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Superhero 5K Fun Run & Walk Benefiting the Parkinson's Foundation



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Dust off your cape and cowl and spring into action on March 3! The "Superhero Fun Run & Walk" brings attention the fight against Parkinson's disease.

The Mark Green Sports Center started its Parkinson's Exercise Program in 2016, and since then, this fun run was rededicated to kicking off the fundraising for the Parkinson's Foundation Moving Day Event. \$5 from every registration will be donated to the Parkinson's Foundation Moving Day Team. continued on page 8

Pet Therapy Program continues to thrive



BY CHARLENE DIZON PHOTOS COURTESY OF OHLONE HUMANE SOCIETY

Since 1983, the animal welfare nonprofit known as Ohlone Humane Society (OHS) has done incredible work toward supporting all creatures. A multitude of services are offered, including Humane Education, kitten fostering and adoption, Pet Meals on Wheels, spay-neuter assistance, trap-neuter-return, and overall assisting wildlife and domestic animals. Though they do not manage a shelter, their efforts are reflected through a Wildlife Rehabilitation Center along with a popular Pet Therapy Program. This program alone has greatly grown since the pandemic, bringing reassurance and relief to locals in need of comfort.

In 2023, the Pet Therapy team served over 3,000 people, with goals to increase this number in 2024. With this in mind, more volunteers are needed. Pet Therapy Program Manager Constance Gertsch says, "I'm looking for pet owners who have what I call a 'volunteer heart,' which means having compassion for the people that you are dealing with. When you're at the hospital, the patients may be petting your dog but they're talking to you." Carrying this openness and enthusiasm is vital. Potential OHS volunteers and their pets must also complete classes in obedience training, pass the temperament evaluation, fill out the Volunteer Form, officially join the OHS, and fulfill a shadowing session with one of the current team members. Gertsch explains, "I fine-tune my

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63 years old and thriving: Allegro Music keeps the rhythm alive in Fremont

BY CONNIE CHEUNG

Over a year ago, a man showed up at the counter of Allegro Music in Fremont with a guitar case. Inside was a Conn F-20, a vintage brand that was first manufactured in the 1970s and has long since been out of production. "I got it in 1973, and I got it from you," the owner told Jim Shannon, a manager at the store, explaining that he no longer needed the instrument and hoped to sell it. "It's part of the family - it came back home," Shannon said, retelling the story and pointing to the wall where the guitar was now displayed.

For many locals, Allegro Music has long been a second home for musicians and students. Upon entering, visitors find a bright, roomy space with gleaming collections of violins, pianos, and drum sets, alongside sheet music and various miscellany like replacement strings and audio equipment. The 5,000 square-foot facility also has a repair shop and classrooms for private lessons, with hundreds of students receiving instruction every week.

Founded in 1961 by Joe and Charlotte Jansky, Allegro is now celebrating its 63rd year. The business has adapted to decades

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Leg Pain—When Should You Worry?

Vascular Surgeon Offers Expert Advice



Persistent cramping or leg pain should be discussed with a physician.

You've noticed one of your legs has been bothering you quite a bit lately. You've experienced early fatigue or cramping while on one of your typical walks. Or one of your feet has started to ache when you are lying in bed, keeping you from falling asleep or waking you during the night. What if you have a wound on your leg that just won't heal? Should you be worried?

All of these issues can be signs of problems with your lower limb circulation, according to Joyce Lu, MD, a Washington Township Medical Foundation (WTMF) vascular surgeon. "When you experience unexpected or unusual pain in one or both of your legs, it's important to have it checked out by your doctor," she says.

Leg pain can be a symptom of a variety of circulatory problems, some of which ultimately can be life threatening, Dr. Lu explains. Many people experience normal muscle aches following exercise or strenuous activity that dissipates with rest or massage. "It's the unexpected or unusual pain that should be checked," she notes.

This includes developing leg pain when not doing any unusual activity, swelling in the legs, or fatigue after standing too long. A physician should also be consulted when you notice the pain is gradually getting worse, rather than going away with rest and localized treatment, such as heat, ice, or massage.

Leg pain can be the result of artery or vein (vascular) disease where the blood

circulation is slowed or impeded because of narrowing arteries or faulty veins. The first step in checking for a cause of the pain usually is an ultrasound, which shows how the blood is flowing in the leg. That can sometimes be followed by a CT scan, which can visualize vessel narrowing and calcifications that have developed over time.

A variety of medical procedures can treat vascular issues. These include radiofrequency ablation to close down faulty veins. Vein stripping, a procedure that previously was common for varicose veins, has been replaced by more modern techniques, Dr. Lu explains. While vein disease is important to treat, arterial disease can be life and limb threatening. "Small wounds can turn into large

"It's the unexpected or unusual pain that should be checked."
—Joyce Lu, MD

infections and procedures such as angioplasty and leg bypass surgeries have saved many of my patients from amputation," she notes. "Any foot wounds that don't improve within a week should be seen by a podiatrist and you may need a referral to a vascular surgeon."

Leg pain is not always a function of aging and can occur at any age. However, among older adults, leg pain frequently occurs in people who have smoked or vaped in their lifetime (it's the nicotine that is the cause). And, individuals with coronary artery disease likely already have peripheral artery disease in the lower limbs.

It's important to seek treatment for ongoing or unexpected leg pain. Dr. Lu advises, "Persistent pain reduces the quality and enjoyment of one's life and a simple trip to the doctor often can lead to resolving the cause of the pain through a variety of treatment options."

To learn more about WTMF's vascular surgery program, visit [wtms.com/vascular](https://www.wtms.com/vascular). To learn more about Dr. Joyce Lu, visit <https://www.mywtmf.com/find-a-doctor/joyce-lu-md/> or scan the below QR code.



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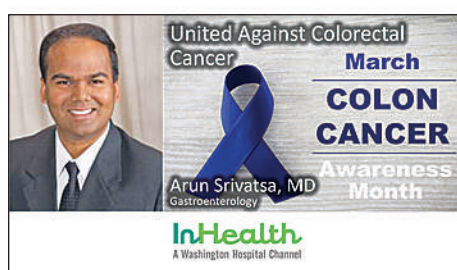
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Colorectal cancer is often preventable with screening and is highly treatable when detected early. Discover the screening options available to detect cancer in early stages or before it occurs.



Managing diabetes with Exercise

Did you know physical activity can help maintain or improve blood sugar levels? Join this seminar to learn more about how staying active can benefit patients with diabetes.



Heart Attack: We're Here for You

Watch this interesting video to see what steps are taken when a patient come in with symptoms of a heart attack.

Other Video Topics:

- Joint Pain
- Stroke Awareness
- Washington Township Health Care District monthly board meetings

- Diabetes Education
- Timely health topics such as COVID-19 and wildfire safety
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Genetic Testing for Breast Cancer Risk

This presentation provides an overview of the genetic mutations that can increase the risk of breast cancer and explain how genetic testing can help identify individuals who may be at higher risk. Presented by Dr. Bogdan Eftimie.



Local Health Care is Fortified by a Strong Foundation

Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation Disburses Millions

Washington Hospital Healthcare System (WHHS) is a nonprofit community hospital dedicated to: meeting the health care needs of the communities it serves, providing free health education and other services to local people, and striving to improve the overall health and wellness of people in the Tri-City Area. The Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation (WHHF) was established in 1982 to support the Hospital's mission by raising community awareness and encouraging charitable giving. The Foundation just gave to the Hospital, one of its largest annual disbursements to date—the sum of \$2,009,354.

These funds benefit numerous areas of the Hospital to cover costs for necessities like advanced technology and equipment, essential staff training, critical medical supplies for low-income and unhoused patients, ongoing health education and outreach programs, facility renovations, and scholarships that enable local students to pursue careers in health care.

“Generous annual contributions from the Foundation to WHHS represent commitment and trust in the Healthcare System shown by grateful patients and families; physicians and staff members; business leaders; philanthropists, and organizations that make up our community,” said WHHS Chief Executive Officer Kimberly Hartz. “We appreciate

“The Foundation plays an essential role not only for the Healthcare System it supports, but for the community as a whole,” -Sarah Gemski, executive director Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation



this steadfast support, which brings the community together for the common good. In turn, we will continue to bring innovative, quality health care providers and programs here, where our community members live and work.”

Local Giving Facilitates Essential Health Care

Nearly \$1.4 million of this year's Foundation disbursement is funding construction costs to expand the UCSF - Washington Cancer Center, slated to open in 2025. This newly designed space in the Washington West building will feature a larger infusion center; modern centralized patient and family waiting area; a dedicated pharmacy; and spaces for patients and their loved ones to meet with care navigators, social workers, nutritionists, financial counselors and other interdisciplinary service providers. This expansion will enable the cancer

center to respond to recent exponential growth in patient volumes, while continuing to provide world-class cancer care through its partnership with UCSF Health, close to home where cancer patients need it.

Another significant portion of the disbursements garnered from the Foundation's 36th Annual Top Hat Gala event in 2022 is designated to equip and prepare WHHS to become Alameda County's next level II adult trauma center. Specific purchases include a blood and fluid infuser, portable ultrasound imaging machine, and blood bank refrigerator. The systemwide effort to bring advanced, immediate response for traumatic injuries to Southern Alameda County is now underway and will be finalized in 2027.

Other funds from this year's disbursements come from WHHF's partnership with the Stupski Foundation to support the Hospital's Outpatient Palliative Care services. This important program provides an extra layer of physical, emotional and spiritual support along with curative treatment to improve the quality of life for people living with a serious illness outside of the Hospital setting.

Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation

WHHF is made up of a dedicated board of trustees and members that take a

two-pronged approach to encouraging community support of the Healthcare System. They aim to not only provide financial support to the Hospital, but also to educate the community about its services, and engage individuals and businesses to participate in sustaining it long into the future. This is done through creative campaigns, annual events including the Top Hat Gala and Golf Tournament, and opportunities that make it convenient and fulfilling to support WHHS.

“The Foundation plays an essential role not only for the Healthcare System it supports, but for the community as a whole,” said WHHF Executive Director Sarah Gemski. “Sharing the good news about the Hospital's award-winning programs and high standards of care today inspires giving that fuels tomorrow's state-of-the-art facilities and essential tools and technology the clinicians need to best care for our growing community.”

To read more about the Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation go to whhs.com/foundation or scan the below QR code.



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Panel Discussion:
'What Does It Take to Create a Children's Book and Get It Published?'



SUBMITTED BY DORSI DIAZ

In partnership with the Sun Gallery, award winning authors/illustrators and publishers will be holding a panel discussion on how to create a children's book and get it published. The panel and Q & A will be held on March 2 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. during Sun Gallery's 33rd Annual Children's Book Illustrator Show, now on display at the Sun Gallery until Saturday March 16. Light refreshments and snacks will be served.

Topics such as "How do I get started on making my children's book become a reality?" to "How do I self-publish my book now that's it done?" will be discussed, along with a Q&A time for participants to ask questions.

Author Dr. Marlena Uhrick EdD and 15-year-old illustrator Aiden Huddleston will talk about the book they collaborated on, "The Magic of Making a Difference" that went on to become a #1 Amazon bestseller. Illustrator Patrick Lugo will share his journey with "Lucy Veloz: High Flying Princess," his latest book in a string of hits that delight both children and adults. The show also celebrates longtime Sun Gallery friend Marc Vicente's book "Who

Wants to be Friends with a Dragon?", a charming story about being accepted for who you are.

Returning to Sun Gallery is author Jan Renee, who shares her journey about "The Little Clay Pot," now in its second printing, with new illustrations by illustrator Kailyn Sissom. Also returning this year is Fran Quittel, author of "The Central Park Lost Mitten Party," which celebrates the rich history and beautiful architecture of America's first urban public park in New York. The storyline is a gleeful nighttime party with lessons about the things we lose.

Moderator and Sun Gallery Curator Dorsi Diaz will lead the discussion. Admission to this special event is free, but a \$5 donation is welcomed. The public and all aspiring authors and illustrators are urged to attend this free event.

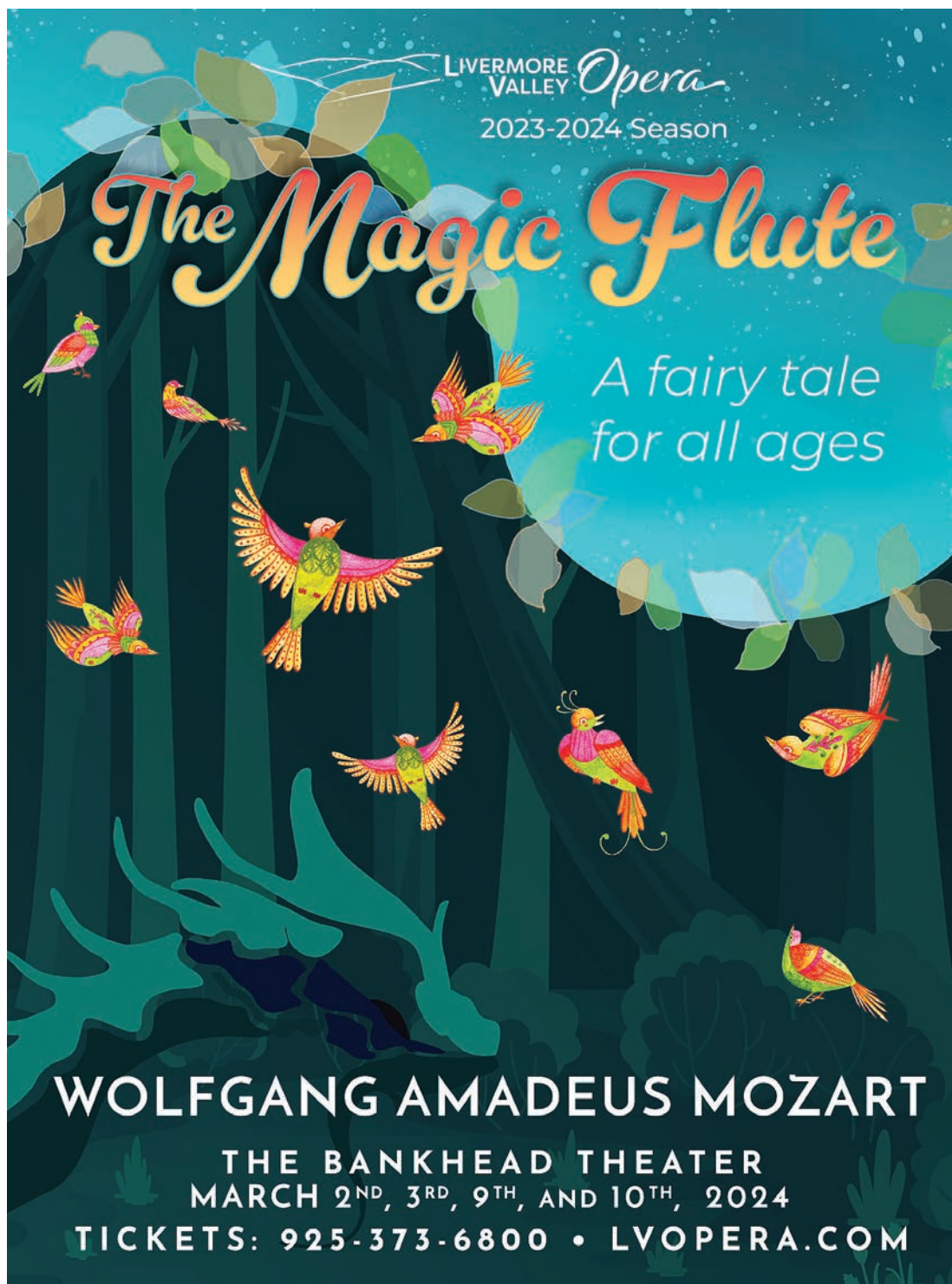
The Sun Gallery is a 501c3 non-profit organization located at 1015 E St. in Hayward. The gallery is open Thursday - Sunday, and admission is free.

Children's Book Panel Discussion
Saturday, Mar 2
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
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San Leandro Arts, Culture & Library Commission

February 20, 2024

The Arts, Culture & Library Commission makes recommendations to the City Council regarding policies related to events, history, or visual and performing arts that will culturally enrich the San Leandro community. The Commission works cooperatively with public and private agencies to increase opportunity and awareness for public art and cultural expression. The Commission also makes

recommendations to the City Council regarding policies for the use and improvement of City libraries.

Unfinished Business

• Discussion and Possible Action Regarding The Hesperian Triangle

Assistant Library Director Bill Sherwood reported the status of the Triangle: Current artwork is there through the end of April. The former Commission established a contract with Local Artists Berkeley to have rotating art at the Triangle. Current art is to be removed in early May. There is no power to the triangle, excluding art with lighting. Portable solar power unit to be considered for cost and feasibility.

