actions, policies, and investments to reduce risk. The new LHMP will allow each agency to apply for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mitigation grants to fund projects identified in the LHMP. In addition, the LHMP enhances each city's floodplain management planning under FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), Community Rating System (CRS).

Following an award of a \$187,500 grant to the City of Fremont by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and FEMA in September 2022, professional services were enlisted to develop the plan. In May 2023, planning began with the convening of a Planning Committee consisting of City and District personnel, as well as other key public agency and community stakeholders. The LHMP is scheduled to be finalized and submitted to Cal OES and FEMA for approval in Spring 2024.

Public Review Draft

The Public Review Draft of the Tri-City LHMP will be available online (in pdf format) beginning January 19, 2024, through February 16, 2024, at www.my.fremont.gov/tri-city-hazard-plan. The LHMP will also be available in print beginning January 25, 2024 through February 16, 2024 at the following locations, during normal business hours:

- Fremont Main Library – 2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont, CA 94538

- Newark Library – 37055 Newark Blvd., Newark, CA 94560
- Union City City Hall – 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, CA 94587

Open Public and Planning Committee Meetings

Two final meetings are scheduled as follows:

Public Meeting

Wednesday, January 24, 2024
(6:00 pm – 7:30 pm)
Fremont Main Library, Fukaya Room
2400 Stevenson Blvd.
Fremont, CA 94538

Planning Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 25, 2024
(9:00 am – 11:30 am)
Downtown Event Center, Capitol Room
3500 Capitol Ave.
Fremont, CA 94538

All interested stakeholders and members of the public are welcome to attend either meeting.

Comments on the Public Review Draft

There are several options for providing comments on the Tri-City LHMP Public Review Draft:

1. Email comments to jeanine.foster@fostermorrison.com.
 2. Drop off written comments or send by mail to:
Fremont Fire Department
Office of Emergency Services
3300 Capitol Avenue, Building "A"
Fremont, CA 94538
Attn: Hazard Mitigation Plan
 3. Bring comments to the public meeting.
- All comments are **due by February 16, 2024**.
- For more information, visit my.fremont.gov.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is Hazard Mitigation?

Hazard mitigation means any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from natural hazards.

What are Natural Hazards?

Natural hazards are events that occur in nature that threaten the safety of human lives and property. Some examples include earthquakes, severe storms, floods, wildfires, and tsunamis.

Why is Natural Hazard Mitigation Important?

Rising costs associated with disaster response and recovery have focused the attention of local, state, and federal government officials on addressing natural hazards before they occur. Hazard events – such as torrential rains

and flooding, wildfires, and earthquakes – cannot be prevented. However, their impacts can be reduced through hazard mitigation. Planning for natural hazards and the implementation of mitigation measures can substantially reduce impacts to the community. According to FEMA, each dollar invested in mitigation saves an average of six dollars in losses. Natural hazard mitigation can reduce loss of life, injuries, property damage, emergency response and recovery costs, and the economic and social impacts that natural disasters pose to our communities.

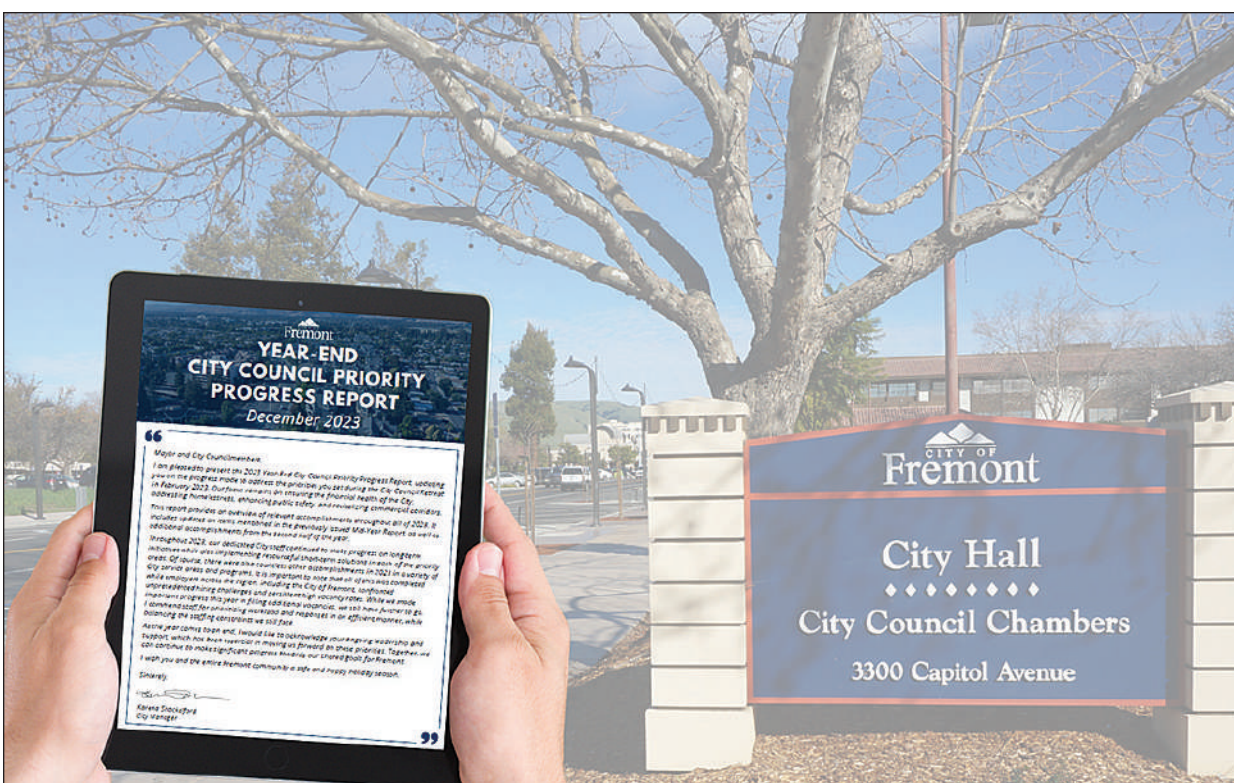
Hazard Mitigation Plan and Plan Update Process

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The plan assesses natural hazards and analyzes the likely impacts each hazard poses to people and property in each city, and in the Tri-City area. The plan establishes goals and prioritizes potential projects to reduce natural hazard risk. These projects may be considered for future hazard mitigation grant funding, which is administered by Cal OES and FEMA, and awarded on a competitive basis. Additionally, the LHMP enhances each city's floodplain management planning under FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program, Community Rating System.

2023 Year-End City Council Priority Progress Report Now Available



In 2023 the Fremont City Council reaffirmed three core priorities for the City which included enhancing public safety, increasing the vitality of commercial corridors, and combating homelessness, while ensuring financial health and sustainability remain the City's core principle. In late December, City Manager Karena Shackelford released the City's second annual year-end Priority Progress Report outlining

how staff has focused its efforts on these key areas throughout the year.

"Throughout 2023, our dedicated City staff continued to make progress on long-term initiatives while also implementing resourceful short-term solutions in each of the priority areas. Of course, there were also countless other accomplishments in 2023 in a variety of City service areas

and programs. It is important to note that all of this was completed while employers across the region, including the City of Fremont, confronted unprecedented hiring challenges and persistent high vacancy rates. While we made important progress this year in filling additional vacancies, we still have further to go. I commend staff for prioritizing workload and responses in an efficient manner, while balancing the staffing constraints we still face," stated City Manager Karena Shackelford.

Highlights include:

- Applied \$7.5 million of one-time revenues and savings to increase the General Fund Budget Uncertainty Reserve to address future economic uncertainty.
- Launched the Homelessness Response Plan development process and conducted extensive community outreach including: a project overview, timeline, community/stakeholder meetings, and a community survey.
- The Fremont Police Department (FPD) and Human Resources completed a comprehensive update to recruitment and hiring policies, procedures, and practices to ensure FPD remains competitive and sustains the ability to hire qualified and competent police personnel.
- Launched the Shop Small Fremont marketing campaign to showcase the small businesses that help make Fremont unique.

The City looks forward to continuing this work to improve our Fremont community in 2024. To learn more and view all of the 2023 updates and achievements, please read the Year End City Council Priority Progress Report at <https://city.fremont.gov/councilpriorities>.

WILL FRANCIS AND THE ART OF THE FAMILY

BY VICTOR CARVELLAS

The bright colors, abstracted figures, and playful, dynamic compositions Grenada-born artist Will Francis both tell the stories of his past and illuminate the joys of his present.

His beginnings were not promising. Though he confesses to having “always been an artist,” it was a flash of inspiration in 1997 that resulted in three back-to-back paintings. “Then,” says Francis, “I stopped for the next 20 years.” He would have more living to do before his subjects would appear.



In the meantime, Francis started both a family and a transportation business. “We were doing really well,” he says, “we had clients all over the Bay area.” When a New York account wanted him to expand to the East Coast, he realized he was already spending more time away from his family than he cared for. Then COVID struck, business evaporated, and he sold the company. “My wife said, ‘now’s your opportunity; start your art business.’”

“Art is my career now, so it blends in with my regular routine. I drop the kids off at school, go to the gym, then come back and paint for a few hours until I pick them up.” The Union City-based artist is prodigiously productive. “The creative process would come to a halt if I wasn’t painting every day. The ideas just keep flowing, so I’m able to finish four or five paintings a week.”

For this article, Francis chose some recent works representative of the subjects and themes that inspire him:

Do I Love You

“I visited my mom some time ago and I realized something I hadn’t known before—that she loves dogs. The person holding the dog in her picture is her husband. He had a stroke and has been unable to move for the last 10 years, so the dog, playfully frisking about, compensates for the lost mobility and



I Love You

acts as an intermediary, a sort of vessel that shares and embodies the love they have for each other.”

Chapters of Me

“It’s about different phases of my life. Different times. The grids there represent



Chapters of Me

the buildings and streets of New York, an important time in my life. That red represents how I see the world today. So many disparities. The space is so polarized with people fighting for the wrong thing. The red is the blood; it’s the suffering of people, especially in places like the



Family Time



Ukraine. The blood that is behind the scenes is now up front and represents how front and center that suffering is to me.”

Family Time

During the pandemic, we spent so much time together. I was trying to be creative but also focus on the kids. I was the primary caretaker since my wife was working. My business had to shut down. I had to figure out homeschooling, then paint for 20 minutes. It was a lot of time together, going to the park, taking walks. There’s a lot of colors in there. You see, we had just bought the house and there was all this tall grass and wildflowers in the back. They just ran around in it and had so much fun. Those wildflowers are where all the colors came from. For me, the structure of the piece suggests support and strength. The grids at angles suggests order amid the spontaneity.”

Aunties

“I grew up in Grenada and across the street from us was this big house. They



Aunties

were very affluent, while we were quite poor. There was a lady there from Venezuela, and she used to call me over and give me food. She’d watch us play. The yellow and black line of the painting is the street. Her husband watched us too. They never had kids, so I think watching us meant something. As to the title, I could have used the apostrophe, but the truth is there were two people there, so I dropped

the apostrophe as a kind of play on the words, to signify the pair of them.”

Nothing Else Matters

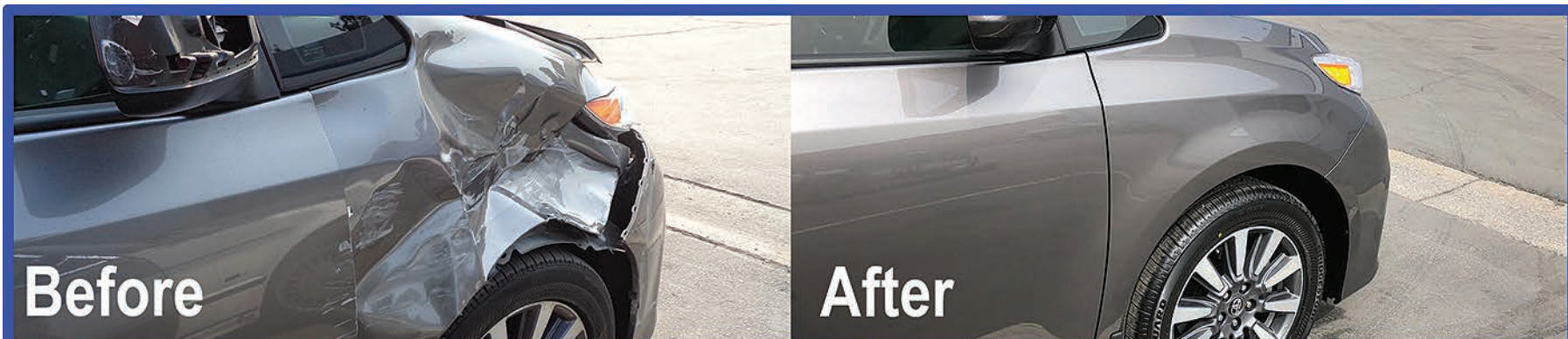
“It’s all about family, about what you cherish most, what you think is most



Nothing Else Matters

important. My first business was as an owner of a car service. I spent a lot of time away, often coming home just in time to put my daughter (we only had the one child) to bed. Now what happened was that I could have been a subcontractor for this huge company in New York with rights to the entire West Coast. It would have been huge for the business, but I was all over the place at all times of the day and night. My wife said to me, ‘Your daughter is only a few months old. What are you going to do?’ I realized how much I was missing, and I let the account go. I didn’t want to miss that time in their young lives. It was just in time, though, because Uber and Lyft came on the scene and that would have been my competition.”

Will Francis is hoping to have a new show opening in San Jose very soon. You can find out more about him and his work at willfrancisart.com.



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Home & Garden

Boost Your Mood with Fragrant Indoor Plants

BY MELINDA MYERS
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There's no need to visit a spa for a bit of soothing aromatherapy. Grow fragrant plants indoors to improve your mood and promote a sense of relaxation.

Gardenias may be the first fragrant flowering plant that comes to mind. They can be challenging but are worth the effort. Grow them in moist acidic soil, in bright light, and surrounded by other plants or on a gravel tray to increase the humidity.

Jasmines are known for their sweet fragrant flowers. Arabian jasmine (*Jasmine sambac*) will flower indoors several times throughout the year if it receives sufficient light. Consider adding artificial lights to boost flowering. Grow this plant in a warm draft-free location and allow the soil to dry several inches below the surface before watering again.

Citrus are valued for their fruit, but they also produce fragrant flowers. Give them bright light and keep the soil slightly moist for the best results.

Stephanotis floribunda was frequently used in wedding bouquets. Grow it in a sunny window and watch for flowers to

appear in spring on new growth. Complete all necessary pruning as soon as the plant stops flowering.

Plumeria are the fragrant flowers often used in Hawaiian leis. Provide bright light, moist well-drained soil, and fertilize throughout the summer to promote flowering. Allow the soil to go a bit drier during the winter. Don't panic if the plants go dormant and drop their leaves in winter. New leaves will appear as temperatures warm.

String of pearls (*Curio rowleyanus*) is a trailing succulent with leaves that resemble peas. Grow these in a brightly lit location that is a bit cooler in the winter. This along with slightly drier soil in winter can promote flowering. Its cinnamon fragrance is one you'll remember.

Another succulent that may reward you with flowers is hoya. Keep the soil a bit moister during the summer when the plant is actively growing. Allow the soil to dry slightly when the plant is resting during the winter. High humidity in spring and summer followed by cooler temperatures and drier soil in winter will encourage potbound plants to flower. Watch for fragrant flowers to form on the long leafless stems.

Give the leaves of scented geranium (*Pelargonium*) a pet and enjoy the lemon,



rose, apple, peppermint, or pine fragrance. Although grown for their scented foliage they also produce pretty but less showy flowers. Place the plants in areas where you brush past the leaves or can easily give them a pat to release and enjoy the fragrance.

Find a cool spot in your home away from drafts of hot and cold air for your lavender plant. Make sure the plant receives plenty of sunlight from a south-facing or similar window. Consider adding artificial lights to increase your success. Water thoroughly when the top inch of soil is dry to the touch. Pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer.

Visit your local independent garden center or reputable online plant retailers

that are more likely to sell these in winter. Then clear out some space on a sunny windowsill or invest in a few plant lights and start growing some fragrant plants.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.



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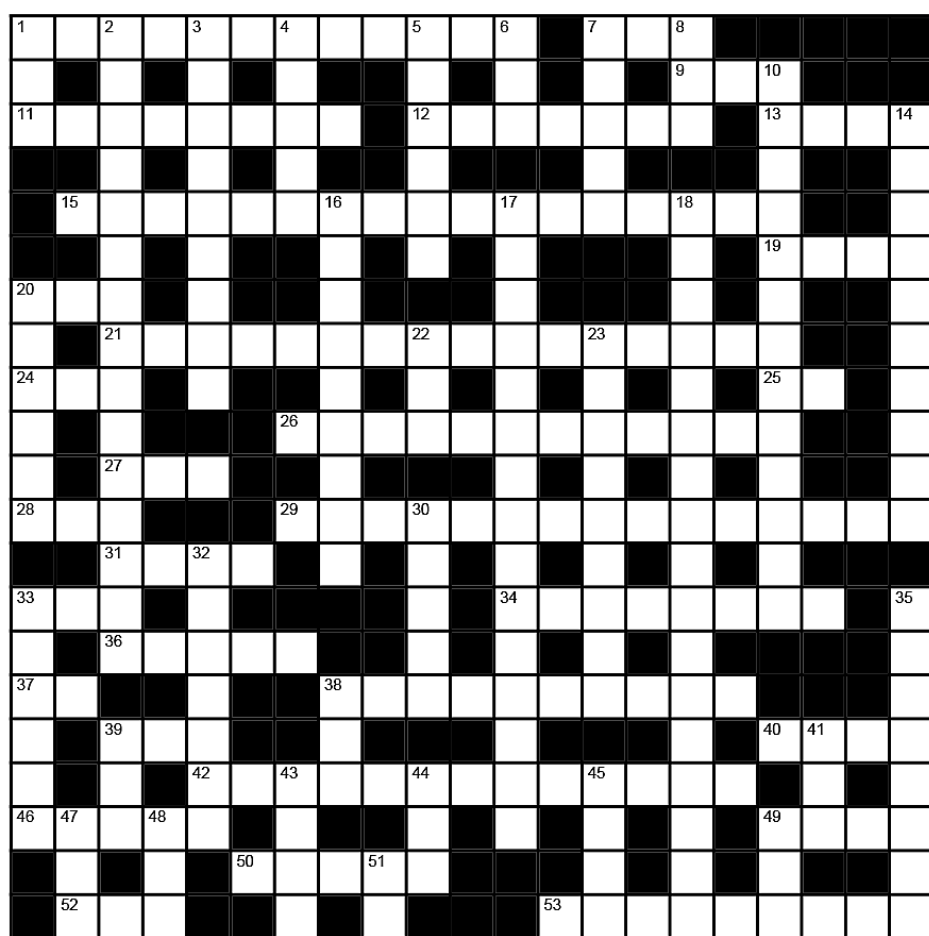


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Mind Twisters

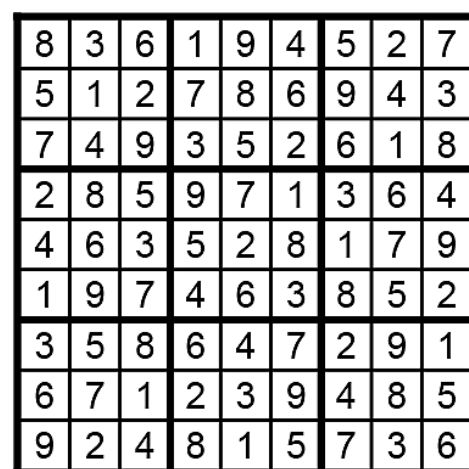
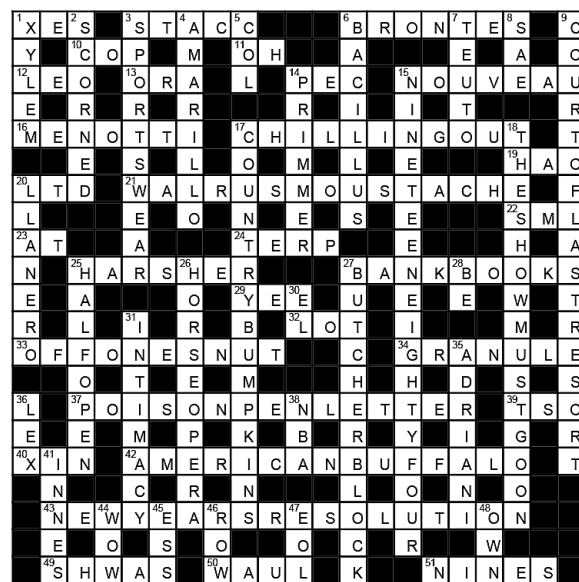
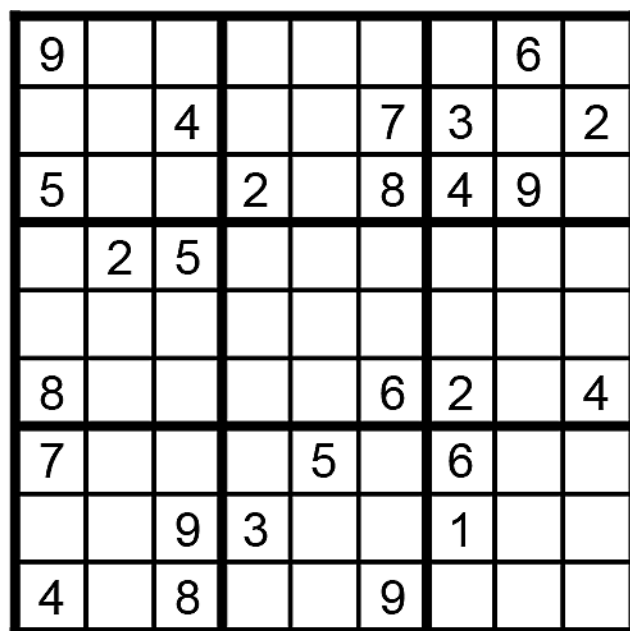
Crossword Puzzle



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| Across | 37 | "Captain ____" | 14 | Leafy vegetable in the beet |
| 1 | | (1986 Michael Jackson role) (2) | | family (5,5) |
| 7 | | What an ambitious one might | 16 | "Likewise!" (4,2,3) |
| 9 | | do (3,3,4) | 17 | Come through (7,3,5) |
| 11 | | ____ Schwarz (3) | 18 | Jack Higgins novel (3,5,3,6) |
| 12 | | Guinness and others (4) | 20 | Having the most wisdom (6) |
| 13 | | Dolby, DTS or Sony option (8,5) | 22 | Former Eur. country (3) |
| 15 | | Stendhal. (5) | 23 | Succeed impressively (2,4,3) |
| 19 | | "Parasite" star ____ Woo-shik (4) | 30 | "Captain Blood" star (5) |
| 20 | | Buzzing instrument (5) | 32 | Pen (7) |
| 21 | | Beachgoer's goal (3) | 33 | Innocent (6) |
| 24 | | Explosive situation (6,3) | 35 | Using dynamite (8) |
| 25 | Down | | 38 | The "p" in m.p.g. (3) |
| 26 | 1 | 1980s "truly outrageous" | 39 | Effeminate (3) |
| 27 | 2 | cartoon (3) | 41 | "Well, ____-di-dah!" (3) |
| 28 | 3 | *Hypoallergenic breed native to | 43 | Certain thick-piled rugs (4) |
| 29 | 4 | North America (7,8) | 44 | ET's craft (3) |
| 31 | 5 | Alaskan prospector (9) | 45 | Drugstore chain (4) |
| 33 | 6 | Rocket stage (5) | 47 | Knead, old style (3) |
| 34 | 7 | Confined (4,2) | 48 | China's ____ Piao (3) |
| 36 | 8 | ____ power (3) | 49 | Spock, e.g.: Abbr. (3) |
| | 10 | Characteristic of a prophet (5) | 51 | "No kidding!" (2) |
| | | Away from: Prefix (3) | | |
| | | Shrimp cocktail? (7,6) | | |

Sudoku:

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



Tri-City Stargazer FOR WEEK: JANUARY 16, 2024

All Signs: This week Pluto enters Aquarius. Last year, Pluto was in Aquarius for three months. (A teaser.) This year it will be in Aquarius for nine months. (A firm introduction.) By 2025, it will remain there until 2043. No one alive today has ever experienced this phenomenon because it last occurred in 1777-1798. It will herald a radical "power to the people" movement. First, we'll see the rise of unions. (They're already organized.) Think Amazon, Walmart and the hospitality industry. Next, the concentration of wealth, in its "top down" power structure will be challenged. Pluto's last visit to Aquarius brought the French Revolution, American revolution, and the abolishment of slavery in Canada. I think ecology and saving the planet will be THE issue because Aquarius sees the world as a global village – and if it takes a village to raise a child... it will take a village to save this planet.

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20):

You're popular in the next four weeks! You will interact with friends and be more involved with groups. Because your idealism will be aroused, this involvement might include charitable activities and working on behalf of those who are less fortunate. However, Pluto's long-range influence will cause you to re-examine your friends. As your ideals change, this will be reflected in your choice of friends and groups to which you belong. Very likely, you will become more interested in reforming society. Certainly, shallow friendships will end.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20):

For the next four weeks, the Sun is at the top of your chart casting you in a flattering spotlight! People see you as super competent. You might be approached to take on new projects or responsibilities simply because you look good. Say yes because you will handle everything successfully. Meanwhile, for the next few decades, Pluto will either give you the power to achieve your goals or the insight to change them. But you will have plenty of time to think about this in the next few years.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20):

In the next four weeks, you want adventure and a chance to learn! If you can't travel, explore your own city! You might want to go back to school or explore a new discipline. Meanwhile, this is the best time of year to check out opportunities in publishing, the media, medicine,

law, and higher education.

Regarding the influence of Pluto on you for the next few decades—very likely, your view of the world will change considerably. Your interest in profound subjects will grow. Caution about becoming obsessed. (Pluto loves obsessions.)

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21):

Your focus on debt, taxes, inheritances, and shared property will increase in the next four weeks. You will feel more passionate about these issues, including your intimate relationships. This is because you have a stronger desire to experience life firsthand—not just intellectually. In the next few years, you won't accept explanations that don't get to the bottom of things, as you seek the truth of what's happening. Stay out of debt because there might be changes to shared property and your partner's wealth. Continue to be the prudent saver that you are.

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22):

For the next four weeks, the Sun is opposite your sign, which means you will need more sleep. Respect your need for rest. (Leos tend to have a super hero complex.) However, you will be able to modify your behavior in your closest relationships, because you will have more objectivity. As you begin to live with Pluto opposite your sign, your closest relationships will transform. Some will reach a crisis because long hidden tensions will come to the surface. Avoid power struggles with enemies.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22):

In the next four weeks, you'll be gung-ho to get stuff done because you have an agenda for your new year; you want to tackle it efficiently. By extension, you will put greater demands on yourself to improve your health. (More than other signs, you're interested in wellness.) As for the long-term effects of Pluto for your sign, be careful not to overstrain yourself physically. However, this will be an excellent time to take up exercise or yoga because Pluto will maximize the benefit you get from these activities.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22):

The next four weeks are a strong time for you. For starters, you want to socialize and enjoy vacations! Fun diversions, sports events, playful activities with kids, the theatre, movies and the entertainment world will beckon. This is because the Sun is highlighting everything to do with the entertainment world and the hospitality industry. Meanwhile, Pluto's new transit might have a powerful effect on your relationships with your kids. Power struggles are possible. A passionate love affair with someone who might not be good for you is also possible.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21):

Your focus on home and family will be stronger in the next four weeks. You might be more involved with a parent. Hopefully, you will also enjoy time to cocoon at home while you ponder past memories. This is an excellent time to talk to

a counsellor who can help you see old behavior patterns that are no longer useful. In the next decade, Pluto will bring about change at the most fundamental level. Your home life might change radically, including a change of residence. The result will be something better!

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21):

The pace of your days is accelerating in the next few weeks! This is because you're busy with short trips and errands, plus increased reading, writing and studying. Some will share knowledge and teach others. This is the ideal time to state your views. Meanwhile, the long-range influence of Pluto for your sign will make everyday conversations and situations suddenly fraught with significance. You might even question your everyday beliefs. Travel will lead to important changes that have far-reaching effects.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19):

Your concern with finances and possessions will be strong in the next four weeks. You might examine your relationship with your belongings. Ideally, your life should be easier and you should have more control over your world through what you own. You might want to show off something. Think about how much you are defined by your possessions. Pluto's new journey in the next two decades will prompt you to take a deeper look at your relationship with your wealth.

Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18):

The Sun will be in your sign for the next four weeks, which happens once every year. It's your chance to recharge. In addition, the Sun will attract people and favorable situations to you. This is also the beginning of your own "personal year" (birthday to birthday). Don't hesitate to put your needs and wants first, because this is your time! Starting this year, and in the next two decades, your personality will undergo changes. Many of you will change your appearance. You will seek out answers to life's mysteries.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20):

You're entering a quiet phase for the next four weeks when many of you will be happy to keep a low profile. Basically, you're using this time to regroup and reset before the Sun enters your sign four weeks from now. Obviously, this four-week window is the perfect time to think about goals for your new year ahead. Where do you want to be five years from now? In the next decade, you will discover aspects of yourself that you have kept hidden.



By Georgia Nicols
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Not In My Backyard: Union City Residents Protest Cannabis Business License

BY CONNIE CHEUNG

Quiet, uneventful city council meetings in Union City have recently been jolted awake by impassioned pleas from locals protesting a commercial cannabis business application in their neighborhood. Citing concerns about crime and the location in a residential area, dozens of residents showed up at meetings in the past month with picket signs and prepared speeches.

The location listed in the application, filed by an entity called Embarc, is in the Cherrywood Center on Decoto Road – a small shopping complex that's roughly a 15 minute walk from James Logan High School and currently includes a cafe, a 7-Eleven convenience store and a liquor store, among other retailers.

The dispensary would be behind the backyard of Mike Garcia, a longtime Union City resident. "It's 36 feet from our back bedroom window to the wall behind where the dispensary would be," he said in a phone interview, with sounds of his grandchildren playing in the background.

Neighbors are concerned that cannabis dispensaries attract crime. Weeks ago, an Oakland police officer was fatally shot while responding to a burglary at a marijuana dispensary, hours after another theft was reported at the same place. Closer to home, Union City police responded in November to robberies at the two existing dispensaries in town, Lemonnade and Flor, where the suspects were all juveniles.

Wendy Huang, a frequent attendee of City Council meetings, feels a personal duty to advocate against the new store. "I'm a descendant of the Opium Wars in Asia. We've seen



Union City protestors at a City Council meeting on December 12, 2023

how psychoactive drugs can have an effect on people," she said, adding that she's not against responsible adults over 21 using marijuana, but is concerned about its impact on youth.

Although dispensaries have strict protocols about checking ID and selling only to adults aged over 21, increased prevalence in marijuana products could have unintended effects on minors. According to the CDC, recent years have seen "large increases in cannabis-involved emergency department visits" among children aged under 10 years and between 11-14 years old.

However, some locals support retail cannabis shops. Lemonnade and Flor both have over 600 reviews on Google Maps, with average ratings of more than 4.5 out of five stars. One local described Flor as being set up "like an upscale jewelry or electronics store," and the dispensary's website describes a

"purpose of elevating the conversation around and perception of cannabis."

Access to recreational marijuana remains controversial. Today, 60% of the state's cities and counties ban retail cannabis businesses, according to the California Department of Cannabis Control. These cities include Fremont, Newark and Milpitas, who all prohibit the sale of cannabis, with Milpitas only recently voting to allow the delivery of medical marijuana.

These bans could mean lost tax revenue, especially at a time of fiscal pressure across state and county budgets. In the third quarter of 2023, San Jose alone logged over \$47 million in taxable cannabis-related sales, based on figures from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

Union City generated over \$900,000 in tax revenue from its two cannabis businesses in fiscal

year 2022-2023, according to the City Manager's office. According to a proposal presented at a council meeting last July, projected tax revenue from Embarc would have amounted to nearly \$4 million dollars over the next five years.

When reached for comment over email, Union City Councilmember Jaime Patino shared that the city faces "a potential budget shortfall of \$3 million in the next few years," adding, "the additional \$1 million of the Embarc location would help us a lot to close the funding gap." Since most residents are against being taxed more, revenue from a new business could be a more palatable alternative.

Patino also cited the large margin by which Union City residents passed the 2018 measure to legalize cannabis sales. Even Mike Garcia, in rallying his neighbors to petition against the

proposed dispensary, recalled meeting community members who supported recreational marijuana and told him that "a dispensary is just like a liquor store."

With each passing day, the debate grows more heated. In a December 12th meeting, Councilmember Scott Sakakihara commented publicly about the tactics employed by some protestors, including being followed to his car and unexpected visits at his home over the weekend. Councilmember Patino also described being "disheartened" by the "name calling", the signs placed without permission in his and his neighbors' front yards, including flyers on his and his neighbors' vehicles.