The Commission discussed potential options for improving

infrastructure at the Hesperian Triangle art installation site including construction of a platform, replacing cyclone fencing, and hardwiring power from the street. Also discussed was potential renewal of the contract with Local Artists Berkeley for rotating the artwork at the Triangle or purchase of a sculpture for permanent placement at the Triangle.

A motion to include discussion of art installation site improvements as an agenda item for the next meeting was approved unanimously.

Report of the Secretary

\$23,219 remains unspent and undesignated. One art grant application has been received.

A motion to include discussion for the use of unspent funds as an agenda item for the next meeting was approved unanimously.

Report of the Chair

Singles Mixer event was a success, well attended. Chair directed committees to merge email addresses from the event with other Commission documents.

Chair Khilynn Fowler
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Current art installation at the Hesperian Triangle (E. 14th Ave & Hesperian Blvd). Photo By Jack Alcorn

Livermore Valley Opera Presents *The Magic Flute*

SUBMITTED BY LESLIE SILBERMAN

The Tri-Valley's own professional opera company, Livermore Valley Opera (LVO), celebrating its 32nd season, will present Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, a fairy tale for all ages, at the Bankhead Theater. The show opens March 2, with the first of four performances, offering an engaging opera experience that promises to take the audience on an unforgettable journey into a world of Mozart's incredible imagination.

The story follows Prince Tamino and Princess Pamina on a thrilling adventure in their quest for truth, love, beauty and enlightenment. This fairy tale, performed in English, is unique in its combination of sung and spoken words. Prince Tamino is

pursued by a dragon into a magical land of fantasy where, aided by three mysterious ladies, he seeks to rescue the beautiful Pamina, daughter of the Queen of the Night, from the powerful Sarastro. With the assistance of the bird-catcher Papageno, he finds that nothing is quite as it first seems. Stunning music and some of the most memorable arias in opera, paired with a cast of fanciful characters, make this Mozart's crowning operatic achievement.

LVO is pleased to welcome returning Stage Director Yefim Maizel, who has over 30 years of extensive opera experience, including directing productions at the Metropolitan Opera, San Francisco Opera, Opera Santa Fe, and in 2007, LVO Opera's *La Boheme*. He will lead a talented principal cast, revealing how "...his love for interpreting the music score, his

passion for theatre, and deep insight into human emotion and behavior transform opera into storytelling at its best."

Featured artists include Soprano Phoebe Chee as Pamina, tenor Victor Cardamone as Prince Tamino, Soprano Shawnetter Sulker as Queen of the Night, tenor Alex DeSocio as Papageno and bass Kirk Eichelberger as the evil Sarastro. "The Artistic Team of LVO chose *The Magic Flute* because it's a great opera, and it's never been performed in the Bankhead Theater, says Eric Mills, LVO Artistic Director. "There are many moving parts that contribute to making stellar performances that are becoming recognized and respected throughout the Bay Area," Mills notes. Opera is the one art form that encompasses all of the other performing arts elements: beautiful music, singing, drama, comedy, visually stunning scenery, lighting, costumes, hair, and makeup - "All in one ticket!"

Adds Mills, "It's also a wonderful opera for the entire family, which is why we are

performing it in English. It's full of gorgeous music. It has dramatic moments and funny moments. It's a fairy tale for all ages!"

Included in the ticket price are pre-opera talks held one hour prior to curtain time. LVO's traditional artist's reception is held in the lobby immediately following each performance.

The Magic Flute
Saturday, Mar 2; 7:30 p.m.
(Opening night)

Sunday, Mar 3; 2 p.m.
Saturday, Mar 9; 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Mar 10; 2 p.m.

Bankhead Theater
2400 First St., Livermore
(925) 373-6800

www.LVOpera.com
Tickets: \$20-\$105

Special pricing: ages 20 and younger: \$20, ages 21 to 40: \$40

Ohlone College Announces New Full-Time Tenure Track Position in Ethnic Studies with African American Studies Emphasis

SUBMITTED BY ANGELA RAMOS

Ohlone College is delighted to announce its new Full-Time Tenure Track position in Ethnic Studies with an emphasis on African American Studies within the Arts and Social Sciences Division. The position comes as part of our commitment to fostering diversity, inclusion, and providing a comprehensive education that reflects the richness of our community.

The role will report directly to the Dean of Arts and Social Sciences, Maristella Tapia, and will play a crucial role in enhancing the Ethnic Studies program. Responsibilities include

teaching lower division courses in the Ethnic Studies program, actively participating in curriculum development, and collaborating with departmental colleagues. In addition, the instructor will contribute to the growth of enrollment in Ethnic Studies, mentor part-time faculty and students within the program, and engage in on-campus and off-campus equity and diversity activities to support the program.

Dean Maristella Tapia expressed her enthusiasm about the new position, stating, "We are thrilled to welcome a dedicated professional who will contribute to the academic and cultural richness of our institution. This is an exciting

opportunity for someone passionate about Ethnic Studies, particularly with an emphasis on African American Studies."

The announcement of this new position coincides with February, Black History Month. Ohlone College takes pride in actively supporting the exploration and celebration of African American history and culture. The addition of this full-time faculty position in Ethnic Studies with a focus on African American Studies aligns with our commitment to promoting diversity and creating an inclusive educational environment.

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SUBMITTED BY NILES MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION

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Shamrock Shindig
Saturday, Mar 9
5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
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Tri-City History A-Z in Photographs #2: Barns

By KELSEY CAMELLO, FOR THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY

Barn (noun): A large farm building typically used for storing grain, hay, or straw or for housing livestock.



Barn at the Rose Ranch, Newark.



Interior view of the Bunting Barn at Sycamore Farms, Centerville.



Watercolor of Chadbourne Barn, by Rachel Bentley, Centerville.



Silva Family and farm, complete with home, tank house, and barn, Warm Springs.

Let's explore local history through themes and photographs. Have a topic or idea you'd like us to explore? Email us at info@museumoflocalhistory.org.

Age Well in Fremont

By JACK ALCORN

For the past 41 years, thousands of older adults in the Tri-City area have considered Fremont's Age Well Center as a "second home." The Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth and the new Center in South Fremont are destinations for active adults 55 and older. These city-sponsored recreational facilities keep seniors supported and engaged.

The Age Well Centers provide services and events throughout the year including more than 100 classes and workshops. Seniors may dine-in at the large cafeterias or take-out healthy well-balanced packaged meals. Health screening and referral are provided at both locations.

"It's a good deal for us," said 64-year-old Terry.

The Centers also coordinate group trips to casinos and vacation destinations. Movies, board games, live music and many other opportunities for social interaction can be found at the Centers.

Dust off your dancing shoes and learn how to ballroom line dance! There is a beginners and intermediate line dancing class at the Age Well Center where you will learn basic ballroom steps as well.

Take advantage of in-person cellphone assistance. Learn how to make a call, add contacts, take and send pictures, send text messages, check e-mail, use the calendar, set medication reminders, use maps, or install apps such as FaceTime and Zoom.

If you enjoy art and are looking for some friendly faces, then come and join the Art Social Group. Whether you have an artistic side or not, this class is fun and engaging.



Bingo at Fremont's Age Well Center

All classes are posted on a quarterly basis at: city.fremont.gov/awcclasses. Most classes repeat each quarter (Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter). You can register a month before the quarter begins. The Age Well Center at South Fremont is a relatively new center and is adding new classes on an ongoing basis.

"It's really good for seniors to save money on lunch, take classes. The most important part is the volunteers – they have heart and want to help people," said 55 year old Linda.

Come play Bingo - try your luck, have some fun and win some prizes!

Fremont's Age Well Centers are hubs for fun, connection and wellness for Tri-City seniors. Stop by today to see what interests you!

For information or a newsletter subscription: www.fremont.gov/government/departments/human-services/age-well-centers

Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(510) 790-6600
(510) 790-6610 (Recorded weekly activities and menus)

Age Well Center at South Fremont
47111 Mission Falls Court, Fremont
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(510) 742-7540



Art Social Group at Lake Elizabeth Age Well Center



African Dance class performance at Fremont's Age Well Center

That's What She Said

SUBMITTED BY PLETHOS PRODUCTIONS

Every March ends up with Plethos' funniest standup comedy show of the year – "That's What She Said." Catch 2024's show at JP's Restaurant in Castro Valley on Saturday, March 2.

This year's lineup features the fabulous and hilarious Chelsea Bearce headlining. She has performed all over the country, won standup comedy competitions, and is a regular at Cobb's, The Punchline and more. She will entertain alongside host Rhoda Gravador and Featured Comedian Melissa Christine.

Oh yeah – did we mention there's cupcakes? Yep! There will be a Jenn's Cupcakes pop up shop. Don't miss this sweet night of comedy!

That's What She Said
Saturday, Mar 2
7 p.m.
JP's Restaurant
3600 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley
<https://plethos.org/>
Tickets: \$20-\$30

Flash Fiction: Dreams - Call for Writers

SUBMITTED BY ARATHI SATISH

The Fremont Cultural Arts Council (FCAC) and Half-Price Books will be holding a Flash Fiction Writing Contest, on Saturday, April 13. The event will once again be hosted at Half-Price Books in the Fremont Hub.

Al Minard, FCAC board member conducting this event pointed out, "This is one of the Fremont Creates events in April, which is turning out into a fun activity to showcase all the creative people in Fremont and the immediate area. The theme of this year's contest is DREAMS, this could be your dream, your pet's dream, the dream of some inanimate object or whatever kind of dream you can think and write about. We are looking forward to enjoying these stories."

This contest is open to contestants of any age and residency. Entries must be 300 words or less including the title. Stories without a title will be given a generic title.

Writers can submit up to three entries, but cannot submit fiction that contains plagiarism or would be offensive to the general reader. FCAC reserves the right to return entries that do not meet the criteria. Each entry submitted must be in 12-point or larger legible font, which will fit on a single printed 8 & 1/2 x 11" sheet. The author's name and contact information must be on the back of the submission or on a separate sheet of paper.

Over \$150 in cash and gift card prizes will be awarded to those who win. Only one award will be given per person. Submissions will not be accepted at Half-Price Books and must be received by e-mail or postmarked by midnight, Monday, April 8.

To submit by post, mail your entries to: FCAC Flash Fiction Contest, c/o Fremont Cultural Arts Council, P.O. Box 1314, Fremont, CA 94538. Write the author's name and contact information on the back or separate sheet of paper. To submit by email, send your entry as a Word or PDF compatible attachment to

FCACwriters@gmail.com. Include the author's name and contact information in the body of the email message.


The Flash Fiction Writing Contest "Dreams," will take place on Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with prizes awarded at 5:30 pm at Half-Price Books. For more information, visit FCAC website at www.fremontculturalartscouncil.org or call Al Minard at (510) 552-4839.

Flash Fiction: Dreams
Deadline: Monday, April 8

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Fremont Homelessness Response Plan Update: Informational Webinars

SUBMITTED BY
CITY OF FREMONT

Fremont is in the process of developing a Homelessness Response Plan to engage the community and help guide our increased efforts in responding to homelessness in Fremont. The plan will include:

- Long-term best-practice recommendations to reduce homelessness.
- A framework to address the impacts of homelessness on the community.
- A roadmap for addressing homelessness that uses coordinated and data-driven solutions to help remove barriers

to assistance, expand housing opportunities, and improve the quality of life for the community.

The goal is to bring the plan to the Fremont City Council for adoption in the spring or summer of 2024. Fremont has concluded the Community Engagement phase of the process and is now in the Plan Development phase. We would like to thank all the community members who shared feedback with us, completed our surveys, participated in interviews and stakeholder meetings, and attended our community workshops. The feedback received has been reviewed and considered by our staff and consultant team as we develop the Homelessness Response Plan.

As part of the Plan Development phase, we are inviting community members to attend an informational webinar to learn more about the draft plan that is being prepared and to ask any questions they may have. Community members can select a date below and register via Zoom. Both webinars will cover the same information. Registration is required. Learn more and register at <https://www.my.fremont.gov/homelessresponseplan>

Homelessness Response Plan Informational Webinars

Thursday, Feb 29
6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 2
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

<https://www.my.fremont.gov/homelessresponseplan>

“Singin’ In The Rain”: A Concert About Wet Wonders, Water and Weather



SUBMITTED BY
SHIRLEY GILBERT

“With our annual lighter fare concert, we’ll leave you laughing, as we muse about what we talk about all the time but sing about less—rain and wet things. We welcome first time concert goers, children and all who enjoy a good sea chanty or jazz hit!” This invitation to the joint 50-singers-strong East Bay People’s Choir and Mission Peak Chamber Singers’ concert comes from the choirs’ Artistic Director Dr. Corie Brown.

The concert will be held on March 2 at 7:30 p.m., at Irvington Presbyterian Church, and promises to leave the audience laughing and singing praises about the beauty and wonder of water and weather. The Choir welcomes families and first-time concertgoers to this humorous night that will run just over an hour.

“Water,” says Brown, “is so important to our area, and rain is such a precious commodity in our semi-arid climate it rates top billing in our concert.”

“Singin’ In The Rain” will feature a wide variety of entertaining singing including trios, small duets and songs performed by both choirs. “It will be an evening to be cherished and remembered. It’s the perfect spring concert to attend,” adds Brown, “with lots of uplifting singing.”

The Mission Peak Chamber Singers, the organization’s founding ensemble, holds auditions each fall, while the East Bay People’s Choir is open

to all regardless of singing experience, and learn both through reading music and by ear. How have these two different groups merged and formed an effective and blended ensemble?

“As Artistic Director,” says Brown, “It’s been wonderful seeing the growth in our organization and to see how rehearsing each week together has cultivated community and a sense of shared musical vision. I have noticed in the past six months how we’ve built confidence and skill, and I’m so grateful we’ve grown as a community of singers.”

The choirs rehearse every Tuesday at Niles Discovery Church. “We love that so many singers want to join us at 7 p.m. and sing their hearts out,” says Brown. “Folks can take an evening off, find peace in the middle of the week, and create great choral music. Anyone who loves singing with an enthusiastic ensemble is welcome to join us.”

‘Singin’ In The Rain’ Concert
Saturday, Mar 2
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Irvington Presbyterian Church
4181 Irvington Ave., Fremont
<https://www.chambersingers.org/>
Purchase tickets at mpcs.ticketleap.com
Tickets: \$15-\$30 (plus online fee)



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Pet Therapy Program continues to thrive

team so that their strengths are honored. They’ve really taken off with this approach and end up building a great relationship towards the places and the people they’re visiting.”

The Pet Therapy Program has integrated both cats and dogs in an interactive way for people of all ages to enjoy, from elderly patients to children. Volunteers visit hospitals, senior care facilities, schools, libraries, and many other locations. Services have been divided into two categories: ongoing therapy efforts and special events. Several new sites have specifically been included for ongoing therapy, such as the Windsor Acute Care Facility, Kaiser Hospital, and Fremont Hospital. The WOOF Program at Washington Hospital involves visiting patients pre- or post-surgery, chemotherapy, general care, and even new mothers and their babies. Read-to-a-Dog has also become a

new fan favorite for families, located at both Centerville and Fremont Libraries, where children have the opportunity to read to a volunteer and their dog. These programs create an inclusive experience for those in need of uplifting.

As the Pet Therapy Program Manager, Constance is an active participant alongside her beagle, Molly, who entered her family’s life during the pandemic. When Constance’s husband had a serious accident, Molly became his constant companion during his recovery. Soon after, Constance placed Molly into the pet therapy program, where Molly quickly turned into a star favorite amongst patients. Other team members and their pets have had equally fulfilling experiences in their volunteering journey.

Alisha Ho and her Cavachon, Summer, have been volunteering at Washington Hospital for a year. Alisha had been afraid of

dogs all her life, but adopting Summer and joining the pet therapy community quickly became a triumph and a blessing rolled into one. Marian Stevens and her tuxedo cat, Mason, have been volunteering for four years, also at local hospitals. Being able to share Mason with patients who may prefer the company of cats over dogs has been a wonderful experience. Karen Carlson and her Labrador retriever, Bentley, have been volunteers for eleven years, participating in everything from bringing comfort to chemo patients to being a reading buddy for children at the library. Children went as far as writing Bentley letters and holiday cards to share their appreciation.

Ellen Stead and her Australian mini labradoodle, Tate, have volunteered at care facilities, pre-schools, the Fremont library, and hospitals in just over a year. Nurses have said that Tate’s presence helps decrease patients’ high blood pressure. Noel La Berge and her Australian Shepherd, Sophie, have been certified volunteers for the past eight years. Sophie has since been honored by the American Kennel Club (AKC) with the “Therapy Dog Supreme” award and earned her “Canine Good Citizen” certificate. These are only a handful of stories from team members who dedicate themselves to ensuring that schools, hospitals, and other facilities have the opportunity to receive attention and joy from animals.