For now, protest efforts seem to be working. Embarc requested a pause in its application to "evaluate their proposed location and to continue their engagement with the community." Council members also cite the importance of neighborhood safety and awaiting guidance from the police department, while proposing revisions to the application process to ensure adequate community outreach and protections for sensitive areas.

"At this point there is no Cherrywood location," Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci said at Tuesday's meeting, emphasizing the need to find a location "deemed acceptable for a cannabis shop."

Meanwhile, certain residents are taking a harder line. "Your yes vote will basically end your political career," Huang told city representatives in the January 9 meeting, a comment met with bursts of fervent applause from protestors in the audience. Another speaker threatened that if officials support the new cannabis store, "You. Will. Be. Recalled."

Park District announces new Assistant General Manager of Public Safety/Police Chief

SUBMITTED DAVE MASON

After a nationwide search, the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) is announcing the appointment of Chief Roberto Filice as its new Assistant General Manager of Public Safety and Police Chief at the public agency. The East Bay Regional Park District's mission is to preserve a rich heritage of natural and cultural resources and provide open space, parks, trails, safe and healthful recreation and environmental education. Chief Filice will be sworn in and begin the role on January 22, 2024.

As the largest regional park district in the country, the park system spans Alameda and Contra Costa counties and serves an estimated 30 million visitors a year through park and trail access, visitor centers, and programs. Its workforce provides services that encompass 73 parks, 55 miles of shoreline, and over 1,300 miles of trails. The Park District's Public Safety Division comprises Police, Fire, and Lifeguard Services. The Police Department includes the Air Support Unit, Marine Patrol, Equestrian Patrols, Investigations

Unit, and a 24-hour per day 9-1-1 Communications Center.

"We are pleased to welcome Chief Roberto Filice," said Sabrina Landreth, General Manager at the East Bay Regional Park District. "We look forward to his leadership and strong sense of community service in this important role that prioritizes public safety, quality of life, and exceptional park experiences."

Chief Roberto Filice said, "With a community-focused and team-oriented approach, I am ready to build partnerships, mentor and support career development opportunities, collaborate to enhance our work, and commit to serving the public in my role at the East Bay Regional Park District."

The Assistant General Manager of Public Safety and Police Chief position will further enhance the vital work of Fire, Police and Lifeguard Services, knowing that public safety and quality of life are both personal and shared responsibilities for all community members.

Chief Filice has served as the Chief of the Salinas Police Department since 2021, following his tenure there as Assistant

Chief for four years. During his tenure, his strategic vision was centered on crime reduction, fostering new opportunities for officer career development, enhancing organizational efficiency through technological advancements, and a steadfast commitment to refining and cultivating community relationships.

Chief Filice's academic achievements include the successful completion of the FBI National Academy (Session 255), Senior Management Institute in Policing (SMIP), FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (LEEDS), Peace Officers Standards and Training Executive Certificate, a Master of Business Administration in Public Administration, and Master of Science degrees in Criminal Justice Administration from Columbia Southern University. Additionally, Chief Filice holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Mountain State University and is currently attending the prestigious Executive Leaders Program at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey.

Chief Filice actively participates in various professional associations, reflecting



his commitment to ongoing learning and collaboration. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), Salinas Faith-Based Organizations, California Police Chiefs Association, FBI National Academy Associates, serves as the Central California Representative on the CalChiefs Board of Directors, and is a Board Member of the Marina Police Activities League.

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\$ = Entrance or Activity Fee
R= Reservations Required
Schedules are subject to change.
Call to confirm activities shown in these listings.

Arts & Entertainment

CONTINUING EVENTS

Tuesdays

East Bay Games Meet

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
German/Euro style board games and card games.
Swiss Park
5911 Mowry Ave., Newark
(510) 936-2523
[meetup.com/east-bay-games](https://www.meetup.com/east-bay-games)
sfdavidkaye@yahoo.com

Tuesdays, September 19 - May 28

It's Storytime

1:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Stories, finger plays, nursery rhymes, songs, and musical instruments.
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
[aclibrary.org/locations/FRM/fremontchildrens@aclibrary.org](https://www.aclibrary.org/locations/FRM/fremontchildrens@aclibrary.org)
For ages 18 month- 6 yrs.

Tuesdays, January 2 - April 30

Bilingual Family Storytime / 中英雙語故事時間

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Features movement, singing, and action!
Milpitas Public Library
160 N Main St., Milpitas
(408) 262-1171
For babies, preschoolers, and toddlers.

Tuesdays, January 9 - March 26

Music and Storytime

11:30 am - 12:00 pm
For stories, music, and movement every Tuesday morning.
Cherryland Community Center
278 Hampton Road, Hayward
(510) 626-8522
[aclibrary.org/locations/CHY/sanlorenzo@aclibrary.org](https://www.aclibrary.org/locations/CHY/sanlorenzo@aclibrary.org)
For babies, toddlers, preschoolers.

Tuesdays

Mobile Food Distribution with Tri-City Volunteers

11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Bring your own bag.
Fremont Adult and Continuing Education
4700 Calaveras Ave., Fremont
(510) 793-6465
[tri-cityvolunteers.org/food](https://www.tri-cityvolunteers.org/food)
First and Third Tuesdays of the month

Wednesdays

Ping Pong

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Activities for people with Parkinson
Age Well Center at South Fremont
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont
(510) 742-7529
[issuu.com/hsdept](https://www.issuu.com/hsdept)
mtorrez@fremont.gov

Wednesdays

Tropics Bingo

7:00 pm
Flash games
Tropics Mobile Home Park
33000 Almaden Blvd., Union City
(510) 471-8550
[the-tropics.net/activites](https://www.the-tropics.net/activites)

Wednesdays, January 10 - March 27

Drop in Technology R

3:30 pm - 4:15 pm
Local teens from high schools that volunteer to assist with your tech needs.
Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
(510) 790-6606
Drop-in.

Wednesdays

Free Hot Meals - Eden Greenway

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Food truck to distribute meals and books to the community.
Eden Youth & Family Center
680 W. Tennyson Rd., Hayward
(510) 881-7535
lindsey.vien@hayward-ca.gov
First and Third Wednesdays of the month

Wednesdays, December 20 - December 18

Genealogy Study Group R

10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Family history research or just the companionship of others with the genealogy bug.
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 667-7900
First and Third Wednesdays of the month

Wednesdays, January 17 - March 20

Celebrating Diversity Circle R

10:00 am - 12:30 pm
The diverse individuals walking through the same stage of life together.
Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
(510) 790-6606
First and Third Wednesdays of the month

Wednesdays and Saturdays, January 10 - December 20

Free Open House Nature Learning Center & Pollinator Garden

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Sat: 10 am to 2 pm
See native mammals and birds, explore a compost worm bin and more.
Nature Learning Center at Central Park
40204 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
<https://www.fremont.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/11557/638213003756970000>
Check availability.

Thursdays, December 28 - January 25

Stay N' Play! R

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Make friends, play with toys, explore arts and more.
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
Ages 12 - 36 months. Free tickets.

Thursdays, January 4 - December 26

CleanStart Mobile Hygiene Unit Visit

11:30 am - 1:30 pm
At the library's parking lot to provide hygiene services to the unshowered.
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
Recommend checking for availability.

Thursdays, January 4 - March 28

International Folk Dancing R\$

11:15 pm - 1:00 pm
Celebrate the cultural roots and traditional life of various countries.
Age Well Center at South Fremont
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont
(510) 742-7529
In English and Chinese.

Thursdays, January 11 - March 28

Chinese Music Ensemble R

1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Open to all who are interested in performing traditional Chinese music.
Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
(510) 790-6606

Thursdays, January 18 - February 22

Family Board Game Night

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Play together with family and friends or make some new friends at the library.
Centerville library
3801 Nicolet Ave., Fremont
(510) 795-2629
Board games will be provided.

Thursdays, January 11 - March 21

Homeschool Pre-Teen Social Hour

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Making new friends and sharing your interests with other homeschoolers.
Newark Public Library
37055 Newark Blvd., Newark
(510) 284-0675
lisacarter@aclibrary.org
For homeschoolers ages 9-13. (510) 284-0675.
Second and third Thursdays of the month

Thursdays, January 18 - May 16

Learn through Play (Special Needs Friendly)

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Designed for children with special needs, open to children of all abilities.
Newark Public Library
37055 Newark Blvd., Newark
(510) 284-0675
For age 5-14. Check for availability.
Second and third Thursdays of the month

Thursdays - Sundays

Animal Feeding

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Feed livestock and learn about their favorite food.
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(888) 327-2757
[ebparks.org/parks/ardenwood#events](https://www.ebparks.org/parks/ardenwood#events)

Thursdays, December 21 - May 16

Book Club for Grades 3 & 4 R

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
This program will be facilitated by an adult volunteer from Read to Thrive.
Newark Public Library
37055 Newark Blvd., Newark
(510) 284-0675
Third Thursdays of the month

Thursdays and Saturdays

Story Time

10:30 am - 11:00 am
Picture book story time
Banter Bookshop
3768 Capitol Ave. Ste. F, Fremont
(510) 565-1004
bit.ly/3VFpbz

Thursdays and Tuesdays, November 9 - May 23

Literacy Enrichment Program R

4:00 pm - 5:45 pm
Support struggling readers through personalized lesson plans and dedicated tutoring.
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Fremont Main Library
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Email to register.

Thursdays - Saturdays, January 18 - March 16

Hidden Treasures - Local Talent

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Art exhibition - Showcase artwork by local Fremont and Bay Area artists.
Olive Hyde Art Gallery
123 Washington Blvd., Fremont
(510) 791-4357
[olivehydeartguild.org](https://www.olivehydeartguild.org)
Check gallery open schedules during exhibitions.

Fridays, December 29 - May 10

Go: The Game R

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Go is an ancient game of strategy. To learn the game or to play it.
Union City Library
34007 Alvarado-Niles Rd., Union City
(510) 745-1464
All ages and levels.

Fridays, December 29 - November 29

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Class

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Falun Dafa classes provided by the Classical Arts Foundation.
Milpitas Public Library
160 N Main St., Milpitas
(408) 262-1171
Language: English, Mandarin, Vietnamese.

Fridays, January 12 - March 29**African Dance and Culture R\$**

11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Experience the joy and vitality of African Dance!
Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
(510) 790-6606

Fridays and Saturdays**Free Telescope Viewings**

7:30 pm - 10:30 pm
Join Chabot astronomers on the Observatory Deck for a free telescope viewing!
Chabot Space and Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland
(510) 336-7300
chabotspace.org/calendar
Weather permitting.

Saturdays**Free Beginner Pickleball Lesson**

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Free pickleball lesson taught by a USPA professional.
Hall Memorial Park
304 La Honda Dr, Milpitas
(408) 586-3210
Drop-in. Weather permitting.

Saturdays**Laugh Track City R\$**

8:00 pm
Series of improvised games and scenes
Made Up Theatre
4000 Bay St. suite B., Fremont
(510) 573-3633
madeuptheatre.com

Saturdays, January 6 - May 25**Family Storytime**

11:00 am - 12:00 pm
The story time features lots of movement, singing, and action.
Milpitas Public Library
160 N Main St., Milpitas
(408) 262-1171
For babies, toddlers, preschoolers, family events.

Saturdays, January 6 - December 28**Computer Crew: Teen Tech Help**

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Meet with a tutor to get assistance with basic tech issues.
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 667-7900
Check for availability. For adults, seniors.

Saturdays, January 13 - March 30**History Museum Visit \$**

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Visit the various halls that highlight the fossils of the San Francisco Bay area.
Children's Natural History Museum
4074 Eggers Dr., Fremont
(510) 790-6284
Self-guided tour.

Saturdays, January 27 - February 10**Fremont Neighborhood Tree Plantings R**

1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Planting 15-gallon street trees in front of homes in several Fremont neighborhoods!
www.urbanforestfriends.org/
Signed waiver. Age 15+.

Saturdays**Pacific Bus Museum \$**

10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Open house
Pacific Bus Museum
37974 Shinn St., Fremont
pacbus.org
info@pacbus.org
First and third Saturday of the month

Saturdays, September 2 - February 17**Book Sale**

10:30 am - 3:30 pm
Pop into the bookstore on the first floor for some great deals!
Hayward Public Library
888 C St., Hayward
(510) 293-8685
hayward.librarycalendar.com
First and third Saturday of the month

Saturdays, January 20 - May 18**Chess for Kids**

11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Have fun with the philosopher's game—chess!
Centerville library
3801 Nicolet Ave., Fremont
(510) 795-2629
For kids under 10 yrs. Space is limited.
Third Saturday of the month

Sundays**Weekly meditation Session R**

8:30 am - 9:30 am
Explore the effortless way to ultimate bliss.
India Community Center
525 Los Coches St., Milpitas
(408) 934-1130
samarpanmeditationusa.org
info@indiacc.org
info@samarpanmeditationusa.org

Sundays, January 7 - April 14**English Conversations at the Library R**

10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Open to learners of any English skill level.
Newark Public Library
37055 Newark Blvd., Newark
(510) 284-0675
Recommend checking availability.

Sundays, January 7 - February 25**ICC Chess Classes R\$**

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Kids will learn the fundamentals of chess.
The India Community Center - Table Tennis Center
1507 N. Milpitas Blvd., Milpitas
(408) 945-9556
Age 5+. Entry/Beginner Level

Sundays - Saturdays**Recreational Swim \$**

12:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Attractions may vary.
Silliman Activity and Family Aquatic Center
6800 Mowry Ave., Newark
(510) 578-4620
bit.ly/3nxo0is

Mondays, December 18 - May 20**Advanced Math + Science Tutoring**

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Offering free high school and college-level tutoring.
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 667-7900
nsilva@aclibrary.org

Mondays, January 8 - March 25**Beginning Zumba Gold R\$**

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
This is a dance fitness program.
Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
(510) 790-6606

Mondays, January 22 - March 25**Monday English Conversations at the Library R**

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Newark Public Library
37055 Newark Blvd., Newark
(510) 284-0675
Check availability.

Mondays, January 8 - May 13**Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Members advise the library on the best way to connect with and serve teens.
Newark Public Library
37055 Newark Blvd., Newark
(510) 284-0675
aclibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/658773781abde542006542b2
Application is required. Checking availability.
First and Fourth Mondays of the month

Mondays, January 22 - April 22**Paperwork Clinic**

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Had a brush with the law? Our team provides support services.
San Lorenzo Library
395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo
(510) 284-0640
jrogers@aclibrary.org
Check availability
Fourth Monday of the month

Mondays - Fridays, January 16 - March 7**"Something Minimal" Art Exhibition**

9:00 am - 5:00 pm
HAC member exhibition.
John O'Lague Galleria
777 B Street, Hayward
Located within Hayward City Hall.

Mondays - Thursdays, December 5 - May 23**Homework Help Center**

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Offer primary and secondary students FREE homework assistance.
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 667-7900
aclibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/nsilva@aclibrary.org
For kids, teens. Recommend checking availability.

Mondays - Thursdays, December 5 - May 30**Homework Help Center**

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Get your homework questions answered for grades K-8 during open hours.
San Lorenzo Library
395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo
(510) 284-0640
aclibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/sanlorenzo@aclibrary.org
For kids, teens.

Mondays and Thursdays, December 21 - May 23**Homework Help Center**

3:45 pm - 5:45 pm
Students in grades K - 8 can get help with their homework questions.
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
Drop-in.

Mondays and Thursdays**Fruit Tree Gleaning**

9:00 am - 10:30 am
Donate fresh fruits from your garden.
LEAF CR Stone Garden
55 Mowry Ave., Fremont
fremontleaf.org/glean
info@fremontleaf.org.

Mondays and Thursdays**Food Garden Volunteer**

9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Learning from experienced gardeners.
LEAF CR Stone Garden
55 Mowry Ave., Fremont
volunteer@fremontleaf.org
Volunteer agreement form is required.

Mondays and Thursdays**Free Hot Meals - Eden Greenway**

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Food Truck to bring FREE hot meals to South Hayward.
Eden Greenway Park
25625 Cypress Ave., Hayward
(510) 881-7535
lindsey.vien@hayward-ca.gov
On the corner of Harder and Cypress Avenue.