The Pet Therapy Program’s impact on both patients and volunteers is invaluable. Patients are given a sense of solace, children can interact with animals they may not have in their own homes, and the therapy team themselves gain inspiration and purpose in making a difference. Pet therapy, much like other types of therapy, can be a rewarding part of one’s healing process.

For more information on the Oblone Humane Society, visit <https://oblonehumanesociety.org/>. To learn more about the Pet Therapy Program and volunteer opportunities, visit <https://oblonehumanesociety.org/animal-assisted-interventions/>.



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- Tina Fontenot of Milpitas
- Jessica Salza Rybnikar of Milpitas



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Confiscated Tiger Cub Brought to Oakland Zoo for Long-Term Rehabilitation and Care

SUBMITTED BY ISABELLA LINARES
PHOTOS COURTESY OF OAKLAND ZOO

On the afternoon of Tuesday, February 20, Oakland Zoo, acting as agents for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, assisted with rescuing an eight-month-old female tiger from a privately-owned facility in the western U.S. The female tiger was found to be suffering from numerous improperly healed fractures in her bones.

Oakland Zoo's Veterinary Hospital staff performed a thorough physical exam, CT scan, and bloodwork. It was determined that the patient had ten pathological fractures, leading to pain and a lack of mobility. This led to a 50%

muscle atrophy in her legs. She was supplemented with nutrients and given the necessary pain medication.

"I've treated over 100 cases of rescued big cats, and unfortunately, these injuries can lead to lifelong medical issues", says Dr. Ryan Sadler, Senior Veterinarian at Oakland Zoo.

The Zoo's Veterinary Hospital team is working to build her calcium and muscle growth, which can take several weeks, to months. Once her bones have built enough calcium, the Zoo's Veterinarians will work with surgeons to determine the next steps in her healing journey.

Oakland Zoo veterinarians are cautiously optimistic, though it will take some time, that she will make a full recovery.

"Seeing this young tiger enduring such obvious suffering is extremely difficult... no animal should experience life in this way. We are grateful to serve in a role that gives her hope for brighter days ahead", says Nik Dehejia, CEO of Oakland Zoo.

The female tiger's medical issues prevent her from performing natural behaviors like running and climbing. The Zoo's Veterinary Hospital Keepers are working steadily to strengthen her through specialized enrichment.

Due to the ongoing legal case, the Zoo cannot provide specifics on her history before entering their care. When she fully heals and is cleared, she will move to a permanent home at a licensed facility specializing in big cat care.

Oakland Zoo supported the federal Big Cat Public Safety Act (BCPSA). This legislature's passing in December 2022 banned private ownership and public contact with big cats and imposed new restrictions on their commerce, breeding, possession, and use. BCPSA helps put an end to businesses that practice "cub petting" for profit, as exemplified on the popular show "Tiger King." Big cats don't receive appropriate care for their wellbeing in unaccredited facilities.

Oakland Zoo underwent a thorough review by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) to obtain accreditation. The Zoo has been an accredited AZA member since 1988 and continues to meet ever-increasing animal care and welfare standards, veterinary programs, conservation, education, and safety. With their expertise, knowledge, and exemplary



Dr. Ryan Sadler performing exam on rescued tiger

standards of care, Oakland Zoo is equipped to execute the rehabilitation this rescued female tiger needs to begin her long journey to recovery.

To learn more about Oakland Zoo's rescue and rehabilitation efforts, go to oaklandzoo.org/animalwellbeing. To support Oakland Zoo's efforts, donate at oaklandzoo.org/supportanimals.



Dr. Alex Herman, VP of Veterinary Services at Oakland Zoo, during examination of rescued tiger

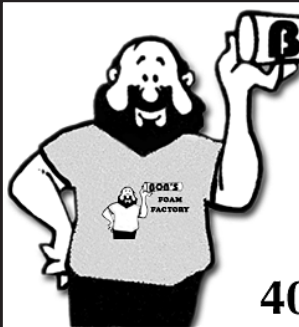
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Superhero 5K Fun Run & Walk Benefiting the Parkinson's Foundation

Check-in begins at 8 a.m. and the race kicks off at 9 a.m. This race will have a professional timing system, award medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of each race category, plenty of raffle prizes, and a costume contest. Entrants should brush up on their superhero trivia!

Superhero 5K Fun Run & Walk
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9 a.m. race begins
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Cal State East Bay Women's Swimming Wins 2024 PCSC Championship

SUBMITTED BY CSUEB ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

A historic Saturday it was for Cal State East Bay women's swimming, who with an incredible run on four first place medals on Saturday in the final four possible events, earning the crown of 2024 PCSC Champions.

It was the first time that Cal State East Bay has won the conference championship since the 2019-20 season.

- The finals on Saturday started with the 1,650 yard freestyle, where Miya French placed third overall with a time of 17 minutes, 33.68 seconds.
- Hannah Sharp, in 2:03.15 placed third overall in the 200-yard backstroke.
- In the 100 yard freestyle, Brooklyn Dressel became the first on Saturday among the Pioneers to earn a first place medal, as she won the event in 50.65 seconds – an NCAA 'B' Standard. Placing fourth overall in the event, also with an NCAA 'B' Standard was

Delaney Carlson with a time of 51.78.

- Kylie Beaudet won the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:18.61 – an NCAA 'B' Standard.
- The 200 yard butterfly became the third straight win for CSUEB on Saturday, as Tehani Kong won in 2:05.27.
- The final women's swimming event would decide the team point championship, and the Pioneers capitalized in the 400-yard freestyle relay. The team of Dressel, Carlson, Olivia Parham and Kong won the event in 3:26.76 and secured enough points to put the Pioneers in first place for team scoring to win the championship.

Overall, throughout the 2024 PCSC Championships, the Pioneers had two relay teams earn first place and four individual first place medals achieved.

Qualifying Pioneers will compete in the 2024 NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving Championships from March 12-16 at SPIRE Institute – Aquatics Center in Geneva, Ohio.

Ohlone College Alum Bhavjot Kaur Nanda Pioneers Bright Future in Optometry

SUBMITTED BY ANGELA RAMOS, COLLEGE MARKETING SPECIALIST, OHLONE COLLEGE

Ohlone College proudly announces the remarkable achievements of alumna Bhavjot Kaur Nanda, who is carving an extraordinary path in the field of optometry. With an unyielding dedication to her goals and a foundation built at Ohlone College, Bhavjot is now a third-year optometry student at the esteemed Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry at University of California (UC) Berkeley.

Bhavjot's journey began at Washington High School in Fremont. Recognizing her passion for optometry early on, she seized the opportunity to enroll at Ohlone College at just 16 years old through the California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE). At Ohlone, she excelled academically, earning an associate degree in Human Development with the highest honors. Her time at Ohlone provided a nurturing environment where she could tailor her educational journey towards her aspirations.

Transitioning from Ohlone College to UC Berkeley, Bhavjot pursued her bachelor's degree in Public Health. Despite being one of the youngest graduate students admitted to Berkeley's Optometry School at the age of 18, Bhavjot propelled herself forward with preparation and determination.

Bhavjot acknowledges the pivotal role Ohlone College played in her academic and personal growth. "Being able to leave high school and join a college lifestyle felt very liberating – I had more independence and was able to plan my own schedule and take the courses I needed and wanted."

Bhavjot's journey is marked by numerous achievements and milestones. She currently serves as the Secretary for the University of California Optometric Association (UCOSA) and is a recipient



of the Winston Nielsen School of Optometry Scholarship Fund. She has attended national conferences, become a Student Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, and is a member of the Beta Sigma Kappa (BSK) Honor Society.

Looking ahead, Bhavjot aspires to work in private practice, providing essential eye care to her community. Her commitment to service extends beyond her professional goals, as demonstrated by her involvement in philanthropic activities such as volunteering with the Zenni Vision Screening program and Bhagat Puran Singh Health Initiative (BPSHI).

In addition to her academic pursuits, Bhavjot finds joy in embroidery, cooking, and exploring nature. As a first-generation Sikh-American woman, she draws strength from her cultural heritage and community support. "Ultimately, I want to practice optometry with the long-term goal of contributing to clinical roles that will allow me to spread the importance of eye health and give back to communities in need," explains Bhavjot.

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Kid Scoop Together High-Flying Frogs

Felix and Finn Frog are seeing who can jump highest. Color in the spaces that add up to an even number. The frog with the most colored spaces is the winner.

FELIX	FINN
3 + 2 =	7 + 4 =
3 + 6 =	1 + 2 =
6 + 5 =	4 + 4 =
7 + 2 =	6 + 2 =
5 + 2 =	1 + 1 =
2 + 2 =	3 + 5 =
4 + 2 =	2 + 8 =
3 + 3 =	6 + 6 =
2 + 6 =	1 + 3 =
9 + 1 =	5 + 5 =
3 + 5 =	4 + 4 =
4 + 8 =	6 + 8 =
8 + 8 =	7 + 7 =
4 + 4 =	2 + 6 =

Fun With Money!

Finley, Fabian and Fiona Frog each have \$30 to spend at the Spring Blossom Festival. They each made a list of things they want to spend money on at the Festival.



Take a look at the prices of the items each frog wants to buy. Then, use your math skills to answer the following questions:

1. Which frog will have the most money left over after buying everything on their list?

2. Which frog won't have enough money to buy everything on their list?

3. What items could this frog remove from their list to stay at or under \$30?



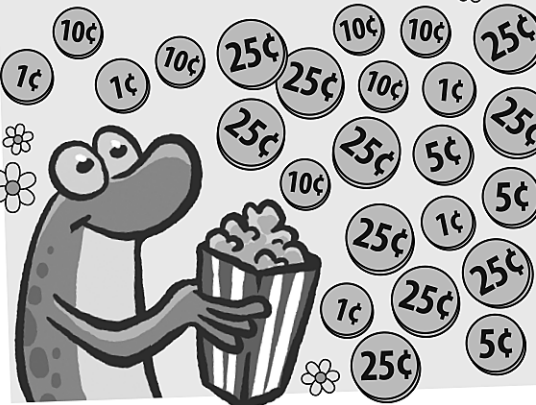
Fiona's List	Finley's List	Fabian's List
Lilly Pad Launch \$5.00	Lily Pad Launch \$5.00	Tulip Train \$4.00
Honey Cookies \$3.50	Dragonfly Hat \$4.50	Honey Cookies \$3.50
Tulip Train \$4.00	Puddle Coaster \$6.50	Daisy Wheel \$6.50
Pond Popcorn \$2.75	Muddy Maze \$5.25	Pond Popcorn \$2.75
Swamp Cocoa \$2.50	Leafy Boats \$6.50	Dandelion Shake \$4.50
Buggy Balloons \$3.25	Pond Popcorn \$2.75	Petunia Chips \$3.25
TOTAL \$	TOTAL \$	TOTAL \$

Muddy Money Maze

Do the math to find out which path has the highest value.

Spending Spree

Frankie Frog LOVES munching on pond popcorn at the Spring Blossom Festival. A box of it costs \$2.75. Circle the coins that add up to that amount.



Look-Alike Ladybugs

Faye Frog won a bunch of cute stuffed toy ladybugs at the Spring Blossom Festival. One of them is different from the rest. Can you find it?

Signs of Spring

Look through the newspaper and find five things that let you know it is springtime. Write the name of each in alphabetical order.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow written instructions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Frieda Frog wants to buy a treat at the Spring Blossom Festival, but she can't remember how much is in her piggy bank. Can you count it for her?

Frieda has \$ _____ in her piggy bank.

Standards Link: Math: Calculate money amounts.

Double Double Word Search

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

X	B	H	A	T	F	C	J	W	N
H	L	Y	P	O	F	R	N	M	O
B	O	G	V	R	Y	L	O	W	I
O	S	N	S	C	I	N	V	G	L
A	S	I	E	T	E	C	T	L	E
T	O	R	T	Y	U	B	E	I	D
S	M	P	Y	X	T	L	Q	S	N
J	D	S	M	A	T	H	I	T	A
U	S	E	Y	D	D	U	M	P	D

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Costly Headlines

Assign a money amount to each letter of the alphabet: A = \$1, B = \$2, C = \$3, etc. Select three newspaper headlines and add up the letters. What is the most "expensive" headline you can find? Which is the least expensive?

Standards Link: Mathematics: Calculate sums and differences.

Why is it a really bad idea to give dollar bills to a frog?

ANSWER: Because they'll rip it. rip it. rip it.

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **SPEND**

The verb **spend** means to pay out money to purchase items.

I plan how much money I'll spend before I go shopping.

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

Write On! Kids Help Families Save

Write three to five ways that kids can help their families save money.



The Fremont CONNECTION



Fremont City Council Approves Drone as First Responder (DFR) Program



On February 13, 2024, Fremont City Council approved the deployment of the Fremont Public Safety Drone as First Responder (DFR) Program. The new program was first explored in 2022 by Fremont Police and Fire

and is the first joint public safety DFR program in the country. Fremont is one of only a few agencies currently integrating this technology. DFR utilizes Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) launched from a fixed location to

respond rapidly to public safety incidents. The goal of DFR is to arrive on-scene ahead of responding public safety personnel.

Once the UAV arrives on scene, a certified teleoperator (the pilot) scans and evaluates the situation remotely, relaying information to responding public safety personnel and those in command of the incident. The live-stream video from the UAV is also directly available to the responders and commanders. This information provides enhanced real-time situational awareness to determine the best tools, tactics, and resources, aiding in better decision-making and de-escalation if possible. The information further allows first responders

to observe fire behavior, identify threatened exposure during structure or wildland fires, fire mapping, hazardous material incidents and identify potential rescues.

With strong support from the community, Fremont Police and Fire Departments conducted a pilot program from November 2022 through January 2023 to evaluate the emerging DFR technology. During the pilot program, UAVs were deployed from the Parkway Towers and other locations in the city. Results of the pilot program indicated that DFR is a valuable tool that can enhance public safety, reduce overall response times, and support first responder safety.

Fremont Police and Fremont Fire Departments are also excited to announce a DFR partnership with the Washington Hospital Healthcare System (WHHS). Later this month, the DFR Program will begin to launch UAVs from the rooftop of a WHHS building on Mowry Avenue. The building is located in a prominent location that allows UAVs to respond rapidly to public safety calls for service in the community. The City would like to thank Washington Hospital Healthcare System for their partnership.

More information on the program can be found on the City's website at city.fremont.gov/dfc.

New Senior Affordable Housing Development Welcomes Residents Home



On February 7, the City celebrated the grand opening of Doug Ford Community Apartments, a brand new senior affordable housing development in the heart of Fremont's Irvington District. Built in partnership with Abode, this development includes 90 units of permanent supportive housing for seniors.

The City would like to thank everyone involved in making this project a reality!

We're happy to welcome our new residents home and offer them a place to thrive in our community.

To learn about future affordable housing opportunities planned for Fremont, visit the City's Upcoming Units webpage at city.fremont.gov/upcomingunits.

Fremont Appoints New Fire Marshal Eric Mendoza-Govan



The City of Fremont is proud to announce the appointment of Eric Mendoza-Govan to Fire Marshal. With 16 years of service at the Richmond Fire Department, Fire Marshal Govan has been instrumental in leading efforts related to fire investigation, hazardous material facilities, fire protection, wildland-urban interface, public education programs, plan review, and code enforcement.

As a collaborative leader, Fire Marshal Govan places a high value on relationship-building, with a particular focus on community risk reduction. Notably, he successfully implemented a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) pro-

gram, introduced and taught the first Spanish-speaking CERT classes in Richmond, and cultivated strong ties with the local business community. Fire Marshal Govan brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our team with experience in both fire suppression and prevention. In his own words, Fire Marshal Govan shares:

"I embrace the opportunity to serve as the Fire Marshal of Fremont, where every challenge is met with resilience and every community safeguard is placed with unwavering dedication to ensure those who live, work, and play in Fremont remain safe."

Fremont Fire Chief Zoraida Diaz echoed similar sentiments:

"As Fire Chief, I believe that the strength of our department lies in the talent and dedication of our team. Fire Marshal Govan's expertise and passion for fire safety will undoubtedly enhance our Department's capabilities and further our mission of protecting our community. I have full confidence in his ability to lead, inspire, and ensure the highest standards of fire prevention and investigation. Together, we will continue to serve our community with excellence and make a positive impact on the lives of those we are sworn to protect."

Fremont Homelessness Response Plan Update: Informational Webinars

The City is in the process of developing a Homelessness Response Plan to engage the community and help guide our increased efforts in responding to homelessness in Fremont. The plan will include: 1) long-term best-practice recommendations to reduce homelessness, 2) a framework to address the impacts of homelessness on the community, and 3) a roadmap for addressing homelessness that uses coordinated and data-driven solutions to help remove barriers to assistance, expand housing opportunities, and improve the quality of life for the community. The goal is to bring the plan to the Fremont City Council for adoption in the spring or summer of 2024.