Mondays and Wednesdays, January 8 - May 29**Homework Help for Grades K-6**

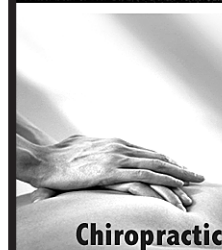
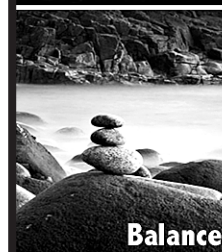
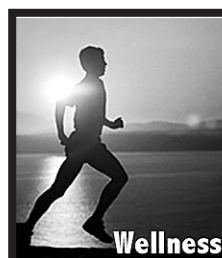
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Receive homework help from the tutors.
Milpitas Public Library
160 N Main St., Milpitas
(408) 262-1171
dlara@sccl.org

Tuesdays, January 23 - May 28**LEGO® Time**

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Use your imagination and engineering skills to create your own LEGO® designs.
Centerville library
3801 Nicolet Ave., Fremont
(510) 795-2629
Drop-in. For everyone.

Tuesdays, January 23 - March 26**Comfort & Joy Ukulele R**

1:30 pm - 0:00 pm
A group of ukulele players with volunteer leaders to practice familiar songs and learning new.
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(510) 790-6606

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UPCOMING EVENTS**Tuesday, January 16****Tech-Artificial Intelligence R**

10:00 am - 11:30 am
Learn what is artificial intelligence.
Space is limited.
Age Well Center at South Fremont
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont
(510) 742-7529

Tuesday, January 16**Android Phone Training R**

10:00 am - 12:00 pm
FREE training - make your Android phone work better for you!
Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
(510) 790-6606

Tuesday, January 16**Booklegger Volunteer Orientation R**

11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Volunteers visit 2nd - 5th grade classrooms throughout the Fremont Unified School District.
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400

Wednesday, January 17**Comedy at the Stage Door Lounge \$R**

7:30 pm
Prepare to be rolling on the stage laughing.
Bankhead Theatre
2400 First St., Livermore
(510) 373-6800

Wednesday, January 17**Open House Breakfast \$R**

8:00 am - 11:00 am
Age Well Center at South Fremont
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont
(510) 742-7529
Registration: (510) 742-7540.

Wednesday, January 17**Career Ready - Dynamic Resume Workshop R**

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Presented by Ohlone College
Tri-Cities Career Center.
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400

Thursday, January 18**Teen Gamers Club R**

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400

Thursday, January 18**Digital Art Class \$R**

4:00 pm
Learn the fundamentals of creating digital art using the state-of-the-art Procreate app.
Imaginook Art Studio
39675 Cedar Blvd., Newark
(214) 864-5133
www.imaginook.us/teens-adult-classes
For 10 - 16+

Thursday, January 18**CVUSD Special Education Paraprofessional Job Fair**

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
CVUSD is hiring Special Education Paraprofessionals
Castro Valley Unified School District
4400 Alma Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 537-3000
www.cv.k12.ca.us/SPED_jobfair/
Pre-register for interview.

Friday, January 19**Terrarium Workshop**

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Learn how to make a happy and healthy home for your plant.
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
For age 6+. First-come, first-served basis.

Friday, January 19**Mobile Food Distribution**

11:30 am - 12:30 pm
By the Tri City Mobile Food Pantry.
Food is available for the first 80 families in attendance.
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
Please bring your own reusable bag.

Friday, January 19**Terrarium Workshop**

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Learn how to make a happy and healthy home for your plant.
Irvington Library
41825 Greenpark Drive, Fremont
(510) 795-2631
First-come, first-served basis.

Friday, January 19**Friday Night Features! \$R**

8:00 pm
An improv comedy show featuring in-house and visiting improv comedians.
Made Up Theatre
4000 Bay St. suite B., Fremont
(510) 573-3633

Saturday, January 20**Candle Dipping**

11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Learn the traditional Victorian art of beeswax candle making and make your own.
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(888) 327-2757
All ages.

Saturday, January 20**Make a Bracelet \$R**

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Learn the basics of jewelry making while creating beautiful seed bead bracelets.
Michaels Store - McCarthy Ranch
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Saturday, January 20

Alameda Elks Annual Crab Feed \$R
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
All-you-can-eat crab feed includes pasta, garlic bread, salad, wine, and dessert.
Alameda Elks Lodge #1015
2255 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda
(510) 522-1015

Saturday, January 20

Comedy Shorts Night \$R
7:30 pm
Caught in the Rain (1914, Keystone) - Charlie Chaplin,
The Rounders (1914, Keystone) - Roscoe Arbuckle, Charlie Chaplin and more...
Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum
37417 Niles Blvd., Fremont
(510) 494-1411

Saturday, January 20

My First DIY Toolbox Workshop at Lowe's R
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Workshops hosted by the Red Vest expert.
Lowe's Union City
32040 Union Landing Blvd., Union City
www.lowes.com/diy-projects-and-ideas/workshops
For kids. Register now.

Saturday, January 20

DIY Craft Day: Bookmarks
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Children will get to decorate their very own custom bookmarks!
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 667-7900
For kids. Drop in and at your own pace.

Saturday, January 20

Cave Exploration with CaveSim
10:30 am - 4:30 pm
To explore 60+ feet of tunnels and a 12' vertical caving tower.
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
For age 3+.

Saturday, January 20

Storytime with AAC (Special Needs Friendly)
10:30 am - 11:30 am
Build your child's communication skills through shared reading!
Union City Library
34007 Alvarado-Niles Rd., Union City
prubanova@aclibrary.org
Contact Polina at (510) 745-1464, ext. 6.

Saturday, January 20

Making Tracks
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Look for animal tracks in the marsh, explore animal track molds, and make your own.
Coyote Hills Visitors Center
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd., Fremont
(510) 544-3220
All ages. Drop-in.

Saturday, January 20

Diamonds in Education Gala 2024 \$R
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Raise funds for students and schools in NHU School District.
Featuring celebrity emcee Fatima Silva, live auction, casino games and prizes, and more.
Paradise Ballroom
4100 Peralta Blvd., Fremont
(510) 350-3177
nhsfoundation.ejoinme.org/MyEvent/s/DiamondsinEducation2024/tabid/1391544/Default.aspx

Saturday, January 20

Dinosaur Science: What are dinosaurs? \$R
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Will learn the basics of dinosaur science, from geologic time to classification.
Children's Natural History Museum
4074 Eggers Dr., Fremont
(510) 790-6284
Age 7 - 10.

Saturday, January 20

Canine Capers
9:00 am - 11:00 am
Learn about the natural world around us as we hike park trails.
Sunol Visitor Center
1895 Geary Rd., Sunol
(510) 544-3245
For age 8+.

Saturday, January 20

Portuguese-American Fraternal Benefit Society 5/36 Crab Feed \$R
6:00 pm
All-you-can-eat crab feed, includes hot and cold crab, salad, bread, spaghetti, and more.
I.D.E.S. Portuguese Hall of Hayward
1105 C St., Hayward
(510) 461-5757
Neuze Garcia @ (510) 566-9040.

Saturday, January 20

Introduction To Herbalism R
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
An interactive class on herbal medicine as an ancient, holistic practice.
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 667-7900
amoffett@aclibrary.org

Sunday, January 21

Native Plant Uses R
The native plant hike where to learn their traditional uses.
Sunol Visitor Center
1895 Geary Rd., Sunol
(510) 544-3245
Age 18+.

Saturdays, January 20 - February 3

Dinosaurs!
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Take a class with a researcher to learn about the dinosaurs!
Children's Natural History Museum
4074 Eggers Dr., Fremont
(510) 790-6284
Age 7-10.

Saturdays, January 20 - January 27

Fiber Art Makers
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Join fellow fiber art makers in this open space to work on a current project.
Centerville library
3801 Nicolet Ave., Fremont
(510) 795-2629
For teens and adults.

Sunday, January 21

Popeye the Sailor 90th Anniversary Showcase \$R
3:00 pm
This program was assembled by Fabulous Fleischer Cartoons Restored in 2023.
Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum
37417 Niles Blvd., Fremont
(510) 494-1411

Sunday, January 21

Bath Bomb Bliss \$R
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Learn to create your own bath bombs to give as gifts or to pamper yourself.
Michaels Store - McCarthy Ranch
153 Ranch Dr., Milpitas
Beginner level. Age 13+.

Sunday, January 21

Towhee Trek
9:30 am - 1:30 pm
The hike is 6 2/3 miles, through some very beautiful country.
Lake Chabot Regional Park
17600 Laker Chabot Rd., Castro Valley
EBMUD Chabot Staging Area.
(510) 544-3187.

Sunday, January 21

Modern Embroidery Workshop Brooch \$R
11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Learn basic embroidery stitches, and more.
Imaginook Art Studio
39675 Cedar Blvd., Newark
(214) 864-5133
www.imaginook.us/embroidery-workshop
All the materials are included.

Sunday, January 21

Sunday Make Break: Watercolor Frame R
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Come in-store and make a fun free craft!
Michaels Stores
Fremont, Milpitas, San Leandro, Union City
All ages. Completely free.

Sunday, January 21

What is ChatGPT? R
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
An introduction to Generative Artificial Intelligence models like ChatGPT, Bard and Claude.
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 667-7900
For teens and adults.

Sunday, January 21

Paint in Color
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
To foster your inner artist by water coloring in the tranquil butterfly garden.
Coyote Hills Visitors Center
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd., Fremont
(510) 544-3220
Drop-in. All ages.

Monday, January 22

Kids Construct
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
To build and play with LEGOs, blocks, magna-tiles, and more.
San Lorenzo Library
395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo
(510) 284-0640

Tuesday, January 23

Prompt-Engineering for Open-Source LLMs R
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Examine what it takes to prompt-engineer on an open-source LLM with RAG to boost performance.
Online Events
www.eventbrite.com/e/prompt-engineering-for-open-source-llms-tickets-791669814727?aff=ebdssbctybrowse

Tuesday, January 23

Online Author Talk with Rajiv Nagaich - "Your Retirement: Dream or Disaster?" R
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Learn how to avoid the hidden traps in retirement planning advice!
Online Events
hayward.librarycalendar.com
michelle.nogales@hayward-ca.gov
Registration: library.org/haywardlibrary/37395

Tuesdays, January 23 - January 30

Let's Art - Botanical Printing
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
From treating the paper with alum water, to making greeting cards out of your masterpieces.
Newark Public Library
37055 Newark Blvd., Newark
(510) 284-0675
For teens and adults, and at all levels.

Saturday, January 27

Boys & Girls Clubs Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser \$R
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Meet the kids, learn our programs and indulge in great crab, pasta, salad and more!
Dinner is on 1/27/2024.
Boys & Girls Clubs of San Leandro
2200 San Leandro Blvd., San Leandro
(510) 483-5581
Ticket/Registration:
<https://tinyurl.com/CrabFeed24>

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- 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

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<p>Are you troubled by someone else's drinking? Al-Anon and Alateen Family Groups are here to help! Al-Anon has but one purpose, to help families and friends of Alcoholics. We have in-person and zoom meetings. Visit https://alanond17.weebly.com/ for a full meeting list. You can also email easyduz@gmail.com or call us at 510.276.2270 for more info.</p>	<p>A-1 Comm. Housing Svcs. A HUD Approved Agency 1st Time Home Buyers Workshop Presented on ZOOM Learn the process of homeownership. Down Payment Assistance Please register www.a1chs.org or call 510.674.9227</p>
<p>Fremont Stamp Club Meet 2nd Thurs. each month Cultural Arts Center 3375 Country Dr., Fremont Interesting discussions, trade, silent auction fremontstampclub@gmail.com www.fremontstampclub.org Steve (510) 461-3431</p>	<p>Scholarships for Women Fremont PEO/UF sponsors scholarships for women entering college, earning another degree, returning after 2+ years. 2% education loans. www.peocalifornia.org peouf150@gmail.com</p>

<p>EARLY RISERS start your Tuesday with a boost of energy. Join the NEWARK TOASTMASTERS from your home 7 am - 8 am via Zoom. Boost your communication, leadership & personal growth skills. It's FREE to attend as a guest. Info: wmfitts@yahoo.com profricka@gmail.com www.1118.toastmastersclubs.org</p>	<p>SAN LEANDRO HISTORICAL RAILWAY SOCIETY is open to the public each Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm. Located at 1302 Orchard Ave, San Leandro, Ca. Outdoor & indoor model trains will be in operation. Information: Eugene 510 963-2965 Model train donations: Bob 510 566-3499</p>
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<p>Memorial Lutheran Chapel for the Deaf (MLCD) MLCD is an independent congregation in partnership with Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and School. Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and School (Meeting in Mosley Chapel) 38451 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. Church Office: 510-499-8473 or 510-516-9566 Email: mlcdeaf@yahoo.com OR gomez.andylorena@sbcglobal.net You can find us at: Memorial Lutheran Chapel for the Deaf-YouTube "Where people gather...to worship, learn and share the love of Jesus"</p>	<p>The Friendship Force of the San Francisco Bay Area Experience a country and its culture with local hosts; meet global visitors. Guests from Canada in 2024 We visit Japan Enjoy our many Bay Area events www.ffsfba.org www.friendshipforce.org Call or text 510-363-0531</p>
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<p>SENIOR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES Friendly & fun group open to men & women. Variety of activities: Bocce ball, Day trips, BBQ, Dinner, Wine tasting and more. Free newsletter. For information 925-803-1313 510-303-1055</p>	<p>THE HISTORIC SHINN HOUSE 1251 Peralta Blvd, Fremont, CA Open for public tours \$4 adults, \$2 Children (7-13) on the: First Wednesday of each month, and Third Sunday of each month from 1 PM to 4 PM. Groups of six or more need to make a reservation Groups of five or less are welcome without a reservation We will enforce current local CDC Guidelines All tours are Docent led and last about one hour. More information and large group reservations call: (510) 795-0891</p>
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<p>TRI-CITIES WOMEN'S CLUB Meets on the third Tuesday Elk's Club on Farwell Drive 9:15 - Cards & Games 11:30 - Lunch 1:00 - Program & Meeting Group meeting monthly/bimonthly; bridge, lunch bunch, Rummikub, bocce ball & book club. For more info, call 916-217-3074</p>	<p>Rewarding volunteer opportunity! Deliver meals to seniors SOS Meals on Wheels Fremont, Newark, Union City M-F, 10:30am - 12:30 pm 10-15 clients per route Contact John, 510-244-0165 John@sosmow.org www.sosmow.org</p>	<p>ABWA - Pathfinder Chapter American Business Women's Association Provides opportunities for women for leadership, education, & networking. Virtual meetings - 3rd Wednesday of each month. 6:45 pm to 8:30 pm. Call Donna at 510-299-4332 or send email to pathfinderabwa@gmail.com www.abwa-pathfinder.org</p>
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<p>Fremont Cribbage Club Meets to play weekly, every Weds. We play a Cribbage Tournament starting at 5PM. at BRONCO BILLY'S PIZZA at 41200 Blacow Road, Fremont We welcome experienced players and will work with new players hoping to learn the game. Email: Accgr43@gmail.com For more information.</p>	<p>LOVE to WRITE? WANT to WRITE? WRITER'S BLOCK? Fremont Area Writers (FAW) is here to HELP! Zoom meeting 4th Saturday of the month (off July & Dec) 2:00-4:00 PM Great speakers! * All genres! * Critique groups available! Email scottfrombayside@yahoo.com for Zoom link before the meeting. Writers' Salon meets 4th Monday of the month (occasional exceptions) Join us via Zoom 7:00-9:00 PM Read, discuss or just listen. Email up.dragonfly.com@gmail.com for Zoom link before the meeting. Everyone is welcome! www.cwc-fremontareawriters.org</p>
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<p>NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES protecting and preserving your benefits Meets at Noon the 4th Friday at Fremont's Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth Come meet new and old friends, discuss developments regarding your benefits, share your experience and knowledge and get involved. For info: www.NARFE.org or 800-456-8410 (5am-2pm PT M-F) or leave msg for Jeannie at 510-792-6327</p>

<p>Tropics BINGO Every Wednesday Games start 7pm 33000 Almaden Blvd. Fremont Buy-In \$10 Flash games \$100-\$500 90% Payout Profits go to local Charities the-Tropics.net</p>	<p>BINGO BINGO BINGO Niles Canyon Mobile Estates 711 Old Canyon Road, Fremont (Niles District) The FIRST MONDAY of Every month in 2023 Doors Open @ 6:00 PM Games Start @ 7:00 PM \$7.00 - 6 pack; \$1.00 Bonanza; \$1.00 Blackout; \$1.00 Hot Ball; \$2.00 Daubers</p>
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<p>A-1 Comm. Housing Svcs. A HUD Approved Agency Credit and Money Mgmt. Workshop Presented on Zoom For dates, go to our website Please register at www.a1chs.org call 510.674.9227</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2950 WASHINGTON BLVD, FREMONT, CA We welcome you and your family into the life of Fremont First, regardless of your skin color, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental capacity, religious background, family configuration, economic means or immigrations status. Check out our website: www.firstchurchfremont.org See our website to meet us on Zoom</p>
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<p>Serious Mental Illness Free 8-week course for caregivers of someone with a serious mental illness starting Jan 6, 2024, from 9:00-11:30 in Fremont. Registration is required. Contact: Joe Rose at 510-255-3903 or Email F2F@NAMIacs.org https://www.NAMIacs.org https://www.NAMI.org/f2f</p>	<p>Want to see a collection of vintage buses? Visit the Pacific Bus Museum in Fremont at 37974 Shinn Street. View and explore these antiques which were built from 1932 to 1995. Open the first and third Saturday of every month from 10am to 2pm. Children always welcome. www.pacbus.org</p>
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Is the dream still alive?