The City has concluded the Community Engagement phase of the process and is now in the Plan Development phase. We would like to thank all the community members who shared feedback with us, completed our surveys, participated in interviews and stakeholder meetings, and attended our community workshops. The feedback received has been reviewed and

considered by our staff and consultant team as we develop the Homelessness Response Plan.

As part of the Plan Development phase, we are inviting community members to attend an informational webinar to learn more about the draft plan that is being prepared and to ask any questions they may have. Community members can select a date below and register via Zoom. Both webinars will cover the same information. Registration is required.

Homelessness Response Plan Informational Webinar

Thursday, February 29
6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Register at city.fremont.gov/register29.

Homelessness Response Plan Informational Webinar

Saturday, March 2
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Register at city.fremont.gov/register2.

Learn more at my.fremont.gov/homelessnessresponseplan.

Spring into STEAM Event

Calling all innovators! Join the City of Fremont for the Spring into STEAM event on Wednesday, March 27, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Downtown Event Center. The Spring into STEAM event is a Cargill-sponsored event hosted by the City of Fremont, endorsing educational programs that will lead to careers in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math.

Explore exciting activities, win prizes, and enjoy food trucks and music—all while celebrating science, technology, engineering, arts, and math! Don't miss FUSD's STEAM Scavenger Hunt, too!

This family-friendly event is the perfect way to spark creativity and ignite a passion for STEAM. See you there!

Learn more at bit.ly/SpringIntoSTEAM.

Spring into STEAM
Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Math
EVENT

Wednesday, March 27 • 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
DOWNTOWN EVENT CENTER | 3500 CAPITOL AVE FREMONT, CA
ACTIVITIES | FUSD'S SCAVENGER HUNT | FOOD TRUCKS

Cargill Helping the world thrive

Join us for a FREE, family-friendly evening with fun STEAM activities, giveaways, FUSD's STEAM Scavenger Hunt, food trucks, music, free raffle prizes, and more. The Spring into STEAM event is a Cargill sponsored event hosted by the City of Fremont, endorsing educational programs that will lead to careers in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math.

If you are a qualified person with a disability and you need accommodation to participate, contact Recreation Services at (510) 494-4300 at least two (2) working days in advance.

Homelessness Response Plan Informational Webinars

FEBRUARY 29 | MARCH 2



Sponsors a free event

Beyond Thoughts and Prayers: Responding to Gun Violence

Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Niles Discovery Church, 36600 Niles Blvd., Fremont, CA

Gun Violence is an issue of public health and safety in our nation. Firearms are now the leading cause of death for U.S. children and teens. Join us for a program featuring speakers from Brady United Against Gun Violence to explore what we can do to keep our children and our nation safer.



Shikha Hamilton
Brady VP of Organizing



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NOT SIDES**

Painting Animals—an Endless Source of Fascination

BY LINA MELKONIAN

Fremont Art Association (FAA) is delighted to have Jessica Copeman as the guest artist at its virtual General Meeting and Art Demo on Wednesday, March 6 at 1 p.m.

A talented oil painter, Copeman draws inspiration from nature and animals. Her paintings are intimate explorations and expressions of love and respect for her subjects. In her demo, "Painting Animals—an Endless Source of Fascination," Copeman will showcase her approach to painting her endearing animals and the techniques she employs in capturing their unique personalities and characteristics.

Copeman holds a BA in Art and Design from Cal State East Bay. Up until a few years ago, she juggled her graphic design/corporate marketing career in financial institutions with her freelance work for high-tech organizations and a myriad of small businesses. Today, Copeman dedicates her time to family and painting. Her creative adventures take her to the coast, parks, ranches, and lakes to photograph her beloved subjects. Copeman's depictions of nature are soothing and inviting. Her adorable animals burst with personality and elicit warmth and smiles.

An active member of her art community, Copeman hosts monthly ArtTalks for the Livermore Art Association, a forum for artists. She has conducted demos for Livermore Valley Arts and has volunteered as a guest art teacher at Joe Michell International Baccalaureate School in Livermore. Her creations can be



found at the Bankhead Theatre and the Carnegie Park Livermore Art Association Gallery in Livermore and The Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton.

You may view Copeman's work at:
www.jessicacopeman.com
www.instagram.com/jesscopeman/

The demo (free to attend) will be held via Zoom. Participants must register in advance and will receive the Zoom link via email. All details may be found on the Fremont Art Association webpage:

www.fremontartassociation.org/monthlymeetinganddemo

**Fremont Art Association
General Meeting and Art Demo
Wednesday, Mar 6
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Online via Zoom
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Check out Fremont's newest box art

BY STEPHANIE GERTSCH

If you've driven up Fremont Boulevard toward the Hub recently, you've probably seen the first *boxART!* piece of 2024 in the process of being painted by talented 7th and 8th graders from Walters Middle School, under the direction of art teacher Christina Johansson. You may also have honked in support or slowed down to deliver some much-earned praise (based on what this reporter observed when she stopped by).

"I've been doing box art since 2014," Johansson said. "I was originally with Thornton Middle School, but now I teach at Walters. What's been nice is the City of Fremont allows such young kids to do it...they were concerned that [the students] were too immature or unskilled. But *they* don't work with middle schoolers." Even unfinished, the murals on the traffic control box showcased a level of skill and detail that an artist of any age would be proud of.

Johansson described the process. "What I do as a teacher is I open it up and say, 'Who wants to join the team?' Then I'll see

who signs up." And many students jumped at the opportunity.

Student Kirsten Calleigh Duque Malicad shared, "I was interested in art all my life. When I heard about the *boxART!* opportunity I went to the art room."

Likewise, Shanvi Gupta recalled, "I heard about this last year and I was like Oh cool I wanna do it! Because you get to help out in the community and be a part of this amazing process."

Johansson allows both skilled and less experienced students to join the team, as there's a variety of work to be done. "It's like a coloring book," she explained. "You can still paint in the lines."

Each call for art for *boxART!* has its own theme, and within the guidelines, artists create their design proposal. All applications are judged for quality, whether the call is for professionals or amateurs. "I design the box with the input from the students," Johansson said. "We do a brainstorming meeting...For this one [the theme was] renewable energy, so we had to do some research on what is renewable energy. None of us really knew

that much. Then we boiled it down to all these different types of renewable energy."

The final art incorporates geothermal, water, solar, wind, and biomass energy all merging into a recycling symbol. Johansson sketched out the main elements, and highly skilled kids worked on details, while beginners painted in the larger areas. "Then toward the end, I only allow the 8th graders to come in to finish up," she said. "The finishing touches are usually harder."

Student Cora Scaife has been out painting every day. "I started...doing the fire and the biomass, but I ended up doing the bones and all the skeletons. I really like dead things!" She laughed. "Yeah, that's how you say it." Adding, "Hanging out with friends and doing this is just super fun."

Student Anmal Bhadrashetty shared, "I can't come on Saturdays, but I felt like we did make progress, and it was fun doing it with others."

Participating in *boxART!* isn't just another school project; it brings the students into the wider community. "I always ask to



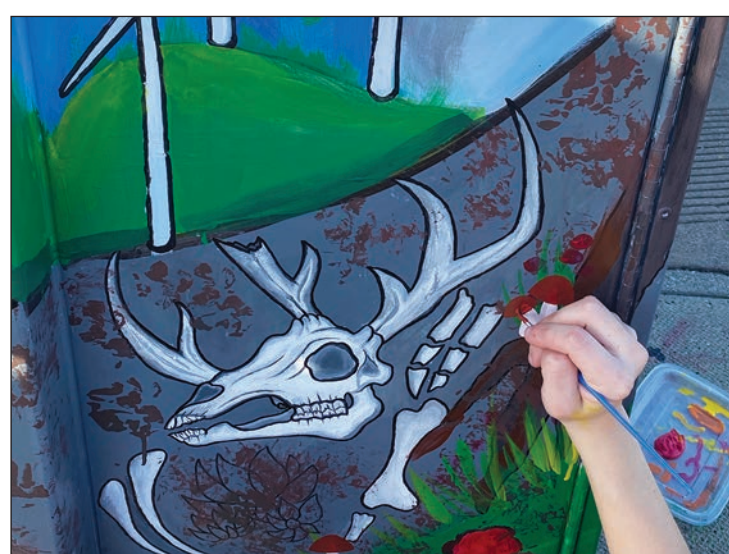
please let [the box] be in the neighborhood where the school is," Johansson said. "Because a lot of these kids walk or bike to school. I want them to see that they're investing in their own community. For the next hopefully five to 10 years they'll be able to look at something they created that added beauty to something that was once ugly."

She continued, "There's so much negativity about teenagers, and I want to people to see that teenagers want to be part of the

solution, and they want to be a positive force. That's my passion. And I feel like this really does all of that."

"Hanging out with friends and doing this is just super fun," said Cora Scaife. "And the fact that every time you cross here, this is going to be here for years. And you're gonna know, Hey I did that. I did a good job."

The *boxART!* can be found at the Fremont Boulevard and Sundale Drive intersection, near the 7/11.



Home & Garden

Herbs: Garden to Table



BY MADHVIKA SINGH

PHOTOS BY MADHVIKA SINGH

Be it for color, cuisine, flavor, or fragrance, when herbs make their way into our food, they elevate the experience. Herbs can be used right after harvest, or preserved for later use. Drying, freezing, making sauces, condiments, compound butters, teas, infusing oils and vinegars are some of the many ways to use and preserve herbs. In addition to cooking, herbs can be used to make body products, for crafts and décor—the list is long!

There are many ways to store fresh herbs. You can make an herb bouquet and keep it in water. Make sure not to pack stems too close together to avoid rotting, and change the water frequently. They can last up to four to five days on the counter this way. Alternatively, you can put this bouquet in the refrigerator and cover the leaves with a plastic bag. Another way is to give herbs a quick, gentle wash, drain excess water, wrap them in a damp paper towel, and place in the refrigerator. Herbs such as cilantro, mint and parsley can last one to two weeks in the refrigerator. Surplus herbs can be made into sauces and chutneys that can be stored in the fridge for a week or so, and frozen for longer.

While there are many traditional recipes, here are the ones I use for basil pesto sauce and cilantro mint chutney.

Basil pesto sauce:

- 2 cups fresh basil leaves
- 1/2 cup lightly toasted pine nuts or walnuts. (If you're allergic, substitute pumpkin seeds.)

- 2 small garlic cloves
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt or to taste, adjust if adding parmesan
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly-ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, more for a smoother consistency
- 1/4 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese, optional. Skip if freezing long term

In a food processor, add nuts, garlic cloves, salt, pepper and chop finely. Add basil leaves and lemon juice and give a few pulses. With food processor running, slowly add the olive oil. Stop to scrape down the sides of the food processor with a spatula. Blend to a desired consistency. Add grated parmesan and pulse a couple of times. Portion and save in freezer containers. An absolute delight with pasta, pizza or sandwiches. Add a jalapeno for extra heat.

Cilantro mint chutney:

- 2 cups fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 cup fresh mint leaves
- 2 - 3 Thai green chilies or serrano peppers, remove seeds to adjust heat
- 2 small cloves of garlic, optional
- 1/4 teaspoon salt or to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon sugar, optional
- 2 tablespoon lemon juice
- 5 - 6 tablespoons cold water

Blend everything together until smooth. Taste and adjust for salt and

lemon juice. Lasts for a few days in refrigerator, or a couple months in the freezer. Coconut or roasted peanuts can also be added while blending for a thicker consistency. Works as a side with rice dishes, Indian breads and appetizers, or as a salad dressing.

Another way to store herbs is air drying. This method works especially well during warm weather. The best time to collect herb leaves is before the plant has gone to flower. Pick the herb stems and give them a quick, gentle wash. Lay them in a single layer on a tray or cotton towel away from sunlight to dry. Once leaves can be crumbled easily, they are ready to be stored in a glass jar in a dark, dry place. Some herbs to save this way are mint, rosemary sprigs, sage, oregano and thyme.

Flowers can be dried, just like leaves. Borage, chamomile and lavender are great dried this way. Pick flowers earlier in the day before bees show up, and gently shake off any insects before harvesting. The best flowers are ones that have just opened up and have intact petals. Herb seeds can be dried too. Collect fennel and cilantro once the plant has completed its life cycle, allow seeds to dry indoors away from sunlight, and store in glass containers.

Another way to store herbs is by freezing them in ice cube trays. Herbs like basil, parsley and chives can be chopped up, added to the tray with water or olive oil, and put in the freezer. Cubes can be added to soups and sauces for an instant burst of aroma.

One popular way to use herbs is as teas. It is easy to make quick and refreshing drink that can be enjoyed hot or cold. To make a tea, simply add fresh or dried herbs

in hot water, allowing leaves to infuse. Cover and let sit for three to five minutes. Sieve leaves out and enjoy the tea with or without a sweetener.

Common herbs, some uses and storage:

- Bay Laurel (soups, stews, rice dishes)
- Borage (Tea (flowers), or salad (young leaves))
- Chamomile (Tea)
- Fennel (Roasted (base of stem), tea, salad)
- Pick leaves and put in a dry place. Save in a glass container.
- Lemongrass (Tea, Asian-inspired curries, meat, poultry, fish, rice dishes)
- Mint (Tea, salad, chutneys & pickles, salads, vegetables)
- Oregano (Tea, sauces)
- Use fresh or hang to dry and pull leaves as needed. Save in a glass container.

There are many more ways to use and enjoy the bounty from herb gardens—as simple as enjoying their smell by simply bruising them between you palms or infusing them a jug of water!

Note: Due to vastness of the topic, this article gives only an overview of how to use the herbs. We hope to bring more for you on similar topics in future. This article is intended for gardening and culinary inspiration only. Please consult your healthcare provider should you have any questions or concerns about adding herbs to your diet.

THE ACWD CONNECTION

Program Update: Help on Tap Credit Increase

ACWD recognizes some customers may experience difficulty paying their water bills. Our customer assistance program, Help on Tap, will see an increase from \$61.30 to \$63.75 in the bimonthly credit to the water service charge. The automatic increase is effective March 1 and covers the typical service charge for income-qualified residential customers.

Income Guidelines

Number of Persons in Household	Total Gross Annual Household Income
1-2	\$59,200 or less
3	\$66,600 or less
4	\$75,000 or less
5	\$87,850 or less
6	\$100,700 or less
Each additional person, add	\$12,850



For application information, program details and requirements, visit: acwd.org/hot.