The ideals and philosophy of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. are as relevant today as when he fought inequality and injustice in the 1950s and 1960s. Arguably, his most publicized speech at the Lincoln Memorial August 28, 1963, elevated the phrase, "I have a dream..." to a status rarely equaled in oratorical history. Revisiting those days of divisive politics and turmoil, is sadly reminiscent of today's controversial climate – figuratively and literally.

Although the "I have a Dream" speech among others spoke of the horrors of rampant individualism that accompanies bigotry, he concluded with remarks that gave hope and support for all of us. Suffering through battles of hate and indifference, Dr. King not only realistically appraised the situation, but spurred others to act in a manner that exemplified the ideals of a just and benevolent society. Throughout his life, King knew that this "dream" was unfulfilled and an ideal far from reality, rather a goal to give hope for a pluralistic community of people. Another excerpt from his speeches is a succinct expression of his basic message: "An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."

Even in our relatively calm, multicultural communities of the greater southeast bay area, incidents of hatred and violence continue to stain the fabric of our society. Although it may be an isolated instance or persistent undertone that only breaks the surface on rare occasions, these are the fractures that Dr. King warned about saying, "Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity." He noted that those who endeavor to isolate and divide, ignore the basic tenet that "We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now."

For those seeking a rational approach to solving our civic discord, King adopts a philosophy that integrates scientific thought and faith. They are not irreconcilable and, as a man of faith, he is able to use both to fight against irrational behavior. He understands that "Every man lives in two realms: the internal and external" that leads to "...an almost universal quest for easy answers and half-baked solutions" but advises, "Science investigates; religion interprets. Science gives man knowledge which is power; religion gives man wisdom which is control." King conveys an unshakable belief in the ultimate triumph of nonviolence; and a conviction that when good faces evil, respect and fortitude for the rights of all is the basis for justice, peace and brotherhood.

Exhorting society to action, King said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." His remarks at the Lincoln Memorial were a presage of the trials and tribulations to come but also a map toward the goal of peace. He admonishes those who favor

violence that, although a short-term solution, "Wars are poor chisels for carving out peaceful tomorrows."

It is my hope that we can learn to adhere more closely to the beliefs of Martin Luther King, Jr. and use the wisdom of his thoughts and actions to guide our personal and civic life to provide a lawful, just and peaceful society for ourselves and future generations.

Although, as King said in his historic speech at the Lincoln Memorial that freedom for all Americans is far from a reality, he refuses to believe that "the bank of justice is bankrupt." Instead, in a crescendo of confidence in the future, even with the premonition of his untimely demise, he exhorts the crowd with his "dream."

And so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

I have a dream today!



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Fremont Fire Log

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Thursday, January 4

At 10:41 a.m. Fremont firefighters were dispatched to a commercial structure response for a single-story strip mall-type dwelling with multiple businesses and a report of a dryer fire that was spreading.

The location of the fire was found in one of the suites and was contained to the room of origin. Business owners and bystanders used two fire extinguishers and some buckets of water to try and extinguish the

fire prior to the arrival of firefighters, but smoke filled the entire business and reached the shared attic space which started to impact other businesses in the strip mall.

After entry was made, firefighters worked to make sure the entire building was evacuated of business owners, personnel and customers.

Crews then made sure the fire was confined to the room of origin, checking beneath the subfloor of the structure and all throughout the attic space. No further flame impingement was found and thermal imaging (TIC) cameras were used to confirm this.

The fire was knocked down within 20 minutes. The Fremont Fire investigator at the scene

determined the fire started in the dryer. There were no injuries reported from community members or first responders.

Friday, January 5

At 10:32 a.m. Fremont firefighters responded to Arctic Glacier Ice (43960 Fremont Blvd) for a report of an ammonia leak. Firefighters arrived to find a large cloud above the building and Arctic Glacier Ice personnel evacuating the building.

The Fremont Fire Department (FFD) Special Operations Task Force, inclusive of the FFD Hazardous Materials Team was immediately requested to respond in order to address the hazardous materials leak.

Just prior to 12:00 p.m. a Shelter-In-Place order for the area

west of Fremont Blvd., north of S. Grimmer Blvd., east of Grimmer Blvd., and south of Automall Pkwy was called for by the Incident Commander and issued by the Fremont Police Department until approximately 1:00 p.m.

Firefighters in Level A suits, personal protective equipment specific for hazardous materials responses, confirmed the leak was limited to ammonia and terminated the exterior leak. The cause of the ammonia release is under investigation. There were no reports of injuries to community members, business personnel or first responders.

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Newark Holy Ghost Crab Feed \$R

3:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Annual crab feed - all you can eat.
Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Ave., Newark
(510) 793-4062
Ticket: (510) 203-3825, (510) 455-6386.

Sunday, January 28

Paint 'n' Sip Fundraiser \$R

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
All profits go to local domestic violence intervention nonprofit, SAVE.
Women of Temple Beth Torah
42000 Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont
(510) 656-7141
www.bethorah-fremont.org/wtbt
womentbt@gmail.com
Age 12+.
Register by 1/21/24

Sunday, February 4

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Valley Water Board of Directors appoints Nai Hsueh as 2024 chair

**SUBMITTED BY
SANTA CLARA VALLEY
WATER DISTRICT
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On January 9, 2024, the Valley Water Board of Directors elected Nai Hsueh, District 5 representative, as board chair in 2024. Richard Santos, representing District 3, was elected vice chair. The board vote launches Director Hsueh's third tenure as chair. Director Hsueh served as board chair in 2013 and 2020.

Chair Hsueh, a registered civil engineer in California, worked at Valley Water for three decades. Chair Hsueh takes the leadership role as Valley Water faces challenges such as climate change, inflation and aging infrastructure.

"We are here to do good things for the community," Chair Hsueh said. "I see the role of the chair not as a person with more authority than other board members, but as the coordinator and doer for the board, working with everybody to make sure things happen. With a functional board, we will continue to be a high-performing organization, which will benefit the community."

Chair Hsueh was first elected to the Valley Water Board of Directors in November



Nai Hsueh was elected Valley Water Board of Directors Chairperson for 2024.

2012 to represent District 5, which includes the cities of Cupertino, Saratoga, areas of Sunnyvale and southwest San Jose. Chair Hsueh was re-elected in 2016 and 2020.

Vice Chair Santos is embarking on his fourth tenure as Vice Chair, previously serving in 2004, 2009 and 2017. Vice Chair Santos, a retired firefighter and native of Alviso, represents District 3, which includes Alviso, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Milpitas and Berryessa/Alum Rock.



Director Richard Santos was elected Vice Chair

Immediately following the handing over of the gavel, board members praised outgoing chairperson John L. Varela for his leadership as Chair Pro Tem in 2022 and Chair in 2023. Director Varela's service was highlighted with a video featuring some of the agency's key achievements during his tenure as board chair.

Visit www.valleywater.org for more information on the Board of Directors.

Hayward City Council's Sustainability Committee

January 8, 2024

5:00 p.m.

• Proposed PG&E Transmission Line Over Highway 92: Discussion and Recommendation to Council

PG&E has proposed a new electrical transmission line that would cross Highway 92 to serve a new data center located on Clawiter Road. The crossing is part of a large industrial project that was approved by the Planning Commission in 2021. The proposed alignment of the transmission line would require the removal of several additional mature trees. PG&E is offering mitigation funds to Caltrans, however, by law, Caltrans cannot enter into agreements with private entities.

Therefore, Caltrans has requested that the City serve as an intermediary and enter into an agreement with PG&E to accept the funds and an agreement with Caltrans to transfer the funds to Caltrans for tree mitigation. The project consists of four industrial buildings, including a three-story data center, on an

approximately 26-acre site located at 25800 Clawiter Road. The site is also adjacent to the California State Route 92 (SR92) highway. Staff is seeking the Committee's direction to negotiate the necessary agreements, which would be presented to the full Council for approval.

Committee members directed staff to work with PG&E and CalTrans to prepare the agreement for Council approval with efforts to identify alternatives to removal of 8 Redwood trees.

• City Fleet Electrification & Electric Vehicle Charging - Discussion and Direction to Staff

In October 2022, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) adopted new rules for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles. The regulations require that, effective January 1, 2024, at least 50 percent of annual vehicle purchases must be zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) and beginning January 1, 2027, 100 percent must be ZEV.

The City currently spends approximately \$3.2M on its

non-emergency fleet, including new vehicle purchases and the operation and maintenance of existing vehicles. Transitioning to electric vehicles is estimated to cost approximately \$5.5M per year.

Committee members directed staff to present a report to Council, which could include a request to allow staff to continue to work with Ava Community Energy to explore the possibility of a "charging-as-a-service" arrangement or a request to pursue an RFP to prepare construction-level plans for charger installations. Finally, staff will seek Council support for EV purchases in the FY25 operating budget to be approved in the spring of 2024.

• Compliance with Stormwater Trash Reduction Requirements - Information and Discussion

The City is currently 97.7% compliant with C.10 requirements and staff is confident that 100% compliance will be achieved by the July 1, 2025 deadline. Full compliance will be possible with a final full trash capture device installation planned for

the spring of 2024 and a robust inspection program for non-compliant private properties with direct discharge to the City's storm drain system.

Staff has been working toward compliance with Section C.10 of the MRP and has taken several steps to achieve 100% trash reduction to eliminate trash from impacting the City's storm drain system and the San Francisco Bay. In 2012, the City installed its first continuous deflective system (CDS) unit on Tennyson at Tyrrell Avenue as well as 80 small trash capture devices in storm drain inlets. (Report presented by the Public Works Department)

Angela Andrews
Julie Roche
Francisco Zermeno

\$15 million grant to enhance Bay Area electric vehicle charging infrastructure

**SUBMITTED BY
BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District has been awarded \$15 million in federal grant funding to spur the creation of a more robust, accessible and equitable electric vehicle charging network across the nine counties of the San Francisco Bay Area. Funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program will add hundreds of EV charging ports to the region, with an emphasis on serving disadvantaged communities.

"This generous federal award will be indispensable to the Bay Area's efforts to transition to a cleaner transportation network with both immediate and

long-lasting benefits in the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions and the reduction of toxic air pollution burdens in our most impacted communities," said Dr. Philip Fine, executive officer of the Air District. "We are extremely grateful to the Biden administration and for the support of Congressman DeSaulnier, Senator Alex Padilla and others who helped us secure this crucial funding that will enhance our in-demand electric infrastructure grant programs and provide healthier air quality for every Bay Area resident."

This program will help foster deployment of public electric vehicle charging infrastructure in publicly accessible locations throughout the region, such as local businesses, retail centers, municipal and local community sites, intermodal transportation facilities, parking facilities, workplaces, commercial districts, public parks, and other sites in Bay Area communities. The grant funding will help improve local air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and aid the Air District in its efforts to establish a regional charging network that will support and encourage continued growth in electric vehicle adoption. The Air District will emphasize equity considerations in distributing the grants, to ameliorate existing disparities in the transportation system and to promote a convenient, reliable and affordable charging experience for all users.

of the seller's rights, duties, and obligations to the corporation; and corporation approving the conveyance agreement and assignment of enforceable obligations; and finding the action is exempt from CEQA review.

Mayor Mark Salinas	Aye
Angela Andrews	Aye
Ray Bonilla	Absent
Dan Goldstein	Aye
Julie Roche	Nay
George Syrop	Aye
Francisco Zermeno	Aye

Hayward City Council

January 8, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

• Adopt resolutions pertaining to: City of Hayward authorizing conveyance of funds to the Hayward Economic Development Corporation (Corporation); Hayward redevelopment successor agency approving the conveyance agreement and consenting to the transfer of the property located at 22631- 228522 Foothill Blvd., and the assignment

Presentation of statewide strategies for protecting communities, fish and wildlife during drought

**SUBMITTED BY
CALIFORNIA WATER COMMISSION**

ht-Strategies-White-Paper_Final.pdf.

**California Water Commission Meeting
Wednesday, January 17
9:30 a.m.
CNRA headquarters,
Room 221B
715 P Street
Sacramento**

You may join the meeting on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8561585471?pwd=aDBtRENvZXMrSmhScngvTmJ4Z0xndz09>). More detailed instructions on how to use Zoom and participate in the meeting can be found on the Commission website at <https://cwc.ca.gov/>

Offer verbal comments by telephone by calling one of the numbers below:

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As part of the California Water Commission's work in support of Water Resilience Portfolio Action 26.3, Commission staff will present a white paper containing potential strategies to protect communities and fish and wildlife in the event of drought at the January 17 meeting. The Commission will be asked to approve the paper. If the paper is approved, it will be shared with the Secretaries for Natural Resources, Environmental Protection, and Food and Agriculture, who requested the Commission's engagement on this topic.

The Commission's work intends to inform the Secretaries as they prepare for and navigate future droughts and to position the State to better protect some of its most vulnerable water users: fish and wildlife and communities. At its November 2023 meeting, the Commission reviewed a draft version of this paper. The final paper incorporates public comments. The white paper can be viewed at https://cwc.ca.gov/-/media/CWC-Website/Files/Documents/2024/01_January/Droug

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Darlene Teresa Flemmer



Darlene Teresa Flemmer, age 69, passed away on January 19 2023 at her home in Patterson, CA. She was surrounded by family and friends who helped her through her 2 year battle with cancer.

Darlene was born on Feb 6, 1953, in Fremont, CA. She was the first child of Faith and Jerry Flemmer. As other siblings were born (Dennis, Donna, Kathy, Gail and Sherry), she was surrounded by love and laughter. She attended the local Fremont schools including Harvey Green Elementary, David Reynolds Junior High, and Irvington High School. At the age of around 10, she became close friends with Debbie Franklin. They lived next door to one another, and setup a rope to carry notes back and forth to their upstairs bedroom windows. Back then, the joys of her childhood included swimming in the family pool, riding bikes and snuggling with the family chihuahuas. Another favorite family activity was camping in Dads Green Ford pickup and camper, where we learned to enjoy the great outdoors. Darlene also helped out a lot with her 5 younger siblings after her mom went to work.

Darlene's first job was working for her father, Jerry Flemmer, at his business 'Forklift Specialties' on Phelan Ave in San Jose. She did his bookkeeping, answered the phones, and helped in the shop by driving the forklift and being a second set of hands. Sometimes her siblings came along, and a favorite stop was a huge bakery right across the street that had all manner of goodies to choose from.

After graduation, Darlene joined her mom Faith Flemmer working in the electronics industry. She worked at various companies including Fairchild, LSI logic, and Anthem, where she learned a lot about technology and made many lifetime friends. After leaving the electronics industry, she began the rest of her career doing many different jobs in factories. She worked at Del monte, Owens Illinois, and Crown cork & Seal, where she met her late husband Frank Valencia. Around 2008, Darlene and Frank moved from Livermore to a nice house in Patterson, CA. Her dream of homeownership came true, and she spent the last 15 years fixing

up her yards and her house the way she wanted it.

Family remained the most important thing to her, and over the years, she enjoyed and also hosted the many holiday parties and family gatherings with her parents and siblings. From Halloween to Christmas to Valentines day to Easter, there was always a party to go to. Darlene enjoyed many activities, including jewelry making, crafts, and country western dancing. She loved to decorate her house for every holiday.

Darlene and Debbie remained best friends throughout their lives, and in 2019 they moved in together and spent the last 4 years of her life enjoying life and each other. Dar and Debbie considered each other 'sisters'. A closer relationship was just not possible.

In 2020, Covid was keeping the family apart, but we managed to once again meet up with the DUO google app. On Tues nights, we would spend hours reminiscing and catching up on each others lives. Many jumped in on these calls including Dennis, Donna and Mark, Kathy, Sherry and Tim, Gail and Greg, Jennifer, and Neil. We had so many laughs and it brought much joy at a very scary time.