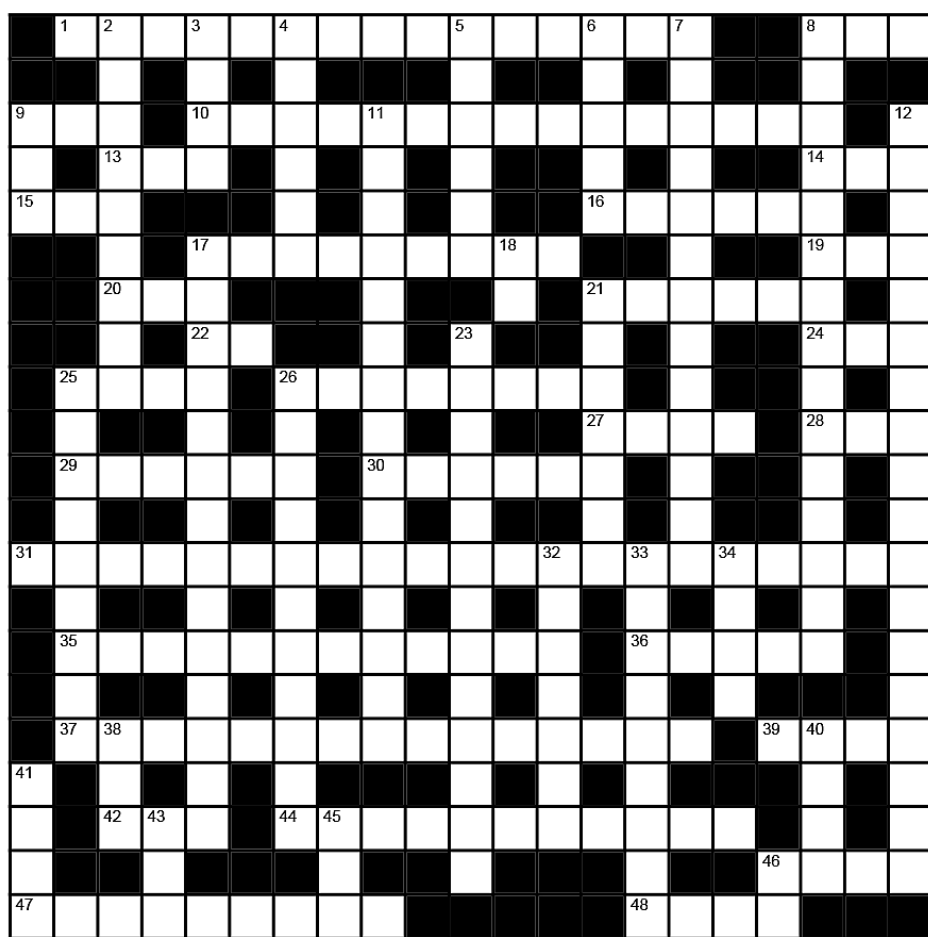


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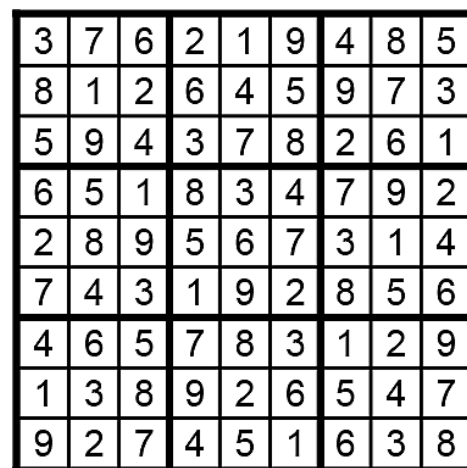
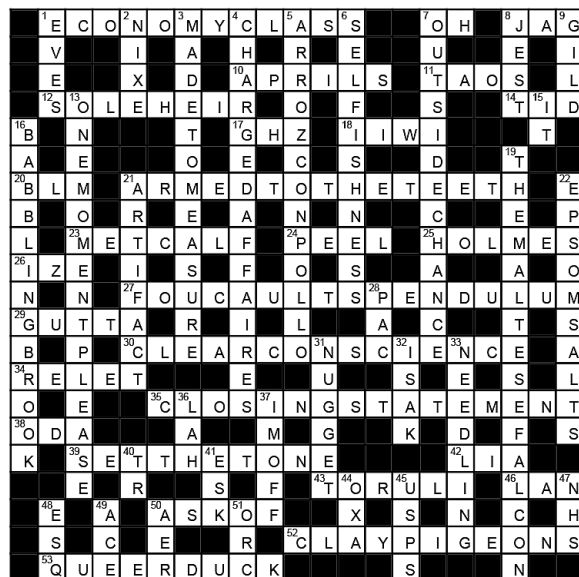
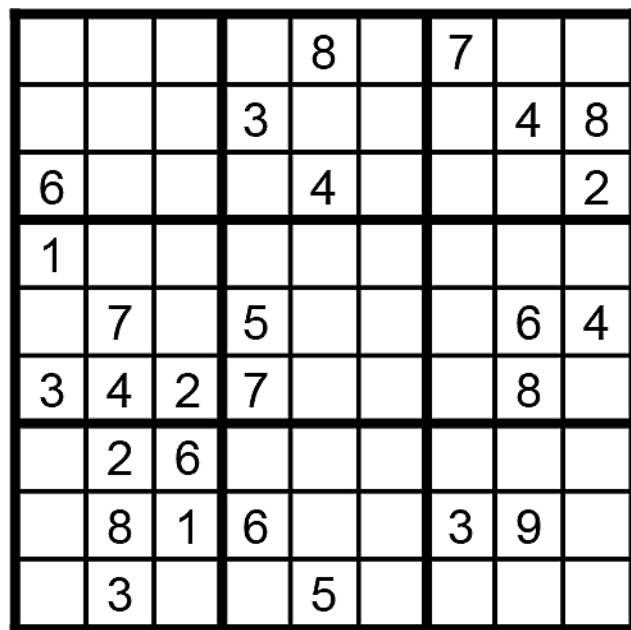
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| 1 | Dairy offering (11,4) | 36 | Joys (5) | 9 | Something to chew (3) |
| 8 | "O Sole ___" (3-) | 37 | 4D (8,7) | 11 | Thoroughly (2,1,4-4-4) |
| 9 | Long time: Abbr. (3) | 39 | Duke (4) | 12 | Annual to-do item (3,5,10) |
| 10 | Offsets (15) | 42 | Ka ___ (southernmost Hawaiian point) (3) | 17 | Not often (4,4,2,4) |
| 13 | "I get it now!" (3) | 44 | Hardtack (4,7) | 18 | I give you ___ word (2) |
| 14 | Chinese philosopher Mo-___ (3) | 46 | ___ Capital (company co-founded by Mitt Romney) (4) | 21 | Ballerina wear (7) |
| 15 | Arid (3) | 47 | Gridiron three-pointer (5,4) | 23 | "Absolutely!" (7,1,5) |
| 16 | Under state? (6) | 48 | Diminutive suffix (0-4) | 25 | Cowardly end in Cannes? (9) |
| 17 | Swindles (9) | | | 26 | Cartoon classic, with "The" (11) |
| 19 | Ferdinand, e.g. (3) | Down | | 32 | Besmirches (7) |
| 20 | Gnarl: Var. (3) | 2 | Pain in the neck (9) | 33 | It may be added to the cast (9) |
| 21 | Brambles' protection (6) | 3 | R.p.m. indicator (4) | 34 | Castling need (4) |
| 22 | Belonging to (2) | 4 | Ruanda-___ (former African terr.) (6) | 38 | Carpentry tool (3) |
| 24 | Musical high note (3) | 5 | Slips (6) | 40 | Swenson of "Benson" (4) |
| 25 | "Okay, lady," briefly (4) | 6 | ___ of Langerhans (5) | 41 | Crown of Osiris (4) |
| 26 | Not rigid (8) | 7 | Mock tribunal (8,5) | 43 | Binghamton Senator's grp. (3) |
| 27 | "The Da Vinci Code" priory (4) | | | 45 | Hawk parrot (3) |
| 28 | Neon, e.g. (3) | | | 46 | Happen (2) |
| 29 | Freshman language course (6) | | | | |
| 30 | "Everybody's a comedian" (3,3) | | | | |
| 31 | Make it rain, e.g. (6,3,5,7) | | | | |

Sudoku:

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



Tri-City Stargazer FOR WEEK: FEBRUARY 27, 2024

All Signs: Thursday is Leap Day! We've been using the Gregorian calendar for since October, 1582. It's not perfect, which is why every four years we add an extra day to February (the shortest month and in the sign of Pisces). People who are born on February 29 are called Leaplings. However, this has nothing to do with Western astrology, which began seventeen centuries earlier—around 200 BC. In astrology, the cycle of the Earth around the Sun equals 360°, and your birthday occurs when the Sun returns to the same degree it was at when you were born. This applies to Leaplings, as well.

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20):

You have lots of energy to make things happen in the beginning of the week, especially on Tuesday. You're focused, determined and optimistic. Admittedly, on Wednesday, you might have a serious reality check. Maybe you need to rethink or recalibrate. It's a good time to tweak things because by Thursday, your optimism soars for the rest of the week! It simply means you have to take a second look at things and make sure they are doable, and once you're convinced that you know what you're doing – you're off to the races again!

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20):

At the beginning of this week, you could have a serious talk with someone older or more experienced. Quite likely, this relates to your ability to deal with a group, especially if you're a leader. Consider this an opportunity to rethink things. By Thursday, you will see be more optimistic. In fact, you might convince others to go along with your plans. What favors you now is that Mars at the top of your chart makes you ambitious, and Venus at the top of your chart makes you charming and convincing with authority figures.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20):

You look good to others right now, especially people in authority. This is because the Sun is at the top of your chart casting you in a flattering spotlight. This happens only once a year for four weeks, so make the most of it. Admittedly, authority figures might rain on your parade at the beginning of the week. But perhaps this is an opportunity to rethink

things? Ironically, by Thursday, relations with authority figures are suddenly favorable! You will discover marvelous opportunities to promote your good name. Opportunities in business are promising.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21):

At the beginning of this week, especially on Tuesday, you might feel held back or encumbered by rules and regulations. It could pertain to travel restrictions or medical or legal matters. Whatever the case, you'll feel discouraged. But this could be an opportunity to improve your situation by being better equipped to move forward with your plans. By Thursday, you're keen to make travel plans and explore opportunities in medicine, law, publishing and higher education. Your desire for adventure and a change of scenery will be strong.

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22):

You might have some big plans at the beginning of the week that are stalled in water, especially on Tuesday, because funding is insufficient or doors are closed. Fear not because by Thursday, you will see ways to get support from other sources, perhaps a close friend, partner, or a bank. Meanwhile, look for ways to improve close partnerships, even if you don't have a long-term solution. Deal with what's on your plate today. Keep in mind that Jupiter at the top of your chart will make you look successful to everyone this year.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22):

Tread carefully at the beginning of the week, especially on Tuesday, because discussions with partners,

spouses, close friends and experts might discourage you. Meanwhile, you might feel tired or weaker and have less confidence. Fortunately, by Thursday, you will do an about-face and swing into action with optimism for your future. This will especially apply to your job and health. You will see that you are in charge of your destiny. This favors travel plans, publishing, medical issues, and the law. It's up to you – and you're just fine.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22):

You might be focused on issues related to your health or your job at the beginning of the week. However, authority figures and restrictions might discourage you. You could feel overwhelmed with work, as well. Fortunately, this is short-lived. By Thursday (Leap Day!), you're suddenly eager for fun. You might initiate social events, sports outings and fun activities with kids because you're confident and optimistic. It's a rewarding time for artists. Romance is also favored, which means new love might blossom, while existing relationships will flourish in a more affectionate and amorous way.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21):

Even though this is a playful time for you—which means you can enjoy social outings, vacations as well as creative ventures—nevertheless, some restriction or limitation might discourage you, especially on Tuesday. For example, someone in authority might squelch your plans. Fortunately, this is short-lived. By Thursday, you're encouraged by positive changes at home. (This will likely relate to home improvements or real-estate opportunities.) This can also be a fun occasion to entertain a group.

Whatever happens will make you feel happier about your private world.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21):

At the beginning of the week, you are determined; nevertheless, increased responsibilities with parents and family might be onerous. However, by Thursday (Leap Day!), life takes on an unexpected optimism. You're upbeat and eager about whatever is happening. New enterprises can get off the ground, especially related to business and commerce. Legal matters are favored. In fact, you might be wildly optimistic about something. If so, stay grounded and realistic. Opportunities to improve and expand your home exist in a lovely way. Good time for new beginnings!

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19):

This is a tricky week. At the beginning, you're focused and determined. You might even be worried or cautious about something. Fear not because by Thursday, everything changes. Feelings of doom and gloom morph into wild optimism and positive expectations! Your financial prospects look good. Business and commerce are favored, especially new ventures about how to make money or get richer. Social opportunities including chances for a vacation or fun outing will also please you. This week has a dramatic change for you. Stay tuned.

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

The beginning of this week is serious, especially about financial matters and your job. You might be discouraged. However, you will be determined. Keep the faith because by Thursday you see ways to actually get

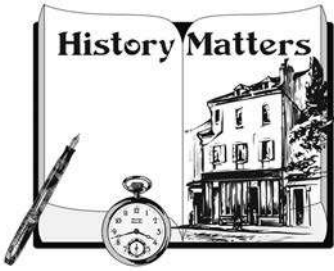
richer. Issues related to business and commerce are promising! Your legal interests will be favored. Life will bring you opportunities for new enterprises. Physical exercise and outdoor sports will be a welcome choice to boost your health. Something will happen that boosts your confidence and makes you feel happy to be in your own skin.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20):

At the beginning of this week, both the Sun and Mercury in your sign will line up with stern Saturn, which is a sobering influence. You might feel discouraged, or restricted by authority figures and rules. Fortunately, by midweek, especially Thursday (Leap Day!), you're suddenly full of enthusiasm! Something going on behind the scenes will make a positive change for you. (For some, this could be a hidden love affair.) You will see opportunities opening up for you, which will let you get the best possible deal for yourself.



By Georgia Nicols
www.georgianicols.com.



February 16 through 29
By JOHN GRIMALDI AND DAVID BRUCE SMITH

The shores of Tripoli

On February 16, 1804, the British Viscount Horatio Nelson, [1758-1805], applauded U.S. Lieutenant Stephen Decatur on a military mission which he described as the "most daring act of the age."

According to History.com, "after disguising himself and his men as Maltese sailors, Decatur's force of 74 men, which included nine U.S. Marines, sailed into Tripoli harbor on a small two-mast ship. The Americans approached the USS Philadelphia without drawing fire from the Tripoli shore guns, boarded the ship, and attacked its Tripolitan crew, capturing or killing all but two. After setting fire to the frigate, Decatur and his men escaped

without the loss of a single American. The Philadelphia subsequently exploded when its gunpowder reserve was lit by the spreading fire."

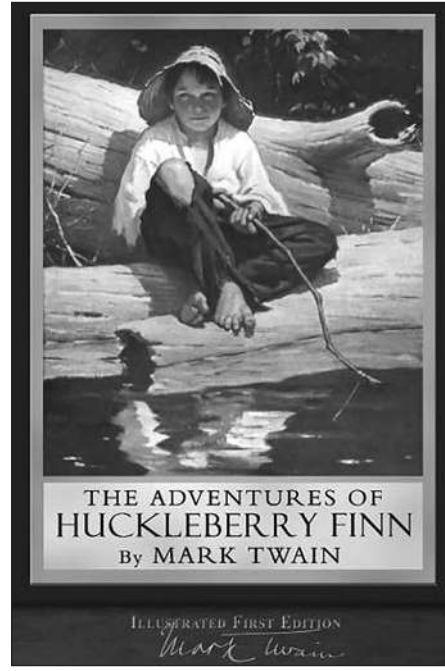
The Grateful American Book Prize recommends *Our Country, Right or Wrong: The Life of Stephen Decatur, the U.S. Navy's Most Illustrious Commander* by Leonard F. Guttridge.

Huck Finn

On February 18, 1885, Samuel Clemens—known also as Mark Twain, put out *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. Controversial and contentious—then and now, Ernest Hemingway, proclaimed that "all modern literature stems from this one book."

History.com notes that "Twain introduced Huck Finn as the best friend of Tom Sawyer, hero of his tremendously successful novel *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (1876). Though Twain saw Huck's story as a kind of sequel to his earlier book, the new novel was far more serious, focusing on the institution of slavery and other aspects of life in the antebellum South."

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.



Mark Twain's classic novel Huckleberry Finn

Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras is a world-wide celebration but since February 27, 1827... New Orleans, Louisiana has evolved into the place to be on "Fat Tuesday." The holiday has a religious connotation but the celebration in New Orleans is decidedly secular.

"Early French settlers brought the tradition of Mardi Gras to the U.S. Gulf Coast at the end of the 17th century," according to History.com. "In fact, Mobile, Alabama celebrated its first carnival in 1703. However, Spanish governors later banned the celebrations. After Louisiana Territory became part of the United States in 1803, New Orleanians managed to convince the city council to lift the ban on wearing masks and partying in the streets. The city's new Mardi Gras tradition began... when the group of students, inspired by their experiences studying in Paris, donned masks and jester costumes and staged their own Fat Tuesday festivities."

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends Rosary O'Neill's *New Orleans Carnival Krewe: The History, Spirit & Secrets of Mardi Gras*.

This feature is courtesy of The Grateful American Book Prize, which is an annual award given to authors who have created outstanding works of historical fiction or nonfiction for seventh to ninth graders. Visit them at gratefulamericanbookprize.com.



Oil painting of Decatur Boarding the Tripolitan Gunboat during the bombardment of Tripoli, 3 August 1804. Lieutenant Stephen Decatur (lower right center) in mortal combat with the Tripolitan Captain.



Mardi Gras: A Mardi Gras Parade in New Orleans, 2011



The Right to Vote!

SUBMITTED BY
SYEDA RESHMA INAMDAR

The League of Women Voters ("LWV") has had voter registration in its DNA from its inception in 1920. Over the course of its history, LWV chapters across the nation have held countless registration drives to ensure that all those who wanted a voice in our democracy, had it. The LWV chapter of Fremont, Newark and Union City (LWVFNUC) continues this tradition right in your neighborhood schools.

The requirements for who could vote have changed over the course of this nation's history. Initially, only male landowners were allowed to vote. It took a great deal of struggle, suffering, and sacrifice, the Civil War, women's suffrage movement, and Civil Rights Movement, to expand the right to have a voice in our democracy. The 1800s saw the passage of the 15th and 14th amendments, and in 1920, the 19th

amendment was ratified. Together, these amendments codified the right to suffrage to all citizens, born or naturalized, irrespective of race, creed, or gender.

However, despite the rights encoded in those amendments, Jim Crow laws and discriminatory practices such as literacy tests, poll taxes and violence against Black voters, meant that in effect, these rights were denied. The Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s and 1960s and the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 addressed these obstacles. The act was amended later to strengthen it and gave protection to non-English speaking US citizens. (Reference: history.com/topics/black-history/voting-rights-act). However, the act was also weakened in 2013:

"In 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in a 5-4 vote that constraints placed on certain states and federal review of states' voting procedures were outdated. In the wake of the Shelby County v. Holder decision, several states began enacting laws limiting voter access, including ID requirements, limits on early voting, mail-in voting and more." (Reference: history.com/topics/black-history/voting-rights-act).