Debbie was her primary support system when she found out she had cancer, and stood by her side at all times, taking her to appointments, staying with her during all of her treatments, and doing anything and everything that would make her more comfortable. Sadly, Darlene passed on Jan 19 2023.

She leaves behind her dear friend Debbie Franklin and siblings Dennis Flemmer, Donna (Flemmer)Spence, Kathy Flemmer, Sherry (Flemmer) Black (deceased), and Gail (Flemmer) Buchmann, and beloved nieces and nephews.

We miss her laughter, her kindness, and her love, but we carry her in our hearts.

Alameda County Program Launched to Combat Real Estate Fraud

SUBMITTED BY
OFFICE OF THE
ALAMEDA COUNTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price's Consumer Justice Bureau launches the 'Real Estate Fraud Notification Program.' It is an innovative, proactive, free program to combat real estate fraud and is designed to protect homeowners from potential fraudulent activity affecting property ownership.

Here is how it works. When the title of a property is transferred to another person, from the filing of a Grant Deed or Quitclaim Deed at the Alameda County Clerk-Recorder Office, a letter from the District Attorney's Office is automatically generated and mailed to notify

the owner of the transfer. The letter also includes a copy of the first five pages of the document which triggered the notification. Homeowners who are not aware of the transfer are able to contact the District Attorney Real Estate Fraud Unit at www.alcoda.org/cewpd/real-estate-fraud/ to have the matter investigated, prosecuted, and ultimately voided by the Court.

"The goal of this program is to protect the most valuable asset a person in Alameda County can have, and that's their home. All too often, white-collar thieves target the equity earned by seniors in our community who purchased their homes many years ago," said District Attorney Pamela Price. "This free program is designed to proactively investigate, prosecute, and void any fraudulent transfer."

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**In Loving Memory
David Mark Martinez
November 4, 1955 to January 21, 2013**

Suzanne Lillian Rhoades

February 21, 1941 – December 28, 2023
Resident of Newark, California



Suzie was born in Seattle, Washington and she grew up on the Puget Sound in Harper, WA. In her early teens, her family moved to Sumner, WA where her father owned a store, Coates Hardware. Suzie worked for her father throughout high school, learning to keep the books for his business.

She entered Tacoma General Hospital School of Nursing immediately after graduating from Sumner High School in 1959. She graduated from nursing school in the summer of 1962 shortly after she married Daniel Matthew Rhoades in June of 1962. The young couple lived in the Sumner area after marrying, and soon welcomed a daughter, Jennifer, in 1964; and a son, Daniel Jr. in 1966.

Dan and Suzie moved their family to the San Francisco Bay Area in 1968, finally moving to their home in Newark, CA in 1969.

Suzie was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Newark and later Centerville

Presbyterian Church serving as a Deacon, a pre-school board member, superintendent of Sunday school and Vacation Bible School. Always an active church member, she loved singing in the choir.

Suzie worked for almost 50 years as a registered nurse in the Bay Area at several hospitals and agencies. Suzie retired from Kaiser Home Health in 2010. Suzie was active in her community volunteering and offering help to others whenever she could.

Suzie is survived by her daughter, Jennifer, and son, Danny, her brother Jim Coates (Mickie), sisters-in-law Sandy Coates, Jeanne Rhoades, Hazel Rhoades, and Margret Strong (Mike), 11 nieces and nephews and 14 great niece and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Dan in 2014, her parents Cushing and Muggs Coates, her brother Tom, her father and mother-in-law Ned Sr. and Ruth Rhoades, and brothers-in-law, Ned Jr. and Jack Rhoades.

A memorial will be held:

Saturday January 20, 2024
at 10 am
Centerville Presbyterian Church
4360 Central Avenue
Fremont, CA 94536

Police Department case number is 2023-74047. This was Hayward's 10th homicide for 2023.

Friday, January 5

• Officers were asked to check a man's welfare after family said he was acting agitated and paranoid. Officers saw him driving near his house and did a traffic stop to investigate and see if the man was okay.

The man did not appear to be experiencing a mental health crisis, but instead showed signs of being under the influence of a controlled substance. The man was arrested on suspicion of DUI. During an inventory search of the car, a handgun, large quantities of cash, suspected narcotics, and Molotov cocktails were found.

To ensure there was no other contraband inside the man's home, officers authored a search warrant of his house, which was approved by a judge. Officers searched the home and found no other suspected narcotics, weapons, or Molotov cocktails.

Anna Marie (Francis) Romero

April 20, 1931 – January 10, 2024

Resident of Fremont



Anna Romero passed away on January 10th, at the age of 92. She is survived by her Sons Perry Romero and his Wife Renee, Richard Romero and his Wife Eva. Also survived by her Grandchildren Christopher, Spencer, Pierce, Anne, Kate, and Great Grandchildren Peyton, Levi, Kailer, Miles, Chase, and Grace. Anna was the last to survive from a family of 11 siblings Manuel, Mary, Angelina, Martin, John, Jack, Joe Jr., Anna, Charles, Gabriel, and Dolores.

Anna Marie was born in Boston, Massachusetts on April 20th, 1931 to mother Rose and father Joseph Francis. The family moved to Oakland, California in her early teens where she attended Castle-mont High School until she started working at the Oakland Cannery at age 14. She met and married Arsenio Romero around 1950. Anna and Arsenio (Archie) loved to dance and that is how they met. They lived with Joseph

and Rose a short time then bought a house in Oakland. While there they had two sons Ronnie and Perry.

Early in their marriage Anna traveled with Arsenio to New Mexico and was loved by the Romero family. Those family relationships have lasted throughout her life. Francis or Romero made no difference, Anna loved all the family. In 1963 they bought the home in Niles where Richard was later born. She loved living in the town of Niles. Anna was a member of Corpus Christi Church and always had faith in God.

She loved to attend Portuguese picnics and events into her middle ages. Anna loved to cook and was passionate about baking family members favorite cakes on their Birthdays. She loved to travel, visited Portugal, and made several trips to Europe touring different countries.

Anna loved going to Disneyland. She made it a priority to take sons, then Grandsons there, and also liked to take her sons to Santa Cruz. She would drive there in her Thunderbird. After 3 Sons and 3 Grandsons Anna was overjoyed when her Granddaughters Anne and later Kate were born. By then it was harder to go on longer trips so she enjoyed taking them to Sulpher Creek, the movies, and shopping.

Anna had all her sons sign up for Niles Centerville

Little League Baseball and it became a life long passion for the family. She was always there to support and encourage her Sons, Grandsons, and first born Great Grandson. She continued to love baseball and the community of friends she met.

She worked for Costco for about 15 years meeting many friends. Anna enjoyed being with the Red Hat Group and meeting at Dino's for breakfast. She always loved to attend Birthdays and other occasions and celebrations with family and friends at Scoma's, Spenger's, Bancheroe's, La Casita, El Patio, Olive Garden and many other restaurants.

Anna Romero was a proud and loving Portuguese American woman who was always there for family and friends. Beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Godmother, Aunt, and Friend who will be missed and forever in our hearts.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 18th, 11am-12:30pm at Fremont Chapel of the Roses, 1940 Peralta Blvd. in Fremont. A Funeral Mass will follow at 1pm at Corpus Christi Church, 37891 2nd St. in Fremont. Burial will take place at 2:30pm at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward.

**Fremont Chapel of the Roses
510-797-1900**

Robin Elizabeth Toussaint

(December 19, 1951- January 6, 2024)

Drop a pebble in the water: just a splash, and it is gone;

But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on,

Spreading, spreading from the center, flowing on out to the sea.

And there is no way of telling where the end is going to be..

James W. Foley

Robin Elizabeth Toussaint (December 19, 1951- January 6, 2024) was that pebble. It seemed that Robin was in the water all her life! She started working for Hayward Area Recreation Department (HARD) as a lifeguard when she was sixteen years old and worked for and managed their aquatics programs for more than forty years. Every spring she hired and oversaw the training of 130 lifeguards for the 5 swim centers, touching the lives of 8000+ children and adults who learned to swim and enjoy the water each year. She was a tireless advocate for swim programs for all, locally and statewide. In 2002, Robin was inducted into the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame.

The daughter of Tom and Pat Kincaid, Robin grew up in Sacramento in a large active family, boasting 26 first cousins! She swam for the Arden Swim

Club and Hall of Fame Coach Sherm Chavoor, alongside teammates Mark Spitz, Debby Meyer and Mike Burton. For a short time, Robin held the national record for 100-meter breaststroke. When her family moved to Hayward in 1966, Robin swam for the Flying Fins Swim Club. Swimming for Tennyson High School (class of '70) and Chabot College, her swim team forfeited meets because she was so fast she was considered a ringer! Even later in life, her lap strokes were described by her colleagues as "a thing of beauty." Upon retirement in 2010, Robin continued to serve on the HARD Foundation Board helping to raise money for scholarships for underserved children.

Robin's "ripple" touched so many. Lifeguards referred to her as a "second mother" and thanked her for setting them upon "the right path." More than ten years after retiring, when she would come back to the pool for lap swimming, it was hard for her to get her laps done because everyone wanted to visit with her. Her big personality, her booming pool-deck voice, and her positive attitude were a perfect match for the enormity of the Plunge!

Robin is survived by her high school sweetheart husband Dale Toussaint and children Rebecca Sermeno (Pedro) of Martinez; James (Lenae) of Collierville, Tennessee;



Meghan Toussaint of Golden, Colorado; and her brother Thomas Kincaid (Anne) of Shelton, Washington. Robin was especially proud of her bevy of granddaughters: Mackenzie, Adeline, Aja, Mackiah, and Emma. She was happy that they could benefit from the Title IX provisions she had been denied.

Robin fought the battle of cancer for two and a half years with the same verve that she tackled life. As one of her lifeguards shared, "Robin was unforgettable, a great teacher and friend." All are invited to Robin's Celebration of Life, Sunday, January 21 at 1:00pm at the Cherryland Community Center (278 Hampton Road, Hayward). Donations can be made in Robin's name to the HARD Foundation online:

hardfoundation.networkforgood.com or mail: HARD 1099 E Street, Hayward, Ca. 94541. Flowers can be sent to the Community Center. For more information contact Steve Love 510-514-5722.

Hayward Police Log

SUBMITTED BY
HAYWARD PD

Sunday, December 31

• At about 12:47 a.m. officers responded to the report of a man lying in the roadway near the intersection of Skywest Drive and Sueirro Street. Officers arrived on scene and located an unresponsive male, suffering from a gunshot wound. Medical personnel responded and pronounced the victim deceased at the scene. The victim's identity is known but is being withheld at this time. There is currently no one in custody for this incident.

This is an active investigation, and more details will be released when they are available.

Anyone with information related to the homicide is asked to call Detective Niedenthal at (510) 293-7176. The Hayward

LETTERS POLICY

The Tri-City Voice welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must be signed and include an address and daytime telephone number. Only the writer's name will be published. Letters that are 350 words or fewer will be given preference. Letters are subject to editing for length, grammar and style. tricityvoice@aol.com

PUBLIC NOTICES

BULK SALES

Escrow No.: 101822-EM 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 of the Seller is: Shazdeh Inc., a California corporation, whose address is: 44029 Osgood Road, Suite 120, city of Fremont, county of Alameda, CA 94536 (3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 44029 Osgood Road, Suite 120, city of Fremont, county of Alameda, CA 94536 (4) The name of the Buyer is: AVK Eatery LLC, a California limited liability company, whose address is: 373 Market Street, city of Los Gatos, county of Santa Clara, CA 95032 (5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are Goodwill, Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment, Goodwill of that certain business located at: 44029 Osgood Road, Suite 120, city of Fremont, county of Alameda, CA 94536 (6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: Togo's Restaurant, No. 334089 (7) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code. The anticipated date of the bulk sale is February 1st, 2024. (8) Claims may be filed at the office of McGovern Escrow Services, Inc., 436-14th Street, Suite 1015, Oakland, CA 94612, Escrow No. 101822-EM. (9) The last date for filing claims is January 31st, 2024. (10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code. (11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: Togo's, No. 331963 located at 35670 Fremont Boulevard, city of Fremont, county of Alameda, CA. DATED: January 3, 2024 TRANSFEREES: AVK Eatery LLC, a California Limited Liability Company By: Venu Kuchibhotla 1/16/24

CNS-377383#4

Escrow No.: 101821-EM 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 of the Seller is: Alah Incorporated, a California corporation, whose address is: 35670 Fremont Blvd, city of Fremont, county of Alameda, CA 94536 (3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 35670 Fremont Blvd, city of Fremont, county of Alameda, CA 94536 (4) The name of the Buyer is: AVK Eatery LLC, a California limited liability company, whose address is: (5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment, Goodwill, Inventory of that certain business located at: 35670 Fremont Blvd, city of Fremont, county of Alameda, CA 94536 (6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: Togo's, No. 331963. (7) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code. The anticipated date of the bulk sale is February 1st, 2024. (8) Claims may be filed at the office of McGovern Escrow Services, Inc., 436-14th Street, Suite 1015, Oakland, CA 94612, Escrow No. 101821-EM. (9) The last date for filing claims is January 31st, 2024. (10) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: Togo's No. 334089, located at 44029 Osgood Road, Suite 120, city of Fremont, county of Alameda CA 94536 DATED: January 3, 2024 TRANSFEREES: AVK Eatery LLC, a California Limited Liability Company By: Venu Kuchibhotla 1/16/24

CNS-377383#1

CIVIL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 23CV05416 Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA Petition of: TONG CUI for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner TONG CUI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: TONG CUI to GRACEY ENYI TONG CUI The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: JAN 23, 2023, Time: 9:30AM, Dept.: 14, Room: - The address of the court is 1221 OAK ST., OAKLAND, CA 94612 (To appear remotely, check in advance of the hearing for information about how to do so on the court's website. To find your court's website, go to www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm.) A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be filed before the expiration of the time set for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: TRI CITY VOICE Date: DEC 05, 2023 CHARLES A SMILEY Judge of the Superior Court 12/26/23, 1/2, 1/9, 1/16/24

CNS-376683#3

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 602468 Fictitious Business Name(s): UNION CITY PEDIATRIC AND ADOLESCENT DENTISTRY, 33800 ALVARADO NILES ROAD SUITE #7, UNION CITY, CA 94587 County of ALAMEDA Registrant(s): MICHAEL SUH DDS, DENTAL PRACTICE PC, 33800 ALVARADO NILES ROAD SUITE #7, UNION CITY, CA 94587 (CALIFORNIA) Business conducted by: a Corporation The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/30/2023. 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].) MICHAEL SUH DDS, DENTAL PRACTICE PC S/ MICHAEL SUH This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/05/2023. NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6/24

CNS-377369#6

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 603241 Fictitious Business Name(s): HALELUYA ETHIOPIAN GOURMET, 4144 WALNUT AVE., FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA Registrant(s): HALELUYA ASSEFA, 4144 WALNUT AVE., FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01-25-2019 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].) S/ HALELUYA ASSEFA This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

Alameda County on 01/08/2024 NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6/24

CNS-377329#8

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 582043 The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name(s): The Fictitious Business Name Statement filed on 08/27/2021 in the County of Alameda. AIRLINK COMPRESSOR AND VACUUM, 242 HARDER RD., HAYWARD, CA 94544, County of ALAMEDA Registered Owner(s): JOSE M. ELIARES, 242 HARDER RD., HAYWARD, CA 94544, County of ALAMEDA. This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to this section that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000]. S/ JOSE ELIARES This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda County on JAN 05, 2024. 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6/24

CNS-377329#1

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 602987 Fictitious Business Name(s): S'LASH STUDIO LLC, 108 FRANCISCO LANE STE 216, FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA MAILING ADDRESS: 16321 MATEO ST., SAN LEANDRO, CA 94578 Registrant(s): S'LASH STUDIO LLC, 108 FRANCISCO LANE STE 216, FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA Business conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].) S/ CHUNG LAI This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/22/2023

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CNS-377207#3

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 603036 Fictitious Business Name(s): THE ROSE GARDEN RESTAURANT, 33348 ALVARADO-NILES RD, UNION CITY, CA 94587, County of ALAMEDA Registrant(s): TOCA CORPORATION, 33348 ALVARADO-NILES RD, UNION CITY, CA 94587, County of ALAMEDA Business conducted by: A CORPORATION The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on SEPT 2000 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].) S/ SUSANNA WONG This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/27/2023

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CNS-3771029#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 602768 Fictitious Business Name(s): A4551 INC, 3183 RALEIGH CT, FREMONT, CA 94501, County of ALAMEDA Registrant(s): CLOUDNEXT TECHNOLOGIES INC, 3183 RALEIGH CT, FREMONT, CA 94555 Business conducted by: a Corporation The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].) S/ GUNJAN AGGARWAL This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/13/2023

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CNS-3771024#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 603029 Fictitious Business Name(s): SKY CASTLE CO. / SKY CASTLE STICKERS, 5645 VIA LUGANO, FREMONT, CA 94555, County of ALAMEDA Registrant(s): ALAN LAU, 5645 VIA LUGANO, FREMONT, CA 94555, County of ALAMEDA Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].) S/ ALAN LAU This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/27/2023

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under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30/24

CNS-3770593#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 602617 Fictitious Business Name(s): VMR CONSULTING, 18129 MELROSE AVE., HAYWARD, CA 94541, County of ALAMEDA Registrant(s): SCOTT BASLER, 18129 MELROSE AVE., HAYWARD, CA 94541, County of ALAMEDA Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].) S/ SCOTT BASLER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on DEC 08, 2023

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CNS-3770286#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 602968 Fictitious Business Name(s): HAPPY-PEP DOGGY CARE, 950 CHERRY CLEN CIRLCE, FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA Registrant(s): ATSUMI ERLING, 950 CHERRY CLEN CIRLCE, FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].) S/ ATSUMI ERLING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/21/2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 602900 Fictitious Business Name(s): SALON H K-BEAUTY, 47946 WARM SPRINGS BLVD., FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA Registrant(s): AJURA KJUTY SALON LLC, 47644 BANNON CT., FREMONT, CA 94539 (CALIFORNIA) Business conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].) S/ KA CHI WONG This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on DECEMBER 14, 2023

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CNS-3767199#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 602777 Fictitious Business Name(s): BHANDAL PIZZA DBA MOUNTAIN MIKE'S PIZZA, 5338 THORNTON AVE., NEWARK, CA 94560, County of ALAMEDA Registrant(s): GURPREET KAUR, 5255 ORKNEY CT., NEWARK, CA 94560 GURPREET KAUR, 5255 ORKNEY CT., NEWARK, CA 94560 Business conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2006 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].) S/ GURPREET KAUR This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/13/2023

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CNS-3766829#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 602774 Fictitious Business Name(s): THREE SISTERS PIZZA LLC DBA MOUNTAIN MIKE'S PIZZA, 5255 ORKNET CT., NEWARK, CA 94560, County of ALAMEDA Registrant(s): THREE SISTERS PIZZA LLC, 5255 ORKNET CT., NEWARK, CA 94560, County of ALAMEDA Business conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].) S/ GURPREET KAUR This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/13/2023

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CNS-3766827#

GOVERNMENT

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Union City will hold a public hearing on the following matter: 14 Union Square (APN: 87-19-1-25) ASD-23-023 and UP-23-008 Please be advised that Peter Hilliard of OnAir, L.L.C., on behalf of Verizon Wireless, is seeking Administrative Site Development Review (ASD-23-023) and Use Permit (UP-23-008) approval for a new enclosed wireless facility on top of an existing, five-story, 315,077 square-foot multifamily residential building at 14 Union Square (APN 463-60-53), within the Station Mixed Use Commercial (CSMU) Zoning District. The project includes construction of one, new 417 square-foot cupola, which will be built upon and project seven feet above an existing mechanical penthouse at an existing height of approximately 79 feet, bringing the total height of the building to approximately 86 feet. The cupola will house 16 new antennas with eight (8) new radio units and will be designed to match the architecture of the existing building. NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN This project is categorically exempt under Section 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. This item will be heard at a public hearing by the Planning Commission at the meeting listed below. Comments are invited in writing prior to the hearing or at the hearing consistent with the Instructions on How to Address the Legislative Body which can be found at https://www.unioncity.org/199/City-Meetings-Video. The project planner, Derek Farmer, can be reached at (510) 675-5419 or via email at nataliead@unioncity.org

writing and can be mailed or delivered personally to Frank Farhad Razi c/o The Razi Group eXp Realty Global, 2603 Camino Ramon, Suite 200, San Ramon, CA 94583 at any time after the date of the first publication until confirmation of the sale by the court. Jean Woolcock reserves the rights to reject any and all bids or offers. The initial bids is \$1,250,000.00. Any person desiring to purchase this property must make an offer totaling \$1,313,000.00, calculated as the basis of the original bid, plus ten percent of the first \$10,000.00 of the original bid, plus 5% of the original bid minus \$10,000.00. For further information please contact Emily Nashan at TALBOT LAW GROUP, P.C., 2033 N. Main St., Suite 750, Walnut Creek, CA 94596, (925) 322-1795. Date: 1/8/2024

/s/ Jean Woolcock

1/16, 1/23, 1/30/24

CNS-3772800#

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF STEPHEN WATHANA KHUON CASE NO. 23PR056792

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: STEPHEN WATHANA KHUON A Petition for Probate has been filed by TY CHEN in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.

The Petition for Probate requests that TY CHEN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on 1/29/2024 at 9:45 A.M. in Dept. 201 Room N/A located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: BERT Y. KAWAHARA, LAW OFFICE OF BERT Y. KAWAHARA, 1055 WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE 1890, LOS ANGELES, CA 90017, Telephone: 213-250-1989 1/9, 1/16, 1/23/24

CNS-3770792#

TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No.: 2023-0311 Loan No.: FREMONT APN: 501-0749-005-03 Property Address: 38239 ALVARADO BLVD, FREMONT, CA 94536 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/6/2023. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, or a check drawn by a federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater than the principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. 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PUBLIC NOTICES

you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916-939-0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com using the file number assigned to this case, 2023-0311 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 1/2/2024 WESTERN FIDELITY TRUSTEES 1222 Crenshaw Blvd., SUITE B Torrance, California 90501 (310)212-0700 Kathleen Herrera, Trustee Officer NPP0445190 To: TRI-CITY VOICE 01/09/2024, 01/16/2024, 01/23/2024 1/9, 1/16, 1/23/24

CNS-3771567#

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS NO: CA07000489-20-1 APN: 483-0015-079-00 To: No. 200069738-CA-VOL (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2). YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED June 15, 2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE

SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On February 16, 2024 at 12:00 PM, at the Fallon Street emergency exit to the Alameda County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon St., Oakland, CA 94612, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on June 20, 2006 as Instrument No. 2006235866, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, executed by LUISA M FOLEY, A SINGLE WOMAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of FINANCIAL FREEDOM SENIOR FUNDING CORPORATION, A SUBSIDIARY OF INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3818 SHINGLEWOOD COURT #10, UNION CITY, CA 94587 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the

trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$396,596.36 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder

at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call Nationwide Posting & Publication at 916.939.0772 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website www.nationwideposting.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA07000489-20-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction

pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916.939.0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA07000489-20-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: December 15, 2023 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA07000489-20-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Bernardo Sotelo, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.nationwideposting.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Nationwide Posting & Publication AT 916.939.0772 NPP0444847 To: TRI-CITY VOICE 01/09/2024, 01/16/2024, 01/23/2024 1/9, 1/16, 1/23/24

CNS-3770611#

John Robert Herndon

July 15, 1949 - January 10, 2024

Resident of Fremont



had a keen mind for historical details and loved to debate the merits of historical facts with anyone who was willing.

John also enjoyed politics and sports, and he especially loved the Golden State Warriors, the San Francisco 49ers, the San Francisco Giants, and of course his alma mater the San Jose State Spartans. He also had a passion for landscaping and for a time, had his own landscaping company, working with his brother Peter. In his later years, he spent many hours working in the yard and taking care of the flowers and plants around his home.

To his siblings, John was the consummate "big brother." He was always there in a pinch when you needed him - day or night - always ready to lend a helping hand. One inspirational experience that had a profound impact on John was, as a young adult, working as a counselor at a camp for at-risk youth. His big heart showed through his generosity of spirit.

We will all miss him dearly.

A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, January 22, 11am at Fremont Memorial Chapel, 3723 Peralta Blvd. in Fremont. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in John's memory to Spectrum Community Services, the American Cancer Society, Mended Little Hearts, or another charity of your choice.

Fremont Memorial Chapel
510-793-8900

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle

John Robert Herndon. John was born in San Francisco to John and Clifton Herndon on July 15, 1949. He passed away quietly at his home in Fremont on January 10, 2024, at the age of 74. John is survived by his wife, Peggy, his two sons Robert and Patrick, Patrick's wife Megan O'Neill, and his grandson Ryan. John is also survived by his seven brothers and sisters Anne, Felix, Mary, Louise, Liz, Matt, Ben and their partners and children. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Peter.

John graduated from St. Francis High School in Mountain View in 1967 and from San Jose State University in 1978. He worked for many years in sales and as a purchasing manager for various electronics companies in the Bay Area. He was often fond of saying "whether it's a paper clip or a giant machine, I'll take care of it." His true love, however, was all things related to history. He

Tax on Extreme Wealth

SUBMITTED BY
NICHOLAS CHAN,
COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR FOR CALIFORNIA
STATE ASSEMBLY

Assemblymember Alex Lee released the following statement after the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee decided to hold his proposed wealth tax, AB 259. "California has one of the highest rates of people living paycheck to paycheck while also having more billionaires than any other state and country, except for China. 99.9% of people would not be impacted by the wealth tax, yet it could generate over \$20 billion in revenue for our schools, roads, and essential services. Mega millionaires and billionaires need to pay their proportionate share of taxes. The average person's true federal tax rate is about 14%, while the wealthiest 25 people in the U.S. have a true tax rate of 3.4%.

The wealth tax is a common-sense proposal that's a



Assemblymember Alex Lee demonstrating with M&Ms the wealth of the ultra-rich, and a modest tax on extreme wealth

drop in the bucket for the ultra-rich. It would affect less than 0.1% of people - those who enjoy the most extreme wealth in our society. Despite the outcome of AB 259, I'm committed to creating a more equitable system,

and protecting our working-class families." Assemblymember Alex Lee represents the 24th Assembly District which includes the cities of Fremont, Newark, Milpitas, San Jose, and the community of Sunol.

Union City
City Council

January 9, 2024

Consent Agenda

• Execute the Consulting Services Agreement with Apex Strategies, in the amount of \$147,840, for a total contract amount of \$498,190, for transportation strategies support for the Quarry Lakes Parkway Project

• Execute the Consulting Services Agreement with VSCE, Inc., in the amount of \$434,000, for a total contract amount of \$883,100, for project management services for the Quarry Lakes Parkway Project.

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| Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Gary Singh | Aye |
| Jamie Patino | Aye |
| Scott Sakakihara | Aye |
| Jeff Wang | Aye |

Rampant Retail Theft Pushes
Newsom to call for new CA Crackdown

SUBMITTED BY
SAN LEANDRO PATCH

California Governor Gavin Newsom, on January 9, called for new laws to crack down on property crime and retail theft after countless reports of organized retail crime, car burglaries and smash-and-grabs throughout the state. Newsom released a framework that aims to expand and stiffen criminal penalties and bolster police and prosecutor tools to combat theft and take down thieves.

He wants the bill to increase felony penalties and prison time, as well as ensure police can arrest

suspects of retail theft, even if they don't witness a crime in progress. He also wants to allow law enforcement to combine the value of multiple thefts, create new penalties for organized auto burglary, eliminate the sunset date for the organized retail crime statute, and increase penalties for large-scale resellers of stolen goods.

"Building on California's existing laws and record public safety investments, I'm calling for new legislation to expand criminal penalties for those profiting on retail theft and auto burglaries," Newsom said in a statement. "These laws will make California safer and bolster police

and prosecutor tools to arrest and hold professional criminals accountable."

A surge in organized retail crime and thefts throughout the state has prompted some companies to close stores, citing the safety of customers and workers. Last spring, a Home Depot employee was fatally shot while trying to stop a theft from a store in the San Francisco Bay Area. In the fall, Target closed nine stores across four states, including three high-profile stores in the Bay Area. "We cannot continue operating these stores because theft and organized retail crime are threatening the safety of our team and guests, and contributing to unsustainable business performance," the company said in a statement at the time. "We know that our stores serve an important role in their communities, but we can only be successful if the working and shopping environment is safe for all."

California has the 10th lowest threshold nationally for prosecutors to charge theft suspects with a felony. Under current state laws, shoplifters who steal less than \$950 face a misdemeanor charge.



A work crew removes broken windows at a Yves Saint Laurent store in San Francisco after a robber backed a car into a window of the store in San Francisco's Union Square then jumped out of the car and burglarized the store, according to police. Credit: AP Photo/Jeff Chiu

Become a
Fremont Commissioner

SUBMITTED BY
CITY OF FREMONT
HUMAN SERVICES
DEPARTMENT

We are looking for new commissioners for our Senior Citizens Commission and Human Relations Commission. Commissioners are appointed by the mayor and approved by the City Council to serve a four-year term and may serve two terms. Before applying, you are encouraged to attend a commission meeting to see if it's a good fit.

Senior Citizens
Commission
(2 vacancies)

Interested in serving older adults in Fremont? The Senior Citizens Commission assesses the needs of the senior community, works with public and private agencies to coordinate senior services, and monitors legislation of interest to seniors.

If you are interested, contact Karen Grimsick, Aging Family

Services Administrator at (510) 574-2062.

Human Relations
Commission
(3 vacancies)

Interested in serving the whole Fremont community? The Human Relations Commission promotes, supports, and helps create a compassionate community environment where diversity is honored and respected, neighbors reach out and support each other, and the most vulnerable receive services to allow all a high quality of life in a community where we live, learn, work, and play in peace and harmony.

If you are interested, contact Noelle Tolentino, Secretary to the Commission, at (510) 574-2088.

For more information on these commissions visit
www.fremont.gov/government/departments/city-clerk/boards-commissions-committees

San Leandro seeks new council member

SUBMITTED BY
CITY OF SAN LEANDRO

The San Leandro City Clerk's Office is accepting applications to fill the vacant seat in City Council District 1. Applicants must be a registered voter and reside in District 1. The term of office will be ten months and expires on December 31, 2024.

Online Application:
www.sanleandro.org/Document-Center/View/9880/2024-D1-Council-Vacancy-Application-2?bldId=

A list of supplemental questions is forthcoming. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk at clerk@sanleandro.org or (510) 577-3366.

Applications must be submitted to the City Clerk by 5 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2024, by email (clerk@sanleandro.org) or in person at:

The City of San Leandro
835 East 14th Street
San Leandro, CA 94577

BART Police Log

SUBMITTED BY BART PD

Alameda County Jail for an active arrest warrant.

Friday, January 5

• At 7:33 a.m. a man identified by police as Vincent Tavares, 37, from Boston, MA was contacted on a train at Bay Fair station. Tavares was arrested for giving false identification; possession of a controlled substance; and drug paraphernalia possession. Tavares was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

• At 10:25 p.m. a woman identified by police as Jacklyn Garcia, 43, from San Francisco was contacted at Warm Springs station for smoking on a train. Garcia was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and booked into the Santa Rita Jail.

Saturday, January 6

• At 1:30 p.m. a man identified by police as Michael Chassereau, 38, from Oakland was taken into custody at Castro Valley station. Chassereau was booked into

Monday, January 8

• At 6:34 a.m. a man identified by police as Carl Williams, 60, from Oakland was contacted on a train at Fremont station. He was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. Williams also had an active warrant.

Tuesday, January 9

• At 7:20 p.m. a man identified by police as Kevin Tobie, 37, from San Francisco was contacted for fare evasion to exit San Leandro station. Tobie was and taken into custody for possession of a controlled substance. Tobie was booked into the Alameda County Jail.

Wednesday, January 10

• At 7:47 a.m. man identified by police as Emanuel Easter, 36, from Oakland was contacted on the platform of Castro Valley station. Easter was arrested for an active warrant and booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Super Hero Run

SUBMITTED BY NEWARK RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Family, friends, walk or run, all are welcome to the Super Hero Run! The Super Hero Run will have oversized games, music, giveaways, plus it's a healthy way to kick off your weekend. The run will take place at Lakeshore Park with the race beginning promptly at 5 p.m. One registration required per person (2 years and under free).

Spots fill up quickly, so make sure to register early. Register at newarkca.activityreg.com. Questions? Email jessennia.taimani@newark.org.

Super Hero Run
Friday, Feb 16
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Lakeshore Park
Lake Blvd., Newark
newarkca.activityreg.com
jessennia.taimani@newark.org

Skateboarding Sessions for Women and/or Trans People

SUBMITTED BY
SKATE LIKE A GIRL

Women and/or trans people sessions offer an exclusive space for skateboarders who identify as girls, women, trans, non-binary, and/or gender expansive to build community through skateboarding.