Thankfully, California has been passing legislation making it easier to register to vote as well as vote. We can now register online or via a paper ballot; we are automatically registered to vote at the DMV. And in 2014, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Senate Bill 113 which allowed youth as young as 16 to pre-register to vote as soon the statewide voter registration database was certified. VoteCal was certified in 2016, providing an avenue to ensure that youth were automatically registered to vote by the time they were 18, so long as they met all the other requirements. (Reference: Sos.CA.gov).

LWVFNUC, through the Youth Voter Movement project, has been able take advantage of this opportunity to register and pre-register youth at our local high schools and Ohlone College. The Youth Voter Movement project was the initiative of local mom and educator Julie Dunkle and was initially titled "The Parkland Voter Movement." In 2018, she and her son Michael were moved to action after the horrifying mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland Florida. Michael Dunkle was himself a high school student, and both wanted to ensure that youth had a voice in their safety and futures.

They contacted LWVFNUC, and the Youth Voter Movement (YVM) project was born! LWVFNUC's YVM project has

partnered with the local school districts, Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation, UU the Vote, American Muslim Voice, and other local partners. Julie Dunkle, assisted by dedicated volunteers such as Valerie Stewart and Shamsa Rafay, has inspired youth to pre-register and go on to vote. Since its inception in 2018, YVM has pre-registered over 10,000 students! They have pre-registered to vote, so far in 2024 alone, 3,507! They held events at 15 schools, including one event at Ohlone College. Thirty-nine adult volunteers and 107 youth volunteers made this possible.

To find out more about the Youth Voter Movement, visit <https://youthvotermovement.org/>. You can also volunteer and help keep the wheels of democracy turning!

To find out more about voting or the current elections you can visit the following websites:

- vote411.org - get a personalized ballot
- sos.ca.gov/elections - elections and voter information
- opensecrets.org/donor-lookup - find out who is donating to whom

Hayward City Council Meeting

February 20, 2024

Public Hearing

- Sale of Parcel Group 8 for Development of Affordable Housing. Unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda

- Amend Zoning Ordinance Chapter 10, Article 1 of the Hayward Municipal Code rezoning a property to the medium density residential district in connection with zone change application No. MTA-23-0005.

- Execute Side Letter Agreements Amending the Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Hayward and the Hayward Police Officers Association (HPOA), and the City of Hayward and the International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, Local 1909 (Local 1909), to change the existing cost-sharing amount for PEPR Members.

- Accept and appropriate \$2,000,000 in Grant Funding from the California Department of Health Care Services for the construction of a subacute facility for senior and medically fragile persons at St. Rose Hospital in Hayward.

- Execute an agreement with Diamondback Fire and Rescue

for the purchase of Amkus Auto Extrication Tools for the Hayward Fire Department in an amount not-to-exceed \$111,463.

- Execute a professional services agreement with BKF Engineers, Inc., for the FY 2024 Sewer and Water Line Replacement Projects, Project Nos. 07789 and 07072, in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,155,000.

Mayor Mark Salinas	Aye
Angeles Andrews	Aye
Ray Bonilla	Aye
Dan Goldstein	Aye
Julie Roche	Aye
George Syrop	Aye
Francisco Zermeno	Aye

Union City Council

Tuesday, February 13

Consent Calendar

- Amend the Personnel Rules, Section 3.11, to revise the rules regarding compensation upon promotion
 - Amend the Class Specification for the Classification of Community & Recreation Program Specialist
 - Appoint Manjit Gil to serve on the Arts and Culture Commission
 - Amend the existing application procedures for

commercial cannabis permits to include a community outreach plan requirement (3 Aye; 1 Nay, Singh; 1 Recused, Wang)

- Authorize city staff to file annual funding applications with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the allocation of funds for the operation of Union City Transit and Paratransit for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (4 Aye; 1 Recused, Singh)

Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci	Aye
Vice Mayor Jeff Wang	
Jamie Patino	Aye
Scott Sakakihara	Aye
Gary Singh	Aye;
	1 Nay; 1 Recusal

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63 years old and thriving: Allegro Music keeps the rhythm alive in Fremont



Clarence Berry (red shirt) with Jim Shannon (blue shirt)

of changing demographics, industries, and musical tastes. In recent years, the shop began fielding requests for instruments that many staff members had never heard of before.

For example, a Sarod, a Hindustani instrument featuring little knobs all along the side, was sent in for repairs with Jon Ruth, a strings specialist and self-described “noodler” who has worked at Allegro for 18 years. “I also fixed an autoharp once, and I’ll never do one of those again,” he said, referring to a portable apparatus packed with at least 36 strings between a mounting plate, tuning pins, and a chord bar.

There has also been a shift in the way practitioners use instruments. “This whole place used to sell organs and used organs,” said Clarence Berry, the general manager who began working at Allegro in 1979. Now, rentals are a central part of the business, as more kids enroll in orchestra and jazz bands. Peak season is no longer Christmas, but begins the week before school starts. The band room at Allegro boasts floor to ceiling shelves filled with brass instruments and measuring sticks to fit children with suitably sized equipment.

Experimentation is a crucial part of learning, and also good for business. “You try something, you take lessons, you maybe try something else. It’s very normal,” Berry said, adding that equipment rentals are a budget-friendly way for kids to test new waters. In one television ad, a small bespectacled girl asks her father first for a violin, then a saxophone, a French horn and finally a clarinet. “The name to know is Allegro,” Berry says at the end of the video, smiling into the camera.



Online shopping has also marked a radical shift in consumer habits. Patrons frequently check prices on the internet before purchasing. “You have to be competitive all the time,” Berry said, a reminder that despite the romance of music, the industry still faces inescapable economic realities. Confident in Allegro’s competitive offers, Berry sometimes tells his smartphone-scrolling customers, “Yes, look it up online. It’s the same price.”

And yet, compared to big box retailers and online franchises, Allegro retains an unmistakably small-town and familial atmosphere. Recently, Shannon purchased a life-size cutout of Berry grinning and waving to greet customers by the door. Allegro’s latest TV commercial shows staff members in funny outfits and wigs demonstrating different genres of music. Everyone plays an instrument, and Berry himself has been in the same Fremont band, Odznenz (pronounced “Odds and ends”), since 1981. It’s clear that many members remain at Allegro for so long because they love what they do.

Perhaps the enduring power of Allegro Music is best captured by the musical ethos it shares with its staff and patrons, and a secret to its success. “Anybody, any age, can learn,” Berry said, later adding, “If you learn, you’ll be better. And if you’re better, you’ll have more fun. Just trust that.”

Allegro Music
3115 Walnut Ave., Fremont
Allegromusic.net

BART Police Log

SUBMITTED BY BART PD

Friday, February 16

- At 8:11 a.m. police at Hayward station identified Demetree Thompson, 27 from Oakland. Thompson was found to have a \$25K warrant out of BART PD for attempted robbery. He also had warrants totaling \$30K for grand theft and buying or receiving a stolen vehicle out of Alameda County.

Sunday, February 18

- At 1:35 a.m. a man identified by police as Christian Perez, a 32-year-old transient was contacted on a train patrol check at Bay Fair station. Perez was arrested for possession of brass knuckles. Perez was issued a prohibition order and booked into Santa Rita Jail.
- At 8:59 a.m. a man identified by police as Paul Abarr, 44, from Hoopa was contacted for fare evasion at Bay Fair station. Abarr was taken into custody and booked into Alameda County Jail for an active arrest warrant.

- At 7:41 p.m. a man identified by police as Andres Posada, 29, from San Francisco was detained for fare evasion at the Bay Fair station. Posada was arrested on two active arrest warrants and booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Wednesday, February 21

- At 8:06 a.m. a transient identified by police as Justin Lee, 28, was contacted in the free area of Bay Fair station. Lee was booked into Alameda County Jail for false identification and theft of lost property.
- At 1:19 p.m. a person identified by police as Ajay Silva, 20, from Fremont was contacted for fare evasion at Fremont station. Silva was taken into custody for obstructing a peace officer and booked into Alameda County Jail.
- At 1:59 p.m. a man identified by police as Amani Henry, 26, from Oakland was contacted for fare evasion at Hayward station. Henry was arrested and booked into Alameda County Jail for obstructing a police officer in relation to a controlled substance.



East Bay Regional Park District Police Department Mounted Officers with Domino and Guinness out patrolling the trails and working with the community. Photo Source EBRPD

Newark City Council

February 8, 2024

Presentations

- Commending resident John Mathews for suggesting catalytic converter labeling program

Consent Calendar

- Adopt a resolution approving an agreement with Ecamsecure, Inc. for the purchase of three mobile community police cameras
- Motion accepting the Measure GG Transaction and Use Tax Oversight Committee Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022
- Adopt a resolution approving amendments to the

salary schedule adopted pursuant to Resolution No. 11608

Mayor Micheal Hannon	Aye
Vice Mayor Luis Freitas	Absent
Sucy Collazo	Aye
Bike Bucci	Absent
Matthew Jorgens	Aye

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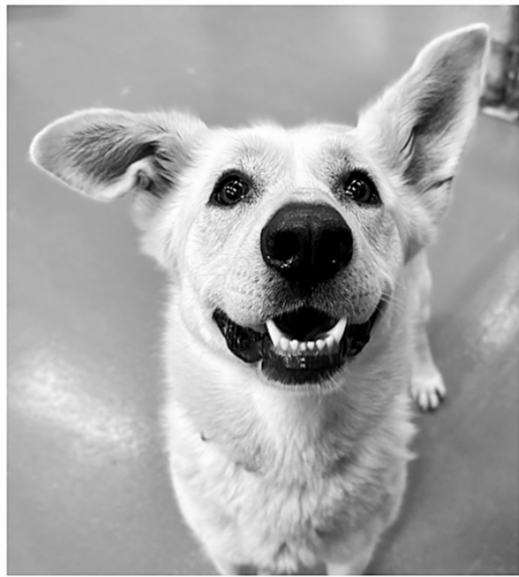
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510-293-7200

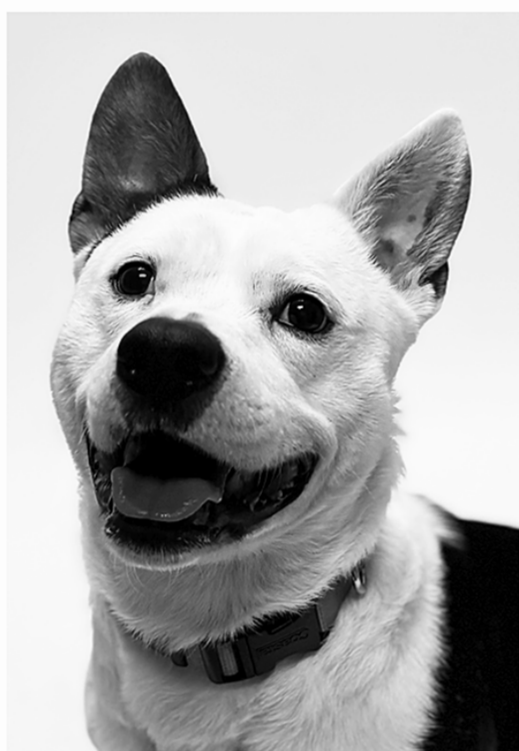
www.HaywardAnimals.com

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Valentino is a 3 year old Pitbull Corgie mix. Valentino is a sniffer, and loves to rub his body on you like a big solid cat. Valentino is spunky and would love to be mayo to your mustard. The peanut butter to your jelly. Valentino is suited for older kids and up. To meet or adopt Valentino please contact Hayward animal shelter at 510-2937200.

\$ = 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
sfdavidkaye@yahoo.com

Tuesdays

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
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Tuesdays

Music and Storytime

11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Join us for stories, music, and movement.
Cherryland Community Center
278 Hampton Road, Hayward
(510) 626-8522
For babies, toddlers, kids, and preschoolers.

Tuesdays

Comfort & Joy Ukulele R

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
A group of ukulele players with volunteer leaders to practice familiar songs as well as learning new.
Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
(510) 790-6606

Tuesdays

East Indian Seniors R

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Anyone who is retired and of Indian origin or interested in Indian culture is welcome to join us.
Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
(510) 790-6606
Second and Fourth Tuesdays of the month

Wednesdays

Folk Dancing Social R

9:00 am - 10:30 am
Join together in the wonderful spirit of dancing and savor the beautiful music from all over the world.
Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
(510) 790-6606

Wednesdays

Book Club AWC R

10:00 am - 12:00 pm
The book club meets for stimulating discussions.
Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
(510) 790-6606
Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month

Thursdays

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

Bocce Ball Class R

11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Learn how to play Bocce Ball.
Age Well Center at South Fremont
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont
(510) 742-7529
Rain will cancel class.

Thursdays

Chinese Calligraphy Social R

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Bring your own supplies and socialize and have fun while doing calligraphy.
Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
(510) 790-6606
There is no teaching on site.

Thursdays

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

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

The Peaceful Poets

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Join a Milpitas-based group of writers and appreciators of poetry.
Milpitas Public Library
160 N Main St., Milpitas
(408) 262-1171
For teens, adults, and seniors.
Last 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

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

Friday - Saturday, through April 27

'Birds! Birds! Birds!' exhibition

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Exhibit celebrates beauty and diversity of birdlife
Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center
4901 Breakwater Ave., Hayward
(510) 670-7270
haywardrec.org

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, January 12 - March 29

Aloha Vibes R

10:30 am - 12:30 pm
A group of musicians (all instruments welcome) who wish to share multi-cultural and familiar music with others.
Age Well Center at South Fremont
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont
(510) 742-7529
Second and fourth Fridays of the month

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.

Saturday, March 2 - March 10

The Magic Flute

A fairy tale for all ages
7:30 pm and 2:00 pm performances
Follow a Prince and Princess through a magical land of fantasy in their quest for truth, love, and enlightenment in Mozart's crowning operatic achievement. The theater entrance is on First Street. A parking garage is located directly behind the theater on Railroad Avenue.
Livermore Valley Opera
2400 First Street, Livermore
info@livermorevalleyopera.com
(925) 321-6964

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

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.

Thursday, January 25 - Saturday, March 16

Children's Book Illustrator show & API Exhibition

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sun Gallery
1015 E. St., Hayward
(510) 581-4050
<http://sungallery.org/>

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

Teen Cohort for Outdoor Education R\$

10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Join our new Outdoor Education and Excursion program. Together, we can explore local parks and learn about nature, environmental stewardship, and careers in Recreation. Meet new friends, build outdoor skills, and get to know your community as we participate in activities, such as Hayward Shoreline Hike and Clean-Up, Quarry Lakes Excursion; Coyote Hills Excursion; Fishing; rock climbing on our 28-foot rock wall, hiking; and a Sulphur Creek Guided Tour.
Ashland Community Center
1530 167th Avenue, San Leandro
Noel Munivez (510) 317-2303
munn@HaywardRec.org

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@samarpan-meditationusa.org

Sundays - Saturdays

Recreational Swim \$

12:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Attractions may vary.
Silliman Activity and Family Aquatic Center
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Thursday, March 14

**Acrylic Space Paint & Sip:
Orion Nebula**

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Theme: Orion Nebula
Join us for a transitional instructor-led space-themed acrylic Paint & Sip party for adults. No skill required. Great experience for friends, couples or corporate groups. Includes 2 drink tickets for beer, wine, or non-alcoholic beverages, and a charcuterie board.
Chabot Space and Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd. Oakland
(510) 336-7300

Thursday, March 14

**Cover To Cover Book
Discussion Group**

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Do you...
Enjoy reading across genres? Like sharing your thoughts on the book? Enjoy hearing others' perspectives? Then, please do drop by the Cover-to-Cover Book Discussion
Newark Library
37055 Newark Blvd. Newark
(510) 284-0675

Saturday, March 16

**Digitize and Document Your
Family History**

11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Are you overwhelmed with binders and bins full of genealogy notes and family photographs? In this workshop you'll learn how to: Create your own digital family history. Create an oral history using artificial intelligence scan and photos with free or cost-effective resources.
Fremont Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 750-1444

Saturday, March 16

**Space for Her: Celebrating
Women in Space Science**

10:00 am – 4:00 pm
This Women's History Month, come hear from some phenomenal women and gender minorities working in space science today!
Chabot Space and Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd. Oakland
(510) 336-7300

Saturday, March 16

**Women's History Month:
Henna, Art, and Open Mic**

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Join us for a celebration of Women's History Month at the Fremont Main Library!
Narika and SAVE are partnering with the Fremont Main Library to create a gathering space for those wishing to celebrate Women's History Month!
Fremont Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 750-1444

Saturday, March 16

Food Painting Fun

11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Ardenwood - Learn how you can make paint from some of our farm foods and try using them to create your own masterpiece. This is a drop-in program; no registration is required. Disabled accessible.
Ardenwood admission fee applies.
Ardenwood Farms
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(510) 544-2797

Saturday, March 16

Stilt Walking

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Ardenwood - Want to be taller? Improve your balance? Give stilts a try. It's fun. Guess why farmers used these fun tools in the past. This is a drop-in program; no registration is required. Ardenwood admission fee applies.
Ardenwood Farms
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(510) 544-2797

Saturday, March 16

Bubble Extravaganza Show

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Get ready for a magical bubble adventure with the enchanting Bubble Lady! Join us for a whimsical and interactive bubble event designed especially for kids. The Bubble Lady, a master of bubble artistry, will captivate young minds with her dazzling display of giant bubbles, rainbow swirls, and mesmerizing bubble sculptures.
Hayward Senior Center
22325 North 3rd St., Hayward
(510) 881-6766

Sunday, March 17

Farmyard Games

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Ardenwood - Life on a farm wasn't all work and no play. Join us for some old-fashioned fun! Try your hand at classic American pastimes including stilts, sack races, and the potato-spoon race. This is a drop-in program; no registration is required. Ardenwood admission fee applies.
Ardenwood Farms
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(510) 544-2797

Sunday, March 17

St. Patrick's Snakes

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Coyote Hills Regional Park – St. Patrick is famous for chasing the snakes away from Ireland. Learn the lore of this amazing feat and how the truth may be more important than you realize for the future climate in the Bay Area. All ages welcome. Parent participation required. Parking fees apply where charged. Wheelchair accessible. This is a drop-in program; no registration is required.
Coyote Hills Regional Park
8000 Patterson Ranch Road, Fremont
(510) 544-3220.