Ages five and up are welcome and all skill levels are encouraged to join. Helmets are mandatory for any skaters under the age of 18. Both skate lessons and open skate

are available, however space is limited so pre-registration is required. Skate lessons are \$15 and open skate is \$10. A 10% discount is given when registering two people, scholarships are available.

Women and/or Trans people Skateboarding Sessions
Wednesdays through Mar 27
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Rob Skate Academy
14492 Wicks Blvd., San Leandro
www.skatelikeagirl.com
Lessons: \$ 15, Open skate: \$ 10

Tumlin Soars in Gladiators' Triumph

SUBMITTED BY CHABOT COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Chabot women's basketball star, Kelly Tumlin, ushered in the New Year with a landmark performance, tying the school record with 38 points in a 57-49 win over visiting Shasta Thursday, January 4.

Tumlin amassed nine 3-pointers as the Gladiators, ranked 14th in the CCCWBCA State Poll, improved to 12-5. Alexa Pletschette added nine points, with two 3's for Chabot.

Chabot wrapped up non-conference play at Redwoods on Monday, January 8 with a loss at 62-57.

Newark Police Log

SUBMITTED BY
NEWARK PD

Monday, January 1

• 12:30 p.m.: Officer Frentescu was dispatched to a parking lot on Newark Boulevard for a vehicle that had front-end damage and a shattered windshield. Officer Frentescu arrived and discovered the vehicle occupied by a 43-year-old male out of San Pablo. He was found to have two felony warrants and was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

• 4:29 p.m.: Officers were alerted to a wanted vehicle entering Newark. The vehicle was wanted for evading a neighboring police agency. Sergeant Warren located the vehicle turning westbound onto Central Avenue from Cherry Street and conducted a high-risk stop. Three juveniles were safely detained. The driver, a 16-year-old male out of Newark, was identified and released to his parents. The vehicle was towed pursuant to a vehicle seizure warrant with a 30-day hold.

• 8:14 p.m.: Officers were dispatched to a fast-food establishment where the employee was battered by the suspect, a 34-year-old unsheltered male. Officers arrived on scene and located the suspect in the area. Officer Swadener arrested him for battery and an outstanding warrant. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

• 9:32 p.m.: Officer Riddles attempted a traffic stop on Mowry Avenue near Rockrose Drive. The driver of the vehicle failed to yield, while doing 20 MPH for a couple of city blocks. He was ultimately pulled over on Cherry Street, which resulted in a high-risk stop. The driver, a 19-year-old male out of Fremont, stated he was young and too afraid to pull over after taking his mother's vehicle without permission. He was arrested and released from the scene with a citation for evading and running a red light.

Tuesday, January 2

• 12:00 a.m.: Officers were dispatched to a court order

violation at a residence on Port Sailwood Drive. The suspect, a 22-year-old female out of Newark, fled in a blue sedan prior to police arrival. Officer Riddles located the blue sedan driving recklessly away from the area at a high rate of speed, which turned out to be driven by a 62-year-old female out of Newark, and the 22-year-old suspect was located hiding in back seat. Officer Riddles determined the driver was under the influence of drugs and arrested her for DUI. Officer Townsend arrested the 22-year-old suspect for the court order violation. Both were booked into Santa Rita Jail.

• 2:28 p.m.: Officer C. Torres located the brown colored Kia that fled from Officer Williams (01/01/2024) on Dairy Avenue at Cherry Street, now without license plates affixed to it. As Officer Williams responded to the stolen vehicle, he spotted the driver of the Kia walking in the area. Officers located the subject, a 28-year-old male out of Hayward, and was arrested for felony evasion and possession of a stolen vehicle. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Wednesday, January 3

• 9:44 p.m.: Officers were dispatched to the area of Spruce Street and Hermitage Avenue for a report of an in-progress auto burglary or possible vehicle theft. The reporting party stated two suspects were inside a neighbor's vehicle. The suspects were associated with a silver Honda Civic with rust spots. Sgt. Mapes arrived on scene and spotted the suspect vehicle and attempted a traffic enforcement stop. The vehicle fled the area at a high rate of speed and was last seen on eastbound SR-84. No pursuit was initiated. Officers located (2) auto burglary victim vehicles in the area.

• 10:32 p.m.: Officers were dispatched to Thornton Avenue and Gateway Boulevard for a report of a robbery. The victim was out for a walk when he was punched and had his wallet and cell phone taken. The suspects fled the scene. Case investigated by Officer Townsend.

Friday, January 5

• 9:46 a.m.: Officer Stevenson responded to a noise complaint at

an apartment on Bettencourt Street. During her investigation, she located an occupied stolen vehicle in the parking lot and arrested a 37-year-old female out of Elk Grove for possession of a stolen vehicle and carrying a loaded concealed firearm. She contacted and arrested a 37-year-old male out of Newark for felony warrants. They were both booked into Santa Rita Jail. She also contacted a 38-year-old male out of Newark who was found to have a warrant for his arrest. He was issued a citation and released on scene.

• 10:46 a.m.: During a proactive security check at a motel, Officer Lara conducted a probation search of a known probationer in the parking lot. That led him to an associated motel room, where he contacted and arrested a 34-year-old male for outstanding warrants and a 30-year-old female out of Fremont for possession of drugs and paraphernalia. The male was booked into Santa Rita Jail, the female was issued a citation.

Sunday, January 7

• 12:17 a.m.: Officers responded to a bar for a report of subjects fighting with security. Officer Swadener arrived on scene and detained two subjects. Both subjects were extremely intoxicated and refused to identify themselves. Security declined to press charges. Officer Swadener arrested the two subjects for being drunk in public and booked them into Santa Rita Jail.

• 8:02 a.m.: Officer Williams conducted a security check at a Motel on Cedar Court. He located an unoccupied stolen vehicle in the parking lot. Further investigation led to the arrest of two suspects, both were on probation for vehicle theft. A probation search of their shared motel room revealed several credit cards and ID's not belonging to them, multiple ignition keys to different types of vehicles and 2.4 grams of methamphetamine. Both suspects, a 35-year-old female out of Oakland and a 32-year-old male out of Hayward, were arrested and booked into Santa Rita Jail for the listed crimes.

Mission San Jose Warriors outlast Newark Memorial Cougars in midseason duel



Warriors guard Brandon Bao sizes up the Newark defense

BY VIDYUTH SRIDHAR

On January 13, Mission San Jose High School Varsity Basketball Warriors (Fremont) battled the Newark Memorial High School Cougars (Newark), triumphing 69-60.

On the heels of their first regular-season league victory on January 11 against the Irvington High School Vikings (Fremont), the Warriors appeared poised from the tip-off. Early contributions from guards Shlok Prabhu and Darsh Jayaram forced the Cougars to call a timeout early in the first quarter. However, a multitude of Newark defensive stops and offensive turnovers stifled Mission's strong start — the Warriors only scoring on three more possessions to end the quarter up 17-10.

The Cougars continued to rally in the second quarter, taking advantage of their size and strength to punish the Warriors' interior defense. Forwards Kyle Hopkins and Cristian Failla continued to grab rebounds and draw fouls, extending and generating Newark's offense to reduce the Warriors' lead to two points at halftime.

With the game still in the balance, Mission San Jose looked to rekindle their offensive spark — largely through their captain, guard Brandon Bao. Bao, who posted a career-high

31 points, notched 13 in the third quarter, repeatedly slashing into the paint to frustrate and tax the Cougar defense. Additional scoring bursts from Jayaram and Prabhu bolstered the Warriors' run, widening their lead to 47-38 entering the fourth quarter.

However, Mission continued to commit fouls whilst on defense, keeping them from definitively sealing the game; Failla's commanding rim presence, coupled with inside shots from guards Jacob Libiran and Damario Pride, saw the Cougars cut their deficit to six points in the closing minutes. But a late midrange score from Bao finally iced Newark's attack — Mission hanging on to prevail 69-60.

Reflecting on the match, Bao and the Warriors remained confident and jovial. "I think my coach summed it up well pre-game; all we need to do is play our own game and we will be fine ... we know that we can outmatch them," Bao said.

The Warriors compete next against the James Logan High School Colts (Union City) at 7 p.m. on January 16 at Mission San Jose High School. Meanwhile, the Cougars will face off against the Washington High School Huskies (Fremont), in Newark Memorial High School on January 16 at 7 p.m.

THEATRE REVIEW

Become a Part of a New World at StarStruck's *The Little Mermaid*

BY HUGO VERA

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StarStruck Theatre's production of *The Little Mermaid* is an ambitious undertaking that fans of the original 1989 animated Disney classic will enjoy as well as fans of the Broadway musical version. Coming fresh off the heels of last year's live-action film adaptation and the 2019 live television special (both of which received polarizing reviews), director Courtney Stokes and producer Lori Stokes (a mother/daughter team) have taken the classic story based on Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale to literal new heights in a spectacle of song, dance, practical effects and top-tier production design.

For those unfamiliar, the musical follows the plight of a young mermaid named Ariel whose father King Triton rules over the seven seas. When Ariel rescues the seafaring Prince Eric of the surface world, she soon becomes torn between satisfying the wants of her protective father while also yearning to explore the surface world. All the while, the wicked sea witch Ursula (the jealous and disgraced sister of King Triton) aims to exploit Ariel's newfound love for Prince Eric in this emotional tale of belonging, love and family. The decision for the plot of this production to blend the storylines from the animated and stage incarnations of the story (as opposed to following just one) makes for a refreshing experience from what could have otherwise been oversaturated intellectual property.

The crux of the show lies within the performances from the titular character of Ariel (played by Lila ten Bosch) and her counterpart Prince Eric (Hayden Wood). Ten Bosch and Wood's on-stage chemistry is matched only by their vocal ranges as their renditions of tracks such as "Part of Your World" and "Her Voice" paint a vivid picture of their respective characters' motivations. Another stand-alone performance is that of the sea witch Ursula



(played by Lici Carey). Carey's make-up is a subtle nod to the famous drag queen Divine (who was the inspiration for the 1989 depiction of Ursula) while her performance seamlessly juxtaposes malice with charisma, which makes the character simultaneously repulsive yet understandable in her motives. Other notable performances include those of Sebastian (Russell Lym), Flounder (Isabella Dong), Scuttle (Kamran Motahari) and Grimsby (Jai Kaushik) whose neurotic handlings of Ariel and Eric's courtship provide laughs and colorful insight throughout the show.

Merging the animated classic with the musical adaptation is no easy feat, but the cast and music ensemble effortlessly coalesce the two as seen with Lym's Sebastian leading, "Under the Sea" and Kaushik leading "The Contest."

Much praise is due to the production team who have delivered some of the most impressive set pieces in StarStruck's history this time around. The use of collapsible



Roman-style arches, seaside cliffs, 60-foot-wide painted backdrops, flowing blue ribbons, blacklights and other practical effects fully transport audiences from life on the deck of Prince Eric's galleon, to the murky depths of Ursula's macabre lair, to the sanctuary of Ariel's

treasure grotto. The use of harnesses, roller blades and cables to lift and lower various members of the cast also aid in the audience's suspension of disbelief as characters swim up and down the underwater settings.

For fans of the Disney adaptations, as well as the Broadway show and for those who love both, StarStruck's production of *The Little Mermaid* is a mesmerizing spectacle family members of all ages will most definitely enjoy this winter.

The show is roughly two hours, 45 minutes, with a 15-minute intermission.

The Little Mermaid
 Friday Jan 12 – Sunday, Jan 29
 Fri/Sat: 7:30 p.m.
 Sun: 2:30 p.m.
 Smith Center at Ohlone College
 43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont
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Pioneer of the Month: Dimitrios Klonaras

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For December 2023, Dimitrios Klonaras, from Cal State East Bay men's basketball, was named Pioneer of the Month.

As the Pioneers went 5-0 in December, Klonaras averaged 18.2 points per game and had 16 total steals during the month. His double double on December 2 was part of a week in which he earned CCAA Player of the Week honors (games played on Nov. 31 and Dec. 2). Throughout the entire season through December, he was the leading

scorer in the CCAA with 16.2 points per game. His 30 steals on the season after December's competition also led the conference by the end of the month.

Previous athletes of the month:

- November 2023: Tehani Kong – Swimming
- October 2023: Mika Sayfurahman – Women's Soccer
- August/September 2023: Aaron Farnan – Men's Soccer



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The Ghosts of Mission Coffee

room where local nonprofits HERS and SAVE held meetings.

Getting into the swing, Gael and Don attended chamber mixers and events—with coffee samplers in tow. Gael reminisces, “People were going, ‘You’re willing to donate it?’ ‘Yeah, it’s my advertising!’... We were everywhere. We were guerrilla marketing up the wazoo.” Other local favorites such as Papillon and Fredericos’ were doing the same, and the owners all became friends. “We’d all hang out at these things. It was a great little community. That was the best part.” She repeats, “That was the best part.”

Around 2000, it became clear that Starbucks was coming to the Mission Valley Shopping Center, and the Stewarts would lose their lease. So they looked into a new location, eventually renting from the McIvors—a family that had been in Mission San Jose since 1926.

The process was informal. “My husband and I went to the McIvors and said, ‘We have to

have a lease or we can’t move the roaster,” says Stewart, nodding to the old-fashioned roaster still sitting in the corner. “So, they gave us the lease. After two years, it just went month to month. As long as [Bob and Pauline] were alive it wasn’t an issue.”

It was a business built on a relationship.

“The place is haunted,” Gael remarks, quickly adding, “They’re good spirits... Staff wouldn’t last here if they weren’t.” Even during this interview, the creaky old building—or perhaps its occupants—chimed in from time to time. “They’re just letting me know they’re here,” Stewart clarified.

For the skeptical, a professional medium did perform a seance at Mission Coffee. The group went out to the back patio where [Burton McIvor] used to shoe horses. The spirits of McIvor and a small girl made themselves known. Stewart reflects, “I guess spirits migrate to where there’s life and activity, and they like

that energy so they want to be around it.”

More recently, Mission Coffee weathered the pandemic, turning lockdown into a way to connect. Stewart recounts, “We did a dinner once a week because people were lost... They were afraid, they were lonesome.” Customers would sit at their computers, waiting for orders to open on Monday. “I didn’t know that until they started telling me the stories!” Stewart says. “I could hear the [point of sale] machine going *rrr rrr rrrr*. The first couple of weeks, we did, eh, 25, 30 dinners. Then before we knew it, we were up to 65.”

The pandemic was a way to reconnect with locals—a trend that continued in 2022 with a series of Street Fairs put on by City of Fremont and the organization Better Block Foundation, where the Mission San Jose district could gauge community needs and support local businesses.

For Stewart, the memory is vivid. “That Friday night we had music on the back patio, rolled up the door, and had beer, wine, and appetizers. It was everything that I knew this place could be. And I was hoping that my landlady would see this, be a part of it... But we found out we were sued just as the Better Block was going on.”

A lawyer was making the rounds looking for ADA lawsuits, hitting many Fremont businesses. For Stewart, ADA compliance is an inevitable part of running a business out of an old building. She renovated where feasible, in accordance with the 1990 law. However, the current landlady, the daughter of the McIvors who worked with the Stewart back in the 90s, had a different reaction. Stewart shares, “It changed her



whole mindset about life. She wouldn’t get permits. She wanted to continue to operate in an old-school manner and didn’t realize she couldn’t operate like her dad anymore.”

Remember Gael Stewart owns Mission Coffee Roasting Company—not the building. Where once the month-to-month lease represented trust, it now became a liability. After drama with a buyer materializing and dematerializing, Stewart was given the order to vacate at the end of January, 2024. It’s a scary prospect to be suddenly shoved into retirement after 30 years as a small business owner. Likely, Stewart will need to move away from the Bay Area.

“I really don’t want this community to not have a place to come,” she says. “And that’s where the emotional part comes in.”

After originally closing in November, 2023, Stewart briefly rebooted Mission Coffee for a holiday run. Her daughter and

grandkids were around, and she wanted to use the kitchen to cook the family’s traditional Thanksgiving cranberry bread. However, when the family approached the shop, there was a surprise. In the chaos, Stewart had forgotten to tell the artist who always did the window drawings, not to show up. She was greeted by an illustration of an angel flying over the world, with the message “Good Will Toward All,” and right below, simply, “To Gael.”

She tears up, recounting the moment. “I drove up and this was in the window. I had forgotten to call him and tell him that we were closed... And I was like *this*... My daughter said, this isn’t a good place for you to be, Mom. And I said, Yes it is, it’s just very hard.”

No one knows what will be in this location next. But it’s not too strange to think that the patrons will occasionally hear the distant whirr of a latte maker, the strum of a guitar, or the chatter of friends. Maybe we’ll be the spirits haunting the next generation.



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