Tuesday, March 19

Read to a Dog

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Volunteers from the Ohlone Humane Society and Alliance of Therapy Dogs will be at the library with Sophie, Hana and other trained therapy dogs. They are very friendly and are so excited to hear all kinds of stories!
Fremont Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 750-1444

Wednesday, March 20

**Job Fair – Fremont Unified
School District**

11:30 am – 3:30 pm
We are looking for: Teachers all grade levels, Special Education Teachers all grade levels, also Speech Language Pathologist and School Psychologists. Van drivers, bus drivers and special education para educators, child nutrition assistant.
Fremont Unified School District
4210 Technology Drive, Fremont
Professional Development Center
(510) 657-2350



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On the day commemorating six years since the Parkland school massacre, our nation endured yet another mass shooting at the Kansas City Super Bowl Parade, leaving one person dead and 22 people injured, including nine children. There have been 55 mass shootings in the United States since 2024 started, according to the Gun Violence Archive (www.gunviolencearchive.org).

And yet, as traumatic as these high-profile shootings are, they represent only a small percentage of the gun violence deaths in our nation. Most gun deaths are less-publicized tragedies that occur in homes and in our communities. Gun violence in the United States is a public health and safety epidemic and is now the number one killer of children.

The League of Women Voters of Fremont, Newark, and Union City (LWVFNUC) invites you to a program on the topic of gun violence prevention (GVP)

on Saturday, March 2, at Niles Discovery Church in Fremont.

The League will feature activists from Brady United Against Gun Violence for this program. Learn facts about gun violence, Brady's programs to reduce gun violence, and what you can do to promote sensible changes to keep our nation safer.

Speakers are Shikha Hamilton, Brady's Vice President of Organizing; Kath Tsakalakis, San Francisco Brady co-leader; and Toni Shellen, Past President of the Tri-City Alameda County Chapter Brady.

We invite the community to join us to find out what we can do, beyond "thoughts and prayers," to help prevent gun violence at home, in our community, and in our state and nation. We don't have to live this way. America's children, and all of us, deserve better.

**Beyond Thoughts and Prayers:
Responding to Gun Violence
Saturday, Mar 2
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Niles Discovery Church
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Free & open to the public**

Toshiba Issues Laptop Recall

SUBMITTED BY FREMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Do you have one of the 15.5 million Toshiba Laptop AC adapters that were just recalled by the U.S. Product Safety Commission? The laptop components were recalled due to fire and burn hazards. The laptop AC adapters can overheat and spark, posing burn and fire hazards.

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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.fffba.org www.friendshipforce.org Call or text 510-363-0531</p>	<p>Something Old, Something New Friday, May 16th 9am-2pm Delicious homemade baked items by the builders fund and new and old treasures at great prices! All proceeds benefit the Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth. Want to be a vendor? Stop by the office or call 510-790-6600 for more information or to get an application. Deadline to reserve a table is Tuesday, April 23rd.</p>	
<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>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>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>	<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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WILLIAM MARSHAK

Most of us measure time by relating it to singular events, either personal or external. Each generation has its own set of notable currences that serve as anchors to create an indelible sense of identity and community. It may be the birth of a child, marriage or death in the family that forms this mental marker. Consequential events, positive or negative, such as a Super Bowl or a January 6th attempted insurrection can create individual signposts. As we grow older, more such markers are collected and stored, often with somewhat hazy and imperfect memories.

A calendar is essential to organize our lives and relate to past, present and future. Useful observations of celestial events have been employed to serve this function.

Leap Year

The difference between night and day is easily discernable, as well as seasonal variations, but long-term measurements can accumulate time errors. For some, phases of the visible moon served this purpose, while, in a general sense, the earth's rotation around the sun defines a standard measurement of a year.

Our solar calendar works pretty well, but although imperceptible on a daily, monthly or even annual basis, it does not correspond to the dictates of the Gregorian calendar and needs adjustment. Every four years, a day is added to the already unusual month of February, extending it from 28 to 29 days, called "Leap Day" in a "Leap Year". Events on the 29th day of February suffer a state of purgatory in non-Leap Years. They exist without annual recognition. Ask anyone born on February 29th... awkward.

Leap Year is easily recognized by the appearance of an extra day, but there are many other parts of our lives and responsibilities that can also be subject to small changes and need periodic review. Many events may seem to appear suddenly, but can usually be traced to a lengthy pattern of precursors. Natural events such as major earthquakes are the result of stress in the Earth's crust over time. Human behavior can also be traced to a myriad of factors that

accumulate slowly, although appearing to erupt spontaneously. Understanding this phenomenon and paying attention to small deviations or erratic and illogical behavior is key to avoiding ensuing catastrophic events.

As we count down the days to a primary and then general election, it will save regret and ill-advised actions by paying close attention to candidates for office. It is our responsibility as citizens to ask them for their views on important issues. "Don't ask, don't tell" is not an option even if it is a Leap Year.



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THE ROBOT REPORT

RoboGuide robot dog uses AI to assist the visually impaired

BY MATT GREENWOOD

Visually impaired people may soon be able to use AI-powered robotic service dogs to navigate the world around them. Researchers from the University of Glasgow, along with industry and charity partners, have unveiled RoboGuide.

The robot uses artificial intelligence to not only assist its users to move independently, but also to speak to them about what's going on around them. RoboGuide employs a variety of cutting-edge technologies mounted onto an off-the-shelf robot body, according to the University of Glasgow.

RoboGuide relies on computer vision to navigate

RoboGuide isn't the first robotic assistant developed for visually impaired people. Another example is Gilde from MassRobotics resident startup and Pitchfire winner Glidance Inc.

The University of Glasgow researchers said RoboGuide does address two significant challenges for such robots. The first is that the technology these robots use to navigate their surroundings can limit their usefulness as guides.

"Robots which use GPS to navigate, for example, can perform well outdoors, but often struggle in indoor settings, where signal coverage can weaken," said Dr. Olaoluwa Popoola, the project's principal investigator at the University of Glasgow's James Watt School of Engineering. "Others, which use cameras to see, are limited by line of sight, which makes it harder for them to safely guide people around objects or around bends."

RoboGuide is equipped with a series of sophisticated sensors to accurately map its environment.

"We use computer vision and 3D technology, where it scans the whole environment and it understands where each object, each pillar, each obstacle is," said Dr. Wasim Ahmad, project co-investigator.

The team has developed software that assesses the mapping data and uses simultaneous localization and mapping (SLAM) algorithms to determine optimal routes from one location to another. The software interprets sensor data in real time, enabling the robot to track and avoid moving obstacles.

University of Glasgow adds interactivity

In addition to improved navigation, RoboGuide includes the ability to talk to its user. The robot uses a large language model (LLM) — similar to the technology that powers ChatGPT — to understand and respond to questions from people around it.

LLMs are deep learning algorithms that process natural language inputs, such as spoken questions, and predicts responses based on those inputs. RoboGuide's AI is trained on massive data sets of language to be able to predict and generate

context-appropriate responses to questions and commands.

RoboGuide recently reached a significant milestone in its development. In December 2023, volunteers with visual impairments tested it for the first time.

The quadruped robot guided them through the Hunterian Museum in Glasgow. RoboGuide helped the volunteers tour exhibits on the first floor and provided interactive spoken information on six exhibits.

The results were promising. "One hundred percent I would use this in the future," said volunteer Kyle Somerville. "As well, there are a lot of people I know that would definitely either want to try this or would definitely use it."

More refinements to come

The research team plans to use data from this demonstration to further refine the RoboGuide platform, with the aim of bringing a more complete version to market.

"Ultimately, our aim is to develop a complete system which can be adapted for use with robots of all shapes and sizes to help blind and partially sighted people in a wide range of indoor situations," said Ahmad. "We hope that we can create a robust commercial product which can support the visually impaired wherever they might want extra help."

The World Health Organization has estimated that 2.2 billion people worldwide live with impaired vision. Assistive devices such as RoboGuide could make it significantly easier for their users to live more independently and enhance their quality of life.

Matt Greenwood is an experienced writer with more than 20 years of experience in public-sector communications.

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Fremont Senior Citizens Commission (FSCC)

February 23, 2024

Guest Attendees

Newark Senior Advisory Committee and Union City Senior Citizens Commission attended meeting.

Public Comment

• Thomas Cabral, Irvington resident, stated the recently constructed housing development around his house violates Fremont municipal codes intended to protect resident privacy rights. The housing development has several balconies and windows that allow direct sight-lines into Cabral's backyard. He is a senior and contends that seniors are inordinately affected by these housing development violations since many single-family home owners in Fremont are seniors. FSCC will add this issue to the agenda for the next FSCC meeting.

Reports

• Empowered Aging representatives, Jacob Bronson and Ki'ev Harris, gave a presentation on the Ombudsman program serving long-term care residents in Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano counties. They help resolve complaints of abuse, neglect and exploitation that occur in the over 300 long-term care facilities they oversee. Their program is mandated by law to make regular, unannounced visits to these facilities to make sure their residents are safe and well cared

for. They have a great need for volunteers and can be contacted by visiting www.EmpoweredAging.com.

• Ride-On Tri-City representative Shawn Fong presented the 2024-25 program plan for paratransit services to seniors and people with disabilities that is funded by Measure BB. An overview of its services:

-Eligibility: Age 70 years & older or disabled and unable to use public transportation.

-Maximum of 30 1-way trips per month

-Service available 7 days a week 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

-Cost: \$4 for wheelchair van rides, \$4 for taxi or rideshare rides - up to \$16 subsidized.

For more information and to apply email rideoncity@fremont.gov or visit <https://www.fremont.gov/government/departments/human-services/transportation-mobility/transportation-services>

Motions

• Approve the Ride-On Tri-City submittal of its paratransit program plan application to the Alameda County Transportation Committee.

Monique Chapman	Aye
Carol Evans	Aye
Kathy Fischer	Aye
Rebecca Garewal	Aye
Barbara Hamze	Aye
Edwin Lee	Aye
Roger Marshall	Aye
Krishnaswamy Narasimhan	Aye
Sonia Salwan	Aye
Claudette Surma	Aye
Dr. James Thomas	Aye
Esther Orobiyi	Aye
Linette Young	Aye

- Approve Change Order #2 for Building 19 Renovation/Cafe
- Adopt Ratification of Contracts
- Approve New Bond Measure Oversight Committee Member
- Approve Probationary Tenure-Track Counseling Faculty Contracts
- Adopt Probationary and Tenure Faculty Contracts

Items Removed From Consent Calendar

• Tabled Resolution for Non-Resident Tuition Fee for the 2024-2025 School Year to next board meeting

Chair Suzanne Chan	Aye
Elisa Martinez	Aye
Greg Bonaccorsi	Aye
Betty Ho	Aye
Lance Kwan	Aye
Rakesh Sharma	Aye
Richard Watters	Aye

Ohlone College Board Meeting

February 14, 2024

Consent Agenda

- Approve January 2024 Payroll Warrants
- Approve Personnel Actions
- Confirm Appointment of Representative for the Bay Area Community College Districts JPA Board
- Approve California Community College Trustee Board Report
- Confirm In-Kind Contribution of \$975 to the District for the Student Umoja Program
- Review Purchase Orders



Ohlone College Board of Trustees. Photo By Roelle Balan

Fremont Fire Log

SUBMITTED BY FREMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tuesday, February 20

• At 4:59 p.m. Fremont firefighters responded to the Fremont Recycling & Transfer Station at 41149 Boyce Rd. for a fire in the electronics recycling (household hazardous waste) storage area. All personnel self-evacuated prior to the arrival of firefighters and the building's sprinkler system activated, keeping the fire in check until crews arrived. Firefighters worked quickly to fully extinguish the fire within 25 minutes of arriving at the scene.

Fortunately, the fire was contained to the area of origin and operations were able to resume in the remainder of the facility. The cause of the fire is under investigation. There were no reports of injuries to firefighters or employees.



Fremont Firefighters putting out an electronics fire at Fremont Recycling & Transfer Station February 20.

Milpitas Unified School District

February 13, 2024

Action Items

- Approve Swinerton Builders Amendment #1 for Milpitas High Performing Arts Center
- Update on Milpitas Teachers Association (MTA) Bargaining Agreement
- Approve Tentative Agreement with MTA and MUSD, including a 4% increase in salary for the 2023-2024 year retroactive to July 1, 2023
- Adopt school calendar for years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026
- Approve resolution honoring February as National African American History Month
- Adopt resolution about anti-CyberBullying
- Chose Candidates Isabel Jubes-Flamerich, Jodi Muirhead, Carol Presunka, and Vaishali Sirkay for CSBA Assembly
- Approve Cost Savings Budget Plan, keep NJROTC position for the 2024-2025 school year

Consent Agenda

- Adopt field trip requests as of February 13, 2024



School Board Members with Milpitas High School's Lions Dance Club. Photo by Roelle Balan

- Approve February 13, 2024 Purchase Order Report
- Adopt Eichler Associates, Inc. Commission Agent Service Request for Innovation Campus Phase I and Phase II for \$4,080 from Bond Fund 213
- Review and approve 2023-2024 Comprehensive School Safety Plans
- Approve Proposal for MHS Track Repairs
- Approve New Playground at Sunnyhills CDC
- Adopt Memorandum of Understanding with City of Milpitas for Transportation Services
- Approve personnel report for February 13, 2024
- Approve 2022-2023 school accountability report cards
- Approve Memorandum of Understanding between CSEA Chapter 281 and MUSD Parties
- Adopt Memorandum of Understanding between ThoughtExchange and MUSD

Chris Norwood	Aye
Kelly Yip-Chuan	Aye
Robert Jung	Aye
Anu Nakka	Aye
Minh Ngo	Aye

Fremont Police Log

SUBMITTED BY FREMONT PD

Tuesday, February 6

- Officers responded to a report of two subjects breaking into a community mailbox at an apartment complex on Presidio Way. Officers located the two subjects and detained them. No mail theft could be substantiated, but one subject was in possession of burglary tools and was positively identified as the one who had vandalized the mailbox. He was arrested, and the other subject was released.
- Officers responded to a motel on Fremont Blvd. for a family disturbance. The subject was in violation of a restraining order and had slashed the victim's tires. The subject had fled, but officers contacted the subject's mother, who drove him back to the scene, where he was arrested.
- Employees from a pet store on Argonaut Way reported that two subjects stole items and threatened to assault staff if they were stopped. Upon arrival, officers detained the two subjects and brought them in for an interview. Officers found drugs and drug paraphernalia on one subject, but could not locate any stolen property on the subjects or in the parking lot. The subject found with drugs and drug

paraphernalia was arrested, and the other subject was cited and released.

Wednesday, February 7

- An officer responded to a hardware store on Ice House Ter regarding an employee (subject) who was embezzling from the store. The reporting party provided videos of the employee taking cash from the register on multiple occasions while working as a cashier. The officer arrested the subject.
- Officers responded to a robbery of a mail carrier on 2nd St. Four subjects were arrested in this case. For additional details, please refer to our press release: February 9, 2024, Four Juvenile Suspects Arrested in Robbery of USPS Postal Worker.

Thursday, February 8

- A subject was pacing the Fremont Police Department lobby with clenched fists. He initially approached the lobby window, appearing heavily intoxicated, then barricaded himself in an interview room. Before officers arrived, he exited the building and drove away erratically, stopping in the nearby parking lot. An officer initiated a traffic stop, determined the subject was intoxicated, and arrested him.
- Officers responded to reports of a subject who appeared to be intentionally trying to get hit by passing vehicles in the intersection of Stevenson Blvd. and Blacow Rd.

Officers attempted to direct the subject out of the roadway, but he was uncooperative and refused to answer questions. He was determined to be under the influence, and officers arrested him.

Saturday, February 10

- Officers responded to a cigarette store on Fremont Blvd. that had been robbed at gunpoint. Two subjects used a firearm to threaten the clerk, then took cigarettes, other merchandise, and cash. This case remains under investigation.

Sunday, February 11

- Officers responded to a victim who was slapped multiple times by a subject near Auto Mall Pkwy and Osgood Rd. The subject also pushed over another victim's motorcycle and threw rocks and groceries at the victims. When officers arrived, the subject was running through the parking lot and climbed atop a parked vehicle. Officers escorted her off the hood of the vehicle and arrested her. She did not communicate coherently with officers.
- An officer responded to a suspicious circumstance at a hospital on Mowry Ave., regarding a newborn baby that tested positive for fentanyl. The baby had been born the day before, and neither the mother nor the baby had left the hospital. The mother did not test positive for fentanyl, and the medical staff could not explain the exposure.

Hayward Police Log

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Wednesday, February 14

- Traffic officers respond to community concerns and complaints regarding speeding, bicycle and pedestrian safety, as well as other vehicle code violations. Their areas of focus for enforcement are primarily data driven based on hot spots for collisions and high traffic areas. On this particular day, a community member snapped a photo of them working enforcement on Orchard Ave. and thanked them for their presence and hard work.

We know these traffic concerns are a high priority. We thank you for your support as we continue our work, serving Hayward community to the best of our ability.

Monday, February 19

- Officers pulled a car over for a vehicle code violation. When officers spoke with the driver at the window, they saw several bags of suspected narcotics in plain view. The man was detained, and a full search of the car was done. A search of the car yielded a large quantity of suspected narcotics and cash. Also inside the car was a loaded handgun. The driver was arrested for possession of narcotics for sale and for being a felon in possession of a handgun.

Ex-YouTube CEO's son dies at UC Berkeley campus, according to officials, relative

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The 19-year-old son of a former YouTube executive died last week at the UC Berkeley campus where he resided, officials and a relative said.

The university confirmed that Marco Troper, a Berkeley freshman, was found unresponsive Tuesday afternoon at the university's Clark Kerr Campus. Troper was later pronounced dead by emergency responders from the Berkeley fire department, the university said.

Esther Wojcicki, the mother of the former YouTube CEO Susan Wojcicki, said in a Facebook post that the family is "devastated beyond comprehension" over the death of her 19-year-old grandson, Troper.

There were no signs of foul play, and the

Alameda County coroner's office is investigating and will determine the cause of death, according to Janet Gilmore, the university's senior director of strategic communications.

"Marco was the most kind, loving, smart, fun and beautiful human being," the grandmother's post said Wednesday. "He was just getting starting on his second semester of his freshman year at UC Berkeley majoring in math and was truly loving it."

"Marco's life was cut too short. And we are all devastated, thinking about all the opportunities and life experiences that he will miss and we will miss together," she added.

A message seeking further comment was sent Sunday to Esther Wojcicki.

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Virginia G. Fuglestad

March 18, 1924 – February 18, 2024

Resident of Fremont

Born to Apraham and Mary Gertmenian, survivors of the Turkish genocide along with their four children, Margaret Ishkanian, Dr. Norman Gertmenian, Annig Harter and Roy Gertmenian.

Her family immigrated from Turkey in 1920 where they joined Mary's father and two brothers in Syracuse, NY. Virginia was born in Syracuse in 1924. Her family moved and settled in Pasadena, CA when she was an infant and where she grew up. She graduated from Pasadena High School. She continued her education at Santa Barbara University during WWII where she earned her B.A. degree in Home Economics. Virginia became a Registered Dietician through the Veterans Administration at Sawtelle, Los Angeles. She was one of ten interns from all over the U.S. in the newly established dietetic internship program in California.

Virginia met her future husband in Santa Barbara while attending college. Two years later in 1948, she married Ernest Fuglestad, who made a career in the U.S. Navy. Virginia and Ernest were blessed with two daughters, Susan and Kristen. The highlight for her was when the family was able to join Ernest in Hawaii for four years before it became a State.

In 1960, the family finally settled in Fremont, CA after Ernest retired from the Navy. She worked as a substitute teacher in the Fremont Unified School District while her daughters attended school. Later, she was



hired as the first Director of Child Nutrition for the Newark Unified School District where she retired after 20 years. She was very active in the California and the National School Nutrition Associations and served as the CA State President. As a Registered Dietician, she was always concerned for the nutritional welfare of children.

She traveled extensively throughout her life often with her husband to such places as Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Armenia, Turkey, China, Canada, Mexico, Russia, the Caribbean, Scandinavia and throughout the USA. Her husband died in 1989 and she remained in Fremont in the family home. She was a member of the Fremont Library Book Talk group for over 35 years.

Virginia is survived by her loving daughters and many nieces and nephews. Contributions can be made in her memory to the Alameda County Library Foundation/Fremont Main, 2450 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont, CA 94538 or www.acf.org.

Carol Turner

Mar. 23 1945 – Feb. 12 2024

Resident of Newark, CA.



Carol was born on March 23, 1945 to parents Burt and Ruth Simpson in Santa Cruz, California. She grew up in San Jose, attending Del Mar high school, graduating in 1963 and then attending and graduating from San Jose State.

Her professional career spanned more than 45+ years in the insurance field. She was an early adoptee of BART. Travelling to San Francisco daily from Fremont, first from her residence in Sunnyvale and later her homes in Newark.

In her free time she took up bodybuilding. Participating in tournaments and enjoying her time in the gym and the results.

In 1991 she switched to running. Starting slowly, with 5k and 10k distances. In 2004 she ran her first half marathon, taking on the inaugural Big Sur half marathon on Monterey Bay. She was hooked. She finished more than 250 half

marathons in her running career. Never abandoning the shorter distances, Carol usually finished 35-40 races a year. She also placed in her age group in these events over 80% of the time.

She was also a strong supporter of Bay area sports teams. With season tickets to the San Jose Sharks, and a steady follower of the 49ers, Raiders, A's and Giants. She also supported Stanford, Cal and San Jose State athletics.

She is survived by her partner of 35 years, Chris Sullivan, her sister Gail McCauley and her husband Grant and their children Jess and Amanda as well as her brother Alan. She also has numerous cousins, nephews and nieces who will miss her.

She also has two other groups who will miss her in their ranks, the Mission Peak Striders, who helped develop her running talents and the staff at Bayside club where she regularly worked out.

There will be a memorial service on Sat. March 2nd at 10:30 at Berge-Pappas-Smith funeral home, 40842 Fremont Blvd. followed by a celebration of life at 257 Segovia Pl. Fremont, Ca.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests a donation to the American Red Cross or Susan G Koman Foundation.

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Jason Van Horn

1969 – 2024

On February 22, 2024, Jason passed away suddenly but peacefully of a heart attack.

He is survived by his wife Kazumi, of Newark, his mother Clarinda, of Arcata, CA, and brother Joshua and his wife Jenny, of Oakland. He is preceded in death by his father William (Bill) of Arcata. He was born in Berkeley and spent the first ten years of his life as part of a "gang" of friends in Piedmont. He then moved with his family to Arcata, where he attended Arcata High School, went onto drafting school in Seattle, and worked at Boeing for several years. Jason then returned to Arcata and attended Humboldt State University where he graduated in elementary education, got his master's degree in history from Cal State Hayward, and taught 8th-grade US History at Hopkins Middle School and Horner Middle School in Fremont for 23 years.

Teaching was much more than an 8-hour job for Jason, and he made it a point to add humor, imagination, and adventure to his lesson plans. Among the thank you notes he received from his students he was "One awesome dude", "quirky good", "kind and thoughtful", and "legendary" - we agree! He was an amazing person, a steadfast true friend, with a funny wit and a dry sense of humor that seems to have been appreciated by many acquaintances.

Besides teaching and being with friends and family, he was a



quiet personality, but always loved tropical islands, Porsches, tennis, all kinds of animals Aikijujutsu, and Japanese history. He was making plans and dreaming of retirement this June.

We appreciate the wonderful care of doctors, nurses, and medical personnel who helped Jason from the age of 3 months. Through their care he was able to have a full, healthy, and happy productive life.

Thanks to all who have been sharing loving and funny stories of his life - we will miss him so much.

Jason did not want a memorial service. His personal saying was "Think about the living, don't worry, be happy."

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Madelyn (Lyn) Sammon

August 30, 1949 – January 30, 2024

Resident of Newark

Madely (Lyn) Sammon Hart passed away from septic shock at the age of 74. She was preceded in death by her parents Marty and Kitty Sammon, her brothers Mary and Roddy Sammon. She is survived by her sister Cathy Ledbetter, her brother-in-law Joseph. Her nieces Kathleen Coleman, Karen Hogue, Sharon Sammon and Lisa Sammon, Sarah Sammon, Joey Sammon and Danny Sammon. Lyn wasn't very active in her later life due to a movement disorder dystonia. She loved listening to music and watching cowboys on TV. There will be no services.



SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

BY RUSSELL GLOOR,
NATIONAL SOCIAL
SECURITY ADVISOR, AMAC
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Ask Rusty – How is my Social Security benefit calculated?

Dear Rusty: I appreciate your recent article dispelling the myth that politicians have stolen Social Security (SS) money. As a Certified Public Accountant, I dispel this myth repeatedly to clients who falsely claim SS funds have been raided. But another

thing I deal with often is how SS benefits are calculated. I know the formula for determining each person's benefit amount is complex, but I have had to explain numerous times that those who put the most into Social Security get the lowest rate of return and those who put the least in get the highest return based on the way the benefit formula is structured. I get tired of people complaining that monthly SS payments are higher for retired doctors and other highly paid individuals. Can you please explain how Social Security is weighted in favor of lower income workers?

**Signed: Tired of the
Misunderstandings**

Dear Tired: Please don't be frustrated. Because of the program's complexity, Social Security is prone to misunderstanding, and educating the misinformed is an important professional duty we share. Here's how each person's SS benefit is determined:

The first thing to know is that each person's SS retirement

Joyce E. Keiffer, a beloved mother, wife of 46 years, and trailblazer, was entered into rest on February 8th, 2024 at the age of 84. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Linden and Daniela Keiffer; her daughter and daughter-in-law, Dr. Veronica, and Dr. Julie Keiffer-Lewis; her grandchildren, Kai, and Kiomi Neal; a sister-in-law, Ruby Peterson; a niece, Luanne Ward and her husband and children; nephews Kevin and Michael Peterson and their spouses and children. She also has many cousins and extended family members whom she also loved dearly.

At heart, Joyce was a farm girl that loved the fashion, glitz, and hairstyles of the city. She was born in Miller, South Dakota on May 18th, 1940, to John and Olga Peterson. She had one older brother, Edward ("Pete") Peterson. Together, with her family, they moved to Wolsey, South Dakota when she was four years old. A cradle Lutheran, Joyce completed confirmation in the 8th grade and remained active in the church throughout her life. (She joined Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont California in 1979). Her love for the Lord never failed and guided her path.

Joyce was very involved in her community and high school, where she was nominated school sweetheart and class president. She served on the leadership team, was a cheerleader, and played the saxophone. She yearned to travel and see the world and eventually left the farm to further her education. While studying at Colorado State Joyce met and fell in love with fellow student, Isaiah (Ike) Keiffer. In defiance of societal norms, Joyce fearlessly followed her heart and married, Ike, the love of her life and a Black man, during a time when such unions were not only frowned upon, but illegal. Their love defied boundaries, and their bond stood as a testament to the power of love and resilience. Being married to a Black man in 1960's and raising biracial children, was proof of her true grit and

benefit is not based on their financial contributions to the program. Social Security's purpose is to provide a benefit which replaces a portion of the person's pre-retirement income, so the SS benefit is based on actual lifetime earnings, not on the payroll taxes withheld from those earnings.

Social Security has your lifetime earnings record (obtained annually from the IRS) and that record determines your "primary insurance amount" or "PIA." Your PIA is initially determined in your eligibility year (usually age 62) and is the amount you will get if you claim for benefits to start exactly at your full retirement age (FRA).

To develop your PIA, Social Security first adjusts (indexes) each year of your lifetime earnings (up to the annual payroll tax cap) to account for inflation. They then select the 35 inflation-adjusted years in which you earned the most, from which they compute your average monthly earnings over your lifetime. This is called your Average Indexed Monthly Earnings, or "AIME." They then break your AIME into three segments, the first of which includes a majority of—and possibly all of—your AIME.

They then take a percentage of each segment and total those

Joyce E. Keiffer

May 18, 1940 – February 8, 2024

Resident of Fremont

together, she and Ike proved the critics wrong and stayed together for the rest of their days. Joyce was a pioneer. She was passionate about education, completing both her BA in Elementary Education and MA in Education; going on to become a Reading Specialist. She was highly respected among her peers and received numerous awards and accolades during her career. She worked for New Haven Unified School District for most of her career and was a proud member of the CTA and CRTA.

In 1997, she became a founding member and Treasurer of The You In Me, Inc. (TYIM). In addition to her decades-long leadership role with TYIM, Joyce also coordinated the Multicultural Book Club. As an educator, she taught youth of all ages, including adults. While she retired as a Reading Specialist, she also worked with the special needs community, was a mentor teacher, designed programs and trained parent volunteers, and was deeply involved in volunteer service. In total, Joyce was in Education for over 40 years. Along with her deep faith, Joyce was filled with passion and enjoyed traveling, gardening, and going to the movies. She loved Barbra Streisand, Liza Minnelli, and tea in Golden Gate Park. She had a spirit for social justice and called Rev Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. her inspiration. Joyce was filled with love for Children's Literature and the Arts. Some of her favorites included Dr. Seuss, Charles Schulz (Peanuts – Charley Brown) who would appear throughout her teaching approach, which focused on imagination, improvisation, and humor. She was also a dedicated, positive, highly engaged, and loving mother and spouse who strived to give her family everything she could. Even after losing her husband (Ike) in 2010 to cancer, she remained strong and took on the sole role of grandparent to her beloved grandchildren, Kai and Kiomi. She poured all her love into her family and though her health was failing, she always found a smile for those she loved. While she



may be physically gone, we don't think of this as her just passing away. She accomplished her dreams and much more. She provided love, guidance, and education for her children to achieve success. She performed the most human of roles by providing guidance to the next generation, her children, so they could be self-sufficient, while feeling loved and affirmed in every moment.

We believe that our mom has simply graduated with honors and has now gone to the next level – a higher level of education - where she will join the other members of our family, and together they will sit and compare notes on a life well lived. A woman of strength, determination, and grace, Joyce E. Keiffer leaves behind a legacy of love, resilience, and unwavering courage that will continue to inspire and uplift all those who had the privilege of knowing her. Rest in peace, Joyce E. Keiffer, a true pioneer and a beacon of hope in a world that often needed it the most. You will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations can be made in Joyce's honor to The You In Me, Inc., 36521 Alder Ct., Fremont CA 94536. Joyce will join her husband, sister-in-law, and brother-in-law in burial at Sacramento Valley VA National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Road, Dixon, 95620.

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three amounts to determine your PIA. The first segment is the largest, and 90% of that first segment contributes most of your PIA. Smaller percentages of the other two segments (32% and 15% respectively if your AIME is higher), are then added to the first computation to arrive at your full PIA—the amount you get if you start benefits in the month you reach your FRA. Note that since most of the PIA comes from the first large segment of each person's AIME, lower income workers get a higher percentage of their lifetime average monthly amount.

Since benefits are based on earnings, those with lower lifetime earnings do, indeed, get a smaller benefit than those with higher average lifetime earnings, but the percentage of pre-retirement replacement income that lower income workers receive is higher than for those with higher monthly average lifetime earnings. The Social Security benefit for lower income workers is typically about 40% of their pre-retirement average monthly income, while those with higher lifetime average earnings may get a benefit as little as 20% of their average monthly pre-retirement earnings.

In that sense, the Social Security benefit formula is progressive and weighted in

favor of lower income workers. Nevertheless, albeit at a smaller replacement percentage, higher income workers receive a higher monthly SS benefit because of their higher lifetime earnings. Even so, those higher earners did, indeed, contribute more payroll taxes from their higher earnings.

So, each person's SS retirement benefit amount is a percentage of their pre-retirement income. Coincidentally, those with higher pre-retirement income also contributed more to the Social Security program than did those with lower earnings. But their higher SS benefit amount is based on their higher pre-retirement earnings, not on payroll taxes paid from those higher earnings.

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